



## **Confirmed Minutes**

Ordinary Meeting of Council  
Tuesday, 17 September 2024  
Commencing at 6.00pm

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# NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the

Shire of Ravensthorpe

Ordinary Council Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday,

17 September 2024

Commencing at 6.00pm

Located in the Council Chambers

Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct

Matthew Bird  
Chief Executive Officer

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Members/Employees/Contractors)

Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 & 5.71(B))

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Elected Member     Committee Member     Employee     Contractor

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Council Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- Committee Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Report No \_\_\_\_\_  
Report Title \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Interest (\*see overleaf for further information)

Proximity                       Financial                                       Impartiality

Nature of Interest  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Extent of Interest (if intending to seek Council approval to be involved with debate and/or vote)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

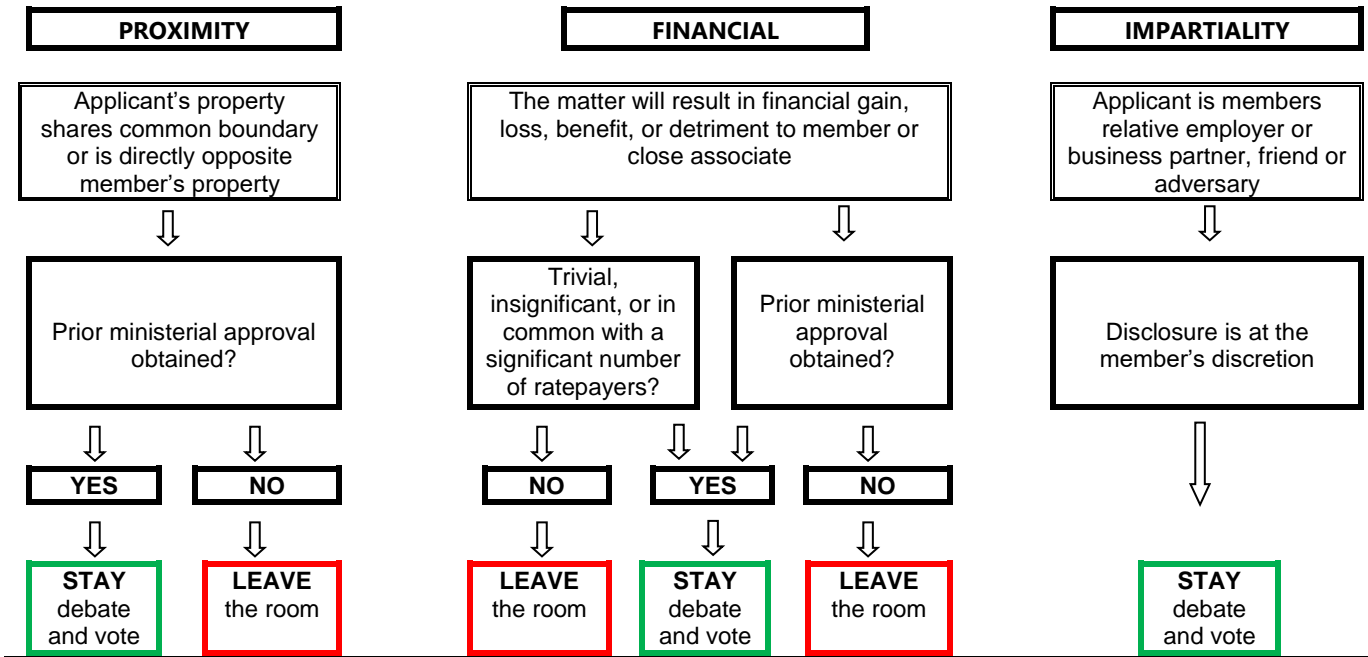
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- **Note 3**: Employees or Contractors disclosing an interest in any matter apart from at meetings, where there is a conflict of interest including disclosures required by s5.71 are required to submit this form to the CEO as soon as practicable.

Shire President: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\* Declaring an Interest**



**Local Government Act 1995 – Extract**

**s.5.60A - Financial Interest**

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

**s.5.60B – Proximity Interest**

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns —

- (a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

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

- (1) A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest:
  - (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed. (Penalties apply).
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution under this section if the member proves that he or she did not know:
  - (a) that he or she had an interest in the matter; or (b) that the matter in which he or she had an interest would be discussed at the meeting.
- (3) This section does not apply to a person who is a member of a committee referred to in section 5.9(2)(f).

