



# West Wimmera Shire Council

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13 December 2023  
2:00 pm

Council Chambers  
Edenhope Council Offices  
49 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope Vic  
3318







## Councillors and Shire Map



**MAYOR**  
**Cr. Tim Meyer**



**DEPUTY  
MAYOR**  
**Cr. Tom  
Houlihan**



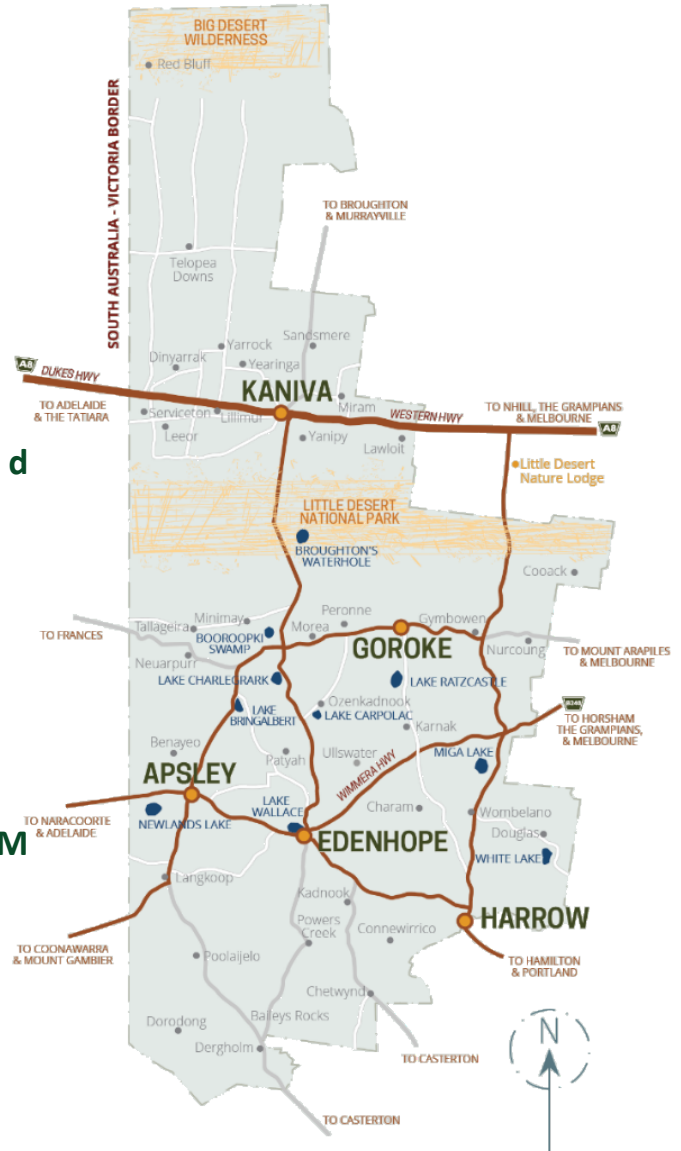
**Cr. Richard  
Hicks**



**Cr. Bruce  
Meyer OAM**



**Cr. Jodie  
Pretlove**





## COUNCIL VISION

**Our West Wimmera community is healthy, thriving, diverse, harmonious, prosperous, and self-sustaining, with regional and global connectivity.**

## OUR VALUES

**INNOVATIVE** – We will proactively respond to change, are optimistic about our future and pursue continuous improvement in everything that we do.

**ACCOUNTABLE** – We will be responsible, take ownership of our actions and are committed to good governance, excellence, transparency, achievement of goals and advocating for our community

**UNITED** – We will do everything within our ability to encourage and form trusting relationships, to work together as one team to achieve our goals and advocate for ‘One West Wimmera’.

**COLLABORATIVE** – We will actively and openly consult with you and work constructively with community organisations, agencies, the business community and other levels of government to our community’s benefit.

## OUR GOALS





### **Purpose of Council meetings**

- (1) Council holds scheduled meetings and, when required, unscheduled meetings to conduct the business of Council.
- (2) Council is committed to transparency in decision making and, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, Council and Delegated Committee meetings are open to the public and the community are able to attend.
- (3) Meetings will only be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66 of the Act, if:
  - (a) there are clear reasons for particular matters to remain confidential; or
  - (b) a meeting is required to be closed for security reasons; or
  - (c) it is necessary to enable the meeting to proceed in an ordinary manner.
- (4) A meeting closed to the public for the reasons outlined in sub-rule 3(b) or 3(c) will continue to be livestreamed. In the event a livestream is not available:
  - (a) the meeting may be adjourned; or
  - (b) a recording of the proceedings may be available on the Council website

The West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules set out the meeting procedure rules for this Council Meeting.

Members of the public are reminded that they are required to remain silent during this meeting, except during Section 5 Questions from the Gallery.

This Council meeting will be recorded for live streaming.

### **Councillors pledge**

*As Councillors of West Wimmera Shire Council, we solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that we will consider each item on this agenda in the best interests of the whole municipal community.*



**In Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Tim Meyer, Mayor  
Tom Houlihan, Deputy Mayor  
Richard Hicks  
Bruce Meyer OAM  
Jodie Pretlove

**Executive Leadership Team:**

James Bentley - Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS)  
Ram Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Development & Works (DIDW)

**Officers:**

Kaddie Cother - Governance Coordinator  
Philippa Hicks - Executive Assistant to the CEO  
Abbas Mehr - Chief Financial Officer  
John Hutchins - Community Development & Tourism Manager



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## 1 Welcome

## 2 Acknowledgement of Country

The West Wimmera Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

## 3 Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly ask your blessing upon this Council. Guide and prosper our decisions to the advancement of Your Glory and the true welfare of the people of West Wimmera Shire. Amen.

## 4 Apologies, Leave of Absences, Declaration of Conflict of Interest

### 4.1 Apologies

CEO - David Bezuidenhout

Governance Manager - Katie Frost

**Moved:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**Seconded:** Cr Richard Hicks

That Council discussed and approved Councillor Jodie Pretlove's request to attend online.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

### 4.2 Leave of Absence

### 4.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Cr Jodie Pretlove declared a conflict of interest in item 14.1 - Community Support Grant stating that her family member is on the committee.





## 5 Questions from the Gallery

### 5.1 Written Questions on Notice

#### 5.1.1 Katherine Shurvell - Outcomes of Community Consultation Process

**Question:**

When will Council release the outcomes of consultation undertaken for the Sports and Recreation Plan and Economic Development Strategy, following the community engagement process approximately six months ago?

**Answer:**

The draft plan has recently been provided to officers who are in the process of engaging with the Department of Recreation and Sport to ensure the outcome is in line with the scope of the consultancy. Once the plan has been approved for release Tredwell Management will provide a presentation to Council. With the approval of Council, the document will be released for public feedback. Council Officers will provide a copy to each of the Sports and Active Recreation groups in the shire and have copies available in the council offices. Due to the Christmas closure and no council meetings in January the plan will not go before Council until the February meeting and should be available for community feedback mid-February. Once all feedback has been received (normally after 4 weeks) the plan and feedback will be discussed for inclusion before the plan is adopted by Council.

#### 5.1.2 Katherine Shurvell – Community Feedback

**Question:**

Will the community have the opportunity to provide feedback on the Economic Development Strategy and Sports and Recreation Plan before they are adopted by Council?

**Answer:**

Community consultation for Economic Development Strategy took place in the early stages of its development. Community feedback has been incorporated into the strategy. We are aiming to present the final draft of the strategy in the February 2024 Council Meeting for adoption.



