

SHIRE OF CARNAMAH

Ordinary Meeting of Council

18 April 2018

Notice of Meeting

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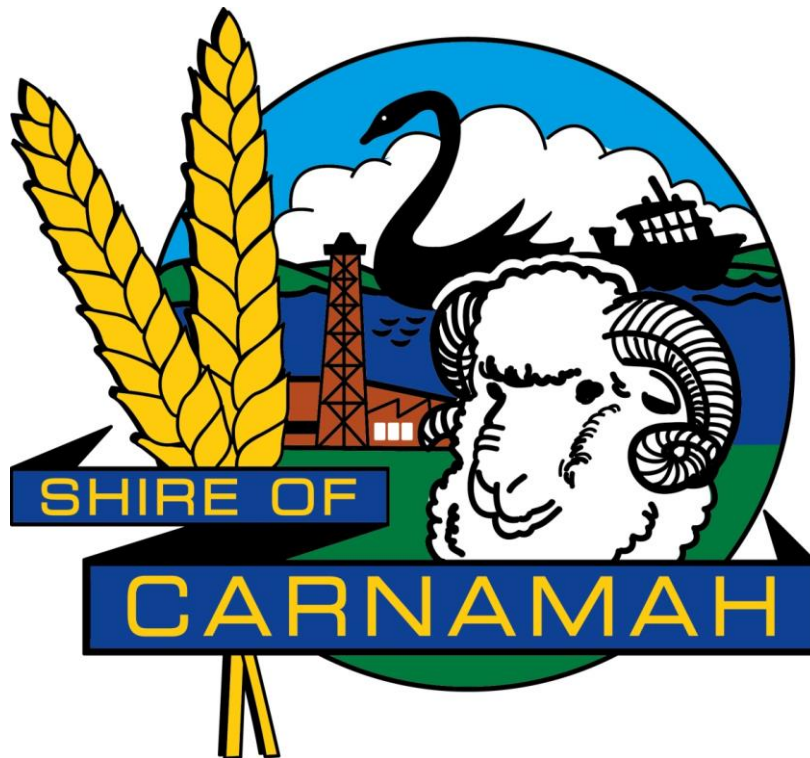
The next Ordinary Meeting of the Carnamah Shire Council is to be held:

On: Wednesday 18 April 2018

At: Council Chambers, 33-37 Macpherson Street
Carnamah WA 6517

Commencing at: 4:00pm

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K L OBORN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council

18 April 2018

SHIRE OF CARNAMAH
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 18 April 2018

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SHIRE OF CARNAMAH

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Signed: _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF CARNAMAH
AGENDA
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held at the Council Chambers, 33-37 Macpherson Street, Carnamah

On Wednesday 18 April 2018

Commencing at 4:00pm

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING**

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**
 - Present**

 - Apologies**
Cr Ian Stirling

 - Leave Of Absence (Previously Approved)**
Cr Liz Piccles-Popham

3. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**
Nil

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

6. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

7. **PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
Cr Karen Chapple (President – Shire of Morawa)

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21 March 2018

As Circulated

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item 9.1

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 March 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record.

10 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE REPORTS

10.1.1 Accounts for Payment

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0075
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 April 2018
Author:	Ian Walsh - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.1.1 - Cheque & EFT Listing

SUMMARY

Council to confirm the payment of creditors for the period 9 March 2018 to 6 April 2018, in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 section 13(1).

ATTACHMENT

Copy of list of accounts paid (EFT & cheque payments), which will enable Council to confirm the payment of its creditors in accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Section 13(1).

BACKGROUND

Financial Regulations require a schedule of payments made through the Council bank accounts to be presented to Council for their inspection. The list includes details for each account paid incorporating the payee's name, amount of payment, date of payment and sufficient information to identify the transaction.

COMMENT

Invoices supporting all payments are available for inspection. All invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to the receipt of goods and the provision of services and as to prices, computations and costings, and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4 *Financial Report*
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 -
Section 12 Payments from municipal fund or trust fund;
Section 13 Lists of accounts; and
Section 15 Rounding off figures

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.1.1

That payment listed as Attachment 10.1.1. List of Accounts Due and Paid for the period 9 March 2018 to 6 April 2018; and paid by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority of Council, or by the Deputy CEO (in the Chief Executive Officer's absence) as delegated by the Chief Executive Officer including:

<i>Manual Municipal cheques:</i>	<i>022535 – 022536</i>
<i>Municipal cheques:</i>	<i>28108 – 28109</i>
<i>Municipal EFT's:</i>	<i>11077 – 11162</i>
<i>Trust Cheques:</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Payroll direct debits:</i>	<i>#19 - #20</i>
<i>Municipal Direct Debits</i>	<i>31/03/2018</i>

Totalling \$ 1,009,407.25 be approved and passed for payment.

10.1.2 Financial Reports to 31 March 2018

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0075
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	10 April 2018
Author:	Ian Walsh - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.1.2 - Monthly Statement of Financial Activity,

SUMMARY

A Statement of Financial Activity and other supplementary financial information is produced monthly as part of the Council meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND

The attached financial report for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018 (Attachment 10.1.2) has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations.

COMMENT

Included with this report is the following:

- Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018;
- Summary Rates Trial Balance Report as at 31 March 2018;
- Cash and Investment Listing;
- Debtors Listing;
- Other Supplementary Information;

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 - *Financial activity statement report* — s. 6.4

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.1.2

That Council receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018; and other supplementary financial information as presented.

10.2 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

10.2.1 Astro-Tourism Towns Project

Applicant:	Stargazers Club WA (Carol Redford)
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0201
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	5 April 2018
Author:	Karen Oborn – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.2.1 – Astro-Tourism Towns Package

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council confirm their intention with Stargazers Club WA to commit to Carnamah becoming an Astro-Tourism Town, commencing in 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND

Stargazers Club WA have asked the Shire of Carnamah to participate in the Astro-Tourism Town project. The project is designed to grow the value of the Tourism Industry and will assist to diversify the economy in the regions. This will be achieved using astronomy, stargazing and astrophotography opportunities in our world-class dark night skies. The concept for the project would be a regional Solar System Drive Trail. This concept places Scitech Planetarium in Perth as the starting point (the Sun) and Geraldton would be a natural end point (dwarf planet Pluto). This concept creates a meaningful inter-regional tourism route. This route will help move people into the smaller regional communities and will also have a significant economic value added to each town. This route will be a unique journey that will have both educational and novelty value for the tourist and a distinct marketing tool for our communities. Towns on the Wildflower Way and Midlands Routes can be designated as planets to which they can then market themselves as. To complete a meaningful and round-trip route the coastal towns could be included, so for our Shire this would include Eneabba. To continue the astro-theme these coastal towns could become something like the asteroid belt, a satellite, spacecraft or comet etc. As a part of this concept each "Planet Town" will be supported with the Astro-Tourism Towns dedicated night sky viewing site with interpretive panelling and night sky friendly lighting as appropriate. This will ensure there is continuity from Perth through to Geraldton and back.

COMMENT

The project would make a significant contribution to the community by becoming an Astro-Tourism Town. The Shire of Carnamah would be building the community's economic sustainability and diversifying local industry by taking advantage of an under-utilised asset. This opportunity will also assist in building community capacity while simultaneously protecting the dark night sky asset. In addition, the already successful North Midlands Project is incorporating an Astronomy Club and related educational extension program into their project and would like to be involved as well. Initial consideration of this project indicates the Macpherson Homestead would be an ideal venue for holding these events, as it has the facilities and amenity to accommodate them and would also provide opportunity to showcase the Homestead to visitors. Or alternatively, the Shire can collaborate with the North Midlands Project to select a suitable venue. The attachment to this item provides details on the program and the potential benefits for the community.

CONSULTATION

DCEO
Council Briefing Session Notes
Director, North Midlands Project

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy 2.12 “Proposals Requiring Shire Funding and/or In-Kind Support”

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Astro-Tourism Towns will be implemented in the 2018/19 financial year. Annual support costs can be paid in one lump sum or in monthly instalments over 12 months, and would need to be in Councils budget provision for 2018/2019. Depending on the number of LGA’s committing to the program, the cost would be between \$4,500 and \$7,975 for the year. The North Midlands Project has indicated they would make a contribution as well.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Community Strategic Plan 2012-2022 (updated June 2013);

Culture and the Arts –

To promote and facilitate the development of a wide variety of artistic and cultural pursuits that forge connections between residents of the district and their natural and built environments.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.1

That Council writes to Stargazers Club WA and confirms their intention to commit to Carnamah becoming an Astro-Tourism Town, commencing in 2018/2019, in collaboration with the North Midlands Project.

Lot 4 has historically been developed and used for both commercial and residential purposes and contains buildings that were constructed in the early 1900's which are recognised in the Shire's Municipal Heritage Inventory as being of cultural heritage significance. Previous approved commercial uses include a post office, butcher shop, tea rooms, fish and chip shop, electrical services and clothing boutique. It is understood the existing residence at the rear of the commercial building has been occupied on an intermittent basis over many years without any formal planning approvals and is currently vacant hence the need for Council's approval in this instance.

Other improvements on the land include a dedicated on-site parking area immediately adjacent to the commercial building which is capable of accommodating two (2) vehicles, a driveway and parking area to the rear, landscaping and boundary fencing.

Immediately adjoining and nearby land uses include low density residential development (i.e. single houses) to the north and number of well-established commercial and public uses to the east, west and south.

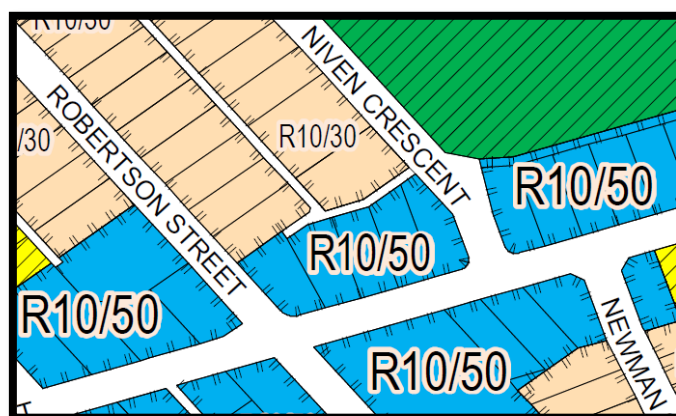
Under the terms of the information and plans submitted in support of the application the following is proposed:

- i) Use of the existing dwelling attached to the rear of the existing commercial building on Lot 4 for the purposes of a caretaker's dwelling;
- ii) The caretaker's dwelling will be occupied by the manager of the pharmacy soon to be established in the existing commercial building at the front of the property;
- iii) The erection of a new advertising sign in the right hand front window of the existing commercial building on Lot 4 to promote the new pharmacy;
- iv) The proposed new sign will be made using paper or plastic (i.e. corflute sheeting) and range in size from 594 to 841mm high, 420 to 594mm wide and up to 20mm thick;
- v) The new sign will comprise seven (7) different colours as well as wording and numbers to promote the pharmacy business; and
- vi) No external modifications or additions to the existing buildings on the land are proposed as part of the application.

Full details of the application submitted are provided in the attachment to this report.

COMMENT

Lot 4 is classified 'Commercial' zone under the Shire of Carnamah Local Planning Scheme No.2 (LPS No.2) and has been assigned a residential density coding of R10/50.



Current Zoning Plan (Source: Shire of Carnamah Local Planning Scheme No.2)

Under the terms of LPS No.2 the development and use of any land classified 'Commercial' zone for the purposes of a caretaker's dwelling is not permitted unless Council has exercised its discretion by granting planning approval (i.e. it is listed as a discretionary use in the Zoning Table of LPS No.2).

Having regard for:

- a) Council's stated objectives for all land classified 'Commercial' zone which allow for residential uses only where such use is combined with an existing approved commercial use;
- b) the prescribed definition for the use class 'caretaker's dwelling' which only allows for a supervisor or manager of a commercial building to reside within a dwelling on the same site and the applicant's stated intention to accommodate a manager of the new pharmacy within the existing dwelling on Lot 4; and
- c) the fact the existing commercial building at the front of Lot 4 has previously been approved to be used for commercial purposes (i.e. a shop) and this use right runs with the land in perpetuity,

it is concluded there is scope for Council to favorably consider and grant formal approval to this application.

Assessment of the proposal in the context of the specific requirements of LPS No.2 and the Deemed Provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 has confirmed it is consistent with the prescribed objectives for land's current 'Commercial' zoning classification and the various development standards applicable to that zone including on-site parking.

In addition it is the reporting officer's view the new advertising signage proposed to be affixed to the front window of the existing commercial building on Lot 4 will not compromise the land's cultural heritage significance due its suitable location, size and finish.

