

MINUTES

24th of August 2022

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Shires Administration Building situated at Gascoyne Junction commencing at 10.00am

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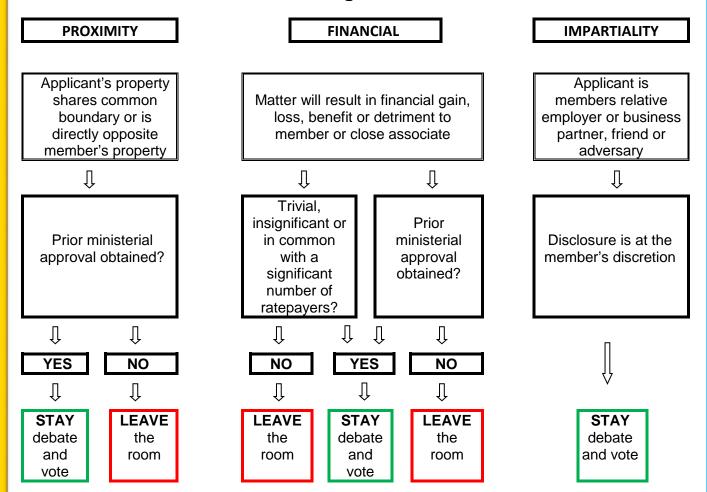
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John McCleary, JP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

* Declaring an Interest



Local Government Act 1995 - Extract

5.65 - Members' interests in matters to be discussed at meetings to be disclosed.

(1) A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest:

(Penalties apply).

- (2) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section if the member proves that he or she did not know:
- (a) that he or she had an interest in the matter; or (b) that the matter in which he or she had an interest would be discussed at the meeting.
- (3) This section does not apply to a person who is a member of a committee referred to in section 5.9(2)(f).

5.70 - Employees to disclose interests relating to advice or reports.

- (1) In this section: 'employee' includes a person who, under a contract for services with the local government, provides advice or a report on a matter.
- (2) An employee who has an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when giving the advice or report.
- (3) An employee who discloses an interest under this section must, if required to do so by the council or committee, as the case may be, disclose the extent of the interest. (Penalties apply).

5.71 - Employees to disclose interests relating to delegated functions.

If, under Division 4, an employee has been delegated a power or duty relating to a matter and the employee has an interest in the matter, the employee must not exercise the power or discharge the duty and:

(a) in the case of the CEO, must disclose to the mayor or president the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter; and (b) in the case of any other employee, must disclose to the CEO the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter. (Penalties apply).

'Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Extract

In this clause and in accordance with Regulation 34C of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:

"Interest" means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.



SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE

MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT THE SHIRES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SITUATED AT GASCOYNE JUNCTION ON THE 24th of AUGUST 2022 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS

The President welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 10.01am

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr D. Hammarquist OAM JP
Cr J. Caunt
Cr H. McTaggart
Cr G. Watters
Cr R. Hoseason-Smith
Cr A. McKeough

Shire President
Vice President
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

<u>Staff</u>

John McCleary JP Chief Executive Officer

Jarrod Walker Manager of Works and Services
Sa Toomalatai Manager of Finance and Corporate

Services

Cherie Walker Senior Corporate Services Officer

Visitors

Joshua Kirk Greenfield Technical Services
Hayden Andrews Greenfield Technical Services

Travis Bate RSM

2.2 <u>Absentees</u>

Cr B. Walker Councillor

2.3 Leave of Absence previously approved

3. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOVED: CR: J. CAUNT SECONDED: CR: H MCTAGGART

That Councillor Alys McKeough be granted leave of absence for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on the 15th of December 2022.

F/A: 6/0

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Questions on Notice

Nil

4.2 Questions without Notice

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Item 10.7 Cr J. Caunt and Cr H. McTaggart

- 6. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS
 - **6.1** Greenfield Technical Services

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Shire President acknowledged the passing of Ainsley Steadman who was a pastoralist at Errabiddy and Dairy Creek Stations.

8. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Item No 11.1 – Appointment of Service Provider for Accounting and Financial Services Tender (RFT 01-22/23)

Item No 11.2 - Appointment of Project Manager for AGRN 1021

- 9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- **9.1** Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27th of July 2022.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Council Resolution No: 01082022								
MOVED:	CR: R. HOSEASON-SMITH	SECONDED:	CR: G. WATTERS					

That the Unconfirmed Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 27th of July 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

AGAINST:

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist

Cr J. Caunt

Cr H. McTaggart

Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith

Cr A. McKeough

F/A: 6/0

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Council Resolution No: 02082022							
MOVED:	CR: G. WATTERS	SECONDED:	CR: H. MCTAGGART				

That Council receive the Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, the Manager of Works & Services and the Chief Executive Officer reports as read.

AGAINST:

CR

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist

Cr J. Caunt Cr H. McTaggart Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough

F/A: 6/0

10.1 Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Report

The July period has been absolutely flat tack for the Corporate Team – with the finalisation of our End of Financial Year processes and staff continuing to work on the draft budget simultaneously, on top of our day to day tasks, it has been pretty full on.

