

Shire of Esperance

ORDINARY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023

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 24 January 2023. COMMENCING AT 4PM

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, and reminded them that the meeting is live streamed.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Cr I Mickel, AM JP President Rural Ward
Cr R Chambers Deputy President Town Ward
Cr J Obourne Town Ward
Cr L de Haas Town Ward
Cr W Graham Rural Ward
Cr S Flanagan Town Ward

Shire Officers

Mr S Burge Chief Executive Officer

Mr D Gleave Acting Director Asset Management

Mrs H Phillips Director External Services

Mrs F Baxter Director Corporate & Community Services
Mr R Hindley Manager Building, Planning & Land Projects

Miss E Hegney Executive Assistant
Miss S Hawke Administration Assistant

Members of the Public & Press

Mr G Vivian Media – Esperance Weekender
Mr Media – Esperance Weekender
Dr K Nieukerke Item 7 – Public Question Time

Miss E Smith Media - ABC

3. APOLOGIES & NOTIFICATION OF GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr R HoranTown WardCr J O'DonnellTown WardCr S McMullenTown Ward

Mr M Walker Director Asset Management

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Obourne Seconded: Cr de Haas

O0123-001

That Council accept the following leave of absence:

Cr O'Donnell 1 to 28 February 2023

Cr Graham 27 January to 3 February 2023

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Mickel shared his condolences to the family of the man who was lost off our coast last week. He also thanked our emergency services who work hard to recover these people. He mentioned the great work that the Coastal Safety Group do to spread awareness in our community and for visitors. He acknowledged that there are some unanswered questions arising in regards to what the Shire can do to reduce these risks in the future, and noted that the Shire will be looking at various ways to address the issue.

6. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

- 6.1 Declarations of Financial Interests Local Government Act Section 5.60a
- 6.2 Declarations of Proximity Interests Local Government Act Section 5.60b
- 6.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests Admin Regulations Section 34c Nil

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Dr Nieukerke – Item 12.4.1 – Information Bulletin

Dr Nieukerke noted that the Biannual Community Survey as mentioned on page 199 is due to start in 2023/2024. He noted that the last survey was in April 2021. He asked if there a reason why this was not conducted in 2022 and when was this decided.

Mr Burge responded that the Shire had not necessarily taken a decision, however it needs to be scheduled in correctly, and it is supposed to be done every two years.

Dr Nieukerke asked if the Shire plans to do it in this calendar year.

Mr Burge responded that timing has not been decided yet.

2. Dr Nieukerke – Item 12.2.2 – Advisory and Streetscape Working Group

Dr Nieukerke asked when has the Advisory Working Group met recently and how do we stand with a streetscape decision to bring flowers and plants to the dempster roundabout.

Mr Gleave responded that the Working Group has established a concept design which is being implemented. The correspondence is mainly via email at this time instead of formal meetings.

Dr Nieukerke asked why this has been a year and a half with no progress.

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Mr Gleave responded that the concept design has been set and went through Council 18 months ago. The group is now working through how to implement that design through email correspondence – and therefore there has been no need to meet to do that.

8. PUBLIC ADDRESSES / DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr de Haas Seconded: Cr Flanagan

O0123-002

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 20 December 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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11. DELEGATES' REPORTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Obourne

20 Dec Attended Lost at Sea Memorial Reference Group Meeting

31 Dec Attended the New Year's Eve Festival of Fireworks

Cr Flanagan

Nil to report

Cr O'Donnell

16 Jan	Provided Meals on Wheels Service for Esperance Homecare
23 Jan	Provided Meals on Wheels Service for Esperance Homecare
23 Jan	Attended Esperance Senior Citizens Community Meeting

Cr Graham

20 Dec Attended Lost at Sea Memorial Reference Group Meeting

Cr de Haas

30 Dec Met with concerned business owner regarding travellers sleeping in their vehicles

11 Jan Attended ECCI Board Meeting

12 Jan Met with member of public regarding shark fishing concerns

Cr Horan

23 Dec Assisted and judged Christmas Decorations at Esperance District Hospital

Cr McMullen

Nil to report

Cr Chambers

Nil to report

Cr Mickel

16 Jan With CEO, met Hon. Roger Cook Deputy Premier, and Minister for Tourism.

12. MATTERS REQUIRING A DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL

12.1 EXTERNAL SERVICES

Nil

12.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil

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12.3 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Item: 12.3.1

Review of Wards and Representation

Author/s Sarah Walsh Coordinator Governance & Corporate Support

Authorisor/s Felicity Baxter Director Corporate & Community Services

File Ref: D22/35883

Applicant Internal

Location/Address

Shire of Esperance

Executive Summary

For Council to consider the submissions received during the advertising period for the Shire's current review of wards and representation.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council;

- 1. Adjust the electoral ward boundary to increase the size of the Rural Ward and reduce the size of the Town Ward;
- 2. Adjust the number of councillors representing the Town Ward to six (6) and retain the number of councillors representing the Rural Ward at two (2); and
- 3. Request that the CEO prepare a report to be presented to the Local Government Advisory Board proposing that orders be made under the following sections of the *Local Government Act 1995;*
 - s.2.2(1) to change the boundary of wards within the Shire of Esperance district; and
 - s.2.18(3) to change the number of offices of councillor for wards within the Shire of Esperance district.

Background

Currently the Shire of Esperance operates under a two-ward system with nine Elected Members, two representing the Rural Ward and seven representing the Town Ward. The last review of ward boundaries and representation was completed in 2020, with a ward boundary adjustment occurring along with a transfer of one councillor position from the Rural Ward to the Town Ward.

Following receipt of correspondence from the Minister for Local Government's Office advising of upcoming reforms to local government elections, to be implemented at the 2023 elections, the Shire is required to reduce the number of councillors to allow the Shire President to be popularly elected by all electors of the district. As a result, the councillor to elector ratios based on current elector numbers for each Ward will then be greater than the +/-10% deviation tolerated by the Local Government Advisory Board.

The Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) recommends councillor numbers between 6-9 for a population of between 5,000 and 75,000 people.

Council resolved to follow the voluntary path put forward by the LGAB and initiate a ward and representation review at their October council meeting.

01022-001

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Advise the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries of its intention to undertake a voluntary process to address the local government election reforms;
- 2. Change the method of electing the Shire President to a vote by electors of the district, under s.2.11(2) of the Local Government Act 1995; and
- 3. Initiate a Ward and Representation Review to determine changes to the structure of the Council for the 2023 local government elections.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* Schedule 2.2, advertising was undertaken in the Esperance Weekender on 4 November 2022 for a period of six weeks which called for submissions as part of the review. A discussion paper was prepared and made available as part of this process and further advertising was undertaken on the Shire's social media pages, noticeboards, website and Social Pinpoint community engagement.

Four options were outlined within the discussion paper (Attachment A) which included moving existing ward boundaries, removing the ward system or keeping the current boundaries in place. The options also included adjustments to councillor numbers, whether overall or between the wards.

The submission period closed at 4pm 17 December 2022 with 12 submissions received, two of which were alternative options to those outlined in the discussion paper.

Option	# Submissions Received
Option 1:	
Maintain current wards, reduce Town Ward councillor number to remove Shire	2
President position	
Option 2:	3
Maintain current wards, reduce councillor numbers in both wards	3
Option 3:	
Expand Rural Ward, reduce Town Ward councillor number to remove Shire	1
President position	
Option 4:	4
Remove Wards to have whole district as one ward	4
Alternative Option 1:	
Reduce rural ward representation and increase the town ward boundary to capture	
residents on the larger lifestyle blocks. Rural ward would then be a better	1
representative of the satellite locations and farming and the electors on the	
outskirts of town are now captured with the town ward.	
Alternative Option 2:	
Reduce town ward representation to 3 councillors, rural ward representation to 1	1
councillor and adjust the ward boundaries to achieve equal representation.	

Please refer to Attachment B for a summary of submissions received, and Attachment C for the Ratepayers and Electors Association's submission.

Council is now required to review these submissions and determine the outcome of the wards and representation review. Please refer to Attachment D for the assessment of the options.

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Officer's Comment

The submissions received were reasonably balanced across the options.

Options 2 and 4 received the highest level of support throughout the submission period.

Option 2: The Shire maintain current ward boundaries and reduce the number of councillors in each ward to be one in Rural Ward and four in Town Ward. This will retain rural representation, allow the councillor to elector ratio to be within acceptable limits, reduce cost for councillor expenses, however will also increase councillor workloads, and reduce the diversity of council and overall number of representatives.

Option 4: The Shire move to a no ward system. This was the option which received the greatest number of favourable submissions and would simplify the election process, remove existing confusion regarding the current ward system, ensure that elected members are elected by the whole community and remove the ability for electors to vote more than once in the Councillor elections.

At a Councillor Workshop in October 2022, it was determined that Councillor's preference was to keep the existing level of representation of nine councillors (including the President), and retain representation of both the Rural and Town Wards. Council may now review the community submissions together with this to determine the final outcome of the wards and representation review.

Based on the outcomes it is recommended in this report that Council endorse Option 3 to expand the Rural Ward boundary and decrease Town Ward representation by one to allow for the popularly elected Shire President position. This option will keep two councillor positions in the Rural Ward, retaining a good level of representation, while also providing for acceptable councillor to elector ratios for each ward.

Ward	Number of	Number of	Councillor to	% Ratio
	Councillors	Electors	Elector Ratio	Deviation
Rural	2	2,534	1:1,267	-5.37%
Town	6	7,085	1:1,181	1.79%
TOTAL	8	9,619	1:1,202	N/A
Esperance	President	9,619		

It is recommended that changes be implemented at the next ordinary Election Day. Subject to approval by the Advisory Board, elected members whose terms do not expire at the next ordinary election would continue to serve in their current ward, while the adjusted number of representatives would be reflected by the number of vacant positions in each ward at the election.

Under Schedule 2.2(9) once a review has been completed, the local government is to make a report in writing to the Advisory Board and by absolute majority, may propose to the Board the making of any order under section 2.2(1), 2.3(3) or 2.18(3) that it thinks fit.

Option One

Officers Recommendation:

That Council;

- 1. Adjust the number of councillors representing the Town Ward to five (5) and the number of councillors representing the Rural Ward to one (1); and
- Request that the CEO prepare a report to be presented to the Local Government Advisory Board proposing that orders be made under the following sections of the Local Government Act 1995;
 - s.2.18(3) to change the number of offices of councillor for wards within the Shire of Esperance district.

Option Two

Officers Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. Move to a no ward system for the Shire of Esperance and retain the current level of representation; and
- 2. Request that the CEO prepare a report to be presented to the Local Government Advisory Board proposing that an order be made under section 2.2(1) of the *Local Government Act* 1995 to abolish all wards for the Shire of Esperance district.

Consultation

Council Briefing 11 October 2022

Public consultation was conducted for the required period of six weeks with a discussion paper prepared to encourage discussion and thought on the issue.

Financial Implications

Government Gazette advertising costs Landgate Ward Boundary adjustment costs

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 - Schedule 2.2

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 - 2032

Performance - Outcome 16. A well informed and engaged community

Objective 16.1. Provide authentic, relevant and effective engagement with community members Actively engage and communicate with the community to ensure informed decision making

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

- A.J. Discussion Paper 2022
- BJ. Ward & Representation Review Summary 2022
- C. Ratepayer and Electors Association Submission
- D.J. Assessment of Options

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

12.3.1 Review of Wards and Representation

Moved: Cr Obourne Seconded: Cr de Haas

O0123-003

Council Resolution

That Council;

- 1. Adjust the electoral ward boundary to increase the size of the Rural Ward and reduce the size of the Town Ward;
- 2. Adjust the number of councillors representing the Town Ward to six (6) and retain the number of councillors representing the Rural Ward at two (2); and
- 3. Request that the CEO prepare a report to be presented to the Local Government Advisory Board proposing that orders be made under the following sections of the Local Government Act 1995;
 - s.2.2(1) to change the boundary of wards within the Shire of Esperance district; and
 - s.2.18(3) to change the number of offices of councillor for wards within the Shire of Esperance district.

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Shire of Esperance

Review of Wards and Representation

Discussion Paper

Background

The last ward and representation review for the Shire of Esperance was submitted to the Department of Local Government in November 2020.

Correspondence has recently been received from the Minister for Local Government's Office advising of upcoming reforms to local government elections, which are to be implemented at the 2023 elections.

These reforms require the Shire of Esperance, as a Band 2 Local Government, to implement the following changes;

- Reducing the number of elected members on council, in accordance with population thresholds, to be a maximum of 8 councillors; and
- Changing from a council elected president to a directly elected president.

The Minister's Office has advised that there are two options available for Local Governments to implement the necessary changes, being the voluntary pathway or reform pathway, with the voluntary pathway being the preference of Council.

This pathway requires a ward and representation review to be undertaken to adjust councillor numbers to allow for a popularly elected Shire President.

Current Situation

Currently the Shire of Esperance has nine (9) Councillors, including the President, elected from two (2) wards.

The table below shows the Shires Councillor to elector ratios at the time of the October 2021 elections.

WARDS AND REPRESENTATION

Ward	Number of Councillors	Number of Electors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	% Ratio Deviation
Rural	2	2,098	1:1,049	+1.85%
Town	7	7,521	1:1,074	-0.53%
TOTAL	9	9,619	1:1,069	N/A

(Source: Town Ward statistics provided by the WA Electoral Commission October 2021 Ordinary Local Government Elections, with the Rural Ward number of electors being an estimate as no Rural Ward election was held in 2021.)

The percentage ratio deviation gives a clear indication of the percentage difference between the average councillor/elector ratio for the whole local government and the councillor/elector ratio for each ward.

The Local Government Advisory Board has expressed the view that it will tolerate a +/-10% deviation in the Councillor to elector ratio.

Maps showing the existing ward boundaries and local government area are attached at Annexure 1.

Review Process

The review process is set out in the Local Government Act 1995 schedule 2.2.

- 1. In order to begin a review, a local government must pass a resolution at Council to this effect. Council made this on the 25 October 2022, Resolution O1022-223.
- Prior to carrying out a review, a local government has to give local public notice advising that the review is to be carried out and that submissions may be made to the local government. The public submissions period is to be not less than 6 weeks after the notice is first given.
- A local government is encouraged to provide a number of options as a basis to generate public discussion.
- 4. Public submission closes and the submissions received are collated and reviewed.
- 5. Council considers all submissions received.
- Council reaches a decision based on an assessment of the options against a number of established criteria as contained in schedule 2.2 clause 8 of the Local Government Act 1995.
- 7. A report is then submitted to the Local Government Advisory Board.
- 8. If a change is proposed and the Board is satisfied with the recommendation then the Board submits the recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

Factors to be considered

Under schedule 2.2 clause 8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a number of criteria have been established upon which a local government is to assess any changes proposed to be made to the ward system. These criteria include;

- 1. Community of interest;
- 2. Physical and topographical features;
- 3. Demographic trends;
- 4. Economic factors; and
- 5. Ratio of Councillors to Electors in the various wards.

The Board offers the following interpretation of these factors.

Community of interest

The term community of interest has a number of elements. These include a sense of community identity and belonging, similarities in the characteristics of the residents of a community and similarities in the economic activities. It can also include dependence on the shared facilities in an area as reflected in catchment areas of local schools and sporting teams, or the circulation areas of local newspapers.

Neighbourhoods, suburbs and towns are important units in the physical, historical and social infrastructure and often generate a feeling of community and belonging.

Physical and topographic features

Ward boundaries should follow cadastral boundaries. As a consequence, it is appropriate to use them as ward boundaries. These may be natural or man-made features that will vary from area to area. Water features such as rivers and catchment boundaries may be relevant considerations. Coastal plain and foothill regions, parks and reserves may be relevant as may other man made features such as railway lines and highways.

Demographic trends

This information can give a profile of a community. Population trends are important to note, such as increasing or decreasing populations within an area. Population distributions are also important whether there are young families or retirees in certain areas, thereby creating community of interest in specific areas. It may be appropriate for ward boundaries to be drawn to reflect the different community profiles within the local government.

Economic factors

Economic factors can be broadly interpreted to include any factor that reflects the character of economic activities and resources in the area. This may include the industries that occur in a local government area (or the release of land for these) and the distribution of community assets and infrastructure such as road networks.

Ratio of Councillors to Electors

This relates to the level of representation of Councillors to Electors. It is expected that a local government will have similar ratios of electors to Councillors across the wards of its district.

When considering the above factors, it is important to also consider possible changes in the profiles in the foreseeable future. It could well be an argument for a recommendation that while there is a variation in ward populations currently, perhaps the population in one ward is showing a trend of decline while another is increasing.

Options to consider

The Council will consider the following options and members of the community may suggest others.

Please note, that Council does not have a preference for any of the options listed below, and the order in which the options are listed is purely coincidental.

The Shire recognises that each of the options have advantages and disadvantages. These factors will be noted when Council considers any submissions received and the report and assessment of each option against the established criteria.

The options listed below are merely a means to generate discussion within the community on this issue.

Option 1 This option would retain the current wards and reduce Councillor number of the Town Ward to remove the President position.

Option 2 This option is to retain the current wards and reduce Councillor numbers in the Town Ward by two and Rural Ward by one.

Option 3 This option is to move the existing Rural Ward boundary to include some town residential electors, and reduce the Town Ward Councillor number by one to remove the President position.

Option 4 Remove the ward system. The electorate would vote for all Councillors chosen from across the entire local government area.

The name of the wards will also be considered depending on whether or not the structure of the existing ward system is changed. For example, rather than Rural and Town, it may be preferred to use the names of localities or the names of pioneering families in the district.

Also under consideration will be the number of Councillors for each ward and the total for the Shire. The *Local Government Act 1995* (Act) reforms establishes a minimum of five (5) Councillors with a maximum of nine (9) for a population between 5,000 and 75,000 people. It may be that fewer Councillors will provide good representation and may result in financial savings and more effective and efficient decision making.

Ward Boundary and Representation Options

Option 1:

This option would retain the current wards and reduce Councillor number of the Town Ward by one to remove the President position.

Ward	Number of Councillors	Number of Electors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	% Ratio Deviation
Rural	2	2,098	1:1,049	+12.76%
Town	6	7,521	1:1,254	-4.25%
TOTAL	8	9,619	1:1,202	N/A
Esperance	President	9,619		

Some possible advantages and disadvantages of this option are:

Advantages	Disadvantages
Electors familiar with arrangement	 Councillor to Elector Ratio falls outside of recommended deviation Over-representation in the Rural Ward

Option 2:

This option is to retain the current wards and reduce Councillor numbers in the Town Ward by two and Rural Ward by one.

Ward	Number of Councillors	Number of Electors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	% Ratio Deviation
Rural	1	2,098	1:2,098	-9.05%
Town	4	7,521	1:1,880	+2.26%
TOTAL	5	9,619	1:1,924	N/A
Esperance	President	9,619		

Some possible advantages and disadvantages of this option are:

Advantages	Disadvantages	
 Reduced cost for Councillor expenses Councillor to Elector Ratio to fall within recommended deviation Decision making process may be more effective and efficient with reduced Councillor numbers 	Less Councillors representing Electors Increased workload for Councillors Reduction of Councillor numbers may limit diversity in Council	

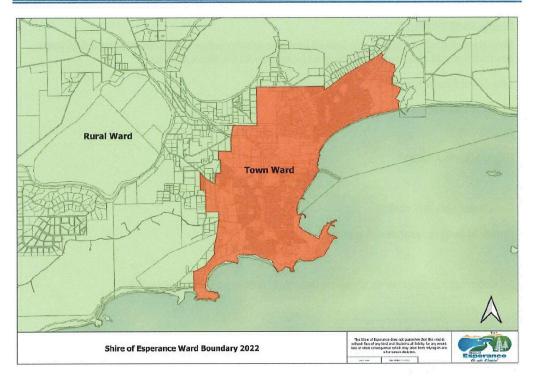
Option 3:

This option is to move the existing Rural Ward boundary to include some town residential electors, and reduce the Town Ward Councillor number by one to remove the President position.

Ward	Number of Councillors	Number of Electors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	% Ratio Deviation
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Town	6	7,085	1:1,181	1.79%
TOTAL	8	9,619	1:1,202	N/A
Esperance	President	9,619		

Some possible advantages and disadvantages of this option are:

Advantages	Disadvantages
Councillor to Elector Ratio to fall within recommended deviation	Wards may not align with elector's perceived location (i.e. increased number of electors residing in the Esperance town site would be included within the Rural Ward)



Option 4:

This option is to remove the Ward System and have the entire district as one area.

Ward	Number of Councillors	Number of Electors	Councillor to Elector Ratio	% Ratio Deviation
Esperance	8	9,619	1:1,202	N/A
Esperance	President	9,619		

Some possible advantages and disadvantages of this option are:

Advantages	Disadvantages
 Elected Members are elected by the whole of the electorate, not just a portion of it. Less complicated election process Balanced representation with Councillors representing the whole community 	 Removal of specific Rural/Town focus for Councillors and Electors may feel that they are not adequately represented Greater costs involved for Canvassing the entire district for Candidates Potential for an interest group to dominate Council Require full spill of Council with potential for loss of corporate knowledge

Public Submissions

Members of the community are invited to make written submissions on any aspect of ward boundaries and representation. Submissions should be addressed to-

The Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Esperance

PO Box 507

Esperance WA 6450

Facsimile: (08) 9071 0600

Email: shire@esperance.wa.gov.au

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All submissions must be received no later than 4.00pm 17 December 2022.

Ian Mickel

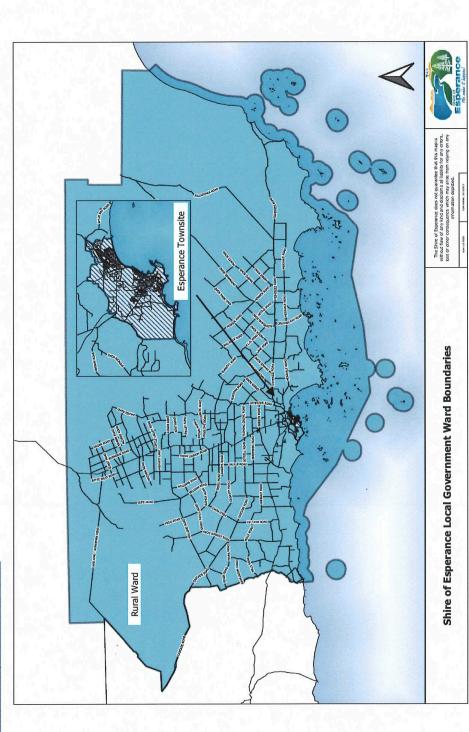
Shire President

Shane Burge

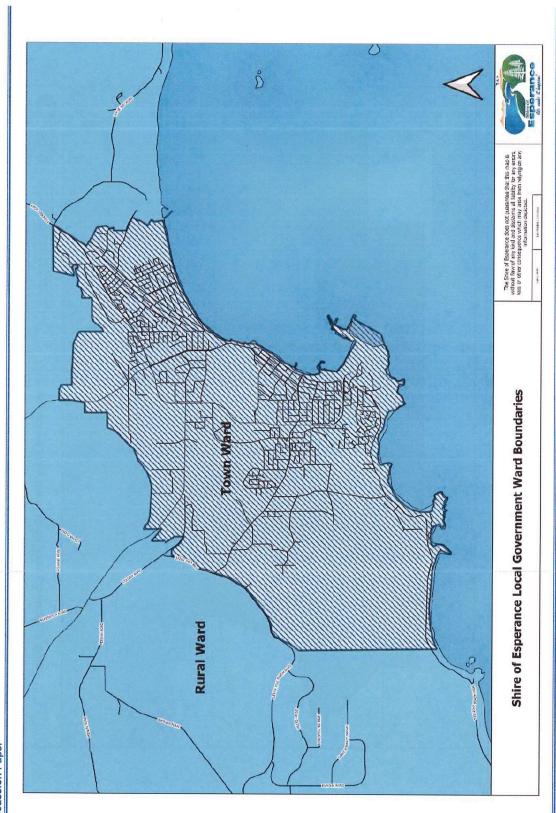
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Annexure 1: Existing Ward Boundaries



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Review of Wards and Representation Discussion Paper

Attachment B

Ward and Representation Review Feedback – 2022

Option	Respondent Name	Comment	Received by
Option 1	Priscilla Davies	The needs of the community in the rural areas are quite different to those in town. However Rural councillors can also provide valuable input in what is needed in the town to support both their needs & those of us that live in the urban area. Having councillors with competing needs allows for a council that can have a broad opinion, which in turn benefits us all. We need diversity to ensure we have true representation, a council that understands our agricultural, tourism & community need is vital	Social Pinpoint
Option 1	Marie Fowler	The Rural wards contribute enormously to the economic success of Esperance in terms of agriculture and tourism. The large geographical area covers many diverse needs which could not be adequately addressed by removal of a councillor in the Rural Ward. Those living in the rural areas around Esperance still have a deep connection to the town but use the town in different ways to those who reside there. Rural councillors understand this and can represent this in council more effectively.	Social Pinpoint
Option 2	Michelle Handley	In my view this is the fairest option to pursue. I agree with the advantages noted in the briefing material and the points raised are things I value highly. I'm not supportive of any of the other options suggested and I don't have a better idea.	Social Pinpoint
Option 2	Ronald Payne	Five councillors plus an elected President should be enough people to run an efficient Local Government Council. I am presuming that this option would include electing the President from electors, rather than by elected council. Within the briefing notes, I wasn't sure if my interpretation is correct. However, if it is proposed that the Council elects the President, I still believe it is the best option.	Social Pinpoint
Option 2	Charlotte Della Vedova	I think option 2 is best fit. I was unable to find the All feedback and suggestions for alternatives are encouraged and welcomed - just click on one of the five buttons under 'Share with us about' to the right and underneath this dialogue box. on my phone. The name change for the wards might cause confusion unless we keep with the main locality name ie neridup etc etc. East west North etc is just easy to figure out.	Email

Option	Respondent Name	Comment	Received by
Option 3	Christiane Smith	This probably reverses what came in last time, but I do think rural representation is important. Don't agree with removing all wards as this would mean a full spill. We would loose knowledge and from those councillors who have done their training.	Social Pinpoint
Option 4	Tori Castledine	Keep it simple - have one ward for the entire region. If rural voters feel so strongly about having a rural candidate represent their interests, they'll still vote for a candidate with rural experience. I am concerned about having a publicly elected Shire President, without having compulsory voting. This will make it easier for one-issue or protest candidates to be elected as Shire President. Apathy amongst the community for voting is a major issue.	Social Pinpoint
Option 4	Trevor Ayers	Don't see the need for wards - hopefully people are sensible enough to elect the people most likely to ensure good decisions are made for all ratepayers. Once someone is elected they are required under the LG Act to make decisions for all, not the ward they are representing. Remove the wards, keep the Councillors that are yet to finish their terms - if the best candidates are from rural areas it may even end up with a greater number of rural based Councillors.	Social Pinpoint
Option 4	Gemma Johnston	I favour option 4 - removing the ward system. How I understand this is there would be no Rural & Town Ward as such but instead One Ward / One Vote. I believe the prospective Councillors that run for election should be knowledgeable and engaging of both of the wards, hence able to represent both well. I believe the President should still be voted in from the Council and not the public though.	Email
Option 4	Linda Shipard	My option would be; Option 4 Remove the Ward system	Email
Other	Bradley Cartledge	Similar to option 2 reduce rural ward representation but push out the town boundary further to capture residents on the larger lifestyle blocks. Rural ward would then be a better representative of the satellite locations and farming and the electors on the outskirts of town are now captured with the town ward. Alternatively I am in favour of scrapping the wards.	Social Pinpoint
Other	Ratepayer's Association	Submission attached	Email

Attachment C

Review of Wards and Representation

Submission by Esperance Ratepayers and Electors Association

Background

In November Council passed a resolution to review the wards and representation for the next Council elections (to beheld in 2023). This issue was forced by State Government that now mandates the direct election of a Shire President.

I have sought clarification from the Department of Local Government. In Esperance, where there are multiple wards (e.g. rural and town). There will be a separate ballot for the president. Anyone can nominate for this position (e.g. whether already on Council, or on the ballot for a councillor position). The elected President will either create a vacancy to be filled by the next candidate in the relevant ward, or 'bypassed' in the election result. The Local Government Act 1995 will be modified prior to Oct 2023 to reflect the necessary changes.

Council has chosen to make a submission of its preferred reform to implement the necessary change.

Factors to be considered

1. Community interest.

Our Shire divides into two distinct communities – rural and town. The overwhelming majority of the Shire wealth in the rural area. The overwhelming majority of revenue comes from the farming community. The rural community contributes 49% of the rates.

Summary: it is important to give the rural community a distinct representation on Council

2. Physical and topographical features.

Not relevant in our Shire.

3. Demographic trends

The Shire population is aging, but other than general issues with Aged Care should not have a bearing on the electoral model chosen.

4. Economic factors

These are as listed under item 1. Above.

5. Ratio of Councillors to Electors in various wards

Under the existing ward boundaries there are approximately 2000 voters for 2 rural representatives and 7500 electors to determine 7 town Councillors. It is noted that almost all Council decisions are made by a uniform 9-0 vote. There seems little benefit in retaining a large number of representatives on Council. Most discussion on issues takes place in direct/closed briefings between Shire and Council.

Conclusion: Council would benefit from fewer, but more knowledgeable and accountable representatives

Options offered in Discussion Paper

Shire offers 4 options:

- Option 1 retain current wards and reduce the number of town councillors by one.
- Option 2 retain current wards and reduce the number of town councillors by two and the rural ward by one.
- Option 3 move the rural ward boundaries and reduce the number of town councillors by one.
- Option 4 remove the current ward system.

<u>Assessment</u>

Reject option 4 as it goes strongly against the community interest listed above.

Reject option 1 &3 as they do not reduce the size of Council, which is deemed beneficial.

The dilemma is to find a ward system that fits within the +/-10% variation of Councillor to elector ratio. An odd number of Councillors remains a preference, minimising the use of a casting vote by the president.

The following table shows various council sizes

President	1	1	1
Council	8	6	4
Town	7	4	3
Rural	2	2	1
Total	9	7	5

A Council size of 7 has major difficulties in satisfying the 'equal representation' requirement (Factor 5).

Using the ward boundary suggested by Shire in the discussion the following shows a compliant system:

	number of Councillors	number of electors	Councillor to elector ratio	
town	3	7085	1:2,362	-1.79%
rural	1	2534	1:2,534	+5.37%
total	4	9619	1:2,404	

Recommendation

To meet electoral requirements <u>and</u> community interests the Association recommends

- a) Elect a Shire President (as per Local Government Act 1995 requirement)
- b) Reduce the town ward to three representatives
- c) Reduce the rural ward to one representative
- d) Adjust the ward boundaries to achieve equal representation across the wards

Kaj Nieukerke

President of the Esperance Ratepayers and Electors Association

Shire info:

https://esperance.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/review-of-wards-and-representation-2022#/sidebar/tab/about

https://www.esperance.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/publication/files/review of wards an d representation - discussion paper - october 2022.pdf

Copy of the response from the Hon John Carey MLA – Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government attached.



Hon John Carey MLA Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government

Our Ref: 78-09680

2 DEC 2022

Mr Kaj Nieukerke President

Esperance Electors and Ratepayers Association

Email: kajwns@gmail.com

Dear Mr Nieukerke

Thank you for your email dated 7 November 2022 to the Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Local Government, regarding the election of a Shire President. I am responding to you on the Minister's behalf.

Under the Minister's package of local government reforms, the Shire of Esperance (the Shire) is in the category of requiring the Shire President to be directly elected. The Shire's Council decided to introduce this change voluntarily at the October 2023 local government elections by resolving to change the Shire President's election method to be by direct election.

I can confirm that there will be separate ballot papers for the position of Shire President and the Office of Councillor roles. All electors in your Shire (regardless of which Ward they are in) will be able to vote for their preferred Shire President.

If you are interested to learn more about the proposed local government reforms, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website will be updated as the reforms progress:

https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/strengthening-local-government/local-government-act-reform

Yours sincerely

CLAIRE COMRIE

CHIEF OF STAFF

Attachment D

Factors to consider when assessing options:

Community of interest

The term community of interest has a number of elements. These include a sense of community identity and belonging, similarities in the characteristics of the residents of a community and similarities in the economic activities. It can also include dependence on the shared facilities in an area as reflected in catchment areas of local schools and sporting teams, or the circulation areas of local newspapers.

Neighbourhoods, suburbs and towns are important units in the physical, historical and social infrastructure and often generate a feeling of community and belonging.

Physical and topographic features

Ward boundaries should follow cadastral boundaries. As a consequence, it is appropriate to use them as ward boundaries. These may be natural or man-made features that will vary from area to area. Water features such as rivers and catchment boundaries may be relevant considerations. Coastal plain and foothill regions, parks and reserves may be relevant as may other man made features such as railway lines and highways.

Demographic trends

This information can give a profile of a community. Population trends are important to note, such as increasing or decreasing populations within an area. Population distributions are also important whether there are young families or retirees in certain areas, thereby creating community of interest in specific areas. It may be appropriate for ward boundaries to be drawn to reflect the different community profiles within the local government.

Economic factors

Economic factors can be broadly interpreted to include any factor that reflects the character of economic activities and resources in the area. This may include the industries that occur in a local government area (or the release of land for these) and the distribution of community assets and infrastructure such as road networks.

Ratio of councillors to electors

This relates to the level of representation of Councillors to Electors. It is expected that a local government will have similar ratios of electors to Councillors across the wards of its district.

Option 1:

Maintain the current ward system and ward boundaries, and reduce the number of Town Ward Councillors to remove the Shire President position.

1. Community of interest

This option retains all current communities of interest.

2. Physical and topographic features

This option retains current ward boundaries.

3. Demographic trends

The overall population of the Esperance Local Government Area has decreased by 353 between 2016 and 2021. The trend since 2013 has seen the Town Ward elector numbers increase while the Rural Ward elector numbers have decreased.

Based on historical population and election data, there is a high likelihood that Rural Ward elector numbers will continue to decrease, causing the level of representation between the wards to become more uneven.

4. Economic factors

A larger variety of industries are present in the Town Ward, with the Rural Ward being predominantly agricultural based.

5. Ratio of councillors to electors

Ratio of councillors to electors will fall outside of the acceptable deviation once the Shire President position is removed to allow for a popularly elected Shire President.

If the trend of Rural Ward elector numbers decreasing over the years continues, this will cause the elector ratio to remain outside of the acceptable deviation.

Overview:

This option would not be acceptable based on the ratio of electors to councillor numbers being outside of the acceptable deviation provided by the Local Government Advisory Board, once the Shire President position adjustment has been made, and the trend of decreasing Rural Ward elector numbers.

Option 2:

Maintain the current ward system and ward boundaries, but reduce the number of Councillors to 1 for the Rural Ward and 5 for the Town Ward. Note that the Local Government Advisory Board recommends the number of Councillors be between 6 and 9.

1. Community of interest

This option retains all current communities of interest.

2. Physical and topographic features

This option retains current ward boundaries.

3. Demographic trends

The overall population of the Esperance Local Government Area has decreased by 353 between 2016 and 2021. The trend since 2013 has seen the Town Ward elector numbers increase while the Rural Ward elector numbers have decreased.

Based on historical population and election data, there is a high likelihood that Rural Ward elector numbers will continue to decrease, causing the level of representation between the wards to become more uneven.

4. Economic factors

A larger variety of industries are present in the Town Ward, with the Rural Ward being predominantly agricultural based.

5. Ratio of councillors to electors

Reducing the number of councillors in the Rural Ward by 1 and Town Ward by 2 will bring the ratio within the deviation range accepted by the Local Government Advisory Board, and provide for a popularly elected Shire President as required by the Election Reforms.

The total number of councillors will also remain within the range recommended by the Local Government Advisory Board.

Advantages	Disadvantages
 Reduced cost for Councillor expenses Councillor to Elector Ratio to fall within recommended deviation Decision making process may be more effective and efficient with reduced Councillor numbers 	 Less Councillors representing Electors Increased workload for Councillors Reduction of Councillor numbers may limit diversity in Council

Option 3:

Expand the Rural Ward boundary to include some Town Ward electors, and decrease Town Ward representation by 1 to allow for the popularly elected Shire President position.

1. Community of interest

This option would be better aligned to community expectations, as many electors who reside on larger lifestyle blocks would be included in the Rural Ward, rather than the Town Ward.

This would result in an increase to the number of Rural Ward electors whose interests align with those electors in the existing Rural Ward.

2. Physical and topographic features

The adjusted ward boundaries would be based on the existing Esperance town site boundary, however exclude some of the larger residential blocks.

3. Demographic trends

The overall population of the Esperance Local Government Area has decreased by 353 between 2016 and 2021. The trend since 2013 has seen the Town Ward elector numbers increase while the Rural Ward elector numbers have decreased.

4. Economic factors

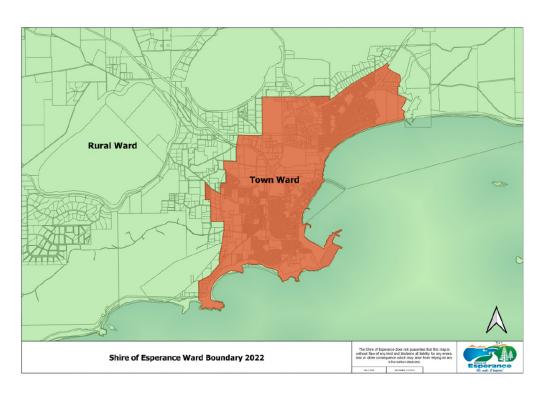
A larger variety of industries are present in the Town Ward, with the Rural Ward being predominantly agricultural based.

5. Ratio of councillors to electors

The total number of councillors would remain the same at 9, however 1 Town Councillor position would be removed to be the Shire President position.

This would result in the Town Ward being represented by 6 Councillors, the Rural Ward being represented by 2 Councillors, and the Shire President being elected separately to the Wards. At the current rate of population growth this will ensure the councillor to elector ratio will fall within the acceptable range for at least 10 years.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Councillor to Elector Ratio to fall within recommended deviation	Wards may not align with elector's perceived location (i.e. increased number of electors residing in the Esperance town site would be included within the Rural Ward)



Option 4:

Remove the ward system. The electorate would vote for all Councillors chosen from across the entire local government area.

1. Community of interest

Currently electors from both wards have some interests which are similar, including living a significant distance from metropolitan areas, secondary school options, retail shops, health care options and town based sporting activities and community groups.

In addition to this, electors from the Rural Ward typically also have an overwhelming focus on seasonal farming conditions, and their immediate area, which electors in the Town Ward may not, including the town sites of Scaddan, Condingup, Cascade, Grass Patch and Salmon Gums.

2. Physical and topographic features

This option would utilise the whole Shire of Esperance Local Government Area boundary.

3. Demographic trends

The overall population of the Esperance Local Government Area has decreased by 353 between 2016 and 2021. The trend since 2013 has seen the Town Ward elector numbers increase while the Rural Ward elector numbers have decreased.

4. Economic factors

A larger variety of industries are present in the Town Ward, with the Rural Ward being predominantly agricultural based.

5. Ratio of councillors to electors

The ratio of councillors to electors would no longer be relevant under this option as all councillors would represent the entire district.

Advantages	Disadvantages
 Elected Members are elected by the whole of the electorate, not just a portion of it. Less complicated election process Balanced representation with Councillors representing the whole community 	 Removal of specific Rural/Town focus for Councillors and Electors may feel that they are not adequately represented Greater costs involved for Canvassing the entire district for Candidates Potential for an interest group to dominate Council Require full spill of Council with potential for loss of corporate knowledge

Alternative Option 1:

Reduce rural ward representation and increase the town ward boundary to capture residents on the larger lifestyle blocks. Rural ward would then be a better representative of the satellite locations and farming and the electors on the outskirts of town are now captured with the town ward.

1. Community of interest

Currently electors from both wards have some interests which are similar, including living a significant distance from metropolitan areas, secondary school options, retail shops, health care options and town based sporting activities and community groups.

In addition to this, electors from the Rural Ward typically also have an overwhelming focus on seasonal farming conditions, and their immediate area, which electors in the Town Ward may not, including the town sites of Scaddan, Condingup, Cascade, Grass Patch and Salmon Gums.

2. Physical and topographic features

The adjusted ward boundaries would be based on the existing Esperance town site boundary, however include some of the larger residential lifestyle blocks.

3. Demographic trends

The overall population of the Esperance Local Government Area has decreased by 353 between 2016 and 2021. The trend since 2013 has seen the Town Ward elector numbers increase while the Rural Ward elector numbers have decreased.

4. Economic factors

A larger variety of industries are present in the Town Ward, with the Rural Ward being predominantly agricultural based.

5. Ratio of councillors to electors

The total number of councillors would remain the same at 9, however 1 Town Councillor position would be removed to be the Shire President position.

This would result in the Town Ward being represented by 6 Councillors, the Rural Ward being represented by 2 Councillors, and the Shire President being elected separately to the Wards. At the current rate of population growth this will ensure the councillor to elector ratio will fall within the acceptable range for at least 10 years.

Ad	dvantages	Disadvantages
•	Councillor to Elector Ratio to fall within recommended deviation Decision making process may be more effective and efficient with reduced Councillor numbers Rural Ward representation focussing on large farmland and satellite towns rather than lifestyle blocks	 Less Councillors representing Rural Electors Reduction of Councillor numbers in Rural Ward may limit diversity in Council

Alternative Option 2:

Reduce town ward representation to 3 councillors, rural ward representation to 1 councillor and adjust the ward boundaries to achieve equal representation.

1. Community of interest

Currently electors from both wards have some interests which are similar, including living a significant distance from metropolitan areas, secondary school options, retail shops, health care options and town based sporting activities and community groups.

In addition to this, electors from the Rural Ward typically also have an overwhelming focus on seasonal farming conditions, and their immediate area, which electors in the Town Ward may not, including the town sites of Scaddan, Condingup, Cascade, Grass Patch and Salmon Gums.

2. Physical and topographic features

The adjusted ward boundaries would be based on the existing Esperance town site boundary, however include some of the larger residential lifestyle blocks.

3. Demographic trends

The overall population of the Esperance Local Government Area has decreased by 353 between 2016 and 2021. The trend since 2013 has seen the Town Ward elector numbers increase while the Rural Ward elector numbers have decreased.

4. Economic factors

A larger variety of industries are present in the Town Ward, with the Rural Ward being predominantly agricultural based.

5. Ratio of councillors to electors

The total number of councillors would reduce to 5, resulting in the Town Ward being represented by 3 Councillors, the Rural Ward being represented by 1 Councillors, and the Shire President being elected separately to the Wards.

Overview:

This option would not be acceptable based on the proposed number of councillor positions being less than the acceptable range provided by the Local Government Advisory Board, which is between 6 and 9 councillors for the Esperance population.

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Item: 12.3.2

Lease Agreement - Gibson Public Toilets

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File Ref: D22/35932

Applicant

Shire of Esperance

Location/Address

Gibson Public Toilets, portion of Lot 2, Coolgardie-Esperance Highway Gibson.



Executive Summary

For Council to consider renewing the lease agreement with Willoranah Pty Ltd for the Gibson Public Toilets on a portion of Lot 2, Coolgardie-Esperance Highway Gibson.

Recommendation in Brief

That Council renew the lease agreement with Willoranah Pty Ltd for the Gibson Public Toilets on a portion of Lot 2, Coolgardie-Esperance Highway Gibson for a term of 12 months.

Background

The lease for this site has been in place since September 2005.

The current lease expired on 31 October 2022 and has been in hold over while awaiting a response from Willoranah Pty Ltd with regard to our request to renew the lease.

On 15 June 2022, the Shire wrote to Willoranah Pty Ltd (Mr Paul Willoughby) asking whether they would be willing to renew the lease and if so, would a longer 5-year term be acceptable.

On 18 November 2022, Paul Willoughby advised he is agreeable to renewing the lease as per last arrangement. The last arrangement was for a 12-month term.

Officer's Comment

Discussion with internal officers has determined no concerns with the lease being renewed for a further 12 months as there is still a need to have public toilet facilities in Gibson at this time.

Consultation

Willoranah Pty Ltd Manager Building, Planning and Land Projects Manager Development and Statutory Services Manager Asset Planning

Asset Management Implications

The Shire will remain responsible for all maintenance of the premise.

Cleaning is currently undertaken by the Gibson Progress Association, who invoice the Shire for costs on an annual basis.

Financial Implications

The Shire will remain responsible for all maintenance, insurance and cleaning costs for the premises.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 - 2032

Place - Outcome 9. Attractive and welcoming places

Objective 9.3. Provide quality community facilities, parks and spaces.

Priority Project 14.1.1. Provide public reports on progress towards achievement of priority projects and outcomes.

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

12.3.2 Lease Agreement - Gibson Public Toilets

Moved: Cr Flanagan Seconded: Cr Graham

O0123-004

Council Resolution

That Council renew the Lease agreement with Willoranah Pty Ltd for a portion of Lot 2 Coolgardie-Esperance Highway, Gibson WA subject to the following:

- 1. The term of the lease being 12 months, commencement date upon execution by both parties;
- 2. The Shire being responsible for ongoing maintenance, insurance and costs for cleaning of the premises;
- 3. The premises be used for the purpose of Public amenities; and
- 4. The lease rent be \$1.00 p.a. payable on demand.

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Item: 12.3.3

Final Adoption of Dog Local Law 2022

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Neroli Logan Manager Development and Statutory Services

Authorisor/s Holly Phillips Director External Services

File Ref: D22/26221

Applicant Internal

Location/Address

N/A

Executive Summary

For Council to consider adopting the Dog Local Law 2022 (Dog Local Law).

Recommendation in Brief

That Council makes the Dog Local Law 2022, subject to the Chief Executive Officer completing the necessary procedural steps in accordance with section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Background

Section 3.16(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that all local laws of local government must be reviewed within an eight (8) year period after their commencement or from their last review date. The Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2002 was gazetted in October 2002, updated in October 2009, and last reviewed in 2014.

During the last review, it was identified that multiple changes were required due to changes in legislation, terminology, penalties and the removal of dog prohibited areas. Additional changes were required including a contents page, expanded definitions, updated legislative references and clarification of inconsistencies relating to penalties.

Due to the extent of the changes, a new Dog Local Law was recommended (as opposed to amending the existing local law).

Consequently, at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022, Council resolved to request the CEO to:

- 1. Give Local Public Notice of the proposed Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022 in accordance with s.3.12(3) of the Local Government Act 1995;
- Forward a copy of the proposed local law and public notices to the Minister for Local Government; and
- 3. Prepare a further report at the conclusion of the public submission period to enable Council to consider submissions.

Officer's Comment

Local public notice of the proposed Dog Local Law was given in accordance with section 3.12(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. A public submission period was open between 5 July and 27 August 2022 and no submissions were received.

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Officers sought advice from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and their comments have been reviewed and included (Attachment B).

DLGSC proposed minor modifications to the Dog Local Law, mostly with regard to formatting and grammatical amendments. These changes have since been incorporated into the Dog Local Law.

In addition, DGLSC recommended changes to the penalties contained in the Dog Local Law. The Dog Local Law currently sets an unmodified penalty not exceeding \$1,000 in clause 6.8 or \$100 for each day or part of a day. The inclusion of this wording was recommended by WALGA.

However, DLGSC advised that modified penalties cannot exceed 10% of the maximum unmodified penalty for that offence. The inclusion of this penalty would limit unmodified penalties to \$100 or less requiring penalties to be reduced in the modified penalty table outlined in Schedule 3.

Alternatively, the Shire could increase the unmodified penalty in clause 6.8. However, either change would require the Shire to restart the law making process from the beginning as it is likely to qualify as a significant difference under section 3.13 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

To avoid this, the Shire has made no change to clause 6.8 and will await determination from the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation on this matter.

Consultation

DLGSC Ranger Services WALGA

Financial Implications

There are nominal costs associated with making the local law, including advertising and gazettal.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995* determines the process which all local governments must take when creating new local laws.

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 - 2032

Performance

Outcome 15. Operational excellent and financial sustainability.

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

A.J. Dog Local Law 2022

B.J. Department of Local Government Submission

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

12.3.3 Final Adoption of Dog Local Law 2022

Moved: Cr Obourne Seconded: Cr Flanagan

O0123-005

Council Resolution

That Council;

- 1. Notes that the law-making process will repeal the Dog Local Law 2002;
- 2. Makes the Dog Local Law 2022, as per Attachment A, in accordance with section 3.12(4) of the Local Government Act 1995, subject to the Chief Executive Officer;
 - a. Publishing the Dog Local Law 2022 in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 3.12(5) of the Local Government Act 1995;
 - b. Following gazettal, providing local public notice of the Dog Local Law 2022 in accordance with section 3.12(6) of the Local Government Act 1995; and
 - c. Following local public notice, providing an Explanatory Memorandum, signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer, and a copy of the Dog Local Law 2022 to the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in accordance with section 3.12(7) of the Local Government Act 1995.

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DOG ACT 1976 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of Esperance

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DOG ACT 1976 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of Esperance

DOG LOCAL LAW 2022

Under the powers conferred on it by the *Dog Act 1976* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other enabling powers, the Council of the Shire of Esperance resolved on 24th January 2023 to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Short title

This is the Shire of Esperance Dog Local Law 2022

1.2 Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the day on which it is published in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.4 Repeal

The *Shire of Esperance Dogs Local Law 2002* published in the *Government Gazette* on 1 October 2002 is repealed.

1.5 Meaning of terms used in this local law

In this local law—

Act means the Dog Act 1976;

application means the completed form lodged by an applicant as required by this local law;

applicant means the owner or occupier of premises who makes an application for a permit under this local law;

assistance dogs has the meaning given to it in the Act;

authorised person means a person appointed under the Local Government Act 1995 section 9.10(2) to be an authorised person the purpose of this Act; or a person designated as an authorised officer under the Public Health Act 2016 section 24(1) for the purposes of this Act;

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

Council means the Council of the Shire of Esperance;

dangerous dog has the meaning given to it in the Act;

development approval means an approval issued under the local planning scheme as amended from time to time;

district means the district of the local government;

dog management facility established by the local government under section 11 of the Act and used for the purposes of keeping dogs seized or impounded under the Act or this local Law.

kennel establishment means the kennel, yard and premises used to house a dog for commercial purposes, gain or reward.

local government means the Shire of Esperance;

local planning scheme means a local planning scheme made by the local government under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* which applies throughout the whole or a part of the district;

LG Act means the Local Government Act 1995;

lot has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development Act 2005;

microchip means an identification devise of a prescribed type that is capable of being implanted in a dog and is designed to record information in a way that can be electronically retrieved;

premises has the same meaning given in the Act;

public place has the same meaning given in the Act;

Regulations means the Dog Regulations 2013;

schedule means a schedule in this local law;

seized means a dog seized by an authorised person, but not having been placed in a pound;

thoroughfare has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the LG Act;

valid in relation to a licence issued under this local law means current and for which all the associated fees have been paid in full.

PART 2—IMPOUNDING OF DOGS

2.1 Charges and costs

The following are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the LG Act—

- (a) the charges to be levied under section 29(4) of the Act relating to the seizure and impounding of a dog;
- (b) the additional fee payable under section 29(4) of the Act where a dog is released at a time or on a day other than those determined under clause 2.2;
- (c) the cost of implantation of a microchip referred to in section 30A(3) of the Act; and
- (d) the costs of the destruction and the disposal of a dog referred to in section 29(15) of the Act.

2.2 No breaking into or destruction of the Dog Management Facility

A person who –

- (a) unless he or she is the pound keeper or a person authorised to do so, releases or attempts to release a dog from a Dog Management Facility; or
- (b) destroys, breaks into, damages or in any way interferes with or renders not dog-proof -

- (i) any Dog Management Facility; or
- (ii) any vehicle or container used for the purpose of catching, holding or conveying a seized dog,

commits an offence.

PART 3—REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE KEEPING OF DOGS

3.1 Dogs to be confined

- (1) An occupier of premises on which a dog is kept must—
 - (a) cause a portion of the premises on which the dog is kept to be fenced in a manner capable of confining the dog;
 - (b) ensure the fence used to confine the dog and every gate or door in the fence is of a type, height and construction which having regard to the breed, age, size and physical condition of the dog is capable of preventing the dog at all times from passing over, under or through it;
 - (c) ensure that every gate or door in the fence is kept closed at all times when the dog is on the premises (unless the gate is temporarily opened in a manner that ensures that the dog remains confined) and is fitted with a an effective operational latch or other means of fastening it;
 - (d) maintain the fence and all gates and doors in the fence in good order and condition; and
 - (e) where no part of the premises consists of open space, yard or garden or there is no open space or garden or yard of which the occupier has exclusive use or occupation, ensure that other means exist on the premises (other than the tethering of the dog) for effectively confining the dog within the premises.
- (2) An occupier who fails to comply with subclause (1) commits an offence.
- (3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) and (2), the confinement of dangerous dogs is dealt with in the Act and Regulations.

3.2 Limitation on the number of dogs

- (1) This clause does not apply to dangerous dogs (declared) or dangerous dogs (restricted breeds).
- (2) This clause does not apply to premises which have been—
 - (a) licenced under Part 4 as an approved Kennel Establishment; or
 - (b) granted an exemption under section 26(3) of the Act.
- (3) For the purpose of section 26(4) of the Act, a person shall not, without a permit, keep or permit to be kept—
 - (a) on premises situated on a lot having an area of 4 hectares or more—4 dogs over the ages of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age; or
 - (b) on premises situated on any other lot—2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age.

4.1 Interpretation

In this Part and in Schedule 2—

adjoining land means land or premises which have a common boundary or portion of a boundary with a lot or is separated from that lot by a right-of-way, pedestrian access way, access leg of a battle-axe lot or the equivalent not more than 6 metres in width;

fit and proper person means a person who does not have an unspent conviction under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002* or a history of contravention of the Act

licence means a licence to keep an approved kennel establishment on premises;

premises, in addition to the meaning given to it in section 3 of Act, means the premises described in the application for a licence; and

transferee means a person who applies for the transfer of a licence to him or her under clause 4.14 of this local law.

4.2 Application for licence for approved kennel establishment

An application for a licence must be made in the form of that in Schedule 1, and must be lodged with the local government together with—

- (a) plans and specifications of the kennel establishment, including a site plan;
- (b) copies of the notices to be given under clause 4.3;
- (c) written evidence that either the applicant or another person who will have the charge of the dogs, will reside on the premises or, in the opinion of the local government or CEO, sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs and so as to ensure their health and welfare;
- (d) a written acknowledgment that the applicant has read and agrees to comply with any code of practice relating to the keeping of dogs adopted or nominated by the local government;
- (e) the fee for the application for a licence referred to in clause 4.10(1) of this local law; and
- a copy of a Development Approval issued by the local government under a local planning scheme.

4.3 Notice of proposed use

- (1) An applicant for a licence must give notice of the proposed use of the premises as an approved kennel establishment after the application for a licence has been lodged—
 - (a) once in a newspaper circulating in the district; and
 - (b) to the owner and occupiers of any premises adjoining the premises.
- (2) The notices in subclause (1) must specify that—
 - (a) any written submissions as to the proposed use are to be lodged with the CEO within 14 days of the date the notice is given; and
 - (b) the application and plans and specifications may be inspected at the offices of the local government.
- (3) Where-
 - (a) the notices given under subclause (1) do not clearly identify the premises; or

(b) a notice given under subclause (1) (a) is of a size or in a location in the newspaper which, in the opinion of the CEO, would fail to serve the purpose of notifying persons of the proposed use of the premises,

then the local government may refuse to determine the application for a licence until the notices or notice, as the case may be, is given in accordance with its directions.

4.4 Exemption from notice requirements

Where an application for a licence is made in respect of premises on which an approved Kennel Establishment is either a—

- (a) permitted use; or
- (b) use which the local government may approve subject to compliance with specified notice requirements,

under a local planning scheme, then the requirements of clauses 4.2(b), 4.3 and 4.5(a) do not apply in respect of the application for a licence.

4.5 When application can be determined

An application for a licence is not to be determined by the local government until—

- (a) the applicant has complied with clause 4.2;
- (b) the applicant submits proof that the notices referred to in clause 4.3(1) have been given in accordance with that clause; and
- (c) the local government has considered any written submissions received within the time specified in clause 4.3(2)(a) on the proposed use of the premises.

4.6 Determination of application

In determining an application for a licence, the local government is to have regard to—

- (a) the matters referred to in clause 4.8;
- (b) any written submissions received within the time specified in clause 4.3(2)(a) on the proposed use of the premises;
- (c) any economic or social benefits which may be derived by any person in the district if the application for a licence is approved;
- (d) the effect which the kennel establishment may have on the environment or amenity of the neighbourhood;
- (e) whether or not the imposition of and compliance with appropriate conditions of a licence will mitigate any adverse effects of the approved kennel establishment identified in the preceding paragraphs.

4.7 Where application cannot be approved

The local government cannot approve an application for a licence where—

(a) an approved kennel establishment cannot be permitted by the local government on the premises under a local planning scheme; or

- (b) an applicant for a licence or another person who will have the charge of the dogs will not reside on the premises, or in the opinion of the local government, sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs and so as to ensure their health and welfare; or
- (c) if the applicant is not a fit and proper person to keep an approved kennel establishment.

4.8 Conditions of approval

- (1) The local government may approve an application for a licence subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 2 and to such other conditions as the local government considers appropriate.
- (2) In respect of a particular application for a licence, the local government may vary any of the conditions contained in Schedule 2.

4.9 Compliance with conditions of approval

- (1) A licensee who does not comply with the conditions of licence commits an offence.
- (2) Notwithstanding clause 6.8, the penalty under this clause is \$5000 and where the offence is of a continuing nature, an additional daily penalty of \$100.

4.10 Fees

- (1) On lodging an application for a licence, the applicant is to pay a fee to the local government.
- (2) On the issue or renewal of a licence, the licensee is to pay a fee to the local government.
- (3) On lodging an application for the transfer of a valid licence, the transferee is to pay a fee to the local government.
- (4) The fees referred to in subclauses (1) to (3) are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the LG Act.

4.11 Form of licence

The licence is to be in the form determined by the local government and is to be issued to the licensee.

4.12 Period of licence

- (1) The period of effect of a licence is set out in section 27(5) of the Act.
- (2) A licence is to be renewed if the fee referred to in clause 4.10(2) is paid to the local government prior to the expiry of the licence.
- (3) On the renewal of a licence the conditions of the licence at the time of its renewal continue to have effect.

4.13 Variation or cancellation of licence

- (1) The local government may through a written notice to the licensee vary the conditions of a licence.
- (2) The local government may cancel a licence—
 - (a) on the request of the licensee;

- (b) following a breach of the Act, the Regulations or this local law;
- (c) following a breach of the Animal Welfare Act 2002 or the Public Health Act 2016; or
- (d) if the licensee is not a fit and proper person.
- (3) The date a licence is cancelled is to be, in the case of—
 - (a) paragraph (a) of subclause (2), the date requested by the licensee; or
 - (b) paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subclause (2), the date determined under section 27(6) of the Act.
- (4) If a licence is cancelled the fee paid for that licence is not refundable for the term of the licence that has not yet expired.

4.14 Transfer

- (1) An application for the transfer of a valid licence from the licensee to another person must be—
 - (a) made in the form determined by the local government;
 - (b) made by the transferee;
 - (c) made with the written consent of the licensee; and
 - (d) lodged with the local government together with—
 - (i) written evidence that a person will reside at or within reasonably close proximity to the premises the subject of the licence; and
 - (ii) the fee for the application for the transfer of a licence referred to in clause 4.10(3).
- (2) The local government is not to determine an application for the transfer of a valid licence until the transferee has complied with subclause (1).
- (3) The local government may approve, whether or not subject to such conditions as it considers appropriate, or refuse to approve an application for the transfer of a valid licence.
- (4) Where the local government approves an application for the transfer of a valid licence, then on the date of approval, unless otherwise specified in the notice issued under clause 4.15(b), the transferee becomes the licensee of the licence for the purposes of this local law.

4.15 Notification

The local government is to give written notice to—

- (a) an applicant for a licence of the local government's decision on her or his application;
- (b) a transferee of the local government's decision on her or his application for the transfer of a valid licence;
- (c) a licensee of any variation made under clause 4.13(1);
- (d) a licensee when her or his licence is due for renewal and the manner in which it may be renewed;
- (e) a licensee when her or his licence is renewed;
- (f) a licensee of the cancellation of a licence under clause 4.13(2)(a); and
- (g) a licensee of the cancellation of a licence under paragraphs (b), (c) or (d) of clause 4.13(2), which notice is to be given in accordance with section 27(6) of the Act.

4.16 Inspection of kennel establishment

With the consent of the occupier, an authorised person may inspect an approved kennel establishment at any time.

PART 5-MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Offence to excrete

- (1) A dog must not excrete on-
 - (a) any thoroughfare or other public place; or
 - (b) any land which is not a public place without the consent of the occupier.
- (2) Subject to subclause (3), if a dog excretes contrary to subclause (1), every person liable for the control of the dog at that time commits an offence.
- (3) The person liable for the control of the dog does not commit an offence against subclause (2) if any excreta is removed immediately by that person.

PART 6—ENFORCEMENT

6.1 Interpretation

In this Part—

infringement notice means the notice referred to in clause 6.3; and

notice of withdrawal means the notice referred to in clause 6.6(1).

6.2 Modified penalties

- (1) The offences contained in Schedule 3 are offences in relation to which a modified penalty may be imposed.
- (2) The amount appearing in the fourth column of Schedule 3 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence if—
 - (a) the dog is not a dangerous dog; or
 - (b) the dog is a dangerous dog, but an amount does not appear in the fourth column directly opposite that offence.
- (3) The amount appearing in the fifth column of Schedule 3 directly opposite an offence is the modified penalty payable in respect of that offence if the dog is a dangerous dog.

6.3 Issue of infringement notice

Where an authorised person has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence in respect of which a modified penalty may be imposed, he or she may issue to that person a notice.

6.4 Failure to pay modified penalty

Where a person who has received an infringement notice fails to pay the modified penalty within the time specified in the notice, or within such further time as allowed by the CEO, he or she is deemed to have declined to have the offence dealt with by way of a modified penalty.

6.5 Payment of modified penalty

A person who has received an infringement notice may, within the time specified in that notice or within such further time as may in any particular case be allowed by the CEO, send or deliver to the local government the amount of the penalty, with or without a reply as to the circumstances giving rise to the offence, and the local government may appropriate that amount in satisfaction of the penalty and issue an acknowledgment of receipt.

6.6 Withdrawal of infringement notice

- (1) Whether or not the modified penalty has been paid, an authorised person may withdraw an infringement notice by sending a notice.
- (2) A person authorised to issue an infringement notice under clause 6.3 cannot sign or send a notice of withdrawal.

6.7 Service

An infringement notice or a notice of withdrawal may be served on a person personally, or by leaving it at or posting it to her or his address as ascertained from her or him, or as recorded by the local government under the Act, or as ascertained from inquiries made by the local government.

6.8 Penalty

Any person who contravenes any provision of this local law or fails to comply with a notice issued under this local law commits an offence, to a penalty –

- (a) not exceeding \$1,000; or
- (b) \$100 for each day or part of a day.

SCHEDULE 1—APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE FOR AN APPROVED KENNEL ESTABLISHMENT (clause 4.2)						
I/we (f	ull name	2)				
of (pos	stal addr	ess)				
			(telephone number)			
			(E–mail address)			
Apply	for a lice	ence for an approved kenr	el establishment at (address of premises)			
For (nu	ımber a	nd breed of dogs)				
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*	the pre	emises so as to control the	will be residing (sufficiently close to edgs and so as to ensure their health and welfare) at(insert address of			
	reside	nce) on and from	(insert date).			
Attach	ed are –					
(b) (c) (d)	a site plan of the premises showing the location of the kennel establishment and yards and all other buildings and structures and fences; plans and specifications of the kennel establishment; copy of notice of proposed use to appear in newspaper; copy of notice of proposed use to be given to adjoining premises; written evidence that a person will reside –					
	(i) (ii)	at the premises; or sufficiently close to the health and welfare; and	premises so as to control the dogs and so as to ensure their			
(f)	-	person in item (e) is not the of the dogs.	e applicant, written evidence that the person is a person in			
		_	omply with the Code of Practice known as he keeping of dogs at the proposed kennel establishment.			
Signati	ure of ap	oplicant				
Date						
*delet	e where	inapplicable.				
<u>Note</u> : a	a licence	if issued will have effect	for a period of 12 months – section 27(5) of the <i>Dog Act</i>			
OFFICE	USE ON	ILY				
Applica	ation fee	e paid on [insert date].				

SCHEDULE 2—CONDITIONS OF A LICENCE FOR AN APPROVED KENNEL ESTABLISHMENT (clause 4.8(1))

An application for a licence for an approved kennel establishment may be approved subject to the following conditions –

- (a) each kennel establishment, unless it is fully enclosed, must have a yard attached to it;
- (b) each kennel establishment and each yard must be at a distance of not less than -
 - (i) 25m from the front boundary of the premises and 5m from any other boundary of the premises;
 - (ii) 10m from any dwelling; and
 - (iii) 25m from any church, school room, hall, factory, dairy or premises where food is manufactured, prepared, packed or stored for human consumption;
- (c) each yard for a kennel establishment must be kept securely fenced with a fence constructed of link mesh or netting or other materials approved by the local government;
- (d) the minimum floor area for each kennel establishment must be calculated at 2.5 times the length of the breed of dog (when it is fully grown), squared, times the number of dogs to be housed in the kennel establishment and the length of the dog is to be determined by measuring from the base of the tail to the front of its shoulder;
- (e) the floor area of the yard attached to any kennel establishment or group of kennel establishment must be at least twice the floor area of the kennel establishment or group of kennel establishment to which it is attached;
- (f) The upper surface of the kennel establishment floor must be
 - at least 100mm above the surface of the surrounding ground;
 - (ii) smooth so as to facilitate cleaning;
 - (iii) rigid;
 - (iv) durable;
 - (v) slip resistant;
 - (vi) resistant to corrosion;
 - (vii) non-toxic;
 - (viii) impervious;
 - (ix) free from cracks, crevices and other defects; and
 - (x) finished to a surface having a fall of not less than 1 in 100 to a spoon drain which in turn must lead to a suitably sized diameter sewerage pipe which must be properly laid, ventilated and trapped in accordance with the health requirements of the local government;
- (g) all kennel establishment floor washings must pass through the drain in item (f)(x) and must be
 piped to approved apparatus for the treatment of sewage in accordance with the health
 requirements of the local government;
- (h) the kennel establishment floor must have a durable upstand rising 75mm above the floor level from the junction of the floor and external and internal walls, or internal walls must be so constructed as to have a minimum clearance of 50mm from the underside of the bottom plate to the floor;
- (i) where a yard is to be floored, the floor must be constructed in the same manner as the floor of any kennel establishment;
- (j) from the floor, the lowest internal height of a kennel establishment must be, whichever is the lesser of
 - (i) 2m; or

- (ii) 4 times the height of the breed of dog in the kennel establishment, when it is fully grown, measured from the floor to the uppermost tip of its shoulders while in a stationary upright position;
- (k) the walls of each kennel establishment must be constructed of concrete, brick, stone or framing sheeted internally and externally with good quality new zincalume or new pre-finished colour coated steel sheeting or new fibrous cement sheeting or other durable material approved by the local government;
- (I) all external surfaces of each kennel establishment must be kept in good condition;
- (m) the roof of each kennel establishment must be constructed of impervious material;
- (n) all kennel establishment and yards and drinking vessels must be maintained in a clean condition and must be cleaned and disinfected when so ordered by an authorised person;
- (o) all refuse, faeces and food waste must be disposed of daily into the approved apparatus for the treatment of sewage;
- (p) noise, odours, fleas, flies and other vectors of disease must be effectively controlled;
- (q) suitable water must be available at the kennel establishment via a properly supported standpipe and tap; and
- (r) the licensee or the person nominated in the application for a licence, must, in accordance with the application for the licence, continue to reside
 - (i) at the premises; or
 - (ii) in the opinion of the local government, sufficiently close to the premises so as to control the dogs, and to ensure their health and welfare.

SCHEDULE 3—OFFENCES IN RESPECT OF WHICH MODIFIED PENALTY APPLIES (clause 6.2)

Offence	Nature of offence	Modified penalty \$	Dangerous Dog Modified Penalty \$
2.2(a)	Attempting to or causing the unauthorised release of a dog from a Dog Management Facility	200	400
2.2(b)	Interfering with any Dog Management Facility or vehicle used for the purpose of catching, holding or conveying dogs	200	400
3.1	Failing to provide means for effectively confining a dog	200	400
3.2 (3)	Keeping more than prescribed number of dogs without a permit	100	200
4.9	Failing to comply with the conditions of a licence	200	200
5.1(2)	Dog excreting in public place	200	200

Dated this 24th January 2023

The Common Seal of the Shire of Esperance was affixed in the presence of –

President. Chief Executive Officer Ordinary Council: Minutes 24 January 2023

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[Caution: External Email] This email was sent from outside the organisation - be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

Good afternoon,

This email is regarding the Shire's proposed local laws. The Department's comments on both local laws are provided below:

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Dog Local Law 2022

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1. Modified penalties – 10% rule

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The draft local law currently sets an unmodified penalty of \$1000 for most offences.

Under the Dog Act, modified penalties can't exceed 10% of the maximum unmodified penalty for that offence. As a result, an unmodified penalty of \$1000 will limit modified penalties to \$100 or less.

Several of the proposed penalties in Schedule 3 exceed this ratio. The Shire should lower these penalties accordingly.

Alternatively, the Shire can increase the unmodified penalty in clause 6.8 and consequentially increase the limit for modified penalties. However, if the Shire does this it will likely need to restart the law-making process from the beginning, since increasing the unmodified penalty is likely to qualify as a "significant difference" under section 3.13 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

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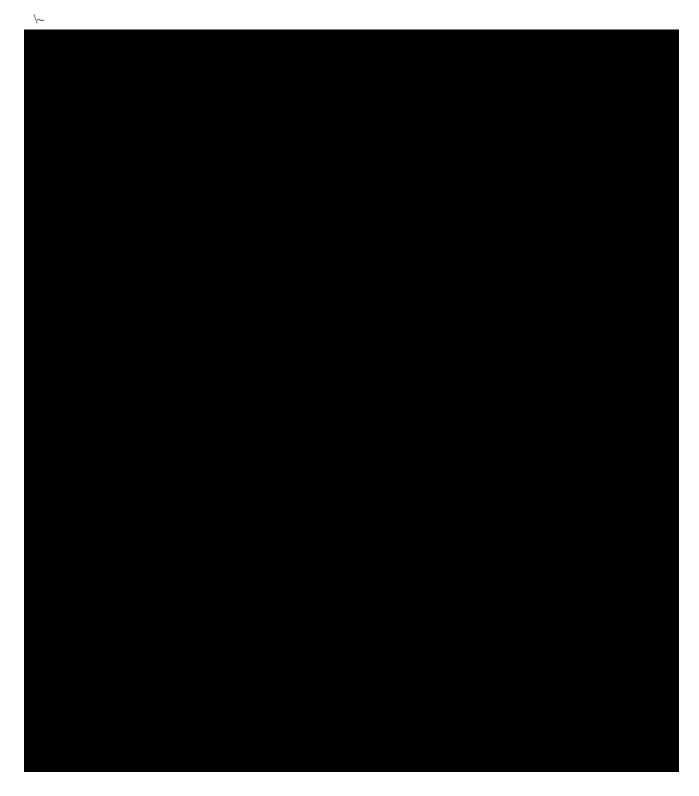
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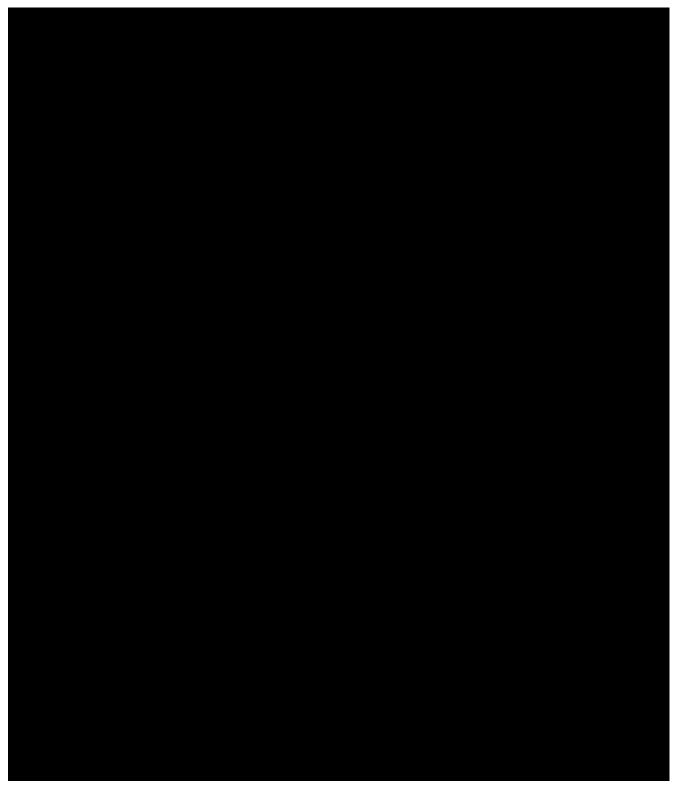
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The following minor edits are suggested:

- Enacting provision Change both legislative titles to italics.
- Defined terms should be bold and italics, without quote marks (e.g. CEO)
- Clause 1.1 and 1.4 Change the citation to italics.
- Clause 1.4 Delete "or is hereby".
- Clause 1.5 -
 - Move the definition for *authorised person* so it appears in alphabetical order.
 - Delete the duplicate definition for "authorised" person" currently included in the definition of assistance dogs.
 - Move the definition for "public place" to a new line and change the defined term to bold and italics.
- Schedule 1 In the title, correct the spelling of "establishment".
- Schedule 3
 - In the title, correct the bracket reference.

- In the penalty for clause 3.1 change the dangerous dog penalty to "as per Regulations".
 In the penalty for clause 4.9 change the dangerous dog penalty to "\$200" to ensure consistency with the penalties provided by the Dog Act.
 The Shire should also ensure that all references and cross references are checked for accuracy.





Minister's Directions – pursuant to s 3.12(7) of the *Local Government Act 1995*

Please note: once the Shire has published a local law in the *Government Gazette*, the Shire must comply with the requirements of the Minister's *Local Laws Explanatory Memoranda Directions 2010*. The Shire must, within 10 working days of the Gazettal publication date, forward the signed Explanatory Memoranda material to the Committee at the <u>current</u> address:

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A copy of the Explanatory Memoranda forms can be downloaded from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au. A copy of the Directions is also available at the Committee's webpage at the Parliament WA website. Failure to comply with the Directions may render the local law inoperable.

Please note that my comments:

- have been provided to assist the Shire with drafting matters in relation to the local law;
- do not constitute legal advice;
- have been provided in good faith for the Shire's consideration; and
- should not be taken as an approval of content.\

The Shire should ensure that a detailed editorial analysis of the proposed local law has been undertaken and that the content of the local law is in accordance with the Shire's policies and objectives.\-

Kind regards

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The Department acknowledges the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia as the traditional custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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Item: 12.3.4

Final Adoption of Cat Local Law 2022

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Executive Summary

For Council to consider adopting the Cat Local Law 2022 (Cat Local Law).

Recommendation in Brief

That Council makes the Cat Local Law 2022, subject to the Chief Executive Officer completing the necessary procedural steps in accordance with section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 August 2022, Council resolved to request the CEO to;

- 1. Give Local Public Notice of the proposed Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 in accordance with s.3.12(3) of the Local Government Act 1995;
- 2. Forward a copy of the proposed local law and public notices to the Minister for Local Government;
- 3. Prepare a further report at the conclusion of the public submission period to enable Council to consider submissions; and
- Advocate to local Members of Parliament for the Cat Act 2011 to be amended to enable the proposed Cat Local Law 2022 to be considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

While Council previously endorsed the Cats Local Law 2015, it was subsequently discarded prior to advertising on the basis the *Cat Act 2011* covered the proposed requirements.

However, there was an evident need for greater control of cats within the Shire given the *Cat Act 2011* has an animal welfare focus, with limited consideration for the environmental impact of uncontrolled cats on native fauna.

Specifically, the proposed Cat Local Law refers to:

- Cats wandering;
- Cat not to be a nuisance;
- Cat prohibited areas;
- Permits for keeping cats;
- Fees and charges;
- Objections and appeals; and
- Offences and penalties.

The endorsement of the proposed Cat Local Law followed extensive consultation with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and a briefing to Council on 19 July 2022.

Officer's Comment

Local public notice of the proposed Cat Local Law was given in accordance with section 3.12(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. A public submission period was open between 29 August and 22 October 2022, resulting in six (6) submissions (Attachment A).

Officer responses to all recommendations contained in the submissions are provided in Attachment C.

Four (4) submissions were received in support of the Cat Local Law, many of which advocated for stronger measures than those proposed. Such modifications were not incorporated into the Cat Local Law as they were already covered by the *Cat Act 2011* or Cat Regulations 2012, or related to geographical areas outside of the Shire's management.

One (1) submission was received from the Queensland-based Australian Pet Welfare Foundation (APWF), a not for profit peak research body and advocate for pet welfare. APWF provided several recommendations and did not support any proposed measures which mandated cat containment. No modifications were made to the Cat Local Law as a result of the submission.

One (1) submission was received by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC). The submission reinforced the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation's stance that while the *Cat Act 2011* permits local laws that prohibit cats absolutely from specified areas, it does not contemplate local laws that a) ban cats from all public areas b) place conditions on when a cat may be permitted in public areas, or c) attempt to restrict all cats in the district to their owner's premises.

Additionally, DLGSC questioned the proposed local cat seizure powers beyond those situations explicitly provided for in the *Cat Act 2011*, suggesting the definition of 'nuisance' be replaced with "nuisance has the same meaning as in the Act". However, officers note that there is no definition of 'nuisance' in either the *Cat Act 2011* or Cat Regulations 2012.

Overall, no modifications were made to the Cat Local Law following the local public notice period. Officers recommend endorsement by Council on the basis it has previously expressed a desire to progress with the law-making process. Albeit, elements relating to containing wandering cats remain unlikely to pass through the Joint Standing Committee.

To mitigate this, the CEO is in the process of writing to local Members of Parliament for the *Cat Act 2011* to be amended to enable the Cat Local Law to be considered by the Joint Standing Committee. Additionally, Council recently resolved to amend the Shire of Esperance Local Planning Scheme No. 24 to insert a new clause relating to cat control.

Consultation

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Financial Implications

There are nominal costs associated with making the local law, including advertising and gazettal.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 determines the process which all local governments must take when creating new local laws.

Strategic Implications

Council Plan 2022 - 2032

Performance - Outcome 15. Operational excellence and financial sustainability.

Environmental Considerations

Protection of native wildlife, habitat preservation and wildlife conservation were key considerations in the drafting of the proposed Local Law.

Attachments

- A.J. Cat Local Law Public Submissions
- BJ. Cat Local Law 2022
- C1. Cat Local Law Submission Summary Table

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

12.3.4 Final Adoption of Cat Local Law 2022

Moved: Cr Chambers Seconded: Cr de Haas

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Council Resolution

That Council;

- 1. Makes the Cat Local Law 2022, as per Attachment B, in accordance with section 3.12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, subject to the Chief Executive Officer;
 - a. Publishing the Cat Local Law 2022 in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 3.12(5) of the *Local Government Act 1995*;
 - b. Following gazettal, providing local public notice of the Cat Local Law 2022 in accordance with section 3.12(6) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
 - c. Following local public notice, providing an Explanatory Memorandum, signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer, and a copy of the Cat Local Law 2022 to the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in accordance with section 3.12(7) of the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED F6 - A0 4 October 2022

Shane Burge Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450

Dear Mr Burge,

Re: Esperance Draft Cat Local Law 2022

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the draft Cat Local Law 2022. It's a great initiative and I congratulate the Shire for developing this much needed local law.

I support the draft but kindly request two additions. First, cat owners should be required to licence their cats and pay a fee. It is a requirement for dogs, so it should also apply to cats. Examples of appropriate fees can be found by searching other cat local laws in WA.

Second, cats must be restricted to the property of the owner and not be allowed to leave the confines of the property. We accept that our dogs are not allowed to roam and be a nuisance, so cats should be governed by the same rules that apply to dogs. But more so to cats, as cats are instinctual killers of small animals and are having a devastating effect on our native wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Ingram PO Box 350 Esperance, WA 6450 3 October 2022

Shane Burge Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450

Dear Shane,

Esperance Draft Cat Local Law 2022

I write to you as a resident of Esperance and not on behalf of my employer.

I welcome the news that the Shire of Esperance is drafting a Cat Local Law and am very supportive of this much needed change. While the draft is an excellent start, I suggest the new law should be stronger to make a real positive change to help protect of our native wildlife.

Since the introduction of cats into Australia, native wildlife have paid a huge price. Australia's native wildlife evolved in the absence of major predators, (i.e. many birds nest on the ground). Local birds, including the hooded plover and western ground parrot are now listed as critically endangered. Small marsupials such as honey and pygmy possums and lizards are also under constant threat by cats. While research confirms feral cats kill on average over 750 native animals a year, domestic cats have a more devastating effect given the greater numbers of cats per kilometer in urban areas. The combined impacts of feral and roaming domestic cats have helped push 27 native animals into extinction and more are on the brink.

Lake Warden is a RAMSAR Wetland of International Importance. Hooded Plovers, Curlew Sandpipers, and 14 other threatened waterbirds frequent the area, as do many other birds, lizards and small marsupials. Presently, there is a 'cat highway' around the perimeter of the lake – a well-trodden path in the sand, which is constantly patrolled by cats stalking wildlife. If roaming cats are not brought under control, it doesn't bode well for the threatened species who rely on this area for nesting, resting and feeding.

Some cat owners are under a misconception that their cats don't hunt as they are well fed, and they don't roam. Cats are hunters by instinct and their stalking, chasing, and capturing instincts have remained through cat's evolution. Responsible pet ownership sometimes needs guidance from local government to do the right thing, and this is where the local cat law is important.

Therefore, I would like to suggest the draft local cat law be strengthened by adding the following:

- 1. As an opening statement, referencing the WA Cat Act 2011's minimum requirements that all domestic cats in Western Australia over six months of age need to be microchipped, registered, desexed and wear an identification tag in a public place.
- The Lake Warden RAMSAR Wetlands be declared a Cat Prohibited Area and strong penalties apply for cats caught there.
- 3. Cats must be confined to an owner's property with strong infringements for roaming cats.
- 4. All cats be treated the same as dogs with an annual licence fee applying to cats.
- 5. Impounded cats should not be permitted to be released back to an owner, unless they are microchipped, desexed and registered (at the expense of the owner).
- 6. Impounded unchipped cats, if unclaimed within seven days, should be destroyed. If they are suitable for re-homing, they must first be microchipped, desexed and registered.

Roaming cat control should be a regular, ongoing activity and the Shire should carry out regular cat, rabbit and fox control in parks and reserves especially the Lake Warden RAMSAR Wetlands.

The opportunity to comment on this important new local law is very much appreciated. I look forward to receiving feedback on how this submission was considered.

Yours sincerely,

Lori-Ann Shibish

Shane Burge Chief Executive Officer Shire of Esperance PO Box 507 Esperance WA 6450

18th October 2022

SUBMISSION RE PROPOSED CAT LOCAL LAW 2022

I would like to first thank you for the opporunity to make a submission on the proposed new law. Since the last cat law in 2011, much has changed, not the least of which there is now wide recognition of the impact cats have on our native wildlife. There have been studies proving that cats wander much further than their owners think, so we need to be aware of this when this law is enacted.

I for one, have a rural property, where I am trying to create a haven for wildlife, but I'm surrounded by cats that wander, and I frequently see them on our property.

I realise cats are an important part of a family, but, like dogs, they should be restrained and controlled, by their owners, wherever they live.

So, I hope I have constructed my submission in a way that is easy to follow and I hope that many other people are doing the same.

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Effective Control (d), any other means of preventing escape.

I would like to see here the mention of cat runs and enclosures. There are many available, of various designs, to ensure the safety of the cat, but also of the nearby wildlife.

Nuisance (e), is, or likely to be, injurious or dangerous to the health of any person or domestic or Australian indigenous animal.

It has been proven that cats are hunters, even though many owners think that if their cat is wandering during the day, because they are not bringing home prey, they are not killing.

So, 'likely' isn't the word to use here. Overall, they are a nuisance wherever they are outside their own home and enclosure.

PART 2 - CAT CONTROL

2.1 Cats wandering

3.(b) I don't think it should have to be an authorised person only who can seize and impound a cat if they are 'creating a nuisance'. How can it be possible to get hold of a ranger at any time? A property owner should be able to use a trap, then contact the relevant person to return or dispose of cat.

PART 3 - PERMITS FOR KEEPING CATS

3.2 Cats for which a permit is required.

1. (a) To keep more than 2 cats on any single dwelling or grouped dwelling premises to a maximum of 6 cats.

There can be no acceptable reason for anyone to have 6 cats.

Am I to understand that if someone has only 1 cat, they don't need to have a permit?

2. (d) a pet shop.

I think that pet shops are a huge part of the problem, if cats are sold too cheap. They are all cute when young and people want to have them, without realising how expensive they are to own and what responsibility comes with cat ownership. At the very least, when purchasing a cat from a pet shop, they should pay for a voucher to have their cat desexed when they are of age.

3.3 - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

1. (b) in a form approved by the local government, describing and specifying the number of cats to be kept on the premises.

As mentioned above, surely a maximum of 2 cats would be all owners could specify.

1 (c) accompanied by a brief reason and justification for the request.

How can anyone justify having more than 2 cats?

2. (a) consult with nearby land owners and/or occupiers

I would most certainly welcome consultation with landowners, as personally I don't want cats on my property.

(b) I would most certainly like to know when an application has been made, so we have the opportunity to reject (or request obligations of cat owners).

3.5 FACTORS RELEVANT TO DETERMINATION FOR APPLICATION

I am pleased that the following issues will be considered when an application for a permit is submitted.

- 1. (d) the environmental sensitivity and general nature of the location surrounding the premises
 - (e) the structural suitability of any enclosure in which any cat is to be kept
- (f) the likelihood of a cat causing nuisance, inconvenience, or annoyance to the occupants of adjoining land.

3.6 DECISION ON APPLICATION

I welcome the conditions of applications set out below.

- 1.(b) approve an application, but specify an alternative number of cats permitted to be housed at the address.
- 2. If the local government approves an application under subclause (1), then it shall issue to the applicant a permit in the form determined by the CEO.

3.7 CONDITIONS

I welcome all the conditions set out under (1), (2) and (3) of this section.

3.9 REVOCATION

I welcome the fact that the local government may revoke a permit if the permit holder fails to observe any provision of this local law or a condition of a permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments on the proposed Cat Local Law 2022.

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon,

This email is regarding the Shire's proposed local laws. The Department's comments on both local laws are provided below:

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Cat Local Law 2022

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1. Clause 2.1 - Banning cats from public areas

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Clause 2.1 attempts to ban cats from roaming in public unless they are under effective control.

The Parliament's Delegated Legislation Committee has formed the view that while the Cat Act permits local laws that prohibit cats absolutely from specified areas, it does not contemplate local laws that:

- ban cats from all public areas;
- place conditions on when a cat may be permitted in public areas; or
- attempts to restrict all cats in the district to their owner's premises.

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It is suggested that clause 2.1 be deleted and the relevant item removed from Schedule 4. If this clause isn't removed, it is likely the Committee will request an undertaking to delete it. \sim

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2. Clause 2.1 and 2.3 – Expansion of cat seizing powers

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Clause 2.1 provides that a roaming cat may be seized by the local government. Clause 2.3 makes a similar provision for cats found in a prohibited area.

Currently, the Cat Act allows local governments to seize cats when:

- a. The cat is on a private property without consent and the owner of the property explicitly requests the cat's removal;
- b. The cat is suspected of an offence under the Act; or
- c. The seizure is ordered by the courts.

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It is uncertain whether cat local laws can expand a local government's cat seizure powers beyond those situations explicitly provided for in the Act. The Shire may wish to consider removing these extra cat-seizure provisions and enforce those clauses via fine instead. \sim

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3. Redefinition of nuisance

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The local law's interpretation clause contains a broad definition of "nuisance", which seems to include things which would not normally qualify as a nuisance under common law.

For example, the killing of native fauna on a property would not generally qualify as nuisance, since native fauna is generally not the landowner's property. As another example, the fact that a cat was urinating on someone else's premises would not always

qualify as a nuisance, since the cat may urinate in a manner that doesn't impact the landholder's enjoyment of the premises.

While a local law can regulate cats that cause a nuisance, it is unlikely that a local law can redefine the concept of "nuisance" to mean something other than what it already means in the Act.

It is suggested that the definition be deleted completely or alternatively replaced with:

|-|-|-|-|-|-|-|-|-|-|-|-| as in the Act;

4. Clause 4.1 - Impoundment fees

Clause 4.1 of the local law provides for the setting of fees, including fees regarding keeping and caring for a cat.

While there is nothing wrong with setting a uniform impoundment fee, the Shire should keep in mind that the Cat Act allows local governments to recover the "reasonable cost" of impounding and caring for the cat.

Accordingly, the uniform fee for a particular cat may need to be adjusted if the final amount exceeds the actual costs incurred in relation to the animal.

5. Local Law lacks unmodified penalty

While the current draft of the local law provides that non-compliance is an offence, it does not specify any unmodified penalty for committing the offence.

It is suggested that an unmodified penalty be added to the local law, either via a general penalty clause or by specifying the penalty separately under each clause containing an offence.

If the Shire takes either of these options, it will likely need to restart the law-making process from the beginning, since introducing a penalty where none exists is likely to qualify as a "significant difference" for the purposes of section 3.13 of the Local Government Act 1995.

When the Shire adds an unmodified penalty, it should also ensure that the modified penalties for each offence does not exceed 10% of the unmodified amount for that offence.

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6. Minor edits

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The following minor edits are suggested:

- Clause 1.4 In the definition for owner, change "keptor" to "kept or"
- Clause 5.1 Replace "Miscellaneous Provisions of the"
- Clause 6.3 In both instances of "Regulations" ensure the capital "R" is italicised.

 Schedule 1 The Cat Act only allows the creation of a cat prohibited areas on land that is owned, controlled or managed by the Shire. The Shire should review the locations and ensure that they qualify for prohibition. If any of the locations are held or controlled by private entities or by the State Government, they should be removed from the list.
- The Shire should also check all references and cross references to ensure their accuracy.

Minister's Directions – pursuant to s 3.12(7) of the Local Government Act 1995

Please note: once the Shire has published a local law in the *Government Gazette*, the Shire must comply with the requirements of the Minister's *Local Laws Explanatory Memoranda Directions 2010*. The Shire must, within 10 working days of the Gazettal publication date, forward the signed Explanatory Memoranda material to the Committee at the <u>current</u> address:

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A copy of the Explanatory Memoranda forms can be downloaded from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au. A copy of the Directions is also available at the Committee's webpage at the Parliament WA website. Failure to comply with the Directions may render the local law inoperable.

Please note that my comments:

- have been provided to assist the Shire with drafting matters in relation to the local law;
- do not constitute legal advice;
- have been provided in good faith for the Shire's consideration; and
- should not be taken as an approval of content.\

The Shire should ensure that a detailed editorial analysis of the proposed local law has been undertaken and that the content of the local law is in accordance with the Shire's policies and objectives.\-

Kind regards

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The Department acknowledges the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia as the traditional custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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19 October 2022

Shane Burge Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450

Dear Shane

Esperance Draft Cat Local Law 2022

The Esperance Bird Observers Group has been active in the Esperance area for more than 45 years and have organized and participated in regular annual bird surveys over a long period. This data is critical to monitoring bird numbers and is all uploaded to the Birdlife Australia data base.

Over this time, members have observed the presence of both domesticated and feral cats in urban environments, throughout our internationally recognized local wetlands areas at Lake Warden, Pink Lake, Lakes Wheatfield, Woody Lake, Lake Windabout and Station and Mullet Lakes, in reserves and parklands, on farming remnant vegetation areas, on our beaches and National Parks in our area.

Annual survey numbers show declines in some local and migratory bird species. In our area we have a number of birds that are either critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable. They include the Western Ground Parrot, Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Mallee fowl and Superb Parrot.

Strong action is necessary as both domestic and feral cats are a major threat to native wildlife. A recent national study (Attachment A) found that on average a domestic cat kills 186 native animals per annum (mostly birds, reptiles and small mammals), while feral cats kill 748 native animals each year (on average)¹. Cats are devastating our wildlife and this problem is particularly severe in suburban areas because of the higher density of domestic cats and the isolated pockets of habitat for native fauna.

The Esperance Bird Observers are very pleased to see the Shire of Esperance recognizing the ongoing threats to our native wildlife and proceeding to develop strong cat local laws to manage this problem. The biggest immediate threat to biodiversity is roaming cats and a simple solution is to treat cats the same as we treat dogs and insure that they are effectively controlled and securely confined when at their owners' properties.

The RSPCA states that "Cat containment regulations need to mandate 24-hour containment, rather than night-time curfews, if they are to significantly reduce wildlife predation, breeding of unwanted cats and cat nuisance." Keeping cats happy at home extends their average life expectancy from just three years to between 12 and 18 years, while helping preserve the 46 per cent of Australia's threatened fauna that live in our cities and towns.

We understand the creation and enforcement of local laws requires considerable resources and expense and believe it is important to draft the strongest possible cat local law this time around. We would like to see the DRAFT Local Cat Law strengthened by adding the following measure:

 Cat owners to maintain a proper enclosure to prevent their cat from wandering or escaping from the Cat Owners property.

Cat Prohibited Areas

It is extremely important for Prohibited Cat areas to be expanded to cover all Nature Reserves in the Shire. Our research and investigation have shown us the deficiencies in the Cat Act 2011 have severely hampered Local Governments in their bid to exclude cats from any other area except reserves and parks vested in and managed by the individual Local Government's. The City of Fremantle, Cockburn, Kwinana and Stirling have all tried to expand their areas without success. The best course of action we believe is for the Shire to call on the Western Australian Local Government Association to lobby for the review and updating of the Cat Act 2011.

As it stands the Cat Act 2011 does not give our wildlife any hope.

Education and Control

We commend and encourage the Shire to continue with and expand their following initiatives:

- 1. The widespread circulation of the Shire's "Responsible Cat Ownership information sheets", updated the with new responsibilities contained in this proposed legislation.
- 2. To actively encourage Breeders, rescue shelters and pet shops to make all new cat owners fully aware of their responsibilities and provide all new owners with the "Responsible Cat Ownership information Sheets".
- **3.** Expand the current cat trapping in the Shire Reserves and work collaboratively with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Esperance Tjaljraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation to remove feral cats from nature reserves and local bushland areas.

Community Awareness

As you are aware Community awareness and education are extremely important aspects in the introduction of this Local Cat Law. Below are a few programs you may already be aware of.

<u>Cat owner education program – Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance</u>) Happy at Home - YouTube

Keeping Cats Safe https://youtu.be/g-5kL7MVSd4
Where Do Cats Go https://youtu.be/0iFSST86Maw

The Impact of Roaming Pet Cats https://youtu.be/ytZM3Tm oQc

Further Information

Included here are references and links to the many research papers and reports documenting the extremely damaging contribution made by feral and domestic cats to the dire state of our environment and rate of extinctions.

Thank you for your invitation to comment on this important initiative. We look forward to receiving feedback from you on how our submission was considered.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Norris-Chair EBOG

cc Shire of Esperance President and Council Members

References

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7(Meet the 27 Australian animals cats helped send extinct since colonisation (invasives.org.au) ⁴
A fact sheet from the Invasive Species Council is attached for reference.



Shane Burge Chief Executive Officer Shire of Esperance PO Box 507 Esperance WA 6450

21 October 2022

Dear Mr Burge,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022.

Stakeholder Background

The Australian Pet Welfare Foundation (APWF) is the peak research body and advocate for pet welfare in Australia. As a not-for-profit organisation, APWF provides evidence-based solutions within the community to protect Australian native wildlife, companion animals and people. APWF specialises in research related to contemporary urban cat management aimed at reducing roaming cats, nuisance complaints and potential wildlife predation. APWF is led by Chief Scientist Dr. Jacquie Rand, Emeritus Professor of Companion Animal Health at The University of Queensland (UQ) and a registered specialist veterinarian in small animal internal medicine. She has worked extensively in shelter research over the last 15 years, including collaborative studies with the RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and local governments.

Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022

The Australian Pet Welfare Foundation notes Esperance Council's statement that the purpose of the Cat Local Law 2022 is to enable greater regulation and control of cats. However, it is important to recognise that, based on the scientific evidence, regulations prohibiting cats from a public place unless the cat is under effective control, and prohibiting a cat from a place that is not a public place without the consent of the owner or occupier, will not be effective at reducing wandering cats in Esperance. This is because the proposals by the Shire of Esperance are effectively the same as 24/7 mandated cat containment (also called a 24-hour cat curfew) whereby cats are required to be confined to their owner's property at all times. The scientific evidence clearly demonstrates that these approaches are not effective at reducing wandering cats. Please see the attached APWF Key Issues to consider related to mandated cat containment document which provides detailed information.

Australian Pet Welfare Foundation Position Statement on Cat Containment

The Australian Pet Welfare Foundation (APWF) strongly encourages inside containment of cats at night, and where possible, contained to the owner's property during the day in a comfortable environment which meets the cat's physical and mental needs. However, the APWF is strongly opposed to mandated cat containment (night curfews and 24/7) because it leads to increased cat nuisance complaints, increased cat impoundments, increased cat and kitten euthanasia, increased costs and enforcement difficulties for local governments, increased mental health damage to veterinary staff and community residents (including depression, traumatic stress and increased suicide risk), caused by euthanasing healthy cats and kittens and no reduction in the overall number of wandering cats.

Mandated Cat Containment is Ineffective

Mandated cat containment (as per the Shire of Esperance proposals) has been proven to be an ineffective strategy; a failure at reducing wandering cats in the short and long term, both in Australia and internationally. Mandated cat containment is not an effective strategy to reduce wandering cats because most wandering cats are strays with no owner to contain them. Even for cats with an owner, containment is often not achievable due to factors such as housing limitations, lack of financial resources and concerns about the welfare of confined cats.



Mandated cat containment (as per the Shire of Esperance proposals) actively prevents the resolution of the problem of wandering cats, because it presents a huge barrier to cat semi-owners taking full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding. Please see attached APWF Cat Definitions document for details about semi-owned stray cats.

Mandated cat containment is not a feasible strategy

Cat containment measures such as cat curfews or containment of cats to their owner's property and/or a non-public place with consent, are essentially unenforceable (please see Key Issues document attached for evidence). The City of Hobsons Bay and Hume City Council in Melbourne Victoria investigated the viability of implementing a cat curfew in 2014 and 2018 (please see attached Hume and Hobsons Bay reports). Hume City stated that cat impoundment statistics and learnings from other councils demonstrate that a cat curfew would be largely unenforceable and the City of Hobsons Bay also acknowledged that introduction of mandated cat containment would lead to community expectations about enforcement that cannot be delivered. Both cities concluded that mandated cat containment is not an effective strategy for reducing the number of wandering cats, and would therefore not be effective in reducing nuisance cat complaints or predation of native wildlife by cats. The lack of local government ability to effectively enforce cat containment measures renders this approach impractical and not a feasible strategy for local governments.

Domestic cats and native wildlife populations

Wildlife protection is an argument often proposed as a reason for mandated cat containment measures such as cat curfews or prohibiting cats from public places. Critically however, there is no evidence that domestic cats living among people, in urban and peri-urban areas, or on rural properties negatively impact native wildlife populations. Nor is there any evidence that cat restrictions in urban areas benefit wildlife populations. Please see the attached documents APWF Domestic cats and native wildlife populations and APWF Cat definitions for more information.

What is Effective

A more effective approach is to help people with the desexing and microchipping of their semi-owned cat, and supporting them to take full ownership. This is achieved through Community Cat Programs, i.e., high-intensity free desexing programs targeted to areas of high impoundments or complaints.

By significantly reducing the number of unwanted kittens born, such programs, not mandated curfews or containment measures such as those proposed by Esperance, are the key solution to the problem of wandering cats and the associated issues such as nuisance complaints, costs to local governments and potential wildlife predation.

The APWF estimates that there are more than 430 Esperance residents feeding more than 640 semiowned stray cats in Esperance each day. The APWF recommends that Esperance Animal Management Officers determine the locations of these cat semi-owners (areas of high complaints and impoundments) and engage with and assist these residents to have their stray cat desexed and microchipped to reduce wandering cats and associated issues instead of introducing ineffective containment provisions.

City of Banyule

In the City of Banyule (Melbourne, Victoria) which does not have mandated cat containment laws, in the third year after implementing a high-intensity free desexing and microchipping program (a Community Cat program) targeted to where cat-related calls and impoundments were occurring in Banyule (typically the low socio-economic areas):

- impoundments decreased by 61%
- euthanasia decreased by 74%
- cat-related calls decreased by 64% (from 11 to 4 cat calls/1000 residents)

Since 2013, Banyule has spent \$60,000 on its free desexing program and saved \$397,500 on cat impoundment costs alone.



In contrast, data from the cities of Yarra Ranges and Casey in Victoria, show impoundments remain higher than baseline, and considerably higher than the population increase, 3 years and 20 years after mandating cat containment, demonstrating that cat containment is not an effective cat management strategy to reduce wandering cats in the short, medium or long term.

APWF recommendations

To effectively reduce the number of wandering cats and associated issues such as cat nuisance complaints, cat management costs or potential wildlife predation in Esperance, strategies need to be science-based.

Recommendation 1: Shire of Esperance should reject mandated cat containment (PART 2 – CAT CONTROL 2.1 Cats wandering and 2.3 Cat prohibited areas) because they will not reduce wandering cats or associated issues (nuisance complaints or potential wildlife predation) and have negative consequences including causing psychological harm to people associated with euthanasia of healthy cats and kittens, increasing costs to councils, and creating a barrier to resolving the wandering cat issue.

Recommendation 2: Shire of Esperance should implement Community Cat Programs which involve high-intensity free desexing and microchipping of cats targeted to areas of high impoundments and complaints. These proactive, non-lethal and humane programs are cost-effective and scientifically proven to significantly reduce the number of wandering cats and associated issues including cat nuisance complaints, impoundments, euthanasia and potential wildlife predation. Please see attached APWF Info sheet: How to implement a Community Cat program 11 steps.

Recommendation 3: Shire of Esperance should widely promote voluntary strategic Bed-time feeding as a highly effective way to assist cat owners at minimal to no additional cost to keep owned pet cats safely inside at night and prevent potential wildlife predation (but not mandate cat containment or prohibit cats in public places or on non-public places without consent from owner or occupier). Please see attached APWF Infographic: Strategic Bed-time feeding.

Recommendation 4: Shire of Esperance should retain Nuisance behaviour Local by-laws ensuring they are written in a way to allow flexibility for Animal Management Officers (AMOs) to assess the situation relating to a wandering cat before automatically impounding the cat (see the Brisbane City Council Animals Local Law 2017). The Shire of Denmark in WA recently enacted Cat Nuisance laws but did not mandate cat curfews or prohibit cats from public places or prohibit cats from non-public places without consent from owner or occupier.

Recommendation 5: Shire of Esperance should classify all cats that live among people, are involved in complaints and/or enter pound/shelter facilities as domestic cats – owned, semi-owned or unowned.

Recommendation 6: Shire of Esperance should focus on native habitat preservation to best protect native wildlife including regulatory protections, given that land clearing is well-recognised as the number one threat to Australian native wildlife populations.

Recommendation 7: Shire of Esperance should maximise road safety measures to prevent native wildlife road strike.

Recommendation 8: Shire of Esperance should identify locations where wildlife of conservation concern are present and target these specific areas with resources such as barrier or exclusion fencing, and/or assist cat owners with constructing cat proof fencing (but not mandate cat containment).

In conclusion, based on the scientific evidence, the proposed Esperance cat laws which prohibit cats from public places and non-public places without consent from owner or occupier (mandated cat containment) should be rejected by the Shire of Esperance because, based on the scientific evidence, they will not reduce the overall number of wandering cats in Esperance or protect native wildlife or reduce nuisance cat



complaints in Esperance. Instead, evidence-based solutions including proactive Community cat programs, voluntary strategic Bed-time feeding, native habitat preservation and cat nuisance laws (as per Brisbane City Council) should be implemented which will effectively reduce the overall number of wandering cats in Esperance and associated issues such as nuisance complaints, cat management costs, cat impoundments and euthanasia (and associated negative mental health impacts on staff and Esperance community residents) and potential wildlife predation.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely,

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

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SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

CAT LOCAL LAW 2022

Under the powers conferred on it by the *Cat Act 2011* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other enabling powers, the Council of the Shire of Esperance resolved on 24th January 2023 to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022.

1.2 Commencement

This local law comes into operation fourteen (14) days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

1.3 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.4 Definitions

In this local law unless the context otherwise requires —

Act means the Cat Act 2011;

applicant means the occupier of the premises who makes an application for a permit under this local law;

authorised person means a person appointed by the local government to perform the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

cat means an animal of the species felis catus or a hybrid of that species;

cat management facility means —

- (a) a facility operated by a local government that is, or may be, used for keeping cats; or
- (b) a facility for keeping cats that is operated by a person or body prescribed; or
- (c) a facility for keeping cats that is operated by a person or body approved in writing by a local government;

cattery means any premises where more than 3 cats are boarded, housed or trained temporarily, usually for profit, and where the occupier of the premises is not the ordinary keeper of the cats;

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

Council means the Council of the local government;

district means the district of the local government;

effective control in relation to a cat means any of the following methods —

- (a) held by a person who is capable of controlling the cat;
- (b) securely tethered;
- (c) secured in a cage; or
- (d) any other means of preventing escape.

Grouped dwelling (commonly referred to as a duplexes, villas or townhouses) means a dwelling that is one of a group of two or more dwellings on the same lot such that no dwelling is placed wholly or partly vertically above the other, except where special conditions of landscape or topography dictate otherwise, and includes a dwelling on a survey strata with common property.

local government means the Shire of Esperance;

multiple dwelling (often called flats, apartments or units) means a dwelling in a group of more than one dwelling on a lot where any part of a dwelling is vertically above part of any other but —

- does not include a grouped dwelling; and
- includes any dwellings above the ground floor in a mixed use development.

Nuisance means behaviour that includes where a cat —

- (a) excretes or urinates on premises being premises where the cat is not normally resident;
- (b) an activity or condition which is harmful or annoying and which gives rise to legal liability in the tort of public or private nuisance at law;
- (c) an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of a person of his or her ownership or occupation of land;
- (d) interference which causes material damage to land or other property on the land affected by the interference: or
- (e) is, or is likely to be, injurious or dangerous to the health of any person or domestic or Australian indigenous animal.

owner in relation to a cat means any of the following persons —

- (a) the owner of the cat as defined in the Act;
- (b) a person by whom the cat is ordinarily kept;
- (c) a person who has or appears to have immediate custody or control of the cat;
- (d) a person who keeps the cat, or has the cat in her or his possession for the time being;
- (e) a person who occupies any premises in which a cat is ordinarily kept or ordinarily permitted to live; or
- (f) a permit holder of a permit which relates to the cat;
- (g) the holder of an exemption issued in relation to the cat.

permit means a permit issued by the local government under clause 3.6;

permit holder means a person who holds a valid permit under clause 3.6;

person liable for the control of means each of the following in relation to a cat —

- (a) the registered owners of the cat;
- (b) the owner of the cat;
- (c) the occupier of any premises where the cat is ordinarily kept or ordinarily permitted to live; or
- (d) a person who has the cat in their possession or under their control, but does not include a registered veterinary surgeon, or a person acting on their behalf, in the course of their professional practice;

premises includes the following —

(a) land (whether or not vacant);

- (b) the whole or part of a building or structure (whether of a permanent or temporary nature); and
- (c) a vehicle.

public place includes any place to which the public lawfully has access;

RSPCA means the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc) of Western Australia;

Schedule means a schedule to this local law;

Scheme means a local planning scheme of the local government made by it under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* and its antecedents; and

single dwelling means a house that stands alone on its own parcel of land.

PART 2 - CAT CONTROL

2.1 Cats wandering

- (1) A cat shall not be in a public place unless the cat is under effective control.
- (2) A cat shall not be in a place that is not a public place without the consent of the owner or occupier.
- (3) If a cat is at any time in contravention of clause 2.1(1) or 2.1(2)
 - (a) the person liable for the control of such cat commits an offence; and
 - (b) an authorised person may seize and impound the cat and deal with the cat pursuant to the Act.

2.2 Cat not to be a nuisance

- (1) An owner shall not allow a cat to be or create a nuisance.
- (2) Where in the opinion of an authorised person, a cat is creating a nuisance, the local government may give written notice to the owner of the cat requiring that person to abate the nuisance.
- (3) When a nuisance has occurred and a notice to abate the nuisance is given, the notice remains in force for the period specified by the local government in the notice which shall not exceed twenty eight (28) days.
- (4) A person given a notice to abate the nuisance shall comply with the notice within the period specified in the notice.

2.3 Cat prohibited areas

- (1) Unless in accordance with written authorisation from the local government a cat must not be in a cat prohibited area, as provided for in Schedule 1, at any time.
- (2) If a cat is in a cat prohibited area contrary to subclause (1), the owner of the cat commits an offence.
- (3) An authorised person may seize and remove, or direct the seizure and removal of a cat from a cat prohibited area, pursuant to the Act.

PART 3—PERMITS FOR KEEPING CATS

3.1 Interpretation

In this Part, and for the purposes of applying the definition of *cattery* in Part 3— *cat* does not include a cat less than 6 months old.

3.2 Cats for which a permit is required

- (1) Subject to clause 3.2(2) a person is required to have a permit
 - (a) to keep more than two(2) cats on any single dwelling or grouped dwelling premises to a maximum of six (6) cats;
 - (b) to keep more than two (2) cats on any multiple dwelling property to a maximum of three (3) cats;or
 - (c) to use any premises as a cattery.
- (2) A permit is not required under clause 3.2(1) if the premises concerned are
 - (a) a refuge of the RSPCA or any other animal welfare organisation;
 - (b) a cat management facility which has been approved by the local government;
 - (c) a veterinary surgery; or
 - (d) a pet shop;

3.3 Application for permit

- (1) An application for a permit under clause 3.2 shall be
 - (a) made in writing by an occupier of premises in relation to those premises;
 - (b) in a form approved by the local government, describing and specifying the number of cats to be kept on the premises;
 - (c) accompanied by a brief reason and justification for the request;
 - (d) accompanied by the plans of the premises to which the application relates to the specification and satisfaction of the local government;
 - (e) accompanied by the consent in writing of the owner of the premises, where the occupier is not the owner of the premises to which the application relates; and
 - (f) accompanied by the application fee for the permit determined by the local government from time to time.
- (2) In determining an application for a permit pursuant to subclause (1) the local government may consider such matters as it deems appropriate and may request the applicant
 - (a) consult with nearby landowners and/or occupiers;
 - (b) advise nearby landowners and/or occupiers that they may make submissions to the local government on the application for a permit within fourteen (14) days of receiving that advice, before determining the application for the permit; or
 - (c) provide such further or other information as deemed necessary in order for it to make a determination.

3.4 Refusal to determine application

The local government may refuse to determine an application for a permit if it is not made in accordance with clauses 3.3(1) and 3.3(2).

3.5 Factors relevant to determination of application

- (1) In determining an application for a permit the local government may have regard to
 - (a) the reasons and justification provided for the request;
 - (b) the physical suitability of the premises for the proposed use;
 - (c) the suitability of the zoning of the premises under any Scheme which applies to the premises for the use:
 - (d) the environmental sensitivity and general nature of the location surrounding the premises for the proposed use;
 - (e) the structural suitability of any enclosure in which any cat is to be kept;

- (f) the likelihood of a cat causing a nuisance, inconvenience or annoyance to the occupiers of adjoining land;
- (g) the likely effect on the amenity of the surrounding area of the proposed use;
- the likely effect on the local environment, including any pollution or other environment damage which may be caused by the use;
- (i) any submissions received under clause 3.5(2)(a) within the time specified in clause 3.5(2)(b); and
- (j) such other factors which the local government may consider to be relevant in the circumstances of the particular case.
- (2) The local government may require an applicant to
 - (a) consult with other nearby landowners; and
 - (b) advise other adjoining landowners that they may make submissions to the local government on the application for the permit within fourteen (14) days of receiving that advice, before determining the application for the permit.
- (3) The local government may specify the extent of the consultation with nearby residents, as specified in clause 3.5(2)(a) and may specify which properties should be consulted.

3.6 Decision on application

- (1) The local government may
 - (a) approve an application for a permit, as it was submitted, in which case it shall approve it subject to the conditions in clause 3.7 and may approve it subject to any other conditions it considers fit;
 - (b) approve an application, but specify an alternative number of cats permitted to be housed at the address; or
 - (c) refuse to approve an application for a permit.
- (2) If the local government approves an application under subclause (1), then it shall issue to the applicant a permit in the form determined by the CEO.
- (3) If the local government refuses to approve an application under subclause (1), then it shall advise the applicant accordingly in writing.

3.7 Conditions

- (1) Every permit is issued subject to the following conditions -
 - (a) each cat kept on the premises to which the permit relates shall comply with the requirements of this local law;
 - (b) each cat shall be contained on the premises unless under the effective control of a person;
 - (c) the permit holder will provide adequate space for the exercise of the cats; and
 - (d) the premises shall be maintained in good order and in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (2) In addition to permit conditions issued under this clause, additional conditions may be applied, as the local government considers appropriate.
- (3) The permit holder who fails to comply with a condition of a permit commits an offence.

3.8 Duration of permit

Unless otherwise specified, in a condition on a permit, a permit commences on the date of issue and is valid until-

- (a) it is revoked;
- (b) the cat is deceased; or
- (c) the permit holder ceases to reside at the premises to which the permit relates.

3.9 Revocation

The local government may revoke a permit if the permit holder fails to observe any provision of this local law or a condition of a permit.

3.10 Permit not transferable

A permit is not transferable either in relation to the permit holder or the premises.

3.11 Permit to be kept at the premises and available for view

A permit issued by the local government shall be kept at the premises to which it applies and shall be provided to an authorised person on demand. In the case of a registered cattery, the permit shall be displayed in a prominent place within the premises.

PART 4— FEES, CHARGES AND COSTS

4.1 Fees, Charges and Costs

The following are to be imposed and determined by the local government under sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995 —

- (a) the charges to be levied under section 31(1)(a) of the Act relating to the removing and impounding of a cat;
- (b) the charges to be levied under section 31(1)(b) of the Act relating to keeping and caring for a cat;
- (c) the costs incurred by the operator of a cat management facility under section 31(1)(c) of the Act for the microchipping of a cat prior to release if so required under section 33 of the Act;
- (d) the cost incurred by the operator of a cat management facility under section 31(1)(d) of the Act for the sterilisation of a cat if so required under section 33 of the Act; and
- (e) the costs of the destruction and the disposal of a cat under section 34 of the Act.

PART 5—OBJECTIONS AND REVIEW

5.1 Objection and appeal rights

Any person who is aggrieved by the conditions imposed in relation to a permit, the revocation of a permit, or by the refusal of the local government to grant a permit may object to or appeal against the decision pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1995* (Part 9, Division 1 - Objections and Review).

PART 6—ENFORCEMENT

6.1 Offences

Any person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

6.2 Prescribed offences

- (1) An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 2 is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 62(2) of the Act.
- (2) The amount appearing in the final column of Schedule 2 directly opposite a clause specified in that Schedule is the modified penalty for an offence against that clause.

6.3 Forms

(1) The issue of infringement notices, their withdrawal and the payment of modified penalties are dealt with in Division 4 of Part 4 of the Act.

- (2) An infringement notice given under section 62 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 6 of Schedule 1 of the *Cat Regulations 2012*.
- (3) A notice sent under section 65 of the Act withdrawing an infringement notice is to be in the form of Form 7 of Schedule 1 of the *Cat Regulations 2012*.

6.4 Serving of infringement notices

- (1) An infringement notice served under section 62 of the Act or this local law may be given to a person by way of one of the following:
 - (a) personally;
 - (b) by registered mail addressed to the person;
 - (c) by leaving it for the person at her or his address; or
 - (d) by email.

Schedule 1 PLACES WHERE CATS ARE PROHIBITED ABSOLUTLEY

[Clause 2.3]

Table 1 Locations where cats are prohibited absolutely

RESERVE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
27318	Esperance Foreshore
27626	Skroly Park
41097	Tjaltjraak Boodja Park
23043	Lake Monjinup Reserve
31112, 41141	Dempster Head
31540 25891	West Beach and Blue Haven
35201	Bandy Creek
32337	Munglinup Beach
40943	Quagi Beach
39409	Alexander Bay
40772	Kennedys Beach
3805	Israelite Bay
3473	Esperance Cemetery
4181	Common
24284	Sand Reserve
38227	Esperance Golf Club
28099	Newtown Oval
42818	Pink Lake Reserve
33660	Lot 1967 Stearne Road

Schedule 2 MODIFIED PENALTIES

[Clause 6.2]

Table 2 Modified Penalties

Item	Clause	Offence	Modified Penalty
1	2.1(3)	Cat wandering	\$200
2	2.1(4)	Cat not to be a nuisance	\$200
3	2.2	Cat in cat prohibited area	\$200
4	3.2(1)(a) & (b)	Keeping more than prescribed number of cats without a permit	\$200
5	3.2(1)(c)	Keeping a cattery without a permit	\$200
6	3.7(3)	Failure to comply with permit condition	\$200

Schedule 3 FORMS

[Clause 3.3(1)(b)]

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP CATS

SHIRE OF ESPERANCE CAT LOCAL LAW 2022

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP CATS

I/we (full name)
of (postal address)
(telephone number)
(facsimile number)(E–mail address)
Apply for a permit to keep cats at (address of premises)
For (number and breed of cats)
(insert name of person) will be residing at the premises on and from (insert date)
The application shall be –
 (a) accompanied by a brief reason and justification for the request; (b) accompanied by the plans of the premises to which the application relates to the specification and satisfaction of the local government; (c) accompanied by the consent in writing of the owner of the premises, where the occupier is not the owner of the premises to which the application relates; and (d) accompanied by the application fee for the permit determined by the local government from time to time.
Signature of applicant
Date
OFFICE USE ONLY
Application fee paid on [insert date].

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Dated this		

The Common Seal of the Shire of Esperance was affixed in the presence of $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{-}}$

IAN MICKEL, Shire President

SHANE BURGE, Chief Executive Officer.

Submission from Colin Ingram	Officers Comment	Recommendation
I support the draft but kindly request two additions. First, cat owners should be required to licence their cats and pay a fee. It is a requirement for dogs, so it should also apply to cats. Examples of appropriate fees can be found by searching other cat local laws in WA.	This is a requirement of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> and Cat Regulations 2012.	Dismiss
Second, cats must be restricted to the property of the owner and not be allowed to leave the confines of the property. We accept that our dogs are not allowed to roam and be a nuisance, so cats should be governed by the same rules that apply to dogs. But more so to cats, as cats are instinctual killers of small animals and are having a devastating effect on our native wildlife.	Already considered in proposed Cat Local Law - part 2 Cat Control 2.1 Cats wandering and 2.2 Cat not to be a nuisance.	Noted
Submission from Lori-Ann Shibish	Officers Comment	Recommendation
As an opening statement, referencing the WA Cat Act 2011's minimum requirements that all domestic cats in Western Australia over six months of age need to be microchipped, registered, desexed and wear an identification tag in a public place.	The purpose of the Cat Local Law is to address local matters not covered by existing legislature.	Dismiss
The Lake Warden RAMSAR Wetlands be declared a Cat Prohibited Area and strong penalties apply for cats caught there.	Lake Warden is outside the Shire's management and cannot be included as a prohibited area.	Dismiss
Cats must be confined to an owner's property with strong infringements for roaming cats.	Wandering cats is prohibited in the proposed Cat Local Law 2.1. The penalty is \$200.	Noted
All cats be treated the same as dogs with an annual licence fee applying to cats.	This is currently required by existing legislation.	Dismiss
Impounded cats should not be permitted to be released back to an owner, unless they are microchipped, desexed and registered (at the expense of the owner).	This is already a requirement as part of the process to release a cat from the Shire's Animal Management Facility.	Noted
Impounded unchipped cats, if unclaimed within seven days, should be destroyed. If they are suitable for re-homing, they must first be microchipped, desexed and registered.	Cats deemed feral are destroyed. All cats impounded that are suitable for rehoming are microchipped, de-sexed and registered as part of the rehoming process.	Dismiss

Roaming cat control should be a regular, ongoing activity and the Shire should carry out regular cat, rabbit and fox control in parks and reserves especially the Lake Warden RAMSAR Wetlands.	Lake Warden and many other parks and reserves are outside the Shire's management which restricts the Shire's ability to undertake effective control. The shire undertakes cat (and on occasion fox) trapping in shire management reserves such as areas where camping attracts feral cats to the vicinity or impacts residential areas.	Dismiss
Submission from Sue Starr	Officers Comment	Recommendation
Part 1 – Preliminary Effective Control (d), any other means of preventing escape. I would like to see here the mention of cat runs and enclosures. There are many available, of various designs, to ensure the safety of the cat, but also of the nearby wildlife.	Proposed cat control measures are aimed at preventing cats from wandering or being a nuisance. Further review of the Cat Local Law may consider mandate of a cat enclosure.	Dismiss
Nuisance (e), is, or likely to be, injurious or dangerous to the health of any person or domestic or Australian indigenous animal. It has been proven that cats are hunters, even though many owners think that if their cat is wandering during the day, because they are not bringing home prey, they are not killing. So, 'likely' isn't the word to use here. Overall, they are a nuisance wherever they are outside their own home and enclosure.	The existing wording adequately covers this scenario.	Dismiss
Part 2 – Cat Control 2.1 Cats Wandering - I don't think it should have to be an authorised person only who can seize and impound a cat if they are 'creating a nuisance'. How can it be possible to get hold of a ranger at any time? A property owner should be able to use a trap, then contact the relevant person to return or dispose of cat.	A property owner can already use a trap on their own property. These are available for a refundable deposit from the Esperance Depot on Brazier St.	Dismiss
Part 3 – Permits for Keeping Cats 3.2 Cats for which a permit is required. 1(a) To keep more than 2 cats on any single dwelling or grouped dwelling premises to a maximum of 6 cats. There can be no acceptable reason for anyone to have 6 cats.	Legislation allows up to 6 cats. The Cat Local Law allows only 2 without a permit. A person may keep 2 cats without a permit.	Dismiss
2(d) a pet shop. I think that pet shops are a huge part of the problem, if cats are sold too cheap. They are all cute when young and people want to have them, without realising how expensive they are to own and what responsibility comes	Pet shop practices are outside the scope of the Cat Local Law.	Dismiss

with cat ownership. At the very least, when purchasing a cat from a pet shop, they should pay for a voucher to have their cat desexed when they are of age. 3.3 Application for Permit. 2(a) consult with nearby land owners and/or occupiers I would most certainly welcome consultation with landowners, as personally I don't want cats on my property. 2(b) I would most certainly like to know when an application has been made, so we have the opportunity to reject (or request obligations of cat owners).	It is standard practice for neighbors to be consulted when the Shire receives a permit application.	Dismiss
Submission from Esperance Bird Observers Group Inc.	Officers Comment	Recommendation
Cat Enclosures Cat owners to maintain a proper enclosure to prevent their cat from wandering or escaping from the Cat Ownersproperty.	Proposed cat control measures are aimed at preventing cats from wandering or being a nuisance. Future reviews of the Cat Local Law may consider mandate of a cat enclosure.	Dismiss
Cat Prohibited Areas It is extremely important for Prohibited Cat areas to be expanded to cover all Nature Reserves in the Shire. Our research and investigation have shown us the deficiencies in the Cat Act 2011 have severely hampered Local Governments in their bid to exclude cats from any other area except reserves and parks vested in and managed by the individual Local Government's. The City of Fremantle, Cockburn, Kwinana and Stirling have all tried to expand their areas without success. The best course of action we believe is for the Shire to call on the Western Australian Local Government Association to lobby for the review and updating of the Cat Act 2011.	Not all reserves are managed by the Shire. Council has already resolved to advocate to Member of Parliament on key changes to the Cat Act 2011.	Dismiss
Education and Control The widespread circulation of the Shire's "Responsible Cat Ownership information sheets", updated the with new responsibilities contained in this proposed legislation.	An important action but not a component of the Cat Local Law.	Noted
To actively encourage Breeders, rescue shelters and pet shops to make all new cat owners fully aware of their responsibilities and provide all new owners with the "Responsible Cat Ownership information Sheets".	An important action but not a component of the Cat Local Law.	Noted

Expand the current cat trapping in the Shire Reserves and work collaboratively with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the	The shire undertakes trapping in Shire reserves and each agency is responsible for	Noted
Esperance Tjaljraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation to remove feral cats from nature reserves and local bushland areas.	management of land under their tenure. The shire is open to working collaboratively with other agencies.	
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Submission from Australian Pet Welfare Foundation	Officers Comment	Recommendation
Recommendation 1: Shire of Esperance should reject mandated cat containment (PART 2 – CAT CONTROL 2.1 Cats wandering and 2.3 Cat prohibited areas) because they will not reduce wandering cats or associated issues (nuisance complaints or potential wildlife predation) and have negative consequences including causing psychological harm to people associated with euthanasia of healthy cats and kittens, increasing costs to councils, and creating a barrier to resolving the wandering cat issue.	Noted, the Shire understands that Part 2 – Cat Control is outside the current legislative framework in WA.	Noted
Recommendation 2: Shire of Esperance should implement Community Cat Programs which involve high- intensity free desexing and microchipping of cats targeted to areas of high impoundments and complaints. These proactive, non-lethal and humane programs are cost-effective and scientifically proven to significantly reduce the number of wandering cats and associated issues including cat nuisance complaints, impoundments, euthanasia and potential wildlife predation.	The Shire has implemented community cat programs and is currently implementing an animal welfare grant that will provide free desexing to eligible health care card holders.	Noted
Recommendation 3: Shire of Esperance should widely promote voluntary strategic Bed-time feeding as a highly effective way to assist cat owners at minimal to no additional cost to keep owned pet cats safely inside at night and prevent potential wildlife predation (but not mandate cat containment or prohibit cats in public places or on non-public places without consent from owner or occupier).	Noted, this recommendation has no impact on proposed Cat Local Law.	Noted
Recommendation 4: Shire of Esperance should retain Nuisance behaviour Local by-laws ensuring they are written in a way to allow flexibility for Animal Management Officers (AMOs) to assess the situation relating to a wandering cat before automatically impounding the cat (see the Brisbane City Council Animals Local Law 2017). The Shire of Denmark in WA recently enacted Cat Nuisance laws but did not mandate cat curfews or prohibit cats from public places or prohibit cats from non-public places without consent from owner or occupier.	Noted	Noted

Recommendation 5: Shire of Esperance should classify all cats that live among people, are involved in complaints and/or enter pound/shelter facilities as domestic cats – owned, semi-owned or unowned.	This was considered however the definitions will have little effect on the proposed local law.	Dismiss
Recommendation 6: Shire of Esperance should focus on native habitat preservation to best protect native wildlife including regulatory protections, given that land clearing is well-recognised as the number one threat to Australian native wildlife populations.	Noted, this recommendation has no impact on proposed Cat Local Law.	Noted
Recommendation 7: Shire of Esperance should maximise road safety measures to prevent native wildlife road strike.	Noted, this recommendation has no impact on proposed Cat Local Law.	Noted
Recommendation 8: Shire of Esperance should identify locations where wildlife of conservation concern are present and target these specific areas with resources such as barrier or exclusion fencing, and/or assist cat owners with constructing cat proof fencing (but not mandate cat containment).	Noted, this recommendation has no impact on proposed Cat Local Law.	Noted
Submission from Department of Local Government	Officers Comment	Recommendation
Clause 2.1 – Banning cats from public areas	This is a key reason why the Shire intends to	Dismiss
Clause 2.1 attempts to ban cats from roaming in public unless they are under effective control. The Parliament's Delegated Legislation Committee has formed the view that while the Cat Act permits local laws that prohibit cats absolutely from specified areas, it does not contemplate local laws that: ban cats from all public areas; place conditions on when a cat may be permitted in public areas; or attempts to restrict all cats in the district to their owner's premises. It is suggested that clause 2.1 be deleted and the relevant item removed from Schedule 4. If this clause isn't removed, it is likely the Committee will request an undertaking to delete it.	progress the Cat Local Law through to the Joint Standing Committee and advocate to Members of Parliament to change the Cat Act 2011.	DISTILLS

b) The cat is suspected of an offence under the Act; or c) The seizure is ordered by the courts. It is uncertain whether cat local laws can expand a local government's cat seizure powers beyond those situations explicitly provided for in the Act. The Shire may wish to consider removing these extra cat-seizure provisions and enforce those clauses via fine instead. Redefinition of a Nuisance The local law's interpretation clause contains a broad definition of "nuisance", which seems to include things which would not normally qualify as a nuisance under common law. For example, the killing of native fauna on a property would not generally qualify as nuisance, since native fauna is generally not the landowner's property. As another example, the fact that a cat was urinating on someone else's premises would not always qualify as a nuisance, since the cat may urinate in a manner that doesn't impact the landholder's enjoyment of the premises.	There is no definition of Nuisance provided in the Cat Act 2011.	Dismiss
While a local law can regulate cats that cause a nuisance, it is unlikely that a local law can redefine the concept of "nuisance" to mean something other than what it already means in the Act.		
It is suggested that the definition be deleted completely or alternatively replaced with: nuisance has the same meaning as in the Act; Clause 4.1 – Impoundment fees		
Clause 4.1 – Impoundment lees Clause 4.1 of the local law provides for the setting of fees, including fees regarding keeping and caring for a cat.	Noted	Noted
While there is nothing wrong with setting a uniform impoundment fee, the Shire should keep in mind that the Cat Act allows local governments to recover the "reasonable cost" of impounding and caring for the cat.		
Accordingly, the uniform fee for a particular cat may need to be adjusted if the final amount exceeds the actual costs incurred in relation to the animal.		
Local Law lacks unmodified penalty		

While the current draft of the local law provides that non-compliance is an offence, it does not specify any unmodified penalty for committing the offence. It is suggested that an unmodified penalty be added to the local law, either via a general penalty clause or by specifying the penalty separately under each clause containing an offence.	Areas of non-compliance are addressed in the modified penalty table in schedule 2. No unmodified penalty was considered necessary however this may be included in subsequent reviews.	Noted
If the Shire takes either of these options, it will likely need to restart the law-making process from the beginning, since introducing a penalty where none exists is likely to qualify as a "significant difference" for the purposes of section 3.13 of the Local Government Act 1995.		
When the Shire adds an unmodified penalty, it should also ensure that the modified penalties for each offence does not exceed 10% of the unmodified amount for that offence.		
Minor Edits Schedule 1 – The Cat Act only allows the creation of a cat prohibited areas on land that is owned, controlled or managed by the Shire. The Shire should review the locations and ensure that they qualify for prohibition. If any of the locations are held or controlled by private entities or by the State Government, they should be removed from the list.	All the areas listed in the schedule as prohibited areas are under control or management order to the local government	Dismiss
The Shire should also check all references and cross references to ensure their accuracy.		

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Item: 12.3.5

Financial Services Report - January 2023

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File Ref: D23/165

Attachments

A $\underline{\mathbb{J}}$. Financial Services Report - December 2022

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

12.3.5 Financial Services Report - January 2023

Moved: Cr Chambers Seconded: Cr Flanagan

O0123-007

Council Resolution

That Council receive the attached report entitled Monthly Financial Services Report (incorporating the Statement of Financial Activity) for the month of December 2022.

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SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

MONTHLY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

(Incorporating Statement of Financial Activity)

DECEMBER 2022

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES



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Compilation Report

MANAGER FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPILATION REPORT

MEETING DATE	: 24th January 2023
ACCOUNTING PERIOD	: The period ended 31st December 2022
COMPILATION DATE	: 11 th January 2023
CONTENTS	: Monthly Financial Report

OVERVIEW

(Source:- Summary of Reporting Programs page 2:1 and graphical progressive snapshot/Liquidity graph.)

The Statement of Financial Activity by reporting program is presented on page 3 and shows a surplus as at 31 December of \$21,880,460.

Rates Collected

Rates collected at the end of December were 87.75% this is presented on page 17. Collections at the same time last year was 80.45%.

Rates 3rd instalment is due on 18 January.

2022/2023 Budget Review

Budget review meetings will commence from Monday 16 January 2023. The document will go to the Audit Committee late February and adopted by Council at the March OCM.

Compilation Report

Working Capital (Note 1- page 7)

The Council is solvent and I do not consider there any other matters of liquidity that I would bring to Council's attention.

Current surplus at the end of December is \$21,880,460. The surplus is shown on the bottom of the Statement of Financial Activity on page 3 and also on the bottom of Composition of Net Current Funding Position on page 7. It represents our ability to meet the short-term demands of our suppliers.

Unrestricted cash at bank is \$18,351,031 and this is shown on page 7. Reserve balance is \$27,804,567.

Tamsen Kirby Assistant Accountant

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

BY REPORTING PROGRAM



For the Period Ended 1 December to 31 December 2022

				Varia	nce
DESCRIPTION	2022/2023	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	Amount \$	%
	Budget (A)	(B)	(C)	(C-B)	(C/B)
Operating					
Income	(20 E11 E20)	(29,714,726)	(20.062.224)	(240 E00)	101%
03 - General Purpose Funding 04 - Governance	(30,511,520)	· / /	(30,063,324)	(348,598)	98%
	(408,360)	(131,148)	(128,256)	2,892	
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety 07 - Health	(1,154,642)	(577,318)	(448,736)	128,582	78%
	(118,884)	(88,956)	(30,535)	58,421	34%
08 - Education & Welfare	(6,216,799)	(3,047,981)	(3,069,940)	(21,959)	101%
10 - Community Amenities	(6,319,055)	(4,744,967)	(4,944,688)	(199,721)	104%
11 - Recreation & Culture	(2,924,776)	(1,265,481)	(1,147,081)	118,400	91%
12 - Transport	(1,872,061)	(835,275)	(611,604)	223,671	73%
13 - Economic Services	(1,071,184)	(608,452)	(641,135)	(32,683)	105%
14 - Other Property & Services	(988,610)	(175,084)	(211,946)	(36,862)	121%
Income Total	(51,585,891)	(41,189,388)	(41,297,244)	(107,856)	
Expense	427 527	210.020	106 170	(24.760)	88%
03 - General Purpose Funding	437,537	210,939	186,179	(24,760)	
04 - Governance	2,415,463	1,267,927	1,162,551	(105,376)	92%
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety	2,410,666	1,237,525	1,181,993	(55,532)	96%
07 - Health	505,141	275,901	253,701	(22,200)	92%
08 - Education & Welfare	6,695,280	3,285,518	2,593,130	(692,388)	79%
10 - Community Amenities	6,789,077	3,170,528	3,380,771	210,243	107%
11 - Recreation & Culture	13,888,721	7,119,931	6,536,171	(583,760)	92%
12 - Transport	21,991,994	10,949,496	11,410,418	460,922	104%
13 - Economic Services	2,314,294	1,178,406	987,571	(190,835)	84%
14 - Other Property & Services	1,019,500	506,176	933,783	427,607	184%
Expense Total	58,467,673	29,202,347	28,626,270	(576,077)	
perating Total	6,881,782	(11,987,041)	(12,670,975)	(683,934)	
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Income			4		
04 - Governance	(623,244)	(255,456)	(214,035)	41,421	84%
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety	(868,252)	(424,252)	(24,252)	400,000	6%
07 - Health	(11,000)	0	0	0	0%
08 - Education & Welfare	(1,246,292)	(384,146)	(173,864)	210,282	45%
10 - Community Amenities	(1,190,715)	0	(31,818)	(31,818)	0%
11 - Recreation & Culture	(3,743,196)	(390,710)	(382,867)	7,843	98%
12 - Transport	(10,644,297)	(5,809,635)	(4,413,882)	1,395,753	76%
13 - Economic Services	(151,500)	(26,500)	0	26,500	0%
14 - Other Property & Services	(4,578,339)	(113,000)	(1,247,861)	(1,134,861)	1104%
Income Total	(23,056,835)	(7,403,699)	(6,488,578)	915,121	
Expense					
04 - Governance	790,744	340,376	344,725	4,349	101%
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety	1,222,128	216,374	5,400	(210,974)	2%
07 - Health	37,000	0	0	0	0%
08 - Education & Welfare	1,246,292	667,220	111,615	(555,605)	17%
10 - Community Amenities	1,265,715	475,854	164,582	(311,272)	35%
11 - Recreation & Culture	5,696,012	1,486,416	1,359,741	(126,675)	91%
12 - Transport	23,070,889	9,029,917	8,594,517	(435,401)	95%
13 - Economic Services	84,000	84,000	73,266	(10,734)	87%
14 - Other Property & Services	3,572,256	1,704,336	1,461,565	(242,771)	86%
15 - Funds Transfer	3,825,950	7,938	65,522	57,584	825%
Expense Total	40,810,986	14,012,431	12,180,932		
Capital Total	17,754,151	6,608,732	5,692,354	(916,378)	
Grand Total	24,635,933	(5,378,309)	(6,978,621)	(1,600,312)	
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Reconciliation	(20.720.050)	(10.200.227)	(10.710.022)		
Depreciation	(20,738,656)	(10,369,327)	(10,718,933)		
oss on Asset Disposals	(290,637)	(12,000)	0		
rofit on Asset Disposals	553,536	4,000	0		
Provisions and Accrual	(204,500)	0	(262,891)		
Novement of Non-Current Receivable	0	0	(814)		
.ess; Surplus (Deficit) B/Fwd	3,919,201	3,919,201	3,919,201		
Surplus)/Deficit	36,475	(19,674,837)	(21,880,460)		

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY NATURE or TYPE



				Variand	ce
DESCRIPTION	2022/2023	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals	Amount \$	%
DESCRIPTION	Budget (A)	(B)	(C)	(C-B)	(C/B)
Operating					
Income					
Fees & Charges	(10,486,823)	(6,921,350)	(6,889,248)	32,102	100%
Interest Earnings	(237,000)	(108,683)	(268,161)	(159,478)	247%
Operating Grants & Subsidies	(7,317,385)	(3,615,238)	(3,930,695)	(315,457)	109%
Profit on Asset Disposals	(553,536)	(4,000)	Ó	4,000	0%
Rates	(23,543,676)	(23,466,101)	(23,454,202)	11,899	100%
Reimbursements	(879,972)	(454,310)	(334,128)	120,182	74%
Contributions & Donations Operating	(1,448,017)	(676,150)	(477,254)	198,897	71%
Reserve Transfers into Muni	(7,119,482)	(5,943,556)	(5,943,556)	0	100%
Income Total	(51,585,891)	(41,189,388)	(41,297,244)	(107,856)	10070
Expense	(52/555/552)	(12/205/500)	(12/23//211)	(207/000)	
Allocations	(720,101)	(538,812)	(596,129)	(57,317)	111%
Depreciation	20,738,656	10,369,327	10,718,933	349,606	103%
Insurance	838,596	735,394	885,130	149,736	120%
Interest Expense	96,666	43,450	30,348	(13,102)	70%
Loss on Asset Disposals	290,637	12,000	0	(12,000)	0%
Material & Contracts			-	. , ,	86%
	15,712,571	7,617,737	6,551,115	(1,066,622)	
Other Expenditure	710,254	458,910	324,340	(134,570)	71%
Utility Charges	1,216,094	604,542	584,913	(19,629)	97%
Employment Expenses	19,584,300	9,899,799	10,127,619	227,820	102%
Expense Total	58,467,673	29,202,347	28,626,270	(576,077)	
Operating Total	6,881,782	(11,987,041)	(12,670,975)	(683,934)	
Capital					
Income		(4	(, === ===		
Non-Operating Grants & Subsidies	(14,754,952)	(6,730,737)	(4,530,890)	2,199,847	67%
Proceeds from Disposals	(2,279,550)	(317,500)	(1,550,613)	(1,233,113)	488%
Reserve Transfers into Muni	(5,824,104)	(276,731)	(276,731)	0	100%
Self Supporting Loan Principle Received	(198,229)	(78,731)	(130,345)	(51,614)	166%
Income Total	(23,056,835)	(7,403,699)	(6,488,578)	915,121	
Expense					
Material & Contracts	26,040,400	10,320,460	8,038,121	(2,282,339)	78%
Purchase of Assets	4,837,905	1,348,286	2,057,573	709,287	153%
Repayment of Debentures	250,646	104,647	104,646	(1)	100%
Reserve Transfers from Muni	3,825,950	7,938	65,522	57,584	825%
Employment Expenses	5,856,085	2,231,100	1,915,069	(316,031)	86%
Expense Total	40,810,986	14,012,431	12,180,932	(1,831,499)	
Capital Total	17,754,151	6,608,732	5,692,354	(916,378)	
Grand Total	24,635,933	(5,378,309)	(6,978,621)	(1,600,312)	
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Reconciliation	(20 720 656)	40.000.007	40.740.000		
Depreciation	(20,738,656)	-10,369,327	-10,718,933		
Loss on Asset Disposals	(290,637)	-12,000	0		
Profit on Asset Disposals	553,536	4,000	0		
Provisions and Accrual	(204,500)	0	(262,891)		
Movement of Non-Current Receivable	0	0	(814)		
Less; Surplus (Deficit) B/Fwd	3,919,201	3,919,201	3,919,201		
(Surplus)/Deficit	36,475	(19,674,837)	(21,880,460)	I	

SHIRE OF ESPERANCE MUNICIPAL FUND



Income Statement Month Ending 31 December 2022

	2022-23 BUDGET \$	2022-23 ACTUALS \$	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %
Operating Revenue				
Fees & Charges	(10,486,823)	(6,889,248)	(3,597,575)	65.7%
Interest Earnings	(237,000)	(268,161)	31,161	113.1%
Non-Operating Grants & Subsice	(14,754,952)	(4,530,890)	(10,224,062)	30.7%
Operating Grants & Subsidies	(7,317,385)	(3,930,695)	(3,386,690)	53.7%
Profit on Asset Disposals	(553,536)	0	(553,536)	0.0%
Rates	(23,543,676)	(23,454,202)	(89,474)	99.6%
Reimbursements	(879,972)	(334,128)	(545,844)	38.0%
Contributions & Donations Ope	(1,448,017)	(477,254)	(970,764)	33.0%
Operating Revenue Total	(59,221,361)	(39,884,578)	(19,336,783)	
Operating Expense				
Allocations	(720,101)	(596,129)	(123,972)	82.8%
Depreciation	20,738,656	10,718,933	10,019,723	51.7%
Insurance	838,596	885,130	(46,534)	105.5%
Interest Expense	96,666	30,348	66,318	31.4%
Loss on Asset Disposals	290,637	0	290,637	0.0%
Material & Contracts	15,712,571	6,551,116	9,161,455	41.7%
Other Expenditure	710,254	324,340	385,914	45.7%
Utility Charges	1,216,094	584,913	631,181	48.1%
Employment Expenses	19,584,300	10,127,619	9,456,681	51.7%
Operating Expense Total	58,467,673	28,626,271	29,841,402	

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS

RESOLITING FROM ST ENAMEDING				
(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	(753,688)	(11,258,308)	10,504,620	

SHIRE OF ESPERANCE MUNICIPAL FUND



Statement of Financial Position Month Ending 31 December 2022 Compared to 30th June 2022

	31/12/2022	30/06/2022
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	46,155,598	41,857,599
Trade and Other Receivables	8,371,859	2,611,173
Inventories	483,069	528,956
Current Assets Total	55,010,526	44,997,728
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	(3,002,391)	(3,105,086)
Current Portion of Long Term Borrowings	(169,104)	(273,750)
Provisions	(3,858,035)	(3,126,337)
Other	(181,839)	(2,211,302)
Current Liabilities Total	(7,211,369)	(8,716,475)
Non Current Assets		
Other Receivables	1,682,580	1,850,965
Inventories- Non Current	3,774,582	3,774,582
Property, Plant and Equipment	102,097,156	102,983,171
Infrastructure	420,635,554	419,840,748
Non Current Assets Total	528,189,871	528,449,466
Non Current Liabilities		
Long Term Borrowings	(2,267,491)	(2,267,491)
Provisions- Non Current	(5,915,766)	(5,915,765)
Non Current Liabilities Total	(8,183,257)	(8,183,256)
Net Assets	567,805,771	556,547,463
Equity		
Reserves- Cash Backed	(27,804,567)	(33,959,332)
Revaluation Surplus	(208,364,083)	(208,364,083)
Retained Surplus	331,637,121.07	(314,224,048)
Equity Total	(567,805,771)	(556,547,463)

SHIRE OF ESPERANCE



COMPOSITION OF NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION

Month Ending 31 December 2022

	31/12/2022 \$	30/06/2022 \$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	18,351,031	7,898,267
Trade and Other Receivables	8,303,976	2,048,105
Inventories	307,012	352,899
Current Assets Total	26,962,018	10,299,271
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	(3,002,391)	(4,951,548)
Current Portion of Long Term Borrowings	(23,105)	(23,105)
Provisions	(1,874,223)	(1,405,417)
Other	(181,839)	
Current Liabilities Total	(5,081,558)	(6,380,070)
Total	21,880,460	3,919,201

BY REPORTING PROGRAM



			Varian	ce		
DESCRIPTION	YTD Budget (B)	YTD Actuals (C)	Amount \$ (C-B)	% (C/B)		Variance explanations (Variances are explained if equal or greater than \$100,000 or 10% of the year to date budget amount - AASB 1031)
Operating Income						
03 - General Purpose Funding	(29,714,726)	(30,063,324)	(348,598)	101%	1	Interest earnings has exceeded the year to date budget. Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) funding was more than expected.
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety	(577,318)	(448,736)	128,582	78%	↓	Timing difference with the receipt of budgeted grants.
07 - Health	(88,956)	(30,535)	58,421	34%	1	Suicide prevention contract liability to be transferred back to income for 2022-23 year.
10 - Community Amenities	(4,744,967)	(4,944,688)	(199,721)	104%	•	Timing difference with funding for the GVROC Climate Change Coordinator role; the Town Centre revitalisation planning and sale of Kirwan Road blue gums.
11 - Recreation & Culture	(1,265,481)	(1,147,081)	118,400	91%	 	Timing difference with leisure centre fees, sports ground hire fees, GSG overflow camping fees and sporting complexes reimbursements which are less than budgeted at this time. However the Covid Recovery grant received by Civic Centre was unbudgeted and the Lotterywest (Civic Centre) funding came in sooner than budgeted.
12 - Transport	(835,275)	(611,604)	223,671	73%	↓	Timing difference with receipt of landing fees.
14 - Other Property & Services	(175,084)	(211,946)	(36,862)	121%	1	The fuel tax credit is lower than expected but should pick up with the fuel excise back.

BY REPORTING PROGRAM



			Varian	ice		
DESCRIPTION	YTD Budget (B)	YTD Actuals (C)	Amount \$ (C-B)	% (C/B)		Variance explanations (Variances are explained if equal or greater than \$100,000 or 10% of the year to date budget amount - AASB 1031)
Expense						
03 - General Purpose Funding	210,939	186,179	(24,760)	88%	1	Timing difference with admin allocation for rates department.
04 - Governance	1,267,927	1,162,551	(105,376)	92%	1	Timing difference with computer/IT purchases and overhead allocations. Building maintenance is ahead fo budget YTD.
08 - Education & Welfare	3,285,518	2,593,130	(692,388)	79%	1	Various homecare expenses including wages are under budget YTD. Work has not occurred on the fire hydrant near homecare.
10 - Community Amenities	3,170,528	3,380,771	210,243	107%	↑	Harvesting expenditure of Kirwan Road blue gums not budgeted.
11 - Recreation & Culture	7,119,931	6,536,171	(583,760)	92%	1	Timing difference for building maintenance for civic centre; indoor sports stadium; community halls; and period village buildings. Timing difference with payment of community grants to organisations. Sand back pass project and surf club building compliance has not commenced.
12 - Transport	10,949,496	11,410,418	460,922	104%	1	Ahead of budget for rural roads maintenance and road verges in particular. Offsetting this is the airport landside building maintenance that is behind budget YTD.
13 - Economic Services	1,178,406	987,571	(190,835)	84%	1	Wild dog control underbudget. Contribution towards Australia's Golden Outback and joint marketing campaign not paid as yet. Savings in wages for building services due to a previous vacant position. No expenditure has occurred on the Worker Accommodation study as yet.
14 - Other Property & Services	506,176	933,783	427,607	184%	1	Plant & vehicle insurance paid earlier than budgeted. Vehicle costs for fuel & oil and scheduled repairs timing difference . Building maintenance at the depot is higher than budget YTD. Plant depreciation is currently under recovered.

BY REPORTING PROGRAM



			Varian	ce		
DESCRIPTION	YTD Budget (B)	YTD Actuals (C)	Amount \$ (C-B)	% (C/B)		Variance explanations (Variances are explained if equal or greater than \$100,000 or 10% of the year to date budget amount - AASB 1031)
Capital						
Income						
04 - Governance	(255,456)	(214,035)	41,421	84%	1	IT capital grants for CCTV projects has not been received yet.
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety	(424,252)	(24,252)	400,000	6%	1	Timing difference with grant income for replacement fire sheds.
08 - Education & Welfare	(384,146)	(173,864)	210,282	45%	1	Budgeted homecare capital grants not received.
10 - Community Amenities	0	(31,818)	(31,818)	0%	1	Sale of vehicle occurred earlier than budgeted.
12 - Transport	(5,809,635)	(4,413,882)	1,395,753	76%	1	Timing difference with receipt of roads & streets capital grants. Offsetting this is the sale of road making plant occurring earlier than budgeted.
13 - Economic Services	(26,500)	0	26,500	0%	1	Timing difference with vehicle sales for economic development and building services.
14 - Other Property & Services	(113,000)	(1,247,861)	(1,134,861)	1104%	1	Sale of land in Flinders and Shark Lake Industrial Park occurred ahead of budget. Sale of asset management vehicle occurred earlier than budgeted.

BY REPORTING PROGRAM



			Varian	ce		
DESCRIPTION	YTD Budget (B)	YTD Actuals (C)	Amount \$ (C-B)	% (C/B)		Variance explanations (Variances are explained if equal or greater than \$100,000 or 10% of the year to date budget amount - AASB 1031)
Expense						
05 - Law, Order & Public Safety	216,374	5,400	(210,974)	2%	\	Pioneer water tanks expenditure timing difference. Work has not commenced on the Grass Patch Fire Brigade shed yet.
08 - Education & Welfare	667,220	111,615	(555,605)	17%	\	Homecare building refurbishment has not commenced. Homecare LV purchases have occurred earlier than budgeted.
10 - Community Amenities	475,854	164,582	(311,272)	35%	•	Work has not commenced on boat ramp toilet. Expenditure on the Myrup Waste Transfer Station project is less than budgeted YTD. Vehicles purchased for building/planning/land projects and waste management earlier than budgeted.
11 - Recreation & Culture	1,486,416	1,359,741	(126,675)	91%	1	Parks and reserves vehicle purchases have not occurred as yet. Various park upgrades; LRCI Lost at Sea Memorial; LRCI Pet Cemetery; LRCI Mountain Bike track stage 1; and Adventureland Park maze have not commenced. Coastal upgrades have not commenced as yet. Civic centre disability access and toilet has not commenced as yet. Offsetting this is the expenditure on the BOILC plant room and heating upgrade which is ahead of budget (funded from LRCI).
12 - Transport	9,029,917	8,594,517	(435,401)	95%	\	Vehicle purchase for airport has occurred ahead of budget. Road making plant purchases has also occurred ahead of budget. Capital road expenditure is less than budgeted year to date.
13 - Economic Services	84,000	73,266	(10,734)	87%	\downarrow	Purchase of new light vehicle was less than expected.
14 - Other Property & Services	1,704,336	1,461,565	(242,771)	86%	↓	Ocean Street development and Flinders Subdivision timing difference. Purchase of asset management vehicles occurred earlier than budgeted and the project management vehicle purchase has not occurred as yet.

Shire of Esperance For the Period Ended 31 December 2022

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Amendments to original budget since budget adoption. (Surplus)/Deficit

				Amended
				Budget
			Net	Running
Account #	Description	Council Ref	Change	Balance
	2022/23 Budget Estimated (Surplus)/Deficit			36,475
W3473	James Street Precinct Cultural Area Masterplan	O0822-191	150,000	186,475
01-4010-955-956	Priority Projects Reserve	O0822-191	(150,000)	
01-4180-360-405	Flinders Development - Consultants	O1122-182	100,000	136,475
01-4180-955-902	Land Purchase and Development Reserve	O1122-182	(100,000)	36,475
Amended Budget as	per Council Resolution (1)			36,475

⁽¹⁾ Budget (Surplus)/Deficit position as per the Statement of Financial Activity.

Shire of Esperance For the Period Ended 31 December 2022

RECEIVABLES STATUS

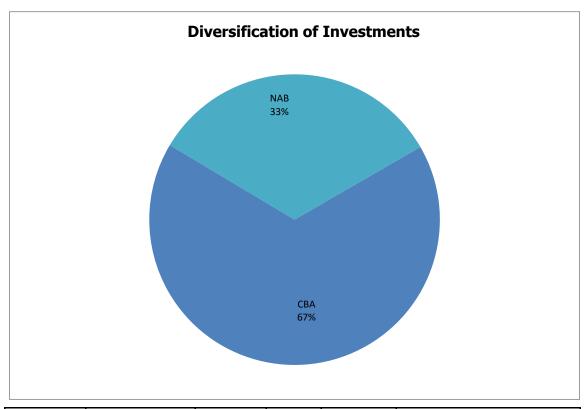
	Current	ATO	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	90+Days	Total
General Receivables	2,895,474	· 0	61,92	3 9,845	6,603	13,784	2,987,629
Category							
Government Grants						\$0 A	
Contributions & Reimbu	rsements					\$3,425 B	
Loan Repayments						\$0 C	
Fees and Charges						\$10,359 D	
Private Works						\$0 E	
Proceeds Sale of Assets						\$0 F	
						\$13,784	

 $\label{eq:mounts} \mbox{Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)}$

90+Days Represented by:

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Α	Government Grants:		
		\$0	
	Total (A)	\$0	
	·		
В	Contributions & Reimbursements:		
		\$26	Electricity reimbursement
		\$3,399	Staff payroll reimbursements
	Total (B)	\$3,425	
С	Loan Repayments:		
		\$0	
	Total (C)	\$0	
D	Fees & Charges:		
		\$2,015	Museum Village charges
			Visitors Centre charges
		\$645	Vehicle impound charges
		\$1,570	Cemetery charges
		\$5,629	Wylie Bay Waste charges
	Total (D)	\$10,359	
E	Drivata Marka		
E	Private Works:	40	
-	T-t-1 (5)	\$0	
-	Total (E)	\$0	
F	Proceeds Sale of Assets:		
		\$0	
	Total (F)	\$ 0	

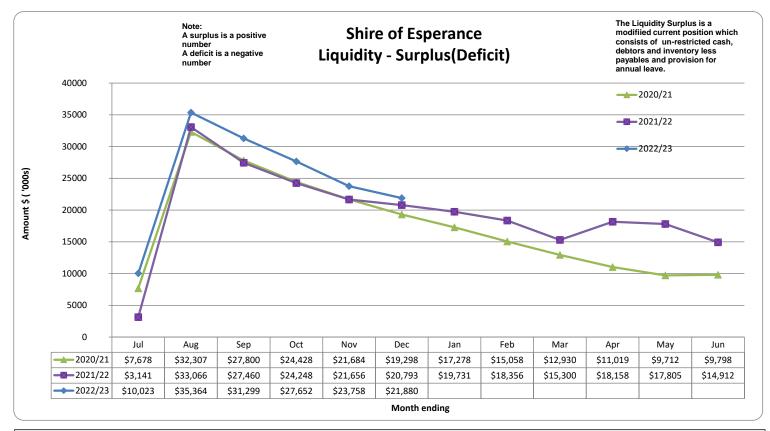
Cash Investments as at 31 December 2022



Finance					
Institution	Amount	Rate	Term	Maturity	Type of Investment
NAB	\$ 4,000,000	3.35%	180	08-Feb-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
NAB	\$ 4,000,000	3.52%	240	08-Apr-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
CBA	\$ 3,000,000	4.07%	120	21-Apr-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
CBA	\$ 3,000,000	3.31%	150	12-Jan-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
CBA	\$ 4,000,000	3.52%	180	13-Feb-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
CBA	\$ 4,000,000	3.68%	210	13-Mar-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
CBA	\$ 5,740,000	3.80%	240	12-Apr-23	Term Deposit - Reserve
CBA	\$ 3,000,000	3.97%	90	22-Mar-23	Term Deposit - Muni
CBA	\$ 3,000,000	3.52%	90	17-Jan-23	Term Deposit - Muni
NAB	\$ 3,000,000	3.25%	60	17-Feb-23	Term Deposit - Muni
NAB	\$ 4,000,000	3.50%	90	17-Jan-23	Term Deposit - Muni
CBA	\$ 4,507,813	2.70%	N/A	N/A	Business Online Saver - Muni
CBA	\$ 143	0.20%	N/A	N/A	Cash Management - Muni
CBA	\$ 63,018	0.20%	N/A	N/A	Cash Management - Reserves
	\$ 45,310,973			<u> </u>	_

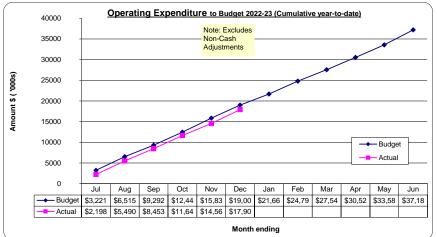
Investment Interest Earnings

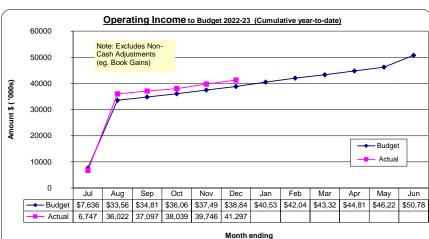
	Budgeted Amount	YTD Interest
Municipal	\$ 60,000	171,280
Reserve	\$ 120,000	50,164

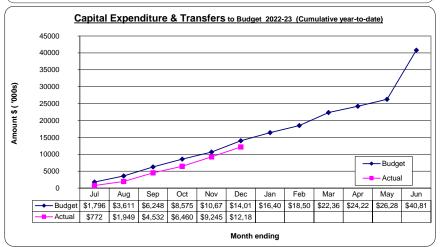


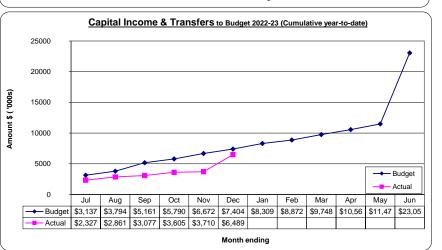
The purpose of this graph is to trace the progressive values of the liquidity surplus(deficit) which shows on the "Summary of Reporting Programs" in each months financial report. The current year to date value is graphed against the immediate past year as a comparative.

Shire of Esperance - Progressive Budget Snap-Shot











OTHER REPORTS AND GRAPHS

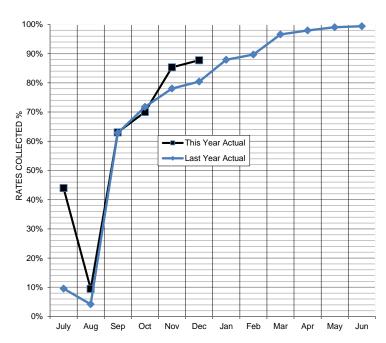
SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

SUMMARY OF RATE, RUBBISH AND ESL CHARGE DEBTORS AS AT 31st December 2022

Outstanding Rates 2022/23

Outstanding Rates 2022/25	
Arrears at 1st July 2022	153,939
Pensioner Deferred Rates at 1st July 2022	97,459
Rates Levied for 2022/23	26,870,571
Penalty Interest charged to Overdue	13,659
Receipts for Current Rates	(21,773,900)
Prepayments	(2,050,084)
Total Current and Arrears Outstanding	3,311,645
% Collected	87.75%
Pensioners on Instalments Non Pensioners on Instalments Pensioners with Due Date 30/6/2023 Outstansing with no Instalment Option Pre-Payments Interims	189,308 3,405,089 71,463 300,373 (670,794) 16,205

RATES COLLECTION PROGRESS (2022/2023)



SHIRE OF ESPERANCE TRUST FUNDS as at 31 December 2022

Funds held at balance date over which the Municipality has no control and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

	Balance	Balance
Details	30-Jun-2022	31-Dec-2022
Contributions to Public Open Space	198,307	199,458
Other	1,679	1,679
General Bonds - Interest Bearing	50,974	51,270
Totals	250,960	252,407



PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS LISTING (PAID UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY)

SHIRE OF ESPERANCE THE ACCOUNTS REFERRED TO IN THE SCHEDULE AND SUMMARISED BELOW HAVE BEEN PAID FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

MUNICIPAL FUND

CHEQUES

ACTUAL PAYMENTS: Cheques: 27702 - 27704 *\$3,278.90*

EFT

ACTUAL PAYMENTS: Transaction No's: E4454 - \$7,557,459.32

E4468

CREDIT CARDS

ACTUAL PAYMENTS: Transactions: \$20,564.73

25/11/2022 - 23/12/2022

PAID UNDER THE DELEGATED

AUTHORITY TO CEO MUNICIPAL TOTAL: \$7,581,302.95

ESTIMATE % LOCAL PAYMENTS \$ 4,881,600.97 64.39%

TRUST FUND

CHEQUES

ACTUAL PAYMENTS: Cheques: - \$0.00

EFT

ACTUAL PAYMENTS: Transaction No's: - \$0.00

TRUST TOTAL: \$0.00

TOTAL: \$7,581,302.95

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Municipal Fund - Cheque Payments

EFT Ref / Cheque No	Date	Creditor	Payee	Description	Amount
C27702		386	,	,	
	02/12/2022			Petty cash recoup - Library	\$276.90
C27703	02/12/2022	8041	Esperance Home Care - Petty Cash	Petty cash recoup - EHC	\$632.00
C27704	15/12/2022	4569	CPA Australia	CPA membership	\$2,370.00
			Tota	Creditor payments made by Cheque from Municipal Fund	3,278.90
Municipal F	und - EFT Pay	ments			
EFT Ref /					
Cheque No	Date	Creditor	Payee	Description	Amount
E4454	30/11/2022	26	Blackwoods Atkins	Parts & equipment	\$2,132.92
E4454	30/11/2022	47	B E Stearne & Co Pty Ltd	Reticulation supplies	\$10,145.42
E4454	30/11/2022	63	Bunnings Ltd	Hardware	\$10,641.22
E4454	30/11/2022	112	Esperance Ag Services	Parts & equipment	\$3,923.54
E4454	30/11/2022	121	Esperance Communications	Communication equipment & photocopier maintenance	\$16,537.19
E4454	30/11/2022	136	Powerplant Motorcycles	Equipment & repairs	\$237.25
E4454	30/11/2022	281	Bluescope Distribution P/L	Steel supplies & fabrication	\$2,479.19
E4454	30/11/2022	287	Swans Veterinary Services	Veterinary services	\$200.00
E4454	30/11/2022	323	Westrac Equipment Pty Ltd	Plant parts & repairs	\$6,166.96
E4454	30/11/2022	440	Wesfarmers Kleenheat Gas Pty Ltd	45 kg gas bottle refill	\$1,514.04
E4454	30/11/2022	544	Paint Industries Pty Ltd	Paint	\$5,930.76
E4454	30/11/2022	707	Haslams	Protective clothing	\$4,983.10
E4454	30/11/2022	1259	South East Petroleum	Fuel supplies	\$148,924.87
E4454	30/11/2022	1307	Feature Paints	Paint supplies	\$1,252.70
E4454	30/11/2022	1461	Kip & Steve's Mechanical Repairs	Parts	\$16,274.12
E4454	30/11/2022	1485	Freight Lines Group	Freight charges	\$11,349.73

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EFT Ref / Chegue No	Date	Creditor	Payee	Description	Amount
E4454	30/11/2022	1575	GPC Asia Pacific Pty Ltd/Repco	Auto supplies	\$7,709.09
E4454	30/11/2022	2122	Iplex Pipelines Australia P/L	Pipes	\$33,671.99
E4454	30/11/2022	2246	Cutting Edges Pty Ltd	Cutting edges and bolts	\$635.67
E4454	30/11/2022	2333	Winc Australia Pty Ltd	Stationery	\$1,925.23
E4454	30/11/2022	3774	Goodchild Enterprises	12 volt battery	\$402.60
E4454	30/11/2022	3834	Dicks Electronics	Batteries 9volt & AA	\$418.30
E4454	30/11/2022	4210	Farm & General EOPP	Pallet wrap	\$17,255.53
E4454	30/11/2022	4647	Marketforce	Advert - HR	\$932.15
E4454	30/11/2022	4648	Wurth Australia Pty Ltd	Consumables	\$1,587.76
E4454	30/11/2022	4975	A1 Roadlines Pty Ltd	Parts	\$148.50
E4454	30/11/2022	5274	Davric Australia	Stock for resale	\$2,360.49
E4454	30/11/2022	5503	David Gray & Co Pty Ltd	New bins and parts	\$3,554.32
E4454	30/11/2022	5991	Esperance Smash Repairs Pty Ltd	Repairs	\$1,000.00
E4454	30/11/2022	6183	Kleen West	Cleaning supplies	\$3,456.07
E4454	30/11/2022	6478	South Coast Test And Tag	RCD testing	\$1,771.43
E4454	30/11/2022	6714	Holcim Pty Ltd	Aggregate & kerbmix supplies	\$8,998.23
E4454	30/11/2022	6873	WT Hydraulics	Hose and fittings	\$922.13
E4454	30/11/2022	6894	C.R. Kennedy & Co Pty Ltd	Survey consumables	\$231.00
E4454	30/11/2022	8267	Valvoline (Australia) Pty Ltd	Consumables	\$1,658.91
E4454	30/11/2022	8955	Esperance Laundry and Linen	Table cloths	\$1,155.40
E4454	30/11/2022	8959	Topsigns	Signage	\$7,691.64
E4454	30/11/2022	9006	Corsign WA Pty Ltd	Signage	\$594.00
E4454	30/11/2022	9028	Terry White Chemmart Esperance	Webster packs & chemist items - EHC	\$1,566.55

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EFT Ref / Cheque No	Date	Creditor	Payee	Description	Amount
E4454	30/11/2022	9056	Bradshaws Pharmacy	Chemist items - EHC	\$69.95
E4454	30/11/2022	9156	Bluemar Pty Ltd	Engineered drawings for Salmon Gums tank stand	\$1,001.00
E4454	30/11/2022	9210	McIntosh & Son W.A.	Parts	\$975.26
E4454	30/11/2022	9419	PTE Group Pty Ltd	1 x 2022 8T single axle tag trailer	\$30,294.78
E4454	30/11/2022	9482	Draeger Australia Pty Ltd	Servicing of the breathing equipment	\$587.33
E4454	30/11/2022	9574	Clarke & Stokes Agriservices Pty Ltd	Parts	\$336.53
E4454	30/11/2022	9647	Spraytech Systems	Emulsion spray nozzles x 12	\$221.76
E4454	30/11/2022	10120	Wastetrans WA	Glass for recycling	\$654.28
E4454	30/11/2022	10139	Soggybones Pty Ltd	Edge of the Bay 2022 skate event coordination	\$4,700.00
E4454	30/11/2022	10431	Skipper Transport Parts	Parts	\$1,420.45
E4454	30/11/2022	10701	Esperance Truck Pro Pty Ltd	Parts	\$440.40
E4454	30/11/2022	10741	Esperance Rural Supplies - Elders	Parts	\$2,129.74
E4454	30/11/2022	10765	The trustee for Rams Goldfields Trust	Recycling concrete waste at Wylie Bay facility	\$65,001.75
E4454	30/11/2022	10848	Retravision Esperance – JAPMR Pty Ltd	Dyson V10 stick vacuum - EHC	\$798.00
E4454	30/11/2022	10939	MMCom Pty Ltd	Ceiling panels	\$11,909.81
E4455	01/12/2022	1507	Ausroad Systems	1 x 6m3 Jetmaster road maintenance truck	\$544,798.10
E4456	06/12/2022	1	Australian Taxation Office	Payroll deduction	\$170,382.00
E4456	06/12/2022	58	Boulevard Lottery Centre & Newsagency	Stationery	\$164.00
E4456	06/12/2022	100	Landgate	Title searches	\$521.64
E4456	06/12/2022	126	Esperance Electrical Service	Electrical services	\$3,306.00
E4456	06/12/2022	145	Esperance Taxi Service	Taxi vouchers - EHC	\$557.75
E4456	06/12/2022	187	Ixom Operations Pty Ltd	Cylinder & gas charges	\$2,421.72
E4456	06/12/2022	209	I S Mickel	Reimbursement - fuel	\$352.92

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EFT Ref / Cheque No	Date	Creditor	<i>Payee</i>	Description	Amount
E4456	06/12/2022	505	Esperance Plumbing Service	Plumbing services	\$3,900.74
E4456	06/12/2022	571	St John Ambulance Association in WA	First aid supplies & service	\$700.80
E4456	06/12/2022	977	Lewis Lewis Properties Pty Ltd	Refreshments	\$98.20
E4456	06/12/2022	984	Thorp Realty Pty Ltd	Rent	\$870.00
E4456	06/12/2022	1045	Stewart & Heaton Clothing Co Pty Lt	Uniforms	\$3,196.07
E4456	06/12/2022	1315	Gibson Soak Water Co	Bottled water	\$50.00
E4456	06/12/2022	1346	Cannon Hygiene Australia Pty Ltd	Cleaning services	\$3,106.18
E4456	06/12/2022	1400	Bayview Motel Esperance	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$255.20
E4456	06/12/2022	1469	Beachwind Enterprises Pty Ltd	Hire of earthmoving plant	\$19,151.00
E4456	06/12/2022	1470	Express Yourself Printing Esperance	Esperance Visitor Centre brochures	\$3,078.00
E4456	06/12/2022	1550	Comfort Inn Bay of Isles	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$516.56
E4456	06/12/2022	1695	Bay of Isles Mini-Excavators	Plant hire	\$1,760.00
E4456	06/12/2022	1981	Esperance Sportspower	SOE aboriginal polo shirts	\$9,798.70
E4456	06/12/2022	2113	Banksia Medical Centre	Pre-employment drug and alcohol screening	\$55.00
E4456	06/12/2022	2120	ADT Security	Esperance Airport - alarm monitoring Oct	\$171.96
E4456	06/12/2022	2269	Esperance Island View Apartments	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,334.08
E4456	06/12/2022	2382	Griffs Electrical	Electrical upgrade - BOILC plant room	\$106,839.70
E4456	06/12/2022	2496	Professionals Esperance Real Estate	Rent	\$1,440.00
E4456	06/12/2022	2655	Lions Club of Esperance	CGP - Lions Carols	\$2,401.00
E4456	06/12/2022	2763	Esperance Lock & Shoe Service	Key & lock supplies	\$199.60
E4456	06/12/2022	2828	Department of Fire and Emergency Services	ESL quarter 2 in accordance with DFES	\$262,422.38
E4456	06/12/2022	2900	Esperance Bay Yacht Club Inc	Function room hire - EHC	\$270.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3227	Esperance Fire Services	Service	\$446.60

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EFT Ref / Cheque No	Date	Creditor	Payee	Description	Amount
E4456	06/12/2022	3392	Kent Family Trust	Geo tech drilling - Esperance Airport	\$3,300.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3452	Dr J Spencer	Pre-employment medical assessment	\$187.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3478	Avis Car Hire	Car hire	\$184.04
E4456	06/12/2022	3526	Southern Suspension & 4 X 4 Centre	Parts	\$368.55
E4456	06/12/2022	3532	Esperance Bay Holiday Park	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$924.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3533	Mike Henley Mechanical & Fabrication	Repairs to primer pump - Quarry Rd fire truck	\$863.59
E4456	06/12/2022	3545	ASB Marketing Pty Ltd	250 x lanyards	\$660.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3832	D P Dohnt	Volunteer call out fee for HACC clients	\$109.20
E4456	06/12/2022	3900	Esperance Cabinets	Cabinet works	\$1,892.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3901	Information Services & Technology	MOSAiC 6 users annual support plan 2023	\$250.00
E4456	06/12/2022	3938	C K Mader	Rent	\$600.00
E4456	06/12/2022	4148	Bay of Isles Community Outreach Inc	Confidential shredding - EHC	\$99.00
E4456	06/12/2022	4321	The Royal Life Saving Society (WA)	CPR requalification	\$448.00
E4456	06/12/2022	4466	Leisure Institute of Western Australia	LIWA - Kulin conference	\$110.00
E4456	06/12/2022	4567	WA Police Service	Police checks - EHC volunteers	\$17.00
E4456	06/12/2022	4699	Esperance Care Services Inc	Rags	\$75.00
E4456	06/12/2022	4947	Toll Ipec Pty Ltd	Freight	\$671.09
E4456	06/12/2022	4989	Woolworths Group Limited	Consumables	\$2,495.09
E4456	06/12/2022	5039	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	Audit services	\$660.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5163	Anderson HL & CJ	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$880.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5165	Driftwood Apartments	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$2,024.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5175	Goldies Place	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$387.20
E4456	06/12/2022	5194	Jatek Engineering	Steel supplies & fabrication	\$3,844.50

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E4456	06/12/2022	5215	Public Transport Authority of WA	TransWA October 2022	\$3,591.75
E4456	06/12/2022	5276	Queensberry Information Technology	Annual gateway fee	\$495.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5295	Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd	Bulldozer inspection, parts & travel	\$2,925.97
E4456	06/12/2022	5393	Esperance Eagle View Accommodation	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,504.80
E4456	06/12/2022	5412	Mr Carpet	Cleaning services	\$155.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5419	D Crawford	Lawn mowing	\$180.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5444	Reece Australia Pty Ltd	BOILC ABS Pipework	\$2,040.97
E4456	06/12/2022	5449	Australian Grown	Stock for resale	\$870.54
E4456	06/12/2022	5559	BookEasy Australia Pty Ltd	Bookeasy commission	\$1,073.20
E4456	06/12/2022	5604	Esperance Milk Supply	Milk - admin & depot	\$225.77
E4456	06/12/2022	5655	Transoft Solutions (Australia) Pty Ltd	Autoturn map renewal - 1 YEAR	\$803.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5767	Seek Limited	Ad - positions vacant	\$627.00
E4456	06/12/2022	5793	Tradelink Esperance	Plumbing supplies	\$295.72
E4456	06/12/2022	5843	State Library of Western Australia	Freight recoup July-December 2022	\$559.50
E4456	06/12/2022	6009	McLeods Barristers & Solicitors	Legal advice	\$1,000.08
E4456	06/12/2022	6082	The Jetty Resort	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,174.80
E4456	06/12/2022	6164	Data 3 Limited	Adobe annual renewal	\$56,168.33
E4456	06/12/2022	6187	Pivotel Satellite Pty Limited	GPS monthly subscription	\$4,102.81
E4456	06/12/2022	6221	PFD Food Services Pty Ltd	Consumables	\$2,265.70
E4456	06/12/2022	6340	Alltoilets (WA)	2 x Merlin toilets on off road trailers	\$21,509.95
E4456	06/12/2022	6466	AUS10 Fencing and Farm Services	Fencing	\$32,000.00
E4456	06/12/2022	6495	MCM Protection Pty Ltd	Security	\$3,097.05
E4456	06/12/2022	6552	Esperance Bird and Animal Park	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,135.20

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E4456	06/12/2022	6894	C.R. Kennedy & Co Pty Ltd	Service and calibrate locator	\$566.50
E4456	06/12/2022	7005	The Weed Terminator	Mowing	\$41,676.50
E4456	06/12/2022	7121	Saltwater Catering	Catering - EHC	\$983.00
E4456	06/12/2022	7130	Truck Centre WA Pty Ltd	Parts	\$657.23
E4456	06/12/2022	7250	Esperance CWA Holiday Units	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$4,202.80
E4456	06/12/2022	7438	Independence Australia	Nursing products - EHC	\$2,236.40
E4456	06/12/2022	7460	Auscoinswest	Stock for resale	\$288.20
E4456	06/12/2022	7479	La Cabane Retreat	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$611.60
E4456	06/12/2022	7703	Talis Consultants	Consultant services	\$16,221.87
E4456	06/12/2022	7715	TD Contractors A/L Removal	Earthworks	\$7,195.11
E4456	06/12/2022	7803	Dr T W Pearn	Pre-employment medical assessment	\$187.00
E4456	06/12/2022	7879	Drillers Ridge Pty Ltd	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,856.80
E4456	06/12/2022	7932	All West Building Approvals Pty Ltd	Uncertified building application assessment	\$220.00
E4456	06/12/2022	7945	Choices Flooring Esperance	Vinyl flooring - EHC	\$3,786.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8057	SB Hazelden & SM Henning	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$554.40
E4456	06/12/2022	8092	CPC Ravensthorpe Pty Ltd	BOILC pipework installation	\$29,695.96
E4456	06/12/2022	8132	S B Moroney	Edge of the Bay 2022 poster design	\$1,417.50
E4456	06/12/2022	8274	Truis Pty Ltd	Equipment	\$11,198.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8303	Liquor Barons Esperance	Consumables	\$109.98
E4456	06/12/2022	8334	WBD Pty Ltd	Technical support - EHC refurbishment	\$5,445.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8348	Esperance Photobooth	Christmas party - photo both hire	\$400.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8380	Jade William & Leticia Hurley	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$448.80
E4456	06/12/2022	8474	South East Fire and Safety	Servicing	\$1,238.60

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E4456	06/12/2022	8497	The Print Shop Bunbury	1 x banner for Careers Expo	\$194.70
E4456	06/12/2022	8505	S G & K L Mallins	Jackpot winnings pay 11	\$150.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8506	Le Grand Chateau Esperance	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$316.80
E4456	06/12/2022	8596	Frontline Fire and Rescue Equipment	Parts	\$302.50
E4456	06/12/2022	8609	Esperance Chalet Village	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$457.60
E4456	06/12/2022	8643	Aquamonix Pty Limited	Parts	\$783.20
E4456	06/12/2022	8663	Commercial Aquatics Australia Pty Ltd	Parts	\$159.50
E4456	06/12/2022	8783	The Trustee for Recherche Medical	Pre-employment drug and alcohol screening	\$180.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8862	Australian Medical Supplies	Consumables	\$118.14
E4456	06/12/2022	8882	Esperance Tjaltjraak Services Pty Ltd	Rates price draw week 5	\$250.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8888	Quality Press	Stationery	\$1,054.35
E4456	06/12/2022	8972	Dunn's Cleaning Service Pty Ltd	Window cleaning - EHC	\$530.00
E4456	06/12/2022	8989	Envirolab Services (WA) Pty Ltd	Wylie Bay bore monitoring	\$2,767.04
E4456	06/12/2022	9003	Rural Traffic Services Pty Ltd	Traffic control	\$9,551.74
E4456	06/12/2022	9021	GA Power Equipment Spares	Diamond edge trimmer line - parts	\$898.94
E4456	06/12/2022	9022	AFGRI Equipment Australia Pty Ltd	1 x John Deere 620GP grader	\$449,350.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9051	Matthews Haulage	Water for Wylie Bay tanks	\$495.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9100	On Duty Diesel and Mechanical	Repairs	\$6,965.01
E4456	06/12/2022	9108	Bay of Isles Chiropractic Centre	OT/chiro services - EHC	\$195.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9112	Esperance Outdoor Power Equipment	Parts	\$328.60
E4456	06/12/2022	9117	Esperance Gas Distribution Company	Gas charges - October and November BOILC	\$32,784.83
E4456	06/12/2022	9126	Sara Hall T/as Pink Lily Beauty Room	Nail care - EHC	\$105.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9127	Unicare Health	Shower commode & accessories - EHC	\$1,502.30

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E4456	06/12/2022	9138	Department of Biodiversity Conservation	Plant identifications	\$467.50
E4456	06/12/2022	9147	Key Pest and Weed Control	Pest control	\$2,816.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9163	Esperance Combined Tyres & Mechanic	Tyres	\$11,005.50
E4456	06/12/2022	9211	Z Sheffield van Mierlo	Reimbursement	\$34.20
E4456	06/12/2022	9257	JAG Boiler and Gas Services	Boiler service	\$1,496.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9377	Esperance Caravan Repair Centre	Wall pegs	\$64.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9400	Rapid Global Nominee Pty Ltd	Induction management system - quarterly	\$1,098.90
E4456	06/12/2022	9447	R A & L A Gibson	Supply of river sand	\$2,902.90
E4456	06/12/2022	9451	The Choppin Block Butchers	Consumable - EHC	\$340.38
E4456	06/12/2022	9466	Esperance Glass	Repairs	\$682.88
E4456	06/12/2022	9492	Hospequip Pty Ltd	Parts - EHC	\$3,238.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9531	Seas It All Pty Ltd	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,711.60
E4456	06/12/2022	9561	O'Neill Motors	Service Salmon Gums fire truck	\$1,130.50
E4456	06/12/2022	9574	Clarke & Stokes Agriservices Pty Ltd	Parts	\$433.84
E4456	06/12/2022	9605	Lills Group Pty Ltd T/A Transtage	Safety rail	\$869.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9639	Avon Waste	Rubbish & recycling collections	\$75,989.10
E4456	06/12/2022	9641	Aussie Broadband Pty Ltd	Broadband	\$263.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9674	Adventure Playgrounds Pty Ltd	Parts	\$31,581.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9676	Mega Phones	Pendant monitoring - EHC	\$550.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9827	L A Appleton	Meal reimbursements - training	\$148.65
E4456	06/12/2022	9838	Blue Haven Shell Studio Accommodation	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$1,223.20
E4456	06/12/2022	9857	D J Kennedy	Gardening - EHC	\$176.00
E4456	06/12/2022	9913	Esperance Crane Hire	Crane hire	\$2,849.00

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E4456	06/12/2022	9930	Stantec Australia Pty Ltd	Civil services	\$1,267.75
E4456	06/12/2022	10017	Blue Force Pty Ltd	Pendant monitoring - EHC	\$21.43
E4456	06/12/2022	10046	M Magennis	Body attack reimbursement	\$59.92
E4456	06/12/2022	10115	MBIT Technologies Pty Ltd	Business sms service	\$11.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10146	S & N Creations	Souvenirs for resale	\$585.20
E4456	06/12/2022	10166	The Trustee for GCM Agencies Unit Trust	Replacement canopy and frame for roller	\$1,992.10
E4456	06/12/2022	10192	Esperance Gutter Cleaning	Monthly building maintenance - September	\$5,989.50
E4456	06/12/2022	10218	D B Ambrose	Gardening - EHC	\$1,665.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10269	Lite N' Easy Pty Ltd	Lite n Easy meal prep & delivery - EHC	\$1,858.04
E4456	06/12/2022	10312	Bread Local	Lunch catering	\$429.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10358	Esperance Weekender	Advertising - Form 4	\$2,789.30
E4456	06/12/2022	10389	Total Green Recycling Pty Ltd	Ewaste recycling	\$3,023.12
E4456	06/12/2022	10395	C R Laue	Travel allowance	\$360.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10400	Eco Shark Barrier Pty Ltd	Monthly inspections	\$20,790.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10416	J M Smith	Rent	\$600.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10466	35 Degrees South	Museum village amalagation	\$2,716.45
E4456	06/12/2022	10518	Townzies Turf and Gardens	Gardening - EHC	\$1,163.25
E4456	06/12/2022	10594	G L White	Rates refund	\$457.90
E4456	06/12/2022	10608	Guardian Safety Pendants Pty Ltd	Pendant monitoring - EHC	\$49.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10611	E E Hegney	Jackpot winnings pay 11	\$150.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10675	Archipelago Apartments	Bookeasy sales - Accommodation	\$909.92
E4456	06/12/2022	10702	JLM Surveys Pty Ltd	Relief survey assistance	\$12,592.27
E4456	06/12/2022	10713	Moore Australia Audit (WA)	Certification of deferred pensioner rates	\$660.00

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E4456	06/12/2022	10726	J Wang	Pre-employment medical assessment	\$187.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10743	D Lubcke	Physio service - EHC	\$3,240.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10793	Equipment for Living Back on Track	Nursing equipment - EHC	\$2,600.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10797	Mapien Pty Ltd ATF The Mapien Unit	Review & lodgement of EBA	\$654.50
E4456	06/12/2022	10799	Active Discovery	Playground equipment	\$65,532.50
E4456	06/12/2022	10800	Airport Consultancy Group	Esperance Airport - surface inspection & treatment	\$16,627.38
E4456	06/12/2022	10825	Third Angle Engineering Pty Ltd	Parts	\$33,770.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10835	Premium Publishers - Vanguard	Australia's Golden Outback advertising	\$2,792.90
E4456	06/12/2022	10875	Lifeline Australia	40 x subscriptions - freight industry	\$2,640.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10942	Thorp Realty Pty Ltd	Rent	\$870.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10944	ATI-Mirage Training and Business	Project management training - D Goods	\$1,029.60
E4456	06/12/2022	10947	Sydney Tools Pty Ltd	Toolboxes	\$3,198.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10949	Bistro Louis Pty Ltd	Catering	\$858.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10956	MBL Food & Packaging T/A South Coast Foods	Consumables	\$4,314.76
E4456	06/12/2022	10958	Newsxpress Esperance Lottery Centre	Stationery - EHC	\$1,016.61
E4456	06/12/2022	10960	Thump Boxing International Pty Ltd	Training - THUMP BOILC	\$758.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10961	Beyond Function Occupational Therapy	OT Assessment -EHC	\$893.75
E4456	06/12/2022	10965	The Baking Edge	100 x promotional cookies for Careers Expo	\$315.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10966	W A Anderson	Rates refund	\$739.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10971	Esperance Rugby Club Inc	CGP - small grant	\$3,000.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10972	Museum Village Markets Inc	CGP - small grant	\$3,000.00
E4456	06/12/2022	10974	T A Robins	Rates refund	\$2,114.11
E4456	06/12/2022	10975	S Southern	Reimbursement	\$64.23

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E4456	06/12/2022		B K Guest	Reimbursement	\$95.48
E4456	06/12/2022	10980	Twomey transport	CBDC relocation - EHC	\$2,079.00
E4457	07/12/2022	4891	South Coast Foodservice	Consumables	\$6,553.28
E4458	07/12/2022	260	Horizon Power	Electricity charges	\$37,480.92
E4458	07/12/2022	290	Telstra	Telephone charges	\$3,617.59
E4459	08/12/2022	4947	Toll Ipec Pty Ltd	Freight charges	\$761.29
E4460	08/12/2022	32	Australia Post	Postage	\$3,790.00
E4460	08/12/2022	7580	BP Australia Pty Ltd (6791)	SOE avgas	\$12,110.49
E4460	08/12/2022	8784	Sheriff's Office Perth	Lodgement fee - Rangers	\$162.00
E4460	08/12/2022	9321	Superchoice Services Pty Limited	Superannuation October 2023	\$221,751.96
E4460	08/12/2022	9997	Sandwai Pty Ltd	Sandwai monthly fees - Nov 2022	\$2,037.20
E4461	09/12/2022	33	Australian Services Union	Payroll deduction	\$336.70
E4461	09/12/2022	140	Esperance Shire Staff Jackpot	Payroll deduction	\$900.00
E4461	09/12/2022	144	Esperance Staff Social Club	Payroll deduction	\$456.00
E4461	09/12/2022	154	LGRCEU	Payroll deduction	\$198.00
E4461	09/12/2022	1963	Child Support Agency	Payroll deduction	\$5,451.54
E4462	14/12/2022	314	WA Treasury Corporation	Loan repayment	\$36,932.08
E4462	14/12/2022	7576	Les Mills Asia Pacific	Contract fee body pump/balance/attack -BOILC	\$1,308.66
E4462	14/12/2022	7580	BP Australia Pty Ltd (6791)	SOE avgas	\$263.26
E4462	14/12/2022	9321	Superchoice Services Pty Limited	Superannuation November 2023	\$344,950.99
E4463	15/12/2022	1	Australian Taxation Office	Payroll deduction	\$173,466.00
E4463	15/12/2022	100	Landgate	Title searches	\$56.40
E4463	15/12/2022	126	Esperance Electrical Service	Electrical services	\$7,360.00

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E4463	15/12/2022	187	Ixom Operations Pty Ltd	Cylinder & gas charges	\$513.70
E4463	15/12/2022	209	I S Mickel	President payment Dec 22	\$15,080.00
E4463	15/12/2022	395	BOC Gases	Cylinder & gas charges	\$48.43
E4463	15/12/2022	505	Esperance Plumbing Service	Plumbing services	\$6,734.37
E4463	15/12/2022	536	Landgate	Mining tenements	\$620.18
E4463	15/12/2022	571	St John Ambulance Association in WA	First aid course - 1 day	\$975.00
E4463	15/12/2022	1083	Airport Lighting Specialists Pty Ltd	Esperance Airport - runway lighting spares	\$928.95
E4463	15/12/2022	1282	Sigma Chemicals	Pool chemicals & equipment	\$757.90
E4463	15/12/2022	1315	Gibson Soak Water Co	Bottled water	\$363.00
E4463	15/12/2022	1470	Express Yourself Printing Esperance	Stationery	\$146.00
E4463	15/12/2022	1695	Bay of Isles Mini-Excavators	Plant hire	\$1,840.00
E4463	15/12/2022	1730	Rotary Club of Esperance	CGP - Rotary Australia Day	\$10,000.00
E4463	15/12/2022	1791	Longy's General Welding	Repairs	\$266.20
E4463	15/12/2022	1863	Zipform Electronic Print & Mail	2nd instalment notice printing	\$1,924.98
E4463	15/12/2022	2091	Sime Building Company Pty Ltd	Flinders Estate Stage 4	\$405,790.00
E4463	15/12/2022	2113	Banksia Medical and Health	Pre-employment drug and alcohol screening	\$3,172.50
E4463	15/12/2022	2317	Southern Cross Austereo Pty Ltd	Radio advertising	\$1,456.40
E4463	15/12/2022	2496	Professionals Esperance Real Estate	Rent	\$1,440.00
E4463	15/12/2022	2655	Lions Club of Esperance	Consumables - EHC	\$112.00
E4463	15/12/2022	2765	Esperance Autos	Parts	\$1,577.53
E4463	15/12/2022	3227	Esperance Fire Services	Checking	\$391.05
E4463	15/12/2022	3373	Crossview Enterprises Pty Ltd	Construction	\$38,196.41
E4463	15/12/2022	3478	Avis Car Hire	Car hire	\$2,455.07

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E4463	15/12/2022	3533	Mike Henley Mechanical & Fabrication	Replace faulty primer pump - Quarry Rd fire truck	\$2,894.76
E4463	15/12/2022	3752	Securepay Pty Ltd	Monthly charge	\$86.19
E4463	15/12/2022	3797	LED Esperance	Electrical supplies	\$718.19
E4463	15/12/2022	3835	WA Local Government Association	Training	\$4,302.00
E4463	15/12/2022	3938	C K Mader	Rent - 26 Mungan Street	\$600.00
E4463	15/12/2022	4068	Total Asphalt And Traffic Management	Asphalt works	\$587,092.15
E4463	15/12/2022	4311	R M & W G Herbert	Painting services	\$390.50
E4463	15/12/2022	4321	The Royal Life Saving Society (WA)	Compliance signage replacement	\$475.35
E4463	15/12/2022	4567	WA Police Service	Volunteer police checks	\$51.00
E4463	15/12/2022	4699	Esperance Care Services Inc	Rags	\$150.00
E4463	15/12/2022	4989	Woolworths Group Limited	Consumables	\$3,038.23
E4463	15/12/2022	5194	Jatek Engineering	Steel supplies & fabrication	\$61,074.20
E4463	15/12/2022	5215	Public Transport Authority of WA	TransWA November & public bus trial contribution	\$67,292.22
E4463	15/12/2022	5242	J Ford	Museum archivist honorarium Dec 22	\$750.00
E4463	15/12/2022	5274	Davric Australia	Stock for resale	\$2,314.30
E4463	15/12/2022	5307	Tourism Council Western Australia	Membership renewal	\$1,650.00
E4463	15/12/2022	5389	S P Flanagan	Councillor payment Dec 2022	\$5,070.00
E4463	15/12/2022	5444	Reece Australia Pty Ltd	BOILC ABS Pipework	\$122.43
E4463	15/12/2022	5530	M Lankester	Museum data entry honorarium Dec 2022	\$750.00
E4463	15/12/2022	5559	BookEasy Australia Pty Ltd	Bookeasy November	\$970.05
E4463	15/12/2022	5604	Esperance Milk Supply	Milk for admin/depot	\$131.92
E4463	15/12/2022	5686	Dan Paris Photography	Edge of the Bay photography workshop	\$550.00
E4463	15/12/2022	5791	W J & F J Graham	Councillor payment Dec 2022	\$5,070.00

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E4463	15/12/2022	5796	Pink Lake IGA	Consumables	\$401.85
E4463	15/12/2022	5877	Castletown Chemist	Webster packs & chemist items - EHC	\$173.00
E4463	15/12/2022	5896	Toyota Financial Services	Lease payments	\$555.23
E4463	15/12/2022	6009	McLeods Barristers & Solicitors	Review of membership agreement	\$1,265.00
E4463	15/12/2022	6024	SeatAdvisor Pty Ltd	Ticket sales - November	\$159.51
E4463	15/12/2022	6164	Data 3 Limited	Equipment	\$990.41
E4463	15/12/2022	6221	PFD Food Services Pty Ltd	Consumables	\$469.65
E4463	15/12/2022	6250	WA Tyre Recovery	Tyres for recycling	\$2,968.05
E4463	15/12/2022	6363	Esperance Twilight Aerials Gymnastics	Christmas pageant - peoples choice prize	\$200.00
E4463	15/12/2022	6478	South Coast Test And Tag	RCD testing	\$1,900.80
E4463	15/12/2022	6808	Australian Performing Arts Centres	Annual membership	\$940.00
E4463	15/12/2022	6894	C.R. Kennedy & Co Pty Ltd	Grader 3D control system transfer	\$10,887.40
E4463	15/12/2022	6897	Position Partners	Virtual surveyor peak 1 year	\$764.50
E4463	15/12/2022	7121	Saltwater Catering	Senior Christmas dinner catering	\$8,712.00
E4463	15/12/2022	7130	Truck Centre WA Pty Ltd	Parts	\$5,706.27
E4463	15/12/2022	7285	C M Hoffrichter	Training reimbursement	\$160.98
E4463	15/12/2022	7425	Esperance Cleaning Service	Cleaning services	\$1,848.00
E4463	15/12/2022	7438	Independence Australia	Nursing consumables - EHC	\$125.60
E4463	15/12/2022	7703	Talis Consultants	Consultant services	\$18,892.28
E4463	15/12/2022	7704	Vorgee Pty Ltd	Stock for resale	\$2,112.00
E4463	15/12/2022	7715	TD Contractors A/L Removal	Earthworks	\$966.63
E4463	15/12/2022	7887	Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation	GVROC subscription fee 2022/23	\$31,350.00
E4463	15/12/2022	7910	GMN Mechanical	Repairs	\$1,658.00

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E4463	15/12/2022	7980	Centrecare Incorporated - ACCESS	EAP counselling services	\$946.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8007	Cabcharge	Taxi vouchers	\$410.72
E4463	15/12/2022	8099	Silver Chain Group Limited	Pendant rental & monitoring - EHC	\$235.20
E4463	15/12/2022	8132	S B Moroney	Edge of Bay photography & waste booklet	\$845.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8201	K L Smithson	Edge of the Bay acoustic acts & band	\$3,520.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8229	R Horan	Councillor payment Dec 22	\$5,070.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8303	Liquor Barons Esperance	Consumables	\$2,707.21
E4463	15/12/2022	8341	M J Sonneman	Knife Sharpening - EHC	\$120.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8464	B R McCosh	Jackpot winnings pay 12	\$150.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8474	South East Fire and Safety	Tag and test Edge of the Bay	\$385.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8497	The Print Shop Bunbury	Pop up banners	\$533.50
E4463	15/12/2022	8783	The Trustee for Recherche Medical	Pre-employment drug & alcohol screenings	\$90.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8805	Enhanced Design & Drafting	Building Design services	\$5,940.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8914	Cleanaway Pty Ltd	Rubbish & recycling collections	\$378.12
E4463	15/12/2022	8916	Promotional Exposure	50% deposit for show - ECC	\$1,760.00
E4463	15/12/2022	8972	Dunn's Cleaning Service Pty Ltd	Cleaning services	\$3,878.50
E4463	15/12/2022	8989	Envirolab Services (WA) Pty Ltd	Wylie Bay bore monitoring	\$963.25
E4463	15/12/2022	9021	GA Power Equipment Spares	PPE	\$87.98
E4463	15/12/2022	9022	AFGRI Equipment Australia Pty Ltd	Parts	\$3,494.57
E4463	15/12/2022	9077	J O'Donnell	Councillor payment Dec 22	\$5,070.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9093	S C Walsh	Jackpot winnings pay 12	\$150.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9100	On Duty Diesel and Mechanical	Repairs	\$2,508.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9108	Bay of Isles Chiropractic Centre	OT/chiro Services - EHC	\$65.00

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E4463	15/12/2022	9112	Esperance Outdoor Power Equipment	Parts	\$98.10
E4463	15/12/2022	9127	Unicare Health	Nursing equipment - EHC	\$48.51
E4463	15/12/2022	9163	Esperance Combined Tyres & Mechanical	Tyres	\$15,167.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9175	S P McMullen	Councillor payment Dec 22	\$5,070.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9207	Datacom Systems (AU) Pty Ltd	Stationery & equipment	\$568.09
E4463	15/12/2022	9236	T Stewarts Engineering	Fabrication	\$6,213.72
E4463	15/12/2022	9237	Esperance Metaland	Parts	\$8.58
E4463	15/12/2022	9270	W C Govans	Repairs to homecare gate	\$1,980.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9414	Chadwick Mobile Auto Electrics	Parts	\$440.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9451	The Choppin Block Butchers	Consumables - EHC	\$1,295.13
E4463	15/12/2022	9482	Draeger Australia Pty Ltd	Parts	\$1,067.35
E4463	15/12/2022	9491	Zap Circus	Esperance regions tour - civic centre show	\$9,006.57
E4463	15/12/2022	9503	EcoValley Honey - Winton Hughes	Consignment sales	\$34.40
E4463	15/12/2022	9540	North Metropolitan Tafe	Training - S Halls	\$353.50
E4463	15/12/2022	9564	South East Auto & Heavy Diesel	Compliance and inspection works	\$2,975.89
E4463	15/12/2022	9578	Department of Mines, Industry	Building services levies	\$7,273.30
E4463	15/12/2022	9639	Avon Waste	Rubbish & recycling collections	\$3,926.94
E4463	15/12/2022	9645	TPG Network Pty Ltd	EVC internet charges	\$130.90
E4463	15/12/2022	9671	R P Western	Consignment sales	\$38.32
E4463	15/12/2022	9807	R G Chambers	Deputy president payment Dec 22	\$7,312.50
E4463	15/12/2022	9808	J L Obourne	Councillor payment Dec 22	\$5,070.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9857	D J Kennedy	Lawns - EHC	\$198.00
E4463	15/12/2022	9894	Calibre Care	Nursing equipment - EHC	\$18,974.00

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E4463	15/12/2022	9913	Esperance Crane Hire	Crane hire	\$712.25
E4463	15/12/2022	10139	Soggybones Pty Ltd	Edge of the Bay 2022 skate event coordination	\$4,700.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10142	R-Group International Pty Ltd	Teams phone package	\$7,771.56
E4463	15/12/2022	10162	Kite Kinetics	Accommodation - Edge of the Bay 22	\$1,620.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10191	Silver Podiatry	Podiatry - EHC	\$130.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10207	Wendy's Garden Service	Gardening - EHC	\$730.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10218	D B Ambrose	Gardening - EHC	\$450.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10230	Danny's Firewood & Timber Supplies	Timber	\$2,530.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10264	Timber Insight Pty Ltd	Timber inspection	\$1,155.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10268	White Sands Paving	Paving	\$880.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10269	Lite N' Easy Pty Ltd	Lite n Easy meal prep & delivery - EHC	\$1,495.67
E4463	15/12/2022	10358	Esperance Weekender	Ad - economic development	\$1,604.65
E4463	15/12/2022	10388	S Stock	Reimbursement	\$32.89
E4463	15/12/2022	10401	Esperance Tide	Ad - OCM dates & coastal safety	\$1,108.80
E4463	15/12/2022	10414	Integrated ICT	Veeam cloud connect backup storage	\$2,738.65
E4463	15/12/2022	10416	J M Smith	Rent	\$600.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10459	Cloud Payment Group	Debt collection	\$1,815.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10485	G L & M R Green	Security support Edge of the Bay 2022	\$600.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10518	Townzies Turf and Gardens	Gardening - EHC	\$528.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10554	L P De Haas	Councillor payment Dec 22	\$5,070.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10564	WA Girl Macramé	Consignment sales	\$80.56
E4463	15/12/2022	10565	Food Safety Plus Pty Ltd	Kitchen audit - EHC	\$1,042.25
E4463	15/12/2022	10577	Roo Brew Pty Ltd T/A Lucky Bay Brewery	Stock for resale	\$960.43

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E4463	15/12/2022	10600	I Riollot & D Smallman	Morning melodies	\$220.00
E4463	15/12/2022		E E Hegney	Christmas party reimbursement	\$78.80
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E4463	15/12/2022	10618	Caladenia Co	Edge of the Bay 2022 consumables	\$580.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10649	Bitumen Distribution Pty Ltd	Bitumen spray	\$12,870.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10651	Louise Stewart Brown Creative Artwork	Consignment sales	\$42.24
E4463	15/12/2022	10688	Urbis Pty Ltd	Housing, land and accommodation study	\$16,362.50
E4463	15/12/2022	10726	J Wang	Pre-employment medical	\$187.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10752	Thomson Reuters (Professional)	E-recruitment solutions	\$13,200.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10771	Showtools International Pty Limited	Civic centre lighting replacement & upgrade	\$10,927.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10800	Airport Consultancy Group	Esperance Airport - surface inspection & treatment	\$30,374.59
E4463	15/12/2022	10859	BM Electrical WA Pty Ltd (Griffs)	Electrical services	\$268.40
E4463	15/12/2022	10868	Rolled with love	Contract Carer - EHC	\$1,198.75
E4463	15/12/2022	10938	Christou Design Group Pty Ltd	James Street contract - progress	\$20,830.70
E4463	15/12/2022	10942	Thorp Realty Pty Ltd	Bond increase	\$1,180.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10958	Newsxpress Esperance Lottery Centre	Newspapers	\$38.70
E4463	15/12/2022	10973	M P & R P White	Refund double payment of 2nd instalment	\$629.46
E4463	15/12/2022	10979	Candor Training	Team development workshops 5th & 6th Sep	\$6,600.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10983	S J Small	Refund of plans fee	\$60.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10987	Westcycle Incorporated	Youth Day pump track coaching and races	\$1,452.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10988	E S Plecas	Refund of seniors Christmas tickets	\$200.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10989	L D'Silva	Over payment of surrender fee	\$10.00
E4463	15/12/2022	10990	J B Martin	Civic centre show refund	\$159.80
E4463	15/12/2022	10991	J Cliff	Fee refund	\$67.10

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E4464	16/12/2022	10956	MBL Food & Packaging T/A South Coast Foods	Stock for resale	\$5,263.41
E4465	19/12/2022	325	Easton WJ & V	Hire of earthmoving plant	\$14,773.00
E4465	19/12/2022	1469	Beachwind Enterprises Pty Ltd	Hire of earthmoving plant	\$75,680.00
E4465	19/12/2022	6014	Esperance Tree Lopping	Pruning and removal of trees and stumps	\$11,444.40
E4465	19/12/2022	6636	Esperance Earthworks Pty Ltd	Hire of earthmoving plant	\$46,785.75
E4465	19/12/2022	7522	Jacka Trenching and Fencing	Traffic control	\$13,572.90
E4465	19/12/2022	8230	Ballantyne Earthmoving	Hire of earthmoving plant and labour	\$63,031.10
E4465	19/12/2022	8317	Titan Contracting	Mowing services	\$36,795.00
E4465	19/12/2022	10615	Quaintrelle (WA) Pty Ltd	Hire of street sweeper	\$10,605.93
E4466	20/12/2022	260	Horizon Power	Electricity charges	\$36,808.41
E4466	20/12/2022	290	Telstra	Telephone charges	\$2,857.66
E4466	20/12/2022	392	Water Corporation	Water usage charges	\$1,732.51
E4466	20/12/2022	3685	Department of Local Government, Sport	Liquor licence for civic centre - Annual	\$640.00
E4467	21/12/2022	26	Blackwoods Atkins	Parts & equipment	\$2,753.35
E4467	21/12/2022	47	B E Stearne & Co Pty Ltd	Reticulation supplies	\$3,774.84
E4467	21/12/2022	63	Bunnings Ltd	Hardware	\$24,168.99
E4467	21/12/2022	112	Esperance Ag Services	Parts & equipment	\$6,449.94
E4467	21/12/2022	121	Esperance Communications	Communication equip & photocopier maintenance	\$2,068.98
E4467	21/12/2022	136	Powerplant Motorcycles	Equipment & repairs	\$6,417.60
E4467	21/12/2022	281	Bluescope Distribution P/L	Steel supplies & fabrication	\$430.65
E4467	21/12/2022	287	Swans Veterinary Services	Veterinary services	\$385.65
E4467	21/12/2022	323	Westrac Equipment Pty Ltd	Parts	\$4,695.84
E4467	21/12/2022	431	Assa Abloy Australia Pty Limited	Padlocks & keys	\$532.75

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E4467	21/12/2022	440	Wesfarmers Kleenheat Gas Pty Ltd	Gas for forklift Wylie Bay	\$507.67
E4467	21/12/2022	707	Haslams	Protective clothing	\$10,089.17
E4467	21/12/2022	1085	ChemCentre	Water testing	\$424.60
E4467	21/12/2022	1259	South East Petroleum	Fuel supplies	\$150,555.96
E4467	21/12/2022	1307	Feature Paints	Paint supplies	\$231.15
E4467	21/12/2022	1461	Kip & Steve's Mechanical Repairs	Parts	\$13,753.12
E4467	21/12/2022	1485	Freight Lines Group	Freight charges	\$44,219.36
E4467	21/12/2022	1575	GPC Asia Pacific Pty Ltd/Repco	Auto supplies	\$3,133.41
E4467	21/12/2022	2122	Iplex Pipelines Australia P/L	Pipes	\$26,805.13
E4467	21/12/2022	2246	Cutting Edges Pty Ltd	Parts	\$2,299.52
E4467	21/12/2022	2333	Winc Australia Pty Limited	Stationery	\$987.13
E4467	21/12/2022	2440	Staines Esperance	Parts	\$1,815.80
E4467	21/12/2022	2469	Coates Hire	Hire	\$1,060.54
E4467	21/12/2022	3366	Bullivants Pty Ltd	Equipment & parts	\$1,176.89
E4467	21/12/2022	3406	Colquhoun's Fremantle Bag Co	Bags	\$660.00
E4467	21/12/2022	3545	ASB Marketing Pty Ltd	Suicide prevention grant funded merchandise	\$19,814.52
E4467	21/12/2022	3736	Easisalary Pty Ltd	Novated lease ITC credits - Nov 22	\$712.00
E4467	21/12/2022	3774	Goodchild Enterprises	Battery	\$220.00
E4467	21/12/2022	3834	Dicks Electronics	Phone case sand SD card	\$628.33
E4467	21/12/2022	3898	Tutt Bryant Equipment	Parts	\$1,796.07
E4467	21/12/2022	4210	Farm & General EOPP	Parts	\$10,465.65
E4467	21/12/2022	4647	Marketforce	Advert - plant operator	\$515.97
E4467	21/12/2022	5251	Esperance Senior Citizen Centre Inc	First payment	\$10,000.00

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E4467	21/12/2022	5253	T-Quip	Deck roller	\$1,989.75
E4467	21/12/2022	5267	Hema Maps Pty Ltd	Stock for resale	\$685.61
E4467	21/12/2022	5623	Esperance Windscreens	Repairs	\$3,451.74
E4467	21/12/2022	5991	Esperance Smash Repairs Pty Ltd	Repairs	\$1,013.65
E4467	21/12/2022	6183	Kleen West	Gloves	\$4,025.52
E4467	21/12/2022	6714	Holcim Pty Ltd	Aggregate & kerbmix supplies	\$92,112.40
E4467	21/12/2022	6873	WT Hydraulics	Fabrication	\$7,444.90
E4467	21/12/2022	6941	MJB Industries	Concrete products	\$20,224.38
E4467	21/12/2022	7657	A N Belworthy	Reimbursement	\$3,449.00
E4467	21/12/2022	8132	S B Moroney	Suicide prevention grant merchandise	\$1,350.00
E4467	21/12/2022	8267	Valvoline (Australia) Pty Ltd	Consumables	\$7,788.63
E4467	21/12/2022	8581	Barbeques Galore (Esperance)	Furniture	\$463.88
E4467	21/12/2022	8955	Esperance Laundry and Linen	Laundry services	\$589.70
E4467	21/12/2022	8959	Topsigns	Signage	\$985.60
E4467	21/12/2022	9006	Corsign WA Pty Ltd	Signage	\$27,629.80
E4467	21/12/2022	9028	Terry White Chemmart Esperance	Webster packs & chemist items - EHC	\$693.00
E4467	21/12/2022	9156	Bluemar Pty Ltd	Footings for EHC temporary laundry	\$5,148.00
E4467	21/12/2022	9170	ThermoAir	Air conditioning services	\$462.00
E4467	21/12/2022	9210	McIntosh & Son W.A.	Parts	\$21,119.76
E4467	21/12/2022	9211	Z Sheffield van Mierlo	Reimbursement	\$3,006.00
E4467	21/12/2022	9464	Air Filter Dry Clean Systems WA	Dry clean filters	\$1,031.58
E4467	21/12/2022	9574	Clarke & Stokes Agriservices Pty Ltd	Parts	\$2,752.46
E4467	21/12/2022	10120	Wastetrans WA	Glass for recycling	\$1,394.36

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E4467	21/12/2022	10313	Asphalt In A Bag	Asphalt	\$5,362.50
E4467	21/12/2022	10431	Skipper Transport Parts	Parts	\$1,126.26
E4467	21/12/2022	10701	Esperance Truck Pro Pty Ltd	Parts	\$909.68
E4467	21/12/2022	10741	Esperance Rural Supplies - Elders	Parts	\$16,478.46
E4467	21/12/2022	10848	Retravision Esperance – JAPMR Pty Ltd	Smart TV for CBDC - EHC	\$16,911.20
E4467	21/12/2022	10984	Benchmark Engineering Pty Ltd	Parts	\$1,705.00
E4467	21/12/2022	10993	Etech WA Pty Ltd	Communication equipment and photocopier	\$4,210.10
E4467	21/12/2022	10994	Extreme Marquees Pty Ltd	Suicide prevention grant branded marquee	\$3,683.20
E4468	22/12/2022	395	BOC Gases	Cylinder & gas charges	\$120.25
E4468	22/12/2022	505	Esperance Plumbing Service	Plumbing services	\$125.00
E4468	22/12/2022	1695	Bay of Isles Mini-Excavators	Plant hire	\$500.00
E4468	22/12/2022	3373	Crossview Enterprises Pty Ltd	Earthworks	\$5,324.00
E4468	22/12/2022	4947	Toll Ipec Pty Ltd	Freight	\$1,081.70
E4468	22/12/2022	5796	Pink Lake IGA	Consumables	\$196.49
E4468	22/12/2022	6099	Melbourne International Comedy Festival	Melbourne International Comedy Festival - civic centre	\$3,300.00
E4468	22/12/2022	7121	Saltwater Catering	Christmas lunch catering	\$3,355.00
E4468	22/12/2022	8348	Esperance Photobooths	Christmas party - final payment of photoboth hire	\$300.00
E4468	22/12/2022	8497	The Print Shop Bunbury	Suicide prevention - airport posters	\$743.60
E4468	22/12/2022	8916	Promotional Exposure	Mr Snotbottom - civic centre	\$1,555.00
E4468	22/12/2022	8972	Dunn's Cleaning Service Pty Ltd	Cleaning services	\$21,757.27
E4468	22/12/2022	9270	W C Govans	Repairs to airport gate	\$3,657.03
E4468	22/12/2022	9297	D Cosma	Deposit for Sun Rising performance - civic centre	\$500.00
E4468	22/12/2022	9564	South East Auto & Heavy Diesel	Parts	\$140.78

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Municipal Fund - EFT Payments

EFT Ref / Cheque No	Date	Creditor	Payee	Description	Amount
E4468	22/12/2022	9882	Pace Live Pty Ltd	Presenter fee - A Celtic Christmas - civic centre	\$11,386.70
E4468	22/12/2022	10052	The Trustee for the Lab Unit Trust	Forrest & Windich precinct masterplanning	\$4,950.00
E4468	22/12/2022	10358	Esperance Weekender	Ad - VRC	\$124.65
E4468	22/12/2022	10388	S Stock	Reimbursement	\$1,000.00
E4468	22/12/2022	10640	Bitutek Pty Ltd	Bitumen spraying	\$162,932.88
E4468	22/12/2022	10995	C M Sgro	Rates refund	\$700.00
E4468	22/12/2022	10996	Dabungool	Welcome and sand art - Edge of the Bay 2022	\$2,000.00
				Total Creditor payments made by EFT from Municipal Fund	6,394,962.36

		То	tal Employee Wage payments made by EFT from Municipal Fund	\$1,162,496.96
Bulk EFT	22/12/2022	Payroll (Net)	Wages for 08/12/2022 to 21/12/2022 (Period 13)	\$582,114.47
Bulk EFT	15/12/2022	Payroll (Net)	Wages for 08/12/2022 to 14/12/2022 (Period 13)	\$2,507.16
Bulk EFT	08/12/2022	Payroll (Net)	Wages for 24/11/2022 to 07/12/2022 (Period 12)	\$577,875.33
EFT Ref / Cheque No	Date	Payee	Description	Amount

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List of accounts direct debited from Council's Municipal Fund submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 24th January 2023 for confirmation in respect to accounts already paid.

DATED	CREDITOR	NAME	firmation in respect to accounts aiready paid. PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
29/11/2022	Starlink Internet	Trevor Ayers	Airport Starlink kit	\$450.00
4/12/2022	Westnet	Trevor Ayers	Visitor centre web hosting	\$2.95
8/12/2022	Trans Tasman Media	Trevor Ayers	Advertising The Skippers "Inflight" magazine	\$448.36
15/12/2022	Vend Pos	Trevor Ayers	Visitor centre point of sale system	\$118.30
28/11/2022	Bread Local	Melissa Ammon	Thank a Volunteer morning tea	\$219.50
29/11/2022	Vistaprint	Melissa Ammon	Overflow tickets	\$75.28
2/12/2022	Vistaprint	Melissa Ammon	Refund - Thank a Volunteer day keep cups	-\$716.30
3/12/2022	White Sands Gallery	Melissa Ammon	Thank you gift - E Austen	\$130.00
5/12/2022	Esperance French Hot Bread Shop	Melissa Ammon	Thank a Volunteer morning tea	\$145.38
5/12/2022	Luxe Floral	Melissa Ammon	Flowers - Thank a Volunteer day	\$75.00
6/12/2022	Onward & Up Pty Ltd	Melissa Ammon	Coastal safety posters laminating	\$70.00
6/12/2022	Woolworths	Melissa Ammon	Museum kitchen supplies	\$237.34
7/12/2022	Harvey Norman	Melissa Ammon	Freezer - Bay of Isles Leisure Centre	\$999.00
12/12/2022	Onward & Up Pty Ltd	Melissa Ammon	Coastal safety posters laminating	\$450.00
13/12/2022	Vistaprint	Melissa Ammon	Overflow tickets	\$256.80
25/11/2022	Woolworths	Karen Voyatzis	Consumables	\$192.23
25/11/2022	Woolworths	Karen Voyatzis	Consumables	\$143.00
29/11/2022	Woolworths	Karen Voyatzis	Consumables	\$198.78
20/12/2022	Woolworths	Karen Voyatzis	Consumables	\$323.24
21/12/2022	APE Medical	Karen Voyatzis	Knee brace	\$71.45
21/12/2022	Woolworths	Karen Voyatzis	Consumables	\$231.14
22/12/2022	Ausrecord Pty Ltd	Richard Hindley	Stationery	\$21.78
2/12/2022	Department of Transport	Monica Greatrex	NDIS worker screening - E Austen	\$145.00
17/12/2022	Xero	Monica Greatrex	Xero monthly subscription - EHC	\$59.00
9/12/2022	Cleverpatch Pty Ltd	Holly Phillips	Waste education materials	\$54.73
1/12/2022	Officeworks	Felicity Baxter	Stationery order	\$814.28
1/12/2022	GoFax Pty Ltd	Felicity Baxter	Fax to email subscription	\$19.90
4/12/2022	Mailchimp	Felicity Baxter	Media Notifications	\$146.07
11/12/2022	Microsoft	Felicity Baxter	Azure cloud platform licence	\$73.61
12/12/2022	Exlaimer	Felicity Baxter	Electronic signature annual licence	\$3,672.00
21/12/2022	Cloud Eleven	Shane Burge	Meeting refreshments	\$17.00
29/11/2022	Starlink Internet	Mathew Walker	Airport Starlink subscription	\$155.00
30/11/2022	ARRB Impact	Mathew Walker	ARRB Training - G Noble	\$1,680.00
2/12/2022	Ezi Irrigation	Mathew Walker	Shire membership Irrigation Australia	\$780.00
8/12/2022	Bunnings	Mathew Walker	Leaving gift - G White	\$1,000.00
8/12/2022	Starlink Internet	Mathew Walker	Starlink RV internet - overflow	\$174.00
15/12/2022	Pinnacle Height Safety	Mathew Walker	Heights trainiing - D Shilton	\$694.00
19/12/2022	Payment received	Mathew Walker	-	-\$4,000.00
20/12/2022	Post Office	Mathew Walker	Over loaded traffice infringement	\$1,000.00

SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

List of accounts direct debited from Council's Municipal Fund submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting meeting held on 24th January 2023 for confirmation in respect to accounts already paid.

DATED	CREDITOR	NAME	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
25/11/2022	Boulevard News	Richard Hindley	Raffle tickets for Community Dog Day	\$3.00
25/11/2022	The Reject Shop	Richard Hindley	Items for Community Dog Day	\$17.00
25/11/2022	Just one more stitch	Shane Tobin	Edge of the Bay - ribbon for skate medals	\$6.00
25/11/2022	Bunnings	Shane Tobin	Seniors Christmas party - random raffle prizes	\$125.76
26/11/2022	Ricardos Investment	Shane Tobin	Civic centre - refreshments	\$59.00
29/11/2022	Onward & Up Pty Ltd	Shane Tobin	Edge of the Bay - youth photo competition	\$50.00
29/11/2022	Bunnings	Shane Tobin	Edge of the Bay - tape & tent pegs	\$118.13
29/11/2022	Woolworths	Shane Tobin	Seniors Christmas party - gift for performers	\$112.00
30/11/2022	Red Dot	Shane Tobin	Seniors Christmas party - random raffle prizes	\$15.00
30/11/2022	Woolworths	Shane Tobin	Christmas pageant - Iollies	\$27.20
1/12/2022	Bunnings	Shane Tobin	Festoon lights - civic centre	\$475.91
2/12/2022	Woolworths	Shane Tobin	Edge of the Bay - consumables	\$134.04
4/12/2022	Woolworths	Shane Tobin	Tea towels	\$29.90
4/12/2022	Woolworths	Shane Tobin	Water - civic centre	\$22.40
9/12/2022	EcoBoy Pty Ltd	Shane Tobin	Christmas pageant - refreshments	\$184.97
9/12/2022	Dominos Esperance	Shane Tobin	Christmas pageant - refreshments	\$76.98
13/12/2022	Fenwick 3 Cinemas	Shane Tobin	Volunteer thank you gifts	\$294.00
16/12/2022	Air BNB	Shane Tobin	Accommodation - Z Lircus	\$1,382.77
19/12/2022	Coles Express	Shane Tobin	Fuel for generator	\$37.24
20/12/2022	Ricardos Investment	Shane Tobin	Civic centre - refreshments	\$159.50
3/12/2022	Woolworths	Ashley Peczka	Consumables - community engagement	\$68.30
4/12/2022	Coles Express	Ashley Peczka	Consumables - community fire awareness	\$12.00
4/12/2022	Pink Lake IGA	Ashley Peczka	Consumables - community fire awareness	\$25.60
7/12/2022	Express Yourself Printing	Ashley Peczka	Stationery	\$18.00
25/11/2022	BBQs Galore	Emily Hegney	Marquee pegs	\$99.92
26/11/2022	RYTR LLC	Emily Hegney	Writing Subscription	\$44.24
30/11/2022	Facebook	Emily Hegney	Advertising - Work with us - pound assistant	\$7.09
30/11/2022	Quest South Perth	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - C Hoffrichter	\$403.20
30/11/2022	The Murray Hotel	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - R Chambers	\$149.00
1/12/2022	McCreeds Jewellers	Emily Hegney	Clock for chambers	\$149.00
1/12/2022	Rendezvous Grand Hotel	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - R Meerman	\$720.65
2/12/2022	Holiday Inn West Perth	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - L de Haas	\$220.26
2/12/2022	Woolworths	Emily Hegney	Chambers consumables	\$34.00
3/12/2022	Bentley Motel	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - K Baker & M Mengennis	\$588.00
7/12/2022	Auspire	Emily Hegney	Gift & prizes for Australia Day celebrations	\$78.80
7/12/2022	Esperance Pizza	Emily Hegney	Catering - Munglinup Primary School awards night - I Mickel	\$29.95
8/12/2022	Auspire	Emily Hegney	Gift & prizes for Australia Day celebrations	\$23.95
9/12/2022	Quest Innaloo	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - C Brook-Sperring	\$1,003.66
10/12/2022	Wattle Grove Motel	Emily Hegney	Accommodation & meals - M de Grussa	\$1,202.00

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DATED	CREDITOR	NAME	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT							
13/12/2022	Virgin Australia	Emily Hegney	Flights - M Robinson	\$1,381.28							
13/12/2022	Subway Esperance	Emily Hegney	Catering - Councillor lunch	\$116.00							
15/12/2022	Bunnings	Emily Hegney	Prized for end of year staff luncheon	\$100.00							
17/12/2022	Hospitality Esperance	Emily Hegney	Accommodation - B King	\$131.21							
		Commonwealth Bank	Total Credit Card Purchases 25/11/22 - 23/12/2022	20,564.73							

12.4 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Item: 12.4.1

Information Bulletin - January 2023

Author/sEmily HegneyExecutive AssistantAuthorisor/sShane BurgeChief Executive Officer

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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.J. Information Bulletin January 2023
- BJ. Council Priorities Summary Corporate Performance December 2022
- C. Delegations Discharge Corporate Resources
- DJ. Status Report Open Council Resolutions January 2023
- E.J. Community Grants Program 2022/23 Small Grants December 2022

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

12.4.1 Information Bulletin - January 2023

Moved: Cr Flanagan Seconded: Cr Graham

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Council Resolution

That Council accepts:

- 1. Information Bulletin January 2023
- 2. Council Priorities Summary Corporate Performance December 2022
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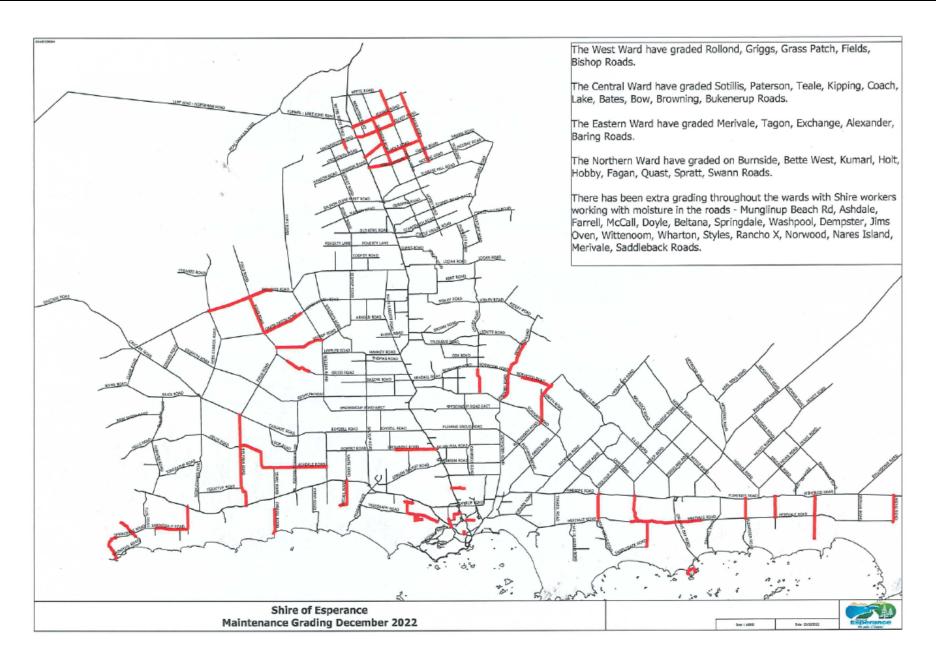


INFORMATION BULLETIN

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

January 2023





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Building Permits

Approval Date	Permit Number	Name & Address of Owner	Builder Name & Address	Reg No	Situation of Building	Type of Work	Materials of External Walls	Roof Covering	Main Material of Floor	No of Buildings	Floor Area Sq.M	Cost \$ Excluding Land
12/12/2022	18099		Eikon Group Pty Ltd t/a Dixon Construction 71 The Esplanade ESPERANCE WA 6450	BC14605	Lot: 40 Pln: 222408 75 Dempster Street ESPERANCE	Occupancy Permit- Class 6 Fit-Out - Cloud 11	Brick, double	Steel	Concrete	1		
23/12/2022	18103		Glenkindie Pty Ltd PO Box 2272 ESPERANCE WA 6450	BC103055	Lot: 125 Pln: 222409 18 Dempster Street ESPERANCE	Retaining Wall Amendment & Steps			Concrete	2	27.0	
21/12/2022	18207		M Fry Unit 2 5 Backland Street SINCLAIR WA 6450		S/L: 2 S/P: 41353 2/5 Backland Street SINCLAIR	Addition of Patio Windows	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1		3,600.0
07/12/2022	18209		G A Liddlelow 12 Alexander Drive CASTLETOWN WA 6450		Lot: 1 D: 40934 32 Mitchell Street CASTLETOWN	Retaining & Fence (Masonry)	Concrete or stone		Concrete		39.0	14,000.0
02/12/2022	18215		S A Anthony 17 Daphne Street CASTLETOWN WA 6450		Lot: 250 Pln: 1853 17 Daphne Street CASTLETOWN	Steel Framed Shed 77m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	77.0	16,000.0
05/12/2022	18224		R A Nelson 8 Lyon Parade CASTLETOWN WA 6450		Lot: 25 Pln: 22031 Shark Lake Road MONJINGUP	Patio Addition 65m2		Steel	Other	1	65.0	18,000.00
12/12/2022	18228		A Vandersnoek 14 Phillips Street WEST BEACH WA 6450		Lot: 553 Pln: 2788 14 Phillips Street WEST BEACH	Shed 37m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	37.0	9,800.00
12/12/2022	18232		B Tate 76B Locahart Street COMO WA 6152		Lot: 332 Pln: 1853 16 Nugent Street CASTLETOWN	Timber Framed Patio 36.94m2	Timber	Other	Concrete	1	37.0	15,000.00
08/12/2022	18233		C T Wells 3 Muresk Close WEST BEACH WA 6450		Lot: 160 Pln: 21242 3 Muresk Close WEST BEACH	Water Tank 140,000L and Privacy Screens	Other	Other	Concrete			5,000.00
23/12/2022	18236		C J Mansell 16 Cabble Close CASTLETOWN WA 6450		Lot: 96 Pln: 9741 11 Woods Street CHADWICK	Class 10a Shed 48m2 on Industrial Lot	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	48.0	18,000.00
14/12/2022	18239		Wrinkly Tin & Cladding Company Pty Ltd 3 Corry Street ESPERANCE WA 6450		Lot: 515 Pln: 411482 Mississippi Bend PINK LAKE	Shed 135m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	135.0	18,500.00
21/12/2022	18242		M G Beasley 4 Willowtree Avenue WEST BEACH WA 6450	BC100828	Lot: 82 Pln: 9741 31 Shelden Road CHADWICK	Class 10a Lean-To Addition To Industrial Building 38.5m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	38.0	4,000.00
02/12/2022	18247		D S Capelli 55 Twilight Beach Road WEST BEACH WA 6450		Lot: 517 Pln: 172712 55 Twilight Beach Road WEST BEACH	Shed 40m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	40.0	18,000.0
06/12/2022	18248		WA Country Builders 96-102 Stirling Terrace ALBANY WA 6330	BC11422	Lot: 97 Pln: 19065 2 Lalor Drive WINDABOUT	Dwelling with Attached Verandah & Garage 285m2	Brick, veneer	Steel	Concrete	1	285.0	520,793.00
07/12/2022	18249		R J Donaldson Building Contractor Address Unknown	9687	Lot: 367 Pln: 1376 12 Castletown Quays CASTLETOWN	Convert 10a to 1a Ancillary Accommodation	Brick, veneer	Tiles (concrete tiles)	Concrete	1		100,000.00
22/12/2022	18250		S E Turrell 23 Thistle Avenue BANDY CREEK WA 6450		Lot: 207 Pln: 69443 23 Thistle Avenue BANDY CREEK	Patio Freestanding 18m2		Steel	Concrete	1	18.0	5,500.00

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04/01/2023	18251		W J Rodgers 65 Twilight Beach Road WEST BEACH WA 6450	12588	Lot: 44 Pln: 255115 539 Eleven Mile Beach Road PINK LAKE	Shed 300m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	300.0	90,000.00
13/12/2022	18253		Quality Builders Pty Ltd Address Unknown	6978	Lot: 90 Pln: 23554 118 Dunkley Circuit PINK LAKE	Dwelling 170m2 (Verandah Not Included)	Fibre Cement	Steel	Concrete	1	170.0	325,723.00
16/12/2022	18255		KJ Norton Building Company 5 Kiwi Close CASTLETOWN WA 6450	BC9566	Lot: 245 Pin: 69443 16 Asken Turn BANDY CREEK	Steel Framed Shed 80m2	Steel	Steel	Concrete	1	80.0	40,000.00
19/12/2022	18256		Instant Transportable Projects Pty Ltd Address Unknown	BC11662	Lot: 9001 Pin: 73198 South Coast Highway CHADWICK	Class 5 Transportable Office	Other	Steel	Concrete	1	108.0	246,150.00
21/12/2022	18260		I J Ratcliffe 17 Morton Way NULSEN WA 6450		Lot: 570 Pin: 210407 17 Morton Way NULSEN	Patio Addition 28m2	Other	Steel	Timber	1	28.0	16,000.00
03/01/2023	18263		L J Hughes 225 Goldfields Road CASTLETOWN WA 6450	BC102424	Lot: 1027 Pln: 31503 The Esplanade ESPERANCE	Structural Remedial Work for Clock Tower			Concrete	1		75,000.00

Total number of Building Permits: 22 \$1,559,066.00

Building Approval Certificates (Unauthorised Structures)

Approval Date	Permit Number	Name & Address of Owner	Builder Name & Address	Reg No	Situation of Building	Type of Work	Materials of External Walls		Main Material of Floor	No of Buildings	Floor Area Sq.M	Cost \$ Excluding Land
20/12/2022	18257		Partington BD & SW Unit 24 26 Goldfields Road CASTLETOWN WA 6450	9177	Lot: 851 Pin: 186389 7 Orr Street WEST BEACH	Unauthorised Class 10a Patio		Other		1	11.0	10,000.00

Total number of Building Approval Certificates (Unauthorised Structures): 1 \$10,000.00

Total number of Licences/Certificates Reported: 23 \$1,569,066.00

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, the particulars given in this return are a true and complete record of proposed building operations known to this local authority.

Signature Chantelle Hoffrichter Date 4th January 2023

(Case Management Officer)

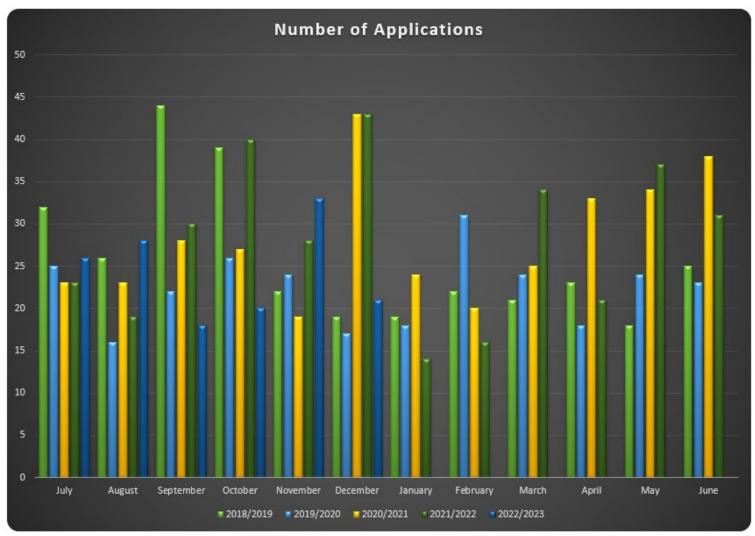
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Building Permits

Month			July		August	Se	eptember		October	N	ovember	D	ecember		TOTAL
Classification	Work	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value
1) Dwelling	New	4	\$297,873	7	\$2,658,638			1	\$0	9	\$3,377,274	3	\$946,516	24	\$7,280,301
	Alter	3	\$199,658	1	\$0	2	\$424,044	2	\$198,800	2	\$165,000		,	10	\$987,502
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	Unauth	2	\$40,000							3	\$160,000			5	\$200,000
2) Two or more sole	New													0	\$0
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	Unauth													0	\$0
3) Residential	New									-				0	\$0
Building	Alter													0	\$0
on one	Demo													0	\$0
	Unauth													0	\$0
4) Caretakers	New									 				0	\$0
Dwelling	Alter													0	\$0
owening	Demo													0	\$0
	Unauth													0	\$0
5) Office Building	New			1	\$722,000	_				 		1	\$246,150	2	\$968,150
o) Office ballating	Alter			-	\$722,000					2	\$286,899	-	\$240,130	2	\$286,899
	Demo									-	9200,033			0	\$0
	Unauth													0	\$0
6) Retail	New					1	\$7,000	1	\$60,000	_		1	50	3	\$67,000
o) Retail	Alter			1	\$150,000	-	\$7,000	-	\$60,000	-		-	30	1	\$150,000
	Demo			-	3130,000					_				0	\$0
	Unauth									_				0	\$0
TICaraark or Storage	New	3	\$560,943	2	\$354,281	5	\$1,909,341	3	\$894,030	1	\$386,300	_		14	\$4,104,895
7)Carpark or Storage	Alter	,	3300,943	- 4	\$334,281	,	\$1,909,541	٥	3894,030	1	5586,500			0	\$4,104,895
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	Unauth									-				0	\$0
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B) Laboratory/	New									-				0	
Workshop	Alter									-				0	\$0 \$0
	Demo									-				0	\$0 \$0
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9) Health-care,	New					1	\$200,000			_				1	\$200,000
Assembly or Aged	Alter					1	\$1,088,700			-				1	\$1,088,700
care Building	Demo					-				-				0	\$0
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10) Non-habitable	New	13	\$430,609	11	\$335,150	6	\$112,800	12	\$197,250	13	\$242,198	9	\$144,800	64	\$1,462,807
	Alter			5	\$65,000	1	\$15,000	1	\$7,640			6	\$56,600	13	\$144,240
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	Unauth	1	\$8,000			1	\$18,000			2	\$20,000	1	\$10,000	5	\$56,000
SUB TOTAL		23	\$1,489,083	28	\$4,285,069	17	\$3,756,885	20	\$1,357,720	28	\$4,507,369	20	\$1,394,066	136	\$16,790,192
Unauthorised T	OTAL	3	\$48,000	0	\$0	1	\$18,000	0	\$0	5	\$180,000	1	\$10,000	10	\$256,000
	Totals	26	\$1,537,083	28	\$4,285,069	18	\$3,774,885	20	\$1,357,720	33	\$4,687,369	21	\$1,404,066	146	\$17,046,192

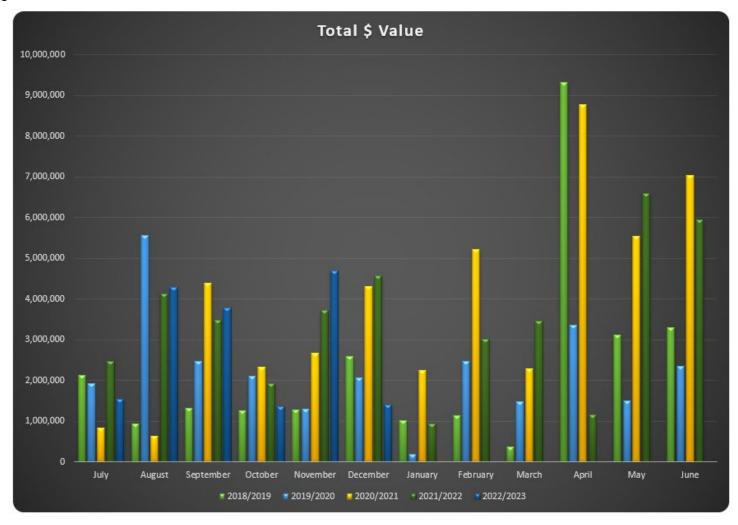
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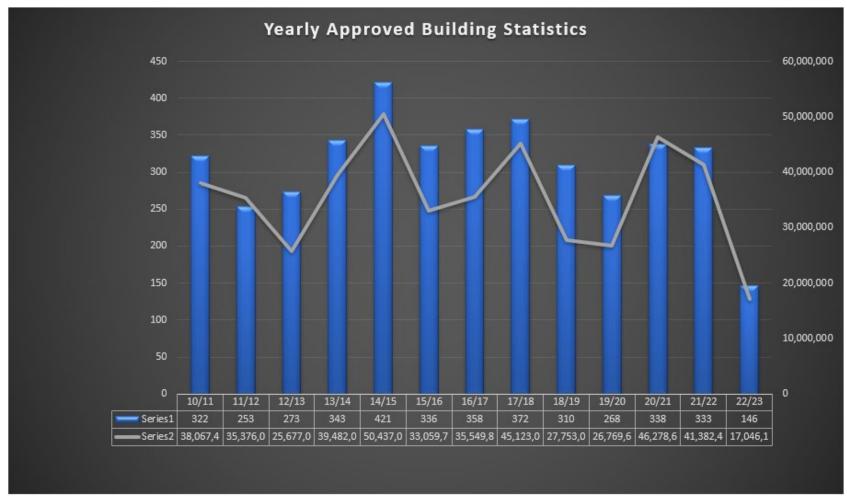
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		- 2	2015 - 2016		2016 - 2017		2017 - 2018		2018 - 2019		2019 - 2020		2020 - 2021	- 2	2021 - 2022		2022 - 2023
lassification	Work	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value	Num	Value
) Dwelling	New	53	\$17,607,463	48	\$16,181,359	55	\$17,073,970	33	\$12,193,831	31	\$12,413,292	75	\$30,156,486.00	63	\$21,593,598.00	24	\$7,280,301.00
	Alter	22	\$1,269,092	30	\$1,585,043	26	\$1,164,960	27	\$1,543,310	27	\$1,651,836	29	\$2,452,032.00	31	\$2,876,818.00	10	\$987,502.00
	Demo	3	\$88,000	8	\$246,500	3	\$94,000	1	\$8,000	5	\$68,000	7	\$128,500.00	5	\$106,930.00	1	\$49,698.00
	Unauth	8	\$88,500	8	\$143,500	9	\$245,500	7	\$301,000	3	\$329,800	4	\$58,000.00	7	\$316,269.00	5	\$200,000.00
) Two or more sole	New	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	50	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
ccupancy Units	Alter	0	50	0	\$0	0	50	0	\$0	0	50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	Demo	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	Unauth	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
) Residential	New	0	\$0	1	\$53,970	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
uilding	Alter	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	\$0	0	50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
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	Unauth	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
) Caretakers	New	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	1	\$203,163.00	0	\$0.00
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	Unauth	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Office Building	New	4	\$2,107,000	0	\$0	3	\$159,515	2	\$530,000	2	\$0	4	\$0.00	5	\$748,896.00	0	\$0.00
	Alter	1	\$694,000	4	\$659,316	2	\$44,190	4	\$28,000	6	\$1,699,076	6	\$326,000.00	1	\$160,000.00	0	\$0.00
	Demo	0	SO.	0	\$0	1	\$6,500	0	\$0	0	50	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Unauth	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	SO	0	\$0	1	\$5,000	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	50
) Retail	New	4	\$403,000	2	\$185,000	3	\$360,000	2	\$22,000	3	\$88,000	4	\$200,000	10	\$854,102	3	\$67,000
	Alter	3	\$924,500	3	\$534,600	2	\$256,542	6	\$399,898	0	SO	8	\$1,255,837	3	\$609,095	0	\$0
	Demo	0	SO.	0	\$0	1	\$20,000	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$5,000	0	SO SO	0	\$0
	Unauth	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	\$0	0	50	1	\$18,500	0	50	0	50
Carpark or Storage	New	4	\$304,814	4	\$117,500	7	\$9,709,410	5	\$989,422	6	\$518,584	14	\$2,399,396	36	\$5,010,649	14	\$4,104,895
,	Alter	0	\$0	2	\$2,615,488	2	\$1,257,780	2	\$109,700	6	\$2,434,500	4	\$3,780,093	3	\$28,800	0	\$0
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	Unauth	0	50	1	\$15,000	0	50	1	\$25,000	1	\$50,000	1	\$20,001	3	\$27,000	0	\$0
) Laboratory/	New	8	\$2,901,279	7	\$1,592,000	2	\$434,000	3	\$410,500	4	\$1,934,544	7	\$944,742	2	\$313,130	0	\$0
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Shire of Esperance
Building Permits

Building Applications Approved from 1 December 2022 to 31 January 2023







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People

A safe community

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
1.1.1	Advocate for increased police presence	Regular liaison with local OIC and also met with Commissioner of Police, Mr Col Blanch to discuss a number of local police presence issues. Currently installing further stages of CCTV system which will assist police with community safety and crime prevention.	Chief Executive Officer
1.1.2	Implement Stage Two of the CCTV Strategy for the Pink Lake Road Area	Still waiting on approval to horizontal bore under the railway line. CCTV Poles foundation installed. Horizon Power to install Un-metered power supplies.	Manager Asset Planning
1.1.3	Implement Stage Three of the CCTV Strategy for the Esperance Foreshore	CCTV pole foundation installation completed.	Manager Asset Planning
1.1.4	Advocate for improved access to safe, affordable accommodation and support services for vulnerable people (such as people affected by domestic violence, homeless people, people with mental health issues and young offenders)	Attended Interagency meeting and met with Esperance Crisis Accommodation to understand the services that were offered, especially around the domestic violence and homelessness issues. Advice from the State Government is that Red Cross are contracted to provide outreach service for homelessness in Esperance-further information being sought to understand the scope of this service.	Chief Executive Officer
1.2.1	Advocate for animal welfare organisations, such as RSPCA, to have a greater presence in Esperance to respond to local animal welfare issues.	The Shire held Cats and Dogs Community Action Days in partnership with the RSPCA in November and December respectively. The events were well attended by the community and a great opportunity to promote	Director External Services

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		animal welfare matters. Meetings with RSPCA officers were held in conjunction with these action days.	
1.2.2	Provide a fenced dog park at Wildcherry Park	The site has been shaped and has had turf established using stolens following turf renovations on Shire ovals and the foreshore. Fencing is currently underway at the site. Contractors are scheduled to complete works to implement the concept design with the park looking to be open March-April 2023.	Manager Parks & Environment

A healthy and active community

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
2.1.1	Advocate for improved access to health services with a focus on attracting and retaining local GPs, visiting specialists, telehealth services, and mental health support services	Advocacy as the opportunity arises. A number of community mental health workshops were held during the last 3 months with funding that was provided through WAPH.	Chief Executive Officer
2.1.2	Fund expanded delivery of suicide prevention initiatives through the WA Primary Health Activities Alliance Grant	The WA Primary Health Activities Alliance Grant was finalised on the 31st December 2022 and suicide prevention initiatives were well received and supported by the Esperance Community. The final online course in Mental Health and Wellbeing was offered in December for the Road Transport, Warehousing and Logistics Sector and is facilitated by Lifeline.	Manager Development & Statutory Services
2.2.1	Lead implementation of the Esperance Greater Sports Ground Redevelopment Masterplan	Nothing to report	Director Asset Management
2.2.2	Provide a third soccer pitch at the Greater Sports Ground	Due to commence 2023/2024.	Director Asset Management

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
2.2.3	Review Graham Mackenzie Stadium Redevelopment plans	This action has been deferred.	Asset Administration Supervisor
2.2.4	Provide an extension of the Scaddan Country Club	Council have reassigned the project to the Scaddan Country Club	Director Asset Management
2.2.5	Develop a Bay of Isles Leisure Centre Management Plan	Ongoing	Manager Community Support
2.3.1	Design and construct an integrated community and cultural complex in the James Street Cultural Precinct to co-locate the library, museum and visitor centre	Shire staff participated in a number of planning workshops for the James Street project in November. These workshops have culminated in a draft design brief for the project. An updated project timeline has been requested from the appointed design firm CHRISTOU Design group and it is anticipated the project will gain further momentum in early 2023 following the Christmas holiday closure period.	Director External Services
2.3.2	Facilitate James Street Cultural Precinct Advisory Groups focusing on the requirements for a new library, museum and visitor centre	Internal advisory group meetings were held with various stakeholders during November to inform the Draft Design Brief for the facilities. Community consultation on the detailed concept design will occur in 2023.	Director External Services
2.3.3	Implement the Interpretation Plan for Esperance Museum, including an Aboriginal interpretive section	No action for this period.	Library & Culture Coordinator
2.3.4	Review library technology upgrade requirements including the Library Electronic Management System	No action for this period.	Library & Culture Coordinator
2.3.5	Develop an Events Strategy	Feedback has been provided to the consultants to enable the document to be finalised.	Manager Economic Development

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
2.4.1	Explore sustainable funding sources to attract, manage and support local volunteers	Looking into a new grant opportunity released by the Department of Communities. The 'Building Sustainable Volunteering Services' Grants Program for 2023 has been formed in response to the loss of federal funding, and while it is not a sustainable source itself it can be utilised for research and development, training, and consultancy fees that focus on development of sustainable business practices.	Administration Officer
2.4.2	Provide standardised induction protocols for Shire volunteers	No change	Manager Human Resources
2.4.3	Explore options to recognise, reward and incentivise volunteers	The December 5 event (Thank a Volunteer Day) was well received, with over 80 volunteers from more than 35 different organisations attending the morning tea at the Library.	Administration Officer

A welcoming, inclusive and connected community

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
3.1.1	Provide an Aboriginal Heritage Agreement to guide respectful consultation with Traditional Owners	Initial workshop held with ETNTAC to work through some of the significant terms in the draft Heritage Agreement. Further work to be now undertaken with a view to coming into effect after the new Aboriginal Heritage Act Regulations come into effect. Officers continued to participate in workshops over the new Aboriginal Heritage Act Regulations and their implementation.	Chief Executive Officer

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
3.1.2	Provide assistance with events, activities and promotions to encourage greater awareness and participation in NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC week will be held from 2 July 2023.	Chief Executive Officer
3.1.3	Facilitate Aboriginal dual naming of significant places	Not started	Director Asset Management
3.1.4	Partner with traditional custodians to develop cultural trails with maps and interpretive signs to raise awareness, knowledge and understanding about local Aboriginal history and stories	Not Started	Director Asset Management
3.2.1	Advocate for increased child care services through promotional campaigns	Commenced development of a fact sheet on application and approvals process to increase the number of family day care facilities. Proposed media campaign around this in the new year.	Chief Executive Officer
3.2.2	Review youth needs to establish any gaps in youth services and facilities (such as access to drop in spaces, mentoring and mental health support services)	The annual Edge of the Bay Festival and Skate Board competition was held on Saturday December 3. Over 4,000 people enjoyed the event complete with markets, music and family activities. The introduction of the "Waste Trail" gave participants incentive to explore the full event while finding the clues to win a free Edge of the Bay water bottle. The event gives the youth of Esperance a pinnacle day in the year to celebrate their achievements together.	Community Development & Events Manager
3.3.1	Advocate for improved aged care facilities and palliative care	Home Care have relocated their operations to the Noel White Centre and Civic Centre to allow the refurbishment and extension of the day centre at Home Care. Supported Esperance Aged Care Facility through	Chief Executive Officer

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		funding from the remaining COVID funding from IGO to support setting up a volunteer program.	
3.3.2	Advocate for community and care services to support active aging in home	This is ongoing with Home Care providing access to affordable care services to enable community members to stay independent whilst remaining in their homes as long as it is safe for them to do so. This support is provided to both seniors within the community and those with a disability. We also encourage social opportunities through our Day Centre and group activities within the community, allowing clients to continue to take part in their community. We work with other agencies within the community with weekly hospital discharge meetings and monthly meetings with the Palliative Care Team as well as ongoing engagement with NDIS providers and the EACF. We had a group of staff from all areas attend a recent training given by the palliative Care team to better understand the work being undertaken in this space.	Manager Aged Care & Disability Services
3.3.3	Upgrade Esperance Home Care Centre	Site works have commenced	Director Asset Management
3.3.4	Provide flexible working arrangements at Esperance Home Care Centre to attract and retain staff	Home Care supports flexible working arrangements where possible by offering flexible start/finish times in order to meet the personal needs of staff and well as working from home opportunities, provided that the arrangement suits both parties and does not negatively impact on the delivery of services. This is only available for positions which do not involve customer service (most positions at EHC are customer service roles).	Manager Aged Care & Disability Services

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		Additionally Home Care provides options for some positions to work school hours which enables the staff member to have a good balance between work and family responsibilities.	
3.3.5	Review NDIS registration arrangements for Esperance Home Care	Will look into NDIS approved provider status by April 2023.	Manager Aged Care & Disability Services
3.3.6	Partner with local service providers to develop a campaign to attract community support workers to address current staff shortages	This is ongoing with the Manager working as part of the Esperance Support Sector Workforce Advisory Group. Home Care is working with the South Regional TAFE to ensure that training is provided locally where possible. We support and encourage our staff to attend further training to encourage retention within the Support Sector. We attended the Career Expo on the 30th November 2022.	Manager Aged Care & Disability Services
3.3.7	Advocate for local shops, hospitality and entertainment venues to improve access and employment opportunities for people with disability	Ongoing as an opportunity arises. Current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan plan outlines the actions the Shire is progressing. Forms part of business as usual when discussions happen with building/ development applications.	Chief Executive Officer
3.3.8	Provide appropriate level of ACROD parking bays	No additional progress due to resources being allocated to design projects.	Manager Asset Development
3.3.9	Provide improved beach access for people with disability	The Town Beach has been reprofiled before Christmas and matting installed. will evaluate how this goes over the summer.	Director Asset Management
3.3.10	Implement actions and initiatives resulting from DAIP discussions and forums	Nothing to report over the December period	Manager Community Support

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Business as Usual

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU1.1.1	Community Development	The December quarter saw the culmination of planning for events, including the Edge of the Bay Festival, Seniors Xmas Dinner, Christmas Pageant and Youth Day. The One and All Community program in October school holidays, EDRA Sports Star of the year and all the Civic Centre shows and events were well attended. Work continued on issuing small Community Grants, Suicide Prevention workshops and grant funding kept the Community Development Team busy in the lead up to the Christmas break.	Community Development & Events Manager
BAU1.1.2	Seniors Services	Not a service area for the Shire - Nothing to report.	Manager Community Support
BAU1.1.3	Esperance Home Care	Staffing: In December the Service saw the previous Manager finish and new Manager take on the position. We have been able to recruit a temporary Meal Service Cook to assist in the kitchen to allow our cook to take some leave. We had recruited a permanent gardener but unfortunately they have resigned so we continue with some temporary staff to assist our Gardening supervisor. We have had some success with the recent recruitment of CSWs and have several complete their Cert III qualification and specific competencies, we will continue to recruit as we do have a couple who will be leaving us soon and temporary staff who intend to move on.	Manager Aged Care & Disability Services

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		Home Care was recognised at the end of the year receiving the Team Neville Mulgat Customer Service Award, a great way to round off the year.	
BAU1.1.4	Bay of Isles Leisure Centre	Overflow Campground opened on 19th December. The Campground was very busy from Christmas through to New Year. Capacity limits were not reached during this time. For the most part, the changes to the entrance being on Brazier St have not caused a big problem. The Overflow will continue to operate until the Australia Day weekend.	Manager Community Support
BAU1.1.5	Esperance Civic Centre	October - December has been steady. A couple of quieter weeks in October, some leave was taken. Our casual staff were able to help out with work at the Stadium. November through December was full with annual events (school graduations, school productions, dance rehearsals and dance concerts. As well as the Comm Dev large annual events such as: Edge of the Bay, Christmas Pageant & Seniors dinner). This is a quiet period for commercial touring shows (with only 2 this quarter; Toni Childs & 'A Celtic Christmas'). The Civic Centre has been relying on Casual staff. Permanent positions hoping to be filled in 2023.	Civic Centre Supervisor
BAU1.1.6	Esperance Public Library	Rearrangement of physical library spaces to better accommodate customer needs proved very popular with customers, however the future focus must be on priority areas such as a review of services expected in a modern public library and the urgent replacement of the library's current Library Management System that is no longer being developed or upgraded and will not be	Library & Culture Coordinator

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		supported beyond December 2023. To meet the future digital and electronic needs of customers and the wider community, whether for leisure, education or business purposes, the library, as the acknowledged community digital and electronic resource centre, must update much of its current technology to be able to continue offering excellence and innovation in its services to allow for greater assistance, efficiencies, productivity and comparative procurement of resources. Technology continues its relentless advancement and complications of usage, and the library's reputation for Tech Help assistance, particularly for seniors, has been well earned and must be a priority service retention and expansion area. The Esperance community deserves a modern library service that is comparable to those operating in the metropolitan areas and other larger coastal towns so an upcoming review of the current service will be welcome.	
BAU1.1.7	Esperance Museum	Regular meetings are held to discuss how to expedite the backlog of museum work so that focus can shift to improvement of physical collection management and development of digital collection management. The Museum's Strategic Plan will be reviewed in 2023 by the Museum Reference Group; stakeholders are being encouraged to provide feedback on questions relating to the future role of the museum in the community. The next Group meeting in February 2023 will be a SWAT analysis workshop as well as a review of the goals and strategies in the current plan.	Library & Culture Coordinator

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU1.1.8	Volunteer Resource Centre	We began this quarter with news that the three small grants we had applied for had all been successful, and so work has been divided across the three projects, as well as continuing to maintain usual levels of daily service. We manned stalls at both the Esperance Ag Show and an employment expo run by Meedac, capturing potential volunteers that we had not had the opportunity to cross paths with elsewhere. This quarter has seen a 60% increase in the number of volunteers engaging with the service (compared to the previous quarter) - something we will be aiming to push even higher with our promotions grant that will be in full swing over the next quarter. We bid farewell to the Volunteer Centre Coordinator at the end of this quarter, and so staff numbers at the Volunteer Centre have halved.	Administration Officer
BAU1.1.9	Esperance Skate Park		Director Asset Management
BAU1.1.10	Ranger Services	A review of ranger operations and procedures is progressing well. Animal education and control has been supported by the cat and dog community action days and will continue to improve with the rollout of an Animal Welfare Grant that will provide free desexing of companion animals to concession card holders or residents that are able to demonstrate financial difficulty.	Manager Development & Statutory Services

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Planet

The natural environment is valued, protected and enjoyed

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
4.1.1	Partner with Traditional Owners to manage culturally sensitive nature reserves	ETNTAC and traditional owner engagement is ongoing. A workshop was completed in September to discuss projects with ETNTAC and the traditional owner circle of elders. A Coastwest Grant for the partnership with the Shire and ETNTAC has been announced for the Protecting Tjaltjraak Boodja Park, Stage 2 Coastal Restoration & Sustainable Recreation Project. Initial project works have been completed in time for Summer. Follow up works are planned after the Summer holidays.	Manager Parks & Environment
4.1.2	Seek Government funding and support for the recovery of the colour and ecological health of Pink Lake and surrounding wetlands	Due to commence 2023/2024.	Manager Parks & Environment
4.1.3	Provide a Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaption Plan (CHRMAP) for West Beach	Due to commence 2023/2024.	Manager Parks & Environment
4.1.4	Review the Coastal Management Plan	The review of the coastal management plan is continuing with the desktop review nearing completion with a report expected in early 2023. Once the desktop review is complete the detailed review will commence including community consultation, site visits and consultation with partners and key stakeholders.	Manager Parks & Environment
4.1.5	Implement the Dempster Head Management Plan	Works are ongoing at Dempster Head.	Manager Parks & Environment

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
4.1.6	Evaluate the sand back-passing trial at Bandy Creek Boat Harbour to establish if this solution will help to manage beach erosion in Esperance Bay	Pipeline design currently with consultants to review and provided feedback in Jan 2023. Once design has been reviewed a tender will be issued for the supply of the HDPE pipe	Director Asset Management
4.1.7	Implement the Lake Monjingup Reserve Management Plan	Rehabilitation works are ongoing at Lake Monjingup Reserve. The finalisation of the Lake Monjingup Reserve Management Plan is waiting on further clarification and updates on resolving the reserve classification.	Manager Parks & Environment
4.1.8	Provide a new Weed Management Strategy	Due to commence 2023/2024.	Manager Parks & Environment
4.1.9	Stay informed about the State's plans for a Marine Park and keep the community informed	Met with representatives from DBCA to understand where the process for the proposed South Coast Marine Park (SCMP) was up to and the immediate next stages. Councillor Chambers is representative on the Community Reference Group and provides regular updates on the progress of the SCMP.	Chief Executive Officer
4.2.1	Provide a new Trails Master Plan	On hold due to resources	Director Asset Management
4.2.2	Upgrade Piggery Mountain Bike trails - stage 1	Not started	Director Asset Management

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Shared responsibility for climate action and sustainability

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
5.1.1	Provide a carbon emissions audit to get a baseline measure and enable realistic targets to be set	Waiting on GVROC carbon audit	Director Asset Management
5.1.2	Install renewable energy (solar PV and battery storage) on council buildings where feasible	Organising monitoring proposal with Balance to ensure current systems are working efficiently.	Manager Asset Planning
5.1.3	Facilitate adoption of best practice energy efficiency measures across all council buildings, and support community facilities to adopt these measures	Changes to building will be assessed on case by case basis and as opportunities arise. Changes currently being made to BOILC by changing from gas boilers to heat pumps. Other buildings that were connected to the reticulated gas system are currently having their appliances changed over.	Chief Executive Officer
5.1.4	Trial eco-friendly vehicles as options become viable	Introduction of Hybrid Vehicles as replacements proving successful and adopted by Home Care and Admin vehicles. The replacement of Hyundai diesel i40 vehicles with the Toyota Rav 4 Hybrids has a dramatic uplift in resale value, serviceability, replacement cost and just a better all-round vehicle in every way. Full electric vehicles have limitations in a remote country town with the current infrastructure. This also would have a flow on effect for productivity, serviceability and inconvenience to users, especially on longer trips.	Technical Officer Fleet
5.1.5	Support installation of electric charging stations to encourage and facilitate greater use of electric vehicles and e-rideables	Council entered into a lease with Horizon Power for an area in the RSL Carpark. Horizon Power have advised that the installation of the EV Charging stations is scheduled for the first quarter of 2023.	Chief Executive Officer

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
5.2.1	Introduce a third-bin kerbside collection program for Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)	Community education and activities to promote the introduction of FOGO continue to be rolled out ahead of the introduction of a third bin.	Manager Development & Statutory Services
5.2.2	Provide a Community Drop Off and Transfer Station at Myrup Truck Wash and Liquid Waste Facility to encourage sustainable waste management	Shire Officers are finalising the design and logistic requirements of the Community Drop Off and Transfer Station at Myrup.	Manager Development & Statutory Services
5.2.3	Advance Esperance's Waste Revolution education platform to improve waste diversion rates and promote a circular waste economy	The Waste Team presented a sustainability trail at Edge of The Bay on the 3rd December. Participants received a drink bottle upon completion. It was well received with well over 270 participants completing the online survey. Feedback was positive and many staff reported that the trail brought community members to our display and allowed for positive interactions and discussions. Two games were hired from Recycle Right called Awesome Avoiders and the Great Gifting Game that many community members played. We will look at possibly purchasing these in the new year. Tangaroa Blue Beach clean-up and waste audit with the senior students of OLSOTS was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID. We will run this early in the New year instead. Ideas around how to be more sustainable and waste wise this Christmas were promoted on social media and on the Sustainable You segment on the ABC radio.	Manager Development & Statutory Services

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Greater community readiness and resilience to cope with natural disasters and emergencies

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
6.1.1	Implement the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan including accessing funding opportunities within the State Government's Mitigation Activity Fund	Work continues on spending the grant money acquired in the last MAF round. During the summer period works are limited to mechanical and chemical mitigation strategies, however a number of prescribed burns are being planned for the Autumn, when burning opportunities are favourable.	Manager Community Support
6.1.2	Facilitate innovative initiatives and networks to help build drought resistance and resilience	Currently trying to get a licence to construct a bore at Myrup	Director Asset Management
6.1.3	Advocate for more emergency services personnel in Esperance	Submitted and received notification of capital grants funding through to DFES for next years allocation of bushfire and SES vehicle replacements.	Chief Executive Officer

Business as Usual

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU2.1.1	Waste Management	The Waste Management Team is active in the community promoting the waste revolution and educating the community on all things to manage waste in a sustainable way through Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.	Manager Development & Statutory Services
BAU2.1.2	Environmental Health	Environmental Health has reviewed the Health Local Laws which will be considered by council in the first half of 2023. Participation in the small business friendly program has identified opportunities to improve	Manager Development & Statutory Services

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		environmental health forms, procedures and guidance material to simply and streamline processes.	
BAU2.1.3	Emergency Services	Ongoing wet weather conditions have seen a slow start to harvest and fire season. Two fires started from harvesting operations through December. As the weather warms up, more fire activity is expected, with the season anticipated to run later than normal.	Manager Community Support

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Place

Responsible planning and development

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
7.1.1	Design and Construct Flinders Subdivision stage 3 and 4	Stage 3 design kicking off in Jan 2023 Stage 4 construction progressing well, all going to plan will reach practical completion (ex asphalt) by the end of Feb 2023	Director Asset Management
7.1.2	Advocate for provision of adequate, affordable utilities and communications infrastructure to support population and economic growth	Met with Water Corporation to discuss a new recycled water agreement, remediation's being undertaken at Esperance Waste Water Treatment Plant and longer term wastewater planning. Received update from Telstra over upgrade plans and new towers planned for the Esperance region.	Chief Executive Officer
7.1.3	Develop an Esperance Cemetery Master Plan	Currently working with the Cemetery Working Group	Director Asset Management

Access to adequate, safe and affordable housing for everyone

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
8.1.1	Advocate for more social and low-income housing for vulnerable people (including seniors, people with disability and low-income earners)	Advised by Development WA that they have budget approval to investigate land in Victoria St, Nulsen to be made available for a potential affordable housing project. Planning consultants appointed to conduct due diligence on the site. Workers accommodation study progressed to a	Chief Executive Officer

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		business case and submitted to State Government through the GEDC.	
8.1.2	Advocate for a new lifestyle village for seniors	Seniors lifestyle village and retirement housing was included in the Esperance Housing and Land, Needs and Demand Analysis and Action Plan. Contract has been awarded to URBIS who have commenced work. Delivery of the report is expected in February.	Chief Executive Officer
8.1.3	Advocate for greater availability of housing to meet community needs (e.g. land and property owners to build apartments, villas, units, and mixed use developments) including engagement with State Government on housing management practices (e.g. GROH housing)	Engaged URBIS to conduct the Esperance Housing and Land, Needs and Demand Analysis and Action Plan. Investigative work currently being done to understand GROH demands and a business case proposed to be undertaken for the Shire to consider developing housing on Shire held land. Flinders Stage 4 currently in construction and future stage subdivision of Flinders to commence shortly to ensure land planning has been done ready for construction. Development WA has advised that they have budget approval to investigate land on Victoria St, Nulsen for affordable housing. Development WA have engaged a planning consulting company to undertake due diligence work for the site, which the Shire is currently liaising over the opportunities/ demands for housing.	Chief Executive Officer

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Attractive and welcoming places

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
9.1.1	Implement the CBD Concept Landscaping Design	Landscape Architects are completing designs for Urban Nodes, bin surrounds and planters to build on the CBD Concept Plan. Infill planting has been completed and further planting is scheduled in Autumn.	Manager Parks & Environment
9.2.1	Provide attractive and welcoming entrances into Esperance	Will recommence discussions with Main Roads WA early in 2023	Director Asset Management
9.2.2	Facilitate more tree planting across the Shire	Street tree planting scheduled for 2022/23 financial year. Winter program has been completed. Further trees will be planted in Autumn. Trees for shade and amenity will be planted in the Greater Sports Ground. A Street Tree Strategy is currently being developed to support the Street Tree Policy.	Manager Parks & Environment
9.3.1	Implement Civic Centre improvements	Nothing to report	Director Asset Management
9.3.2	Implement the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2015-2025	Four playgrounds are scheduled for upgrades in the 2022/23 financial year. Gibson Oval, Salmon Gums, Cascade Oval and Treasure Road. Earthworks have commenced at Treasure Road and aspects of the play equipment and bouldering unit have been installed, the playground will be completed once the slide component is delivered and installed. Gibson Oval earthworks have been completed and playground fabricated. The playground will be installed in early 2023. Local contractors and community organisations are assisting with the projects. Salmon Gums Playground installation is complete and the playground is open.	Manager Parks & Environment

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9.3.3	Prepare a new 10 year plan for Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan 2025- 2035	Playground audit and review has been completed. This independent audit will assist Parks and Reserves staff to complete the review of the Playgrounds and Public Open Space Strategic Plan.	Manager Parks & Environment

Safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
10.1.1	Implement the Esperance 2050 Cycling Strategy	Ongoing as per budget	Director Asset Management
10.1.2	Construct sealed shoulders along the tourist loop and Fisheries Road (Norseman Road to Dempster Road) to improve safety for cyclists and vehicles	Not Started	Asset Administration Supervisor
10.1.3	Provide safety measures along The Esplanade and Fisheries Road to improve pedestrian crossings	Not due to start	Director Asset Management
10.2.1	Develop a Road Safety Strategy	Waiting on resources, hopefully will recommence in Feb 2023	Director Asset Management
10.2.2	Advocate for Main Roads to provide road upgrades and more passing lanes	Nothing to report this month	Director Asset Management
10.2.3	Partner with Main Roads WA to undertake a Corridor Upgrade Plan for Harbour Road from Mungan Street to Barney Hill, including South Coast Hwy Intersection upgrade, Pink Lake	Still waiting on Main Roads WA	Director Asset Management

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
	Road Intersection Upgrade and the Barney Hill Realignment		
10.2.4	Implement the Shire of Esperance Road Construction and Maintenance Program	Not Started	Asset Administration Supervisor
10.3.1	Implement the Esperance Town Centre Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Strategy	Ongoing as per budget	Director Asset Management
10.3.2	Pursue opportunities to secure land to link Dempster Street and RSL public car parks	Due to commence 2023/2024.	Director Asset Management
10.3.3	Investigate options to accommodate additional parking within the verge area between The Esplanade and Yacht Club	This action is not due to start.	Director Asset Management
10.3.4	Provide concepts for parking improvements around Forrest Street	Compilation of single proposed concept incorporating preferred features completed. Feature survey of area prior to more detailed design underway.	Manager Asset Development
10.4.1	Support a public bus service trial	Regular discussions with PTA over the public bus trial and also discussed the installation of a number of bus stop infrastructure to support the bus route. Also discussed the process that would be undertaken in December/ Jan to review the bus trial.	Chief Executive Officer
10.4.2	Investigate options for local ride share services	No progress this month	Manager Economic Development
10.4.3	Implement the Esperance Airport Masterplan (including an upgrade to the main runway,	Nothing to report this month	Manager Economic Development

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Action Code	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position
	replacement of the runway lighting system, and additional apron space)	

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CEOKPI22.1	Refurbish CBD Christmas Lights	Complete, will undertake an audit of the lights for next Christmas	Director Asset Management
BAU3.1.1	Esperance Cemetery		Director Asset Management
BAU3.1.2	Fleet Management and Fixed Plant	Dozer tracks replaced and major service completed. Jet-patcher truck commissioned and involved in an incident which damaged the rear metal spreader. Workshop at full manning levels.	Manager Asset Planning
BAU3.1.3	Development	Engagement of Qualified Building Surveyor is an ongoing issue. A casual building surveyor has been engaged to address the skills shortages within the team.	Manager Building, Planning & Land Projects
BAU3.1.4	Building Maintenance	BOILC - Work progressing on heat pump installation - Shut down scheduled for Early 2023 for commissioning Black street water reticulation - delayed due to contractor availability. New security software to be implemented in early 2023. Planned Maintenance jobs on schedule. No staff issues.	Manager Asset Planning

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU3.1.5	Asset Management	Technical Officer has completed the IWPEA Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning course. Review of draft asset Management plans to commence in 2023	Manager Asset Planning
BAU3.1.6	Parks and Reserves	Parks and Reserves have been managed and maintained as per schedule in time for the Christmas break and busy Summer period.	Manager Parks & Environment
BAU3.1.7	Roads, Drains and Footpaths	See road report.	Asset Administration Supervisor
BAU3.1.8	Airport	The airport continues to see record numbers of passengers transit through it. A meeting has been held with FESA to discuss use of the airport by water bombers through fire seasons. Pavement inspection and reports are being finalised to better understand short to medium term works that are likely to be needed on the runways and taxiways.	Manager Economic Development
BAU3.1.9	Drafting and Surveying	Majority of rural construction project designs complete or nearing completion. Design still to be completed on some town works projects. Design team has also been assisting with additional design for Dog exercise park, playgrounds and clearing permit application areas.	Manager Asset Development
BAU3.1.10	Land and Property	Applications processed in accordance with established planning framework.	Manager Building, Planning & Land Projects

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		Meeting. Local Planning Policy - Tiny Houses and Local Planning Policy - Chalets Outside of Townsites adopted by Council after advertising at December Council Meeting. Local Planning Policy - Development for Which Development Approval Not Required adopted for advertising by Council at December Council Meeting	
BAU3.1.11	Depot and Stores	No progress this quarter	Asset Administration Supervisor
BAU3.1.12	Transport Licensing	Unfortunately we had another resignation in licensing this quarter, our latest recruit, leaving a vacancy again for a number of weeks. This position has recently been filled and the new officer has commenced on the front counter after a weeks Department of Transport (DOT) training in Perth. DOT's licencing contract has recently be renewed for another 5 years. Licensing commission is tracking along similar to budget year to date.	Manager Financial Services

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Prosperity

Access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
11.1.1	Advocate for South Regional TAFE to develop and promote specialist courses in relevant areas	Nothing further to report for the reporting period.	Chief Executive Officer
11.1.2	Advocate for urgent upgrades and a rebuild of Esperance Senior High School	Along with a small working group, met with the Principle of Esperance Senior High School to discuss the response from Department of Education over the masterplan, scope and funding. Letter sent to the new Minister for Education over the need for upgrades to the School and inviting the new Minister to visit ESHS to view the conditions of the building and understand the need for urgent works.	Chief Executive Officer
11.1.3	Facilitate discussions with universities to explore options for a remote student services campus in Esperance	James Street precinct detailed design may instigate usage of the new buildings	Chief Executive Officer
11.1.4	Facilitate an annual review of the Goldfields Designated Area Migration Agreement to ensure it remains relevant to the community	Nothing to report this month	Manager Economic Development

A prosperous and diverse economy

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
12.1.1	Provide an Economic Development Strategy for the Shire of Esperance	Nothing to report this month	Manager Economic Development

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
12.1.2	Support proponents in priority industry sectors to establish businesses and develop projects in Esperance	Participated in the Small Business Friendly program that was run by the Small Business Development Corporation with a focus on improving the customer experience as they navigate the approvals process through Local Government. Continue to work with FFI and Rare Foods to assist where appropriate to progress their respective projects.	Chief Executive Officer
12.1.3	Promote Esperance as a suitable centre for research and development, and pilot projects	Shire participated in the Small Business Friendly program during November to ensure we are best positioned to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Large number of actions identified for changes to internal process to assist small business.	Chief Executive Officer
12.1.4	Participate in the Small Business Friendly Initiative	The Small Business Development Cooperation presented the Small Business Friendly Approval Program at the Shire of Esperance and participants are working diligently to implement the 34 reforms derived from the process. Officers will present on the program to the CCI at Breaky Bites on the 24th February 2023.	Manager Development & Statutory Services
12.1.5	Advocate for a shared work space facility in Esperance where start-ups, small businesses and visitors can be co-located to network and support one another	Nothing to report this month	Manager Economic Development

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A vibrant and welcoming tourism destination

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
13.1.1	Implement the Esperance Tourism Strategy	Cruise ships returned to Esperance although sadly, the first of them was unable to offload passengers to experience all that Esperance has to offer due to rough weather conditions.	Manager Economic Development
13.1.2	Fund a Tourism Development Manager (4 year contract) in partnership with Australia's Golden Outback	The agreement with AGO is in place, the Tourism Development Manager has been appointed and has been operating for the past 6 months.	Manager Economic Development
13.1.3	Provide more digital marketing and advertising opportunities to promote local experiences at Council facilities (eg. Esperance Airport)	Final Edits to be made to the Advertising Prospectus and Advertising Enquiry webform to be created.	Manager Marketing & Communications
13.2.1	Advocate for development of a 4 to 5 star accommodation offering	Opportunity identified in the Esperance investment prospectus. Advocate with potential investors as the opportunity arises.	Chief Executive Officer
13.2.2	Implement the recommendations from the Tourist and Worker Accommodation Study	Nothing to report this month	Manager Economic Development
13.2.3	Advocate for Traditional Owners to develop and promote cultural heritage tourism activities	Nothing to report on this month.	Manager Economic Development
13.2.4	Advocate for the development and promotion of tourism experiences	Assistance continues to be provided to new potential accommodation providers as well as considerable efforts focusing on maximising the opportunities for operators to benefit from the return of cruise ships.	Manager Economic Development
13.2.5	Develop wayfinding and interpretive tourism signage	Not started	Director Asset Management

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU4.1.1	Tourism	The tourism industry continues to operate at a high level, limited largely by the availability of accommodation. Work has been undertaken to ensure that cruise ships and their passengers (returning for the first time after Covid restricted their operations) feel welcomed as they arrive and that local businesses and tourism operators benefit from their visitation. Interest in investing into accommodation and tourism product continues to be strong.	Manager Economic Development
BAU4.1.2	Economic Development	There is currently a large number of industrial operations undertaking investigative and feasibility activities with regards to setting up in Esperance. The availability of both short and long-term workforce accommodation is a consistent issue, with a study being undertaken jointly with the GEDC to better understand the needs, constraints and opportunities in this area.	Manager Economic Development
BAU4.1.3	Town Centre Development		Director Asset Management
BAU4.1.4	Esperance Visitor Centre	The Visitor Centre continues to operate strongly with numbers through the doors back at pre-covid levels over the June to December period. Sales of souvenirs are at record levels across this period while the sales of National Parks Passes and accommodation and tour product have both only been bettered once previously. Service satisfaction continues at a high level with a rating of 4.36 out of 5.	Manager Economic Development

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Performance

Community confidence and trust in Council

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
14.1.1	Provide Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) framework documents and reviews	Annual Report has been completed and endorsed by Council in December. Annual Electors Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2023.	Governance & Corporate Support Coordinator
14.1.2	Provide public reports on progress towards achievement of priority projects and outcomes	Monthly Pulse report was collated and provided to Council.	Governance & Corporate Support Coordinator

Operational excellence and financial sustainability

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
15.1.1	Review the Long Term Financial Plan and informing plans per IPR framework	The Long Term Financial Plan was reviewed and adopted by Council on 28th of June 2022. Currently no update to report.	Director Corporate and Community Services
15.1.2	Review and implement initiatives to improve internal business efficiencies and service delivery (such as more online services and digital forms)	An Information Kiosk was completed and delivered to the Library. It has been in the works for over 6 months with several configuration changes and multiple additions which added to the complexity and time taken to deliver the project.	Manager Information Services

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A well informed and engaged community

Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
16.1.1	Implement the Communication and Engagement Strategy	Communicate transparently and honestly about Councils Role, decisions and activities - We actively promote and educate what Council do and how they come to decisions. The Shire President is active on the radio answering any questions, and the monthly Media Hub Meeting allows the media to meet face to face with the Shire President and CEO to delve further into council decisions or any other topic. Embrace new channels of communications - Our Waste Education Officer has been offered a spot on the local ABC Breakfast "Sustainable You" segment. The Community Development team work with the local Triple M station to promote upcoming events. Strengthen the Shire's reputation and identity through consistent messaging and an engaging visual presence - Regular Updates on road programs and projects has been well received. Informing the community of what has been done, and what is still to happen, holds us accountable to timelines and our residents. This also allows people to ask questions, and we are more than	Manager Marketing & Communications
		happy to answer these.	
16.1.2	Provide a new website with improved functionality	Other work obligations have put this on hold for December.	Manager Marketing & Communications
16.1.3	Provide regular forums and events to inform and engage the community about local issues	A number of events have been held over the last quarter including the Esperance Ag Show, Civic Reception for Dr Wally Byrne, Senior Citizens	Chief Executive Officer

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	and council decisions (such as pop-up booths at local community events)	Christmas Dinner, Edge of the Bay Festival, Cruise Season Launch and Sports Star of the Year Awards.	
16.1.4	Conduct a biennial community survey to assess community priorities and benchmark performance levels	Due to commence 2023/2024.	Manager Marketing & Communications

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU5.1.1	Governance	Received response from DLGSC for Dog and Cat Local Laws, to be put to Council in the new year. Cemetery Local Law currently being advertised for public comment. Bush Fire delegations have been sent for signing. Updated Delegated Authority Manual to provide Building Act authority to Manager Development & Statutory Services. Undertaking review of wards and representation in line with Local Government Election Reforms, to be put to Council in January. Received Audit Regulation 17 review report from Civic Legal and conducted risk register review, to be put to the Audit Committee in due course. Amended Small Grants Approval Policy.	Governance & Corporate Support Coordinator
BAU5.1.2	Corporate Support	Review of uniform order forms and catalogue to be undertaken once new pricing has been received from Sportspower. Currently negotiating 6 leases. Lease template review is now complete, with new templates to be used for future leases.	Governance & Corporate Support Coordinator

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		Awaiting Management Order amendments for Esperance Bay Yacht Club, Dempster Head and Toowacka.	
BAU5.1.3	Finance Management	During the last quarter the financial statements for 2022 were completed, audited and signed off by the Office of Auditor General. A number of finance staff have taken a well earned break during this time as well. We have had one officer commence maternity leave and a new officer to take her place. Budget review proceedings at a staff level have started with officers having access to BIS (accounting reporting tool) to review their 2022/23 budget and make amendments as required.	Manager Financial Services
BAU5.1.4	Project Management	No progress this quarter	Asset Administration Supervisor
BAU5.1.5	Human Resources	HR has completed a busy first half year. This included bedding down of new EBA, Performance Appraisal system and develop, implement and rollout Employee Survey and coordinate feedback.	Manager Human Resources
		Changes from Federal to State Industrial Relations Commissions commence 1 January 2023.	
BAU5.1.6	Risk Management	Ongoing, WHS / Risk to be reviewed in January with WHS Risk Officer and Safety Officer	Manager Human Resources
BAU5.1.7	Information Services	The Esri project is at a bit of a standstill with several key Shire staff members having leave this quarter and Esri staff not providing sufficient handover training although it should resume in January 2023.	Manager Information Services

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
BAU5.1.8	Customer Service	No longer CEO KPI - Completed.	Chief Executive Officer
BAU5.1.9	Media Relations	The Shire Media team released 6 Latest News articles and 1 Media Release during December. Released on the Shire website, Mailchimp to over 580 subscribers and social media. Topics covered: We're Cruising, Shire Christmas Operating Hours, Christmas/New Year Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban, Wylie Bay Waste Facility Closed, Big Ideas for Tiny Houses and Trial of Esperance-Kalgoorlie Flights Begin. During December the Shire received 11 Media Enquiries, comprising of 29 questions, 4 Interview Requests and 2 Image Requests. Topics that were covered include Audit Committee, Edge of the Bay Event, Town Tunes, Trial of Esperance-Kalgoorlie Flights and Community Christmas Pageant. We assisted with images of the Community Christmas Pageant and Town Tunes, and have the Waste Education Officer on a regular radio segment called Sustainable You. The Media Officer works closely with both the media and staff to get relevant information to the outlets as soon as practicable. 82 stories appeared across print, radio and online. This had a cumulative audience reach of 377,496, and editorial media value of over \$205,000. Distribution of Shire Flyer continues with the eNewsletter getting formatted to a flyer and delivered to participating shops. During December we hit a milestone and now have 1,008 subscribers!! While we encourage people to sign up to the eNewsletter, we do continue to print the publication for those who don't have online access. The media team works with every area of the organisation to have promotional and notice adverts	Manager Marketing & Communications

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Action Code	Action Name	Comments	Responsible Officer Position
		published in a number of newspapers and also posted on the Shire's social media platforms. Adverts, both promotional and printed in October totalled 67.	
BAU5.1.10	Tenders and Contracts		Director Asset Management

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Annual Road Program

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Action Code	Action Name
BAU3.1.7	Roads, Drains and Footpaths