### 5.1.3 Kaniva Progress Association - Wimmera Southern Mallee Development Housing

**Question:**

In response to the Wimmera Southern Mallee Development housing initiative, what action is council undertaking to prioritise the re-zoning of all land types in proximity to our urban centres for residential purposes?

**Answer:**

Following the completion of the review of Councils planning scheme in 2022 there are a number of recommendations which councils staff are working through including the recommendation to complete targeted settlement plans for the larger towns, these settlement plans are a key piece of work that need to occur to assess the townships as a whole and will provide the required actions needed for the towns with regards to orderly planning (including recommendations for re-zoning). These settlement strategies are a costly and time-consuming piece of work, Council is currently applying to the state governments Regional Planning Hub for assistance with completing these plans. Once these plans are complete with their recommendations Council can then progress working on the recommended re-zonings.

### 5.1.4 Nicole Winking - Dungey St North Trees

**Question:**

Why were the trees on Dungey Street North removed and is Council planning on replacing them?

**Answer:**

The trees were in poor health. It had some minor growth but was not going to be revived. The operations team will replace those trees in late Autumn or early winter.



## 5.2 Verbal Questions without Notice

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of receiving questions without notice from the members of the Gallery.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

**Michael Fagg:**

**On the website it says \$8 for small tyres but at the tip it says \$12, will the website and signs be fixed so they are the same?**

*Cr Tim Meyer: Take this on notice, can this please be fixed.*

*Cr Tom Houlihan: This needs to be actioned immediately so that all charges match.*

*Director Ram Upadhyaya: The charges have been adopted through Council, so we can make sure these align to what has been adopted.*

**In the Newsletter it has been brought up about the rubbish in areas, what is being done to ensure rubbish is being tidied up in the shire and are penalties being enforced?**

*Cr Tim Meyer: In regards to response times, we are trying to improve and will pass on the feedback.*

*Director Ram Upadhyaya: A fire prevention notice is issued first, if they don't comply we issue an infringement notice. Will provide the detailed procedure to Michael.*

*Cr Tom Houlihan: The other side affect of this issue is fire risk and is quite concerning.*

*Officer John Hutchins: One of the biggest issues we have is finding a contractor. We will continue to work on the responses through our Customer Action Request portal.*

**Moved:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**Seconded:** Cr Richard Hicks

**That Council resume Standing Orders.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**



## 6 Delegates Reports

Delegate Reports are for providing feedback on formal council business and are for information only

### 6.1 Councillor Tim Meyer (Mayor)

Date	Event
16/11/2023	MAV Rural and Regional Forum
24/11/2023	WWSC End of Year Christmas Party
30/11/2023	Councillor Forum
30/11/2023	Cemetries Trust Meeting
04/12/2023	Discussion with Kaniva College Students
05/12/2023	Strategic Leadership Team Meeting
12/12/2023	Kaniva College School Student Citizenship Awards
13/12/2023	Pre-Council Meeting
13/12/2023	Council Meeting

### 6.2 Councillor Tom Houlihan (Deputy Mayor)

Date	Event
24/11/2023	WWSC End of Year Christmas Party
30/11/2023	Councillor Forum
30/11/2023	Cemetries Trust Meeting
05/12/2023	Strategic Leadership Team Meeting
13/12/2023	Pre-Council Meeting
13/12/2023	Council Meeting

### 6.3 Councillor Richard Hicks

Date	Event
30/11/2023	Councillor Forum
30/11/2023	Cemetries Trust Meeting
13/12/2023	Pre-Council Meeting
13/12/2023	Council Meeting



#### 6.4 Councillor Bruce Meyer OAM

Date	Event
24/11/2023	WWSC End of Year Christmas Party
30/11/2023	Councillor Forum
30/11/2023	Cemetries Trust Meeting
12/12/2023	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
13/12/2023	Pre-Council Meeting
13/12/2023	Council Meeting

#### 6.5 Councillor Jodie Pretlove

Date	Event
30/11/2023	Councillor Forum
30/11/2023	Cemetries Trust Meeting
05/12/2023	Wimmera Mallee Tourism
12/12/2023	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
13/12/2023	Pre-Council Meeting
13/12/2023	Council Meeting

## 7 Condolences

Nil





## 8 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 8.1 Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th November 2023

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th November 2023 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Richard Hicks

Seconded: Cr Bruce Meyer

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th November 2023 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)

#### Attachments

Nil

### 8.2 Community Forum held on Wednesday, 18th October 2023

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Community Forum held on Wednesday, 18th October 2023 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Richard Hicks

Seconded: Cr Bruce Meyer

That the Minutes of the Community Forum held on Wednesday, 18th October 2023 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

CARRIED (4 / 1)

#### Attachments

Nil



## 9 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

### 10 Notices of Motion

#### 10.1 Notice of Motion 2023/04 - Cr Richard Hicks - Community Pools

##### MOTION:

That West Wimmera Council resolve to provide \$500 to each of Kaniva and Edenhope and \$250 to Gorokey's Shire-managed swimming pools during the whole of the 2023/24 season, to support free (or subsidised) entry for children of parent(s), resident in the shire, and who, in cooperation with the WWSC Youth Officer, School's Welfare Officers and/or Pool Managers at each of the respective townships, are considered as in need of financial support, to facilitate entry into the pool complexes.

**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Jodie Pretlove

That West Wimmera Council resolve to provide up to \$500 to each of Kaniva and Edenhope and up to \$250 to Gorokey's Shire-managed swimming pools during the whole of the 2023/24 season, to support free (or subsidised) entry for children of parent(s), resident in the shire, and who, in cooperation with the WWSC Youth Officer, School's Welfare Officers and/or Pool Managers at each of the respective townships, are considered as in need of financial support, to facilitate entry into the pool complexes. A report to be presented to Council by April 2024.

**CARRIED (3 / 2)**

**Abstain 1**

**Cr Richard Hicks called for a division**

**For:**

Cr Jodie Pretlove, Cr Richard Hicks and Cr Tom Houlihan

**Against:**

Cr Tim Meyer

**Abstained**

Cr Bruce Meyer



## EXPLANATION

At its November 2018 and a subsequent July 2019 Council Meeting, Council resolved to accept similar motions. This support by Council during the 2019/20 and 2020/21 summer seasons was considered very successful by many community residents, and enabled financially-disadvantaged children access to the pools to learn water-safety and swimming skills, and to socialise with the peers and friends (without being socially deprived or ostracised). A similar low-cost Council-supported initiative is considered appropriate for the 2023/24 summer season.

## Attachments

1. NOM 2023 04 [**10.1.1** - 1 page]



## 11 Councillor Forum Record

### 11.1 Councillor Forum Record Thursday, 30th November 2023

*Deferred to February Council Meeting*

## 12 Deputations and Petitions

There were no Petitions or Deputations submitted for the agenda.

## 13 Chief Executive Officer

No Reports



## 14 Corporate and Community Services

### 14.1 Community Support Grant - Insurance Application

*Directorate: Corporate and Community Services*

*Report Author: Community Development and Tourism Manager*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

#### **Introduction**

West Wimmera Shire Council is committed to working in partnership with the community to encourage, develop and support community-based organisations and the wide range of quality recreational, cultural, social, and business group initiatives they undertake, to form a positive contribution to the West Wimmera Shire and strengthen the development of a supported, cohesive community.

#### **Declaration of Interest**

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

#### **Background**

Each financial year, community-based organisations can request financial assistance from Council to support them in the provision of programs and services benefitting the West Wimmera Shire community, and which comply with Council's policies, plans and strategies.

#### *Public and Products Liability Insurance Contribution*

- Not-for-Profit committees that administer non-Council-owned facilities providing a service to the community. Council will consider applications from such committees for a contribution towards the cost of their public and products liability insurance.

Benayeo Hall Inc. has applied for Council assistance with the payment of its public liability insurance policy. As detailed in the attached application, the applicant's total public liability insurance premium is \$968.30.

A potential contribution of \$800.00 from Council towards the cost of this policy would result in an amount payable by the applicant of \$168.30 for its annual public liability insurance policy.

Officers advise that Benayeo Hall Inc. is eligible for assistance from Council in relation to its public liability insurance policy in accordance with the West Wimmera Shire Council Community Support Grant Guideline.





### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

There are no obvious risks for Council to mitigate or eliminate regarding the proposal considered for funding support in this report.

### **Legislative Implications**

Not Applicable

### **Environmental Implications**

Nil

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy:

Council Grants Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 1 – Liveable & Healthy Community***

1.1 Create a healthy, active, and vibrant community.

1.2 Support a safe and inclusive community.

1.6 Support a prepared and resilient community.

1.7 Improve the liveability of the shire to assist in growing our population into the future.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Gender Equality**

No Gender Impact Assessment is required



**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council approves/does not approve the application from Benayeo Hall Inc. for a contribution of \$800 towards the cost of its 2023/2024 public liability insurance policy.**

*Cr Jodie Pretlove left the meeting at 2:56 pm.*

**Moved: Cr Tom Houlihan**

**Seconded: Cr Richard Hicks**

**That Council approves the application from Benayeo Hall Inc. for a contribution of \$800 towards the cost of its 2023/2024 public liability insurance policy.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4 / 0)**

*Cr Jodie Pretlove returned to the meeting at 2:59 pm.*

**Attachments**

1. 23 CSG I 00001 - application - 11185968 - Community Support Gr [14.1.1 - 4 pages]
2. 23 CSG I 00001 - assessment - 11191694 - Community Support Gr [14.1.2 - 2 pages]



## 14.2 Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy Review

*Directorate: Corporate and Community Services*

*Report Author: Chief Financial Officer*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

### Introduction

West Wimmera Shire Council's Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy provides the framework for ensuring that Council's Information Communication Technology infrastructure delivers agile, best-practice functionality to the organisation in times of rapid technological change and increased cyber-security threats. The current Policy is due for review by Council following its adoption in August 2020.

### Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

### Background

The current West Wimmera Shire Council Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy was adopted by Council on 19 August 2020 and is now due for review by Council. The attached revised Policy presented for Council's consideration includes tracked changes outlining the differences between the revision and the current Policy.

The Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy provides a framework mechanism for any necessary changes to Council's Information Communication Technology (ICT) systems to be systematically identified, categorised, assessed, authorised and delivered.

Such changes may be the result of technological development, leading to the generation of increased efficiencies which allow Council to leverage greater value from its digital resources. Having the organisational agility to be able to respond to these opportunities has the potential to simplify work processes, generate economies, and embed a greater acceptance of the importance of change within workplace culture.

Alternatively, changes may be required to Council's systems at short notice to combat cyber-security threats that continue to evolve in ever-new and complex ways. As the custodian of extremely sensitive public data, it is imperative that a mechanism is in place to deal with such threats conclusively and on very short notice.



The revised Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy presented to Council also includes the addition of the over-arching governance principles, as prescribed by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

Business continuity risk

Information risk

### **Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

### **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 4 – Good Governance***

4.1 Ensure long term financial sustainability.

4.4 Develop a high performing accountable organisation.

4.5 Maintain a rigorous risk management framework.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Gender Equality**



No Gender Impact Assessment is required

### Conclusion

It is submitted that the proposed revisions to the Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy as attached provide greater utility, staff engagement and direction, thereby ensuring that Council's Information Communication Technology systems remain responsive to both organisational demands and cyber-security-related exigencies.

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council adopts the draft Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy.**

**Moved: Cr Bruce Meyer**

**Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**That Council adopts the draft Information Communication Technology Change Management Policy.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

### Attachments

1. WWSC Council Policy ICT Change Management Policy adopted 19 Aug 2020 tracked 2023 c [14.2.1 - 8 pages]





## 14.3 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes - 27 September 2023

*Directorate: Corporate and Community Services*

*Report Author: Chief Financial Officer*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

### **Introduction**

This report presents West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) with the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Declaration of Interest**

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

### **Background**

Section 53 (1) of the Local Government Act 2020 requires that each Council establish an Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee is a formally appointed Advisory Committee of Council.

The Audit and Risk Committee's role is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations relevant to its charter in order to facilitate decision making by Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities. The Audit and Risk Committee plays a key role in assisting Council to fulfil its governance and overseeing responsibilities in relation to financial reporting, internal control, risk management systems, ethical accountability and the internal audit function.

The Audit and Risk Committee (The Committee) does not have executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which management has responsibility and does not have any delegated financial responsibility. The Committee does not have any management functions and is therefore independent of management. The Committee does not have any role in relation to issues normally addressed by Council or a sub-committee of Council, which may have delegated powers and financial management responsibilities in relation to budgets, financing decisions and expenditure priorities. The Committee is a separate activity and acts independently of Council and does not have any role in relation to financial management issues or have any executory role or powers.

### **Risk Management Implications**

Risk identified:

Financial risk



Regulatory risk

Strategic risk

### **Legislative Implications**

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

### **Environmental Implications**

Nil

### **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

Not applicable

### **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Not applicable

### **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

#### ***Goal 4 – Good Governance***

- 4.1 Ensure long term financial sustainability.
- 4.4 Develop a high performing accountable organisation.
- 4.5 Maintain a rigorous risk management framework.

#### ***Goal 5 – Our Commitment Values***

Accountability - We will be responsible, take ownership of our actions and are committed to good governance, excellence, transparency and advocating for our community.

### **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

### **Gender Equality**

Not Applicable



## Conclusion

The minutes of the previous Audit Committee meeting are attached for Councillors' information.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council receives the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 27 September 2023.**

**Moved: Cr Richard Hicks**

**Seconded: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**That Council receives the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 27 September 2023.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

## Attachments

1. Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 27 September 2023 [14.3.1 - 15 pages]



## 15 Infrastructure Development and Works

### 15.1 Growing Regions Applications

*Directorate: Infrastructure Development and Works*

*Report Author: Innovation and PMO Manager*

*Report Purpose: For Decision*

#### Introduction

This report is intended to obtain Council resolutions to support the submission of two funding applications to the Federal Governments Growing Regions Program including supporting council contributions. The applications are for construction of an accessible Water Play Space (Splash Park) within the Kaniva Swimming Pool and detailed design and construction of the Edenhope Lions Park Play space.

The Growing Regions Funds objectives are:

- Constructing or upgrading community infrastructure that fills an identified need and improves equality, supports diverse social inclusion, grows local economies and enhances amenity and livability
- Contributes to achieving a wide range of community socio- economic outcomes
- Strategically aligns with regional priorities

#### Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020) in the preparation of this report.

#### Background

In September 2023, the Council submitted two project proposals through an EOI process for the Growing Regions Program for the Kaniva Water Play Space (Splash Park) and Edenhope Lions Park Play Space. The council received notification from the provider on 24 November 2023 that our EOI had been successful, and we have been requested to submit a full application for both projects by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### Kaniva Water Play Space (Splash Park)

This project has been identified through the council's Innovation Platform and was included in the Council 22/23 Annual Plan to undertake phase 2 scoping & planning. This project aims to redevelop the current toddlers pool within the Kaniva Swimming Pool to develop an accessible water play space (splash park). The construction will include a small toddler pool area along with an accessible water play space incorporating many water play features and supportive amenities.



### Edenhope Lions Park Play Space

Edenhope Play Space Master Plan was endorsed by Council December 2022. As part of this plan concept drawings for Edenhope Lions Park were developed. Extensive Community consultation was held during this development. The council has allocated \$100K for this project in the 23/24 financial year.

The aims of Edenhope Lions Park Play Space are to deliver on providing:

- Playspace for all ages and abilities from toddlers, youth and adults in separate but connected areas.
- Opportunities for people to gather in an outdoor space
- Opportunity for travelers to stop, recharge and experience Edenhope township

Project Name	Funding Body	Total Project Amount	Funds from funding body	Funds from council	Funds from community
Kaniva Splash Park	Growing Regions - Federal	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	N/A
Edenhope Lions Park	Growing Regions – Federal	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	N/A

The project, if successful in funding applications, will move to the execution phase in the 24/25 financial year and hence the matching council funds will need to be budgeted for.

The officers will be pursuing other funding avenues such as the Regional Community Sport Infrastructure Fund.

### Risk Management Implications

Risk identified: There are no obvious risks for Council to mitigate or eliminate in regard to the proposal considered for funding support in this report.

### Legislative Implications

The report complies with the requirements of the:  
Local Government Act 2020

### Environmental Implications

Nil



## **Financial and Budgetary Implications**

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Low

The council will need to make a budget allocation of \$900,000 in the next financial year to match the above-mentioned funding program.

## **Policy Implications**

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Not applicable

## **Council Plan Implications**

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

### ***Goal 1 – Liveable & Healthy Community***

- 1.1 Create a healthy, active, and vibrant community.
- 1.3 Provide well planned and sustainable community infrastructure.
- 1.7 Improve the liveability of the shire to assist in growing our population into the future.

### ***Goal 3 – Sustainable Environment***

- 3.3 Protect and promote public open space and natural assets.

## **Communication Implications**

No Communication Implications

## **Gender Equality**

No Gender Impact Assessment is required

## **Conclusion**

The success of this funding will allow West Wimmera Shire to implement the Kaniva Water Play (Splash Park) construction and the Edenhope Lions Park Play Space project. Both projects will improve the amenity and livability of Kaniva and Edenhope for local residents. Both projects also provide a destination for visitors and travelers to participate in active recreation within these towns.



**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Approves the funding application for the Kaniva Splash Park under the Growing Regions funding including a council contribution of \$500,000**
- 2. Approves the funding application for Edenhope Lions Park under the Growing Regions funding including a council contribution of \$500,000**

**Moved: Cr Jodie Pretlove**

**Seconded: Cr Bruce Meyer**

**That Council:**

- 1. Approves the funding application for the Kaniva Splash Park under the Growing Regions funding including a council contribution of up to \$500,000**
- 2. Approves the funding application for Edenhope Lions Park under the Growing Regions funding including a council contribution of up to \$500,000**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

**Attachments**

Nil



## 16 Sealing Schedule

Nil.

## 17 Late Items of Business

**Pursuant to West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules – Division 3 Section 20:**

### 20. Urgent Business

*If the agenda for a Council meeting makes provision for urgent business, business cannot be admitted as urgent business other than by resolution of Council, and only then if it:*

- *20.1 relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and*
- *20.2 cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.*

## 18 Confidential Reports

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council pursuant to Section 66 (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 close the meeting to members of the public to resolve on matters pertaining to the following items:**

**18.1 Australia Day Awards**

**18.2 Business Streetscape Grant Application**

*Reason for confidentiality - Local Government Act 2020, Section 3 - Private commercial information*





**Moved:** Cr Richard Hicks

**Seconded:** Cr Tom Houlihan

**That Council pursuant to Section 66 (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 close the meeting to members of the public at 3:17 pm to resolve on matters pertaining to the following items:**

**18.1 Australia Day Awards**

**18.2 Business Streetscape Grant Application**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 / 0)**

## 19 Close of Meeting

### Meeting closed:

The Council Meeting 13th December 2023 was declared closed at 3:33 pm

### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Kaniva Council Chamber

Mayor's Signature

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