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

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

**5.71 - Employees to disclose interests relating to delegated functions.**

- If, under Division 4, an employee has been delegated a power or duty relating to a matter and the employee has an interest in the matter, the employee must not exercise the power or discharge the duty and:
  - (a) in the case of the CEO, must disclose to the mayor or president the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter; and (b) in the case of any other employee, must disclose to the CEO the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter. (Penalties apply)

**5.71A. - CEOs to disclose interests relating to gifts in connection with advice or reports**

- (1) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which the CEO proposes to provide advice or a report, directly or indirectly, to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the council.
- (2) A CEO who makes a disclosure under subsection (1) must not provide the advice or report unless the CEO is allowed to do so under section 5.71B(2) or (6).
- (3) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which another employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when the advice or report is provided.

**Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Extract** - In this clause and in accordance with Regulation 19AA "Interest" means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an association.

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# AGENDA

**Mission Statement**      *To grow our community through the provision of leadership, services and infrastructure.*

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## 1.      **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

The Shire President respectfully acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

## 2.      **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

Cr Thomas Major                      (Shire President)  
Cr Mark Mudie                          (Deputy President)  
Cr Sue Leighton  
Cr Robert Miloseski  
Cr Graham Richardson  
Cr Roger Mansell

### **OFFICERS**

Matthew Bird                              (Chief Executive Officer)  
Natalie Bell                                (Executive Manager Planning and Regulatory Services)  
Paul Spencer                                (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)  
Les Mainwaring                            (Executive Manager Corporate Services)

### **VISITORS**

Ainsley Foulds, Sam Foulds, Dene Bingham, Kristy Dobson, Karen Sinclair, Geoff Vivian (Esperance Weekender)

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Rachel Gibson                          (Resolution number 65/24)

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

Nil.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME**

**Mr Sam Foulds**

Sam spoke to report item 15.1 – Application for Rates Exemption and other Requests – Hopetoun Progress Association (HPA). As President of the HPA Sam requested Council support for the HPA requests for additional support from Council in their management of community housing on behalf of the local community. Sam outlined background to the HPA activities and the range of benefits that result from HPA activities within the community.

Shire response: Shire CEO thanked Sam for his comments.

**Ms Dene Bingham**

Dene spoke to report item 15.1, as Deputy President of the HPA Dene requested Council support for the HPA request for Council reimbursement of insurance costs for the Hopetoun pontoon. Dene provided background to the HPA ongoing management of the pontoon, its importance to the local community, and its importance as a popular tourism experience.

Shire response: Shire CEO thanked Dene for her comments.

**Ms Karen Sinclair**

Karen thanked the Shire for its response to her initial queries regarding providing definitions for land use within the rural residential zoned areas of her property located in the Steeredale precinct. Karen asked if further clarification could be provided.

Shire response: Shire CEO committed to meeting Karen on site for her property and discussing her queries in person.

**Ms Kristy Dobson**

Kristy asked what was the Shire currently doing regarding the operation of unregistered AirBnB properties?

Shire response: Shire CEO thanked Kristy for her question and took the question on notice.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Robert Miloseski requests leave of absences for the periods of;  
29 October to 5 November and 11 November to 15 November.



## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Mudie and seconded by Cr Richardson      Resolution # 74/24**

- 1. That Council APPROVE Cr Miloseski leave of absence request from 29 October to 5 November inclusive.**
- 2. That Council APPROVE Cr Miloseski leave of absence request from 11 November to 15 November inclusive.**

**Carried 6/0**

Cr Graham Richardson requested leave of absence for the period 12 October to 24 November 2024.

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Leighton and seconded by Cr Miloseski      Resolution # 75/24**

- 1. That Council APPROVE Cr Richardson leave of absence request from 12 October to 24 November inclusive.**

**Carried 6/0**

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 20 AUGUST 2024**

(Attachment: Yellow 7.1)

Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or Committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Miloseski and seconded by Cr Mudie      Resolution # 76/24**

**That the minutes and associated attachments of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 August 2024 be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.**

**Carried 6/0**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS**

Cr Mudie

- Attended the Shire information stand at the Ravensthorpe markets

- Attended the Bushfire Advisory Committee (BFAC). Items discussed included; the new AWS – Australian Warning system, DBCA announced that they had secured funding to have their own Bulldozer and float permanently based in the region. The BFAC had requested the Shire write to DBCA for them to consider basing this in Ravensthorpe.

#### Cr Miloskeski

- Attended the interschool sports carnival held in Hopetoun, 5 different schools and a great day.
- Attended the Hopetoun Progress Association (HPA) AGM and monthly meetings and they are making good progress in seeking to attain tier 3 status to access additional community housing funding.
- Had assisted a local community member to place a works request for some trip hazards along the paving in front of Hopetoun shops. We used the new QR code process and the works were fixed very quickly.
- Attended the public meeting with Rick Wilson in Hopetoun – the delay in stay at home packages funding was raised and Rick’s office were to follow this up with the appropriate agencies.

#### Cr Mansell

- Attended the Shire information stand at the Hopetoun markets.

#### Cr Richardson

- Attended the Shire information stand at the Hopetoun markets.
- Attended the Munglinup Community Group meeting.
- Congratulated Cr Leighton in her role as coordinator for the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show (RWS). The RWS is a huge attraction for the district and attracts world renowned botanists and nature photographers. Well done to the RWS.

#### Cr Leighton

- Thanked the Shire for its support for the RWS and thanked the many volunteers that make the show a great success. Referenced the work food provider Fervor had done with the local school, the highly experienced nature artists, botanists and ecologists.
- Along with Shire officers, met with representatives from Kings Park Botanical Gardens to discuss the potential development of a regional botanical garden concept for Ravensthorpe. They were highly impressed with the Shire’s interpretive room within the Cultural Precinct facility.
- Attended the Munglinup Community Group meeting.
- Attended the Hopetoun CRC meeting.
- Congratulated the Shire for the recent pathway works along Veal St and had received many positive comments from the local community.

#### Cr Major

- Met with Shire CEO for regular monthly meeting.
- Attended the Ravensthorpe District High School student leaders meeting.
- Chaired the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting, thanked Executive Manager Natalie Bell for her efforts in pulling this together.
- Attended meeting with Arcadium on the day they announced the local mine going into care and maintenance.

- Delivered various media interviews based on the Arcadium announcement.
- Attended the Fitz Gallery opening event and presented the Sire's acquisition prize.
- Attended the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show opening event.
- Participated in the Shire leadership and professional presentation training.
- Attended the RAIN Spring field day event.
- Attended the Shire information stand at the Ravensthorpe markets.
- Chaired the recent BFAC meeting. Was well attended from local volunteers, Shire, DBCA and DFES. Issues discussed included the new AWS, timeliness of high season units arriving in the region from the north of the state, new DBCA bulldozer equipment and the request to have this based in Ravensthorpe, identification of private units on firegrounds, and updated training requirements for volunteers.
- Meeting with Rick Wilson to discuss various local issues.
- Had the pleasure of officiating over 2 new Australian Citizenships ceremonies earlier today.

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

Nil.

**10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil.

**11. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

Nil.

Shire President Cr Mudie exercised his discretion as the presiding member to bring forward consideration of Item 15.1 as a number of the public gallery had attended for this report item.

As item 15.1 Hopetoun Progress Association Request for Council support was to be considered behind closed doors Cr Major requested Council consider to move behind closed doors.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Richardson and seconded by Cr Leighton**

**Resolution # 77/24**

**That Council move behind closed doors to consider Item 15.1.**

**Carried 6/0**

The public gallery exited the Council Chambers at 6.24pm

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Major and seconded by Cr Mudie**

**Resolution # 78/24**

**That Council suspend meeting standing orders to enable discussion on the item presented.**

**Carried 6/0**

Discussion on the item was undertaken.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Major and seconded by Cr Leighton**

**Resolution # 79/24**

**That Council return to meeting standing orders.**

**Carried 6/0**

Report Item 15.1 - APPLICATION FOR RATES EXEMPTION AND OTHER REQUESTS – HOPETOUN  
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION as per Confidential Report

Moved by Cr Major and seconded by Cr Richardson

That Council:

1. Approve a rate exemption for the 2 low-income community housing assessments A786 26 Barnett St and A974 12 Chambers St, Hopetoun, valued at \$12,064 per annum, effective from 1 July 2024.
2. Not approve the request for an additional \$5,000 annual funding (current annual funding to remain at \$20,000), however in the alternative encourage HPA to attain tier 3 designation and Council will consider future incentive requests subject to the development of HPA vacant land for additional housing.
3. Encourage HPA to apply for insurance reimbursement as part of the annual CDF program, next round March 2025
4. Encourage HPA to make multiple applications under the revised CDF policy in 2025 onwards.

**COUNCIL DECISION via AMENDED MOTION to point 3**

**Moved by Cr Mansell and seconded by Cr Miloskeski**

**Resolution # 80/24**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve a rate exemption for the 2 low-income community housing assessments A786 26 Barnett St and A974 12 Chambers St, Hopetoun, valued at \$12,064 per annum, effective from 1 July 2024.**
2. **Not approve the request for an additional \$5,000 annual funding (current annual funding to remain at \$20,000), however in the alternative encourage**

- HPA to attain tier 3 designation and Council will consider future incentive requests subject to the development of HPA vacant land for additional housing.**
- 3. APPROVE annual reimbursement to HPA for its insurance of the Hopetoun pontoon to demonstrate Council's support for this important community facility and include this as an annual budget allocation.**
  - 4. Encourage HPA to make multiple applications under the revised CDF policy in 2025 onwards.**

**Carried 6/0**

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Leighton and seconded by Cr Richardson**

**Resolution # 81/24**

**That Council return from behind closed doors.**

**Carried 6/0**

The public gallery returned to the Council Chambers at 6.38pm.

The Shire President requested the Shire CEO to read out the approved motion as per resolution number 80/24 above for the benefit of the public gallery.

At 6.41pm Ainsley Foulds, Sam Foulds and Dene Bingham exited the Council Chambers public gallery.

The Shire President then returned to meeting agenda order of items.

## 12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 12.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

#### 12.1.1 ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR COMMITTEES

<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>GR.ME.8</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Shire Ravensthorpe</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Authorising Officer</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 September 2024</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Attachments: Green</b>	<b>Confidential DRAFT List of Committees table</b>
<b>Previous Reference:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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#### **PURPOSE**

1. Council to appoint and confirm delegates to local community groups and organisations as required.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. Council appoints delegates to local community groups and organisations every two (2) years during election year.
3. The resignation and replacement of a Councillor position mid-term in 2024 requires Council to review and confirm delegations to the various nominated committees.
4. This review process also allows Councillors to propose changes to other committee delegations if desired.

#### **COMMENT**

5. Current appointments are as per the attached Committee List and were endorsed by Council via resolution number 99/23 at the Special Council Meeting held 31 October 2023.
6. Each Councillor is entitled to sit or represent Council on at least one committee.
7. Council is required to determine delegates and formally adopt the appointments with a Council resolution.
8. The potential delegations of Councillors to committees was discussed with Council at the 2 September 2024 Corporate Discussion meeting.
9. As part of Council's goal of continually improving communication between community and Shire, a number of additional local committees have been included in the Council delegation list and require formal endorsement of Council representatives, including;
  - a. Jerdacuttup Community Association,
  - b. Jerdacuttup Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations Working Group,
  - c. North Ravensthorpe Community Group,

- d. Ravensthorpe Community Centre, and
- e. WALGA Great Southern Country Zone.

## CONSULTATION

10. Councillors.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

11. Local Government Act 1995.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. Nil.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Nil.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

14. The following risks have been identified as part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance (operational) Communication between community and Shire is poor and ineffective.	Possible	Minor	Low	Improved communication through delegates representing Council at community meetings.
Reputational; The Council and Shire is perceived as not in touch with local community and relevant issues.	Likely	Moderate	Medium	Look at ways to advance continual improvement. Promote community engagement through public involvement. Listen to community concerns.

## ALTERNATE OPTIONS

15. Council may allocate delegates by consensus, and where consensus is not achievable then via formal resolution.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

16. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024.

**Outcome 1: Economy** - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.2	The right resources and infrastructure are in place to support local commerce and industry

**Outcome 2: Community** - This is a safe and family-friendly community where people of all ages have access to services and facilities, and there is plenty to blow your socks off

Item	Objectives and Strategies
2.2	Community groups function well with strong volunteer effort and feel supported by the community
2.3	People feel that their community is safe for all, free of nuisance and protected from risk of damage



**Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership** - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.1	The Shire's community is engaged and involved
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.5	The value of community owned assets is maintained

## VOTING REQUIREMENT

17. Simple majority.

## COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Miloseski and seconded by Cr Richardson

Resolution # 82/24

That Council ADOPT the new schedule for delegates to Committees, Community Groups and Organisations as listed in below table.

Carried 6/0

<i>Table 1: Council Delegates to local Committees</i>	
<b>Committee name</b>	<b>September 2024 Councillor delegate</b>
<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Full Council</b>
<b>Bushfire Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Member – Cr Major</b>
	<b>Deputy – Cr Mudie</b>
<b>CEO Performance Review</b>	<b>Member – President Cr Major</b>
	<b>Member - Deputy President Cr Mudie</b>
	<b>Member – Cr Leighton</b>
<b><i>Council Delegates appointed</i></b>	<b><i>To the following external Committees</i></b>
<b>Committee name</b>	
<b>Great Southern Road Group</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Mudie</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Gibson</b>
<b>Local Emergency Management Committee</b>	<b>Delegate – President Cr Major</b>
	<b>Proxy - Deputy President Cr Mudie</b>
<b>Development Assessment Panel</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Miloseski</b>
	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Mudie</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>Hopetoun Progress Association</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Miloseski</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Mansell</b>

<b>Munglinup Community Group</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>Hopetoun Community Resource Centre</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Mansell</b>
<b>Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centre</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Mansell</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Major</b>
<b>Fitzgerald River National Park Advisory Group</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Richardson</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Mudie</b>
<b>Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Major</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Mudie</b>
<b>Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>Hopetoun District Recreation Association</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Miloseski</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Leighton</b>
<b>Ravensthorpe Historical Society</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Major</b>
<b>Ravensthorpe Town Team</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Major</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Mudie</b>
<b>Hopetoun Town Team</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Miloseski</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Gibson</b>
<b>GEDC Regional Coordination Group</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>Jerdacuttup Community Association (new)</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Gibson</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>Jerdacuttup Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations Working Group (new)</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Gibson</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>North Ravensthorpe Community Group (new)</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Mudie</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Gibson</b>
<b>Ravensthorpe Community Centre (new)</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Leighton</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Richardson</b>
<b>WALGA Great Southern Country Zone (new)</b>	<b>Delegate – Cr Major</b>
	<b>Delegate – Cr Mudie</b>
	<b>Proxy – Cr Gibson</b>

## 12.1.2 GENESTREAMS SCULPTURE PROJECT

<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Morgans Street, Ravensthorpe</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Shire of Ravensthorpe</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Manager Community, Sport and Recreation</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 September 2024</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Blue CONFIDENTIAL – Genestreaming Artwork Commission Agreement</b>
<b>Previous Reference:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

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### **PURPOSE**

1. To seek support and approval from Council for the execution of the Genestreaming Artwork Commission Agreement and the specific location for the Genestreams Sculpture.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. In March 2022, Noongar Elder Carol Petterson presented at the Wellness Weekender in Ravensthorpe, where 40 community members were introduced to the Genestreams Sculpture concept.
3. The “Genestreams of Gondwana Link” is a sculpture trail that has been predominantly funded by a \$573,000 grant to Gondwana Link from Lotterywest plus sponsorship from BlueScope Steel, Vulcan and Hartway Galvanisers, community and local government contributions, and comprises a mix of physical and augmented reality sculptures.
4. Gondwana Link Ltd is an Albany-based limited liability company *established for the public charitable purposes of protecting and restoring the natural environment across south-western Australia from the wet forests to the edge of the Nullarbor by, without limitation (source: from its website).*
5. The Gondwana Link trail is the creative concept of Carol Petterson and artist Ben Beeton. The sculptures bring together traditional indigenous knowledge and western science to tell the story of the ecology of south-western Australia and its evolution over time. Each Genestreams sculpture will be a unique and innovative collaborative effort with lead artists Ben Beeton and Mali Moir (both of whom came to Ravensthorpe in 2022 as artists-in-residences) working closely with several members of the Ravensthorpe Herbarium Group for specimens to illustrate while other community members contributed pieces of their own artwork to be placed on the sculpture.
6. The sculpture trail will consist of physical and augmented reality sculptures in four locations – Northcliffe, Denmark, Bremer Bay and Ravensthorpe, augmented reality sculptures in – Kings Park, Capel, Kondinin, and Kellerberrin, and existing physical sculpture at Twin Creeks, north of Porongurup.
7. Each sculpture comprises multiple artworks brought together in a cross-cultural approach that tells the ‘deep time’ story of why south-western Australia is such a globally significant place – both for the age of its Noongar cultures and its ecological richness.



Photographs (above) showing the physical Genestreams sculpture at Twin Creeks, north of Porongurup.

8. The Ravensthorpe Range Project can best be seen at the following weblink of the artist, Ben Beeton, with reference to what this project specifically involves and whom from the Ravensthorpe Shire has been involved with this project.  
<https://sciart.com.au/ravensthorpe-genestreams-sculpture/>
9. Additional artwork undertaken recently for this project has involved students from Years 1 to 10 of the Ravensthorpe District High School working with the Gondwana Link Project Team to design artwork for the petals on the physical sculpture.
10. Shire of Ravensthorpe Councillors and Executive Staff have recently met with Gondwana Link to discuss the background and status of this project as well as the possible location for the placement of the Genestreams physical sculpture within the Shire.

#### COMMENT

11. The Shire of Ravensthorpe Councillors have previously supported the community's involvement with this project by placing monies in the Shire's 2024-2025 budget for this project.
12. In the recent meeting that Councillors held with the Gondwana Link's project co-ordinator for this project, a site within the township of Ravensthorpe was considered and recommended for the placement of the Genestreams physical sculpture.
13. The recommended site for the placement of the Genestreams sculpture includes consideration of it being a physical feature when driving along Morgans Street in the Ravensthorpe township with the sculpture placed as an entry statement in an area between Jubilee Park and the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct (as indicated in the round yellow circle in the photo below).
14. Plans for the installation of this project include earthworks being undertaken in October of this year followed by the opening in November.
15. Gondwana Link Ltd has provided for Shire of Ravensthorpe's execution a Genestreaming Artwork Commission Agreement (Confidential attachment).



## CONSULTATION

16. Shire Councillors.
17. Shire Staff.
18. Gondwana Link Ltd.
19. Ravensthorpe District High School.
20. Community members.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

21. Nil.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

22. Nil.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

23. Lotterywest's grant of \$573,000 which went to Gondwana Link Ltd for the whole of the Genestreams Trail project in southern Western Australia included Gondwana Link utilising up to \$100,000 of the grant for costs involving the Ravensthorpe project. Committed in the Shire of Ravensthorpe's 2024-2025 budget is \$10,000 (ex GST) towards the Genestreaming Artwork Commission Agreement and \$4,000 (ex GST) has been set aside for ground works for costs regarding the sculpture's installation in Ravensthorpe.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

24. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance (operational)	Unlikely	Minor	Low	Planning for this project, including engineered plans, have assisted to provide confidence in the outcome.
Financial	Rare	Insignificant	Low	Shire funding allocated for the earthworks for this project is considered sufficient.
Reputational	Possible	Minor	Medium	The Shire has supported the community's interest and involvement with this project.

## ALTERNATE OPTIONS

25. Nil.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

26. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024.

**Outcome 2: Community** - This is a safe and family-friendly community where people of all ages have access to services and facilities, and there is plenty to blow your socks off

Item	Objectives and Strategies
2.4	People have access to attractive community facilities, activities and events which support activity and health, community involvement and enjoyment of life

**Outcome 3: Built Environment** - The built environment is accessible, honours history and provides for the economic and social needs of residents, industry and visitors

Item	Objectives and Strategies
3.3	The towns of the Shire have attractive streetscapes in keeping with local character
3.5	The Shire’s heritage structures, heritage and cultural places are valued and protected, and are integrated into community life and economic activity.

**Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership** - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.1	The Shire’s community is engaged and involved
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.5	The value of community owned assets is maintained

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

27. Simple majority.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved by Cr Richardson and seconded by Cr Mansell

**Resolution # 83/24**

**That Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to execute Genestreams Artwork Commission Agreement with Gondwana Link Ltd for the Genestreams physical sculpture and supports the sculpture being installed in the Ravensthorpe township in an area between Jubilee Park and the Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct nearby Morgans Street.**

**Carried 6/0**

## 12.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

### 12.2.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT – AUGUST 2024

<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Shire of Ravensthorpe</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Accounting Manager</b>
<b>Authorising Officer</b>	<b>Executive Manager Corporate Services</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 September 2024</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Attachment: Purple</b>	<b>Monthly Financial Reports for 31 August 2024</b>
<b>Previous Reference:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

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#### **PURPOSE**

1. In accordance with the *Local Government Financial Management Regulations (1996)*, Regulation 34, a local government is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for approval by Council.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. Council is requested to review the August 2024 Monthly Financial Reports.

#### **COMMENT**

3. The August 2024 Monthly Financial Reports are presented for review.

#### **CONSULTATION**

4. Executive Team

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

5. Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 apply.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6. Nil

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. All expenditure has been approved via adoption of the 2024/2025 Annual Budget, or resulting from a Council Motion for a budget amendment.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

8. The following risks have been identified as part of this report;

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Risk Analysis</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Reputational – That Council does not receive the financial activity statements as required by S6.4 of the LG Act 1995.	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	That Council receives the financial activity statements as required by legislation.

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## ALTERNATE OPTIONS

9. Nil.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

10. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024.

**Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership** - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.5	The value of community owned assets is maintained
5.5.1	Assets renewals and upgrades are funded to the level required to maintain asset value and agreed service levels
5.5.2	Projects are well-planned planned and delivered on time and on budget, with effective and thorough risk management and reporting
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
5.6.1	Financial management and reporting systems are able to deliver on all administrative and management functions (including reporting), and long-term financial planning requirements

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

11. Simple majority.

## COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved by Cr Mudie and seconded by Cr Leighton**

**Resolution # 84/24**

**That Council RECEIVE the August 2024 Monthly Financial Reports as presented.**

**Carried 6/0**



12.2.2 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT PAYMENTS – AUGUST 2024

**File Reference:** GR.ME.8  
**Location:** Shire of Ravensthorpe  
**Applicant:** Shire of Ravensthorpe  
**Author:** Finance Officer  
**Authorising Officer:** Executive Manager of Corporate Services  
**Date:** 06 September 2024  
**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil  
**Attachments:** Green Creditors List of Accounts Paid August 2024  
Credit Card Transactions to 01 August 2024  
Fuel Card Transactions August 2024  
**Previous Reference:** Nil

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**PURPOSE**

1. This item presents the schedule of payments for Council approval in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Period 01/08/2024 – 31/08/2024

Month	Cheques	EFT Pymts	Direct Debits	Credit Card	Total Creditors	Payroll
Jul	17,790	1,293,044	105,982	12,502	1,429,318	377,723
Aug	11,617	584,755	137,072	4,563	738,007	365,425
Sep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,406</b>	<b>1,877,799</b>	<b>243,054</b>	<b>17,065</b>	<b>2,167,324</b>	<b>743,148</b>
<b>23/24</b>	<b>186,555</b>	<b>12,324,178</b>	<b>1,020,367</b>	<b>106,440</b>	<b>13,637,540</b>	<b>4,948,850</b>
<b>22/23</b>	<b>114,562</b>	<b>12,445,050</b>	<b>943,431</b>	<b>81,842</b>	<b>13,584,885</b>	<b>4,162,759</b>
<b>21/22</b>	<b>109,610</b>	<b>11,455,728</b>	<b>1,217,128</b>	<b>101,107</b>	<b>12,883,572</b>	<b>4,057,812</b>
<b>20/21</b>	<b>219,357</b>	<b>8,442,181</b>	<b>965,406</b>	<b>135,103</b>	<b>9,762,047</b>	<b>3,790,863</b>

## COMMENT

3. The schedule of accounts as presented, submitted to each member of the Council, have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and invoices which are submitted herewith, and which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods , the performance of services, to prices computation, costing's and the amounts that have been paid.

## CONSULTATION

4. Accountant and Executive Manager Corporate Services.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

5. Regulation 13 (1) – (3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. Nil.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This item discloses Council's expenditure from Trust and Municipal funds which have been paid under delegated authority.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

8. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational – That Council does not receive the schedule of account payments.	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	That Council receives the schedule of account payments.

## ALTERNATE OPTIONS

9. Nil.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

10. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024.

**Outcome 1: Economy** - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.2	The right resources and infrastructure are in place to support local commerce and industry

**Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership** - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
5.7	Customer service and other corporate systems are of high quality

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

11. Simple majority.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Mudie and seconded by Cr Leighton**

**Resolution # 85/24**

**That Council, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, the payment of accounts for the month of August 2024 be NOTED.**

**Carried 6/0**

## 12.3 PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES

### 12.3.1 APPLICATION TO KEEP MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED NUMBER OF DOGS – 59 SPENCE STREET, RAVENSTHORPE

<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>LE.LL.11</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Shire of Ravensthorpe</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Louise Michelle Ford</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Executive Manager Projects and Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Authorising Officer</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 September 2024</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Attachments: Orange</b>	<b>Application for Exemption – 59 Spence Street</b>
<b>Previous Reference:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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#### **PURPOSE**

1. An application to keep more than the prescribed number of dogs has been received from Louise Michelle Ford of 59 Spence Street, Ravensthorpe. Ms Ford has in their control three (3) dogs, a seven (7) year old Chihuahua, a six (6) year old American Staffy and a ten (10) month old American Staffy. The property has 1.8m fencing and the confined areas is 900m<sup>2</sup>. The Shire has no previous reports of breaches of the Dog Act by the applicant.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The applicant approached the Shire directly to apply for three dogs at the property.
3. The Shire of Ravensthorpe Dog Local Law 2010, section 3.2 provides that only two (2) dogs over the age of 3 months can be kept at a premise situated within a Townsite.
4. The *Dog Act 1976*, section 26(3), allows the Shire to grant an exemption to a placed limit on the keeping of dogs in a specified area if the local government is satisfied the provisions in the Act are met.

#### **COMMENT**

5. At the close of the request for comment period there was two neighbour submissions received with no objections.

#### **CONSULTATION**

6. Request for Comment was sent to three parties, made up of one (1) property owner and two (2) occupiers, on 9 July 2024. It was requested submissions were returned to the Shire by 9 August 2024. It was noted on these submissions if no comment was received that the Shire would consider no objection to the application.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

7. *The Dog Act 1976*.
8. *Dog Local Law 2010 (Shire of Ravensthorpe)*.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

9. Nil.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Nil.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

11. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Risk Analysis</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Performance (operational)	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	Consistency with decision making.
Environmental	Rare	Minor	Low	Consistency with decision making will reduce impact
Reputational	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	Consistency with decision making.

## ALTERNATE OPTIONS

12. The council does not approve the application.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

13. Nil.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

14. Simple majority.

## COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Leighton and seconded by Cr Miloseski

Resolution # 86/24

**That Council GRANT the exemption for the keeping of three dogs at 59 Spence street, Ravensthorpe, subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. The exemption be reviewed in twelve (12) months to ensure no adverse issues have been experienced as a result of the exemption.**
- 2. Council reserve the right to withdraw the exemption at any time if requirements under the *Dog Act 1976* are not met.**
- 3. The exemption only applies to those dogs which are submitted on the application form currently being reviewed.**
- 4. Upon the death or permanent removal of any of the nominated dogs, a maximum of two (2) dogs only will be permitted to be kept on the property.**

**Carried 6/0**

**13. MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

**14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**

Nil.

**15. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

15.1 Application for Rates Exemption and Other Requests – Hopetoun Progress Association

Council determined this item earlier in the meeting via Resolution # 80/24.

**16. CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.47pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**



Signed by Shire President ..... Date: 15 / 10 / 2024