Task Name	Progress	Status
KERBING WORKS - Various Areas	45%	Ongoing
Reseal Program	70%	Ongoing
Various Tourist Signage	40%	Ongoing
IMPROVEMENT - CBD Streetscape at Dempster Street and The Esplanade	0%	Not Started
RESEALS - BITUMEN - Various Urban Roads - Crack Sealing	40%	Ongoing
Various Culverts	35%	Ongoing
Various Road Grids	0%	Not Started
Various Survey Design & GIS	55%	Ongoing
CONSTRUCTION - Roundabout Esplanade Intersection at Norseman Road and Dempster Street	100%	Completed
CONSTRUCTION - Lease Road Fuels Depot Access at Brazier Street and BP Entrance	0%	Not Started
DRAINAGE WORKS - Woods Street and Simpson Street	100%	Completed
DRAINAGE WORKS - Brockman Street between Brockman Pump and Taylor Street	0%	Not Started

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Task Name	Progress	Status
New Construction - Fisheries Road - Condingup to end of Seal	90%	Ongoing
New Construction - Orleans Bay Road - Continue from previous widening	100%	Completed
Limestone Resheet - Dempster Road - Scaddan Road to Norwood Road	0%	Not Started
Gravel Resheet - Ridgelands Road - Floodway to Howick Road	100%	Completed
Gravel Resheet - Old Smokey Road - South of Lake to Plowman Road	100%	Completed
Limestone Resheet - Howick Road - Coolinup Road to West of Pit	100%	Completed
Limestone Resheet - Coolinup Road - Howick Road to North of Bends	100%	Completed
Gravel Resheet - Plowman Road - East of Floodway to Backmans Road	100%	Completed
FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION - Bandy Creek Road between Fisheries Road and Cycle Path	75%	Ongoing
FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION - Senior Citizens Mobility Access between Forrest Street to Opposite Woollies	100%	Completed
Rollond Road - Coolgardie Esp Hwy to Bishops Rd - Limestone Resheet	0%	Not Started
Rollond Road - Edwards Rd to Cascades Rd - Limestone Resheet	0%	Not Started
Merivale Road - Jim Ovens Road to Rancho X Road - Construction New	15%	Ongoing

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Task Name	Progress	Status
Kendall Road - East of School to Logan Road - Limestone Resheet & Seal	0%	Not Started
Grigg Road - Lake Catchment to Belgian Road - Construction Widening	15%	Ongoing
Fisheries Road - Bandy Creek Bridge - Asphalt Reconstruction	0%	Not Started
Cascade Road - South Coast Hwy to Roberts Road - Reconstruction	40%	Ongoing
Fisheries Road - Daniels Road to Alexander Bay Road - Reconstruction	0%	Not Started
Fisheries Road - Pavement Rehab	80%	Ongoing
Merivale Road - End of 21/22 seal to East of Bridge - Reconstruction	40%	Ongoing
Grigg Road - Lake Catchment to Belgian Road - Construction Widening	20%	Ongoing
Bandy Creek Road - Shoulder Sealing	20%	Ongoing
Anderson Street (Gibson) - Jenkins Street to Walker Street - Reconstruction	0%	Not Started
Native Veg Clearing Offsets	20%	Ongoing
Road Reserve Land Acquisition	20%	Ongoing
Bore Construction	10%	Ongoing
Alexander Road - Fisheries Road to Merivale Road - Gravel Resheet	0%	Not Started
Fisheries Road / Bandy Creek Road - Turning Lanes	10%	In Progress

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Task Name	Progress	Status
Norseman Road - Asphalt	100%	Completed
Goldfields Road - Asphalt	100%	Completed
Dempster Street - Asphalt	100%	Completed
Post Office Square Lights	100%	Completed
St Germain Ave - Traffic Calming	0%	Not Started
Tourist Signage Strategy	15%	Ongoing
Fisheries Road Turning Lanes	15%	Ongoing
Windich Street - Asphalt	0%	Not Started
Stubbing Street - Asphalt	0%	Not Started
Twilight Beach Path - Repairs	45%	Ongoing
Jane Street - New path	65%	Ongoing
Sheldon Road - Kerb	85%	Ongoing
Various Path Improvements	40%	Ongoing
Sump Pump Control	50%	Ongoing
Lotteries House Carpark	10%	In Progress
Salmon Beach Carpark	100%	Completed
The Esplanade Carpark Thai	100%	Completed
The Esplanade Carpark Whale Tail	10%	Ongoing
Develop a strategic road building materials plan for the Shire.	0%	Deferred

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Task Name	Progress	Status
Review Road Maintenance Program Effectiveness	35%	Ongoing
Stage 3	15%	Ongoing
Stage 4	70%	Ongoing
Defibrillator for Depot	100%	Completed
Investigate Artificial Reef adjacent to Jetty	40%	In Progress
Resolve waste water issue at Depot- Propose to remove current washdown bay	0%	Not Started
Develop management practice for contract review	100%	Completed
Cultural interpretation / promotion through art, interpretative materials and information in public spaces including those with high tourist visitation.	65%	In Progress
Include an appropriate Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners and Country on the Shire Chamber walls.	50%	In Progress
Display roadside signage when entering Esperance Nyungar/Ngadju country, which contains a welcome for travellers and acknowledges Traditional Owners.	15%	In Progress
Display Welcome to Country signage at the airport.	100%	Completed
Develop framework for Traditional Owner consultation for Shire led 'on country' works.	30%	In Progress

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Register - Delegations Discharge - Corporate Resources

Instrument of Delegation Number - D13/13348

	Date		How Authority was exercised or duty		Person/groups, not part of Council and Committees, directly	
Delegated Authority	Exercised	Details	discharged	Amount	affected	Authorised Person
1.2 - Agreement to payment of rates & charges	8/12/2022	Payment plan to pay rates by 28/2/2023	Payment arrangement		A/121400	Beth O'Callaghan
1.2 - Agreement to payment of rates & charges	8/12/2022	Payment plan to pay rates by 28/2/2023	Payment arrangement		A/121418	Beth O'Callaghan
1.2 - Agreement to payment of rates & charges	8/12/2022	Payment plan to pay rates by 23/6/2023	Payment arrangement		A/62711	Beth O'Callaghan
1.2 - Agreement to payment of rates & charges	14/12/2022	Payment plan to pay rates by 20/3/2023	Payment arrangement		A/77677	Beth O'Callaghan
1.2 - Agreement to payment of rates & charges	16/12/2022	Payment plan to pay rates by 14/6/2024	Payment arrangement		A/20255	Beth O'Callaghan
1.2 - Agreement to payment of rates & charges	20/12/2022	Payment plan to pay rates by 26/5/2023	Payment arrangement		A/81562	Beth O'Callaghan

Date	Item Number	Item	Responsible	Notes
			Officer	

DATE	ITEM NUMBER	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	NOTES
28/11/2017	12.1.2	Proposed Road Closure - Portion of Exchange Road and Unnamed Road, Howick	Hindley, Richard	
	O1117-257	 Request the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands to close a portion of the road reserve known as Exchange Road under Section 58 (1) of the Land Administration Act 1997. Advise the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands that in accordance with Section 56 (4) of the Land Administration Act 1997 the Shire recognises it is liable to indemnify the Minister against any claim for compensation in an amount equal to the amount of all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Minister in considering and granting the request. Request that the closed road be converted into a reserve managed by the Shire of Esperance for the purpose of conservation. 	External Services	31 Jan 2018 10:43am Hindley, Richard Request sent to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage 06 Jun 2018 1:49pm Hindley, Richard With Case Management. 02 Jul 2018 8:49am Hindley, Richard Reduced area for closure to preserve access to Reserve 27086 required - comments sought from Parks and Wildlife Service. 10 Sep 2018 2:53pm Hindley, Richard Awaiting comments 04 Dec 2018 8:14am Hindley, Richard Amended proposal being assessed by Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. 08 Apr 2019 2:27pm Hindley, Richard Amendment Proposal with Case Management at Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage - Lands 10 Feb 2020 10:16am Hindley, Richard Followed up with Department of Planning, Land and Heritage - Lands 11 Aug 2020 3:49pm Hindley, Richard Followed up progress with Manager at Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage 03 Dec 2020 10:00am Hindley, Richard Followed up with DPLH - Lands 12 May 2021 1:10pm Hindley, Richard Followed up with DPLH assigned to new officer. 13 Sep 2021 4:17pm Hindley, Richard Still with Case Management. 07 Dec 2021 9:30am Hindley, Richard Still with Case management. 09 Feb 2022 1:59pm Phillips, Holly Portion of Exchange Road is complete. The unnamed road is still on hold due to issues with DBCA and offsets once it is

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				merged with their reserve. This is a low priority task for both the Shire and DPLH. 11 Aug 2022 2:18pm Phillips, Holly Lands contacted the Shire on 5/8/22. They will be moving towards issuing surveying instructions in order to finalise the matter. 05 Sep 2022 1:04pm Hindley, Richard Lands preparing the survey documents.
23/06/2020	17.6	Compliance - 47 The Esplanade, Esperance	Hindley, Richard	Lands prepaining the survey documents.
	O0620-207	That Council instruct the CEO to request that the proponent obtain an Occupancy Permit under the <i>Building Act 2011</i> for the unauthorised work that has occurred on Lot 22 (47) The Esplanade, Esperance.	External Services	11 Aug 2020 4:20pm Hindley, Richard Request for Occupancy Permit sent to Lewis Lewis Properties Pty Ltd - Due 7/10/2020 03 Dec 2020 10:26am McArthur, Alli - Reallocation Action reassigned to Clifton, Paul by: McArthur, Alli for the reason: 25 Jan 2021 1:43pm Clifton, Paul Shire has not received Occupancy Permit application., Correspondence received by the Shire from Lewis Lewis Properties Pty Ltd providing detail of progress toward lodgement of Occupancy Permit documentation. 13 Sep 2021 4:18pm Hindley, Richard Awaiting valuations from Landgate before it can be finalised. 12 Oct 2021 8:27am Phillips, Holly Richard Hindley 11/10/21 - Valuation has been prepared; is now under consideration by the occupier. 09 Feb 2022 2:06pm Phillips, Holly Officers are still waiting for DPLH to process this matter. It is understood a valuation offer has been accepted. Awaiting further advice from DPLH before a Building Order to achieve occupancy can be pursued which will require a Development Approval to be issued. 05 Apr 2022 5:02pm Phillips, Holly Item to be reallocated to Manager Development and Statutory Services. 15 Jun 2022 8:55am Hegney, Emily - Reallocation Action reassigned to Hindley, Richard by Hegney, Emily - Paul Clifton no longer works at the Shire.

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				The Shire has contacted WA Property Lawyers who are working on behalf of the owner to progress property access matters. As of 14/7/22, the required paperwork had not been lodged. 05 Sep 2022 1:19pm Hindley, Richard WA Property Lawyers have advised the all required paperwork has been lodged with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. 30 Sep 2022 2:42pm Hindley, Richard Being processed by DPLH.
27/10/2020	17.4	Mt Ridley Association	Hindley, Richard	
	O1020-339	That Council request the CEO to:	External Services	05 Jan 2021 11:46am Burge, Shane DMIRS have advised that they are winding up Mt Ridley
		 Arrange application to the Supreme Court of Western Australia to have the Mt Ridley Association (Inc.) wound up, and; 	CONTIGO	Assoc. , Wait until confimation of dissolution of Assoc 28 Jan 2021 4:26pm Hindley, Richard
		Request the Minister for Lands to consider vesting Reserve 13486 to another organisation having similar objectives as the Mt Ridley Association (Inc.) in line with the Management Plan.		DMIRS acknowledge that the association is defunct and accordingly will proceed with the cancellation of the incorporation of the association. The notices of the phases of the cancellation will be sent to the Shire in due course.
				10 Feb 2021 8:38am Hindley, Richard Reserve will be vested with the Shire alone and a new body will need to be created to be consistent with the Management Orders. The original body to cease to be before a new body can be created.
				30 Mar 2021 10:47am McArthur, Alli - Reallocation Action reassigned to Hindley, Richard by: McArthur, Alli for the reason:
				12 May 2021 10:58am Hindley, Richard
				DPLH waiting for outcome regarding the disolving of the Mt Ridley Association by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
			12 Oct 2021 8:34am Phillips, Holly	
			Richard Hindley 11/10/21 - Still awaiting wind-up notification.	
				07 Dec 2021 9:32am Hindley, Richard
				DPLH waiting for outcome regarding the disolving of the Mt Ridley Association by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. This is likely to take a significant amount of time.
				09 Feb 2022 2:08pm Phillips, Holly

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25/05/2021	12.2.2	Andrew & Dempster Street Roundabout Review	Walker,	Comment dated 7/12/21 is still valid. No further progress on this matter. 10 May 2022 11:59am Hindley, Richard Order to Cancel Incorporation Completed - Mt Ridey Association is no longer an incorporated body. 08 Jun 2022 1:37pm Hindley, Richard Mt Ridley Association Inc. has been wound up. DPLH advised and are now processing. 11 Aug 2022 2:23pm Phillips, Holly DLPH continue to progress the matter. Estimated ETA is 6+ months.
	O0521-141	 Note the information provided on the Andrew Street and Dempster Street Roundabout which includes the traffic movement study and formal assessment on traffic flow. Request the CEO to provide a report on the number of recorded accidents since commissioning, the severity and if anyone needed transferring to hospital, when the information becomes available. Request the Streetscape Advisory Committee to conduct community consultation on the Andrew Street & Dempster Street Roundabout functionality and landscaping and provide recommendations to Council at the August Ordinary Council Meeting. 	Asset Management	15 Sep 2021 3:07pm Walker, Mathew Council have been informed of the crash statistics for 2020, being 0 reported crashes., We will work with the Streetscape Advisory Committee on the landscaping when we can get a meeting. 11 Jan 2022 8:46am Walker, Mathew Waiting to talk to the Streetscape Advisory Working Group 13 Jul 2022 3:12pm Hegney, Emily - Completion Completed by Hegney, Emily on behalf of Walker, Mathew (action officer) on 13 July 2022 at 3:12:58 PM - COMPLETED 22 Jul 2022 3:15pm Hegney, Emily - Completion Uncompleted by Hegney, Emily 04 Aug 2022 4:35pm Walker, Mathew Waiting to talk to the Streetscape Advisory Working Group
25/05/2021	O0521-140	That Council Approve the standard stabilised gravel verge treatment as offered by the Shire to Witches Brew Drive Thru Coffee, Forrest Street, Esperance; and Request the Chief Executive Officer to consult with key stakeholders and surrounding businesses to investigate future verge development options in the broader Forest Street area and	Gleave, Dylan Asset Management	10 Aug 2021 8:25am Gleave, Dylan Verge stabilisation works have been completed in front of Witches Brew Drive Thru Coffee. This site will continue to be monitored. Further verge development for the surround area will be investigated as part of future verge development in the area. 15 Sep 2021 3:10pm Walker, Mathew A draft concept of a long term development is underway, stakeholder consultation will be undertaken after this.

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		present the report to Council at the December Ordinary Council Meeting.		09 Jun 2022 10:32am Walker, Mathew Stakeholder consultation still to be undertaken. Will put up for budget consideration. 04 Aug 2022 4:34pm Walker, Mathew Looking to review Forrest Street more strategically 04 Oct 2022 4:46pm Walker, Mathew Currently doing concept designs of Forrest St.
22/03/2022	12.1.7	Adoption of Compliance and Enforcement Policy	Phillips, Holly	
	O0322-059	Adopt the Compliance and Enforcement Policy; Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to issue written directions under Section 214(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2005, in addition to general administrative powers pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Delegated Authority Register; and Undertake a community education program to proactively inform the Esperance community, businesses and stakeholders on the Shire's compliance and enforcement activities and requirements. Reassess all current compliance and enforcement action in accordance with the adopted Policy and address matters accordingly.	External Services	O5 Apr 2022 5:00pm Phillips, Holly Staff are currently developing an engagement strategy in relation to educate the community on compliance matters, a review of active compliance matters has commenced and will be progressed further by the Manager Development and Statutory Services. O3 Aug 2022 12:46pm Phillips, Holly Initial officer review of compliance matters has concluded against the newly-adopted Policy and is pending Manager/Director consideration. Council briefing and report anticipated for September OCM. O5 Sep 2022 9:14am Phillips, Holly Director review is ongoing, briefing is likely to be deferred to October due to development of an internal procedure for compliance cessation aligned to Compliance Policy. Information workshop has been organised for industry stakeholders and local trades as part of DMIRS series (October).
22/03/2022	12.2.1	Request to Remove Street Trees - Randell Street	Gleave, Dylan	
	O0322-060	That Council 1. Review Street Tree Policy ASS:019 2. Lay this item on the table until after the review and endorsement by Council of the Street Tree Policy (ASS:019).	Asset Management	04 Aug 2022 4:32pm Walker, Mathew On hold until Street Tree Policy and Strategy is prepared for council consideration.
26/04/2022	12.1.5	Proposed Road Dedication - Reserve 39882	Hindley, Richard	

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	O0422-087	Request the Minister of Lands to dedicate Reserve 39882 being Lot 871 on Plan 187347 as a road. Advise the Minister of Lands that in accordance with Section 56 (4) of the Land Administration Act 1997 the Shire recognises that it is liable to indemnify the Minister against any claim for compensation in an amount equal to the amount of all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Minister in considering and granting the request.	External Services	09 May 2022 4:23pm Hindley, Richard Referral to DPLH being prepared. 08 Jun 2022 2:09pm Hindley, Richard Referred to DPLH - Lands 05 Sep 2022 1:02pm Hindley, Richard Documentation to finalise this action was lodged at Landgate for registration on 26 August 2022 the Dealing Numbers are P264162-P264163. 30 Sep 2022 2:40pm Hindley, Richard Landgate advised that this should be finalised by early November 2022 02 Nov 2022 1:28pm Hindley, Richard Landgate advised that this matter should be finalised shortly.
26/04/2022	12.1.9	Proposed Road Closure - Portion of the Road Reserve for the Intersection of Gilpin and Simpson Street adjoining Lot 445 (14) Gilpin Street, Chadwick	Wilks, Peter	,
	O0422-091	1. Request the Minister of Lands to close the portion of the Road Reserve for the Intersection of Gilpin and Simpson Street adjoining Lot 445 (14) Gilpin Street, Chadwick under Section 58 (1) of the Land Administration Act 1997. 2. Advise the Minister of Lands that in accordance with Section 56 (4) of the Land Administration Act 1997 that the Shire recognises that it is liable to indemnify the Minister against any claim for compensation in an amount equal to the amount of all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Minister in considering and granting the request. 3. Requires all costs associated with the road closure process in regard to title adjustments and new titles to be met by the applicant.		06 May 2022 8:58am Wilks, Peter Formal request for road closure forwarded to DPLH on 6 May 2022.
26/04/2022	12.1.10	Road Closure - Unnamed Road Reserve Adjoining Reserve 3473	Wilks, Peter	
	O0422-092	That Council;	External Services	06 May 2022 8:59am Wilks, Peter Formal request for road closure forwarded to DPLH on 6 May 2022.

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		 Request the Minister of Lands to close the unnamed reserve where it adjoins Reserve 3473 under Section (1) of the Land Administration Act 1997. 		11 Aug 2022 2:27pm Phillips, Holly Currently being advertised before being reconsidered by Council. This is likely to be October OCM.
		2. Advise the Minister of Lands that in accordance of Section 56 (4) of the Land Administration Act 1997 that Shire recognises that it is liable to indemnify the Ministration against any claim for compensation in an amount equation amount of all costs and expenses reasonably incur by the Minister in considering and granting the request	the ster al to rred	
		 Request the Minister of Lands to convert the closed por of road to a new reserve and under Section 46 of the L Administration Act 1997 place the management of reserve with the Shire of Esperance for the purpose 'cemetery'. 	<i>and</i> the	
28/06/2022	12.1.3	Proposed Road Closure - Portion of Road Reserve for the Intersection of Beech Street and Fisheries Road adjoining Lot 202 (2) Beech Street, Castletown	Hindley, Richard	
	O0622-140	That Council:	External Services	11 Aug 2022 2:28pm Phillips, Holly P Wilks has advised that the matter is before DPLH.
		 Request the Minister of Lands to close the portion of Road Reserve for the Intersection of Beech Street Fisheries Road adjoining Lot 202 (2) Beech Str Castletown under Section 58 (1) of the Land Administra Act 1997. 	and eet,	30 Sep 2022 2:31pm Hindley, Richard Proposed Road Closure is with Case Management at DPLH
		Request the Minister of Lands amalgamate the clo portion of road with Lot 202 (2) Beech Street, Castletow		
		3. Advise the Minister of Lands that in accordance of Section 56 (4) of the Land Administration Act 1997 that Shire recognises that it is liable to indemnify the Ministration against any claim for compensation in an amount equat the amount of all costs and expenses reasonably incur by the Minister in considering and granting the request.	the ster al to rred	
		 Requires all costs associated with the road closure proc in regard to title adjustments and new titles to be met by applicant. 		
26/07/2022	13.1	Bush Fire Advisory Committee - 7 June 2022	Peczka, Ashley	

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	O0722-174	That Council:	External	05 Sep 2022 9:21am Phillips, Holly
		 Accept the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) held on 7 June 2022. 	Services	All actions currently in progress. 05 Sep 2022 3:28pm Peczka, Ashley
		 Endorse the recommended positions of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Fire Control Officers, Permit Issuing Officers and Fire Weather Officers as outlined in this report and its associated attachments. 		 Letters of appointments have been sent out to endorsed Fire Control Officers, Permit Issuing Officers and Fire Weather Officers., 2) Letter to amend the Shire's Restricted and Prohibited Burning times has been sent and is currently with DFES legal for review and will be forward to FES Commissioner afterwards for approval.
		 Request the CEO write to the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner to re-gazette the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods for the Rural Zone and Urban Rural Zone, as follows; 		29 Nov 2022 4:14pm Peczka, Ashley Completed - amended Restricted and Prohibited Burning times was gazetted within the Government Gazette #158 (4
		a. Prohibited Burning Period (all dates inclusive):		November 2022)
		 Rural Zone - from the 14th day of November in each year to the 31st day of January the following year; and 		
		 Urban Rural Zone - from the 14th day of November in each year to the 28th day of February the following year. 		
		b. Restricted Burning Period (all dates inclusive):		
		 Rural Zone - from the 19th day of September in each year to the 31st day of March the following year; and 		
		 Urban Rural Zone - from the 19th day of September in each year to the 30th day of April the following year. 		
		4. Notes BFAC will continue using the McCarthur Mk4 model at 3m wind heights to determine Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans for the Shire, except on days where the State declares a Total Fire Ban for the area whereby the ban will be calculated using the national Fire Behavior Index model.		
		 Request the CEO to compile information on the fire history of birds strikes in the Bukenerup Road area and requests Horizon Power review the design of power pole crossbars to prevent fires resulting from birds and other wildlife interacting with electrical infrastructure. 		
23/08/2022	12.1.2	Proposed Cat Local Law 2022	Logan, Neroli	
	O0822-182	That Council request the CEO to;	External Services	02 Sep 2022 3:38pm Logan, Neroli

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		Give Local Public Notice of the proposed Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 in accordance with the control of the proposed Shire of Esperance Cat Local Law 2022 in accordance with the control of the proposed Shire of the proposed Shir		Cat Local Law 2022 is open for public comment and closes on the 22nd October 2022.
		s.3.12(3) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> ; 2. Forward a copy of the proposed local law and public notices to the Minister for Local Government; and		03 Oct 2022 11:41am Logan, Neroli Cat Local Law 2022 is open for public comment and closes on the 22nd October 2022.
		 Prepare a further report at the conclusion of the public submission period to enable Council to conside submissions. 		28 Oct 2022 12:01pm Logan, Neroli Five submissions were received regarding the proposed cat local law. These will be summarised and presented back to council in due course.
		Advocate to local Members of Parliament for the Cat Act 2011 to be amended to enable the proposed Cat Loca Law 2022 to be considered by the Joint Standing		29 Nov 2022 4:36pm Logan, Neroli Submission on the proposed Cat Local Law received from the Minister and with the Governance Officer. 22 Dec 2022 9:53am Logan, Neroli
23/08/2022	12.2.1	Committee on Delegated Legislation.	Gleave, Dylan	Finalised Cat Local Law to be considered by council in early 2023.
23/06/2022	12.2.1	Petition to stop the use of 1080 baits in the Monjingup Special Rural Zone	Gleave, Dylan	
	O0822-184	That Council: 1. Note the petition against the use of 1080 baits in Monjingup Special Rural Zone and acknowledge that there is community interest in the safe and appropriate use of 1080 baits as part of an integrated pest management program;	Asset Management	
		 Request the CEO to make a submission to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to request consideration of appropriate changes in the Code of Practice for 1080 that finds a balance between agricultural use and neighbouring intense land use; and 		
		 Lay the matter on the table for 6 months until the outcomes of the incident report being conducted by the Department of Health are released and the current review of the Code of Practice for 1080 has been completed by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. 		
23/08/2022	12.3.1	Lease Renewal - Howick Communications Tower	Walsh, Sarah	

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	O0822-185	That Council, subject to the Department of Lands' approval;	Corporate & Community	01 Sep 2022 4:09pm Walsh, Sarah Advised Lessee of Council Resolution. Advertising disposal
		 Enter into a new lease with Telstra Corporation Ltd for portion of Lot 524 Howick Road, Howick, Reserve 47555; 	Services	of property until 16/09/2022. 29 Sep 2022 8:06am Walsh, Sarah Advertising period has closed with no submissions. Awaiting
		 Term of the lease to be 10 years, with 2 further term options of 5 years each, to commence from 1 May 2024; 		draft lease document from Telstra for our review. 05 Oct 2022 8:19am Walsh, Sarah Received draft lease document, scheduled time to review.
		 Charge a lease fee of \$1,100.00 Inc GST per annum and Council consider this valuation to be a true indication of the current market rental rate, subject to annual CPI increases; 		28 Oct 2022 11:44am Walsh, Sarah Currently negotiating document terms with Telstra. 01 Dec 2022 11:20am Walsh, Sarah Awaiting Telstra response to proposed changes to
		4. Charge a lease preparation fee of \$600 Inc GST; and		document. 16 Dec 2022 9:57am Walsh, Sarah
		 Advertise the disposition in accordance with s3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 for Disposing of property. 		Received amended lease and discussed final changes. Awaiting document to be provided for execution. 03 Jan 2023 12:52pm Walsh, Sarah Finalised documentation has been received and signed by CEO and Shire President. Returned to Telstra for execution.
27/09/2022	12.1.3	Consultation Outcomes - Regulation of Holiday Houses in Esperance	Hindley, Richard	
	O0922-197	That Council:	External Services	08 Nov 2022 1:59pm Phillips, Holly
		Receive the Consultation Outcomes Report on the regulation of Holiday Houses in Esperance; and	Services	Report on recommended priority changes is in development and scheduled for Council in early 2023. Nov 2022 3:23pm Godwin, Elise - Reallocation
		 Request the CEO prepare a report on priority changes to the current regulatory regime, based on the consultation findings, for future consideration by Council. 		Action reassigned to Hindley, Richard by Godwin, Elise
27/09/2022	12.3.1	Salmon Gums Gun Club Lease Surrender Request and Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Salmon Gums Branch Inc. Lease Request	Walsh, Sarah	
	O0922-198	That Council, subject to Minister for Lands approval; 1. Surrender the Lease with Salmon Gums Gun Club for Reserve 27786, Lot 121 Salmon Gums East Rd, subject to;	Corporate & Community Services	05 Oct 2022 8:14am Walsh, Sarah Further information to be collated and provided to Salmon Gums Development Group (SGDG) in due course. Salmon Gums Gun Club and Salmon Gums Pistol Club processes on hold until this information has been reviewed by the SGDG.

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		a) The surrender fee of \$220 Inc GST being payable.		28 Oct 2022 11:46am Walsh, Sarah
		b) The lessee removing their property and buildings as per clause 17.1 of the lease.		Salmon Gums Development Group liaising with Health staff for further information. 01 Dec 2022 11:22am Walsh, Sarah
		Enter into a lease with the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Salmon Gums Branch (Salmon Gums Pistol Club) for portion of Reserve 27786, Lot 121 Salmon Gums East Rd, subject to; Torm of the lease being 21 years: Torm of the lease being 21 years.		Awaiting response from Salmon Gums Development Group regarding potential use of the building. 16 Dec 2022 9:57am Walsh, Sarah Awaiting response from Salmon Gums Development Group. 03 Jan 2023 12:54pm Walsh, Sarah
		a) Term of the lease being 21 years;		Awaiting response from Salmon Gums Development Group.
		b) Annual lease fee of \$110 Inc GST being payable;		
		c) Lease preparation fee of \$132 Inc GST being payable;		
		 The lease being drawn up as a land only arrangement utilising the standard Sporting and Community Lease template; and 		
		e) The lease including provision for the Pistol Club to maintain the access road, jointly with any other users of the site.		
25/10/2022	12.1.6	IGO Recovery Funding Request - Esperance Aged Care Facility	Ammon, Mel	
	O1022-220	That Council;	External Services	
		 Approve a payment of \$30,009 (GST excl) to Esperance Aged Care Facility from the IGO COVID Recovery Fund (the Fund) to support contract service provision for volunteer coordination, subject to the successful completion of their previous grant-funded projects; 		
		Note the allocations from the Fund have now been fully expended; and		
		 Request the CEO write to all past recipients of the Fund requesting information on the benefit of their initiatives to the Esperance community. 		
		 Request that the CEO follow up with the Esperance Aged Care Facility after a period of 12 months in order to report on the success of the funding. 		
25/10/2022	12.4.2	Request Short Term Adjustment to Retail Trading Hours	Ayers, Trevor	

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	O1022-226	That Council 1. Endorse the following changes to retail trading hours in the Shire of Esperance with the addition of the following days (between 10am and 5pm): Sunday 4 December 2022 Sunday 11 December 2022	Executive Services	02 Nov 2022 6:08pm Ayers, Trevor Request has been lodged with the Department of Commerce 04 Jan 2023 3:22pm Ayers, Trevor Application was approved. Additional dates were added to Christmas Trading Hours list, communicated to the ECCI and advertised within the community.
		□ Sunday 11 December 2022 □ Sunday 18 December 2022 □ Tuesday 27 December 2022 □ Monday 2 January 2023		and advertised within the community.
		Request the CEO to make application to the Department of Commerce for the proposed changes to apply to the entirety of the Esperance Shire; and		
		 Request the CEO to investigate the desire within the Esperance community for a permanent change to the existing Retail Trading Hours in December, January and over the Easter period. 		
22/11/2022	17.2	Expression of Interest - Blue Waters Lodge	Ayers, Trevor	
	O1122-193	 Request the CEO to advertise the intention to dispose of Reserve 53801 in accordance with s3.58(3) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and that any written submissions are referred to Council: and Resolve that the valuation methodology and per square metre rate received in May 2022 for the existing RAC Esperance Holiday Park from AssetVal is believed to be a true indication of 	Executive Services	04 Jan 2023 3:23pm Ayers, Trevor Intent to dispose of property has been advertised, with advertising period now closed and no submissions received.
		the value of reserve 53801. 2. If no submissions are received at the end of the advertising period, request the CEO to negotiate		
		a. An amendment to the existing lease over Reserve 26967 (Lots 316 and 430 Norseman Rd, Castletown) to include Reserve		

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		b. A new lease over Reserve 53801 (Lot 299 Goldfields Road, Castletown) to RAC Parks and Resorts consistent with the Expression of Interest and Proposal for Lease documents received, subject to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage approval, in the event that the Minister for Lands is unwilling to approve an amendment to the existing lease over Reserve 26967		
20/12/2022	12.1.1	Proposed New Cemeteries Local Law 2022	Walsh, Sarah	
	O1222-107	That Council request the CEO to; 1. Give Local Public Notice of the proposed Shire of Esperance Cemeteries Local Law 2022 in accordance with s.3.12(3) of the Local Government Act 1995;	Corporate & Community Services	03 Jan 2023 12:59pm Walsh, Sarah Advertising arranged from 30/12/2022 to 9/02/2023.
		Forward a copy of the proposed local law and public notices to the Minister for Local Government; and		
		 Prepare a further report at the conclusion of the public submission period to enable Council to consider submissions. 		
20/12/2022	12.1.2	Local Planning Scheme No. 24 - Amendment No. 9	Hindley, Richard	
	O1222-108	That Council: 1. I through to XXVI.	External Services	
		2. The amendment is standard under the provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 for the following reason(s):		
		 (b) an amendment that is consistent with a local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission; 		
		(g) any other amendment that is not a complex or basic amendment.		
		 Refer Amendment 9 to the EPA under Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 and resolve to 		

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			dvertising of the amendment for public referral to the EPA.		
20/12/2022	12.3.3	Renewal Airport Car Hire	Desk 1	Witheridge, Rachel	
	O1222-115	That Council enter into a Esperance Car Rentals sul	new lease with Felsoft Pty Ltd t/as Avis bject to;	Corporate & Community Services	21 Dec 2022 4:26pm Witheridge, Rachel Felsoft Pty Ltd t/as Avis Esperance Car Rentals has been advised of Council's decision (D22/37152). A public notice
		1. The term of	the lease being 5 years;		has also been published on the Shire website with a closing date of 12 January 2023.
		rent reviews valuation ob	I being \$1,185.03 Inc GST, subject to annual based on CPI and that Council consider the brained in June 2022 to be a true indication in market rental rate;		date of 12 January 2025.
		3. Lease prepa	aration fee of \$600 Inc GST being payable;		
		•	ition being advertised in accordance with 8 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> for		

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Disposal of Property.

Community Grants Program 2022/2023 - Small Grants - December 2022

Applicant	Project	Project Timing	Project Summary	Approval
Esperance Sonshine Broadcasters Inc / 103.9HopeFM Community Radio	Christmas Movie Night	14th December 2022	In-Kind Civic Centre Hire for movie-fundraiser	\$1,014
Esperance Golf Club (Inc.)	Esperance Golf Classic 2023	13th - 16th April 2023	Conduct the Annual Esperance Golf Classic event	\$1,000
Rotary Club of Esperance Bay Inc	2022 New Years Eve Fireworks	31st December 2022	Free community event to celebrate the new year	\$3,000
Esperance Tennis Club Inc	March Tournament	3-6 March 2023	To conduct a Tennis Australia sanctioned universal Tennis Ranking tournament	\$2,000
Esperance Cycling Club Inc	Tour De Esperance 2023	22-23 April 2023	To conduct a Criterium Race and a social cycling event including corporate challenge	\$2,000

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

MOTION

Moved: Cr Chambers Seconded: Cr Flanagan

O0123-009

That Council accept the late item: 16.1 Staff Housing Proposal - Short and Long Term.

CARRIED F6 - A0

Reason: This item is of sufficient urgency to be accepted and dealt with at this Ordinary Council Meeting

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Item: 16.1

Staff Housing Proposal - Short and Long Term

Author/sShane BurgeChief Executive OfficerAuthorisor/sShane BurgeChief Executive Officer

File Ref: D23/1490

Applicant

Shire of Esperance

Location/Address

Esperance

Executive Summary

For Council to consider short and long term solutions to address critical housing requirements for Shire staff.

Recommendation in Brief

That the Shire purchase suitable residential properties for interim staff housing and call tenders to build and construct residential dwellings on three vacant Shire-owned properties.

Background

Recent improvements to labour market and economic conditions have coincided with a current lack of residential rental stock in Esperance. This has translated to a historically low vacancy rate of 0% in Esperance at certain times.

Such low vacancy rates have resulted in increased rental costs. As of December 2021, asking rents were up \$100 / week on pre-Covid-19 levels. Rents have continued to increase in the first half of 2022, albeit at a slower rate.

The situation is effectively at emergency levels with the strong demand for limited available stock far outpacing supply. This is leading to increased pressure on social housing and informal housing (e.g. short stay, caravan parks etc.) creating additional pressures on Shire services.

The Shire does not own any staff housing in Esperance. Historically the Shire has assisted staff by renting properties on their behalf and passing on the rental costs. Evidently, the Shire is not immune to the effects of a heated housing market given many existing or prospective staff have not been able to attain rental properties.

It is difficult to attract prospective staff to Esperance in the current labour market. This is further exacerbated by low accommodation vacancy rates. Staff turnover is a natural occurrence in the organisation and the lack of housing options for prospective employees is constantly raised as an issue.

Positions will remain vacant unless the matter of housing for prospective employees is addressed. This will eventually lead to reduced service delivery to the community.

Officer's Comment

There are two options that are considered the most suitable to assist in addressing staff housing accommodation requirements.

Short Term

If the Shire was to purchase two or three existing residential properties, these would be offered to rent to staff at market rates. Thus, allowing staff an interim solution to find alternate permanent housing. This is perceived to be the only real short term option at this time.

Residential properties are currently moving quickly so the Shire would need to be agile in its decision making to purchase any suitable properties. It is proposed the Chief Executive Officer is delegated to sign "Offer and Acceptance" forms for suitable properties with one of the "conditions of sale" being approval by Council.

A report back to Council on any proposed purchase will ensure the property meets the requirements of the Shire while enabling funds to allow the purchase to proceed.

It is anticipated that only a small number of properties would be acquired at this time, provided properties are constructed by the Shire in the longer term. These properties can then be used as transitional properties for new employees during probation periods, allowing them time to source permanent housing.

Long Term

In addition to the acquisition of residential rental properties, it is proposed the Shire builds residential dwellings on land held by the Shire. However, in the current construction climate, this is estimated to be a two-year process.

The Shire currently owns three vacant lots that have been for sale for a considerable period of time. Residential construction on these vacant lots will make them more attractive for sale with the added benefit of assisting to mitigate local accommodation and housing issues.

The properties are as follows:

- Lot 1035 Voile Lane This property is 1,830m² and has the capacity for up to four dwellings.
 A unit style development consisting of two to three bedrooms and one bathroom with a shared common driveway is considered the most suitable;
- 45 Hockey Place This property is 567m². It is an undulating site that is suitable for a three bedroom, two bathroom residence; and
- 46 Hockey Place This property is 571m². It is an undulating corner block that is suitable for a three bedroom, two bathroom residence.

Once constructed, a determination can be made by Council on whether to sell the properties or retain them for staff housing, renting on the open market or for Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) accommodation.

The building industry is currently under stress due to limitations on supplies, materials and trades. To ensure a residential building tender is as attractive as possible for local builders it is proposed the Shire undertakes a design and construct tender for all three properties.

Consultation

Local real estate agents Local builders

Financial Implications

The financial implications arising from this report are unknown at this stage. Results from a tender process or any proposed purchase of properties will be subject to further reports being presented back to Council for consideration.

It would be proposed that the existing properties be funded from the Land Purchase and Development Reserve which is currently estimated to have a closing balance at the end of the 2022/23 year in excess of \$2 million.

Asset Management Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

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Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

<u>Council Plan 2022 – 2032</u>

Leadership

A financially sustainable and supportive organisation achieving operational excellence Provide responsible resource and planning management for now and the future.

Environmental Considerations

Nil

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

16.1 Staff Housing Proposal - Short and Long Term

Moved: Cr Chambers Seconded: Cr de Haas

O0123-010

Council Resolution

That Council;

- 1. Delegate authority to the CEO to source suitable residential staff housing to purchase including executing an "Offer and Acceptance" form on any suitable properties subject to a condition of sale being final approval by Council.
- 2. Authorise the CEO to advertise a "Design and Construct" tender for residential construction at:
 - a. Lot 1035 Voile Lane, Castletown;
 - b. 45 Hockey Place, West Beach; and
 - c. 46 Hockey Place, West Beach.

CARRIED F6 - A0

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil Questions

177. 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 Graham Seconded: Cr Obourne

O0123-011

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 Tender Submissions - RFT 0491-22 - Sale of Vacant Land

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 that has a commercial value to a person, where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government (Section 5.23(2)(e)(ii)).

CARRIED F6 - A0

All members of the public left the Chambers at 4:57pm and did not return.

17.1 Tender Submissions - RFT 0491-22 - Sale of Vacant Land

Moved: Cr Flanagan Seconded: Cr Graham

O0123-012

Council Resolution

That Council

- Reject all offers received on properties in response to RFT 0491-22 Sale of Vacant Land
- 2. Relist these lots at the following prices:

LOT	SIZE (SQM)	Listing Price
Shark Lake Industrial Park		
33	16,740	\$175,000
41	9,559	\$120,000
42	6,963	\$95,000
43	5,750	\$85,000
44	4,936	\$80,000

3. Delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate and accept offers on these listed properties at or above the Minimum Acceptable Sale Price identified in the schedule within Attachment D (Listing and Sale Prices).

CARRIED F6 - A0

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Moved: Cr Flanagan Seconded: Cr Graham

O0123-013

That the meeting come from behind closed doors.

CARRIED F6 - A0

The Presiding Member read aloud the Resolution for Item 17.1.

18. CLOSURE

The President declared the meeting closed at 5.07pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on
Signed
Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed.
Dated