The Corporate Team are also busy with event planning as we have several scheduled to take place in the next quarter, such as: Stargazing at the Gascoyne Junction, Gascoyne Food Festival, Community Fun Run, CRC 10 Year Anniversary Luncheon, Two Rivers Memorial Park Opening and the Halloween Family Movie Matinee.

This month's council meeting will see the Management Team present the 2022/2023 Annual Budget to Council for adoption which has been a mammoth effort from staff to compile, so I would like to extend many thanks and gratitude to everyone involved in this process as it has not come without challenge – great work everyone!

With one hurdle overcome, the next big task ahead of staff is our upcoming End of Year Audit and the Integrated Planning Review. Add to the mix, preparing to rate bill for the 22/23 year – certainly no time to rest and just as important for staff to maintain the momentum (bring on Christmas ©).



Community Resource Centre Update

Author - AinIsey Hardie, Tourism & Community Development Officer

Further progress on the medical clinic with more equipment arriving before the end of August and a proposed starting date in October. At this stage the Gascoyne Junction Clinic will have a GP visit each month, with a nursing clinic fortnightly. This has been a slow and steady project however it is close to fruition delivering a much needed service back to the community.

On August 5th, another Flu and COVID Vaccination Clinic was held at the CRC with 12 attendees. At this stage there are no further clinics planned for this year. July saw the distribution of an updated Upper Gascoyne Phone Directory. The feedback on this has been overwhelmingly positive.

The CRC has been successful in receiving two grants in July, one through the State Library to continue to develop the CRC as the digital hub for the Upper Gascoyne. We are in the process of ordering audio and video equipment for recording and editing and a 3D printer. Courses will be held on how to use these new technologies both for business and recreational use. The audio and video equipment will be used towards curating a collection of local history to be recorded online for prosperity. A second grant as part of Mental Health week will see new flooring for the gym being installed over the coming weeks.

Since the beginning of July we have introduced a new data collection system in the CRC for monitoring how the CRC is used for reporting not only to council but to be used in our reporting to DPIRD. We have also reflected on the results of the CRC survey that was conducted at the beginning of the year to determine services and activities desired by the community and have put these into our forward plans. One of the most requested education opportunities was for a first aid course so we have arranged for three separate courses to take place in October including the Pub, DBCA and the Gascoyne Junction Remote Community School staff. This is also open to all members of the community.

TOURISM

I was asked to present to the Australia's Golden Outback Board in late July reporting on what has been happening in the Upper Gascoyne and what is planned moving forward. Members of the MEG Group and Regional Development Australia were also in attendance. I have provided a copy of the presentation of this meeting for your perusal. The feedback from this meeting was positive with the CEO of AGO coming to visit the Shire in early October to discuss how we can work together to meet both our and the AGO strategic outcomes.

The popularity of the walking tours is increasing and have been averaging 2 to 3 tours per week. On average we have had four participants per tour. The feedback has been positive from those joining the tours who have enjoyed learning about the history of Gascoyne Junction, why Gascoyne Junction is here and how the community works together.

Again the cleanliness and appearance of the town, the friendly locals and great amenities are always mentioned. From a tourism perspective it is encouraging visitors to stay the night in Gascoyne Junction before moving on. It has also been beneficial in collecting data on those visiting our region: how they have planned their trip to the Upper Gascoyne, their length of stay in Gascoyne Junction and the Shire and the routes they are travelling. Finding the Junction so appealing many guests are staying a minimum of three nights here as they feel comfortable and welcome.

The Upper Gascoyne has been featured in the Seniors Newspaper in June, July, and August and will also be featured in a wildflower special in September. This is proving worthwhile with feedback from visitors that they have seen us in the paper whilst on the road and have planned a visit accordingly.

We are working in collaboration with Gascoyne Murchison Shires to develop a trail of oral stories to follow throughout the region. In the September edition of the Gassy Gossip I will be putting out an expression of interest for those who have a tale to share. This program is similar to a project

underway for the 2023 tourist season with a series of podcasts for visitors to our region to listen to as they travel across the Upper Gascoyne.

The raw footage from the recent media visit is coming together for us to launch a social media and TV campaign from November when we attend the Perth 4WD to be followed up with the Perth Caravan and Camping Show in March. I have also been selected as part of a program through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading to work on strategic projects for the Shire to aid economic development in international markets with a focus on tourism but the possibility of other projects to.

<u>Community Resource Centre – Monthly Income Report – July 2022</u>

Printed at: 18/08/22 SHIRE OF UPPER GASCOYNE

Page No: 1 General Ledger Detail Trial Balance (frmGLTrialBalance)

Options: Year 22/23, From Month 01, To Month 01, By Responsible Officer (CRC INCOME CRC INCOME ACCOUNTS -

MONTHLY REPORTING)

RespOff Account	Description	Opening Bal	Movement	Balance
Division GEN				
CRC INCO 10841310	Commission Centrelink : CRC	0.00	-720.00	-720.00
CRC INCO 10841330	Transport Commission: CRC	0.00	-65.39	-65.39
CRC INCO 10841380	Postal Agency Sales	0.00	-98.91	-98.91
CRC INCO 10841390	Sales: Books/Maps/Souvenirs/Sundries	0.00	-278.80	-278.80
CRC INCO 10842600	CRC Income Misc.	0.00	-5.09	-5.09
CRC INCO 10842610	CRC Merchandise Sales	0.00	-928.84	-928.84
Total CRC INCOME		0.00	-2,097.03	-2,097.03
Total for division GET	N	0.00	-2,097.03	-2,097.03
Grand Total		0.00	-2,097.03	-2,097.03

Community Resource Centre - Monthly Customer Service Stats - July 2022

	CUSTOMER SERVICES & ENQUIRIES	2022.2023 TOTAL	2021.2022 TOTAL	YTD DIFF	Jul- 22	Jul- 21	JUL
	Faxes	0	3	-3	0	0	0
	Photocopying/Printing/Scanning/Emailing	1	40	-39	1	6	-5
Admin Support	Laminating/Binding	0	8	-8	0	1	-1
Support	Hot Office Bookings	0	2	-2	0	0	0
	External Training and Course	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1:1 Assistance to Community Members	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Computer/Internet Access	4	50	-46	4	7	-3
	Community Education Events	0	4	-4	0	0	0
	Community Social Events	0	20	-20	0	0	0
CRC	Community Economic Seminars	0	1	-1	0	0	0
	Department of Human Services	1	21	-20	1	0	1
	Government Access Point	1	20	-19	1	0	- 1
	Use of Paid WIFI Services	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Use of FREE WIFI Hub	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Road Condition Requests	137	944	-807	137	215	-78
	General Tourism Information	157	745	-588	157	127	30
Tourism	Book Sales	3	43	-40	3	5	-2
	CRC Merchandise Sales	54	364	-310	54	51	3
	Walking Tours	13	0	13	13	0	13
	Phonebook Purchases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Info	Gassy Gossip yearly subscription	0	4	-4	0	0	0
	Gassy Gossip Advertisement	0	7	-7	0	1	-1
	Video Conference/Telehealth	0	4	-4	0	0	0
Health	RFDS Support	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Medical Clinic Visits	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Library	7	66	-59	7	8	-1
	Postage Sales	11	193	-182	11	22	-11
Agencies	Postage Collection	68	0	68	6	0	6
	Department of Transport	3	46	-43	3	1	2
	Horizon Power	1	105	-104	1	0	1
	Total Customer Service Enquiries	466	2690	2.224	404	444	-40

10.2 Manager of Works and Services Report

On the 12th August the CEO, Josh Kirk (Greenfields) and I attended a meeting in Carnarvon to align all stakeholders' inputs to the Road Use Agreement with Hastings. Andrew Reid (Hastings), Alan Sheridan (Ashburton) and Dave Nielsen (Carnarvon) were in attendance to what was a very constructive meeting and a huge step closer to formalising the agreement. In a nut shell, all three LG's will adopt their own individual RUA's with Hastings however the terms and conditions are identical. This is to ensure alignment of expectations from all parties and consistency in our approach to co-existing on our public roads. The CEO will put forward a draft copy of the agreement to Council for consideration.

John, Josh and myself also attended the Long Table Dinner in Carnarvon on the 5th August as an opportunity to meet with Ministers and our Carnarvon CEO, Managers and Councillors. The dinner provided a prelude to a meeting with our Minister for Emergency Services Stephen Dawson. The CEO made the Minister aware of some specific issues affecting our ability to efficiently recover from disaster events and still function as a local government. Mr Dawson was also made abreast of the significant lack of equity between our cousins in the east in regards to our trigger points and inefficiencies for LG's while navigating their way through the DRFWA intricacies. The Minister was very receptive to our concerns and we thank him for his time.

The Gascoyne Dash was held on the last weekend of July. The town crew id an amazing job of preparing the town facilities including the pavilion, banners and bins for the huge influx of people. President of the GORC Mick Gibbings has thank the team for doing such a great job and said the event was a success.

lan and Thomas spent half a day grading and preparing the race track for the Junction Race Committee as part of our sponsorship and donation in kind. The JRC volunteers have been hard at it preparing for the weekend's events and we wish them well.

Unfortunately we have lost quite a few members at various stages this month to ill health and specialists appointments. This has slowed us down a bit with town maintenance and maintenance grading but we look to be back on track by the end of the month.

Maintenance Grading:

lan and Thomas have completed grading Carnarvon's section of the Wahroonga Pimbee Road, this will tie into our section that has been previously graded. Ian and Thomas will concentrate on completing the Carnarvon Mullewa road from Gascoyne Junction to the Murchison boundary.

Kevin Burket has completed verge mowing form Mooka to Bidgemia and around town. This has greatly improve driver safety and hopefully reduces impacts with livestock and kangaroos.

Works Crew:

The construction team have well and truly started works on the Landor Meekatharra road. We will upgrade and seal 4.8km of road before the end of October. Our next project will be lowering the Mount Sandiman hill as part of our 2022-23 Black Spot state funding approval.

I am pleased to announce that we have employed Nicholas Mcgrade as our new plant operator. Nick is from Carnarvon and has extensive experience in road train haulage and logistics. Nick is a motivated individual who we think will fit in with the team and become a valuable member.

10.3 Chief Executive Officers Report

After reading the MWS report it is apparent that he has stolen my thunder, once again; however, it is fair to say that the meeting with Minister Dawson went well, but we will need to wait and see if he implements any of the recommendations provided.

As reported, the meeting with the other Two L/Gvt's and Hastings went well, and I hope to have a consolidated agreement to Council at either this meeting or for the September meeting.

My staff and I attended the second Phase of consultation for the Aboriginal Heritage Act regulations. The meeting was well attended with representatives from the Shires of Carnarvon and Shark Bay. The works associated with the 2 Rivers Memorial Park is continuing to progress with the majority of the kerbing and concrete paths now complete, the lawns are to go in this month with minor repairs items to be completed by the end on month. The Architect and the Engineer have been on site and have undertaken a detailed inspection of remedial and outstanding works to be completed. All in all I am relatively confident that the project will be completed by mid-September. We have settled on the opening date as the 29th of October with two to three musical entertainers and potential itinerant food vendors to feed our guests. Tables and bin surrounds have been ordered and should be here before the grand opening; fingers crossed.

There is plenty of action happening at the Junction Race Course with volunteers and our staff getting the venue ready for the event. As always the event has sold out with tickets selling quicker than hot cross buns.

On the Sunday the 14th of August I went out to the Yangibana Mine Site to see how they are progressing, whilst there I carried out a health inspection of their kitchen and food storage facilities which were all in good order. What this does do is to keep them on notice that we can and will inspect their facilities at any time.

I have been advised by Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation that our ILUA will be on the agenda of the Yinggarda Aboriginal Corporation scheduled for the 15th of September 2022.

Considerable work is continuing with firming the budget up in order to present a balanced budget. It has been difficult to settle on the opening and closing balances and this has necessitated ongoing review and small changes. At this stage it appears that we will be able to deliver on all previous commitments without the need to make wholesale changes.

	STATUS OF GRANTS FOR 2022						
Submitted	Close Date	Project	Grant	Provider	Grant Amount	Project Cost	Result
4/2/2022	20/02/2022	Dalgety Brook Floodway	Bridges Renewable Program / HVSPP	Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	Successful
4/2/2022	10/2/2022	Landor / Meekatharra Road Seal Project	Building Better Regions Fund	Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	\$4,734,371	\$5,216,078 (481,707 Shire Funds)	Pending
4/2/2022	20 February 2022	Landor / Meekatharra Road Seal Project	Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program	Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	\$4,400,000	\$5,500,000 (\$1,100,000 Shire Funds over 3 years)	Unsuccessful
13/12/2021	N/A	Carnarvon / Mullewa Road Sealing Project	Ad hoc	Main Roads – State initiatives on Local Roads	Requested between 4.5 million	Ongoing	Pending

10.4 ACCOUNTS & S	STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS			
Applicant:	Shire of Upper Gascoyne			
Disclosure of Interest:	None			
Author:	Sa Toomalatai – Manager of Finance & Corporate Services			
Date:	10 August 2022			
Matters for Consideration:	To receive the List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday the 24 th of August 2022 as attached – see <i>Appendix 1</i> . In addition to the List of Accounts and as part of this agenda report, Council are also requested to receive the Legal Expenses report. This report details all legal costs incurred to the end of this reporting period for both general legal and rates debt recovery expenses – refer to <i>Appendix 1</i> .			
Background:	The local government under its delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from the municipal and trust funds is required to prepare a list of accounts each month showing each account paid and presented to Council at the next ordinary Council meeting. The list of accounts prepared and presented to Council must form part of the minutes of that meeting.			
Comments:	The list of accounts are for the month of July 2022.			
Statutory Environment:	Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996			
·	13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.			
	(1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —			
	(a) the payee's name; and			
	(b) the amount of the payment; and			
	(c)the date of the payment; and(d) Sufficient information to identify the transaction.			
	(2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —			
	(a)for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —			
	(i) the payee's name; and			
	(ii) the amount of the payment; and			
	(iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and			
	(b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.			

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Policy	Implications:	Nil				
Financ	ial Implications:		23 Budget			
Strate	gic Implications:	resource	•	responsibly manage timum value for mone		
Risk:						
Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Conseq uence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)		Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)	
Not meeting Statutory Compliance	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Failure to meet Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation	
Consu	Iltation:	Nil				
Votin	g requirement:	Simple Majority				
Officer's Recommendation:		That Council endorse the payments for the period 1 st of July 2022 to the 31 st of July 2022 as listed, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority per LGA 1995 s5.42 and receive the Legal Expenses Report detailing all legal costs incurred to the 31 st of July 2022.				
		Municipal Fund Bank EFTs (14492 - 14578)			\$1,876,942.90	
		Payroll	\$111,709.22			
			Direct Debit		\$22,580.26	
		TOTAL	•		\$2,011,232.38	
	Council Resolution No: 03082022					
MOVED:	CR: A. MCKEOU	JGH	SECONED:	CR: R. HOSEASON-SMITH		
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AGAINST:

CR

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist OAM JP

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Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough

F/A: 6/0

10.5 MONTHLY F	FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Applicant:	Shire of Upper Gascoyne
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Author:	Sa Toomalatai – Manager of Finance & Corporate Services
Date:	10 August 2022
Matters for Consideration:	The Statement of Financial Activity for the period of July 2022, include the following reports: Statement of Financial Activity Significant Accounting Policies Graphical Representation – Source Statement of Financial Activity Net Current Funding Position Cash and Investments Major Variances Budget Amendments Receivables Grants and Contributions Cash Backed Reserve Capital Disposals and Acquisitions Trust Fund see Appendix 2
Background:	Under the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations 1996), a monthly Statement of Financial Activity must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The statement of financial activity is a complex document but presents a complete overview of the financial position of the local government at the end of each month. The Statement of Financial Activity for each month must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.
Comments:	The Statement of Financial Activity is for the month of June 2022.
Statutory Environment:	Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.4 Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Subregulation 34.
Policy Implications:	Nil
Financial Implications:	Nil
Strategic Implications:	Civic Leadership – To responsibly manage Council's financial resources to ensure optimum value for money and sustainable asset management.
Risk:	

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequ ence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting Statutory Compliance	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Failure to meet Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendatio n
Consultation	on:	Nil			
Voting requ	uirement:	Simple Majority			
Officer's Recommendation:		accordance		inancial Statements, Government (Financ I of July 2022.	
		Counc	il Resolution I	No: 04082022	
MOVED: CR: H. MCTAG		GART	SECONDED	: CR: A. MCKEOU	ЭН

That Council receive the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the period of July 2022.

AGAINST:

CR

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist OAM JP

Cr J. Caunt Cr H. McTaggart Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith

Cr A. McKeough

F/A 6/0

10.6 ADOPTION OF THE 20	10.6 ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET				
APPLICANT:	Shire of Upper Gascoyne				
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil				
AUTHOR:	John McCleary – Chief Executive Officer				
DATE:	15 August 2021				
Matters for Consideration:					

The 2022-2023 Statutory Annual Budget is presented for Council's formal adoption as presented in *Appendix 3*.

Background:

Council has discussed the 2022-2023 Draft Annual Budget at the ordinary meetings of Council held in April, June and July 2022.

Comments:

The annual budget is the principal management tool which is used during the financial year to monitor financial performance and provide sound reporting to Council through the monthly Financial Activity Statements and the Annual Statement of Accounts.

I am confident that this annual budget will be a strong management tool for Shire operations during the coming financial year.

Differential Rates were discussed at the ordinary meeting of Council held in April and July 2022 Some of the major highlights include:

- Integrated Plans Review (LTFP, CSP, CBP)
- New Service Truck
- 2 x New Light Vehicles
- New Side Tipper
- New Grader
- New Works Caravan
- New Forklift
- New Excavator
- New tractor for Parks and Gardens
- Commencement of Dalgety Brook Floodway
- Blackspot Mt Sandiman Hill Realignment
- Finalisation of Amalgamation of Depot and Admin Lots
- Update and Install of Tourism signage
- Bitumen reconstruct and reseal at the front of Tourist Precinct
- Completion of refurbishment repairs to Staff house at Lot 39 Gregory Street
- Payment for the Shire DRFAWA contribution x 2
- Town Bore Project
- Community Opening Function for the 2 Rivers Memorial Park
- Flood Damage retainer for Greenfields
- Finalisation of Visitors Stop Project
- Regional Road Group Carnarvon/Mullewa Road project
- Roads to Recovery Landor/Meekatharra Road project
- \$1.137.890 for Road Maintenance
- Renovate MWS Office Space
- Records Management

- River Gauges
- Cow Silhouettes
- Solar Cameras
- **CEO Shed**
- Pavilion Shed and retaining
- Oval Upgrade
- **CRC Office Upgrade**

I addition we will be developing up a further four projects; namely Group Housing Concept Plan and QS, Front Office Redevelopment Concept Plan and QS, Indoor Community Sporting Pavilion Concept Plan and QS and Niche / Remembrance Concept Plan.

Rate in the Dollar

Gross Rental Valuation – Residential/Industrial/Commercial 10.5000 cents in the dollar Unimproved Valuation - Rural 7.0000 cents in the dollar Unimproved Valuation – Mining Tenements 29.8000 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Valuation – Residential/Industrial/Commercial Minimum \$500.00 Unimproved Valuation – Rural Minimum \$900.00 Minimum \$950.00 Unimproved Valuation – Mining Tenement

Statutory Environment:	
Local Government Act 1995	
Policy Implications:	
Nil	
Financial Implications:	
	ails and parameters for income and expenditure for the financial scussed with council and advertised as required.
Strategic Implications:	

The Budget has been developed in accordance with the Shire's Community Strategic Plan.

The budget will allow Council to work towards the projects identified in the Forward Capital Works Plan as well as continuing to provide a high level of services and facilities to our community and visitors to our community.

Consultation:

Councillors

Contract Accountant - RSM

Shire Staff

Officers Recommendation Voting Requirement: Various

Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority

Part A - Adoption of 2022-2023 Statutory Annual Budget

That pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts the 2022-2023 Statutory Annual Budget as attached at **Appendix 3**.

F/A:

Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority

Part B - Imposition of General and Minimum Rates, Instalment Payment Arrangements, Charges and Interest.

Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, that the rates and charges specified hereunder and in the attached budget document be imposed on all rateable property within the district of the Shire of Upper Gascoyne for the 2022-2023 financial period.

Rate in the Dollar

Gross Rental Valuation – Residential/Industrial/Commercial	10.5000 cents in the dollar
Unimproved Valuation – Rural	7.0000 cents in the dollar
Unimproved Valuation – Mining Tenements	29.8000 cents in the dollar

Minimum Rates

Gross Rental Valuation – Residential/Industrial/Commercial	Minimum \$500.00
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Unimproved Valuation – Mining Tenement	Minimum \$950.00

Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Council adopts a charge of \$9 for the four instalment option.

Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 3% where the ratepayer has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.

Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 64(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council nominates the following due dates for payment in full and by instalments:

•	1st instalment & Full payment due	03 October 2022
•	2nd instalment due	05 December 2022
•	3rd instalment due	06 February 2023
•	4th instalment due	11 April 2023

Pursuant to section 6.51(1) and subject to section 6.51(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 7% to be imposed on all outstanding rates and services charges and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remain unpaid after 4th October 2022 or in the case of instalment options, on all outstanding rate amounts after the due date for payment of the instalment.

F/A:

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Part C – Material Variance Reporting for 2022-23

In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2022-2023 for reporting material variances shall be 10% or \$25,000, whichever is the greater.

F/A: 6/0

Council Decision 05082022

Part A - Adoption of 2022-2023 Statutory Annual Budget

MOVED: CR R. HOSEASON-SMITH SECONDED: CR G. WATTERS

That pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts the 2022-2023 Statutory Annual Budget as attached at **Appendix 3**.

CR

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist **AGAINST:**

Cr J. Caunt Cr H. McTaggart Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith

Cr A. McKeough

F/A 6/0

Part B - Imposition of General and Minimum Rates, Instalment Payment Arrangements, Charges and Interest.

MOVED: CR R. HOSEASON-SMITH SECONDED: CR G. WATTERS

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Rate in the Dollar

Gross Rental Valuation – Residential/Industrial/Commercial
Unimproved Valuation – Rural
Unimproved Valuation – Mining Tenements

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4th instalment due
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FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist AGAINST: CR

Cr J. Caunt Cr H. McTaggart Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough

F/A 6/0

Part C – Material Variance Reporting for 2022-23

MOVED: CR A. MCKEOUGH SECONDED: CR H. MCTAGGART

In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2022-2023 for reporting material variances shall be 10% or \$25,000, whichever is the greater.

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist AGAINST: CR

Cr J. Caunt Cr H. McTaggart Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith

Cr A. McKeough

F/A 6/0

Councillor J CAUNT declared at an impartiality interest as his son is the current Dozer contractor, Jim left the room 10.49am.

Councillor H. McTAGGART declared an impartiality interest as his brother-in-law is the current Dozer Contractor, Hamish asked if he could remain in the room and not debate or vote, Council approved this request.

10.7 TENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA – DOZER / WATER CART CONTRACTS	
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	
Cr: J. Caunt	
Cr: H. McTaggart	
Jarrod Walker – Works Manager	
15/08/2022	
Tender Evaluation Selection Criteria- Dozer/ Water Cart Contracts	

To determine the criteria for deciding on a supplier for the provision of Bull Dozer and Water Cart Hire.

Background:

The current contract for Dozer and Water Cart supply come to end in October 2022, as such, we need to go back to the market and seek a further contractual arrangement for the supply of such.

Comments:

Given that the cost to the Shire will exceed \$150,000 over the life of the contract we are required to either go to public tender or use the WALGA preferred suppliers. In our case the vast majority of those who would be interested are not a preferred supplier as such the public tender process would provide the best option to get companies to submit a competitive tender.

The proposed evaluation criteria is as per below:

WATER CART TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA	
Contractor's Previous Relevant Experience and Capacity	20%
Experience and Capacity of Nominated Personnel	20%
Quality and suitability of Plant and Equipment Offered	
Provisions and capacity for backup plant and equipment including mechanical support	20%
Methodology including approach to safety and risk mitigation	10%

BULL DOZER TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA	1
Contractor's Previous Relevant Experience and Capacity	20%
Experience and Capacity of Nominated Personnel	20%

Plant and Equipment Offered including backup resources	30%
Safety Risk Management	20%
Methodology	10%

To ensure complete separation between Council, Staff and potential contractors Greenfields will run this tender and provide a recommendation for Council's consideration, previously WALGA undertook the running of the tender process.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996

Reg. 14 (2a) If a local government —

- (a) is required to invite a tender; or
- (b) decides to invite a tender, the local government must, before tenders are publicly invited, determine in writing the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted.

Policy Implications: Nil Financial Implications: Future budgets Strategic Implications: Nil Consultation: Greenfields Technical Services Officer's Recommendation: Voting requirement: Simple Majority

That Council endorse the tender decision making criteria for the provision of Dozer and Water Cart services.

WATER CART TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA	
Contractor's Previous Relevant Experience and Capacity	20%
Experience and Capacity of Nominated Personnel	20%
Quality and suitability of Plant and Equipment Offered	30%

Provisions and capacity for backup plant and equipment including mechanical support	20%
Methodology including approach to safety and risk mitigation	10%

BULL DOZER TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA	
Contractor's Previous Relevant Experience and Capacity	20%
Experience and Capacity of Nominated Personnel	20%
Plant and Equipment Offered including backup resources	30%
Safety Risk Management	20%
Methodology	10%

Council Decision 06082022

MOVED: CR A. MCKEOUGH

SECONDED: CR R. HOSEASON-SMITH

That Council endorse the tender decision making criteria for the provision of Dozer and Water Cart services.

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Contractor's Previous Relevant Experience and Capacity	20%
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BULL DOZER TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA				
Contractor's Previous Relevant Experience and Capacity	20%			
Experience and Capacity of Nominated Personnel	20%			
Plant and Equipment Offered including backup resources	30%			
Safety Risk Management				
Methodology	10%			

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist

Cr H. McTaggart Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough

F/A 5/0

10:55am CR J. Caunt re-entered the chambers

10.8 SUSPEND PURCHASING POLICY – DRILLING AND BLASTING				
APPLICANT:	Shire of Upper Gascoyne			
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:				
AUTHOR:	Jarrod Walker – Works Manager			
DATE:	17/08/2022			
Matters for Consideration:	Suspending purchasing policy			
That Council suspend Shire of Upper Gascoyne's purchasing policy for the provision of drilling				

AGAINST:

CR

That Council suspend Shire of Upper Gascoyne's purchasing policy for the provision of drilling and blasting works on Ullawarra road for 2022-23 State Black Spot Project

Background:

The Shire was successful in securing funding through the State Black Spot initiative to remediate an identified section on Ullawarra road that poses a risk to drivers. The project scope allows for the blasting and lowering of a crest to improve the road width and driver visibility of oncoming traffic. Works are anticipated to start in late October 2022.

Two suppliers were contacted to quote, Janie Hislop and Stone Echo. Janie Hislop declined to quote, Stone Echo tendered an amount of \$55,109.64 ex gst.

Comments:

The shire has engaged both above mentioned contractors in the past and deemed them to be best value for money on each occasion. Unfortunately one supplier could not offer his services due to personal reasons. Stone Echo's quoted amount falls within SUG's purchasing policy's threshold of requesting three written quotes- see table extract from SUG Purchasing Policy Section 2.7.

Amount of consideration (excluding GST)	Minimum requirement by authorising officer (subject to conditions below) prior to purchase	
Up to \$9,999	No quotes required, purchasing officer to be satisfied that the price is fair and reasonable.	
\$10,000 - \$19,999	Seek one quotation – either written of verbal.	
\$20,000 - \$49,999	Seek two quotations, one written.	
\$50,000 - \$149,999	Seek three quotations, two written.	

\$150,000 - \$249,999	Seek three written quotations or use WALGA's E' Quote Portal.
\$250,000 and over	Conduct a public tender process or use the WALGA preferred supplier undertaking.

There are limited suppliers that provide drilling and blasting outside of the mining sector and even fewer that cater for the relatively small sized scope of work required. Stone Echo have provided good quality service in the past and represented best value for money in the last two requests for quotes. The sum tendered is comparable to a similar sized projects we have completed with Stone Echo near Burringurrah two years ago. Given the increases in fuel and labour prices, their quote is reasonable.

Statutory Environment:	
Local Government Act 1995	
Local Government (Functions 8	& General) Regulations 1996
SUG Purchasing Policy Section	n 2.7
Policy Implications:	
Nil- suspending Purchasing Po	licy
Financial Implications:	
Nil- project is funded by WA Bla	ackspot programme and Council's 1/3 rd contribution.
Strategic Implications:	
Nil	
Consultation:	
Nil	
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Officer's Recommendation:	Voting requirement: Simple Majority
	pension of the purchasing policy and authorise the Works Manager se order for the provision of drilling and blasting services to sum of

Council Decision 07082022

\$55,109.64 ex gst.

MOVED: CR H. MCTAGGART SECONDED: CR J. CAUNT

That Council endorse the suspension of the purchasing policy and authorise the Works Manager to issue Stone Echo a purchase order for the provision of drilling and blasting services to sum of \$55,109.64 ex gst.

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist AGAINST: CR

Cr J. Caunt Cr G. Watters Cr R. Hoseason-Smith

Cr A. McKeough

Cr H. McTaggart

F/A 6/0

11. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

MOVED: CR: H. MCTAGGART SECONDED: CR: G. WATTERS

AGAINST:

CR

That Council go behind closed doors to discuss confidential items.

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist

Cr J. Caunt Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough Cr H. McTaggart

F/A 6/0

11.1 Provision of Accounting Services RFT 01 22-23

	08082022
Council Decision	

MOVED: CR G. WATTERS SECONDED: CR H. MCTAGGART

That Council -

Appoint RSM Australia Pty Ltd as the Shire's contract provider of Accounting and Financial Services for an initial two year period commencing in September 2022 with two one year options to be offered at the Principal's discretion.

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist AGAINST: CR

Cr J. Caunt Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough Cr H. McTaggart

F/A 6/0

11.2 Project Manager – AGRN 1021

09082022
Council Decision

MOVED: CR J. CAUNT SECONDED: CR R. HOSEASON-SMITH

That Council appoint Greenfield Technical Services is appointed as the Project Manager for AGRN 1021.

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist AGAINST: CR

Cr J. Caunt Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough

Cr A. McKeougn Cr H. McTaggart

F/A 6/0

MOVED: CR: H. MCTAGGART SECONDED: CR: G. WATTERS

That Council come out from behind closed doors.

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist AGAINST: CR

Cr J. Caunt Cr G. Watters

Cr A. Mokayah

Cr A. McKeough Cr H. McTaggart

F/A 6/0

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12.	PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN Nil
13.	URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

11.3 LATE ITEM – 2022/2023 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES					
Applicant:	Shire of Upper Gascoyne				
Disclosure of Interest:	None				
Authors:	John McCleary - CEO Sa Toomalatai – Manager of Finance & Corporate Services				
Date:	22 August 2022				
Matters for Consideration:	To accept and adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2022 / 2 financial year as listed in <i>Appendix 5</i> and for those fees and charges come into effect as of the 1 st September 2022.				
Background:	As part of the budget process, fees and charges are to be determined and applied.				
Comments:	A review of our current fees and charges was undertaken by staff and through this process, a shortfall in cost recovery was identified in various areas. To help bridge the gap and to provide some level of consolidation across our services, an increase has been applied to some of our fees and charges such as items like the rubbish charges, to better assist in our cost recovery efforts. Some new fees and charges have also been added to the schedule – particularly in the hire of our facilities.				
	For ease of transition and application, we ask that the fees and charges be made effective as of 1 st September 2022 meaning that any services provided on and after this date will be charged under the new fees and charges schedule for 2022/23.				

Statutory	Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.16			
Environment:	(1) A local government may impose and recover a fee or charge for			
	any goods or service it provides or proposes to provide, other than a service for which a service charge is imposed.			
	(2) A fee or charge may be imposed for the following —			
	(a) providing the use of, or allowing admission to, any property or			
	facility wholly or partly owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the local government;			
	(b) supplying a service or carrying out work at the request of a person;			
	(c) subject to section 5.94, providing information from local government records;			
	(d) receiving an application for approval, granting an approval, making an inspection and issuing a licence, permit, authorisation or certificate;			
	(e) supplying goods;			
	(f) such other service as may be prescribed.			
	(3) Fees and charges are to be imposed when adopting the annual budget but may be (a) imposed during a financial year; and			
	(b) amended from time to time during a financial year.			
	Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996			
	Reg. 5 (2)(b)			
Policy Implications:	Nil			
Financial Implications:	2022/2023 Budget			
Strategic	Civic Leadership			
Implications:	Objective 4:			
	To provide Good Governance to the Upper Gascoyne Shire area through:			
	Detailed and professional administration;			
	High levels of accountability;			
	Compliance with statutory requirements; Units available for some and analysis of a social and a social			
	 High-quality forward planning, particularly for assets and finances; 			
	 Openness and transparency and enhanced consultations and public participation; 			
<u>'</u>				
	 Provision of quality customer services, good financial management and pursuit of excellence in professional administration and communication. 			

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequ ence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting Statutory Compliance	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Failure to meet Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation
Consultation: Nil					
Voting requirement: Absolute I		Absolute Ma	solute Majority		
Recommendation: 1.		Council – . Adopt the schedule of fees and charges presented in Appendix 5 for the 2022 / 2023 financial year as part of adopting the 2022 / 2023 annual budget. . Adopt the date of 1 st September 2022 as the effective date for the 2022 / 2023 fees and charges.			
Council Resolution No: 10082022					
MOVED: CR: G. WATTERS		SECONDED:	CR: A. MCKEOUG	БН	

That Council -

- 1. Adopt the schedule of fees and charges presented in **Appendix 5** for the 2022 / 2023 financial year as part of adopting the 2022 / 2023 annual budget.
- 2. Adopt the date of 1st September 2022 as the effective date for the 2022 / 2023 fees and charges.

AGAINST:

CR

FOR: Cr D. Hammarquist

Cr J. Caunt Cr G. Watters

Cr R. Hoseason-Smith Cr A. McKeough

Cr H. McTaggart

F/A 6/0

14. ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS

- 14.1 Cr Hammarquist OAM JP Nil
- 14.2 Cr Caunt Attended the Junction Races, thanked the Shire for its contributions
- 14.3 Cr McTaggart Attended the Junction Races, thanked the Shire for its contributions.

- 14.4 Cr Watters Nil
- 14.5 Cr McKeough Attended the Junction Races
- 14.6 Cr Hoseason-Smith Apologised for missing the July Ordinary Meeting

15. STATUS OF COUNCIL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

Resolution N°	Subject	Status	Open / Close	Responsible Officer
07082021	Activities in Thoroughfares Local	Explanatory Memorandum sent to the Department of Local Government, Advertisements have been organised.	Open	CEO

16. STATUS OF PROJECTS

17. MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at 12:05pm.