As such it is recommended Council grant approval to the application subject to a number of conditions to ensure it proceeds in an orderly and proper manner.

CONSULTATION

Not required or deemed necessary

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Planning and Development Act 2005 (as amended)
Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
Shire of Carnamah Local Planning Scheme No.2

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. All costs associated with the project's implementation will be borne by the landowner.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.2

That the application for planning approval submitted by Sal's Company Pty Ltd (Landowner) for a proposed caretaker's dwelling and advertising signage on Lot 4 (23) Macpherson Street, Carnamah be APPROVED subject to the following conditions and advice notes:

Conditions

- 1. The proposed development shall be undertaken in a manner consistent with the information and plans submitted in support of the application unless otherwise approved by Council.***
- 2. The proposed caretaker's dwelling shall be established within the existing dwelling at the rear of Lot 4 and may only be occupied by a supervisor or manager of the pharmacy to be established within the existing commercial building on the land including their immediate family.***
- 3. All car parking associated with the proposed caretaker's dwelling shall be undertaken at the rear of Lot 4 so as to not reduce the number of parking bays available at the front of the land to accommodate the parking demand likely to be generated by the proposed pharmacy.***
- 4. The proposed advertising signage may only advertise products or services offered by the proposed pharmacy and shall be maintained in good condition at all times to the specifications and satisfaction of the Shire's Chief Executive Officer so it remains effective for the purpose for which it is displayed.***

Advice Notes

- 1. The development is to be substantially commenced within a period of two (2) years from the date of this approval. If the development is not substantially commenced within this period the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. Where an approval has lapsed, no development shall be carried out without the further approval of the Shire of Carnamah having first been sought and obtained.***
- 2. This approval is not an authority to ignore any constraint to development on the land which may exist through contract or on title, such as an easement or restrictive covenant. It is the responsibility of the applicant and landowner and not the Shire to investigate any such constraints before commencing development. This approval will not necessarily have regard to any such constraint to development, regardless of whether or not it has been drawn to the Shire's attention.***
- 3. This is a development approval of the Shire of Carnamah under its Local Planning Scheme No.2. It is not a building permit or an approval to commence or carry out development under any other law. It is the responsibility of the applicant and landowner to obtain any other necessary approvals, consents, permits and licenses required under any other law, and to commence and carry out development in accordance with all relevant laws.***
- 4. Failure to comply with any of the conditions of this development approval constitutes an offence under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Carnamah Local Planning Scheme No.2 and may result in legal action being initiated by the local government.***
- 5. If the applicant / landowner 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 submitted within 28 days of the determination.***

10.2.3 WALGA Climate Change Statement

Applicant:	WALGA
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0175
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	6 April 2018
Author:	Karen Oborn – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.2.3 – Climate Change Statement from WALGA

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Council submit a comment to WALGA regarding their representative statement regarding Climate Change from the LG sector, and endorse the draft statement.

BACKGROUND

Comments are being sought (as well as endorsement) by Councils on WALGA's Draft Climate Change Policy Statement. After input has been received and considered, the draft Policy Statement will be submitted to State Council for its approval or comment. If endorsed by State Council, it will provide the basis for WALGA's climate change advocacy plan, which will be developed in consultation with the sector and further detail how WALGA will promote and prosecute Local Governments' key climate change priorities.

COMMENT

In responding to WALGA's request for CEO's comments, it is believed that the word 'demand' in reference to the State Government, be changed to 'strongly implore' or similar (pages 4 & 9).

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Community Strategic Plan

Be characterised by a clean, friendly and safe environment.

We will have an outstanding reputation for caring for our natural environment, cultural diversity and heritage.

Corporate Business Plan

Environment

Objective 2:

To provide sustainable management of resources and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, land, air and water.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.3

That Council –

- 1. Endorses WALGA’s Climate Change Policy Statement;***
- 2. Commends WALGA for undertaking this initiative. As taking action now to address climate change has become increasingly urgent, and WALGA are correct in stating, ‘urgent action to mitigate against catastrophic climate change and to adapt to the climate change that is now unavoidable’ is needed; and***
- 3. Suggests the term ‘demands’ should be removed from the statements requesting action from the State and Federal Governments (pages 4 & 9) and that the term ‘strongly implore’ (or similar) be used instead.***

10.2.4 Date for Extraordinary Election

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0169 and ADM0258
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	6 April 2018
Author:	Karen Oborn – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

This report recommends that an extraordinary election be advertised and scheduled for Saturday 14 July 2018.

BACKGROUND

A letter dated 28 March 2018 was received on 5 April 2018, from Cr Piccles-Popham, tendering her resignation as a Councillor effective immediately. As a result the Shire of Carnamah will need to hold an extraordinary election.

COMMENT

On behalf of the Shire of Carnamah and the community, we thank Cr Piccles-Popham very much for the contribution she has made as a Shire Councillor, and I know she will be very much missed.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

LGA s. **Division 4 — Extraordinary elections**

4.8 Extraordinary elections

- (1) *If the office of a councillor or of an elector mayor or president becomes vacant under section 2.32 or 2.33 an election to fill the office is to be held.*

4.9 Election day for extraordinary election

- (1) *Any poll needed for an extraordinary election is to be held on a day decided on and fixed –*
- (a) *by the mayor or president, in writing, if a day has not already been fixed under paragraph (b); or*
 - (b) *by the council at a meeting held within one month after the vacancy occurs, if a day has not already been fixed under paragraph (a).*
- (2) *The election day fixed for an extraordinary election is to be a day that allows enough time for the electoral requirements to be complied with but, unless the Electoral Commissioner approves or section 4.10 (b) applies, it cannot be later than 4 months after the vacancy occurs.*

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Business Plan

Civic Leadership

Objective 4:

To be a professional, customer focussed organisation, which

- *effectively engages (with) the community to determine strategic direction,*
- *responsibly manages the organisation's assets and financial resources,*
- *is a strong advocate for the community.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of holding an extraordinary election

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.4

That Council approves –

1. *The holding of an extraordinary election on Saturday 14 July 2018, 8am to 5pm;*
2. *The calling for nominations from 1 June 2018 to 9 June 2018; and*
3. *The advertising of an extraordinary election to be held on Saturday 14 July 2018, 8am to 5pm, with polling to be at the Shire of Carnamah Council Chambers.*

10.2.5 Ordinary Meeting of Council – Change of Time

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0198
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	6 April 2018
Author:	Karen Oborn – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the scheduled times for Council Meetings be changed as requested by Councillors. OMC meetings at Carnamah will commence at 4pm, after a briefing session at 3pm. OMC meetings at Eneabba will commence at 3pm, after a briefing session at 2pm (unless otherwise advertised).

BACKGROUND

Councillors requested that with the introduction of a pre-meeting briefing session that OMC's in Carnamah commence at a later time.

COMMENT

2018 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

21 February - Carnamah Council Chambers
21 March - Eneabba Sportsman's Club
18 April - Carnamah Council Chambers
16 May - Carnamah Council Chambers
20 June - Carnamah Council Chambers
18 July - Carnamah Council Chambers
15 August - Carnamah Council Chambers
19 September - Eneabba Sportsman's Club
17 October - Carnamah Council Chambers
21 November - Carnamah Council Chambers
19 December - Carnamah Council Chambers

All meetings held at Eneabba commence at 3:00pm, unless otherwise advised.
All meetings held at Carnamah will now commence at 4:00pm, unless otherwise advised.
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

LGA s. s. 5.3 ***Ordinary and special council meetings***

Convening council meetings

5.5 (1) The CEO is to convene an ordinary meeting by giving each council member at least 72 hours' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting and an agenda for the meeting.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Business Plan

Civic Leadership

Objective 4:

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- *effectively engages (with) the community to determine strategic direction,*
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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.5

That Council approve –

1. *The Ordinary Meetings of Council held at Carnamah commence at 4pm, after a briefing session at 3pm, unless otherwise advertised; and*
2. *The Ordinary Meetings of Council held at Eneabba will commence at 3pm, after a briefing session at 2pm, unless otherwise advertised.*

10.2.6 Inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0180
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	9 April 2018
Author:	Karen Oborn – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.2.6 – Response – Inquiry into regional inequality

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council endorse the statements addressing the Terms of Reference, as attached, which is presented for endorsement and/or amendment.

BACKGROUND

The Senate Economics Reference Committee is calling for submissions to this inquiry. The Committee is seeking written submissions from interested individuals and organisations in an electronic form submitted online. Submissions should address the inquiry's Terms of Reference.

In particular, the Committee would like to hear about:

- experiences of individuals and localities of unequal access to opportunities and unequal outcomes in non-metropolitan areas
- views on the causes of inequality between regions, especially between capital cities and other areas
- analysis of the economics of regional inequality, including wider impacts
- examples of solutions: what has caused some regions or towns to prosper?
- policy settings which could help address inequality between regions.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April 2018.

COMMENT

The inquiry is a good opportunity for regional communities to have their issues and concerns heard. As a result a statement addressing the Terms of Reference has been prepared.

CONSULTATION

CEO
DCEO

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Business Plan

Civic Leadership

Objective 4:

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- *responsibly manages the organisation's assets and financial resources,*
- *is a strong advocate for the community.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.6

That Council endorse the submission of the statements addressing the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia as attached.

10.2.7 Request for Letter of Support – Regional Internet Project (North Midlands)

Applicant:	Shire of Coorow / Node1 (LogicIT)
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0067
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12 April 2018
Author:	Karen Oborn – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.2.7 – Regional Internet Project – Letter of Support

SUMMARY

This report recommends Council endorse a letter of support for the Digital Farm Project regarding the Digital Farms application being prepared by Node1 (LogicIT).

BACKGROUND

Node1 (LogicIT) is applying for the Digital Farms funding. In their proposal the network will cover the entire Mid West region and is fully supported by the Mid West Development Commission (Robert Smallwood has been involved in the initial expression of interest and the selection of Node 1 to partner with. Node 1 have been operating successfully for 10 years. There have been concerns raised following the failure of the NEWROC network (with the telecommunications provider going bankrupt) that the Shires could be exposed if investing in a scheme that may not even reach the build stage.

This proposal is for the grant to cover the infrastructure where there is none (e.g. a tower on private property in the Shire of Mingenew) and then using the existing towers scattered across the other Shires (e.g. two in Coorow, one in Carnamah, one in Eneabba - subject to confirming ownership of mast, and one in Three Springs). These existing towers can be considered as in-kind contributions from the Mid West Shires and shows a true partnership.

COMMENT

The project would make a significant contribution to the community. The advantages are:

1. The Shire has no monetary input;
2. We get free internet access while the service is being provided;
3. There are many options for future expansion;
4. There is no risk to the Shires.

Worst case scenario, we are no better off (but there has been no cost). Best case scenario, we have a world class fixed wireless internet access at significantly better speed, vastly improved download and upload speeds, that is connected to the fibre backhaul.

Letters of support as requested will allow the application to be lodged with support from all the Shires in the Mid West. The development of a network to this standard would not only be advantageous to the Shires, but especially to the rural users with most towers having a reach of 40kms (and many overlaps).

Currently the national telecommunication service provider Telstra has indicated it will not, nor plans to provide, appropriate broadband service to the North Midlands through the NBN rollout. This lack of service is the catalyst for the need to develop a local telecommunications network infrastructure to service the region at an appropriate level.

CONSULTATION

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Shire of Coorow

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy 2.12 “Proposals Requiring Shire Funding and/or In-Kind Support”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Community Strategic Plan 2012-2022 updated June 2013;

- ***Establish and maintain cost effective, efficient and sustainable community infrastructure and services.*** We will upgrade and efficiently maintain the Shires extensive capital infrastructure and provide a high level of service to the community on a sustainable basis.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item: 10.2.7

That Council provide a letter of support for the Digital Farm Project regarding the Digital Farms application being prepared by Node1 (LogicIT), as attached.

10.3 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10.3.1 Motion to close meeting to the public (consideration of Confidential Reports)

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12 April 2018
Author:	Executive Support Officer
Attachments:	Nil

BACKGROUND

Items 10.3.2, 10.3.3 and 10.3.4 of the Agenda of 18 April 2018, deals with matters affecting Council, of which the meeting may be closed to the public.

COMMENT

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.23 (2) (a) (c) (d) (e) Meetings generally open to the public.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item 10.3.1

That the meeting be closed to the public to consider Confidential Items 10.3.2, 10.3.3 and 10.3.4, of the 18 April 2018 Agenda.

10.3.5 Motion to re-open the meeting

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12 April 2018
Author:	Executive Support Officer
Attachments:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Item 10.3.5

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

11. ORDERING THE COMMON SEAL

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

13. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(For consideration at the following meeting, if given during the meeting)

15. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE ADMITTED BY COUNCIL

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING