

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

CONFIRMED MINUTES

16th DECEMBER 2022 COUNCIL CHAMBERS NORTHAMPTON

1.00PM

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
MAURICE BATTILANA
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





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Signed _	Date 9 th Decem	
	MAURICE BATTILANA ACTING CHIEF EXECUTI	IVE OFFICER

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

12.1 OPENING

The Cr Horstman (elected Presiding Member) thanked all Councillors and staff present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

12.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji People who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet. We would like to pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Yamatji People.

12.3 PRESENT

Elected Members		In	Out
Cr Liz Sudlow (President)	Northampton	1-00pm	4-13pm
(Teleconference Attendance)			
Cr Rob Horstman (Deputy President) –	Northampton	1-00pm	4-13pm
Presiding Members			
Cr Ros Suckling	Northampton	1-00pm	4-13pm
Cr Des Pike	Kalbarri	1-00pm	4-13pm
Cr Richard Burges	Kalbarri	1-00pm	4-13pm
Cr Peter Stewart	Kalbarri	1-04pm	4-13pm
(Teleconference Attendance)			
Officers			
Maurice Battilana (Acting Chief Executive Officer)		1-00pm	4-13pm
Grant Middleton (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)		1-00pm	3-30pm
(Teleconference Attendance – COVID Pos			
Neil Broadhurst (Manager Works and Technical Services)		1-00pm	1-42pm
(Teleconference Attendance – COVID Positive))			
Michelle Allen (Planning Officer)		1-00pm	4-13pm
Visitors			
Nil			

12.3.1 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr T Hay Northampton Ward

12.3.2 APOLOGIES

Cr T Gibb Kalbarri Ward

12.4 QUESTION TIME

Nil

12.5 CR STEWART – REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING BY INSTANTANEOUS COMMUNICATION.

Moved Cr BURGES seconded Cr SUDLOW

Council Resolution

Council approve Cr STEWART's request to be permitted to participate in the meeting by instantaneous communication.

CARRIED 5/0 Minute Reference 12/22-01

1:04pm - Cr Stewart logged into the meeting via Teams

12.6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

12.6.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 18^{th} November 2022 and Special Meeting of Council held on Friday 2^{nd} December 2022 be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12/22-02

12.6.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

12.7 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

12.7.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL 16 DECEMBER 2022

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr BURGES

That the minutes of the Audit committee Council Meeting held on Friday 16th December 2022 be received and recommendation within endorsed.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12/22-03

12.8 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

12.9 WORKS & ENGINEERING REPORT

12.9.1 INFORMATION ITEMS – MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRAM

- 12.9.2 REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ 01/2023) SUPPLY OF FLEET VEHICLES 2022/2023 ONE MOTOR GRADER
- 12.9.3 REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ 02/2023) SUPPLY OF FLEET VEHICLES 2022/2023 ONE ALL WHEEL STEER/EQUAL SIZED TYRE BACKHOE

12.9.1 INFORMATION ITEMS – MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCITON WORKS PROGRAM (ITEM 7.1.1)

Noted

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr SUDLOW

Council close the meeting to the public in accordance with Section 5.23(c) discuss Items 12.8.2 and 12.8.3 as these matters relate to a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12/22-04

1.22pm - Meeting closed to the public

12.9.2 REQUEST FOR QUOTE 01/2023 - SUPPLY OF FLEET VEHICLES 2022-2023 - ONE (1) MOTOR GRADER (ITEM 7.1.2)

Reporting Officer	Neil Broadhurst, Manager Works and Technical Services
Date of Report	8 th December 2022
Appendices	Nil

SUMMARY:

Council to determine quotes for the supply of One (1) New Motor Grader and/or sale of Councils Motor Grader as a trade or outright sale only basis.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION - 12.9.2

Moved Cr BURGES seconded Cr STEWART

That Council accept the tender submitted by Westrac Pty Ltd to supply a Caterpillar 140 Motor Grader at \$421,800.00 (exc GST). The listed options to purchase a spare tyre and rim at \$3,486.00 and parts manual at \$892.00 is also included. Trade vehicle/s (Shire plant number P238 – NR9884) be released to Manhelm Australia at the trade price of \$127,272.72 (exc GST). Total price to Council \$298,905.28 (exc GST).

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12/22-05

12.9.3 REQUEST FOR QUOTE 02/2023 – SUPPLY OF FLEET VEHICLES 2022-2023 - ONE (1) ALL WHEEL STEER/EQUAL SIZED TYRE BACKHOE (ITEM 7.1.3)

Reporting Officer	Neil Broadhurst, Manager Works and Technical Services
Date of Report	8 th December 2022
Appendices	Requests for Quote 02/2023

SUMMARY:

Council to determine quotes for the supply of One (1) New All Wheel Steer/Equal Sized Tyre Backhoe, No Trade.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION - 12.9.3

Moved Cr PIKE seconded Cr STEWART

That Council accept the tender submitted by Westrac Pty Ltd to supply a Caterpillar 434 All Wheel Steer Equal Sized Tyre Backhoe with options. Total price at \$230,569.33 (exc GST). Total price to Council \$230,569.33 (exc GST).

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12/22-06

1:41pm - Mr Neil Broadhurst disconnected and left the meeting

Moved Cr SUDLOW seconded Cr SUCKLING

Council reopen the meeting to the public

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12/22-07

1:41pm – Meeting was re-opened to the public

12.10 HEALTH AND BUILDING REPORT

12.10.1 BUILDING STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022 (ITEM 7.2.1)

Noted with no further action required.

12.11 TOWN PLANNING REPORT

- 12.11.1 APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL AND LICENSE AGREEMENT SIGHTSEEING PINK LAKE AND COASTAL TOURS
- 12.11.2 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF NON-CONFORMING USE OUTBUILDING FOR WAREHOUSE/STORAGE LOT 52 (NO. 53) MARY STREET, NORTHAMPTON.......
- 12.11.3 PROPOSED AGROFORESTRY (HARDWOOD EUCALYPTUS) TREE FARM 'BALLAMORE' LOTS 5072, 5079, 5083 & 5087 (NO. 4472) BALLA-WHELARRA RD, BINNU
- 12.11.4 PROPOSED SINGLE HOUSE, OUTBUILDING AND RETAINING WALLS (R-CODE VARIATION) LOT 260 (NO. 54) CENTROLEPIS CIRCUIT, KALBARRI
- 12.11.5 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS

12.11.1 APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL AND LICENSE AGREEMENT – SIGHTSEEING PINK LAKE AND COASTAL TOURS (ITEM 7.3.1)

Location	UCL land parcels – Port Gregory Townsite and
	beach areas between Hutt River mouth and Lucky
	Bay
Applicant	TS Hay Pty Ltd/Port Gregory Caravan Park WA
Owner	State of Western Australia
File Reference	10.7.1.3/9.2.3/A663
Date of Report	9 th November 2022
Reporting Officer	Michelle Allen, Planning Officer
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Application Letter
	2. Schedule of Submissions

AUTHORITY / DISCRETION:

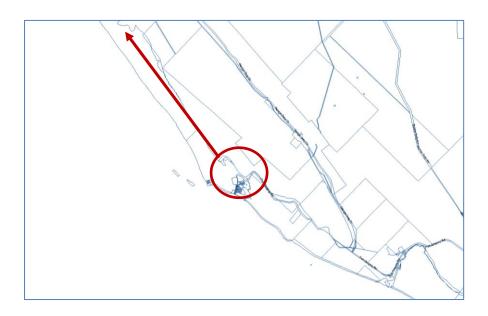
Quasi-Judicial when Council determines an application within a clearly defined statutory framework, abiding by the principles of natural justice, acting only with discretion afforded it under law, and giving full consideration to Council policies and strategies relevant to the matter at hand. These decisions are reviewable by the State Administrative Tribunal.

SUMMARY:

An Application for Development Approval has been received for the proposed use of Unallocated Crown Land to conduct sight-seeing tours of the Port Gregory Coastline, including the sand dunes and the unique Pink Lake viewing stops. The Applicant has received advice for the proposed renewal of a license from the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage that only a one (1) year license is being offered currently due to the transitional governance structure in place and as transfer of land ownership occurs and capacity is developed of the Yamatji Trustee as part of the Yamatji Nation Land Use Agreement. Council's approval will formalise consent from a Local Government perspective and allow the use of the land for this purpose, subject to a license being issued by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

The proposal was advertised for a period of 21 days, with the advertising deadline being 17 November 2022, with three (3) submissions received.

LOCATION PLAN:



BACKGROUND:

A new Application for Development Approval was received on 19 October 2022 with the Applicant applying to conduct tours of the Port Gregory Coastline, including sand dunes and the Pink Lake area. The land being used is predominantly Unallocated Crown Land that is owned by the State of Western Australia. An approval from Council will formalise the required processes and requirements of the Local Government and assess the Application against the objectives of the Shire of Northampton's statutory documents, as well as institute conditions that are deemed appropriate from a Local Government perspective.

The Applicant that due to the transitional arrangements associated with the Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement a License Agreement to utilise the subject land for the purposes requested will currently only be issued on a yearly basis.

This current License Agreement expired 30 November 2022.

The Proposal:

The Applicant conducts guided sight-seeing tours of the Pink Lake and Port Gregory coastline in a 6-seater side-by-side buggy (as described in Application information attached as **Appendix 1**). It is noted that the applicants have operated the tours since September 2018 with tours departing the Port Gregory Caravan Park (owned by the Applicants). A variety of tours are on offer for durations of 15 minutes, 45 minutes and the larger tour including the coastal areas takes 4 hours, with morning tea provided. Tour times are 9am, 11am and 2pm with approximately four full tours operating a week subject to demand and bookings. The tours will utilise existing tracks and beach, as highlighted in **Appendix 1**. The 6-seater Can Am SSV Defender buggy is road licensed and able to utilise gazetted roads to access the tour areas and is fitted with suitable safety equipment. Tour participants are required to wear helmets throughout the duration of the tour (whilst on the vehicle) and first aid equipment, drinking water, rubbish bags and a mobile phone are carried at all times on all tours. Public liability insurance is held by the Applicant for the purpose of providing this tour service. The buggy is stored within an existing shed upon the grounds of the Port Gregory Caravan Park when not in use.

COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION:

The application was advertised for a period of 21 days (from 27 October to 17 November 2022) in accordance with Section 64 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations

2015 with a notice placed in the Geraldton Guardian, on the Shire website and available at both the Northampton and Kalbarri Shire offices. The application was also forwarded to the following governmental agencies and key stakeholders for consideration:

- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation;
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions;
- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety;
- Department of Transport;
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation;
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development;
- Nanda Aboriginal Corporation; and
- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.

A total of three submissions were received with no objections forthcoming in relation to the proposed application. A schedule of submissions is provided at **Appendix 2**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Applicant has paid a development application fee of \$447.00. In addition to this, should Council determine to refuse this application and the Applicant proceeds to exercise their right of appeal, costs are likely to be imposed on the Shire through its involvement in the appeal process.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

State: Planning and Development Act 2005

Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 10

The areas of Unallocated Crown Land are zoned "General Rural" under Local Planning Scheme No. 10, with the purpose of this zone being:

"To provide for the sustainable use of land for the agricultural industry and other uses complimentary to sustainable agricultural practices, which are compatible with the capability of the land and retain the rural character and amenity of the locality."

The land subject to this application also falls within Special Control Area 1 (SCA1), Coastal Planning and Management, with the purpose and provision of the SCA1 being as follows:

"6.2.1 Purpose and Intent

- (a) To protect and enhance the environmental, cultural, recreational and/or scenic values of the area; and
- (b) Give priority to coastal dependent land uses and development that by their very nature require coastal sites.

6.2.2 Relevant Considerations

6.2.2.1 In determining land uses and development proposals the local government will have due regard to relevant State Government policies and any relevant coastal management policies and plans.

- 6.2.2.2 All use and development of land requires application for planning approval. In considering any application for planning approval, local government shall:
- (a) Ensure that the development proposed will not result in any net export of nutrients from the land into the nearshore waters and may require that no vegetation be cleared or removed from the site and require that all stormwater be retained on-site;
- (b) Ensure that the proposed development is adequately set back from visually prominent or unstable features of the coastline such as headlands, ridgelines, cliffs, beaches and other locations which are the focus of attention, unless such a location is essential;
- (c) Determine the coastal setback based on the stability of the shoreline and the ability of the proposed development to harmonise with the landscape elements in relation to scale, height, colours and materials;
- (d) Assess the impact on any area within or adjacent to the subject land that contains an unstable landform, which may impact on the proposed development and/or any foreshore area will be subjected to additional use generated as a result of the proposed development; and
- (e) Apply a 100 year planning timeframe where it is determined that a proposed development may be impacted by an unstable landform that is located on private freehold land or of a magnitude that stabilisation is unlikely to be achieved.
- 6.2.2.3 In considering any application for planning approval, the local government may impose conditions which require:
 - (a) Services along a beachfront to be underground;
 - (b) The proponent to enter into an agreement with the local government for the reconstruction or stablisation of dunes either located on the subject land or adjoining foreshore areas such agreement shall include the planning and maintenance of native or locally acceptable species of vegetation as determined by local government and should be limited to a defined area of impact
 - (c) Reconstruction and stablisation works as part of the implementation of an adopted management or strategy plan; and
 - (d) Preparation and implementation of a foreshore and reserve management strategy.

6.2.3 Referral of Applications

Where warranted by wider implications that a proposed development may have, the local government may refer a development application to adjacent local governments and relevant agencies and community groups for comment."

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Local: Shire of Northampton Coastal Management Strategy
Shire of Northampton Local Planning Policy – Commercial Recreational Tourism Activity

Shire of Northampton Coastal Management Strategy

The Strategy identifies several key issues, with the relevant issues outlined below:

Environmental management - Appropriate management of recreational land uses to reduce and mitigate environmental degradation.

Access - Provision and maintenance of coastal access, including consideration of vehicles and pedestrians. It is important that access to the coast is provided (where appropriate) for professional and recreational pursuits. However this needs to be balanced with environmental protection of dunes and vegetation. Having more than one access track leading to and from the same site can lead to unnecessary disturbance to dunes, which can eventually lead to erosion and dune blowouts. This can be a particular issue during peak/busy times.

4WDs and Off-road Vehicles - ORV use (including unlicenced vehicles and road registered vehicles) along the study area is becoming increasingly popular and requires management to help prevent land use conflict and environmental degradation. Vehicles driving through dunes can lead to vegetation damage and erosion and can also have a detrimental impact on migratory birds and their habitats. While it is important to retain this recreational land use it should be controlled by encouraging drivers to keep to existing tracks. ORV use along the beach can also be an issue where the sand is soft (and causes vehicles to become bogged) and where the tide is high (and causes vehicles to become submerged).

High Recreational Value - The community highly value the coastal area as a recreational resource for its aesthetic and environmental values, the sense of isolation and the broad range of recreational choices. As a result, the community have expressed that the Shire's coastal area requires sensitive management to preserve the current values and opportunities which are generally regarded by the community to be fairly well balanced at present.

Heritage - Coastal management will need to have regard for Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and historic heritage places identified by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. Registered Aboriginal Heritage Sites have been identified at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Hutt River Mouth, and Woolawar Gully with the potential that additional Aboriginal Heritage sites might be identified in the future."

The coastal areas that are proposed to be traversed by the sight-seeing tour fall within Sections 1 and 2 of the study areas of the Coastal Management Strategy. The Strategy describes Sandalwood Bay, located south of Halfway Bay, as the following:

"Sandalwood Bay is a low-key day use site located just south of Halfway Bay. No facilities are recommended at this site to encourage its continued low-key use and wilderness experience and to discourage anything more than day use of this area. Sandalwood Bay is backed by dunes supporting a stabilising cover of vegetation. It is accessed via the beach or by a track entering from the east through a difficult passage in the high frontal dune. 4WD tracks are already well defined and in order to protect coastal vegetation and landforms further vehicle encroachment should be minimised. As is mentioned earlier, sand is accumulating within Sandalwood Bay which makes access difficult at certain times, especially if the tide is in and the beach is narrow. The dunes are also soft and difficult to drive across. There may be a need to erect signage at the Halfway Bay camp site to inform visitors of the risks and issues with access to Sandalwood Bay."

The subject land also falls within Sector 2 of the Coastal Management Strategy, with the Strategy stating the following in relation to the area:

"Vehicles can travel north along the beach from Port Gregory towards Halfway Bay and Lucky Bay. They can also travel south to a small swimming beach at Nobby's Hole and further south to the Hutt River mouth.

The remnants of an old whaling station are located in the dunes immediately north of Port Gregory. It was known as Pakington Whaling Station and was located at the site of the proposed Pakington townsite, behind the sand dunes of Hillock Point. Some narrow lots of UCL are reminders of the proposed townsite location. The following information is from the document Pakington Whaling Station (Rodriges and Anderson, 2006). The whaling station operated from the mid-1800's right up to possibly the 1920's. It is also possible that the whaling parties in the 1800's lived on the lots identified as the townsite. A number of features were exposed after some strong winds in 2006 including remnants of a stone jetty, a pile of brick rubble and a stone floor of a built structure. Also found were ferrous metals, whalebone, glass, ceramics and oyster shells. The site is covered by coastal shrubs so the archaeological features are not immediately visible. However a 4WD track runs through the area which makes it possible that some disturbance could occur without knowing."

Local Planning Policy - Commercial Recreational Tourism Activity 2019

The application has been lodged under Council's 'Commercial Recreational Tourism Activity 2019 Local Planning Policy'.

The objectives of the Policy are as follows:

- 2.1 "To ensure that commercial activities on reserves do not diminish the recreational amenity of residents or visitors who are attracted to the Shire for its natural beauty and environment;
- 2.2 To ensure ecologically sustainable use and protection of reserves for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations;
- 2.3 To retain reserves (where appropriate) as places for passive and/or active recreation for residents and visitors;
- 2.4 To regulate the level and intensity of commercial activities on reserves as necessary to ensure that it does not destroy the value and nature of the activity and the resource on which it is based;
- 2.5 To enable appropriate (limited) opportunities for commercial tourism operators to provide services and facilities to the public to enhance their visit to the Shire;
- 2.6 To provide criteria for assessing and determining applications."
- Section 3.3.2 provides specific provisions in relation to the use of Reserves for land-based activities as per the following:
- 3.3.2.1 If Council's roads, carparks or dual use paths are to be used, then the activity will be assessed in terms of whether it will create a danger to other users of the accessway/areas or will create an obstruction to traffic movement or will result in a major loss of carparking spaces.
- 3.3.2.2 Where appropriate, activities should be located adjacent to constructed public car parking areas and public conveniences (within 100 metres). The applicant may be required to contribute towards the construction of the public facilities. Approved applications may be required to contribute towards the upkeep of the local public infrastructure and facilities if considered necessary as a consequence of that activity.
- 3.3.2.3 If the beach is to be used then the activity must be determined as compatible with the beach environment.
- 3.3.2.4 Hire sites adjacent to foreshore areas must be related to the hire of beach-related equipment. A range of complementary operations may be permitted in the same vicinity if there are sufficient facilities and impacts are minor.
- 3.3.2.5 Beach site activities are not to damage, or lead to degradation of, coastal or other natural environment. All applications for beach sites are to be assessed to ensure that community demands outweigh commercial demands. Passive and informal recreation use of the beach will be the dominant use.

3.3.2.6 All activities are to demonstrate that they will not create a public nuisance to adjacent residential areas in context of noise, traffic, etc. and not create a conflict with the main beachgoers.

COMMENT

The proposed Sightseeing Pink Lake and Coastal tours are considered to be consistent with the objectives of Lown Planning Scheme No. 10 – Northampton, the Local Planning Policy – Commercial Recreational Tourism, and the Shire of Northampton's Coastal Planning Strategy.

The Applicant's proposed tour activities are day-use only and utilise existing tracks and the beach for vehicle access and tour routes, and therefore the tours are considered likely to have a minimal impact upon the natural environment. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions have identified the presence of migratory birds in some areas of the proposed tour routes, and this correspondence will be provided to the Applicant as further advice and information. It is considered that the proposed tours may also help to somewhat alleviate and reduce vehicular traffic stopping in dangerous locations near the Pink Lake and within road reserve areas by providing an alternative means of viewing the lake.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority Required.

CONCLUSION:

Having taken into consideration the requirements of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No. 10 – Northampton, Coastal Management Strategy, Local Planning Policy Commercial Recreational Tourism Activity and submission responses, it is recommended that Council approve the Application for Development Approval subject to conditions outlined below.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION - 12.11.1

Moved Cr PIKE seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council grant Development Approval for an experiential use (sightseeing tours) over the land areas of Unallocated Crown Land as identified, subject to the following conditions:

- This Development Approval is an approval for the proposed use for the purposes of the Shire
 of Northampton's Local Planning Scheme No. 10 Northampton and the Planning and
 Development Act (2005) only;
- 2. The Applicant obtaining the signature of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on the Application for Development Approval Form, relating to this application and approval;
- This Development Approval is subject to the continuing Approval of the Minister of Lands by means of a valid License Agreement with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (or relevant state lands authority) in accordance with the provisions of the Land Administration Act (1997);
- 4. This Development Approval shall remain valid whilst the License Agreement referred to above remains current and valid, and on the expiration or in the termination of such License Agreement, this Development Approval shall cease to be valid;
- 5. The proposed tour, to traverse the areas of Unallocated Crown Land as identified in the attached approved plans dated 16 December 2022, shall be limited to the provision of one (1) six-seater side-by-side buggy;

- 6. The Applicant shall provide an Emergency Management Plan to the Shire of Northampton, and be to the approval of the local government, prior to the commencement of the proposed use;
- 7. The Applicant shall contact the Shire of Northampton's Environmental Health Officer to ensure compliance with the Food Act (2008) prior to commencement of the proposed use;
- 8. Tour times shall be limited to the hours of 8am and 5pm, Sunday to Saturday inclusive;
- The Applicant shall comply with the requirements as set out by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, to the satisfaction of the Local Government, for the protection of migratory bird species, and tours and tour participants shall not in any way interfere with those bird species;
- 10. The Applicant shall conduct the tours ONLY using existing pathways, roads and tracks as identified in the attached approved plans dated 16 December 2022, and shall not negatively impact, degrade or damage the natural amenity or cultural heritage sites within the approved land locations in any way; and
- 11. The Applicant shall obtain Public Liability Insurance coverage to a minimum of \$20 million, and forward a copy of this certificate to the Shire of Northampton, to comply with the provisions of the Shire of Northampton's Local Planning Policy Commercial Recreational Tourism Activity.

Advice Notes:

- Note 1: If the development/use the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years, or another period specified in the approval after the date of determination, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect;
- Note 2. Where an approval has so lapsed, no development must be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
- Note 3. The Applicant is advised that they should undertake due diligence and take into consideration the State's Aboriginal Heritage when planning specific developments associated with the proposal so as to mitigate any risks where heritage sites may be present. More information is available at https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-planning-lands-and-heritage/aboriginal heritage.
- Note 4. With regard to Condition 9, the Applicant will be provided with advice from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Parks and Wildlife) relating to the environmental significance of the Hutt Lagoon system and migratory shorebirds and waders located there.
- Note 5: If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of determination.

<u>CARRIED 6/0</u> Minute Reference 12/22-08

APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION LETTER



APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL PINK LAKE AND COASTAL SIGHTSEEING TOUR

We, Tim and Sam Hay of the Port Gregory Caravan Park WA, are submitting this application of a proposal to renew our Pink Lake Buggy Tour in Port Gregory. We have operated now since 2018 with a brief hiatus whilst the Yamatji Nation Land was determined.

Please find below the criteria required as per the application form.

(a) Previous relevant experience of the applicant(s);

For 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ years we have owned and operated the Port Gregory Caravan Park and have been able to bring it up to very good standard. We have managed to bring old and new visitors to Port Gregory and have increased the number of families staying with us. Pre Coved we saw a big spike in Chinese and Asian tourists staying to take in the Pink Lake – the Hutt Lagoon, and are confident that the international market will continue to increase as travellers once again visit WA.

We are accredited with the Caravan Industry of Australia and the Tourism Council. We are proud members of the Tourism Council, Australia's Coral Coast and our local visitor centres, we are committed to providing an excellent tourism experience and stay for our guests whilst impacting minimally on the environment, community and other sight seers - beach goers.

Both Tim and Sam grew up in the surrounding regions and believe they have a great knowledge of the local area and history.

We have operated the Pink Lake Buggy Tour since September 2018 as mentioned before. It has become a popular tour with all ages and abilities and the guests we take love it! The Pink Lake Buggy Tour is accredited with the Tourism Council and is a member of Visitor Centres, Australia's Coral Coast and listed with several major online tourism marketplaces including The Big Red Balloon Group, Viator (Trip Advisor), Rezdy, Perth Sightseeing pass and Adrenaline to name a few.

(b) Full details of type of service to be operated;

The service operated is a sight-seeing tour of the Port Gregory Coastline, including the sand dunes and unique pink lake viewing stops, in a 6-seater side by side buggy. Pink Lake Tours will run for an hour. The service will be targeted at our visitors who are stopping to see the wonder of the 'pink lake' on their way through to or from Kalbarri. It will be an adventure type 'experience the coast' tour, with the guide (us) giving guests information about the pink lake, the history of Port Gregory and showing them what we have to offer in the way of flora and fauna.

(c) Location of operation;

Please see the enclosed map with existing tracks and coastline that we intend to use highlighted. We depart from the Port Gregory Caravan Park, down to the beach, and south for about 8kms. We have highlighted some existing tracks in the sand dunes which are used to get to a section of the pink lake that is not near the road, and inaccessible without the use of a buggy, quad bike or 4WD, then to come around the pink lake and back to the Caravan Park on the gravel road past the hall and along Port St.

I believe the parcels of land that we operate on are as follows (from DLPH email)

- UCL Lot 11441 on Deposited Plan 184559 (Polygon Number 987712)
- Unsurveyed UCL Polygon Number 987687
- Unsurveyed UCL Polygon Number 1057539
- Unsurveyed UCL Polygon Number 11818062
- UCL Polygon number 11819611



See larger map at the end of the letter.

(d) Diagram of layout of service when in operation showing location of equipment, trailers, signs, operators table etc;

The only equipment used will be the buggy and safety equipment (helmets) which will be being worn at the time of operation. The reception office and patio of the Caravan Park will be the point of arrival and where the tour will begin and end. The Buggy and helmets are stored in our workshop when not in use.

(e) Hours and dates of operation;

We offer tours 3 times a day 9am, 11am and 2pm. Depending on the time of year the morning tours are more popular. We run approximately 4 full tours a week.

(f) Method of operation, e.g. Hourly hire, 15-minute rides, day trips, and proposed charges to clients; The tour is guided with the guests travelling as passengers. The tour takes an hour to complete.

(g) Type and numbers of equipment to be hired/used including details of make, age, special features etc. The tour will be operated by ourselves, Tim or Sam, in a 6-seater side by side vehicle – Can Am SSV Defender which is licensed and road worthy. At this stage we only own and run 1 vehicle, however if the demand for higher passenger numbers (to tour at the same time) becomes apparent we would like to be able to run a second buggy.

(h) All of the intended safety measures -i.e. Marker buoys, rescue boats, sign etc;

This vehicle is fitted out with all safety requirements including but not limited to seatbelts, indicators, mirrors, rollbar, roof, fire extinguisher and side safety nets. We have also had the vehicle road registered through the Department of Transport. Helmets will be provided and required to be worn by participants. A mobile phone with Emergency App will be on board and accessible to all guests during the tour. We will have on board an adequate first aid kit, and plenty of drinking water for all guests kept in an iced esky or car fridge.

Helmets are worn by passengers at all times. Clients will be given a safety briefing at the Caravan Park (point of departure) before leaving, which will include how to use the Emergency App (this has the 000 number ready to go and advises your latitude and longitude which will be able to be given to the operator).

Tim and Sam both have current first aid certificates and have a PTD License.

We are aware of the WA Activity Standards for Four Wheel Driving, which is not a legislated license per se, but will be a great guideline for basing our business and procedures on. Taking great care with our Risk Management, Emergency Response Plans and minimal environmental impact plans

(i) A cover note of similar statement from an insurance company indicating a willingness to promote insurance coverage (minimum \$20 million public liability).

We have a current Certificate of Currency.

(j) Any on-site storage requirements (if permitted)

None required. The buggy and helmets will be stored in the shed that is already on the grounds of the Caravan Park.

(k) Intended signage (may require Council's additional separate approval);

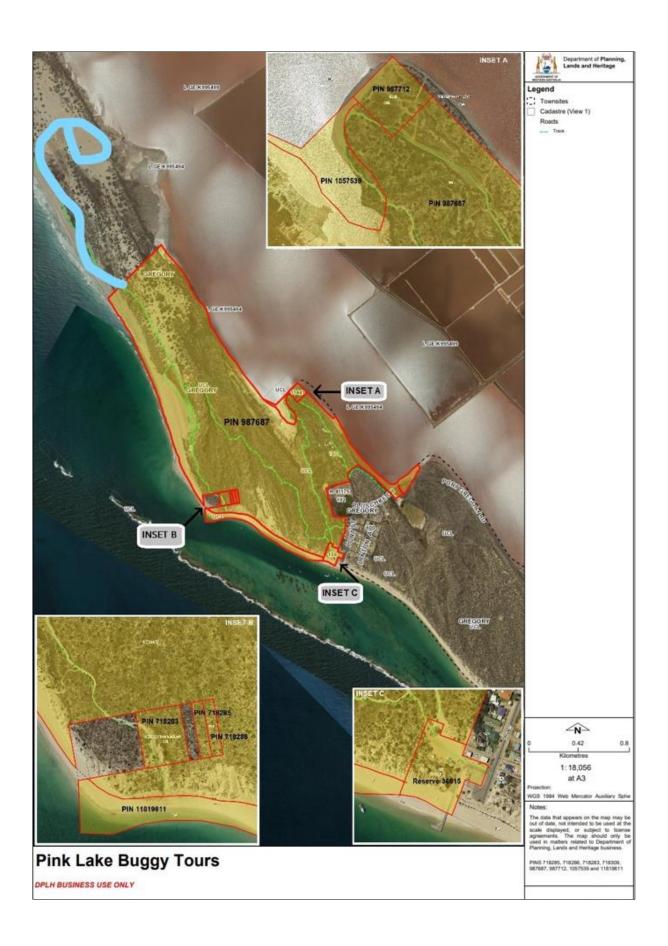
We have had Councils approval to put a sign on the boundary fence of the Caravan Park. We do not require any further signage.

(1) any additional information specific to the individual service to be provided.

The tour should not affect any other beach goers or users of the dune tracks. The times we are proposing to run the tours are an acceptable time (no early mornings or late nights) and the noise will be limited (we don't have generators to run or big trucks etc). We will be using tracks that are already present as to keep to our minimal environmental impact policy. The buggy will have a rubbish bag for any garbage along the way, and we will enforce a strictly no smoking policy. The clients will be made aware of how important it is to conserve the natural environment and keep our impact to an absolute minimum.

Thanks for your time and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Tim and Sam Hay Owner/Managers Port Gregory Caravan Park WA.



APPENDIX 2. - SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

No. and Date	Submitter	Submission Detail	Comment/Recommendation
Received			
1. 8/11/2022	Dept of Primary Industries and Regional Development	NO OBJECTION DPIRD does not object to the proposal, subject to the following comments; - The map provided does not clearly identify the route that the tours will take, therefore it is not possible to assess potential environmental impact of the proposal. - Advice should be sought from DBCA and DWER to assess potential environmental impacts of proposal.	Noted. As with all referrals of this nature, DBCA and DWER are always consulted. The map provided is more detailed than in previous years when DPIRD raised concerns regarding susceptibility of deep coastal sands to be traversed being extremely susceptible to wind erosion. On that premise, Shire Officers have applied Condition 10 has been applied to address vehiclular access and use.
2. 15/11/2022	Dept. Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety	NO OBJECTION DMIRS has determined that this proposal raises no significant issues with respect to mineral and petroleum resources, geothermal energy and basic raw materials.	Noted.
3. 16/11/2022	Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions	NO OBJECTION DBCA considers level of activity will not negatively impact vegetation or fauna habitats in the area. Nonetheless it recommends that the applicant be advised of the importance of keeping vehicles to existing tracks and bare sand areas (beaches & mobile dunes) in order to prevent impacts to vegetation and fauna habitat. Pink Lake is an Environmentally Sensitive Area and is listed in the Directory of Important Wetlands of Australia. Areas proposed for sightseeing tours provide important habitat for many bird species, including shorebirds and migratory waders that are protected under international agreements. A list of bird species recorded near the area of the proposed coastal tours was provided.	Noted. Condition No. 9 and Advice Note 4 has been applied so as to address the bird concerns raised, and Condition No. 10 has been applied to address vehicular access and use.

12.11.2 APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF NON-CONFORMING USE – OUTBUILDING FOR WAREHOUSE/STORAGE – LOT 52 (NO. 53) MARY STREET, NORTHAMPTON (ITEM 7.3.2)

Location	Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton
Applicant	Tilka Pty Ltd
Owner	Tilka Pty Ltd
File Reference	10.8.1.3/A5130
Date of Report	8 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Michelle Allen, Planning Officer
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Application Letter
	2. Site Plan
	3. Plans Outbuilding
	4. Schedule of Submissions

AUTHORITY / DISCRETION:

Quasi-Judicial when Council determines an application within a clearly defined statutory framework, abiding by the principles of natural justice, acting only with discretion afforded it under law, and giving full consideration to Council policies and strategies relevant to the matter at hand. These decisions are reviewable by the State Administrative Tribunal.

SUMMARY:

Following demolition of an existing outbuilding due to the impact of Cyclone Seroja upon Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton, an application has been received from the abovementioned Applicant to reconstruct an outbuilding the subject site.

This site is a vacant lot where previously an outbuilding existed under non-conforming use rights and was used to store supplies in relation to the Applicant's hardware store on Hampton Road. The Applicant has recently sold the hardware store with settlement of the sale due in 2023. This site is considered to be a non-conforming use site under the Shire of Northampton's Local Planning Scheme No. 10, therefore any extension or modification to the approved 'use' requires development approval.

This report recommends conditional approval of the use subject to conditions that will address streetscape amenity, the level of noise and activity originating from the site and risks associated with the non-conforming use activity.

LOCALITY PLAN:

Figure 1. Locality plan of Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton

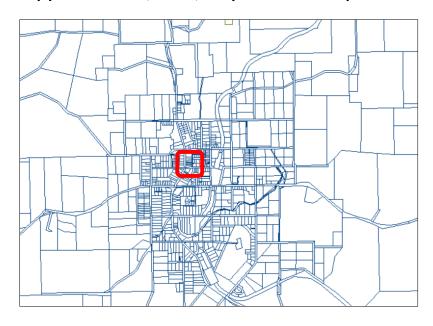


Figure 2. Site plan of Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton



BACKGROUND:

Historically, the Applicant has operated a hardware business from the location of Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton for over 34 years. The business has recently been sold, to an agricultural goods supplier from Geraldton.

Prior to an "Industrial" zoning being introduced into the Shire's Town Planning Scheme No. 6, a number of industrial and commercial uses were allowed to occur within the townsite of Northampton. The warehouse/storage depot at Lot 52 is one such site and was locally known as 'the Clover Shed' where seed and agricultural supplies and clover seed equipment were stored prior to the Applicant's ownership which extended the non-conforming use rights and where hardware supplies were stored.

Under the current Local Planning Scheme No. 10, new industrial uses are not permitted within the Residential zone, however the use upon Lot 52 is not new and is considered to be a non-conforming use because of its historical nature which existed prior to the demolition of the old existing outbuilding. The demolition was undertaken due to the poor condition of the outbuilding, it's age and the subsequent damage incurred by Cyclone Seroja.

The landowner of Lot 52 Mary Street has recently submitted an Application for Development Approval to reconstruct an outbuilding of reduced size on the site.

It is further noted that the non-conforming use that has occurred on this site during the Applicant's period of ownership for the past 34 years has been associated with the Applicant's hardware business. The Applicant has recently sold the hardware business to an agricultural goods supplier from Geraldton with settlement of the sale due in February 2023.

THE PROPOSAL:

The Applicant's proposal to reconstruct an outbuilding is seeking to transfer the non-conforming use rights previously granted to Lot 52 associated with the historical use of the outbuilding which was considered a permissible non-conforming use of the site under the current Local Planning Scheme No. 10 prior to demolition of the existing outbuilding structure and prior to sale of the Applicant's hardware business.

A copy of the Application Information has been included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

The Applicant/Owner has advised that the intention since selling the hardware business is to reconstruct the outbuilding to store goods associated with their supermarket business in Northampton.

Details associated with the proposed development are provided as follows:

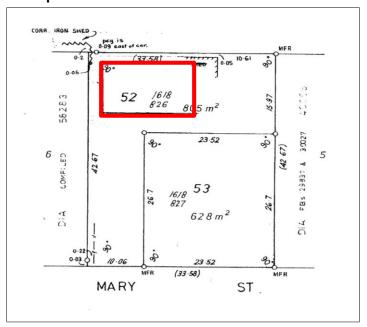
- The old shed was estimated to be 15 metres by 13 metres (195m²) in size;
- No previous approvals or plans exist in relation to the old shed;
- It is considered that limited activity (loading and unloading) was undertaken on the site in relation to the old shed due to its condition and the nature of the applicant's hardware business;
- No advertising or signage exists on the site;

- A new outbuilding 12.050 metres by 9.960 metres (120m²) in size is being proposed;
- The new outbuilding was proposed to be located in a different area of the lot compared to the location of the old structure (as shown in Figures 3 and 4 below) so as to improve access and egress to the outbuilding;
- During compilation of the agenda report, Shire Officers have liaised with the Applicant who is willing to relocate the outbuilding to sit directly behind the Garage/Service Station that sits in front of a portion of Lot 52 Mary Street;
- Storage of a trailer and a 200 litre diesel transfer tank is proposed (to have on hand for the generator at the supermarket when power outages occur); and
- Currently storage of twelve (12) pallets of goods (associated with the supermarket including toilet paper and other hard to obtain products together with other Christmas stock) would be stored in the outbuilding if available.

<u>Figure 3</u>. Location of old structure on Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton in 2021



<u>Figure 4</u>. Proposed location of new structure on Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street,
Northampton



In consideration of the application the following information is provided:

Lot Size	805m ²
Zoning	Residential R10
Existing Development	Vacant lot (following demolition of outbuilding)
Existing Services	Water and Power
Access & Frontage	Mary Street
Topography	Flat
Vegetation	Cleared
Surrounding Land Uses	Residential R10

COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION:

In accordance with the above requirements, correspondence was sent to twelve (12) adjoining and adjacent landowners. The advertising period for this consultation was from 22 November 2022 to 7 December 2022.

During that period six (6) submissions were received, with details provided in the Schedule of Submissions at **Appendix 4**. Five submissions were in support of the application with one highlighting the need to also ensure dangerous goods are not stored within the structure and one highlighting historical drainage issues

associated with the adjacent heritage building. One submission objected to the application in relation to the 'residential' zoning and the potential for sub-lease arrangements associated with the storage of dangerous goods within the residential zoned area. A copy of this correspondence can be made available to Councillors upon request.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Nil. However should Council refuse this application and the applicant proceed to exercise their right of appeal, costs are likely to be imposed on the Shire through its involvement in the appeal process.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

State: Planning and Development Act 2005

Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 10 – Northampton

The land is zoned "Residential R10" under Local Planning Scheme No. 10. "Warehouse/Storage" and associated uses are not permitted under this zoning. However, the site has historically been considered to be a non-conforming use and therefore the following provisions apply:

22. NON-CONFORMING USES

- (1) Unless specifically provided, this Scheme does not prevent-
 - (a) the continued use of any land, or any structure or building on land, for the purpose for which it was being lawfully used immediately prior to the commencement of this Scheme; or
 - (b) the carrying out of any development on land if -

- (i) before the commencement of this Scheme, the development was lawfully approved; and
- (ii) the approval has not expired or been cancelled.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply if -
 - (a) the non-conforming use of the land is discontinued; and
 - (b) a period of 6 months, or a longer period approved by the local government, has elapsed since the discontinuance of the non-conforming use.
- (3) Subclause (1) does not apply in respect of a non-conforming use of land if, under Part 11 of the Act, the local government -
 - (a) purchases the land; or
 - (b) pays compensation to the owner of the land in relation to the non-conforming use.

23. CHANGES TO NON-CONFORMING USES

- (1) A person must not, without development approval-
 - (a) alter or extend a non-conforming use of land; or
 - (b) erect, alter or extend a building used in conjunction with, a nonconforming use; or
 - (C) repair, rebuild, alter or extend a building used for a non-conforming use that is destroyed to the extent of 75% or more of its value; or
 - (d) change the use of land from a non-conforming use to another nonconforming use that is not permitted by the Scheme.
- (2) An application for development approval for the purposes of this clause must be advertised in accordance with clause 64 of the deemed provisions.
- (3) A local government may only grant development approval for a change of use of land referred to in subclause (1)(d) if, in the opinion of the local government, the proposed use -
 - (a) is less detrimental to the amenity of the locality than the existing non-conforming use;
 - (b) and is closer to the intended purpose of the zone in which the land is situated.

The proposed development is considered to fit within the parameters of a 'Non-Conforming Use'. The proposed development is effectively rebuilding the building associated with of a non-conforming use and therefore has followed the process outlined above in terms of advertising and approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Policy 'Outbuildings"

Outbuildings Local Planning Policy (LPP)

The applicants are seeking to erect an outbuilding on the lot to replace one demolished following the impact of Cyclone Seroja. The size of the proposed structure of $120m^2$ meets aggregate provisions for the Residential R10 zoning. The wall height exceeds LPP provisions from 3m to 3.5m.

The objectives of the Shire of Northampton's Local Planning Policy Outbuildings are as follows:

- 2.1 To alter the deemed-to-comply provisions of the R-Codes for Design Principle 5.4.3 and 6.4.4 Outbuildings.
- 2.2 To provide further clarity and a clear interpretation to the definition of an 'outbuilding'.
- 2.3 To ensure that outbuildings are not used for habitation or commercial purposes by controlling building bulk (size and height).
- 2.4 To limit the visual impact of outbuildings.
- 2.5 To encourage the construction of outbuildings in materials and colours that complements the landscape and amenity of surrounding areas.
- 2.6 To ensure that the outbuilding remains an ancillary use to the main dwelling or the principle land use on the property.

Clause 3.2.2 Application of Policy of the LPP Outbuildings states:

3.2.2 Rural land (generally less than 20ha) adjacent to settlements or within a townsite boundary, subject to future increase in density or in an area of visual prominence or heritage/high landscape amenity shall be subject to this policy with maximum standards for outbuildings determined on lot size in accordance with clause 3.5.

Clauses 3.4.2 (b) and 3.5 of the LPP Outbuildings provides for variations to maximum standards for outbuildings as follows:

3.3 Maximum Standards for R10 and Higher Density

- 3.3.1 Maximum standards do not override the open space requirements of Table 1 of the R-Codes or any specific Scheme requirements.
- 3.3.2 In addition to the deemed-to-comply requirements for Part 5.4.3, C3 iii, iv and v and Part 6.4.4, C4 iii, iv and v of the R-Codes, the following shall apply:

120m² in area or 20% in aggregate of the site area, whichever is the lesser, with a maximum wall height of 3.0m and a total maximum height of 4.5m measured from natural ground level.

- 3.3.3 Increases in total maximum height to a maximum of 5m may be considered where all of the following criteria can be achieved:
- a) The outbuilding must be constructed in the same materials and finish to the existing (or approved) dwelling.
- b) The roof pitch of the outbuilding is to match the roof pitch of the existing (or approved) dwelling.
- c) The overall total maximum height of the outbuilding is not to be any higher than the highest part of the existing (or approved) dwelling.
- d) The outbuilding is not within the primary or secondary street setback area.
- The outbuilding footprint is not greater than the existing (or approved) dwelling footprint.
- f) The aggregate floor area is not greater than the maximum area prescribed in clause 3.3.2 (the intent is if higher outbuildings are approved, the footprint of the outbuilding is reduced, thereby reducing building bulk).

- g) Setbacks to comply with the R-Codes.
- h) Consultation with adjoining properties is required.

COMMENT:

It is acknowledged that the Applicant's hardware business has used Lot 52 Mary Street, Northampton, for 34 years and that this use is considered to be a non-conforming use under the current Local Planning Scheme No. 10. Non-conforming uses are afforded certain rights under the Local Planning Scheme, however extensions and changes to these non-conforming uses must be approved by the local government and are subject to public advertising.

The daily operations of the business at Lot 52 Mary Street have historically been limited due in part to the nature of the hardware business and the condition of the old outbuilding. Normal operations of the business did not occur on this site on a regular daily basis.

It is considered that the use of the site with a new outbuilding for the purpose of storing goods associated with the supermarket may increase activity and access/egress to and from the site that is located within a residential area and as a consequence could potentially increase the level of noise and activity originating from the site and risks associated with the non-conforming use activity.

It is noted that a variation is being sought to Local Planning Policy (LPP) provisions in respect to wall height of the outbuilding from 3 metres to 3.5 metres. This variation is sought to enable the applicant to manoeuvre machinery to facilitate storage of supermarket goods within the structure. The outbuilding structure that was demolished was substantially larger and estimated to be 195m^2 in size.

Furthermore, it is also noted that Lot 198 sits in front of Lot 52 and contains a heritage listed building being a Garage/Service Station (see **Figure 5**). This site has historically been used by trades people (such as an automotive electrician and a mechanic) and was a hardware store as well as a petrol station. It is known as the 'Mary Street Centre' and is on the Shire's Municipal Heritage Inventory and has a Management Category 3 therefore has local significance aesthetically and historically as an example of early garage architecture which was a prominent feature in country towns in the past.

Whilst this structure has not been occupied for a period of more than 6 months and according to Clause 22(2)(b) the non-conforming use previously afforded has elapsed since the discontinuance of the non-conforming use, further consideration should be afforded in relation to these existing structures in the vicinity of Lot 52 Mary Street.

<u>Figure 5</u>. Proposed location of new structure on Lot 198 (No. 55) Mary Street, Northampton



It is acknowledged that Lots 52 and 53 are located within the residential area, and another outbuilding also exists on a vacant lot in this locality, being Lot 37 Guide St, as shown in **Figure 6** which is located at the rear of the Applicant's lot being Lot 52. This structure is also historically afforded non-conforming use rights and whilst also was previously used as a mechanic's workshop, is now used by the present owner as storage for vehicles (caravan, boat and utility) and for handyman tools.

<u>Figure 6</u>. Existing outbuilding located on Lot 37 (No. 7) Guide Street, Northampton



A total of six submissions were received with five in support of the application. One submitter highlighted the need to ensure dangerous goods are not stored within the structure and another highlighted historical drainage issues associated with the adjacent heritage building. One submission objected to the application in relation to the 'residential' zoning of the locality and the potential for sub-lease

arrangements associated with the storage of dangerous goods within the residential zoned area.

In the vicinity of the proposed development, three sites are historically afforded non-conforming use rights and are sites where historically industrial and commercial uses co-existed in the residential area prior to an 'Industrial' zoning being introduced. Those sites include:

- the outbuilding on Lot 52 Mary Street (recently demolished) (Figure 3);
- the Garage/Service Station on Lot 198 Mary Street (Figure 5); and
- the outbuilding on Lot 37 Guide Street (Figure 6).

It is reasonable to consider the historical significance and appearance of the Garage/Service Station building, it's location within the residential area and the adjacent industrial/commercial uses that co-exist in the locality without conflict. No complaints have been received to the Shire of Northampton regarding the operations of any of the non-conforming use sites from any adjoining landowners.

The Garage/Service Station sits at the front of a lot adjacent to where the Applicant is proposing to reconstruct an outbuilding damaged by Cyclone Seroja, thereby seeking an extension of the previous non-confirming use (see **Figure 5**).

The location of the proposed outbuilding on Lot 52 was originally proposed to sit in the north-west corner in a different location to the demolished outbuilding. Following further consideration, the Applicant is willing to reconfigure the outbuilding (in relation to openings) and relocate the structure so that it will sit directly behind the more prominent structure on the streetscape, being the heritage listed Garage/Service Station on Lot 198 Mary Street.

Therefore, with the relocation on the site it is considered to not detrimentally impact on the streetscape of Mary Street and potentially make room for a dwelling on Lot 52 in the future thus enabling the site to comply with residential zoning provisions.

If concerns in relation to goods that may be stored within the outbuilding structure are managed, and the storage of industrial goods, such as diesel fuel and chemicals, are not permitted to be stored at the site, it is considered that the use will have no predictable detrimental impact on the residential character or amenity of the immediate or general locality.

Having taking into consideration the requirements of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No. 10 - Northampton, it is recommended that Council approve the Application for Development Approval subject to conditions that relocate the outbuilding on the site and address the level of noise and activity originating from the site and risks associated with the non-conforming use activity.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Absolute Majority Required: No

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.10.2

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr SUDLOW

Grant development approval for the non-conforming use on Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton subject to the following conditions:

- Development/use shall be in accordance with the attached approved plan(s) dated 16 December 2022 and subject to any modifications required as a consequence of any condition(s) of this approval. The endorsed plan(s) shall not be modified or altered without the prior written approval of the local government;
- This approval (relating to the non-conforming use) is issued only to Tilka Pty Ltd (the landowner) for Lot 52 (No 53) Mary Street, Northampton (the parcel of land) and is NOT transferrable to any other person or any other land parcel. Should there be a change of the occupier of the land in respect of which this development approval is issued this approval shall no longer be valid;
- Any additions to or change of use of any part of the building or land (not the subject of this consent/approval) requires further application and development approval for that use/addition;
- The landowner/applicant will relocate the outbuilding on the site to the north-eastern corner of the lot and include a 1 metre setback to the rear (north) boundary and a 1 metre setback to the side (eastern) boundary so the structure is placed behind Lot 198 (No. 55) Mary Street so as to address visual amenity according to Clause 5.4.3 of the Residential Design Codes 2021;
- 5 A building permit shall be issued by the local government prior to the commencement of any work on site;
- 6 Prior to the commencement of the approved use a detailed design of stormwater collection and system of disposal from the developed areas is to be submitted to and approved by the local government;
- 7 Any soils disturbed or deposited on site shall be stabilized to the approval of the local government;
- 8 The Applicant shall provide a colour schedule for the outbuilding prior to the lodgement of an application for a building permit to the approval of the local government;
- 9 The roof and walls of the outbuilding shall be constructed using coated metal sheeting (Colorbond) and the use of Zincalume is not permitted;
- Any lighting installed on the building, yard areas or parking areas shall be located and designed in a manner that ensures:
 - All illumination is confined within the boundaries of the property and;
 - b) There shall not be any glare nuisance caused to adjoining residents or passing traffic, to the approval of the local government.
- 11 The development/land use is to be located entirely within the property boundary;
- 12 Prior to the commencement of the development/land use, the Applicant/Owner shall install a 1.8 metre fence on the rear boundary to restrict vehicle/pedestrian access to Lot 52 Mary Street from the adjacent communal

- access way at the rear, in accordance with the attached approved plan(s) dated 16 December 2022;
- Prior to the commencement of the development/land use, the Applicant/Owner shall install a 1.8 metre dividing fence on the southern lot boundary between Lots 52 and Lot 198 Mary Street to address visual privacy, in accordance with the attached approved plan(s) dated 16 December 2022;
- 14. The approved outbuilding is only to be used for general storage purposes therein to the approval of the Shire of Northampton and shall NOT be used for habitation or industrial purposes;
- 15 The use hereby permitted shall not cause injury to or prejudicially affect the amenity of the locality by means of the emission of smoke, dust, fumes, odour, noise, vibration, waste product or otherwise;
- 16 The loading and/or unloading of vehicles is to occur on-site and in a manner that does not interfere with adjacent and adjoining residents and only during approved hours of operation (see Condition No. 19;
- 17 Access, driveway, manoeuvring and car parking areas to be paved/sealed, drained and thereafter maintained to the approval of the local government;
- All storage associated with the site shall occur within the building or beneath an approved roof enclosure. The open air storage of equipment and materials is not permitted unless otherwise approved by the local government;
- 19 The landowner/applicant is to take measures so as to effectively control rodents by using a Licensed Pest Control Operator;
- The storage of any goods associated with industrial or agricultural use (such as fuel, oil, chemical, fertilizer etc.) is not permitted on the subject site;
- 21 Major servicing, extensive cleaning and/or detailing of any commercial vehicle is not permitted to occur on the site; and
- Operational hours relating to the movement of the vehicles subject to this approval shall be limited to Monday Friday 7am-5pm and Saturday 9am-4pm.

Advice Notes:

- Note 1: If the development/use the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years, or another period specified in the approval after the date of determination, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect.
- Note 2: Where an approval has so lapsed, no development must be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
- Note 3: With regard to Conditions No. 6 and 17, the Applicant/Owner should liaise with the Shire of Northampton's Manager of Works and Technical Services

- to determine driveway/manoeuvring/car parking and drainage requirements for developed areas.
- Note 3: All operations upon this site are to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 and the Environmental Protection Act in respect to noise emissions. No activities associated with the construction, establishment or installation of the development/land use shall take place between the hours of 5-00pm and 7-00am unless otherwise approved in writing by the local government.
- Note 4: The landowner/applicant is to take measures so as to effectively control rodents by using a Licensed Pest Control Operator.
- Note 5: If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of determination.

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APPENDIX 1 - LETTER OF APPLICATION

Tilka Pty Ltd

P O Box 21

Northampton W A 6535

To The Town Planner Shire Of Northampton P O box 61 Northampton WA 6535

We would like to make application to erect a shed on 53 Mary Street Northampton to replace the old shed that was wrecked by cylone Seroja.

The old shed was approximately 15 metres by 13 metres and was originally used by us as storage for our business and for storage for the Northampon Iga as there is very little space at their premises for excess stock and fixtures.

Since the cyclone we have been utilising the shed on 222 Hampton Road to store these items however with the impending sale of Haslebys Hardware and the subsequent leasing of the shed on 222 Hampton Road to the new owners we will need somewhere else to store this stuff.

It is proposed to erect a shed of approximately 13 metres by 10 metres on 53 Mary Street. Some of the items to be housed include a trailer and 200 litre diesel transfer tank to have on hand for the generator at Iga when we have power outages. We currently have 12 pallets that cannot fit in Iga namely toilet paper and other hard to get products that we have managed to secure. Iga also have Christmas stock that we will need to store.

Yours Sincerely

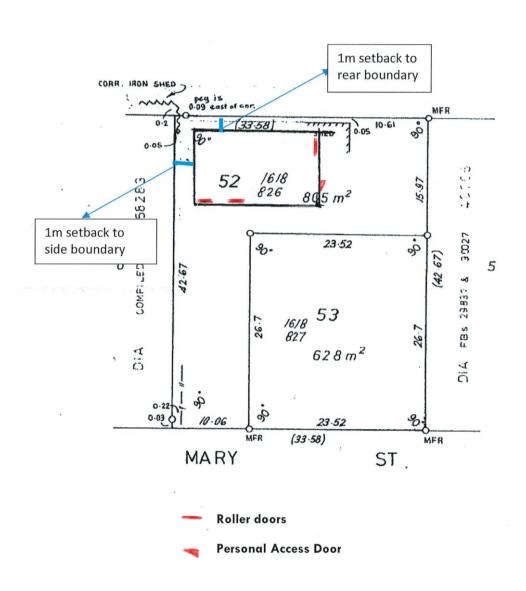
Rick Hasleby

November 11th 2022

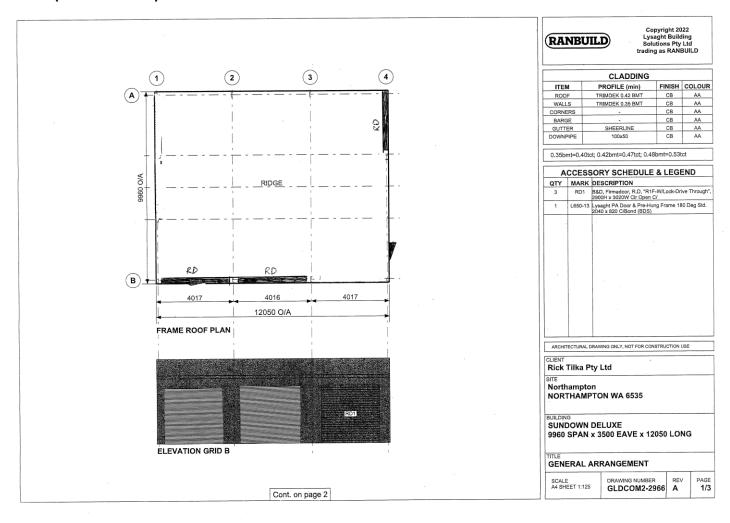
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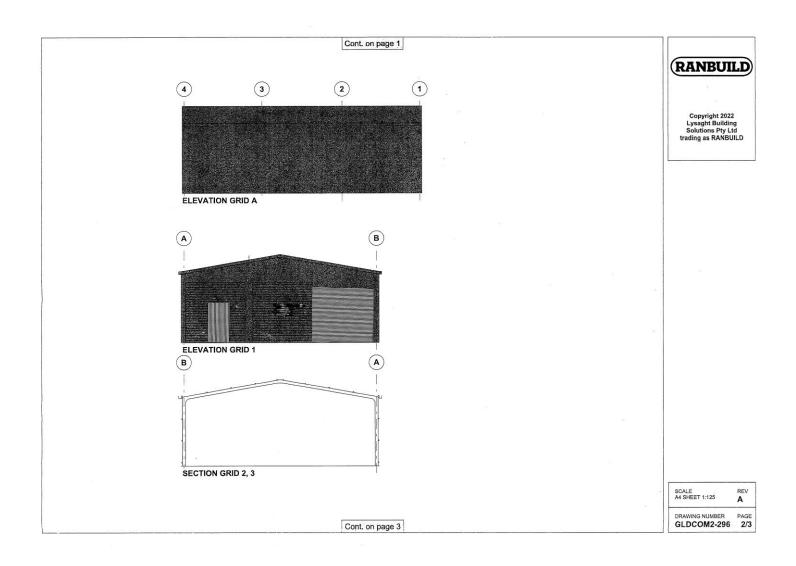
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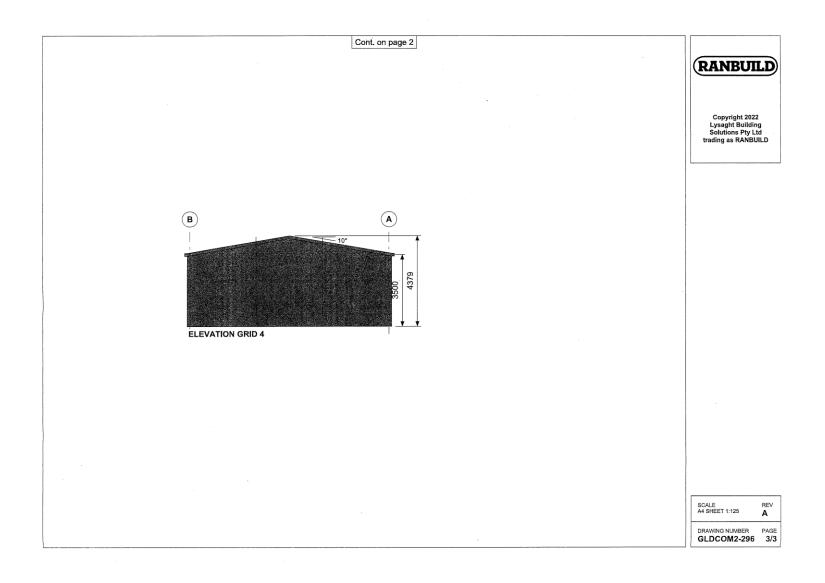
Lot 52 (No. 53) Mary Street, Northampton



APPENDIX 3 – PLANS (OUTBUILDING)







APPENDIX 4 – SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

No. and Date received	Respondent	Submission Shire Comment		Shire Recommendation
28/11/2022		SUPPORT We have received correspondence regarding the proposed warehouse storage at the above address. We have no objections to the proposal.	No response required	Submission noted
2. 05/12/2022		CONDITIONAL SUPPORT I own a shed on a vacant lot in Northampton too. This is approved under a non-conforming use and is used to store a caravan and where I store my tools and do maintenance on my vehicles. The shed that was on Lot 52 and demolished due to cyclone damage was very old and I support the construction of another shed. However, the purpose of its use needs to be made clear. I object to chemicals or fertiliser or diesel being stored in a residential area	The Applicant has advised in the application letter that they are proposing to store goods from their supermarket at the outbuilding.	Should Council consider granting approval to the proposed development the following conditions are recommended: • All storage associated with the site shall occur within the building or beneath an approved roof enclosure. The open air storage of equipment and materials is not permitted unless otherwise approved by the local government • The storage of any goods associated with industrial or agricultural use (such as fuel, oil, chemical, fertilizer etc.) is not permitted on the subject site.
3. 05/12/2022		OBJECTION We are opposed to the development on Lot 52 Mary Street for a storage shed, although it is to replace an old one that was still there after the cyclone. It was very much in disrepair and dangerous. Our concern is that this new shed will be subleased to another party and agricultural products will be stored in it. I would rather see this land developed into a residential housing (as zoned) rather than have a standalone storage shed.	This is not a stand-alone storage building in the locality. In the vicinity of the proposed development, three sites are historically afforded non-conforming use rights and are sites where historically industrial and	Should Council consider granting approval to the proposed development the following conditions are recommended: • All storage associated with the site shall occur within the building or beneath an approved roof enclosure. The open air storage of equipment and materials is not

		commercial uses co- existed in the residential area prior to an 'Industrial' zoning being introduced. No complaints have been received to the Shire of Northampton regarding the operations of any of the non-conforming use sites from any adjoining/adjacent landowners.	 permitted unless otherwise approved by the local government. The storage of any goods associated with industrial or agricultural use (such as fuel, oil, chemical, fertiliser etc.) is not permitted on the subject site. Major servicing, extensive cleaning and/or detailing of any vehicle is not permitted to occur on the site; and Operational hours relating to the movement of the vehicles subject to this approval shall be limited to Monday – Friday 7am – 5pm and Saturday 9am – 4pm.
4. 07/12/2022	SUPPORT No objection to this proposal as long as when the shed is removed there is no cost to me. Any spillage of diesel will be cleaned and contaminated soil removed and replaced with clean fill. There is to be no extra cost to me for any reason such as land becomes improved land and attracts a higher shire rate. All fire breaks etc. are installed by Tilka Pty Ltd. If land is sold or required by me (very unlikely for several years) that the shed be removed in a timely manner.	Some misunderstanding by submitter as old shed has already been demolished.	Submission noted.
5. 07/12/2022	CONDITIONAL SUPPORT We have discussed the application with the proponents and have no object on the understanding the new building will be colourbond and not tower over the heritage building and that all stormwater — especially from the roof will be directed away from the heritage building. We draw Council's attention to details on our		Should Council consider granting approval to the proposed development the following condition is recommended: The Applicant shall provide a colour schedule for the outbuilding prior to the lodgement of an application for

	building such as soakwells, and the thousands of dollars damage done from water ingress on the east side of our property when a new car port was erected. Stormwater from the carport came straight into our eastern door and septics. It took years to resolve and was remedied at our own cost with engineers and has cost us a tenant and repairs are still pending. We do not put any of this on the current proponent but ask that Council be attentive to stormwater disposal and levels and that these be directed away from the heritage building at all times. In this instance Hasleby's are aware and supportive but as we are now all seniors and further changes in property ownership are likely in the future we appreciate the opportunity to bring drainage to your attention and hope that some record can be kept for future applications.		 a building permit to the approval of the local government; The roof and walls of the outbuilding shall be constructed using coated metal sheeting (Colorbond) and the use of Zincalume is not permitted; Prior to the commencement of the approved use a detailed design of stormwater collection and system of disposal from the developed areas is to be submitted to and approved by the local government;
			Advice Note With regard to Conditions No. 5 and 15, the Applicant/Owner should liaise with the Shire of Northampton's Manager of Works and Technical Services to determine driveway/manoeuvring/car parking and drainage requirements for developed areas.
6. 7/12/2022	SUPPORT No arguments from us. For the local IGA – support the supermarket it will benefit our community in the long run. The more stock they have on hand the better for the customers. We do shop in ger but do most shopping at our local owned IGA. Keep it in the town.	No response required	Submission noted

12.11.3 APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED AGROFORESTRY (HARDWOOD EUCALYPTUS) TREE FARM – 'BALLAMORE' LOTS 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 & 5097 (NO. 4472) BALLA-WHELARRA ROAD, BINNU (ITEM 7.3.3)

Location	Lots 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 & 5097 (No. 4472)
	Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu
Applicant	Outback Carbon Pty Ltd
Owner	ER & CA Ford
File Reference	10.8.1.3/A1005
Date of Report	8 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Michelle Allen, Planning Officer
Responsible Officer	Hayley Williams, Consultant Planner
Appendices	1. Application Information
	2. Schedule of Submissions
	3. Extract from High Quality Land Mid West Region
	4. High Quality Agricultural Lands Shire of
	Northampton

AUTHORITY / DISCRETION:

Quasi-Judicial when Council determines an application within a clearly defined statutory framework, abiding by the principles of natural justice, acting only with discretion afforded it under law, and giving full consideration to Council policies and strategies relevant to the matter at hand. These decisions are reviewable by the State Administrative Tribunal.

SUMMARY:

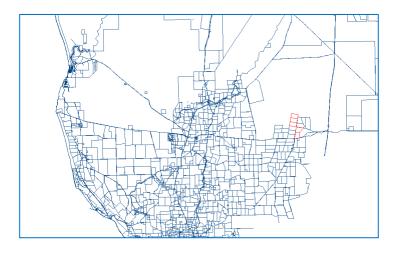
An Application for Development Approval has been received for the proposed Hardwood Eucalyptus Tree Farm from Outback Carbon Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Mitsui & Co. Ltd) upon Lots 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 and 5087 (No. 4472) Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu.

With the landowner's consent, the Applicant is seeking Council's determination in relation to the tree farm proposal which is for the purpose of creating Australian Carbon Credit Units and high quality hardwood whilst still maintaining agricultural activities on the property known as 'Ballamore'.

The Applicant is considering purchase of the property but is seeking Council's determination on the proposed development before finalising the purchase.

This report recommends approval of the proposed 'Tree Farm' on Lots 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 & 5087 (No. 4472) Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu subject to conditions.

LOCALITY PLANS: Lots 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 & 5087 (No. 4472) Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu ('Ballamore')



AERIAL PLAN: Lots 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 & 5087 (No. 4472) Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu ("Ballamore")



BACKGROUND:

An Application for Development Approval was received on 10 November 2022 with the Applicant applying to the Shire of Northampton, with the current landowner's consent, seeking Council's determination of an Hardwood Eucalyptus Tree Farm proposal before purchasing the property.

'Ballamore' is located in the eastern part of the Shire of Northampton and has a total area of 2021.50 hectares with approximately 1600 hectares of that area to be included as the proposed carbon project area. This area is the total arable area available on the property.

THE PROPOSAL:

The Applicant, with the current landowner's approval, is seeking Council's determination on a proposal to establish a tree farm on land located in the eastern part of the Shire of Northampton for the purpose of creating Australian Carbon Credit Units and high quality hardwood whilst still maintaining agricultural activities on the property.

The total area of the farm is 2021.5 hectares and approximately 1600 hectares will be included as the carbon project area. This area is the total cleared area on the property. Between 20-25 percent of the arable area will be planted to trees in a row configuration with the remaining inter-rows (which equates to 75-80 percent of the remaining arable area) to be cropped or established with improved grasses and legumes for future grazing opportunities. Currently there are no improved pastures on the property and little or no fencing exists. If the Applicant successfully purchases the property, a high standard boundary fence around the whole property and improved water supply and storage infrastructure is proposed.

The area proposed to be established with trees in the agroforestry/tree farm proposal is between 320 and 400 hectares and as such the volume of timber produced will not require onerous or intensive traffic movements at harvest times. The Applicant proposes that the volume of heavy vehicle movements on public roads will be less intensive than a traditional broad acre cropping harvest period.

It is anticipated the trees will be retained for approximately 40 years before harvest and used for high quality hardwood timber products, biochar and/or biofuels. The carbon permanence period will be 25 years and the tree and carbon crops will be complementary to the predominant traditional agricultural land uses in the area.

The tree farm area and configuration will comply with the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (2011) with farm design following existing roads and natural features, where practicable. Site topography, road direction, access to water and planting direction in relation to fire control will also form part of the development design.

in consideration of the proposal the following information is provided:

Lot Size	2021.50 hectares (Total area – 5 lots)
Zoning	Rural
Existing Development	Rural and Remnant Vegetation
Existing Services	Telephone, Water, Gas
Access and Frontage	Balla-Whelarra Road
Vegetation	Vegetated in parts
Surrounding Land Uses	Rural and Remnant Vegetation

COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION:

The application was advertised for a period of 21 days from 14 November to 9 December 2022 in accordance with Section 64 of the *Planning and Development* (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 with a notice placed in the Geraldton Guardian, on the Shire website and available at both the Northampton and Kalbarri Shire Offices.

The application was also forwarded to four adjacent and adjoining landowners and the following governmental agencies and key stakeholders for consideration:

- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Main Roads WA;
- Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development;
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; and
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

A total of four submissions were received with no objections forthcoming in relation to the proposed application. A schedule of submissions is provided at **Appendix 2**.

A late submission was received from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on 12 December 2022 and as a consequence has been included within this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Applicant has paid a development application fee of \$2985-00. In addition to this, should Council determine to refuse this application and the Applicant proceeds to exercise their right of appeal, costs are likely to be imposed on the Shire through its involvement in the appeal process.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

State: Planning and Development Act 2005

Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 10 - Northampton

The land is zoned 'Rural' under Local Planning Scheme No. 10 – Northampton with the objectives of the zone being:

- To provide for the maintenance or enhancement of specific local rural character.
- To protect board acre agricultural activities such as cropping and grazing and intensive uses such as horticulture as primary uses, with other rural pursuits and rural industries as secondary uses in circumstances where they demonstrate compatibility with the primary use.
- To maintain and enhance the environmental qualities of the landscape, vegetation, soils and water bodies, to protect sensitive areas especially the natural valley and watercourse systems from damage.
- To provide for the operation and development of existing, future and potential rural land uses by limiting the introduction of sensitive land sues in the Rural zone.
- To provide for a range of non-rural land uses where they have demonstrated benefit and are compatible with surrounding rural uses.

The use 'Tree Farm' is listed as a 'D' use in the Scheme which means that the use is not permitted unless the local government has exercised its discretion by granting development approval. A 'Tree Farm' is defined within the Scheme as follows:

'Tree Farm' means land used commercially for tree production where trees are planted in blocks of more than one hectare, including land in respect of which a carbon right is registered under the Carbon Rights Act 2003 section 5'.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

State: SPP 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas

Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Strategy - May 2022 Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Policy - Agroforestry Local: Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (DFES 2011)

<u>State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas</u>

The intent of this State policy is to implement effective, risk-based land use planning and development to preserve life and reduce the impact of bushfire on property and infrastructure.

The objectives of the policy are to:

- Avoid any increase in the threat of bushfire to people, property and infrastructure. The preservation of life and the management of bushfire impact are paramount.
- Reduce vulnerability to bushfire through the identification and consideration of bushfire risks in decision-making at all stages of the planning and development process.

- Ensure that higher order strategic planning documents, strategic planning proposals, subdivision and development applications take into account bushfire protection requirements and include specified bushfire protection measures.
- Achieve an appropriate balance between bushfire risk management measures and biodiversity conservation values, environmental protection and biodiversity management and landscape amenity, with consideration of the potential impacts of climate change.

As there will be no landowner permanently on site and to comply with the State planning policy when developing the Bushfire/Fire Management Plan for the Tree Farm, it is considered a bushfire hazard assessment be undertaken by a suitably qualified Bushfire Practitioner and be included as part of the Plan.

Shire of Northampton Local Planning Strategy

The Shire's Local Planning Strategy applies to the Northampton townsite and immediate surrounds and forms the basis for development of a long-term strategic plan for the future development and growth of the Shire. The Strategy identifies key issues within the area as follows:

2.1.5 economy & employment

- Protect high quality agricultural land and promote expansion and diversification of the rural economy to ensure a sustainable economic and employment base for the Shire.
- a Support opportunities for intensive agriculture including intensive animal husbandry and intensive rural and organic based industries in locations close to major population centres and major transport routes.

The Strategy also addresses key issues identified under four key outcome areas for the Shire and specifically Agriculture and Rural Industry, as follows:

agriculture & rural industry

Objective 1. To protect, promote and encourage the continuation and diversification of agriculture and related rural based industries within the Shire as a key long term economic driver of the region. The Shire of Northampton has one of the largest farming greas of

The Shire of Northampton has one of the largest farming areas of the Northern Agriculture Region, containing extensive areas of high quality agricultural land that need to be protected from further fragmentation as well as encroachment from incompatible land

- uses so as to support, expand and diversify agricultural activities in the region.
- Support existing and future primary production through the protection of rural land, particularly priority agricultural land and land required for animal premises and/or the production of food.
- Protect high quality agricultural land and promote expansion and diversification of the rural economy to ensure the long term sustainability of the economic and employment base of Shire.
- Provide opportunities for intensive agriculture including intensive animal husbandry and intensive rural and organic based industries to expand into the Shire in locations close to major population centres and major transport routes.
- Large supplies of groundwater to support intensive agriculture are limited in the region. Further investigation of a sustainable water supply is needed.

Strategies	Actions
1.1 Protect High Quality Agricultural land and promote and facilitate the expansion and diversification of the rural economy.	a. Include within the Scheme provisions for protecting High Quality Agricultural land from fragmentation and incompatible land uses in accordance with WAPC Policy. Include within the Scheme provisions which facilitate and support the diversification and intensification of on-farm agriculture.
 1.2 Provide for intensive agriculture and rural industries in locations close to major population centres and on major transport routes. 1.3 Discourage the introduction of sensitive land uses within these areas so as to limit the constraints on intensive agriculture and rural industry. 	 b. Investigate s an appropriate location to provide for predominately Intensive Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Rural Industry uses, subject to consideration of traffic and road access, water supplies, environmental impacts and proximity to populated settlements. c. Introduce the land use definition of Rural Industry into the Scheme with flexible permissibility for rural zoned land. d. In order to support the development of intensive agriculture and rural industries a secure fit for purpose water supply needs to be identified.

1.4 Protect prime and priority agricultural lands from rural living subdivision.

- e. Do not support proposals to subdivide rural land unless consistent with WAPC's State Planning Policy 2.5 and Development Control Policy 3.4.
- f. Oppose any rural living rezoning and subdivision except in consolidated areas designated under this Local Planning Strategy as referenced under Section 2.6 People & Housing.

The proposed Tree Farm is considered to meet the objectives and key actions of the Local Planning Strategy. The proposed development is located on land that is not considered to be High Quality Agricultural Land. Therefore, the diversification of use in this location is supported as it will enable the continuation of agricultural activities within the locality.

<u>Shire of Northampton Local Planning Policy – Agroforestry</u>

The application has been lodged under the Shire's 'Agroforestry' Local Planning Policy.

The objectives of the Policy are as follows:

- Achieve a consistent, efficient, and equitable system for assessing and approving tree crop applications.
- Actively encourage the establishment of tree crops in appropriate locations across the Shire of Northampton.
- Actively encourage tree crops in areas subject to land degradation, including areas of high salinity, water logging, and high levels of chemical contamination where there are clear natural resource management benefits.
- Tree crops are to be complementary and ancillary to the predominant traditional agricultural land uses of the area.
- Consider impacts on local road infrastructure and fire risk/management issues in all applications.
- Consider the visual impact of tree crops in close proximity and/or viewing distance to town sites, roads of local and regional significance, and areas of scenic beauty.
- Encourage operators, managers, government and non-government agencies, investors, and land holders to work in partnership wherever possible.

- Encourage operators to abide by the Industry Code of Practice, relevant legislation, State Strategy for Plantations and Farm Forestry and this policy.
- Outline the matters required to be addressed for assessment to be undertaken under the planning system and other legislation.
- The Council recognises that other matters, not listed above, may be raised during assessment of applications, such as submissions by third parties, which will be noted but not necessarily used in determining an application. As such matters may be covered by other legislation, fall under the responsibility of other agencies, or may not be considered relevant or valid planning considerations.

A Local Planning Policy shall not bind Council in respect of any application for Planning Approval but Council shall take into account the provisions of the policy and objectives which the policy was designed to achieve before making its decision.

Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection

The objective of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection provides "both local government and the plantation industry with a set of best practice fire protection standards for plantation that aim to protect human life and local community interests, while minimizing fire risk to plantation assets."

Further detail is provided within the publication and Section 2 Planning for Plantation Fire Management which outlines specific conditions to be included by Applicants when developing their Bushfire/Fire Management Plans.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

State: DPIRD Resource Management Technical Report 386 – Identification of high quality agricultural land in the Mid West region; - Stage 1 Geraldton Planning Region

<u>DPIRD Report – Identification of high quality agricultural land in the Mid West region</u>

In April 2013, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (known at the time as the Department of Agriculture and Food) prepared a report titled *Identification of high quality agricultural land in the Mid West Region*. This report seeks to enable broadacre agriculture industry's continued access to large areas of good quality land receiving enough reliable rainfall to produce crops and pastures. The project developed a methodology to identify high quality agricultural land (HQAL) that exhibited a combination of qualities that are valuable to the agricultural industry and worthy of protection for production into the future.

A series of maps and accompanying tables were generated which depicted and characterised agricultural land in a way that planners and investors could understand. Detailed maps showing the region's potential for broadacre and irrigated agriculture derived from existing information on soils, land capability, water resources and rainfall were produced with one showing High Quality Agricultural Lands in the Shire of Northampton at **Appendix 3**.

A map is also attached (see **Appendix 4**) that shows that the location of the land identified within this development application area as marginal country located on the fringe of the northern agricultural area.

COMMENT:

The proposed Tree Farm development is considered to be consistent with the objectives of the Local Planning Scheme No. 10 – Northampton, the Local Planning Strategy (May 2022) and the Shire's Local Planning Policy Agroforestry.

A Bushfire/Fire Management Plan has not been prepared and is proposed to be compiled once the outcome of this application is determined. Therefore, should Council grant approval it is recommended that a Bushfire/Fire Development Plan be developed by the Applicant with authority delegated to the Shire Chief Executive Officer for execution of the Plan.

Furthermore, as identified within DPIRD's publications dealing with High Quality Agricultural Land in the Mid West, the area proposed to be planted to trees on 4472 Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu is located within an area of the northern agricultural region identified as an Agricultural Land Area (ALA) with lower or marginal agricultural potential/quality.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority Required.

CONCLUSION:

Having taken into consideration the requirements of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No. 10 – Northampton, the Local Planning Strategy (May 2022) and the Shire's Local Planning Policy Agroforestry and submission responses, it is recommended that Council approve the Application for Development Approval, subject to conditions outlined below.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION 12.11.3

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council grant Development Approval for the establishment of a Hardwood Eucalyptus 'Tree Farm' on Lots 5072, 5079, 5083, 5086 & 5087 (No. 4472) Balla-Whelarra Road, Binnu (known as "Ballamore") subject to the following conditions:

- Development shall be in accordance with the approved plans dated 16 December 2022 and subject to any modifications required as a consequence of any conditions of this approval. The endorsed plans shall not be modified or altered without the prior written approval of the local government.
- Any additions to or change of use of any part of the land (not the subject of this consent/approval) considered by the Shire Chief Executive Officer to represent a significant variation from the approved development plan may require further application and planning approval for that use/addition.
- The Applicant shall adhere to the Project Establishment Plan 'Ballamore Farm' dated October 2022 including any modifications required by this approval or any such changes requested in writing by the Shire Chief Executive Officer or in the case of a dispute by the determination of Council as to the ongoing operation of the development;
- 4 Prior to commencement of the approved development/land use, the Applicant is to prepare a Bushfire/Fire Management Plan following the format of 'Fire Management Plans', outlined in the FESA Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011 (*as amended), and including local government firebreak notices. The Plan shall include a bushfire hazard assessment prepared by a suitable qualified Bushfire Practitioner, so as to comply with State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas;
- The Applicant is to implement and maintain reporting mechanisms for complaints concerning the operation of the development. In the event of a substantiated complaint being received, the Applicant is required to demonstrate mitigations response/s to the approval of the local government. Such responses/s will be treated as conditions of approval/required modifications to the Project Establishment Plan and Fire Management Plan 'Ballamore Farm';
- The Applicant shall ensure the Project Establishment Plan is inclusive of vermin control measures that is to the satisfaction of the local government before the commencement of the tree farm;
- Any soils disturbed or deposited on-site shall be stablised to the approval of the local government;
- The use hereby permitted shall not cause injury to or prejudicially affect the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of smoke, dust, fumes, odour, noise, vibration, waste product or otherwise;
- 9 The applicant shall obtain any necessary Native Vegetation Clearing Permit from the Department of Environment, if required;
- Repairing of any damage to the road network including the surface is required by reason of use of the road in connection with the establishment

- of the development to the approval of Main Roads WA and the Local Government with all costs met by the Applicant;
- Application of Nutrient Fertiliser, Pesticides and Herbicides to be undertaken to the approval of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development;
- Authorise delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for the preparation and execution of the Firebreak/Fire Management Plan, with any disputes to be referred back to Council for final determination; and
- Prior to commencement of the approved development/land use, the Applicant is to prepare a Wind Erosion Management Plan as outlined by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, to the approval of the local government.

Advice Notes

- Note 1: The Project Establishment Plan and Fire Management Plan shall be prepared and periodically updated with regard for the Shire of Northampton's Local Planning Policy Agroforestry, 'Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia (FPC 2014), Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (DFES 2011), Code of Practice for use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals in WA (DPIRD 2005) and superseding documents and documents of subsequent relevance.
- Note 2: With regard to Condition No. 13, the Applicant/Owner should liaise with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to determine the Wind Erosion Management Plan, as outlined in correspondence dated 12 December 2022.
- Note 3: If the development/use the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years, or another period specified in the approval after the date of determination, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect.
- Note 4. Where an approval has so lapsed, no development must be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
- Note 5. If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of determination.

<u>CARRIED 6/0</u> Minute Reference 12-22/10

APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION INFORMATION

Shire of Northampton

Application
Information
Ballamore
Farm

November 2022

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Outback Carbon Pty Ltd (Outback Carbon) proposes to establish a plantation of hardwood Eucalyptus species on land located in eastern part of the Shire of Northampton, Western Australia, for the purpose of creating Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) and high-quality hardwood whilst still maintaining agricultural activities on the property. Outback Carbon is a subsidiary of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and is part of the Mitsui E&P Australia group of companies and will be the project proponent and project manager for the project.

The total area of the farm is approximately 2,020 ha, with approximately 1,600 ha to be included as the total proposed carbon project area (which is the total cleared arable area on the property). Between 20 - 25% of the arable area will be planted to trees in a row configuration. These remaining inter-rows (which combined give a total of between 75-80% of the remaining cleared property area) can continue to be cropped or established with improved grasses and legumes for future grazing opportunities. Currently there are no improved pastures on the property with some new fencing required. If successful in purchasing the property, Outback Carbon would look to put a high standard boundary fence where needed and improve the water supply and storage infrastructure for effective future firefighting activities.

The plantation compartment size and configuration will comply with the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (FESA, 2011), section 4.1. For example, where practicable the compartment boundaries will follow existing roads or natural features. The design will further consider site topography, slope, aspect, road direction, strategic access to water, and planting direction in relation to fire control and compartment size. In addition, firebreaks will be maintained in accordance with the Shire regulations.

It is anticipated the trees will be retained for approximately 40 years before harvest and used for high quality hardwood timber products, biochar and/or biofuels. The carbon permanence period will be 25 years and the tree and carbon crops will be complementary to the predominant traditional agricultural land uses in the area.

Refer to Appendix A which shows the General Property Map.

General location: Midwest Region, Northampton Farm name: Ballamore

Farm

There is growing discussion and evidence that revegetating areas could lead to increasing rainfall (When trees make rain: Could restoring forests help ease drought in Australia? Sept 2018). Outback Carbon plans to revegetate between 20 - 25% of the arable property area and therefore believes there will be minimal negative impact, and potentially numerous positive impacts realised on the property area and greater region.

It is Outback Carbon's intention that cropping and/or grazing will continue on the remaining property area after the first two years, when the trees are more robust. The grazing should also serve as a fire risk mitigation tool, by reducing the fuel load during the hot summer months.

The introduction of trees will provide a diversified farm income from carbon and also provide shelter for livestock and enhance other environmental aspects such as improved soil condition, reduced wind erosion and increased soil carbon. There may also be opportunity for future beekeeping activities on both the planted trees and surrounding native vegetation.

The project will comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia (Forest Industries Federation (WA) Inc, 2014) and compartments will be designed in accordance with the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection. The basic planting configuration will be the same across the cleared arable areas of the property. Establishment will be via machine and hand planted seedlings.

maculate and E. supravaelis - northern variant) at approximately 200-250 stems per hectare. All have the potential for high quality timber building or furniture products, or biomass for biochar and biofuels.

The establishment operations include summer vermin control, broadacre boom spray weed and pest control based on knockdown and residual herbicide application, and insect control via insecticides. A machine will be used to scalp, shallow rip and roll the soil early in the season after the rainfall season has started.

Improved annual grasses and legumes will be established opportunistically either in May/June in the first or second year. Local and regional contractors will be given the opportunity to contract for establishment and/or maintenance activities for the project. These operations include:

- Weed control (pre-establishment);
- Rip and scalp, seedling planting;
- Weed control (post establishment and for project life);
- Rotational grazing;
- Insecticide applications if necessary;
- Firebreak and access roads upgrades annually or as required;
- Vermin control; and
- Monitoring and inventory (for carbon assessment).

Maintenance activities will be reviewed annually considering site and surrounding conditions, seasonal circumstances and Local Government requirements.

Livestock

Grazing and animal exclusion on planted land is planned for 24 months following seedling planting and will be an effective weed management and fire risk mitigation tool (as recommended in both the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection, and the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia).

Harvesting is expected to occur when the trees have aged to around 40 years. This is noted as the optimal time for timber quality for the proposed species. As noted in the Shire's Agroforestry and Tree Farms Local Planning Policy, currently there is very limited local processing of timber in the Mid West. In the potential absence of future local processing facilities, spot milling may be considered as an alternative and other on farm based mobile units for biochar/biofuels production.

Given the relatively limited area proposed to be established with trees in this agroforestry/plantation project (320-400 ha), it is not expected the volume of timber produced will require onerous or intensive traffic movements in harvest and haul. Likely, the volume of heavy vehicle movements on public roads will be less intensive than a traditional broad acre cropping harvest period. Likely roads to be used include Balla- Whelarra, Ogilvie Road, Binnu Road East and the North West Coastal Highway

In accordance with the Shire's Agroforestry and Tree Farms Local Planning Policy, a Harvest Plan including transport will be submitted to the Council for separate approval 12 months prior to the commencement of harvesting. This plan will comply with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia.

Section 7 below details the expected impact on existing road infrastructure during the initial project establishment and maintenance phase. The Harvest Plan will specify travel routes and expected impacts associated with any timber harvesting.

As noted in the Department of Water's Plantation Forestry and Water Management Guideline, a small reduction in stream flow or groundwater level is related to a small area of plantation forestry. As per section

6.1 of this document, native vegetation will be planted. This aligns well with recommendation 14 of the Department of Water's WQPN 6 Vegetation Buffers to Sensitive Water Resources. Due consideration to buffers will be given in accordance to the note when designing the plantation compartments.

There will be negligible impact on shire roads during the establishment phase of the project.

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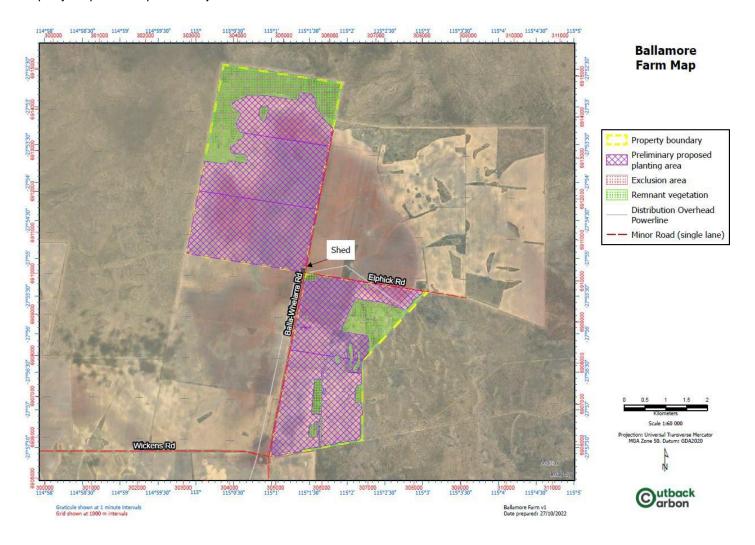
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General Property Map and Proposed Project Location



APPENDIX 2. - SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

No. and Date	Submitter	Submission Detail	Comment/Recommendation
Received			
1.		NO OBJECTION	
21/11/2022	Main Roads WA	Thank you for consulting Main Roads on the proposed development. The proposed project is not located adjacent to a road reserve under Main Roads jurisdiction. Accordingly, Main Roads does not object to the proposal and has no further comments.	Submission noted.
2. 24/11/2022	Neville J Humphries	SUPPORT No supporting comments	Noted.
3. 29/11/2022	Greg Teakle	SUPPORT No supporting comments	Noted.
4. 8/12/2022	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	NO OBJECTION Proposed agroforestry plantation adjoins ex - Coolcalcalaya station UCL to the west, north and east. DBCA notes the proposed plantation area is surrounded by bushfire prone vegetation and recommends Shire of Northampton ensure that all bushfire protection requirements for the plantation are provided for within the development area and do not place impositions or reliance upon management of the adjoining UCL areas. The proponent has indicated they will source seed for the plantation from adjoining remnant vegetation areas. This approach is supported by DBCA as this will ensure plantation timber species will be of similar provenance to adjoining native vegetation. DBCA notes that advice has already been provided to the proponent regarding the collection of seed, including a requirement to obtain a licence from DBCA for taking of flora on Crown Land, pursuant to Regulation 60 of the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018. DBCA has no objections to the proposal as outlined in your letter. It is anticipated that the proposed agroforestry	

		plantation development and any associated environmental impacts will be appropriately managed through the existing planning framework.	
5. 12/12/2022 LATE SUBMISSION	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	DPIRD supports this type of highly integrated alley system to reforest and revegetate agricultural land. DPIRD submission also outlines technical information pertaining to low rainfall environments like Binnu and the two landscape units (Dartmoor North subsystem 2 and Binnu North subsystem1) in the vicinity. DPIRD requests that the proponent has a wind erosion management plan developed to monitor and mitigate problems that may arise during the establishment period.	Submission noted and a copy provided to the Applicant/Proponent.

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4.3.23 Galena-Wandana ALA

Location: The Galena–Wandana ALA covers about 76 700 ha, comprising three small areas sitting on the northern fringe of the agricultural districts. The north-western area is about 28 000 ha, straddling the Murchison River to the east of the Kalbarri National Park; the central area is about 42 000 ha, sitting to the north-west of the Wandana Nature Reserve. The smaller, south-eastern portion is about 6000 ha and is bordered by the Wandana Nature Reserve on three sides

Characteristics: This area comprises a mix of yellow sandplain and dune ridges, red soil flats on relict alluvial plains and undulating granitic country. Most of the land has flat to gentle slopes. Currently it is used for grazing sheep (and a few cattle) and cropping wheat, as well as lupins, canola and very limited areas of chickpeas where soil types are suitable. Perennial pastures are increasingly important in grazing systems. Integration of oil mallee plantations into the farming mix on poorer performing soils is also becoming more prominent.

No significant irrigated agriculture exists. Twenty–two per cent of this area remains uncleared and a sizeable area is listed as flora conservation. Property and parcel sizes are typically very large.

Agricultural importance: The nature and productivity of the soils is varied. Though there are considerable areas of 'good quality' soils, the relatively low rainfall limits yields in most seasons.

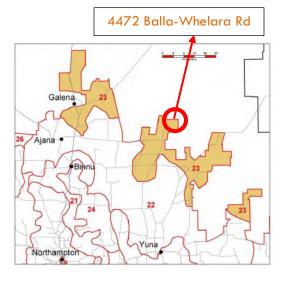
While some soils are highly suitable for horticulture, limited groundwater resources make irrigation developments unlikely. Current knowledge suggests that groundwater supplies are small, scattered and often of questionable quality.

Opportunities:

- good quality soils
- large property sizes
- profitability for broadacre agriculture is maintained by using low-input, low-risk systems.

Constraints:

- limited groundwater resources
- low rainfall
- traces of heavy metals may occur in the groundwater
- wildlife and vermin may reduce crop potential.



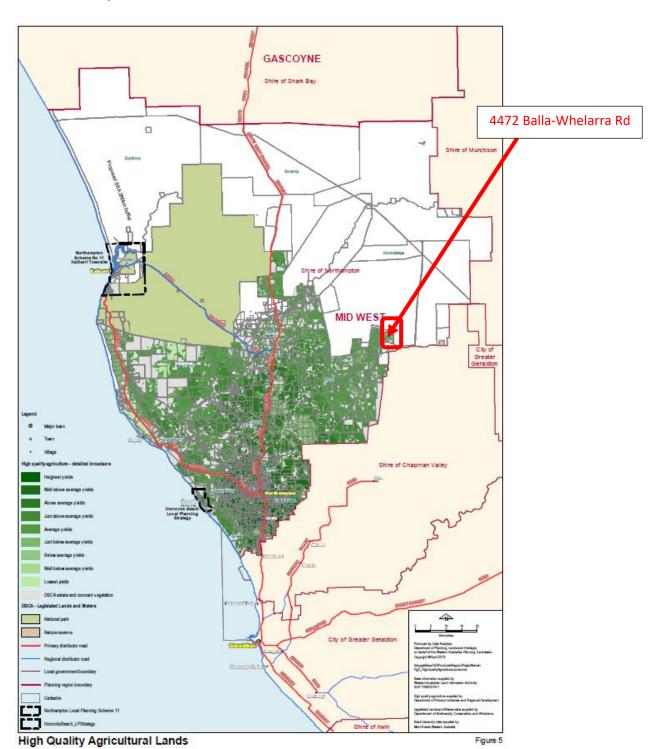
Identification of high quality agricultural land in the Geraldton Planning Region

Galena-Wandana ALA (76 700 ha)

Landform	This area is a mix of yellow sandplain, red soil flats on relict alluvial plains and undulating granitic country. Most of the land has flat to gentle slopes			Gradients: Dominantly 1-	-3% Ren	nnant vegetation: 22%	
Soils	The sandplains have Yellow deep sands and Yellow Sandy earths of variable quality (Eradu, Indarra, Eurangoa and Ajana series). Relict alluvial plains have Red-brown hardpan shallow loams and Red shallow loams (Mindage and Wilroy series) with Red shallow loamy duplexes (Northampton series) also found on sloping granitic terrain.						
Broadacre	Growing season rainfall o	ver past decade:	Average: 222 r	nm	Geographical range: 185-	-250 mm	
agriculture	Potential wheat production	on from all arable cleare	d land: 81 800 t		ld: 1.4 t/ha; yields range fi t/ha on better sandplain a		Value: \$20 million/year
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Groundwater	Estimated recharge to fresh aquifers: No significant recharge of fresh aquifers.						
resources	ources Regional aquifer general licensing No Yuna/Eradu GWSA or Northampton/Gelena GWSA general licensing components rela designated as being regional.				nents relate	to aquifers currently	
	Current knowledge and rec	harge estimates suggest	that groundwater	supplies are small, scat	tered and often of question	nable quality	
Irrigated	Horticulture potential: Alti	hough some soils are high	hly suitable for ho	rticulture, limited ground	lwater resources make irriç	gation devel	ppments unlikely.
agriculture	Potential water for irrigate	ed agriculture:	Area of mix	of enterprises irrigate	d by potential water:	Potential	value of irrigated crops:
	Maximum volume	0 ML/yr		0 ha (0% of ALA	١)		\$0
	Conservative volume	0 ML/yr		0 ha (0% of ALA	١)		\$0
Property	Average property size: 69	13 ha	Average parcel	(lot) size: 620 ha			
analysis	No. of properties: 25		No. of parcels (lots): 208	Average no. o	f parcels pe	r property: 10.8

Note: The data presented in this table are indicative only and should not be used without first reading the text in s 4.3. The regional aquifer general licensing components will not necessarily be available for licensing to agricultural users. Nor are they exclusively for the use of licensees located within the ALA. Recharge estimates do not translate directly into water availability. Crop yields do not represent actual production. Dollar values do not include the full contribution of agriculture activities to the economy. Yields and dollar values should not be used as a guide for enterprise budgeting.

APPENDIX 4 – HIGH QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LANDS SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON



LATE AGENDA ITEM

Moved Cr HORSTMAN seconded Cr BURGES

Council agree to deal with Late Item 7.3.4. as presented.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/11

12.11.1 APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR SINGLE HOUSE, OUTBUILDING AND RETAINING WALLS (R-CODE VARIATION) – LOT 260 (NO. 54) CENTROLEPIS CIRCUIT, KALBARRI (ITEM 7.3.4)

Location	Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri	
Applicant	Sean Gorman	
Owner	RC and DM Moore	
File Reference	10.6.1.1/A4137	
Date of Report	9 th November 2022	
Reporting Officer	Michelle Allen, Planning Officer	
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Appendices	Site Plan and Elevations (Single House & Outbuilding)	
	2. Plans (Retaining Wall Structures)	

AUTHORITY / DISCRETION:

Quasi-Judicial when Council determines an application within a clearly defined statutory framework, abiding by the principles of natural justice, acting only with discretion afforded it under law, and giving full consideration to Council policies and strategies relevant to the matter at hand. These decisions are reviewable by the State Administrative Tribunal.

SUMMARY:

Council is in receipt of an application for the development of a single house, outbuilding and retaining walls at Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri.

The application has been referred to Council because the proposed development is seeking several variations, including the placement of retaining walls between the street boundary and the street setback that are 2.4 metres above natural ground level. Council consideration is required due to the application seeking a number of variations to the 'Deemed-to-Comply' provisions of the Residential Deign Codes of WA ("R-Codes") in relation to site works and lot boundary setbacks which do not meet 'Design Principle' provisions.

This report recommends Council grant conditional approval to the single house, outbuilding and retaining walls subject to conditions that will result in minor amendments to the proposed development in order to adequately address the design principles for lot boundary setback and site works.

LOCALITY PLANS:

Figure 1. Locality plan of Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri

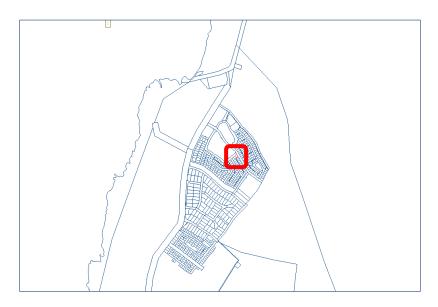
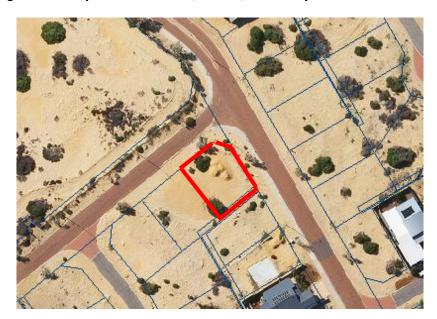


Figure 2. Site plan of Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri



BACKGROUND:

An application has been received to construct a single house, outbuilding and retaining walls upon Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri. It is apparent upon assessment that the Applicant is seeking a number of variations to the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia (R-Codes), particularly for the proposed retaining wall structures along the front and side boundaries of Lot 260.

The Proposal:

The proposed development is seeking to construct a single house, outbuilding and retaining walls on Lot 260 Centrolepis Circuit which has a total site variation of 2.23m over the lot.

Location	Level	Variation
NE – Side (Flora Boulevard)	9.09m to 10.30m	1.21m
NW – Front (Centrolepis Circuit)	9.09m to 10.34m	1.25m
SE — Side lot boundary	10.30m to 11.20m	0.90m
SW — Side lot boundary	10.34 front to 11.32 rear	0.98m

The lowest point of the site is 9.09 on the northern side which is located on the corner of the lot of Centrolepis Circuit and Flora Boulevard. The highest point of the lot is located in the southern corner directly opposite with a measure of 11.32. Therefore, according to the survey and site plans provided as part of the application documentation variation over the whole site is 2.23.

There are two levels of retaining wall proposed on the front and side boundaries and site levels in that area measure at the lowest point 9.20 to the highest point 10.30. This equates to a site variation in the area where the two retaining walls are proposed of 1.1 metres.

Site Works	
Deemed to Comply Standard	Proposal
R Codes Clause 5.3.7	
Site Works	
C7.1 Retaining walls and site works between the street boundary and the street setback shall be no more than 0.5m above or below the natural ground level.	The development proposes site fill and retaining walls on the front and side boundary to a maximum height of 2.4 metres above natural ground level between the street boundary and street setback.

C7.2 Retaining walls, fill and excavation within the site and behind the required street setback to comply with Table 4

See Table below.

C7.3 Subject to subclause C7.2, all excavation or filling behind a street setback line and within 1m of a lot boundary, not more than 0.5m above the natural ground level at the lot boundary except where otherwise stated in the scheme, local planning policy, structure plan or local development plan.

Fill within 1m of adjoining boundaries is above $0.5 \, \mathrm{m}$

Details of the retaining wall structures are as follows:

Retaining Wall	Location	Proposed Wall Height	R-Code Setback	Actual Setback
RW1 — 2nd level of retaining	Front & Side lot boundaries (NW, N & NE)	2.4m	2.5m	Nil to 1.5m
RW2 - 1st level of retaining	Front & Side lot boundaries (NW, N & NE)	1.34-1.54m	1.5-2m	Nil
RW3 — Side & rear walls of outbuilding	Side lot boundary (Outbuilding on SW side)			Nil – side 2.53m rear
RW4 — Basement Walls	Side and Rear walls of basement area (90.75m²)			5m - 6.3m side
RW5 – Ensuite Wall	Rear Ensuite Wall (SE)			0.6m to 1.2m

Copies of the applicant's site, floor and elevation plans have been included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

In consideration of the application the following information is provided:

Lot Size (Lot 260)	599m ²		
Existing Development	Vacant		
Access & Frontage	Centrolepis Circuit and Flora Boulevard		
Services	Water, Sewer, Telephone and Power		
Topography	Undulating		
Vegetation	Cleared, with existing landscaping		
Surrounding Land Uses	Residential R20		

The application has been brought before Council for the following variations to the Residential Design Codes:

- Retaining walls and fill between the street boundary and the street setback;
- Impact of building bulk on the adjoining property on the south-eastern side boundary; and
- Reduced setback sought in relation to the outbuilding on the south-western side boundary.

It is noted for Council information that a number of other variations were sought within the Applicant's original development application, however these are considered to have already been adequately addressed through the application of the design principles.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Given the variations being sought by the proposed additions to the single house, outbuilding and retaining walls, the application has been advertised in accordance with Section 64 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)* Regulations 2015, which requires the local government to give notice to adjacent landowners who are likely to be impacted by the proposed development:

"(3) (a) by giving notice of the proposed use or development to owners and occupiers of properties in the vicinity of the development who, in the opinion of the local government, are likely to be affected by the granting of development approval, including a statement that submissions may be made to the local government by a specified day being a day not less than 14 days from the day on which the notice is given to the person..."

In accordance with the above requirements, correspondence was sent to five adjoining and adjacent landowners. The advertising period closed on 28th October 2022 and no submissions were received.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

An Application for Development Approval fee of \$640 has been charged in line with the 2021/22 statutory Planning Fees and Charges for an application seeking R-Code variations and based upon the estimated cost of development submitted for the single house, outbuilding and retaining walls being \$200,000.

Should Council refuse this application and the applicant proceed to exercise their right of appeal, costs are likely to be imposed on the Shire through its involvement in the appeal process

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

State: Planning and Development Act 2005

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015

State Planning Policy 7.1 - Residential Design Codes (2021)

Local: Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 11

Planning and Development Act 2005

In accordance with Schedule 2, Clause 76(2) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 and Part 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, the applicant would have the right to apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review of Council's determination.

Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015

The Shire is to have due regard to the matters set out in Schedule 2, Clause 67 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations* 2015 (LPS Regulations) in determining an application. The due regard matters relevant to this application are:

- (a) the aims and provisions of this Scheme and any other local planning scheme operating within the Scheme area;
- (c) any approved State planning policy;
- (m) the compatibility of the development with its setting including the relationship of the development to development on adjoining land or on other land in the locality including, but not limited to, the likely effect of the height, bulk, scale, orientation and appearance of the development;
- (n) the amenity of the locality including the following –
- (i) environmental impacts of the development;
- (ii) the character of the locality; and
- (iii) social impacts of the development;
- (zb) any other planning consideration the local government considers appropriate.

Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 11

The land is zoned "Residential R20" under the Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 11- Kalbarri Townsite with a "Single House" and associated structures such as an 'Outbuilding and Retaining Walls' considered to be a permitted 'P' use where it complies with the 'Deemed-to-comply' provisions of the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia.

The objective of the "Residential" zone is:

- To provide for a range of housing and a choice of residential densities to meet the needs of the community.
- To facilitate and encourage high quality design, built form and streetscapes throughout residential areas; and
- To provide for a range of non-residential uses, which are compatible with and complimentary to residential development."

State Planning Policy 7.3 - Residential Design Codes (2021)

The Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) are formulated using a modified "performance" approach. The "Deemed-to-Comply" provisions contained in the R-Codes provide a means by which development can be assessed as being compliant, while the "Design Principles" allow the possibility of other ways to achieve an acceptable outcome.

The proposed development, being a single house, outbuilding and retaining walls, complies with the "Deemed-to-Comply" provisions of the *Residential Design Codes* (2021), with the exception of:

- Lot Boundary Setback Clause 5.1.3; and
- Site Works Clause 5.3.7.

The focus of this report are the variations that relate to the impact of building bulk on both the streetscape and adjoining property which is considered to be significant.

These clauses of the Residential Design Codes will be examined in further detail.

<u>Lot Boundary Setbacks – Cl. 5.1.3</u>

The proposed development is not able to satisfy the following "Deemed-to-Comply" provisions of the R-Codes in terms of lot boundary setbacks under the clause 5.1.3:

- "C3.1 Buildings which are set back in accordance with the following provisions, subject to any additional measures in other elements of the R-Codes:
- i. buildings set back from lot boundaries in accordance with Table 1, Tables
 2a and 2b (refer to Figure Series 3 and 4); "

The setback required as per table 2A of the R-Codes is 2.4 metres, with the Applicant proposing a nil setback on side (south-eastern) boundary to the adjoining property on Flora Boulevard.

Where the "Deemed-to-Comply" provisions are not able to be met, it is necessary to assess that component of the design against the relevant "Design Principles".

The "Design Principles" for lot boundary setbacks are:

"P3.1 Buildings set back from lot boundaries so as to:

- reduce impacts of building bulk on adjoining properties;
- provide adequate direct sun and ventilation to the building and open spaces on the site and adjoining properties; and
- minimise the extent of overlooking and resultant loss of privacy on adjoining properties."

The proposed development is seeking an increased maximum overall height of retaining wall structure(s) to 2.4 metres which is considered to add to the significant impact of building bulk of the site in light of the variation to site levels in the location of the front and side boundary walls being in the vicinity of 1.1 metres.

Lot boundary setbacks to both retaining wall structures on the front (northern) and side (north-eastern) boundaries are seeking a variation from 1.1 metres to nil setback on the first retaining wall and a variation from 2.4 metres to nil setback on the second retaining wall.

Further discussion is provided within the Comment section of the report.

Outbuilding: In the case of the outbuilding, a wall structure is proposed to sit on the south western side boundary with a nil setback for an 8.7 metre long parapet wall that is 4 metres above natural ground level. Therefore, due to the wall's height a variation is sought for a nil setback.

Whilst the structure does not meet "Deemed-to-Comply" provision(s) of the R-Codes as per Clause 5.1.3 Lot Boundary Setback, it does meet the associated design principles and is considered to have no adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining property. This is further underscored by the adjoining landowner not providing any objection to the proposal when referred to them for comment.

<u>Retaining Wall structures</u>: The proposed development includes retaining wall structures that do not meet 'Deemed-to-Comply' provisions, as follows:

- The retaining wall on the rear (south eastern) boundary is proposed to a height of 2.2 metres and to include the building to sit atop the retaining wall that will measure 5.6 metres above natural ground level. At this height and even with a setback distance over 3.5 metres proposed, it is considered that building bulk will impact on the adjoining landowner. (see **Figure 1**).
- The retaining walls proposed on the front and side lot boundaries of Lot 260 will vary in height from 1.1 metre to 2.4 metres.

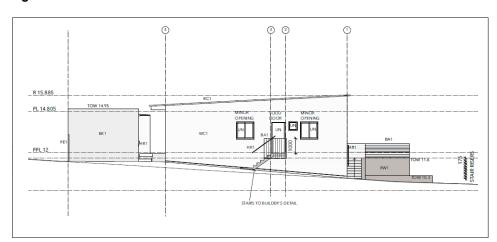


Figure 1 - South Eastern Elevation

<u>Site Works – Cl. 5.3.7</u>

The proposed development does not satisfy the following "Deemed-to-Comply" provision(s) of the R-Codes in terms of the site works under cl. 5.3.7:

- C7.1 Retaining walls, fill and excavation between the street boundary and the street setback, not more than 0.5m above or below the natural ground level, except where necessary to provide for pedestrian, universal and/or vehicle access, drainage works or natural light to a dwelling.
- C7.2 Retaining walls, fill and excavation within the site and behind the required street setback to comply with Table 4.

Table 4 – Setback of site works and retaining walls

Height of site works and/ or retaining walls	Required minimum setback			
0.5m or less	0m			
1m	1m			
1.5m	1.5m			
2m	2m			
2.5m	2.5m			
3m	3m			

The proposed development includes a number of retaining walls, including two walls situated along both the front and side boundaries of Lot 260 seeking extensive site fill. The retaining walls range in height from 1.1 metre to 2.4 metres (see **Figures 2 and 3**).

Figure 2 - North western (Front) elevation

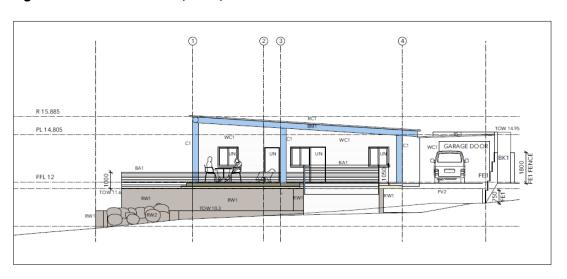
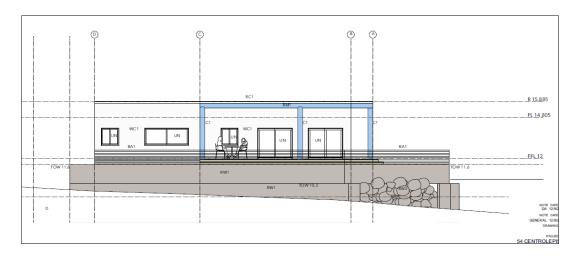
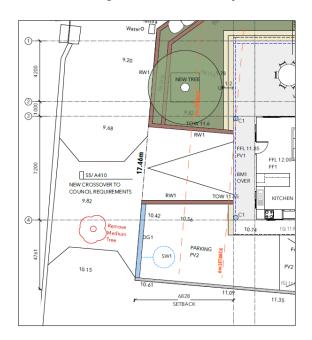


Figure 3 - North eastern (Side) elevation



In addition, there are two retaining walls within the front setback area that are both over 0.5m in height. These walls sit along the truncated corner and run south towards the driveway that sits wholly within the street setback area. The first wall is 0.700m in height and the second wall is 2 metres in height. Given the height of the retaining wall, which is in excess of 0.5m within the street setback area, it is not considered to comply with the 'deemed-to-comply' criteria (see **Figure 4**).

Figure 4 - Placement of retaining walls to driveway



Where the "Deemed-to-comply" provisions are not able to be met, it is necessary to assess that component of the design against the relevant design principle(s).

The design principle for site works is:

- P7.1 Development that considers and responds to the natural features of the site and requires minimal excavation/fill.
- P7.2 Where excavation/fill is necessary, all finished levels respecting the natural ground level at the lot boundary of the site and as viewed from the street.
- P7.3 Retaining walls that result in land which can be effectively used for the benefit of residents and do not detrimentally affect adjoining properties and are designed, engineered and landscaped having due regard to clauses 5.3.7 and 5.4.1

An examination of the proposed development against the Design Principles of Cl. 5.3.7 will be provided within the 'Comment' section of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

COMMENT:

Assessment of the application indicates that the proposed additions comply with the objectives of the "Residential" zone as prescribed by the Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No. 11. There are, however, a number of variations being sought to the "Deemed-to-Comply" provisions of the Residential Design Codes. While the proposed development partially addresses the principles relating to: the lot boundary setbacks, there are a number of exceptions principally relating to site works.

Site Works and Retaining Walls

The R Codes 'deemed-to-comply' standard allows for retaining walls, excavation or fill to not exceed 0.5 metres above or below the natural ground level. The application proposes fill of up to 2.4 metres in some areas, whilst the site levels vary in height to a total of 2.1 metres from the lowest point to the highest point on the lot overall as shown on the contour and site plans.

The Applicant has included the following supporting justification for the proposed variation:

In regards to the retaining that doesn't meet R-Code deemed to comply requirements, I submit the following justification:

- the retaining walls allow for a level uncovered outdoor living area on the north side of the house that will be to the benefit of the resident including shelter from the wind and access to winter sun.
- allows for vehicle access to undercroft garage which will conceal vehicles and equipment from the street.

- does not detrimentally affect adjacent properties
- existing ground levels along the boundary are maintained along the south and east boundaries
- retaining walls viewed from the street will be aesthetically pleasing limestone blockwork and feature boulders.
- precedent: there are many examples of non-compliant boundary retaining walls in the area that have been approved by the council. Please see the attached photos.

The proposed site works and retaining wall height do not satisfy the design principles of the R Codes for the following reasons:

Response to natural topography

The subject site has a crossfall from the southern corner (highest point where outbuilding is proposed) to the northern corner (lowest point) of 2.1 metres. The proposed site fill and retaining wall level exceed this height measurement and are proposing fill to a height of 2.4 metres. In the immediate area where the retaining walls are located, the second wall is proposed to have a top of wall measurement of 11.6m in an area of the lot with a site level variation of only 1.1 metres (9.2 to 10.3). Therefore the site fill and retaining wall heights being proposed in the area at 2.4 metres and 1.3 metres respectively greatly exceed site levels in the area and are not considered to respond to the natural features of the site.

It is noted that the proposed development includes the construction of an undercroft garage. While it is anticipated the site may require some retaining for the dwelling, it appears that the finished floor levels of the dwelling and therefore the necessary retaining, are being determined by the height of the undercroft structure. In terms of Design Principle P7.1 the development is not responding to the natural features of the site and is requiring a greater amount of excavation/fill to achieve the development.

Impact to streetscape

The proposed site works include fill and works to a height level that exceeds site levels in the area and are considered to adversely impact the site as viewed from the street as the maximum top of wall measurement proposed at 11.6 will require a portion of retaining wall to sit 2.4 metres above natural ground level which is considered excessive. The proposed levels do not correspond with the levels of the site and adjoining/adjacent sites in the vicinity and are therefore considered to be inconsistent with the prevailing streetscape.

Justification has been provided by the Applicant in accordance with Design Principle P7.3, that the retaining walls allow for a level uncovered outdoor living area on the north side of the house that will be to the benefit of the resident including shelter from the wind and access to winter sun. While this is acknowledged it is considered that this could also be provided with a reduction in retaining.

Again, while some level of fill is necessary, the proposed retaining does not respect the natural ground level at the lot boundary of the site as viewed from the street.

In order to address the impact on streetscape it is recommended that the retaining walls within the street setback area be modified by either reducing their overall height or being setback further from the street boundary.

Impact to adjoining properties

The maximum amount of site works is proposed where the two retaining walls sit on Centrolepis Circuit and extend for a distance east along Flora Boulevard. Whilst the retaining walls are proposed for a distance of 22.15 metres along Flora Boulevard, the first retaining wall will decrease in height to nil. The second retaining wall at that same point will sit 1.3 metres above natural ground level. It is recognised that some adjoining sites in the area have crossfalls from the south to the north, however, proposed site fill to a height of 2.4 metre on Lot 260 within the primary street setback is considered excessive with potential to detrimentally affect adjoining properties in the area.

Matters to be considered - LPS Regulations 2015

The following assessment is provided against Clause 67:

- a) the aims and provisions of this Scheme and any other local planning scheme operating within the Scheme area
- b) To facilitate and encourage high quality design, built form and streetscapes throughout residential areas; and
- c) any approved State planning policy;

Assessment has been undertaken against SPP7.3 – Residential Design Codes of Western Australia

- m) the compatibility of the development with its setting including the relationship of the development to development on adjoining land or on other land in the locality including, but not limited to, the likely effect of the height, bulk, scale, orientation and appearance of the development;
- n) the amenity of the locality including the following
 - (i) environmental impacts of the development;
 - (ii) the character of the locality; and
 - (iii) social impacts of the development;

zb) any other planning consideration the local government considers appropriate

The Applicant has cited the incident of precedent as a justification for the site works and over height retaining walls, providing a range of photos for consideration. While some of these retaining walls are over height and with nil street setback, they have been individually determined against the merits of the application and the particular characteristics of the site. It is further noted that some retaining walls shown in the photos were constructed as part of the subdivision and not as individual development applications.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Absolute Majority Required: No.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that Council grant development approval to the proposed single dwelling, outbuilding and retaining walls upon Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri subject to the conditions outlined below. These conditions aim to minimise the impact of the retaining walls on Centrolepis Circuit and Flora Boulevard and minimise the potential for detrimental impacts on the streetscape and adjoining properties.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.10.4

Moved Cr STEWART seconded Cr HORSTMAN

That Council grant development approval for the proposed Single Dwelling, Outbuilding and Retaining Walls upon Lot 260 (No. 54) Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri subject to the following conditions:

- Development shall be in accordance with the attached approved plans dated 16 December 2022 and subject to any modifications required as a consequence of this approval. The endorsed plan(s) shall not be modified or altered without the prior written approval of the local government;
- If the development/use the subject of this approval is not substantially completed within a period of 2 years after the date of the determination the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect;
- Any additions to or change of use of any part of the building or land (not the subject of this consent/approval) requires further application and planning approval for that use/addition;
- A building permit shall be issued by the local government prior to the commencement of any work on the site;
- 5 All stormwater is to be disposed of on-site to the specifications and approval of the local government;
- 6 Any soils disturbed or deposited on site shall be stabilised to the approval of the local government;
- 7 The Applicant is required to obtain approval from the Water Corporation in relation to location and servicing of water mains and sewers;
- A materials and colour schedule for the dwelling shall be submitted prior to construction of the development and be to the approval of the local government. The materials and colours chosen shall be non-reflective and in keeping with the natural coastal environment so as to lessen the visual impact of the repurposed dwelling on the amenity of the area;
- 9 Installation of crossing places and verge gradients shall be to the standards and specifications of the local government (refer to Advice Note 3);

- 10 Access, driveway, manoeuvring and car parking areas to be paved/sealed, drained and thereafter maintained to the approval of the local government;
- All parking of vehicles (including boats and trailers) associated with the property is to be provided for within the property boundary, and the street verge area is to be kept free of such vehicles;
- 12 The position of all retaining walls along the North-western, north-eastern, south-eastern and south-western boundaries shall be situated wholly within the property boundary of Lot 260 Centrolepis Circuit, Kalbarri as marked in 'RED' on the attached approved plan(s) dated 16 December 2022;
- The height of the retaining walls along Centrolepis Circuit and Flora Boulevard shall be reduced in height by 0.600m so as to meet requirements of Clause 5.3.7 of the Residential Design Codes (2021);
- 14 The finish of the retaining wall on the affected adjoining landowner's sides is to be:
 - a. Face finish brickwork with tooled joints;
 - b. Non face finish brick (i.e., commons) to have sand finish render; c.Concrete panels to have smooth finish;
 - d. Face finish limestone blocks with tooled joints;
 - e. Concrete blocks larger than 0.16m2 (standard 200mm x 400mm)

to

have sand finish render as determined by the local government;

or

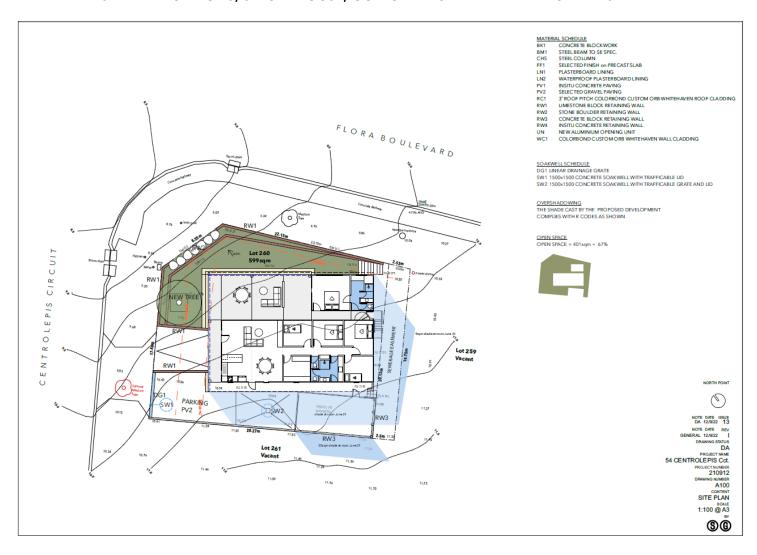
- f. Face finish concrete block less than 0.16m2 with tooled joints.
- 15 Any lighting installed on the building, yard areas or car parking areas shall be located and designed in a manner that ensures:
 - (a) all illumination is confined within the boundaries of the property; and
 - (b) there shall not be any glare nuisance caused to adjoining residents or passing traffic, to the approval of the local government.
- Bin storage and clothes drying areas shall be provided and appropriately screened such that they are not visible from the view from the street/s, to the approval of the local government; and
- 17 The Applicant/Owner shall include the minimum tree requirement on Lot 260, being one (1) tree with a minimum tree planting area of 2 metres by 2 metres per tree within the street setback area of Lot 260 Centrolepis Circuit so as to address the requirements of Clause 5.3.2 of the Residential Design Codes (2021).

Advice Notes

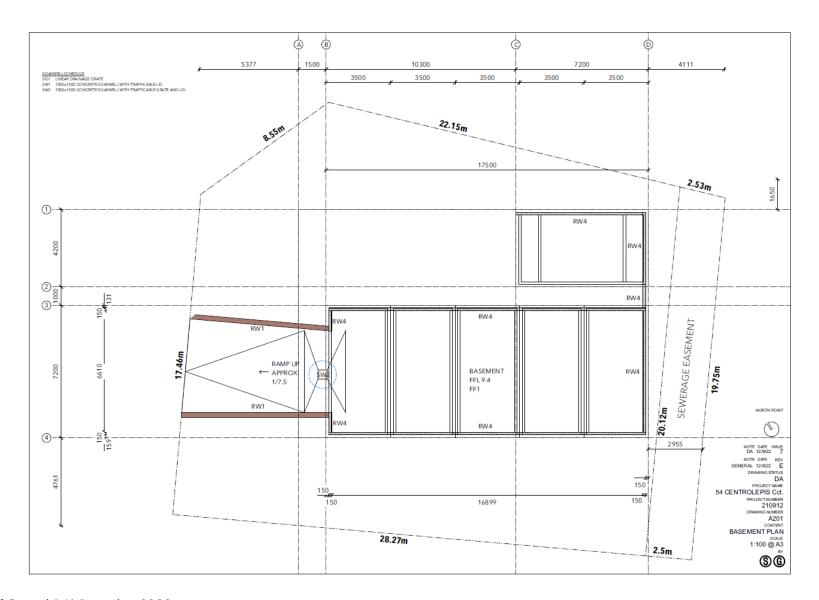
- Note 1 With regard to Condition No. 12, it is recommended that the services of a licensed surveyor be employed to verify the exact boundary positions.
- Note 2 As portions of the retaining wall is greater in height than 0.750m it will require the installation of fencing to meet the required standards as specified by the Building Code of Australia.
- Note 3 With regard to Condition No. 9, it is advised that the Applicant should liaise with the Shire of Northampton's Manager of Works and Technical Services to determine crossover, verge gradient and additional retaining requirements.
- Note 4 With regard to Condition No. 17, the minimum tree planting area is to be provided for each tree and shown on the site plan. The tree planting area is to be free of impervious surfaces and roof cover.
- Note 5 If the development/use the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years, or another period specified in the approval after the date of determination, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect.
- Note 6 Where an approval has so lapsed, no development must be carried out without the further approval of the local government having first been sought and obtained.
- Note 7 Assessment of the application was based on the use of the dwelling for residential purposes and any changes to this use (e.g. for tourist/holiday accommodation) requires further application and development approval for that use.
- Note 8 If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of determination.

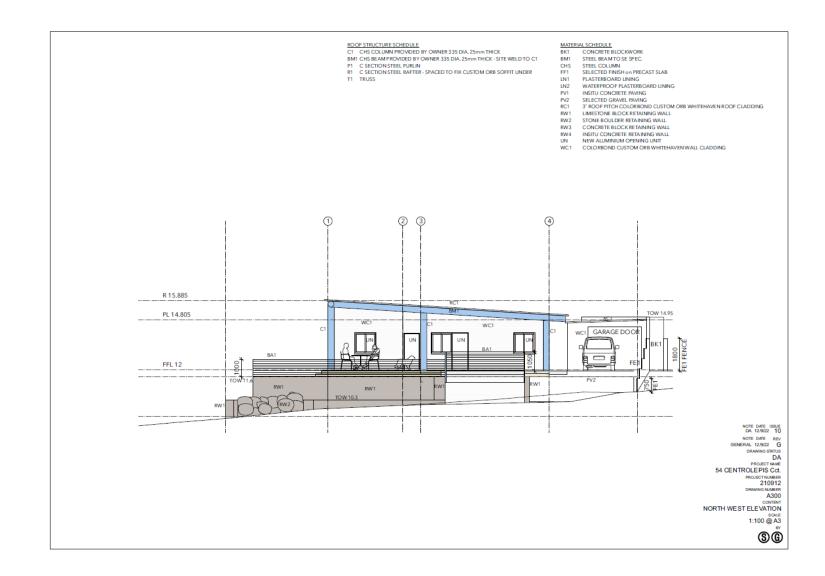
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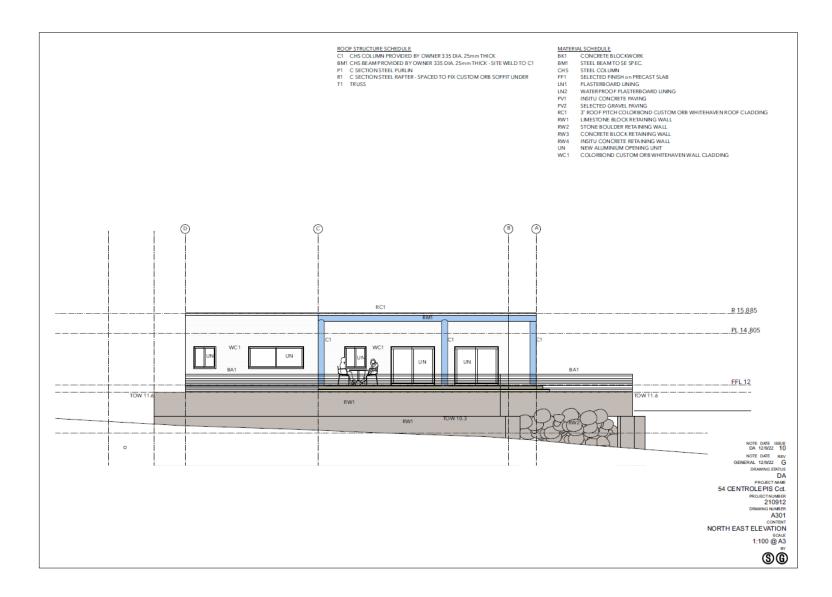
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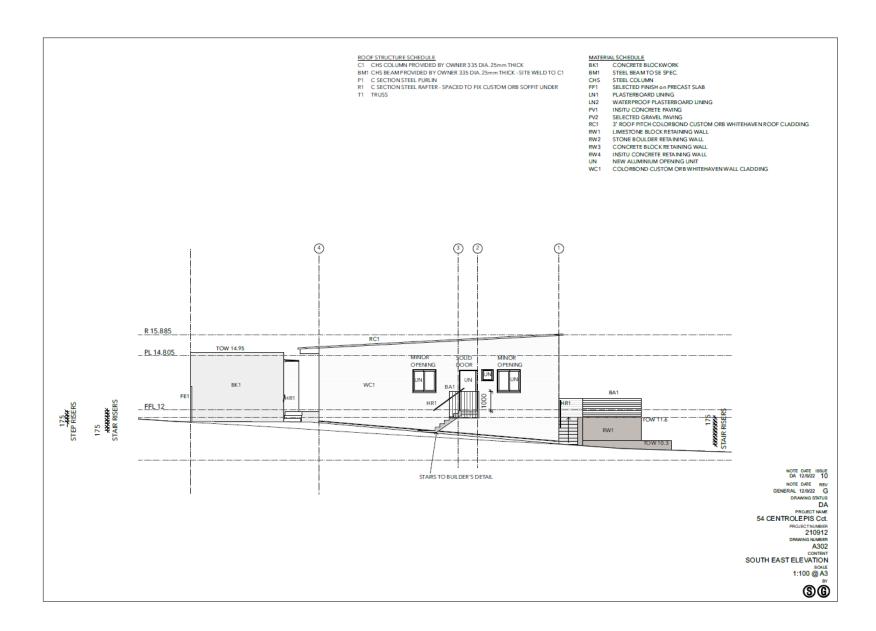


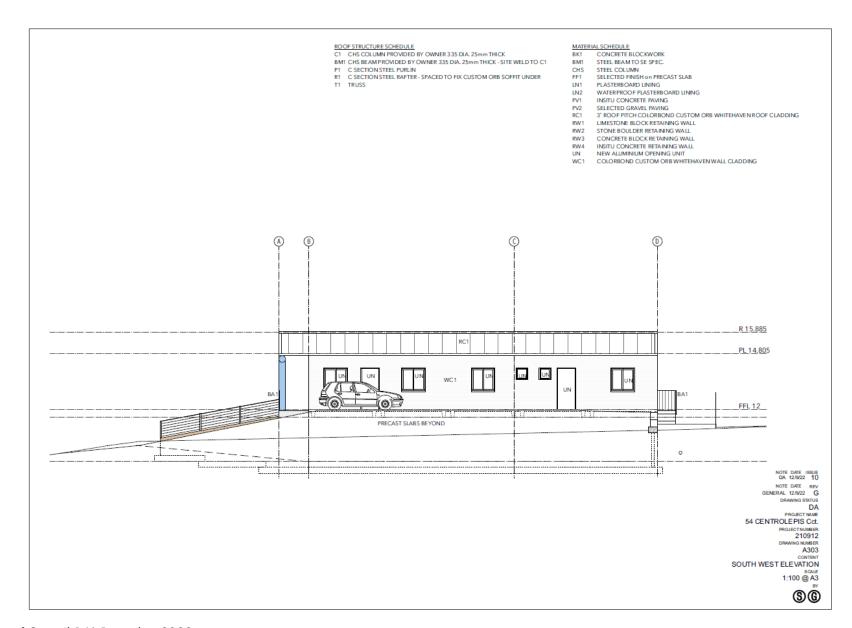




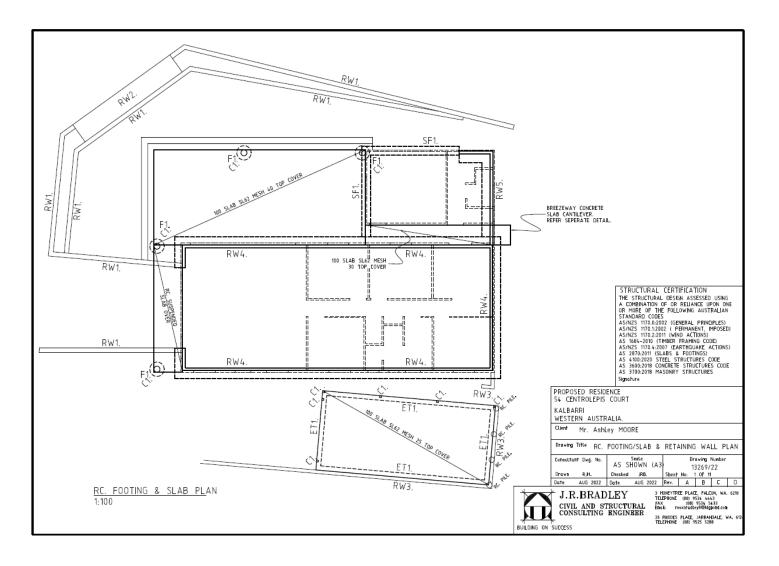


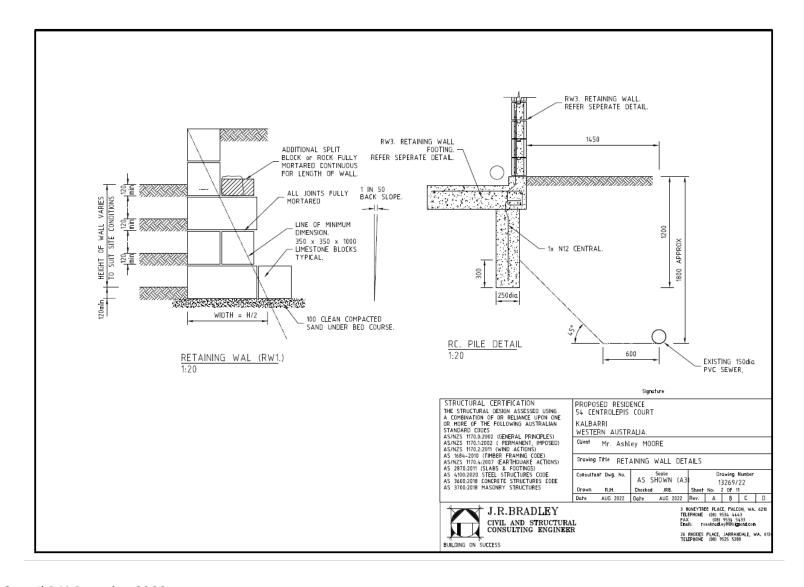


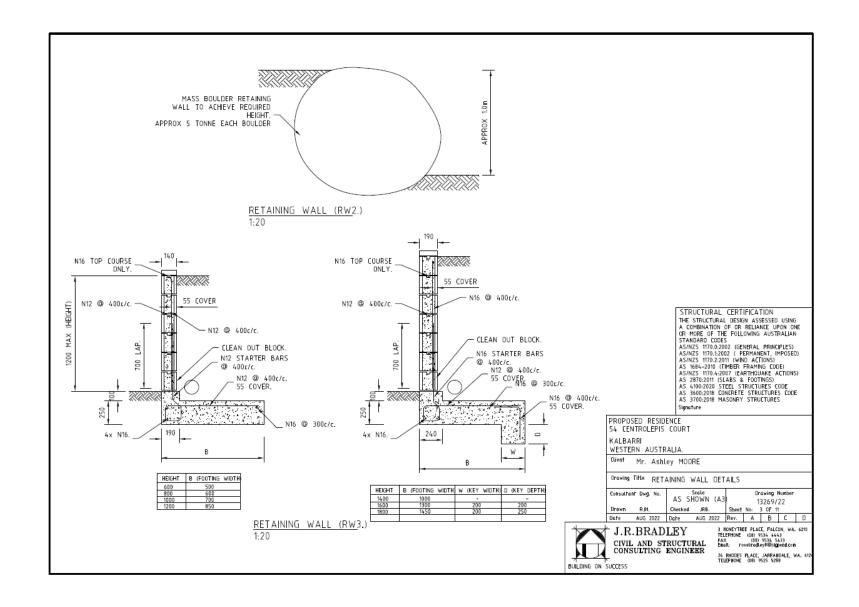


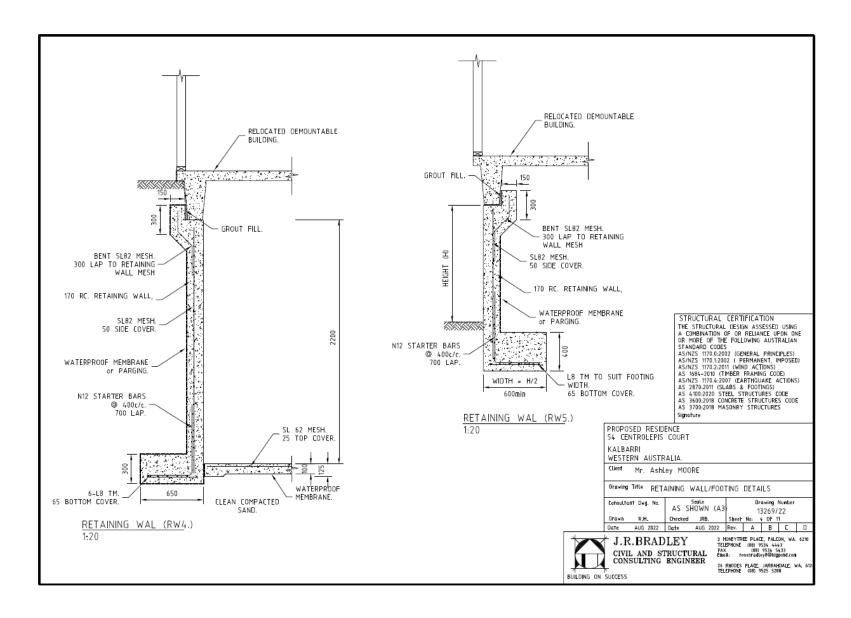


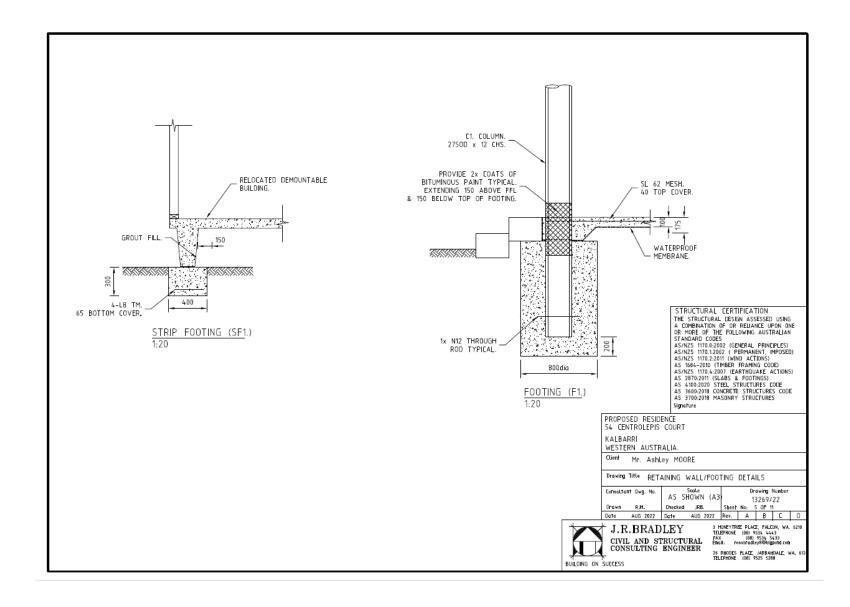
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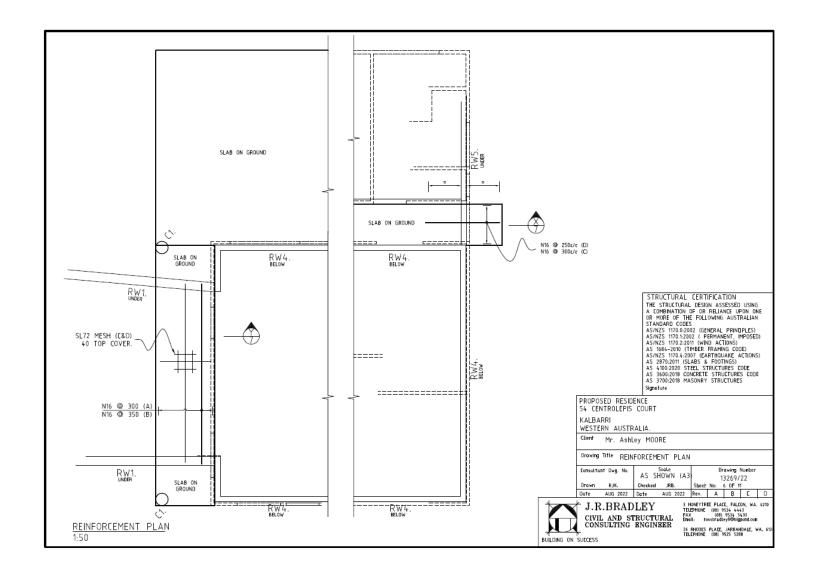


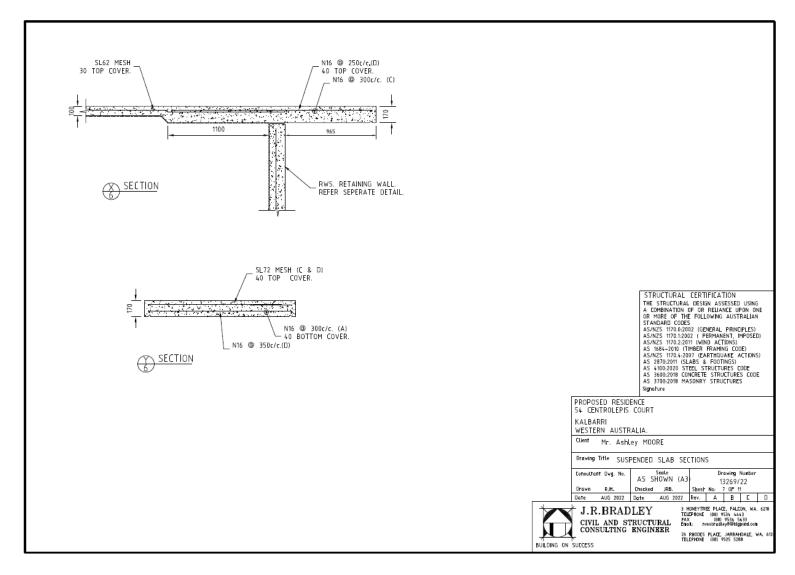


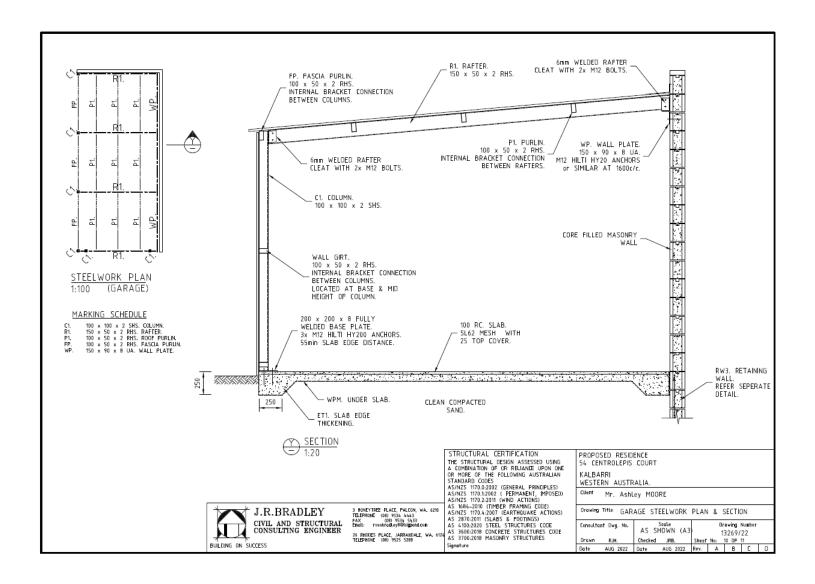












12.11.5 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 7.3.4)

Noted

12.12 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

12.12.1	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
12.12.2	MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — NOVEMBER 2022
12.12.3	CYCLONE SEROJA DONATIONS
12.12.4	BUDGET VARIATIONS
12.12.5	CREDIT CARD LIMIT INCREASE

12.12.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 7.4.1)

File Reference	1.1.1
Date of Report	9 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Leanne Rowe, Finance Officer
Responsible Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. List of Accounts

SUMMARY

Council to authorise the payments as presented.

BACKGROUND:

A list of payments submitted to Council on 16th December 2022, for confirmation in respect of accounts already paid or for the authority to those unpaid.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

A list of payments is required to be presented to Council as per section 13 of the Local Government Act (Financial Management Regulations 1996).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council Delegation F02 allows the CEO to make payments from the Municipal bank accounts. These payments are required to be presented to Council each month in accordance with Financial Management Regulations 13 (1) for recording in the minutes.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Absolute Majority Required:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.12.1

Moved Cr SUDLOW seconded Cr BURGES

That Municipal Fund Cheques 22301 to 22317 inclusive totalling \$64,259.13, Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT24229 to EFT24334 inclusive totalling \$608,771.68, Direct Debit payments numbered GJ0501 to GJ0507 inclusive totalling \$270,761.45 be passed for payment and the items therein be declared as authorized expenditure.

CARRIED BY ABOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0
Minute Reference 12-22/13

12.12.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2022 (ITEM 7.4.2)

File Reference	1.1.1
Date of Report	9 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Monthly Financial Report for November 2022

SUMMARY

Council to adopt the monthly financial reports as presented.

BACKGROUND:

This information is provided to Council in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The Monthly Statements of Financial Activity for the period ending 30 November 2022 are detailed from page 1 to page 27 per the attached Monthly Financial Report.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The 30th November 2022 financial position is comprised of the following:

Total operating revenue has a surplus position of \$1,524,672 and operating expenditure has a surplus position of \$19,359 to the end of November 2022. The surplus revenue position is largely due to the receival of \$750,000 for Insurance and LRCI grant revenue. The expenditure variances are spread across multiple programs and not considered significant at this stage of the year.

Investing and Financing variances will reconcile as the year progresses and it is anticipated there will be no significant budget variations.

Further explanations of material variations are detailed by reporting program in Note 16 of the Monthly Financial Report.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. The current Council Policy sets the material variance at \$5,000.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority Required:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION - 12.12.2

Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30 November 2022.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/14

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the Statement of Financial Activity)
For the period ending 30 November 2022

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

SUMMARY INFORMATION

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 30 November 2022

BASIS OF PREPARATION

REPORT PURPOSE

This report is prepared to meet the requirements of *Local* Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 34. Note: The statements and accompanying notes are prepared based on all transactions recorded at the time of preparation and may vary due to transactions being processed for the reporting period after the date of preparation.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

This statement comprises a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities and to the extent they are not in-consistent with the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities,

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All Funds through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in this statement. In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated. All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the statement, but a separate statement of those monies appears at Note 14.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

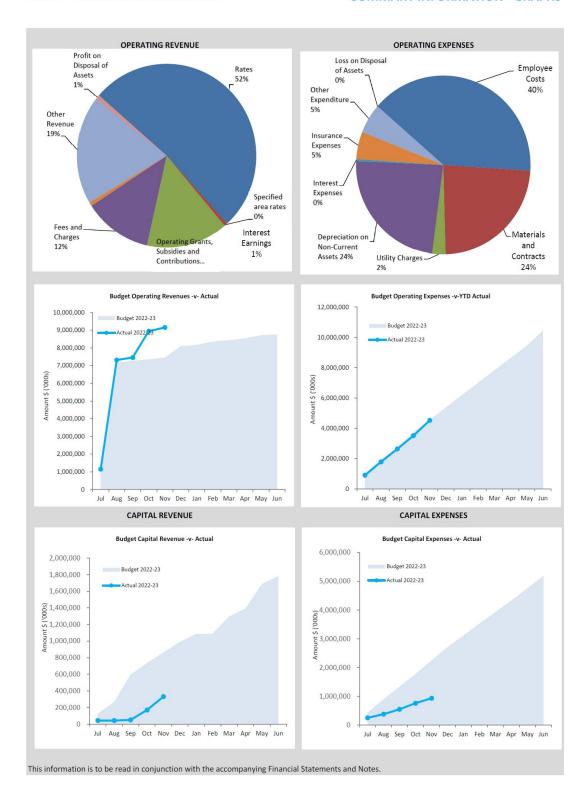
CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances: the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

ROUNDING OFF FIGURES

All figures shown in this statement are rounded to the nearest dollar.

SUMMARY INFORMATION - GRAPHS



Please refer to the compilation report

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KEY TERMS AND DESCRIPTIONS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

STATUTORY REPORTING PROGRAMS

Shire operations as disclosed in these financial statements encompass the following service orientated activities/programs.

COL	/EDNIA	NICE

To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.

ACTIVITIES

Includes the activities of members of council and the administrative support available to the Council for the provision of governance of the district.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.

Supervision and enforcement of various local laws relating to fire prevention, animal control and other aspects of public safety including emergency services.

HEALTH

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.

Inspection of food outlets and their control, administration of health local laws and maintenance

EDUCATION AND WELFARE

To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth.

Maintenance of child minding centre's, youth programs and Pioneer Lodge Self Supporting Loan.

HOUSING

To provide and maintain shire housing.

Provision and maintenance of shire housing.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

To provide services required by the community.

Rubbish collection services, operation of rubbish disposal sites, litter control, construction and maintenance of urban storm water drains, protection of the environment and administration of town planning schemes, cemetery and public conveniences.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resource which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

Maintenance of public halls and buildings, recreation centres and various sporting facilities. Provision and maintenance of parks, gardens and playgrounds. Operation of library, other cultural facilities.

TRANSPORT

To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.

Construction and maintenance of roads, streets, footpaths, depots, cycle ways, parking facilities and traffic control. Cleaning of streets and maintenance of street trees, street lighting etc.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

To help promote the shire and its economic wellbeing.

Tourism and area promotion including the maintenance and operation of camping facilities. Provision of Building Services and Port Gregory Water Supply.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

To monitor and control Shire's overhead operating accounts.

Private works operation, plant repair and operation costs and engineering operation costs.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

STATUTORY REPORTING PROGRAMS

	Ref Note	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
Opening funding surplus / (deficit)	1(c)	3,011,814	3,011,814	3,011,814	(0)	(0.00%)	
Revenue from operating activities							
Governance		115,722	60,710	72,234	11,524	18.98%	A
General purpose funding	6	5,238,296	4,971,079	5,701,993	730,914	14.70%	A
Law, order and public safety		101,588	42,315	46,992	4,677	11.05%	
Health Education and welfare		30,112 59,943	12,540 43,925	11,195 40,905	(1,345) (3,020)	(10.72%) (6.87%)	
Housing		71,636	29,845	22,844	(7,001)	(23.46%)	•
Community amenities		1,061,727	929,347	956,316	26,969	2.90%	À
Recreation and culture		30,233	12,585	57,559	44,974	357.36%	<u> </u>
Transport		319,506	295,436	254,024	(41,412)	(14.02%)	\blacksquare
Economic services		241,790	172,330	206,554	34,224	19.86%	A
Other property and services		1,625,740	1,065,485	1,789,652	724,167	67.97%	A
		8,896,293	7,635,597	9,160,269	1,524,672		A
Expenditure from operating activities							
Governance		(1,005,116)	(460,177)	(444,280)	15,897	3.45%	A
General purpose funding		(281,054)	(121,132)	(130,153)	(9,021)	(7.45%)	•
Law, order and public safety		(416,715)	(192,060)	(188,356)	3,704	1.93%	
Health		(220,840)	(95,203)	(96,739)	(1,536)	(1.61%)	
Education and welfare		(92,081)	(58,596)	(89,790)	(31,194)	(53.24%)	•
Housing		(77,697)	(39,091)	(43,512)	(4,421)	(11.31%)	
Community amenities		(1,949,451)	(818,319)	(670,817)	147,502	18.02%	A
Recreation and culture		(1,662,042)	(734,254)	(767,022)	(32,768)	(4.46%)	•
Transport		(4,010,413)	(1,615,938)	(1,491,351)	124,587	7.71%	A
Economic services		(401,472)	(220,156)	(134,277)	85,879	39.01%	A
Other property and services		(142,820)	(142,762)	(460,749)	(317,987)	(222.74%)	•
		(10,259,701)	(4,497,688)	(4,517,047)	(19,359)	, ,	•
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	1(a)	2,245,350	878,235	993,705	115,470	13.15%	•
Amount attributable to operating activities	1(0)	881,942	4,016,144	5,636,927	1,620,783	13.1370	•
Investing Activities							
Proceeds from non-operating grants, subsidies and							
contributions	13	1,096,786	456,985	219,817	(237,168)	(51.90%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets	7	244,000	181,660	93,435	(88,225)	(48.57%)	
Proceeds from self supporting loans	9	37,470	18,734	18,554	(180)	(0.96%)	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment Amount attributable to investing activities	8	(4,984,264) (3,606,008)	(2,175,905) (1,518,526)	(875,560) (543,754)	1,300,345 974,772	59.76%	A
Amount attributable to investing activities		(3,000,000)	(1,318,320)	(343,734)	374,772		
Financing Activities							
Proceeds from new debentures	9	200,000	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	10	205,000	68,333	205,000	136,667	200.00%	A
Repayment of debentures	9	(202,648)	(67,549)	(57,750)	9,799	14.51%	A
Transfer to reserves	10	(490,100)	(163,367)	(10,573)	152,794	93.53%	A
Amount attributable to financing activities		(287,748)	(162,583)	136,677	299,260		A
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)	1(c)	0	5,346,849	8,241,664			

KEY INFORMATION

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The material variance adopted by Council for the 2022-23 year is \$5,000 or 0.00% whichever is the greater.

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KEY TERMS AND DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

NATURE OR TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

REVENUE

RATES

All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specific area rates, minimum rates, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts offered. Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears and service charges.

OPERATING GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

NON-OPERATING GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of non-current assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

GRANT REVENUE

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when the local government satisfies its performance obligations under the contract.

Assets that were acquired for consideration that was less than fair value principally to enable the Shire to further its objectives may have been measured on initial recognition under other Australian Accounting Standards at a cost that was signification less than fair value. Such assets are not required to be remeasured at fair value.

Volunteer Services in relation have not been recognised in revenue and expenditure as the fair value of the services cannot be reliably estimated and the services would not have been purchased if they had not been donated.

FEES AND CHARGES

Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

SERVICE CHARGES

Service charges imposed under *Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995*. *Regulation 54 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies these as television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Exclude rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

EXPENSES

INTEREST EARNINGS

Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate installments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

OTHER REVENUE / INCOME

Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments. Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

EMPLOYEE COSTS

All costs associate with the employment of person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences, safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.

MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses, advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology, rental or lease expenditures.

UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, ETC.)

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

INSURANCE

All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

DEPRECIATION ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

INTEREST EXPENSES

Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

OTHER EXPENDITURE

Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

BY NATURE OR TYPE

	Ref Note	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
Opening funding surplus / (deficit)	1(c)	3,011,814	3,011,814	3,011,814	(0)	(0.00%)	
Revenue from operating activities							
Rates	6	4,717,499	4,717,499	4,747,088	29,589	0.63%	_
Specified area rates	6	53,000	53,000	54,026	1,026	1.94%	
Operating grants, subsidies and							
contributions	12	1,133,783	637,296	1,350,742	713,446	111.95%	A
Fees and charges		1,345,971	1,088,432	1,124,745	36,313	3.34%	A
Interest earnings		40,000	24,790	61,057	36,267	146.30%	•
Other revenue		1,468,540	1,000,000	1,750,000	750,000	75.00%	•
Profit on disposal of assets	7	137,500	114,580	72,610	(41,970)	(36.63%)	_
Troncon disposar or assets	,	8,896,293	7,635,597	9,160,269	1,524,672	(30.0370)	
Expenditure from operating activities		0,030,233	7,033,337	3,100,203	1,324,072		
Employee costs		(4,033,035)	(1,758,965)	(1,791,659)	(32,694)	(1.86%)	•
Materials and contracts		(2,681,458)	(1,122,500)	(1,063,249)	59,251	5.28%	•
Utility charges		(339,634)	(141,410)	(111,293)	30.117	21.30%	•
Depreciation on non-current assets		(2,382,850)	(992,815)	(1,066,316)	(73,501)	(7.40%)	_
Interest expenses		(53,237)	(22,170)	(17,447)	4,723	21.30%	
Insurance expenses		(227,456)	(227,291)	(223,935)	3,356	1.48%	
Other expenditure		(542,031)	(232,537)	(243,149)	(10,612)	(4.56%)	_
other experience		(10,259,701)	(4,497,688)	(4,517,047)	(19,359)	(4.50%)	▼
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating	4/-)	2 245 250	070 225	002 705			
activities	1(a)	2,245,350	878,235	993,705	115,470	13.15%	•
Amount attributable to operating activities		881,942	4,016,144	5,636,927	1,620,783		•
Investing activities							
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contributions	13	1,096,786	456,985	219,817	(237,168)	(51.90%)	_
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Financing Activities							
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Transfer from reserves	10	205,000	68,333	205,000	136,667	200.00%	A
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(a) Non-cash items excluded from operating activities

The following non-cash revenue and expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with Financial Management Regulation 32.

	Notes	Adopted Budget	YTD Actual (b)
Non-cash items excluded from operating activities		ć	ć
		\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities			
Add/Deduct: Profit/Loss on asset disposals	7	(137,500)	(72,610)
Add: Depreciation on assets		2,382,850	1,066,316
Total non-cash items excluded from operating activities		2,245,350	993,705
(b) Adjustments to net current assets in the Statement of Financial Activity			
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded		Last	Year
from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial		Year	to
Activity in accordance with Financial Management Regulation		Closing	Date
32 to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.		30 June 2022	30 November 2022
Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserves - restricted cash	10	(982,603)	(788,176)
Less: - Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	4	(35,627)	(18,554)
Less: Land Held for Resale	•	(235,000)	(180,000)
Less: Income Received in Advance		(233,000)	497,341
Add/Less: Adjustments		39,875	99,142
Add: Borrowings	9	196,293	57,751
Add: Provisions - Employee	11	718,085	732,724
Total adjustments to net current assets		(298,977)	400,227
(c) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	4,178,911	7,493,870
Financial assets at amortised cost	2	35,627	18,554
Rates receivables	3	218,904	884,915
Receivables	3	208,660	449,418
Other current assets	4	246,568	201,813
Less: Current liabilities			
Payables	5	(663,501)	(416,659)
Borrowings	9	(196,293)	(57,751)
Borrowings (New Loan)	9	0	0
Provisions	11	(718,085)	(732,724)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	1(b)	(298,977)	400,227
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		3,011,814	8,241,664
CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, considerat expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as curre being the Council's operational cycle.			

Description	Classification	Universidated	Dankelaka d	Total Cash	T		Interest	Maturity
Description	Classification	Unrestricted	Restricted		Trust	Institution	Rate	Date
		\$	\$	\$	\$			
Cash on hand								
Cash Deposits	Municipal	2,697,699		2,697,699	ı	NAB		At call
Petty Cash	Cash on Hand	1,050		1,050				
Investment	Reserves	0	788,176	788,176	1	NAB	3.53%	28/12/2022
Investment	Term Deposit	1,001,932		1,001,932	I	NAB	3.60%	27/01/2023
Investment	Term Deposit	1,005,014		1,005,014	1	NAB	3.00%	27/01/2023
Investment	Term Deposit	1,000,000		1,000,000	1	NAB	3.05%	29/12/2022
Investment	Term Deposit	1,000,000		1,000,000	1	NAB	3.55%	29/12/2022
Total		6,705,694	788,176	7,493,870	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		6,705,694	788,176	7,493,870	0			
		6,705,694	788,176	7,493,870	0			

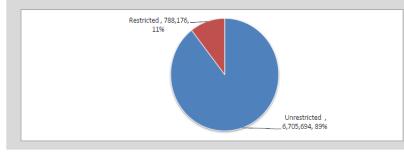
KEY INFORMATION

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank $overdrafts. \ Bank \ overdrafts \ are \ reported \ as \ short \ term \ borrowings \ in \ current \ liabilities \ in \ the \ statement \ of \ net \ current \ assets.$

The local government classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 4 - Other assets.



Total Cash	Unrestricted
\$7.49 M	\$6.71 M

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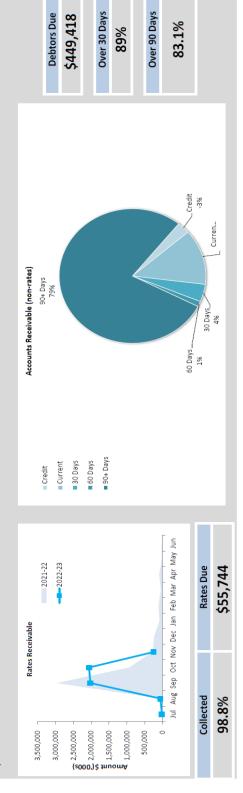
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

NOTE 3
RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable	30-Nov-22	30 Jun 2022	Receivables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	ss	ss		ss	ss	\$	s	s	ss
Opening arrears previous years	55,744	103,801	Receivables - general	(5,812)	27,264	8,604	2,643	160,397	193,096
Levied this year	4,801,114	4,709,139	Percentage	(3.0%)	14.1%	4.5%	1.4%	83.1%	
Less - collections to date	(3,971,944)	(4,757,195)	Balance per trial balance						
Equals current outstanding	884,915	55,744	Sundry receivable	(5,812)	27,264	8,604	2,643	160,397	193,096
			GST receivable		25,097				55,097
			Rubbish Recievables		100,368				100,368
			Accrued Income		(7,346)				(7,346)
			Emergency Services Levy		108,204				108,204
Net rates collectable	884,915	55,744	Total receivables general outstanding						449,418
% Collected	81.8%	%8'86	Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)	ere applicable)					

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets. Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that hey will not be collectible. KEY INFORMATION



NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACTIVITIES NOTE 4 **OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Other current assets	Opening Balance 1 July 2022	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 30 November 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Inventory				
Fuel & Materials	11,568	10,246		0 21,813
Land Held for Resale	180,000	0		0 180,000
Total other current assets				201,813
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)				201,013

KEY INFORMATION

Inventory

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Creditors Due

\$416,659

Over 30 Days

18%

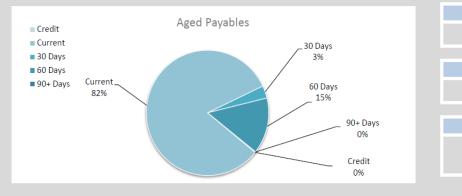
Over 90 Days

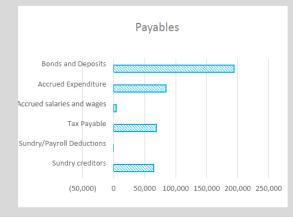
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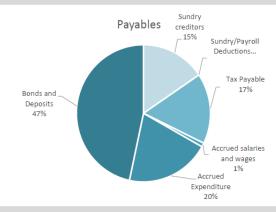
Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	53,339	2,100	9,419	(98)	64,760
Percentage	0%	82.4%	3.2%	14.5%	-0.2%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors	0	53,339	2,100	9,419	(98)	64,760
Sundry/Payroll Deductions		(40)				(40)
Tax Payable		69,250				69,250
Accrued salaries and wages		3,895				3,895
Accrued Expenditure		84,470				84,470
Bonds and Deposits		194,324				194,324
Total payables general outstanding	0	405,238	2,100	9,419	(98)	416,659
Amounts shown above include GST (wh	ere applicable)					

KEY INFORMATION

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition.







NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

NOTE 6

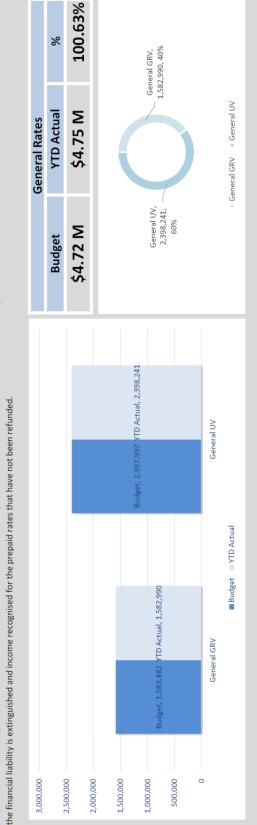
RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue					Budget	et			Υ	YTD Actual	
	Rate in	Number of	Rateable	Rate	Interim	Back	Total	Rate	Interim	Back	Total
	\$ (cents)	Properties	Value	Revenue	Rate	Rate	Revenue	Revenue	Rates	Rates	Revenue
RATE TYPE				Ş	❖	❖	\$	Ş	φ	φ	\$
Gross rental value											
General GRV	0.082000	1,399	19,295,690	1,583,482	0	0	1,583,482	1,583,482	(492)		1,582,990
Unimproved value											
General UV	0.009907	424	243,055,941	2,397,997	0	0	2,397,997	2,398,241			2,398,241
Sub-Total		1,823	262,351,631	3,981,479	0	0	3,981,479	3,981,723	(492)	0	3,981,231
Minimum payment	Minimum \$										
Gross rental value											
General GRV	580	1,197	3,678,781	694,260	0	0	694,260	700,060	27,307		727,367
Unimproved value											
General UV	280	72	75,235	41,760			41,760	35,960	2,530		38,490
Sub-total		1,269	3,754,016	736,020	0	0	736,020	736,020	29,837	0	765,857
Total general rates							4,717,499				4,747,088
Specified area rates	Rate in										
	\$ (cents)										
Kalbarri Tourism	0.001866		16,088,152	30,000	0	0	30,000	30,740	0	0	30,740
Port Gregory Water Supply	0.040955		561,586	23,000	0	0	23,000	23,286	0	0	23,286
Total specified area rates			16,649,738	53,000	0	0	53,000	54,026	0	0	54,026
Total							4,770,499			Γ	4,801,114

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

KEY INFORMATION

NOTE 6 RATE REVENUE **OPERATING ACTIVITIES** Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event for the rates has occurred, refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance give rise to a financial liability. From 1 July 2019 prepaid rates were recognised as a financial asset and a related amount was recognised as a financial liability and no income was recognised. When the taxable event occurs



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KEY INFORMATION

				Budget				YTD Actual	
		Net Book				Net Book			
Asset Ref.	Asset description	Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Plant and equipment								
	Governance								
41761	Toyota Prado - CEO	22,000	52,000	30,000	0	20,824	50,000	29,176	0
	Transport								
41769	P283 - Ute LH Kalbarri	11,000	12,000	1,000	0			0	0
41770	P284 - Ute LH Main't N'hpton	13,500	20,000	6,500	0			0	0
41758	P271 - Ute LH Road Construction	0	20,000	20,000	0	0	24,990	24,990	0
41716	P238 - Cat Grader 12M	60,000	140,000	80,000	0			0	0
41758	P258 - Ute General Northampton			0	0	0	18,445	18,445	0
		106,500	244,000	137,500	0	20,824	93,435	72,610	0

300,000 | Budget Actual YTD | 250,000 | - 150,000 | - 100,000 | - 50,000 | - 0 | Proceeds on Sale

Procee	ds on sale	
Annual Budget	YTD Actual	%
\$244,000	\$93,435	38%

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

INVESTING ACTIVITIES NOTE 8 **CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS**

		Δ	dopted	CALITALAC	QUISTITIONS
Capital acquisition	ns	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings		596,43	.0 257,965	472,726	214,761
lant and equipme	ent	865,30	00 441,910	122,619	(319,291)
nfrastructure - Ro	pads	2,352,08	980,030	257,720	(722,310)
nfrastructure - Fo	ootpaths & Carparks	376,47	70 156,835	2,934	(153,901)
nfrastructure - Pa	arks & Ovals	109,00	00 53,750	4,400	(49,350)
nfrastructure - Ai	rport	630,00	00 262,500	15,160	(247,340)
Infrastructure - Ot	ther	55,00	00 22,915	0	(22,915)
Capital Expenditu	ure Totals	4,984,26	2,175,905	875,560	(1,300,345)
Capital Acquisitio	ns Funded By:				
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and	l contributions	1,096,78		219,817	(237,168)
Borrowings		200,00		0	0
Other (disposals 8		244,00	00 181,660	93,435	(88,225)
Cash backed reser					
Leave Reserve		242,83		242,925	115
Roadworks Re		29,95		30,001	45
Kalbarri Airpoi			85 635	645	10
Building/Hous	-	595,21	,	115,255	(479,955)
	sm Rate Reserve	6,97	,	6,975	0
	l Office Equipment Reserve	34,11	,	34,136	25
Land Developr		358,00		358,239	233
Contribution - ope Capital funding to		2,175,77 4,984,26		(225,868) 875,560	(495,425) (1,300,345)
capital fallaling to	, tai	4,304,20	2,173,303	673,300	(1,300,343)
	OUNTING POLICIES		KEY INFORMATION		
	ally recognised at cost. Cost is o				
	ssets given as consideration plu		5.000	■YTD	Budget ■ YTD Actual
•	or assets acquired at no cost or		6,000		5
	st is determined as fair value at		<u>s</u> 5,000 -		
	cost of non-current assets consti		and		
_	des the cost of all materials use		4,000 -		
	he project and an appropriate p		3,000 -		
	d. Certain asset classes may be e carrying values are not materi		-,		
	carried at fair value are to be re		2,000 -		
	ty to ensure the carrying amour		1.000 -		
_	nat determined using fair value a		1,000		
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	Acquisitions	Annual Budget	YTD A	ctual	% Spent
	Acquisitions	\$4.98 M	\$.88		18%
	Capital Grant	Annual Budget	YTD A	ctual	% Received
		\$1.1 M	\$.22	2 M	20%
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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

INVESTING ACTIVITIES NOTE 8 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED)

Capital expenditure total Level of completion indicators 0% 20% 40% Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the 60% expenditure over budget highlighted in red. 100% Over 100%

	Over 100%					
%		Account Description	Current Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual	Variance (Under)/ Over
		Governance				
4		Office Generator changeover switching	13,300	11,083	13,257	43
		CEO Vehicle	60,000	49,997	59,045	955
		Governance Total	73,300	61,080	72,302	998
		Health				
		Communities Amenities				
		Northampton Recreation Ground Ablutions	140,060	1,517	109,590	30,470
		Sallys Tree Ablutions outdoor showers	8,000	87	7,700	300
		Chinamans ablutions outdoor showers	8,000	87	7,700	300
al		Seal Access Road to Horrocks Dump Point	27,500	11,455	23,636	3,864
		Communities Amenities Total	183,560	13,145	148,626	34,934
		Recreation And Culture				
		Horrock Foreshore - stairs and shower	24,000	10,000	4,400	19,600
لئه		Kalbarri Recreation Jetty Repairs	65,000	27,085	0	65,000
		Port Gregory Carpark and BBQ	141,310	58,870	0	141,310
		Kalbarri Community Camp Kitchen	134,750	112,285	123,291	11,459
		NCC - Change Room Upgrade	40,000	33,330	0	40,000
		Stud Breeders Shed - Northampton	227,600	94,830	221,456	6,144
ď		Kalbarri Multi-Use Centre	30,000	12,500	2,990	27,010
dl		Horrocks North Holding Tanks	20,000	16,665	0	20,000
		Recreation And Culture Total	682,660	365,565	352,136	330,524
		Transport				
		Road Construction	2,324,584	968,575	234,084	2,090,500
adl		Footpath/Carpark Construction	235,160	97,965	2,934	232,226
dl		Maintenance Grader	440,000	183,332	0	440,000
<u>afl</u> l		Back Hoe	230,000	95,833	0	230,000
all		Ute Leading Hand M'tce Kalbarri	50,000	41,666	1,855	48,145
		Ute Leading Hand M'tce Northampton	48,000	39,999	48,462	(462)
all		Safety Officer (50% share)	24,000	20,000	0	24,000
		Kalbarri Depot Ablution	8,000	3,330	0	8,000
<u>arīll</u>		Airport - Runway and Apron Seal	630,000	262,500	15,160	614,840
		Transport Total	3,989,744	1,713,200	302,495	3,687,249
		Economic & Other Property and Services				
adl		Port Gregory Water Supply - Tank/Shed	55,000	22,915	0	55,000
		Economic & Other Property and Services Total	55,000	22,915	0	55,000
all		Capital Expenditure by Program Total	4,984,264	2,175,905	875,560	4,108,704

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

BORROWINGS	
	:
	Repayments - borrowings

NOTE 9

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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Information on borrowings		New Loans	oans.	Repay	Repayments	Outsta	Outstanding	Repay	Repayments
Particulars	1 July 2022	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Housing									
Loan 154 - Staff Housing	117,155	0	0		37,792	117,155	79,363		4,344
Recreation and culture									
Loan 156 - RSL Hall Extensions	360,605	0	0		48,402	360,605	312,203		9,604
Transport									
Loan 153 - Plant Purchases	46,346	0	0	22,943	46,346	23,403	0	932	1,606
Loan 157 - Plant Purchases	276,264		0	16,254	32,638	260,010	243,626	2,210	6,120
Loan 158 - Plant Purchases	0	0	200,000			0	200,000		
	800,370	0	200,000	39,196	165,178	761,174	835,192	3,142	21,674
Self supporting loans Education and welfare									
Loan 155 - Pioneer Lodge	327,177	0	0	8,097	16,353	319,080	310,824	6,462	14,983
Recreation and culture	(•	•	•	•	(•	•	(
Loan 151 - Kalbarri Bowling Club Other property and services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loan 152 - Staff Housing (CEO)	254,835	0	0	10,458	21,117	302,907	233,718	7,844	16,580
	582,012	0	0	18,554	37,470	621,988	544,542	14,305	31,563
Total	1,382,382	0	200,000	57,750	202,648	1,383,162	1,379,734	17,447	53,237
Current borrowings	202,648					57,751			
Non-current borrowings	1,179,734					1,325,411			
	1,382,382					1,383,162			
All dehanture rensuments were financed by general purpose revenue	olidonos os								

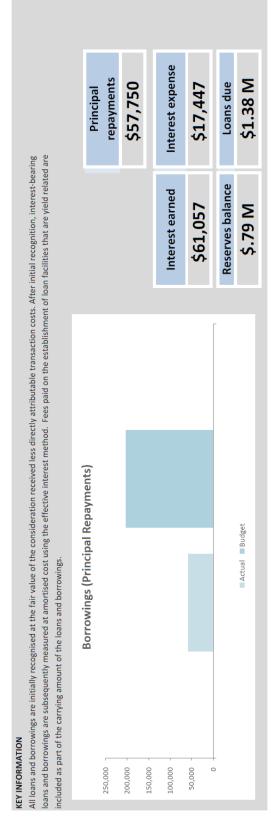
All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

Balance Unspent 0 FINANCING ACTIVITIES BORROWINGS Amount (Used) tual Budget Actual 0 Interest Rate % & Charges Interest Total Loan Type Term Years 10 Fixed Institution 200,000 WATC 200,000 Borrowed Budget Amount Amount Borrowed Actual \$ Loan 158 - Plant Purchases New borrowings 2022-23

Particulars



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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

NOTE 10 CASH RESERVES

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

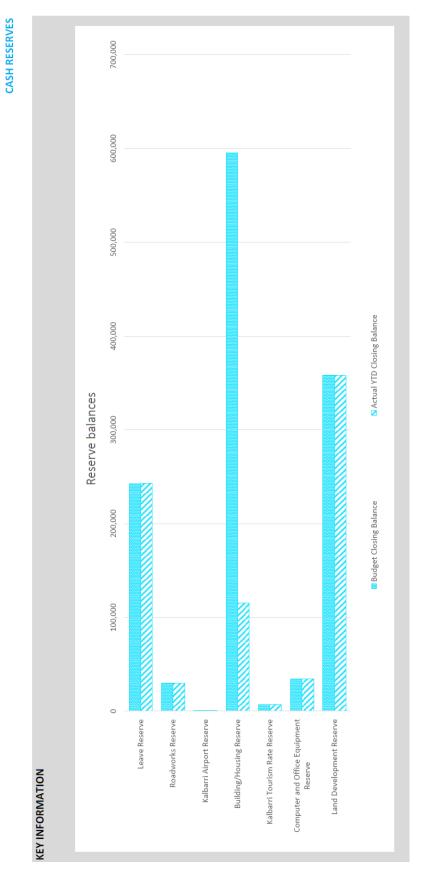
Cash backed reserve									
				Budget Transfers	Budget Transfers Actual Transfers	Budget Transfers	Actual Transfers		
	Opening	Budget Interest Actual Interest	Actual Interest	드	드	Out	Out	Budget Closing	Actual YTD
Reserve name	Balance	Earned	Earned	(+)	(+)	(-)	(-)	Balance	Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	⋄	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Leave Reserve	236,560	0 1,250	1,365	2,000	5,000	0	0	242,810	242,925
Roadworks Reserve	29,456	900 200	545	0		0	0	29,956	30,001
Kalbarri Airport Reserve	205,535	5 100	110	0		(205,000)	(205,000)	635	645
Building/Housing Reserve	114,710	.0 500	545	480,000		0	0	595,210	115,255
Kalbarri Tourism Rate Reserve	6,975	5	0	0		0	0	6,975	6,975
Computer and Office Equipment Reserve	33,86	1 250	275	0		0	0	34,111	34,136
Land Development Reserve	355,506	16 2,500	2,733	0		0	0	358,006	358,239
	982,603	13 5,100	5,573	485,000	2,000	(205,000)	(205,000)	1,267,703	788,176

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

NOTE 10



OPERATING ACTIVITIES NOTE 11 **OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Other current liabilities	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2022	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 30 November 2022
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Provisions					
Annual leave		265,551			265,551
Long service leave		467,173			467,173
Total Provisions	'	732,724	C		0 732,724
Total other current assets		732,724			732,724
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)					

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

NON-OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

	Unspent nor	ı operating gı	Unspent non operating grants, subsidies and contributions liability	and contribut	ions liability	Non operating grants, subsidies and contributions revenue	subsidies and con	tributions revenue
		Increase	Liability		Current			
	Liability	.⊑	Reduction	Liability	Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD	YTD Revenue
Description/Provider	1 Jul 2020	Liability	(As revenue)	(As revenue) 30 Nov 2022 30 Nov 2022	30 Nov 2022	Revenue	Budget	Actual
								(p)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	ss	\$	\$
Non-operating grants and subsidies								
Transport								
ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING				0		453,484	188,950	158,484
LRCI - LITTLE BAY ROAD & PORTER ST CARPARK	ARPARK			0		290,302	120,955	0
WA BIKE NETWORK GRANT				0		61,000	25,415	20,000
REGIONAL ROAD GROUP FUNDING				0		92,000	38,335	41,333
RUNWAY RESEAL - LRCI GRANT				0		200,000	83,330	0
	0	0	0	0	0	1,096,786	456,985	219,817

Funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control and which are not included in this statement are as

	Opening Balance	Amount	Amount	Closing Balance
Description	1 July 2022	Received	Paid	30 Nov 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transportable House Bonds	4,500	1,000	0	5,500
Footpath Bonds	28,007	5,000	(3,000)	30,007
RSL Hall Retention	0	0	0	0
Jake Point Ablutions Retention	0	0	0	0
Building Levies (BCITF & BRB)	265	26,816	(8,279)	18,801
Community Bus Bond	5,200	800	(400)	5,600
Unclaimed Monies - Rates	5,179	0	0	5,179
Special Series Plates	3,520	310	(200)	3,630
Northampton Child Care Association	23,654	61	0	23,715
Horrocks Memorial Wall	515	1,250	(664)	1,102
One Life	940	0	(591)	349
Rubbish Tip Key Bond	1,800	0	0	1,800
Horrocks - Skate/Pump Park	0	2,000	0	2,000
RSL - Kalbarri Memorial	16,130	0	0	16,130
DOT - Department of Transport	0	142,839	(142,839)	0
Cyclone Seroja Donations	47,259	0	0	47,259
Rates - Overpaid	30,761	0	0	30,761
Sale of Land	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Deposits	0	0	0	0
	168,160	183,805	(157,641)	194,324

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

NOTE 15 TRUST

Funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control and which are not included in this statement are as follows:

Description	Opening Balance 1 July 2022	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 30 Nov 2022
Trust				
Nomination Deposits	0	0	0	0
Public Open Space	0	0	0	0
				0

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

NOTE 16 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date Actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2022-23 year is \$5,000 or 0.00% whichever is the greater.

Reporting Program	Var. \$	Var. %	Timing/ Permanent Explanation of Var	riance
	\$	%		
Revenue from operating activities			Variance associate	d budget profile/payment of LGIS
Governance	11,524	18.98%	Timing member experience	
General purpose funding	730,914	14.70%	Permanent Variance due to LR	CI 3 & LRCI 2 final component
Housing	(7,001)	(23.46%)	Short term variance Timing reimbursement for	e due to housing rent and r utilities
Community amenities	26,969	2.90%	▲ Timing Variance due to sci	rap metal sales
Recreation and culture	44,974	357.36%	Timing	BEN sign revenue and Midwest one Seroja assistance
Transport	(41,412)	(14.02%)	0	d with Profit on disposal
Economic services	34,224	19.86%	Var due to addition Timing profile for LIA unit	nal building permit fees and budget lease fees
Other property and services	724,167	67.97%	Var due to Insuran \$750,000	ce Payment for building repairs =
Expenditure from operating activities			\$750,000	
Governance	15,897	3.45%	Timing Positive short term will reconcile as the	variance only, actuals and budget
General purpose funding	(9,021)	(7.45%)		d with ABC cost allocation
Education and welfare	(31,194)	(53.24%)	▼ Timing Var due to final NC compensation emp	CCA payroll costs and workers ployee payments.
Community amenities	147,502	18.02%		bbish removal invoices and refuse
Recreation and culture	(32,768)	(4.46%)	Timing Budget profile vari	ance actuals and buget will reconcile
Transport	124,587	7.71%	▲ Timing Variance partly due	e to muni roads underspend
Economic services	85,879	39.01%	■ Timing Budget variance as payments	ssociated Visitor Center operational
Other property and services	(317,987)	(222.74%)	Var partly associate Timing Public Works Overl	ed with Cyclone Seroja Expenses and heads
Investing activities				
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	(237,168)	(51.90%)	▼ Timing Budget profile vari reconcile	ance actuals and budget will
Capital acquisitions	1,300,345	59.76%	▲ Timing	
Financing actvities			Budget profile vari	ance actuals and buget will reconcile
Transfer from reserves	136,667	200.00%	Timing Further Transfer's	to be processed Jan/Feb 2023
Repayment of debentures	9,799	14.51%	Timing Will reconcile, bud	get timing situation only
Transfer to reserves	152,794	93.53%	Timing Further Transfer's	to be processed Jan/Feb 2023

12.12.3 CYCLONE SEROJA DONATIONS (ITEM 7.4.3)

File Reference	5.1.8
Date of Report	9 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Cyclone Seroja Donations Sheet
	2. Kalbarri Foreshore design and location
	3. Hampton Gardens design and location

SUMMARY

Council to authorise the allocation of funds donated for Cyclone Seroja relief and recovery.

BACKGROUND:

Following cyclone Seroja Council received a number of donations from individuals, community and sporting groups. The nett value of donations held in Councils "Bonds and Deposits" account is currently \$47,259.04 with a portion of the donated funds having conditions in relation to the allocation of the funds.

Council has reviewed the donation information and proposed a number of allocations that reflect both the communities needs and respect the wishes of the individuals, community and sporting groups that donated the funds.

The "Cyclone Seroja Donations" document provided at appendix 1 has a proposed distribution format per the following:

- 1. Pastoral Care Pay \$7,565.54 for Pastoral Care expenses over an 18 month period for Reverend Ric Payne.
- 2. Kalbarri Foreshore Utilise \$16,500 provided by the Gingin Golf Club, Kalbarri SES and Great Northern Rural services to construct a colour bond and steel shelter at the Kalbarri Foreshore adjacent to the Nature Playground. This shelter will be similar in construction to the existing shelters at Sally's Tree. The shelter will cost approximately \$14,000 to purchase, transport to Kalbarri and erect. The remaining \$1,600 will be utilised to install a new concrete pad. The existing table and bench seating will be utilised in the new shelter. Refer Appendix 2.
- 3. Northampton Townsite Utilise \$7,340 provided by the Gingin Golf Club and the Batavia Rockers to install a shade Shelter at Hampton Gardens in Northampton adjacent to the toilet block. The shelter will be similar in design to the structure located opposite the Northampton Newsagency on Mary Street. The Hampton Gardens location currently has a table and bench seats in place, subsequently the funds will be used to purchase and install the structure and modify the existing paving as required. Refer Appendix 3.
- 4. RSL Memorial Transfer \$15,753.50 provided by the Westside Two Up fundraiser to the RSL Memorial fund. The transfer will increase the RSL memorial fund to an amount of \$31,883.50 which will be retained for improvements to the memorial and the surrounds.

5. Kalbarri Childcare — Pay \$100 to the Kalbarri Childcare Committee in accordance with the funds donated by J & M Currie.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

As the funds are held in Councils Bonds and Deposits structure the allocation or payment of the donated funds will not impact on Councils budget position.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Absolute Majority Required:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.12.3

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council approve the allocation of the Cyclone Seroja donations in the following manner.

- 1. Payment of \$7,565,54 to Ric Payne for further Pastoral Care within the Shire of Northampton.
- 2. Allocation of \$16,500 for the purchase and installation of a shade shelter and concrete pad at the Kalbarri foreshore adjacent to the nature play area.
- 3. Allocation of \$7,340 for the purchase and installation of a shade shelter at Hampton Gardens in Northampton adjacent to the toilet block.
- 4. Transfer \$15,753.50 to the Kalbarri RSL Monument "Bonds and Deposit" account
- 5. Donate \$100 to the Kalbarri Childcare
- 6. Donate \$100 to the Northampton Childcare

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0
Minute Reference 12-22/15

APPENDIX 1

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\$ 2,000.00

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Total

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1,000.00 100.00 300.00

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\$ 15,753.50 \$ 5,000.00 100.00 \$ 47,259.04 100.00 Kalbarri Childcare s 7,340.00 \$ 15,753.50 \$ 15,753.50 RSL Memorial Donation Distribution 840.00 6,500.00 Townsite \$ \$ 7,565.54 \$ 16,500.00 \$ \$ 6,500.00 \$ 8,000.00 \$ 2,000.00 Kalbarri Foreshore 1,015.54 1,000.00 300.00 100.00 50.00 \$ 5,000.00 Pastoral Care s Cyclone Seroja Donations and Proposed Distribution of Funds Complete Status \$ 47,259.04 Conditions ≸ 일 ≹ 일 2 2 2 2 Yes Yes ટ Yes Yes S 100.00 \$ 59,859.04 \$ 12,600.00 \$ 12,500.00 Expense Amount 50.00 100.00 1,015.54 1,000.00 300.00 \$ 23,319.04 100.00 \$ 36,540.00 840.00 \$ 12,500.00 \$ 13,000.00 100.00 \$ 2,000.00 \$ 15,753.50 \$ 5,000.00 \$ 8,000.00 Income Amount Jonation fo Northampton and Kalbarri. (RSL/Park/Boat Ramp Cyclone Donation for the LRCG - Kalbarri Golf Day Jonation post cyclone Seroja child related area Cyclone Donation - Kalbarri SES (Town Rebuild) Description/Details FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION 2020/2021 2021/2022 unds for the Northmpton townsite Syclone donation for relief fund Request - For People in need Cyclone Seroja donation yclone Donation Cyclone donation yclone donation Cyclone donation yclone Donation Fotal 2020/2021 otal 2021/2022 TOTAL Northampton Community News 28-04-2021 Airing of the Quilts
Tardie Station - JF HM Foulkes-29/4/2022 Great Northern Rural Services Jeff & Michelina Currie 30-04-2021 17-05-2021 Donation from Chessi Name 30-04-2021 Westside Two Up Gingin Golf Club Batavia Rockers Kalbarri SES 19-04-2021 06-07-21 19-07-21 20-09-21 12-10-21 30-04-2021 25-06-21 30-08-21 Date

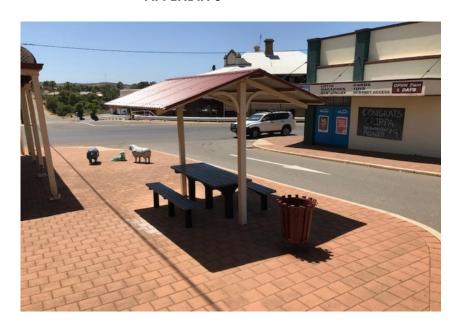
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APPENDIX 2





APPENDIX 3





12.12.4 BUDGET VARIATIONS (ITEM 7.4.4)

File Reference	1.1.2
Date of Report	9 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Budget Review

SUMMARY:

Council to approve budget variations associated with the following projects:

- 1. Install SynergySoft Purchasing Module
- 2. Additional budget allocation for outdoor shower installation
- 3. Additional budget allocation for Heritage consultancy costs

BACKGROUND:

1. Synergy Soft Purchasing Module

A budget allocation of \$15,000 is requested to cover the installation costs associated with the SynergySoft Purchasing Module.

Staff have been struggling with procurement issues in recent years. This has been highlighted in successive audit processes and our Financial Management Regulation 17 review process. Both external reviews have identified deficiencies with our current system. The solution is to move to the SynergySoft Purchasing Module which will provide a system based approach rather than the manual paper based purchasing order format currently used. Most local governments of our size and smaller have an electronic purchasing module in place.

The module will provide significant efficiency gains for the Shire and the extended security solution will help coordinate the procurement process, remove redundant processes and manual hard copy purchase books while offering transparency and flexible for governance controls which will enable us to comply with audit requirements.

2. Outdoor Shower Installation

An additional budget allocation of \$5,000 is requested to cover the installation costs associated with outdoor showers in Kalbarri.

The 2022/2023 Budget has \$16,000 allocated (GL 3344) for the purchase and installation of the outdoor showers. As \$15,400 was utilised to purchase the shower units the remaining \$600 wasn't considered adequate to pay for concrete works and plumbing. The Manager of Works and Technical Services has determined that an additional \$5,000 would be required to complete the installation. It is anticipated that the outdoor showers will be operational for the upcoming school holiday period.

3. Heritage Advisor costs

An additional budget allocation of \$11,000 is requested to fund Heritage consultancy services provided by Tanya Henkel.

The 2022/2023 Budget has \$4,000 allocated (GL 5572) for advice in relation to historical projects and heritage sites. This advice provided by the consultant assists the planning area assess applications and also provide guidance for Councils heritage buildings and sites as required. Post cyclone Seroja there has been an increase in applications and the requirement for heritage type services. It is anticipated that the requirement for heritage services will reduce and return to normal levels in the next 6-12 months. The budget increase will cover the additional costs to date and further costs expected this financial year. Additionally, staff will investigate if DRFAWA funding is available to assist with costs associated with heritage consultancy work that was directly related to cyclone Seroja.

COMMENT:

As the Deputy Chief Executive Officer will cover for Chief Executive Officer (CEO) relief during January 2023 staff have determined that the savings from not having a CEO during this period will save approximately \$15,000 plus further savings of \$5,000 from the vacant creditors officer position will adequately fund the budget request for the SynergySoft Purchasing Module and the Outdoor showers.. Additionally the savings associated with CEO relief during October, November and December of approximately \$11,000 can be utilised to fund the Heritage Services consultancy costs.

The installation of the SynergySoft Purchasing Module was not considered when the 2022/2023 budget was adopted whereas the costs to install the outdoor shower units was included in the 2022/2023 budget however it is considered that the allocation was not adequate to complete the associated works. Also the budget allocation of \$4,000 for Heritage consultancy support is not considered adequate for the level of activity currently being experienced.

All of the variations below are considered to be a priority in nature and need to be funded this financial year.

COA/Job No.	COA/Job Description	Adopted Budget	Proposed Revised Budget	Budget Variance	Comments
102720.01	Salaries	\$675,490	\$655,490	-\$20,000	Reduced budget allocation, No CEO in January 2023, savings Creditors Position
105020.08	Computer Expenses	\$12,262	\$27,262	+\$15,000	Funds required to Install SynergySoft Purchasing Module

13344.08	Public Amenities (Kalbarri Foreshore)	\$16,000	\$21,000	+\$5,000	Additional funds required to complete the installation of the outdoor showers
102720.01	Salaries	\$655,490	\$644,490	-\$11,000	Reduced salaries costs associated with CEO relief
155720.08	Historical Projects/ Heritage Sites	\$4,000	\$15,000	+\$11,000	Additional funds required to fund works for remainder of 22/23

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There will be no overall change to the 2022/2023 budget provision to accommodate the revised budget allocations listed above. Additionally, the budget revision will not impact on the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.8, authorising unbudgeted expenditure.

Local Government Act (1995) — Section 6.8. - Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget

- (1) A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure:
 - (a) is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government; or
 - (b) is authorised in advance by resolution*; or
 - (c) is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency.

(1a) In subsection (1):

additional purpose means a purpose for which no expenditure estimate is included in the local government's annual budget.

- (2) Where expenditure has been incurred by a local government
 - (a) pursuant to subsection (1)(a), it is to be included in the annual budget for that financial year; and
 - (b) pursuant to subsection (1)(c), it is to be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the council.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Absolute Majority Required: - As there will be a change to the 2022/2023 Budget Council is required to approve the expenditure by an absolute majority as per Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995.

^{*} Absolute majority required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/AMENDED STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.12.4

Moved Cr SUDLOW seconded Cr PIKE

That Council approve of the following Budget Variations and this be declared authorised expenditure.

GL 102720.01	Salaries	-\$20,000
GL 105020.08	Computer Expenses	+\$15,000
GL 133440.08	Public Amenities	+ \$5,000
GL 102720.01	Salaries	-\$11,000
GL 155720.08	Historical Projects/Heritage Sites	+\$11,000
GL 172200.00	Building Reserve Transfers	-\$20,000
GL 146240.08	Kalbarri Runway and Apron Reseal	+\$20,000

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0
Minute Reference 12-22/16

APPENDICES 1 Budget Review



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Quotation

Quote: 9052

Date: 09/10/2022

Quotation Valid To:

08/12/2022

From: IT Vision

PO Box 881

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ABN 34 309 336 904

Attn: Jo-Anne Arpin Email:sales@itvision.com.au Tel: 08 9315 7000

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We are pleased to provide the following quotation. We hope that it is acceptable, and look forward to receiving your Purchase Order to proceed.

SynergySoft Purchase Ordering	UNIT	1.00	\$2,803.00
Implementationand Training Services	DAY	4.00	\$7,440.00
SynergySoft Email RA funtionality	UNIT	1.00	\$1,158.00
Email Purchase Orders	UNIT	1.00	\$1,158.00
SynergySoft Purchase Requisitions/ Extended Security	UNIT	1.00	\$1,617.00

Cost Ex GST \$14,176.00 **GST** \$1,417.60

Total

\$15,593.60

Annual License Fees (inc GST) for the above are:

\$1,509.20

Terms & Conditions:

This quotation is valid for a period of 60 days.

Any necessary Travel and Living expenses will be charged at cost, and may include:

- 1) Travel flights plus taxis or mileage allowance for travel to & from airport; and/or hire car, tolls, petrol & parking charges; or mileage allowances (\$0.66/km) if using own car to travel to site;
- 2) Meal allowances \$97.40 per full day at the ATO 16/17 reasonable travel allowance amount;
- 3) Accommodation;
- 4) Any other expenses directly associated with travel to your site.

The Annual License Fee (if quoted) entitles you to ongoing use of the software, unlimited telephone support and upgrades to the software as these become available. The Annual License Fee will be charged pro rata in the first year from date of installation to 30th June.

Acceptance of this Quotation constitutes the SynergySoft Supply Agreement as detailed in the SynergySoft License Agreement that can be located on the IT Vision website (https://client-portal.itvision.com.au/documents/it-vision-supply-agreement-and-software-licence).

Cancellation Fees:

If this quotation contains any training, implementation, or assistance and dates have been agreed, the following charges will be incurred in the event of cancellation.

Cancellation prior to 3 days before the event: 25% of the quoted fees Cancellation 3 days or less before the event: 50% of the quoted fees

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12.12.5 CREDIT CARD LIMIT INCREASE (ITEM 7.4.5)

File Reference	3.1.3
Date of Report	9 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

Council to consider the request to increase the credit card limits from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

BACKGROUND:

The Shire currently has two credit cards allocated to the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer with a limit of \$5,000. The cards are predominately used for airfares, accommodation and other expenses that cannot be paid via the normal purchasing arrangements.

COMMENT:

The Chief Executive Officers credit card is generally the main card used for conference expenses and other purchases. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer card is used for monthly IT, telecommunications, licences, office related costs and emergency situations where the Chief Executive Officers credit card is unavailable.

The number of suppliers demanding payment via credit card rather than the traditional Purchase Order method is increasing. The recent ALGA and WALGA conferences maxed out both credit cards with payments for accommodation providers and airline costs having to be paid on-line by credit card. Therefore, it is considered prudent to increase the limit of both cards from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

This increase will also be advantageous in the next 3-4 months whilst the CEO recruitment process is being undertaken and the only credit card available for use will be the DCEO credit card.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The following provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) and associated regulations impact on the use and control of corporate credit cards:

Section 2.7(2) (a) and (b) of the Act requires the council to oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources and to determine the policies of the local government.

Section 6.5(a) of the Act requires the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to ensure that proper accounts and records of the transactions and affairs of the local government are kept in accordance with regulations.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 11(1)(a) requires local governments to develop procedures for the authorisation and payment of accounts to ensure that there is effective security and appropriate authorisations in place for the use of credit cards.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The following is an extract from Council's Policy Manual that covers the credit card usage.

2.9 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY Policy reviewed by Council 17 June 2022

INTRODUCTION

A corporate credit card will be issued to the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Northampton to expedite authorised business expenditures on behalf of the shire, therefore improving administrative practices and the effective cash management of the shire.

2.9.2 Definitions

Credit Cards – Is defined as a facility allowing the card holder to pay for goods and services on credit.

Business Expenses – Is defined as any expense necessary to the conduct of the business or is allowed under the terms of the employee's contractive employment with the shire or relevant Council policies.

Personal Expense – Is defined as any expense not of a business nature.

2.9.3 Corporate Credit Card Purchasing

The Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer are only to use the corporate credit card for business expense purchasing of goods and services on behalf of the Shire of Northampton.

- **2.9.3.1** Cash withdrawals are strictly prohibited.
- **2.9.3.2** The corporate credit card credit limit will be set by Council and reviewed at least once a year at the time all policies and procedures are reviewed. The current limit on the Shire of Northampton corporate credit card is \$10,000 with \$5,000 allocated to the Chief Executive Officer and \$5,000 allocated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.
- **2.9.3.3** Personal expenditure on the Shire of Northampton's corporate credit card is strictly prohibited.
- **2.9.3.4** All purchases by the Shire of Northampton corporate credit card must be accompanied by an appropriate tax invoice/receipt to ensure the shire is able to claim all input tax credits in accordance with the requirements with the Australian Taxation Office.
- **2.9.3.5** In the event individual invoices/receipts are not available then the corporate credit card statement of expenditure is to be utilised to claim income tax credits

under the condition that this statement complies with the Australian Taxation Office requirements.

2.9.4 Reporting Requirements

- **2.9.4.1** The Shire of Northampton corporate credit card statement of expenditure is to be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer and/or Deputy Chief Executive Officer as all expenditure items listed on the statement being authorised and undertaken by them.
- **2.9.4.2** An expenditure report detailing credit card expenditure is to be included within the monthly financial reports presented to Council in the Agenda for the ordinary meetings of Council.

2.9.5 General Conditions

- **2.9.5.1**The Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer must surrender the Shire of Northampton credit card upon termination of his/her services within the Shire of Northampton or when resolved to do so by Council.
- **2.9.5.2** All Corporate credit card incentives (e.g. fly buys) are not to be acquired or accumulated by the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer for their personal use or gain.

Any such credit card incentives associated with the Shire of Northampton corporate credit are to be utilised for the benefit of the Shire of Northampton's business expense operations only.

- **2.9.5.3** All expired Shire of Northampton corporate credit cards are to be destroyed by the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer upon receipt of a new or replacement card.
- **2.9.5.4** Any breech of this policy is to be reported to Council for information and action if deemed necessary.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority Required:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.12.5

Moved Cr BURGES seconded Cr SUCKLING

- 1. That Council authorises the allocation of a \$10,000 credit card limit for the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer.
- 2. That Council authorises the amendment of the "Corporate Credit Card Use Policy" and changes section 2.9.3.2 as follows: "The current limit on the Shire of Northampton credit cards is \$20,000 with \$10,000 allocated to the Chief Executive Officers credit card and \$10,000 allocated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer."

CARRIED 6/0

- 2:53pm The Presiding Member adjourned the meeting.
- 2:59pm The Presiding Member reconvened with the following in attendance:

Cr Sudlow, Cr Horstman, Cr Suckling, Cr Burges, Cr Stewart, Cr Pike, Maurice Battilana, Grant Middleton, and Michelle Allen.

12.13 ADMINISTRATION & CORPORATE REPORT

- 12.13.1 MURCHISON RIVER FORESHORE (KALBARRI) DOG & HORSE EXERCISE AREAS
- 12.13.2 2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES
- 12.13.3 WALGA BEST PRACTICE GOVERNANCE REVIEW
- 12.13.4 MURCHISON RIVER CARAVAN PARK LEASE (LOT 588 KALBARRI)
- 12.13.5 GLANCE COVE STRATA ACCESS
- 12.13.6 2021/2022 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING & ANNUAL REPORT
- 12.13.7 PROPOSED MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE PUBLIC CONSULTATION CONCEPT PLANS

12.13.1 MURCHISON RIVER FORESHORE (KALBARRI) – DOG AND HORSE EXERCISE AREAS (ITEM 7.5.1)

File Reference	5.3.2
Date of Report	16 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Public Consultation Period Advert & Plans
	2. Revised/Recommended Foreshore Plan

SUMMARY:

As a result of reported conflicts between dog and horse owners exercising these animals on the Murchison River Foreshore in Kalbarri a trial period was put in place to determine if designated areas separating and controlling these animals would be a solution.

Determination is now required on establishing these designated areas and conditions of use.

BACKGROUND/COMMENT:

There was some confusion with the closure date being either the 9th or 16th December so the submissions included in this Report (as attachments) are those received at 9 December 2022. If any additional submissions are received after this date they will be presented as a late/separate attachment.

I have made comments on some of the matters raised in the submissions below. All submissions have been scanned and provided in full as attachments.

Objection Submissions – ACEO Comments

The Dog Exercise area (off lead) has only been reduced marginally in area and will now not have horses in the same area so this should be an improvement. Dog can still be walked on the area designated for horses, yet are to be on a lead, which has always been the case.

Comment stating "..long term residents are going to be instructed to change their practices..." is refuted. The Dog Exercise area (off lead) has only been reduced marginally in area and will now not have horses in the same area so this should be an improvement.

Dog can still be walked on the area designated for horses, yet are to be on a lead, which has always been the case.

The comment "..Owners exercising horses must not allow their activity to impinge upon the comfort and safety of others.." is valid and is the basis of trying to reach an arrangement where this is the case.

Concerns raised could be solved by horses on town side of river foreshore only being permitted to walk and swim in this area.

Degradation of vegetation could be monitored and permits withdrawn if the horses using an area result in this becoming an issue. I would have thought vehicles on the foreshore would threaten the vegetation/environment more than horses

The comment "....no thought has been given to everyone else.." is refuted as the trial period and request for comment and feedback is actually giving thought to the whole community.

Strong concerns about how the horses will adversely affect the pelican feeding which occurs (or the birds start to arrive) during the morning (same time as horses being allowed up to 8am).

Strong comments on the horses staying up river (opposite the Ranch) for training/exercising.

Supportive Submissions – ACEO's Comments

Clear Signage with Plan Boards located along the foreshore should remove any confusion.

Examples provided where horses co-exist at other beached (Pages Beach Geraldton was an example given)

The comments of horses on beach being a tourist attraction may be correct, yet probably not galloping and training. Walking and swimming may be considered a safer activity.

Some of the concern being expressed (verbally and written) is the horses galloping along the designated river foreshore amongst people and through the pelican feeding area. This could be a genuine concern as it may put the general public at risk. The submissions received refer to moving the horse exercise area to the river foreshore on the other side of the river and not where it has been designated to ensure the safety of the public and to not disturb the pelican feeding area. Perhaps the condition could be horses on the town side of the river can only be walked or swam (i.e. no trotting, catering or galloping permitted in this area). Horses could be allowed to use the opposite side of the river foreshore for trotting, catering or galloping exercises. I have spoken to the horse trainer and they appear comfortable with this amended arrangement.

Plans provided during the public consultation period of the proposed exercise areas are shown at **Attachment 1** (dog area marked in yellow and horse area marked in red).

An alternative plan which restricts the horse use on the town side river foreshore and unrestricted use on the opposite side of the river is provided as **Attachment 4** for Council consideration.

There are areas within the river foreshore of Kalbarri where dogs and horses were mixing without control or conditions, creating some conflicts. It is proposed to introduce controlled areas of use along the river foreshore under Part 4 of the Shire's "Local Government Property Local Law, 2017" to reduce/remove conflicts and to accommodate all users of this section of the river foreshore.

Restrictions currently exist where dogs are permitted to be exercised off-leash and are permitted on-leash. Persons in charge of a dog or a horse in a public area are required to continually look out for, and comply with, all existing signs and notices relating to the control of animals and be conscious of other foreshore users.

The conditions during the trial period and included in the Public Advertisement were as follows:

Horse Exercise Area

- 1. Horses are permitted in this area up until 8-00am.
- 2. Horses are not permitted in this area during school holidays, public holidays and weekends associated with public holidays.
- 3. Dogs in this area must be on-leash at all times.
- 4. Horse owner/rider, or the person in control of the horse, is to clear up all horse litter.
- 5. Whilst exercising of horses is permitted in this area, this is not an exclusive use of the area.

Dog Exercise Area

- 1. Horses are prohibited in this area.
- 2. Dogs are permitted to exercise off-leash in this area.
- 3. There remains a legal obligation for dogs off-leash to be controlled by the dog owner at all times.
- 4. Dog owner, or the person in control of the dog, is to clear up all dog litter.
- 5. Whilst exercising dogs is permitted in this area, this is not the exclusive use of the area.

The Officer Recommendation differs from the trial period area use conditions for horses to:

- Restricted use on town side river foreshore; and
- Unrestricted use on opposite side river foreshore

An Alternative Officer Recommendation is also provided below:

"Council prohibit horses from the town side river foreshore in accordance with the Shire's Local Government Property Local Law, 2017 other than for them to be waded across to the foreshore on the opposite side of the river."

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There may be some minor costs associated with signage and bollards to delineate the specific dog & horse exercise areas. This expenditure can be covered within the current budget.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of Northampton "Local Government Property Local Law, 2017"

Part 4 of the Shire's Local Law covers "Behaviour on and Interference with Local Government Property". This sections refers to animals (which includes dogs and horses). This Part also gives the Shire the ability to erect signs on the property specifying any conditions of use(s), which apply to that property.

Council may introduce a permit system for horses using the river foreshore under Part 3 of the Local Law. This could be a mechanism to control the number of horses on the foreshore at any one time and stipulate conditions for such use. A licence could also stipulate undisputed termination of the permit to use the area at the discretion of the Shire, an annual permit fee, etc.,

A permit system would not be relevant or necessary for dogs using the area as this would be covered under the "Dog Act, 1976" and the Shire's "Dog Local Law 2017".

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS - ITEM 7.5.1

Council introduce the following in accordance with the Shire's Local Government Property Local Law, 2017:

- 1. Designated dog and horse use areas on the Murchison River Foreshore in Kalbarri as provided at Attachment 4.
- 2. Set the following conditions for the use of these areas:

Horse Exercise Areas

- a) Restricted use permitted in Zone "A" Horse Area (walking and swimming only).
- b) Unrestricted use permitted in Zone "B" Horse Area.
- c) Horses are not permitted in Zone "A" Horse Area during school holidays, public holidays and weekends associated with the public holiday.
- d) Dogs in Zones "A" Horse Area must be on-leash at all times.
- e) Horse owner/rider or the person in control of the horse is to clear up all horse litter in both Zones.
- f) Whilst exercising of horses is permitted in these areas, this is not to be considered an exclusive use of the area.

Dog Exercise Area

a) Horses are not prohibited in this area.

- b) Dogs are permitted to exercise off-leash in this area only.
- c) Dog owner, or the person in control of the dog, is to clear up all dog litter.
- d) Whilst exercising dogs is permitted in this area, this is not to be considered an exclusive use of the area
- 3. The designated areas and conditions can be amended, adjusted or removed by Council at its discretion at any time and without dispute.
- 4. Horse owners will be required to apply annually to the Shire for a permit to use the designated Zone "A" Horse Area with an annual fee being introduced, commencing 1 July 2023 for the permit. This fee will be considered as part of the 2023/2024 Budget Adoption process.

The Shire will establish permit conditions for horses using the designated area(s), which can be amended by Council at its discretion at any time and without dispute. Permit holders will be notified of all amendments as they are introduced.

If required, the Chief Executive Officer is to seek legal advice on the compilation of the Permit and associated conditions.

 The Chief Executive Officer may use the prescribed offences stipulated under the Shire's Local Government Property Local Law, 2017 at his/her discretion for any non-compliance.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION 12.13.1

Moved Cr SUDLOW, seconded Cr BURGES

Council prohibit horses from the town side river foreshore in accordance with the Shire's Local Government Property Local Law, 2017 other than for them to be waded across to the foreshore on the opposite side of the river.

CARRIED 5/1
Minute Reference 12-22/18

Note: Cr SUCKLING requested her for her name to be recorded as voting against the motion

12.13.2 2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES (ITEM 7.5.2)

File Reference	4.1.1
Date of Report	16 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

Council to formally resolve/determine meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year to allow advertising of the dates and times.

BACKGROUND:

As per the provisions of Section 5.25(g) Regulation 12 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council must at least once each year give local public notice of the dates and the time and place at which ordinary Council meetings are to be held within the next 12 months. Currently all Council meetings are held on the third Friday of each month. Easter Friday in 2023 is the 7th April so the Easter period should not affect the April Council meeting which will be the 21st April.

The following dates would apply for Friday meetings in 2023:

No meeting January
February 17th
March 17th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th
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August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
December 15th

Place of meetings are also to be advised within the notice and Council must decide venues for each meeting. It is recommended that the status quo remain.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

State: Local Government Act 1995 - Section 5.25(g) Regulation 12 of the Local Government Act 1995. Council must at least once each year give local public notice of the dates and the time and place at which ordinary Council meetings are to be held within the next 12 months.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority Required:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.13.2

Moved Cr PIKE seconded Cr SUDLOW

1. Council holds their ordinary meetings on the following dates for 2023:

February 17th

March 17th

April 21st

May 19th

June 16th

August 18th

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th

July 21st

- 2. All meetings commence at 1.00pm.
- The February, May, August and November meetings be held at the Allen Centre in Kalbarri with all other meetings to be held at the Northampton Council Chambers.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/19

12.13.3 WALGA – BEST PRACTICE GOVERNANCE REVIEW (ITEM 7.5.3)

File Reference	4.1.4
Date of Report	16 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	WALGA Consultation Paper – Model Options

SUMMARY:

The Western Australian Local Government Association's (WALGA) Best Practice Governance Review Steering Committee has distributed a Consultation Paper to Member Local Governments seeking Council endorsed feedback by 23 December 2022.

- The Consultation Paper contains five governance models, including current arrangements.
- The Governance Review represents an opportunity to review WALGA's
 governance model to ensure the organisation continues to deliver value to
 members through development of clear policy positions, positive advocacy
 outcomes, relevant services, and agile decision making.
- A website and Background Paper contain further information, and the Secretariat is available to provide briefing presentations to assist in deliberations.

BACKGROUND:

The WALGA website states the following:

The WALGA Best Practice Governance Review is an opportunity for WALGA to review our Governance model to ensure it is contemporary and agile. The organisation wants to be well-placed to represent, respond and delivered results to Members through:

- Strong, clear policy positions on matters of importance to the Local Government sector that drive positive advocacy outcomes for Local Governments and the communities they serve
- Relevant, quality services and programs that support Local Governments' operations and build capacity across the sector
- Agile and timely decision-making that responds to Members' needs, ensuring they are met with maximum effectiveness and efficiency
- Being the collective, credible voice of the Local Government sector in WA, inclusive
 of all Members and the diverse communities they represent.

COMMENT:

Rather than repeat the content of the Consultation Paper I refer Councillors to **Attachment 1.**

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No financial or budget implications envisaged.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.13.3

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr HORSTMAN

Council advise WALGA as a response to the WALGA Best Practice Governance Review their preference is Option 5(i.e. the Status Quo be retained).

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/20

12.13.4 MURCHISON RIVER CARAVAN PARK – LEASE (LOT 588 KALBARRI)

File Reference	13.2.4	
Date of Report	16 th December 2022	
Reporting Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Appendices	1. Site Plan	
	2. Landgate Crown Land Title (Lot 588)	
	3. Letter of Request	

SUMMARY:

An approach has been made by lawyers representing the current Lessee (Ronald William Allen) seeking variations to the lease they have with the Shire of Northampton for Lot 588 Grey Street, Kalbarri being used by them for the Murchison River Caravan Park.

BACKGROUND/COMMENT:

The Lessee's are seeking to have the existing lease with Ronald William Allen for Lot 588 surrendered and re-issued to Murchison View Pty Ltd ATF The Allen Family Trust due to the following:

- Mr. Allen's (the Lessee) current illness;
- Assist with any possible future sale of the business and the ability to reassign the Lease to any new owner in the event of a sale (subject to the consent of the Shire and the Minister for Lands); and
- the current Lease expires in 2024 and renewal would be sought then anyway.

The lease of the adjacent Lot 589 was renewed a year or two years ago in the name of Murchison View Pty Ltd ATF The Allen Family Trust. So this is simply aligning the two leases.

The Lessee is enquiring (via their lawyer) into whether the Shire will agree to lease variation and this to be for a further 21 year period.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Council currently charges an annual lease fee for both Lots 588 and 589 which is reviewed annually as part of the budget deliberations. The 2022/2023 lease fees are:

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Lot 588 - $22,527 (GST Exclusive);
Lot589 - $13,933 ( " " )
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It is not intended to amend these lease fees until the next Shire budget cycle and will be in accordance with the Rent Review Clause stated in the current lease agreement

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Land Administration Act, 1997

Legislation determines the purpose of the vesting of Crown Land under a Management Order. In regard to Lot 588 (on Deposited Plan 184647 and Certificate of Title Volume LR3044 Folio 475) the Crown Land Title (see **Attachment 2**) states the Management Order purpose as being "Caravan Park".

There is also a requirement under the Management Order to obtain Ministerial approval to lease the land, which can be for a maximum period of 21 years.

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS 12.11.4

Moved Cr BURGES seconded Cr STEWART

That Council approve the Lessee's request to:

- Surrender of the current lease for Lot588 Grey Street, Kalbarri with Ronald William Allen and re-issue the lease to Murchison View Pty Ltd ATF The Allen Family Trust;
- 2. Request Ministerial approval for the re-issued lease to be for a period of 21 years;

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/21

12.13.5 GLANCE COVE STRATA ACCESS (ITEM 7.5.5)

Location	Lot 17 Glance Cove, Horrocks	
File Reference	12.1.3/10.5.3	
Date of Report	16 th December 2022	
Reporting Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Appendices	1. Strata Group Submission	
	2. Strata Owners Responses	

SUMMARY:

Council to determine a request from the Glance Cove Cottages for an access to their Lot 17.

BACKGROUND:

Council resolved the following at the July 2022 meeting: Moved Cr SUCKLING, seconded Cr HORSTMAN

That Council instructs Management to:

- a) Progress with investigating options that include purchase of the land or creation of an easement by Glance Cove Strata with options to be discussed with the Strata and then bought back to Council.
- b) Allow access as across a portion of Lot 19 as per access option 2 submitted by the Glance Cove Strata, effective as from 15 July 2022 to assist in the determination of the suitability of the location and future tenure option of land purchase or easement.

CARRIED 7/0

To assist Councillors (and myself) with history on this matter all text coloured BLUE in this Report was provided to the July 2022 Council meeting.

The Glance Cove Cottages Strata "the Strata" have now for a number of years been progressing with changes to their strata with the inclusion of an access easement at the rear of the strata shown above as Easement "B" outlined in green border. This easement will allow for the relocation of all the existing cottages forward of their lot which is what the cottage owners are seeking.

In 2004 the Council received a second request from the strata to allow access through Council owned Lot 19. The following is an extract from the officer's report to the May 2004 Council meeting:

The application would essentially involve the widening of Glance Cove by around 26m² and the cul-de-sac head of North Court by around 230m² to allow rear access to the strata lots via a 6m wide common internal driveway (which is proposed to be part of the strata lots but with a right of carriageway easement allowing access). The applicant has stated they would be willing to pay for the survey costs involved.

Council has already given 389 m² from Lot 16 (now Lot 70) to accommodate a road widening at the request of the strata owners for underground power, however this also ensured that the existing gravel formation of Glance Cove was within the road reserve.

The process of re-subdivision of the strata lots to achieve the desired change in lot boundaries is subject to some uncertainty. It is considered that WAPC approval may be required for the re-subdivision however the applicant considers that the proposal can be achieved via a merger process under the Strata Titles Act. In either case the process required is not for consideration by Council.

What is for Council to decide is whether to support the road widening of Glance Cove and North Court to primarily benefit the owners of Lot 17 for changes to the internal access of the strata lots.

Council needs to be mindful of the objections received from the neighbouring owners and whether it wishes to become involved in the process and seen to be "taking sides". Bearing in mind that the re-subdivision/merger process can be dealt with internally by the strata owners and does not necessarily need the widening of roads to reconfigure the access. If the owners pursue this option, Council would be independent of the process.

Should Council entertain the road widening proposal, then consideration would need to be given as to whether the Shire should be financially compensated for the land required (approximately 255m²).

The Council at the May 2004 meeting resolved to defer the application from the Glance Street Strata to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council subject to both Strata's agreeing on a proposal for road widening/vehicle access.

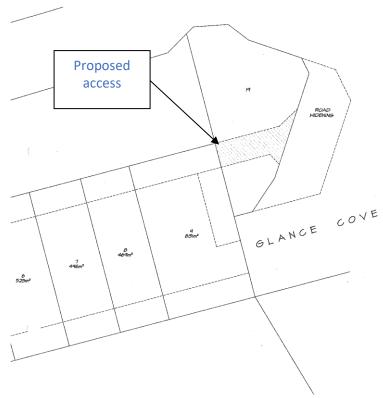
The matter was not discussed at the June 2004 meeting with a minute notation that the Council inspect the site before any decision is made.

In 2008 the subject arose again where the matter was referred to the then Department of Planning to seek their advice on the proposed road widening.

There were several factors to consider. At the time Lot 19 had significant land value. If the proposed road was progressed, then the closure of the balance of Glance Cove would need to be closed and incorporated into the balance of neighbouring Council owned Lot 16 which would come at a significant cost to the Council as the Council would be required to purchase the unused road reserve portion.

The Strata was requested to consider if they would purchase the portion of land required. To assist in this regard a valuation for the portion of land required, being 211.8m² was obtained being \$48,500. The matter did not progress.

The matter was again reported at the November 2017 meeting where the Strata requested Council to once again consider the provision of the access as proposed shown on the following plan.



Management suggested to the Council that it had two options, option 1 to subdivide the access out of Lot 19 and form part of the existing road access into Lot 19, option 2 create an access easement across Lot 19.

The creation of a new road reserve will come at a significant cost with survey fees, subdivision fees etc. and the downside of this road access is that it is likely that the unused portion of the road reserve, being predominantly gardens, will have to be purchased from the Department of Lands by Council as per the 2008 advice.

The best option recommended by Management was to create an access easement and then once the cottages have been located the boundaries of the road reserve, Lot 70, balance of lot 19 etc. can then be re-visited. The officer's recommendation was:

- 1. Lodge a request for an easement across Lot 19 Glance Cove as per the plan at Appendices 1 to allow a northern access to the Glance Cove Strata with all costs associated with the creation of this easement being the responsibility of the Glance Cove Strata.
- 2. When the cottages of the strata have been re-located to the front of the individual strata lots then consideration be given to amending the road reserve that currently accesses the Lot.

The Council resolved not to adopt the officer's recommendation and adopted the following:

"That Council not accept the request from the Glance Cove Strata Council for an access way across Council Lot 19 to access their strata easement."

During the debate on the matter, the Council determined that Lot 19 is considered to be of commercial value to Council and by allowing the access easement or other legal access, it further diminished the value of the lot.

CURRENT SITUATION

The strata have now once again submitted a request for a better access to the rear of their strata as per previous requests. Refer to their correspondence at Appendices 1.

The access recommended is not too dissimilar to what has previously been submitted to Council.

The Council is once again requested to determine if (a) if a portion of the lot is to be sold to allow access, (b) a further road widening to allow access be undertaken or (c) if an access easement is to be approved.

Either option will take time and come at a significant cost. The road widening is not preferred as it may require the Council to purchase the balance of the unmade Glance Street Road reserve as per previous advice, however what that value will be is unknown.

The purchase of the triangle portion required can be undertaken however will require a formal subdivision and a value for the portion of land to be excised from Lot 19 will need to be determined. However in recent subdivisions where property owners in Mitchell Street Horrocks purchased a portion of land at the rear of their properties, the land value was around \$200 yet cost was in excess of \$5,000 to undertake the subdivision process.

The access easement appears to be the simplest way to progress a legal access being requested.

COMMENTS

It appears the Strata owners have opted for the Easement option for access to the Glance Cove Strata across Lot 19 and not the purchase option.

The Easement is in accordance with the Council resolution in July 2022 (i.e. Option 2):



I have been advised one Strata owner currently has a matter before the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) requesting Strata purchases Lot 19 from the Shire to gain access to the land upon which the Strata is located. I am not sure how SAT could possibly rule on such a request as they do not have the power to force a land owner (in this case the Shire) to sell their land to another person, organisation.

I have advised the Strata representative (Brian Donegan) the Shire would not be comfortable in determining a position on this matter whilst a SAT determination was still in place. However, a resolution could be made subject to evidence being provided to the Shire of the SAT matter being either resolved or discontinued.

I have requested evidence of all Strata owners to provide written support of the Easement (Option 2), which has been provided (other than one which was still be supplied at time of writing the report). A copy of the written responses is provided at (Attachment 2).

I have also had confirmed the Strata will agree to cover all costs associated with the establishment of the easement (Option 2) across Lot 19. This confirmation is verbal only, yet part of the Officer Recommendation states this must be provided in writing, and paid in advance before the easement process is to commence.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Administrative, registration, legal and lodgment cost to implement the easement is still being obtained; however, it is my understanding the Strata Group will be required to cover all costs.

Survey costs (yet to be determined) will also be incurred, and the Strata will also be responsible for these costs as.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS - TOWN PLANNING:

The strata lots (Lot 18) and Lot 16 is zoned "Town Centre" under Town Planning Scheme No 10, with the southern portion of Lot 500 abutting North Court being a local scheme reserve for the purposes of "Foreshore Conservation & Dune Protection".

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS 12.13.5

Moved Cr STEWART seconded Cr SUDLOW

That Council agree to the establishment of an easement across Lot 19 Glance Cove as indicated on the attached plan as Option 2 under the following conditions:

- 1. All costs associated with the establishment of the easement are to be paid in advance by the Glance Cove Strata Group.
- 2. All Strata owners to provide written endorsement of the easement to the Shire before the establishment of the easement will commence.
- 3. Evidence to be provided to the Shire of all State Administrative Tribunal actions being completed or discontinued before the establishment of the easement will commence.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/22



9.14

Garry Keeffe

From: Brian Donegan <dbdonegan@bigpond.com>

Sent: 9 May, 2022 7:17 AM

To: Garry Keeffe

Subject: Glance Cove Strata - Request for access road amendment

Attachments: Signatures.pdf; Survey Strata Plan 15012.pdf; Document Covenant Plan J580587.pdf;

Glance Cove - Existing.pdf

Dear Garry,

As the owners of the Glance Cove Strata situated on Lot 17, Horrocks, we wish to make an application for the relocation of the access road, Glance Cove.

The units making up the present Glance Cove Strata were originally provided in the 1970s on a lease-hold basis by the Shire, to replace some of the shacks removed from the beach side of Glance Street. The Shire organised an access road to the front of Lot 17, connecting to the Strata's private driveway. When the leases were due to expire, the properties were converted to Strata Title, with each owner owning a small area covering their individual cottage, and the remainder being common ground.

In 2004 the owners were given the option of converting to a Survey Strata, which would divide the common ground between the individual owners and, among other things, allow them to build larger houses if they desired. All aspects of the conversion process needed unanimous approval by all owners.

As part of the conversion the owners decided to look at relocating the internal driveway (Easement D) to the rear of the Strata (Easement B), partly for aesthetic reasons, but also to allow garaging at the rear of houses, if and when individual owners rebuilt.

The Shire was approached requesting that they adjust the Glance Cove Road reserve to provide access to a rear driveway. The Shire looked favourably on the proposal but advised that they could not consider it until the change to Survey Strata was approved by Landgate. Landgate, however, would not approve the change unless there first was access to the rear driveway!

After extended discussion the owners of Lot 9 (Bridgeman's) granted a temporary Easement (E) through their Lot, to satisfy Landgate requirements, with the understanding that the Easement would be dissolved when direct access was obtained

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We believe this would be beneficial to the Shire as it will tidy up the land division in that it will provide more land around the rotunda. The relocated access road would occupy substantially less area of land. Glance Cove in the past has been widened from the standard ~20m width to 31m width. The reason for this expansion was that a garden was planted, and a rotunda was built alongside the road reserve thereby requiring widening of the reserve to allow unit holders to maintain access to their homes. Consequently, the current road reserve is 2-4 times larger than what is normally required. The proposed relocation of the access road would thereby free up prime beachside land for community use. Attached are photos depicting the general area for your convenience.

It We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the above with you and would welcome your suggestions as to how we could achieve access to Lot 17 in a favourable manner for the owners and the community.

Yours sincerely

Brian Donegan

mobile 0414757393

Secretary

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from the Shire (see attached Survey Strata Plan). The replacement Easement (B) came into effect in March 2006, the driveway changes came into effect in March 2021 (See attached Document Covenant Plan.

The Strata approached the Shire about relocating the access road twice, soon after the conversion to Survey Strata, and in 2017. Each time the approach failed, partly because some owners actively lobbied against it. These owners have since changed their mind and are now actively in favour. For this reason, we are now asking the Shire to reconsider our application again (see attached Unit Holders Signatures).

We believe it is to both our's and the Shire's benefit for the Glance Cove Road reserve to be altered to connect with the Southern end of our Eastern driveway. Below we have illustrated the existing and the proposed access to our properties for your consideration.



12.13.6 ANNUAL ELECGTORS MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORT (ITEM 7.5.6)

File Reference	4.1.1/1.1.3
Date of Report	16 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Appendices	1. Annual Report

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to accept the Shire of Northampton 2021/2022 Annual Report, receive the Auditors Report and Management Letter and set a date/time for the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

The Annual Report is provided under separate cover at Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND:

When considering setting a date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors it is a requirement of s5.27 'Electors General Meeting' of the Local Government Act 1995 this meeting can be no later than 56 days after accepting the Annual Report (this will be 10 February 2023 if Annual Report is accepted at today's meeting).

The Shire of Northampton last held the Annual General Meeting of Electors for 2021/2022 financial year on Thursday 18 March 2022 at the Council Chambers, Northampton commencing at 4.00pm.

The Officer Recommendation is suggesting the date, time and location to hold the next Annual General Meeting of Electors as being:

- ~ Thursday 9 February 2023
- ~ Commencing at 4:00pm
- ~ Council Chambers, Northampton

The Act stipulates the Annual General Meeting of Electors must be held not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year. Therefore, as mentioned, the latest date the meeting could be held is the 10 February 2023.

It is important to maximise attendances at the Annual General Meeting of Electors by constituents, hence the Officer Recommendation has suggested a date and time which is in the evening.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Advertising of the date, time and venue of the meeting must be undertaken.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

Local Government Act 1995

The Local Government Act 1995 states the following:

"5.27. Electors' general meetings

- (1) A general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.
- (2) A general meeting is to be held on a day selected by the local government but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.
- (3) The matters to be discussed at general electors' meetings are to be those prescribed."

5.29. Convening electors' meetings

- (1) The CEO is to convene an electors' meeting by giving —
- (a) at least 14 days' local public notice; and
- (b) each council member at least 14 days' notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.
- (2) The local public notice referred to in subsection (1)(a) is to be treated as having commenced at the time of publication of the notice under section 1.7(1)(a) and is to continue by way of exhibition under section 1.7(1)(b) and (c) until the meeting has been held.

5.32. Minutes of electors' meetings

The CEO is to —

- (a) cause minutes of the proceedings at an electors' meeting to be kept and preserved; and
- (b)ensure that copies of the minutes are made available for inspection by members of the public before the council meeting at which decisions made at the electors' meeting are first considered.

5.33. Decisions made at electors' meetings

- (1) All decisions made at an electors' meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable —
- (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
- (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.
- (2) If at a meeting of the council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors' meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

5.54. Acceptance of annual reports

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the annual report for a financial year is to be accepted* by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year.

* Absolute majority required.

5.55. Notice of annual reports

The CEO is to give local public notice of the availability of the annual report as soon as practicable after the report has been accepted by the local government

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Officer Recommendation 1 - Absolute Majority
Officer Recommendation 2 - Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION (1) 12.13.6

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr HORSTMAN

That Council accepts the Annual Report for the 2021/2022 financial Year as required by s5.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 as presented.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/23

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION (2) 12.13.6

Moved Cr SUCKLING seconded Cr BURGES

That Council:

- 1. Receives and accepts the Annual-Financial Report for 2021/2022;
- 2. Receives and accept the Auditors Management Report 2021/2022;
- 3. Set the date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors for the 9 February 2023, commencing 4.00pm at the Council Chamber, Northampton, and advertise this meeting accordingly.
- 4. Request the CEO give local public notice of the availability of the Annual Report as required by \$5.55 the Act:
- 5. Publish the Report on the Shire Website within 14 days of Council acceptance in accordance with s5.55A of the Act;
- 6. Provides a copy of the Shire of Northampton 2021/2022 Annual Report to the Director General of the Department of Local Government.

CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/24

12.13.6 PROPOSED MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION CONCEPT PLANS (ITEM 7.5.7)

Location	Kalbarri	
File Reference	11.1.17/5.1.8	
Date of Report	11 th November 2022	
Reporting Officer	Michelle Allen, Planning Officer	
Responsible Officer	Maurice Battilana, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Appendices	1. Concept Floor Plan	
	2. Concept Local Plan 1	
	3. Concept Location Plan 2	
	4. Concept Location Plan 3	
	Public Notice (Availability of Concept Plans)	
	6. Sample response to Submitters	
	7. Schedule of Submissions	

SUMMARY:

Council to determine process for the proposed Multi-Purpose Community Centre following community consultation

BACKGROUND:

Council at their May 2021 meeting resolved as part of a review of damaged buildings from Cyclone Seroja and as a result of the demolition of the community hall at the Kalbarri Community Hall and Camp, Council at their meeting resolved to seek community feedback from Kalbarri residents in relation to the construction of a proposed Multi-Purpose Community Centre to be located at the Kalbarri Sport and Recreation Precinct.

At their August 2021 meeting, Council resolved to seek community feedback from Kalbarri residents in relation to the construction of a proposed Multi-Purpose Community Centre which was to include provision for seniors, children's gymnastics, arts and crafts facilities and general community use and be cyclone rated to allow for provision of an evacuation Centre for emergencies...

A Multi-Purpose Community Centre is a facility designed to provide space for a variety of activities and services that would benefit the entire community. As a consequence ideas were sought from the community for Council consideration to assist with the development of preliminary designs for further community consultation.

In November 2021 all community feedback was considered and Council resolved to call for Expressions of Interest from qualified architects/designers to develop concept plans for further Council and community consideration. Advertising was undertaken with EOIs closing on 10 February 2022 with only one Expression of Interest being received from Eastman, Poletti & Sherwood.

At the February 2022 Council meeting, Council appointed Eastman, Poletti & Sherwood to prepare concept plans for the proposed Kalbarri Multi-Purpose Community Centre at a cost of \$16,970 exclusive of GST and funds from the Building Reserve Fund were utilized for this expenditure.

Following receipt of concept plans for the proposed Kalbarri Multi-Purpose Community Centre, which included a concept floor plan and three proposed site plans, advertising was undertaken inviting submissions/comments by 30 September 2022.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A concept floor plan and three proposed site plans (see **Appendices 1-4**) were received for the proposed Kalbarri Multi-Purpose Community Centre that was also to act as an emergency evacuation Centre.

The concept plans were made available for public comment on the Council website, at the Kalbarri and Northampton Shire Offices and by electronic means to any

enquirers. A Public Notice was published (See Appendix 1) with submissions invited with each submission being acknowledged by email or by letter (see Appendix 2). At this time, notice was also given that it was the intention of Council to ensure the proposed facility did not impede existing buildings at the site and therefore changes to the plans would be required.

At the closing of the public advertising process on 30 September 2022 a total of 22 submissions were received with one late submission being received in November 2022. A Schedule of Submissions detailing comments provided is attached at **Appendix 7**.

FINANCIAL & BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There was no provision for the cost of preparing the concept plans, however insurance pay outs of demolished Council owned buildings that was held in the Building Reserve Fund was used to cover the cost to prepare the concept plans.

The use of Building Reserve Funds had not been provided for within the 2021/22 Budget and therefore Council approved this expenditure as authorised expenditure as per the provisions of Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995.

No further funds are reserved for further development of the proposal.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Local: Shire of Northampton Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026

Apart from the provision of services to the community there is no direct strategy in relation to a Community Centre in the Strategic Plan or the Corporate Business Plan.

COMMENT:

Due to the continuing recovery phase from the cyclone, formal community consultation took place for the concept proposal ending on 30 September 2022.

A Schedule of Submissions has been prepared and Council is now requested to consider what direction it wishes to take to progress the project

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority Required:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION 12.13.7

Moved Cr PIKE seconded Cr BURGES

That Council summarises their position on the Kalbarri Multi-Purpose Community Centre as follows:

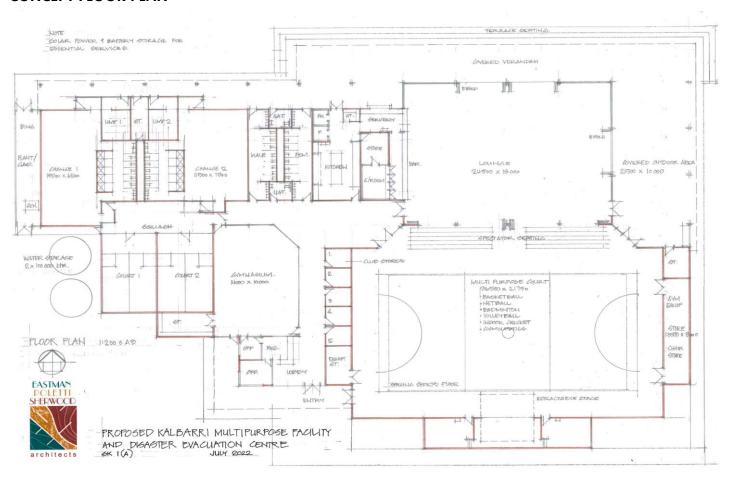
- This project is very much at the early concept stage only and no decision has been made to progress any further at this point.
- The consultation process was undertaken to simply seek feedback from the community and was not designed to give the impression the project would proceed until more detailed works and analysis has been undertaken.

- It is not the intention at this stage to demolish or remove any existing facilities/buildings.
- There is no funding available or being investigated until the Council has finalised a building type and location. To be seeking funding at this point is considered premature.
- The community will continue to be fully engaged if/when this concept moves to the next stage.
- Council wishes to thank everyone for their input to date and can assure the community all submission, comments and suggestions have been taken into consideration as part of Council's deliberation on this matter.

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CARRIED 6/0 Minute Reference 12-22/25

APPENDIX 1 - CONCEPT FLOOR PLAN



APPENDIX 2 - CONCEPT LOCATION PLAN 1



PPENDIX 3 - CONCEPT LOCATION PLAN 2



APPENDIX 4 - CONCEPT LOCATION 3



APPENDIX 5 – PUBLIC NOTICE (AVAILABILITY OF CONCEPT PLANS)



PROPOSED KALBARRI MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Council has received a concept floor plan and three proposed site plans for the proposed Kalbarri Multi-Purpose Community Centre that will also act as an emergency evacuation Centre. The concept plans are now available for public comment. The plans are available on the Council web site, for viewing at the Kalbarri and Northampton Shire Offices or can be sent by electronic means by contacting either office.

The plans are only concepts and will be further developed following the receival of submissions from the community. It is the intention of Council to ensure that the proposed facility does not impede existing buildings at the site therefore changes to the plans will be required. All submissions will be considered by the Council to allow final detailed plans to then be prepared for further consideration by both Council and the community.

Submissions/comments are to be received in writing and sent to the undersigned by 30 September 2022 either by post to PO Box 61 Northampton or by email to ceo@northampton.wa.gov.au.

GARRY KEEFFE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPENDIX 6 – SAMPLE RESPONSE TO SUBMITTERS

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your comments on the concept plans for the above.

As stated in the public notice, the plans provided are concept only and are provided as a starting point to generate discussion for the community and Council to look at all options in design and location and effects on existing infrastructure/buildings at the Kalbarri Recreation Ground site. The concept plans were developed to include all items that were received in the first round of community consultation.

Following the close of submissions on 30 September the Council will collate all comments and then have revised floor and site plans prepared for further consideration by both the community and Council. Once the Council has then adopted a final concept, detailed plans, including Hydraulic Engineering design (plumbing), Electrical Engineering designs, Structural Engineering designs, Evacuation Centre structural design requirements, Sport structural and equipment designs etc., will be developed to allow for accurate costings. Once an accurate total estimated cost has been received that will allow for a lifetime cost analysis and a Business Plan to be developed for grant funding application processes.

The Council has very minimal funds at this stage for such a facility and will be very reliant on grants and other funding for the project. If the required funding cannot be secured, then it may result in certain parts of the facility having to be deleted to make the project financially achievable or deferred until such time the required funds are available.

The community will be kept in form as this matter progresses.

Should you wish to further discuss the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

APPENDIX 7 – SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

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1.	Wendy Johnson	SUPPORTS IDEA BUT POINTS OF OBJECTION	
10/08/202	2	Congratulations, what a wonderful and much needed sports centre	
		(and cyclone proof as well) for our town. By the floor plan it	
		certainly covers a multiple of sports well into the future needs of	
		Kalbarri.	
		Disagrees with the proposed positions of Plans of the entire building	
		and with the actual position of the building:	
		 Not enough space for vehicle parking (particularly in an 	
		emergency situation	
		 Too close to Porter Street 	
		Only one vehicle and pedestrian entrance being off and in	
		to Porter Street. (have busy vehicle traffic businesses	
		opposite including tourist buses)	
		 Too close to "the Shed" Arts & Craft. Limited access for 	
		members.	
		 Area is too confined for future extension or additions. 	
2.	Joanna Karara	OBJECTION	
12/08/202	2	Concern raised at the proposed site for the multipurpose/evacuation	
		building. All three plans are unsuitable. As a member of Kalbarri	
		Arts & Crafts Group and the Kalbarri Tennis Club it is considered	
		that both organisations would be greatly impacted by any of the	
		proposed plans.	
		Has any thought been given to an alternative site?	
		What about the existing cleared site where the PCYC used to be?	
		Surely that is worth considering as since that facility/building was	
		lost there is nowhere to play badminton or for the Kalbarri	
		Gymnastics group to operate.	
		If it does have to be in town perhaps it would be more cost effective	
		to build a new building on a site already clear of buildings and	
		infrastructure with more consideration for parking.	
3.	Kalbarri Art &		
18/08/202	2 Craft Group Inc.,	Shire concept plans presented at Monday 8 August 2022 meeting.	
	Yvonne	Location – waste of finances and a waste of a resourceful	
	Whitehead	functioning community asset if the current Sport and Rec	
		building is demolished to make way for new centre.	
		Existing building could be repurposed for other community	
		needs or group activities.	

 Another location to the north-east around perimeter of Town Oval would be more appropriate given the need to back fill. From the three locations presented the preferred site option is Site Three (3) which is less intrusive to our club compared to all other options. Third option, although preferred, has reservations in relation to placement position of the new proposed building as the footprint encroaches very close to existing Art and Craft premises and this may result in pressure for our club to relocate. Clarification is sought from the Shire as to the security of our club's long standing and much utilised community premises. Previous correspondence to the shire (Oct 2021) has outlined requirements for basic club facilities as they currently exist, which included building floor plans and our extensive facilities. Equivalent of these existing facilities is the absolute 	
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relocate at any time in the follore.	
Thank you to CEO and team at Shire office and architects for delivering first concept plans. We at the school are excited by the project as it will be a valuable teaching resource to the Health and Physical Education Curriculum areas for all students. This feedback is provided by HPE staff regarding educational benefits from the plans. Main Court Positives – Enclosed undercover court will enable specialised teaching of many sports. - Adequate storage for sports that would use facility - Addition of partition to close of function area from court would assist with supervision of students and enable both areas to operate simultaneously - Bathroom & changeroom facilities more than adequate - Sufficient room from edges of court to wall to allow	
_	Town Oval would be more appropriate given the need to back fill. From the three locations presented the preferred site option is Site Three (3) which is less intrusive to our club compared to all other options. Third option, although preferred, has reservations in relation to placement position of the new proposed building as the footprint encroaches very close to existing Art and Craft premises and this may result in pressure for our club to relocate. Clarification is sought from the Shire as to the security of our club's long standing and much utilised community premises. Previous correspondence to the shire (Oct 2021) has outlined requirements for basic club facilities as they currently exist, which included building floor plans and our extensive facilities. Equivalent of these existing facilities is the absolute minimum requirements we consider our club would need to relocate at any time in the future. Thank you to CEO and team at Shire office and architects for delivering first concept plans. We at the school are excited by the project as it will be a valuable teaching resource to the Health and Physical Education Curriculum areas for all students. This feedback is provided by HPE staff regarding educational benefits from the plans. Main Court Positives – Enclosed undercover court will enable specialised teaching of many sports. Adequate storage for sports that would use facility Addition of partition to close of function area from court would assist with supervision of students and enable both areas to operate simultaneously Bathroom & changeroom facilities more than adequate

- Negatives Windows & lighting for area. Type of lights (LED),
 Natural lighting and this effect on court, lighting
 control access (If no one is there how is it accessed)
 - Wooden sprung floor presents issues for upkeep and uses. No food, water/drinks, marking shoes high heels on the court unless a cover is placed over it.
 Other flooring options such as cork/rubber underlay of a harder wearing surface such as a poly (plastic) sealed pour should be considered. This option is very hard wearing but not as impact absorbent as wooden sprung flooring.
 - Line marking could be confusing for the number of different sports intending to use the facility.

Additional recommendations

- Have an adjustable height basketball hoops and netball posts to enable coaching of under 11/s that match with sporting code requirements.
- Remove stage from the area and use a portable stage in the function area. Close court off to these events to prevent court damage.
- Provide additional second indoor court.

Function Area

- Positives Views of oval with kangaroos at dusk and also views out to adjacent playground makes good supervision from the one location
 - Ability to partition off the main court so area can be used as a studio for yoga, Pilates, aerobics makes good sense. (As long as the Bar can be secured and furniture moved). This allows for multiple classes to use area independently. (One in the court and the other in the function area).

Negatives - Need to know more to establish if this area would be suitable for movement classes such as pilates, yoga, aerobics etc.

Bathrooms/Changerooms

	Positives - Inclusion of umpires changerooms is excellent however they have to walk outside before they enter the court - Two sets of bathrooms, toilets and showers. (Is this too many?) Negatives - Too many bathrooms? Many centres that are larger have only one combined changeroom and toilet. Students may	
5. Karla	 White Long term community member of Kalbarri. Member of local Arts and Craft Group. Concerns regarding placement of new multi-purpose community sports complex. Proposed position of new building means removal of current Sport and Rec building and Art and Craft Building. Why not put it further around the oval on the other side of the tennis courts? Why remove the Sport and Rec building which is not very old. It could be used for something else – conference room/function centre/gymnasium instead of including a gymnasium in the new complex. Removal of playground that is regularly used and enjoyed by children of all ages. Are there plans to re-establish this playground within these grounds? Current arts and craft building is mused by many community members daily and is made up of different rooms used for different crafts. There is also a gallery where members sell works to tourist. Where do we go as a club once this building is demolished. Keep in mind the need for a painting area, sewing room, kitchen area, outdoor area with a sink fit for clay use, a pottery room, a 	
	 kiln room and a gallery. Not only will it be sad to see the old hall taken away and a building that holds many happy memories but for many this club is a place to go when we've had a hard day and want to unwind. It's a place to laugh, a place to learn and 	

		 share our knowledge, a place to meet new friends, a place to escape and a place to be creative. Many may think this is a club for a bunch of old ladies to sit and knit while they gossip well I'm here to tell you that it's much more than that. It's a club that is needed for our community members young and old, for our mental wellbeing, for people to get out of their houses to socialise and keep their minds active. Please don't demolish our building.
6. 29/08/2022	Melissa Finlay	 With destruction of PCYC the current Sport and Recreational Centre is the only sporting facility we have in town. Current proposed location will result in destruction of Kalbarri's only sporting facility for at least 18 months. This is unacceptable. Council must position the new centre to complement the old Centre which will provide additional facilities to Kalbarri rather than less and will allow the sports to continue through the construction of new facility. If the Shire were to place the new facility in the proposed location (which all three concept locations are exactly the same in reality) temporary facilities must be provided. The Shire would also need to consider the impact this destruction and lack of facilities will have on the community who have lost so much and endured such a long recovery process. I hope the Shire can take on my comments and look forward to seeing new proposed locations and how the new proposed designs can work with the existing facilities. Kalbarri is a growing town we need to plan for the future not yesterday.

7	Varia Dadala	Diama and fantacitic took what toom march. Also calle account to the	Lean departe
7. 29/08/2022	Kate Ralph	Plans are fantastic just what town needs. My only concern is the complex that's there at the moment is a great building to keep for functions and activities that happen now in it. Seems silly to remove a building to place another when it is used for so much. It's used for so much more than sport events — weddings, birthdays memorials, club end year parties. If it was to be kept there is no reason both can be used for these events. Also to consider the area around will not be able to be used whilst construction is going on and it is used a lot. Will be many clubs that won't be able to run due to this for however long it takes to build. Two years? Netball, all senior activities they do inside. Covid clinics, badminton, judo and footy carnivals that hopefully will start running again next year. These bring a lot of money to town and a lot of money to Northampton junior footy club which they need. My thoughts were to use a different piece of land if it is available to be used. I was thinking land between the Anglican Church and the cricket nets. Plenty room to also add more car parking. That whole east side oval us an unused land. Thanks for reading my thoughts. I would hate my kids to miss a year of netball or footy. I have attached plans and added my idea.	Landard Landar
8. 31/08/2022	Pete McKenzie Kalbarri Property Care	I don't like any of the proposed concept locations as they all involve the demolition of the existing Sport and Recreation Building. This building is still a good structure with a large event room, kitchen area, change rooms and toilets. The undercover area between this building and the tennis courts was also put together with many volunteer community hours and having this destroyed would be another blow to community morale. There are better potential locations: 1. Put the new facility further west over the existing skate park. Relocate and improve skate park to foreshore area. Relocate arts building. 2. Put the new facility to the north of the existing Sport and Recreation building, on the southern side of the oval. Then extend oval to the north if a bigger oval is required. Both these options make a lot more sense than demolishing the existing Sport and Recreation Centre and associated undercover area.	

9. 31/08/2022 W	Shirley &	The disruption to locals playing sports such as tennis during the construction phase will also be less severe this way. Having looked at the building plans our opinion is No. 3 option looks
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	Vayne Gerard	best. We cannot see the point of losing a perfectly good Sport and Recreation venue. It seems to work well for community. We have been Seniors Club members from its inception. And as an Art and Craft member for 17 years please don't touch our shed. If you just move any new parts to the right of plan. We all know total replacement will take years to finish. Or what about opposite post office in vacant block.
10. 19/09/2022	albarri Netball Association	Please see below comments on behalf of the Kalbarri Netball Association. In addition to our comments we would also like to inform the shire that the association has access to small grants from Netball WA and sponsors that may assist with funding for the courts of the community centre and we would be more than happy to apply for grants and assist the shire in any way. What we noticed: No forward thinking for future growth with the building and location No forward thinking for future growth with the building and location No forward thinking for future growth with the building and location Dolly one court for all those shared activities and no thought into future grown (e.g. opportunity for future netball carnivals, needs more courts. Town population grows resulting in more local netball teams/games) Demolishing the existing Sport & Rec building and moving courts. What happens to all the groups that use existing facilities while a new building is built? Losing another building in town. No indoor play space for children. Many mothers play netball Stage on a sprung floor Suggest the bushland to the east of the oval for possible building site, connecting to existing courts and building. Positives: Indoor court with sprung floor. Enough room ground court for run off zone etc.

purpose con	pall Association highly supports the building of a multi- munity/evacuation centre in the right location with the thinking towards the future of the Kalbarri community.
11. 21/09/2022 Felicity Graham Location Essential to lead to	ave this in a central position. Ing complex (KSR) is identified in concept plan as being best positions. Vacuation Base voy cyclone-rated evacuation centre is in Dongara. Tregency centre needs to be in centre of town. Tregency — Kalbarri not immune to possibility of future cy also a real scenario. Interpret in Kalbarri wheeled to Geraldton. Troja no facility in Kalbarri. Yers meet twice weekly at KSR but building too small court. Troja no facility in Kalbarri. Yell weekly to Geraldton for children to learn and equipment damaged in cyclone. Yed outdoors but indoors would be better: No cancellations due to weather Sprung timber floor means less injuries Current teams — 4 ladies, 4 girls mixed netball. Concerts Yee enough to have a removable stage would be d bring cultural pursuits to town. Perhaps this could be

Dancing

No current venue in Kalbarri where can dance because of size and lack of proper sprung flooring.

Hub for Outdoor Sports

Football games, particularly when hosting visiting clubs.

Tennis Club could host and cater for visiting clubs.

Softball.

Gymnasium

Yoga.

Karate

Open 24/7

Functions – Weddings, Conventions

Seniors Group - meets weekly at KSR

Weddings - nil in Kalbarri due to lack of venue

Conventions - build a largen enough venue and they will come.

Ongoing Management

Permanent part time funder manager to arrange sporting fixtures and rosters, take bookings for functions, catering, cleaning and maintenance. Allen Centre (Shire) and Kalbarri Visitor Centre staff could be involved in management particularly if this centre is located in a position close to or adjoining the Allen Centre. Cost of employing a manager and cleaner should be partially funded by hire of building.

Future Planning

Proposal should look at 5, 10 and 20 year scenarios.

No point in throwing money at a building which will be obsolete if it is too small and unable to cater for all possibilities within a couple of years.

Kalbarri is only going to grow and whether permanent or transient population, a community centre is an asset which will attract people. Build it and they will come.

Make it look fantastic and they will come.

Suggestion 1

The oval be moved slightly in NE direction and place new building on western part of current oval.

- Would allow for parking as more would be needed and the Allen Centre extended carpark could be used as well.
- It would be accessible from Allen Centre which is a Shire hub and the two buildings could be linked.

- By building it up a bit there could be sunset views maybe the 10 year plan could incorporate a second storey function centre.
- Doing this would save KSR from demolition and not leave Kalbarri people in the lurch while new centre is constructed.

Suggestion 2

Extend KSR building with minimal interference to current users.

Pros – It is in a prime position.

Cons – Disruptions and cessation of badminton group

Disruption and possible cessation of Seniors Group

Nowhere to have small functions

Nowhere to hold meetings, inoculations

Cost of moving current users

- Extension west would mean moving Arts and Crafts building to a suitable position:
 - Art & Craft would get brand new premises
 - Current premises would need to be recreated
- Extension east would mean moving at least 2 of 4 courts further east bringing disruption to tennis and netball clubs which are going well. It took 8 years to get 4 good courts, what are the chances of replacement? Enthusiasm would be dampened by less courts and loss of undercover area.

Suggestion 3

Put new Centre down where the PCYC Hall was.

General consensus is having the building in the sporting complex is far better but if not enough room, perhaps we might have to change ideas.

Pros - Fantastic spot with sunset and river views

Up nice and high

No parking issues

Cons – Nobody wants it there

To sum it up, the Shire of Northampton, the township of Kalbarri and its people could have a positive community enterprise evolving from the trauma of Cyclone Seroja.

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12. 21/09/2022	Volleyball WA	New community centre with at least two indoor volleyball courts will provide an opportunity for the development of a new community club and a range of community of volleyball activities across abilities and life stages in Kalbarri. This will also allow the hosting of community and school volleyball competitions at the centre that could attract teams from other cities and shires to visit. We will be appointing a Regional Development Coordinator for the Mid West in coming months who will support development of a new club in the region. The current layout in the concept shows one basketball court. We have attached our volleyball Facilities Guide which shows a Tier 2/3 layout on page 6, with a free playing space of 7m high from the surface that may work best for this space with two volleyball courts across one basketball court. We hope that the Shire will take this into consideration to maximize the space available.	
13. 24/09/2022	Hamish Turner	I am not in a position to see internal design details and consequently my observation is limited to the positioning and provide some comments. Concept 3 appears to have the preferred position relative to the location of the tennis courts encroachment into the playing field. Comments: • Ceiling height to be suitable for badminton. • The actual location would require demolition of existing club house. • Is there provision to house activities elsewhere during construction phase?	
14. 25/09/2022	Ric and Julie Davey	Believe this proposal will have positive effect on Kalbarri Community still recovering from effects of Cyclone Seroja. Important for the development of sport in general in Kalbarri, especially for youth of the town. We have investigated numerous similar facilities throughout Australia and are in a good position to recommend what the town needs in relation to sporting facilities. Three proposals put forward are not an option because of proposed location. Losing an existing facility, after having lost the hold hall at the Kalbarri Camp, to gain another is a backward step that would further deteriorate morale of the community. The Sport and Rec facility and undercover area, which were built by members of the community, continues to serve the purpose they were built for with	

undercover area integrating well with netball/tennis courts. The building and undercover area provides excellent shelter during inclement weather and although in need of rejuvenation will continue to fulfil the needs of the community for many years.

This facility could be used as a 'backup' evacuation facility should a new facility become overwhelmed.

If current site is used for proposed complex there would be added expense of demolition and huge cost to community and many groups that currently use the facilities. Realistically, they would be unable to use facility for four to five years in current building/construction environment. THIS IS NOT AN OPTION.

We proposed two alternative sites:

Option 1

East of the existing oval near Anglican Church with access from either Porter or Smith Streets. We believe this is Unallocated Crown Land. For

- Ample room for complex including parking and future expansion.
- Can be orientated to make best use of prevailing conditions without being restricted by room. Would help to keep running costs like heating and cooling to a minimum.
- Little disruption caused to community during construction.
- Would be located away from existing accommodation establishments with reduced noise impact and congestion.
- Whole UCL area could be rezoned for a future sports precinct with the potential requirement for more sports fields.

<u>Against</u>

- Land will need to be rezoned from UCL to Shire with appropriate costs and time constraints.
- Costs associated with installing new services to complex (i.e. power, water and sewerage.
- Locations is further away from centre of town and school
- Complex would need a separate managing body and staff.

Option 2

At rear of and connected to the Allen Centre.

For

- Management of proposed complex could be integrated with Visitors Centre and/or Shire Office staff, with savings in running costs.
- Existing Long Vehicle Parking could be reworked to provide parking requirements for proposed complex.
- Could integrate new or upgraded facilities at Visitor Centre and Shire Office complex (i.e. new larger library, museum, Nanda Interpretive Centre, extra office space.
- Centrally located Function Centre facility for corporate events to become income producing and bring money into town during quieter periods.

Against

- Disruption to the Allen Centre.
- Requirement to relocate water tanks that supply reticulation to foreshore lawns.
- Not as much room for expansion as in Option 1.
- Plans for new facility should include a minimum of two multipurpose courts.
- With options discussed above there is no need for football style change rooms/umpire rooms as shown in proposed plans.
- Plans to not need an outlook over the oval as they would be separate from existing Sport and Rec building.
- Large well equipped creche is important facility that has been omitted form concept plans.
- A café/kiosk could be handy facility in complex for income generation via a lease agreement with the managing body.

<u>Summary</u>

- Business plan needs to be developed in conjunction with proposed plans so a feasibility plan into running costs can be ascertained.
- Cyclone Seroja highlighted urgent need for evacuation facility in Kalbarri.
- Kalbarri may be about to enter an expansion phase and a facility built for today's requirements could be too small within a short period of time. This is why facility can't be built where it is being proposed.

		 A swimming pool will become a needed asset in near future to service the elderly, toddler training, school swimming lessons/school carnivals and fitness and injury rehabilitation markets as well as tourist and general recreation. Kalbarri can ill afford to lose infrastructure after cyclone. PLEASE DON'T DEMOLISH EXISTING SPORT AND REC BUILDING as there are better alternatives. 	
15. 26/09/2022	Raina Robinson	Most building projects of this multitude will take away community's access to facilities at the current precinct. Updating current recreation facility to cyclone proof shelter should be considered. The Shire has enough surrounding land to erect new proposed community building (which I gather will be constructed providing protection from cyclones) in a more suitable location such as the PCYC land.	
16. 27/09/2022	Jerome Teakle, Kalbarri Tennis Club	 Not in favour of demolishing existing Sports and Recreation building as the building and it's attached shade/cover area still has a place in the Kalbarri Community. Demolishing it will set back all sorts and community activities for a long period of time. Closure of tennis/netball court for time of demolition and rebuilding will be a major inconvenience for the club. It has taken the club a long time to get where it is now and losing a facility and a court for a long period will set the club back resulting in membership losses, loss of junior members, cancellation of junior tennis coaching opportunities and potential committee closure. Would like to retain current Sport and Rec facility and surrounding infrastructure and see new Centre built to east of the town oval, between the oval and the Anglican church. Told this land is Unallocated Crown Land so is this an option? It would be the perfect location for a new Centre and would complement both the football oval and the current facility. The Tennis Club is not offering an option on the design and facilities of new facility other than to point out that the Netball Club would be able to use indoor multipurpose court for their games which would free up four existing 	

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		outdoor courts for tennis club use. This would be extremely
		advantageous to the Tennis Club for the future.
		Tennis Club acknowledges that new Centre will foremost be
		an evacuation centre but a standalone evacuation centre
		will possibly stand idle and unused for possibly long
		periods of time and not take full advantage of its location,
		housing and space within the community.
1 <i>7</i> .	Connie Kearney	Have been on Multi-Purpose Facility committee and would like to
29/09/2022		address current issues which impact community use:
, ,		 Inclusion of one multi-purpose court is not fit for purpose as
		it needs to service more than six activities at one time. Local
		gymnastics club would recommence once facility is built with
		three sessions scheduled per week. One planned court
		would not be able to support gymnastics club and other
		recreational activities. Strongly suggest considering two
		multi-purpose courts to address potential clashes and allow
		all activities to be maintained. Would also future proof for
		new activities and possible expansion of population.
		Storage entry dimensions are not sufficient to store
		equipment for all clubs. Integral pieces of equipment could
		not be safely stored in current proposed storage entry
		door so a roller door would be more suitable for this area.
		Listed is equipment required to run gymnastics.
		Beams (5m long), Crashmats 3.6m x 1.9m), Double Mini
		(3.3m x 1.7m x 0.7m), Table top vault (1.1m x 1.5m).
		Current location of Sport and Rec building is a suitable
		location for new building and would allow all sporting
		activities to be in a central area. Aerial pictures indicate
		that moving the oval slightly to allow more space is a
		possibility and for possible expansion of population.
		Alternative option could be to rebuild the old PCYC Hall to
		the same dimensions with addition of a storage area to
		house gymnastics equipment. Would be a continuation of
		previous operation of gymnastics club.
		Two squash courts are a welcome addition to the plans as
		the community is heavily invested in squash. Inclusion of two
		courts eliminates the need to drive to Northampton which
		many residents have been undertaking since Cyclone
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18. 29/09/2022	Peter and Lois Gazzard	Seroja. Squash has always been popular recreational activity for population of the town. Thank you for reading over my proposed alterations for mew Centre and I look forward to using new facility. We believe Plan 3 is the most appropriate for the town. • Every group would still retain their facilities with little or no interruption. • Proposed building fits the structure of the block more appropriately. We hope this feedback is helpful and meets your requirements.	Andonte Lincolte Lincolte
19.	Sean Gorman	Submission of feedback in regard to concept design for new Multi-	
29/09/2022	SSGII SSIIIGII	Purpose Facility: 1. Site Master Plan of Pingelly Community Centre is available at https://architizer.com/projects/pingelly-recreation-and-cultural-centre/ . This project won WA's top Architecture aware and provides a good precedent for how a building can connect to existing context and still provide beautiful facilities. 2. Quote from EPS recommended a detailed feature and contour survey to be carried out for the proposed site. This survey should be carried out as soon as possible to assist with site planning and to avoid abortive work. 3. Quote from EPS states a site development master plan would be developed initially as part of their work. Current drawings provided show a quick freehand sketch over an aerial image. Additional master planning design work and a formal scaled plan line drawing should be provided that consider the context of the site further. The attached	

- drawing would be similar to what would be expected in regard to a master plan for the site.
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of current Concept are presented below:

Strengths

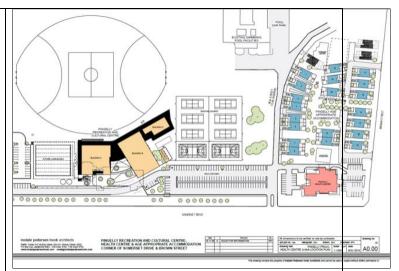
- Provides initial arrangement of functions and facilities to allow brief development with stakeholders and initial costing
- Adjacent to oval, existing tennis courts, skatepark and parking
- Storage
- Sanitary facilities
- Kitchen and bar facilities

Weaknesses

- Relocation of courts and playground
- Existing sports and rec building requires removal
- Solar access dark internalised circulation and building interior
- Confusing way finding between functions
- Building form will be awkward due to lack of a rational planning
- Connection to tennis courts
- Cross ventilation due to dep floor plan

Opportunities

- Beautiful oval with kangaroos at dusk more spaces could have views out to
- Organisation of spaces could benefit from a circulation strategy both internally and externally. (see attached Pingelly plan where a verandah which is black shaded element, connects functions and allows more free movement externally. Something similar could break down the building bulk and allow glimpses to the oval from Porter Street)
- Pingelly plan separated some functions to allow access to light, air and to create external covered spaces between functions – possibly a good spot for a shaded playground?
- Alternate locations that maintain existing facilities and allow for future development





		- Alternate location that connects to Allen Centre's	
		existing parking and facilities could be better for	
		management and tours.	
		Threats	
		- Management costs	
		- Wind	
		- Sun	
		- Heat	
		- Growth – how does the centre grow in the future to	
		provide more facilities in the future?	
		 Evacuation regulatory requirements – what size space 	
		and facilities are required for Kalbarri's population?	
20.	GL Fletcher	Thanks for initial thoughts/plans. Good job. Look forward to further	
29/09/2022		developments.	
21.	Kalbarri	KDA cognisant of need for a multipurpose community centre that can	
30/09/2022	Development	double as emergency centre and make the following comments:	
	Association	Do not agree with any of the proposed sites.	
		Existing Rec Centre should remain as it is somewhere the	
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		community can continue to use during and after construction	
		of new facility. Good for small groups to use current	
		structure rather than big structure that is proposed.	
		 What other land is available to place new centre on that we can comment on. 	
		We do agree that new facility should be in the general	
		area of current sport precinct and there should be	
		adequate parking available.	
		 Interior design with various sports being able to be played 	
		and an area where large functions can be held including	
		movie nights, theatre or concerts.	
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		was pleasing to see.	
		If existing Rec Centre is retained, then the need for football	
		or other sporting change rooms would be negated in new	
		facility and this area could be utilised for other purposes.	
		We will provide further comment on interior design as more	
		information is known.	

22. Have reviewed concepts for Kalbarri evacuation centre/sports Andrew Lawson, 30/09/2022 centre and open to these concepts but feel there are other options Kalbarri Physiotherapy to consider. Attached is a surveyor's idea of moving the oval to allow for more space. • Could relocate arts and crafts and place the centre adjacent and west of the current building. Believe indoor cricket would be a well utilised area and could be used for multisport (e.g. Cricket training/bowling machine, indoor soccer, indoor netball). Open to Vince Catania's idea of having it where existing Shire offices are located. He mentioned that it's not how much these things cost, it's how much they cost to run. He also stated there is a lack of function rooms on the West coast with ocean views and such a site would generate significant income from functions/conventions. • Further consultation with experts in this field is needed. Mining and Engineering Surveys Mob 0438 950 036

23. 28/11/2022 LATE	Lauren Sweetman	 Late submission seeking there to be a space for young children to continue gymnastics and dancing, as was available with the PCYC Hall.
SUBMISSION		 After reviewing plans and speak with others with the same submissions, it seems a designated space for this is not likely for the proposed Centre.
		Timeframes were also discussed at the most recent KMECC Meeting and it is evident that this will not come to fruition for many years.
		 The current dilemma is that there is currently nowhere in Kalbarri where our kids can participate in these important social and developmental activities and there won't be for some time.
		There does not appear to be any available shire buildings in the town that could be used for this purpose.
		I have formed a small Committee who are in the process of organising an event to start fundraising directly for a new Centre that the kids and Community can enjoy.
		 Where could such a building go? The old PCYC Hall was an important part of the Community and perfect for gymnastics, dancing, concerts, birthdays, functions and weekend skating or Blue Light Discos.
		The KMECC will be wonderful for the town and offer a safe space in the event of another natural disaster, but I would like to ask permission to look at the possibility of rebuilding a small Hall where the old PCYC Hall was located.
		A small Hall would not take as long as the KMECC to build. The current Recreation Centre is not large enough and is used by many local groups already.
		We don't wish to see lots of bells and whistles just a practical and functional space that will be created in memory of the old Hall and with the Shire's permission we would like to start a fundraising campaign to raised required funds to rebuild the Hall, so it is truly a Town Hall.
		 We are attending Kalbarri Development Association meeting this Wednesday to discuss our idea. We have spoken with the Camp School who fully support
		this proposal.

12.14 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

21/11/2022	Western Power (MS Teams)
28/11/2022	WALGA Work Health Safety Information Session, Gosnells City Council
28/11/2022	Darren Kavanagh, Work Safe Commissioner and Darren Klemm, DFES
28/11/2022	Lydia Highfield, CEO Recruitment (MS Teams)
30/11/2022	Synergy, EV Charging Station (MS Teams)
01/12/2022	Jon Haines, Leadership Program Kalbarri District High School
04/12/2022	Gallery Opening, Hampton Gallery, Northampton
06/12/2022	Audit Meeting, Northampton Shire Chambers
09/12/2022	EV Charging Station, Kalbarri
09/12/2022	Christmas Function, Northampton Bowling Club
12/12/2022	Councillors and Synergy, EV Charging Station Kalbarri (MS Teams)
13/12/2022	Merome Beard, MLA, Kalbarri
15/12/2022	Funeral of former Councillor Pat Gliddon, Geraldton
16/12/2022	Lydia Highfield, Update CEO Recruitment (Phone)

12.15 DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

24/11/2022	John Kennedy Foundation and Steven Michael Foundation, Northampton
	Shire Chambers
28/11/2022	Lydia Highfield, CEO Recruitment (MS Teams)
30/11/2022	Synergy (MS Teams)
02/12/2022	Special Council Meeting, Northampton Shire Chambers
09/12/2022	Christmas Function, Northampton Bowling Club
12/12/2022	EV Charging Station (MS Teams)
15/12/2022	Funeral of former Councillor Pat Gliddon, Geraldton
16/12/2022	Christmas Function, Northampton Works Depot

12.16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

12.16.1	CR BURGES
01/12/2022	Jon Haines, Leadership Program Kalbarri District High School
09/12/2022	EV Charging Station, Kalbarri
09/12/2022	Christmas Function, Northampton Bowling Club
15/12/2022	Funeral of former Councillor Pat Gliddon, Geraldton

12.16.2 CR SUCKLING

07/12/2022 Northampton Tourist Association, Northampton

12.16.3 CR PIKE

15/12/2022 Funeral of former Councillor Pat Gliddon, Geraldton

12.16.4 CR STEWART

02/12/2022 Special Council Meeting, Northampton Shire Chambers

12.17 ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER

12.17.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORMER COUNCILLOR PAT GLIDDON

The Council acknowledge the recent passing of a long serving Elected Member, Pat Gliddon.

The President advised a more detailed statement of Mrs. Gliddon's contribution to Council and the community would be included as part of her next President message to the community

12.17.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GARRY KEEFFE

The Presiding Member, Cr Horstman, stated since the last Council meeting our long-standing Chief Executive Officer, Garry Keeffe, has formally retired and discontinued with the Shire.

On behalf of the Council I would like it to be recorded the Councillors sincerely thank Garry for his tireless efforts in representing and advocating for our communities over the past 26 years.

We wish Garry and Terri all the very best for a restful and well-deserved retirement.

12.17.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIRING ELECTED MEMBER CR PETER STEWART

The Presiding Member, Cr Horstman, acknowledged this was Cr Peter Stewart's last meeting due to his retired scheduled for 31 January 2023. The Presiding Members and Elected Members thanked Cr Stewart for his contribution to Council and the community during his tenure as an Elected Member with the Shire of Northampton

12.18 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

12.19 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Friday 17th February 2023 commencing at 1.00pm at the Allen Centre, Kalbarri.

12.20 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.13 pm.

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 207 WERE C	Onfirmed as a true and correct
PRESIDING MEMBER:	DATE: