



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council



Meeting held in Council Chambers at
15 Maddock Street, Mukinbudin
Commencing at 2.30pm Tuesday 16th March 2026

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Tanika McLennan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Vision Statement

To assist our community towards a prosperous future by providing a positive environment in which to work and live.

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Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in Council Chambers, Maddock Street, Mukinbudin on Monday 16th March 2026.

1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the Meeting open at 2.42pm

2. Record of attendance, apologies, and approved leave of absence

2.1 Present:

Cr G Shadbolt	Shire President
Cr A Walker	Deputy Shire President

Cr G Bent
Cr A Dagelet
Cr C McGlashan

2.2 Staff:

Tanika McLennan	Chief Executive Officer
Renee Jenkin	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

2.3 Visitors:

Nil

2.4 Apologies:

Cr S Ventris

2.5 On leave of absence:

Cr A Brandis

2.6 Applications for leave of absence:

Cr Dagelet applied for a leave of absence for the April 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 01 03 2026

Moved: Cr Bent

Seconded: Cr McGlashan

Cr Dagelet be granted a leave of absence for the April 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Carried 5 / 0

3. Public Question Time (min 15 minutes)

3.1 Response to previous questions taken on notice.
Nil

3.2 Declaration of public question time opened (minimum 15 mins)

The Shire President declared public question time open at 2.42pm.

3.3 Declaration of public question time closed

The Shire President declared public question time closed at 2.43pm.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cr Walker Item 9.3.1 Waive Fee – Mukinbudin Football Club Centenary Event
Impartiality Interest

Cr Shadbolt Item 9.3.2 Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network
Proximity Interest

5. Petitions, deputations, and presentations

5.1 Petitions Nil

5.2 Deputations Nil

5.3 Presentations Nil

6. Announcements by the Presiding person without discussion

Nil

7. Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings

7.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17th February 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 02 03 2026

Moved: Cr Dagelet

Seconded: Cr Walker

That the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

- **Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17th February 2026**

Carried 5 / 0

8. Committee Meetings

8.1 Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings

- 8.1.1 NEWROC Executive Meeting held 3rd February 2026
[NEWROC Minutes](#)
- 8.1.2 NewTravel General Meeting held 3rd February 2026
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- 8.1.3 Sub Regional Road Group Meeting held 9th February 2026
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- 8.1.4 Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held 12th February 2026
[GECZ Minutes](#)
- 8.1.5 NEWROC Council Meeting held 3rd March 2026
[NEWROC Minutes](#)

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 03 03 2026

Moved: Cr McGlashan

Seconded: Cr Walker

That the Minutes of the following committee meetings be received.

- NEWROC Executive Meeting held 3rd February 2026
- NewTravel General Meeting held 3rd February 2026
- Sub Regional Road Group Meeting held 9th February 2026
- Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held 12th February 2026
- NEWROC Council Meeting held 3rd March 2026

Carried 5 / 0

- 8.2 Recommendations from Committee Meeting for Council Consideration
Nil

9.1 Monthly Information Report

9.1.1 March 2026 Information Report	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 360
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	9 th February 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Renee Jenkin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	Nil
Documents Tabled	March Information Report

Summary

The purpose of this communication is to enable the Council to receive the Monthly Information Report, which includes reports from key personnel, namely the Environmental Health Officer, Aquatic Centre Manager, Caravan Park Manager, Works Supervisor, Community Resource Centre Manager, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer.

Background Information

The Monthly Information Report serves as a means to provide Council with updates on various operational matters within the Shire of Mukinbudin. These reports offer valuable insights into the performance and progress of the respective areas under the purview of the aforementioned personnel.

Officer Comment

Refer to March Information Report.

Consultation

Tony Turner – Environmental Health Officer
 Larry Garlett – Aquatic Centre Manager
 Tania Sprigg – Caravan Park Manager
 Craig Powell – Works Supervisor
 Narelle Behme – Community Resource Centre Manager
 Renee Jenkin – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 Tanika McLennan - Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Environment Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**Council Decision Number – 04 03 2026****Moved: Cr Dagelet****Seconded: Cr McGlashan****That Council receive the March 2026 Information Report.****Carried 5 / 0**

9.2 Finance Reports

9.2.1 List of Payments – February 2026	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 007
Applicant:	Juliet Nixon, Finance Officer
Date:	6 th March 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Juliet Nixon, Finance Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	List of Payments - Municipal Account (5 pages) List of Payments - Restricted Municipal Account (1 page) Corporate Credit Card Statement – February 2026 (9 pages) Credit Card Summary – February 2026 (2 pages) Fuel Cards Statement - February 2026 (3 pages)
Documents Tabled	Nil

If a Councillor has any questions regarding the enclosed finance report, please see the Manager of Corporate Services prior to the meeting, so that a researched answer may be provided.

Summary

List of payments made in February 2026 for endorsement by Council.

Background Information

A list of payments submitted to Council on 16th March 2026, for confirmation in respect of accounts already paid or for the authority to those unpaid. (Please refer to Payment listing attached).

Officer Comment

Standard process of obtaining Council endorsement of payments.

Strategic & Social Implications

N/A

Consultation

N/A

Statutory Environment

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

Policy Implications

Council Policy No. 1.6.5 (e) states that a list of payments is required to be presented to Council each month in accordance with Financial Management Regulations 13(1) for recording in the minutes.

Financial Implications

All payments have been made in accordance with the 2025/2026 Budget.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 05 03 2026

Moved: Cr Walker

Seconded: Cr Bent

That the list of payments made in February 2026 be endorsed for payment.

Municipal Fund:

Muni EFTs	EFT	11164	to	EFT	11246	\$216,387.23
Muni Cheques	Chq	32013	to	Chq	32014	\$24,641.39
Muni Direct Debits (Superannuation, loans, leases)	DD	14275.1	to	DD	14275.10	\$59,448.35
Pays on (Not included on payment listing)		12/02/2026 & 26/02/2026				\$114,343.49
Total Municipal Funds						\$414,820.46

Restricted Muni Fund:

RMF EFTs	EFT	11240	to	EFT	11240	\$1,767.80
RMF Cheques	Chq	-	to	Chq	-	\$0.00
RMF Direct Debits	DD	14250.1	to	DD	14340.1	\$47,299.40
Total Restricted Muni Funds						\$49,067.20

Carried 5 / 0

9.2.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Report – February 2026	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 005
Applicant:	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Date:	10 th March 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Author:	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	Statement of Financial Activity – February 2026
Documents Tabled	Nil

If a Councillor has any questions regarding the enclosed finance report, please see the Manager of Corporate Services prior to the meeting, so that a researched answer may be provided.

Summary

The Monthly Financial Report for February 2026 is presented for Councils consideration.

Background Information

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

Officer Comment

The Shire prepares the monthly financial statements in the statutory format along with other supplementary financial reports consisting of:

- (a) Statement of Comprehensive Income by Function/Program;
- (b) Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature/Type;
- (c) Statement of Financial Activity by Nature/Type;
- (d) Statement of Financial Activity by Function/Program;
- (e) Summary of Net Current Asset Position;
- (f) Statement of Material Variances;
- (g) Statement of Financial Position;
- (h) Statement of Cash Flows;
- (i) Capital acquisitions;
- (j) Disposal of Assets;
- (k) Statement of Capital Grants and Contract Liabilities;
- (l) Statement of Cash Back Reserves;
- (m) Loan Borrowings Statement;
- (n) Restricted Cash Statement;
- (o) Detailed Operating and Non-Operating Schedules.

The Regulations require local governments to prepare annual budget estimates and month by month budget estimates so that comparatives can be made to Year to Date (YTD) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income and materials variances can be commented on.

Strategic & Social Implications

N/A

Consultation

Bob Waddell – Financial Consultant

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4—Specifies that a local government is to prepare such other financial reports as are prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996:

Regulation 34 states:

- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for that month in the following detail:
 - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
 - (b) budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;
 - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
 - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c);
 - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, and 5 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

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. Council adopted a policy that the material variation be set at \$11,000 and 10%.

Financial Implications

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**Council Decision Number – 06 03 2026****Moved: Cr Walker****Seconded: Cr McGlashan**

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28th February 2026.

Carried 5 / 0

9.3 Chief Executive Officer's Reports

9.3.1 Waive Fee – Mukinbudin Football Club Centenary Event	
Location:	Mukinbudin Memorial Hall
File Ref:	ADM 299
Applicant:	Mukinbudin Football Club
Date:	10 th March 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr Walker – Impartiality Interest
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Renee Jenkin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Documents Attached	Nil
Documents Tabled	Nil

Summary

For Council to consider waiving the fee for hire of the Memorial Hall for the purpose of the Mukinbudin Football Club Centenary event on Saturday 15th August 2026.

Background Information

Email correspondence was received on 4 March from Football Club President, Damen Maddock. Mr Maddock writes:

Hall Hire waiver



Ellen Maddock <damo_el@bigpond.com>

To Tanika McLennan

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Hi Tanika,

The Mukinbudin Football Club is hosting its 100th year celebration this August. We are planning an event at the Shire Hall and are wondering if possible, the Shire would consider waiving the hire fee for the Hall?

Thank you Damen

Officer Comment

Given the significance of the occasion and the longstanding role of the Football Club within the community, the request is considered reasonable.

Council has previously supported similar community driven productions by waiving fees for not-for-profit organisations, particularly when events provide social and community benefits.

The financial impact of waiving the hall hire fees is minimal and the initiative aligns with the Shire's Integrated Strategic Plan.

Consultation

Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer

Renee Jenkin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Strategic & Social Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2025–2035

Pillar 1: Economy

- Outcome 2: A strong and diversified local economy.
 - Strategy 2.3: Support local events and initiatives that strengthen community identity and encourage visitation.

Pillar 2: Community

- Outcome 5: A connected, inclusive and vibrant community.
 - Strategy 5.2: Support community organisations and volunteers who deliver social, recreational and cultural activities.

Statutory Environment

6.12. Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and any other written law, a local government may —
 - (a) when adopting the annual budget, grant* a discount or other incentive for the early payment of any amount of money; or
 - (b) waive or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money; or
 - (c) write off any amount of money,
 which is owed to the local government.

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) do not apply to an amount of money owing in respect of rates and service charges.
- (3) The grant of a concession under subsection (1)(b) may be subject to any conditions determined by the local government.
- (4) Regulations may prescribe circumstances in which a local government is not to exercise a power under subsection (1) or regulate the exercise of that power.

[Section 6.12 amended: No. 64 of 1998 s. 39.]

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Should the officer's recommendation be endorsed, it would result in a total foregone income of \$160.00 per day, being \$320.00 in total for Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August 2026.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 07 03 2026

Moved: Cr Bent

Seconded: Cr Dagelet

That the following fee be waived for the Mukinbudin Football Club Centenary Celebration event on Saturday August 15, 2026:

2 x All-Venue hire of the Memorial Hall at \$160 per day

Total \$320.00 (inc GST)

Carried 5 / 0

Cr Shadbolt departed the meeting at 2.49pm and did not partake in any discussions pertaining to item 9.3.2 Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network. Cr Walker, as Deputy Shire President, assumed the role of Presiding Member.

9.3.2 Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 498
Applicant:	Shire of Mukinbudin
Date:	10 th March 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr Shadbolt – Proximity Interest
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Dylan Copeland, Project Consultant
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
	Option 1 – McGregor Rd East Option 2 – Mukinbudin Town Option 3 – Mukinbudin East Option 4 – Koorda Bullfinch Rd North Proposed Alignment Heavy Vehicle Bypass
Documents Attached	
Documents Tabled	Nil

Summary

The purpose of this item is to seek Council's endorsement of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) CBH Bypass concept for Mukinbudin and to formally resolve Council's preferred route option for the connection between Nungarin North Road and the CBH Bypass.

Four route options have been developed and assessed by the Shire's consulting engineer, Tony Saraullo. This report presents an initial assessment of each option.

Importantly, the WSFN Programme Director and Programme Manager have informally advised that Option 4 (Koorda-Bullfinch Road North, estimated cost \$6.01 million) is unlikely to be supported for WSFN funding. This advice has not yet been formally presented to or resolved by the WSFN Steering Committee.

Background Information

The Shire's consulting engineer, Tony Saraullo, has prepared a concept alignment for the CBH Bypass (Shire of Mukinbudin – Proposed Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road – CBH: Concept Alignment, Rev 1, March 2026), departing from a new intersection on Koorda-Bullfinch Road on the eastern side of town and tying into the Mukinbudin-Bonnie Rock Road pavement. Four route options have been developed to connect Nungarin North Road to Koorda-Bullfinch Road on the western side of town, completing the heavy vehicle route. These options are assessed in the Officer Comment below.

The Shire currently holds WSFN Development budgets for the upgrade of the existing McGregor Road and Koorda-Bullfinch Road. Progress on those works has stalled and WSFN has indicated it wishes to close out those Development budgets. Council's endorsement of the CBH Bypass concept and a preferred route option will allow the Shire to apply to WSFN for new Development budgets covering the bypass road and the preferred connecting route.

Officer Comment

Four route options have been developed by the Shire's consulting engineer, Tony Saraullo, to connect Nungarin North Road to the proposed CBH Bypass. Each option has been assessed against the following weighted criteria:

Heavy Vehicle Operational Impacts (30%)

Land Severance (25%)

Environment (30%)

Utilities and Services (15%)

Cost estimates have been provided for reference; they are not a scored criterion under the WSN assessment methodology.

The four options are summarised in the table below.

Option	Length (km)	Land Req. (ha)	Est. Cost	Key Considerations
Option 1 McGregor Rd East	2.034	5.69	\$4.1M	Intersection upgrade required; splits one lot; water main conflict; dam proximity uncertainty.
Option 2 Mukinbudin Town	1.942	5.82	\$3.0M	One affected landowner; intersection amendment at Nungarin North Rd / Kununoppin-Mukinbudin Rd required as part of Option 2 scope; overhead power may need lifting.
Option 3 Mukinbudin East	3.040 + 0.804 realignment	5.8	\$4.65M	Significant vegetation removal; major utility conflicts on Lake Rd; new four-way intersection; lengthy approval periods.
Option 4 Koorda-Bullfinch Rd North	3.429 + 0.444 realignment	11.89 total	\$6.01M	WSFN Programme Director and Manager have informally advised this option is unlikely to be funded. No formal Steering Committee resolution. Railway level crossing relocation required; largest land requirement; significant waterways study needed.

The following provides a brief officer commentary on each option.

Option 1 – McGregor Road East | \$4.1M | 2.034 km

This option constructs a new road reserve east of McGregor Road. It requires an upgrade to the existing Kununoppin-Mukinbudin Road / Nungarin North Road / McGregor Road intersection to amend right-of-way priority, including construction of a staggered intersection. There is a potential conflict with an existing small-bore watermain on the western side of McGregor Road. The alignment passes close to an existing dam at approximately SLK 1.1, and there remains some uncertainty about whether the road can be positioned south or north of the dam, which could affect native vegetation impacts. Land severance is significant, dividing one lot into two with new access required for farm machinery on the severed lot.

Option 2 – Mukinbudin Town | \$3.0M | 1.942 km | Officer's Preferred Option

This option routes the new connection along the western boundary of the golf course, connecting to the existing Strugnell Street heavy vehicle corridor and the proposed 48-hour truck rest area. It is the shortest and lowest-cost option. The construction of this option will itself necessitate amendment to the existing Nungarin North Road / Kununoppin-Mukinbudin Road / McGregor Road intersection to amend right-of-way priority; the intersection does not currently require upgrading and would not need to be touched if a different option were chosen. Land severance affects one landowner, with new farm machinery accesses required for severed paddocks. Vegetation removal is minimal, as the alignment traverses degraded farmland. An existing overhead powerline near the golf course boundary may require cables to be lifted (poles are not affected). An existing underground water main on Kununoppin-Mukinbudin Road may be affected by new intersection pavement and table drains. No Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites have been identified in the area per the AHIS search conducted on 4 October 2024.

Option 3 – Mukinbudin East | \$4.65M | 3.040 km + 0.804 km realignment

This is the most technically complex of the eligible options. It involves a new alignment along or adjacent to Lake Road, together with a realignment of the Kununoppin-Mukinbudin Road to create a new four-way intersection at Lake Road and Dandanning Road. Native vegetation removal along Lake Road is rated as significant. There are major utility conflicts, including an above-ground 180mm diameter steel water main and Telstra infrastructure on both sides of Lake Road, both of which would require relocation and are subject to lengthy approval processes from Water Corporation and Telstra. An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage desktop investigation and liaison with DWER and local indigenous groups would be required, with further anticipated delays to the approval timeline. The creation of a new four-way intersection would reduce movement efficiency for local and visitor traffic accessing the town centre.

Option 4 – Koorda-Bullfinch Road North | \$6.01M | 3.429 km + 0.444 km realignment

This option proposes a new alignment alongside the existing railway reserve, requiring the relocation of the existing railway level crossing and all associated flashing light control infrastructure to a new position on the McGregor Road alignment. A new seven-barrel box culvert is required downstream of the new Koorda-Bullfinch Road alignment, and a dedicated waterways study would be required due to the proximity of culverting on both road and rail formations. Land requirements are significantly larger than any other option, at approximately 11.89 hectares in total. There is a lodged Aboriginal Cultural Heritage site approximately 120 metres west of the existing intersection on the northern side of Kununoppin-Mukinbudin Road, which may affect the approvals timeline.

The WSNF Programme Director and Programme Manager have informally advised that Option 4 is unlikely to be supported for WSNF funding due to the cost. However, this advice has not been formally presented to or resolved by the WSNF Steering Committee. Council should be aware that, in the absence of a formal Steering Committee resolution, the funding status of Option 4 remains unconfirmed at the time of writing. The officer understands that Council has previously expressed a preference for Option 4. If Council were to endorse Option 4, the Shire would need to seek formal written confirmation from the WSNF Steering Committee regarding funding eligibility, and — in the event that the informal advice were confirmed — identify and secure an alternative funding source for the full estimated cost of \$6.01 million.

Consultation

The four route options have been developed by the Shire's consulting engineer, Tony Saraullo, in consultation with the Shire (Council and staff).

Formal consultation with affected landowners and with relevant utility service providers including Water Corporation, Telstra, and Western Power, has not yet been undertaken and will form part of the Development project following Council's endorsement of a preferred option and subsequent to WSFN agreement.

Consultation with CBH Group will be essential prior to and during the detailed design phase. CBH's agreement will be necessary, both for the dedication of land from their property for the new road reserve, and for the entry and exit arrangements on their receipt site.

Strategic & Social Implications

Pillar 1: Economy

- **Outcome 2:** A strong and diversified local economy.
 - **Strategy 2.2:** Advocate for infrastructure and services that support regional economic development and agricultural productivity.

Pillar 3: Infrastructure

- **Outcome 9:** Efficient and well-maintained road network.
 - **Strategy 9.1:** Prioritise renewal and maintenance of road infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable transport access.
 - **Strategy 9.2:** Advocate for investment in regional road infrastructure to support freight efficiency and heavy vehicle movements.

Pillar 4: Civic Leadership

- **Outcome 11:** Compliant governance and responsible financial management.
 - **Strategy 11.4:** Collaborate with regional organisations and government agencies to advocate for infrastructure funding and improved services.

Statutory Environment

The following legislation and regulations are relevant to this matter:

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Regulation 12

Land Administration Act 1997 (dedication of new road reserves)

Environmental Protection Act 1986 (clearing of native vegetation)

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (as amended)

Rail Safety National Law (Western Australia) Act 2015 (relevant to Option 4 only)

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Shire currently holds WSN Development budgets for the upgrade of the existing McGregor Road and Koorda-Bullfinch Road. As progress on those works has stalled, WSN has indicated it wishes to close out those Development budgets.

Subject to Council's resolution, the CEO will action that close-out and submit applications for new Development budgets for the CBH Bypass road and the preferred connecting route option. The Development budget is a discrete and separate allocation from any subsequent Construction budget; Council will have the opportunity to consider Construction funding at a later stage once detailed design is complete.

WSN programme funding is structured as follows:

Funding Contribution	Proportion
Federal Government	80.000%
State Government	13.333%
Shire of Mukinbudin	6.667%

Should Option 4 ultimately be selected and confirmed as ineligible for WSN funding, alternative funding may be available through the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Fund (SLRIP). SLRIP requires a 20% Council contribution, with 80% funding available from the Federal Government.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 08 03 2026

Moved: Cr Dagelet

Seconded: Cr Bent

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSN) CBH Bypass concept for Mukinbudin as presented in the attached documentation;**
- 2. Endorses Option Four (4) as the preferred connecting route to the CBH Bypass Road;**
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to close out the existing WSN Development budgets for the upgrade of McGregor Road and Koorda-Bullfinch Road, and to submit applications to WSN for new Development budgets for the CBH Bypass Road and Council's preferred connecting route option; and**
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to consult and negotiate with CBH Group regarding the design of the CBH Bypass, including any requirements CBH may have in relation to access geometry, truck stacking distances, sight lines and the operational needs of the Mukinbudin receival facility.**

Carried 4 / 0

Cr Shadbolt returned to the meeting at 2.51pm and resumed the role of Presiding Member.

10. Elected Members Motions of which previous notice has been given

10.1 Nil

11. Urgent Business Approved by Person Presiding or by Decision

11.1 Nil

12. Closure of Meeting

12.1 The President thanked Elected Members and Staff for attending and declared the meeting closed at 2.53pm.