

# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council



Meeting held in Council Chambers at 15 Maddock Street, Mukinbudin Commencing at 2.30pm Tuesday 16th September 2025

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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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#### AGENDA

Agenda of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, Maddock Street, Mukinbudin on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

# 1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the Meeting open at 2.31pm

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

2.1 Present:

Cr G Shadbolt Shire President

Cr A Farina Deputy Shire President

Cr G Bent

Cr C McGlashan

Cr S Ventris

Cr A Walker

2.2 Staff:

Tanika McLennan Chief Executive Officer

Renee Jenkin Deputy Chief Executive Officer

2.3 Visitors:

Andreas Dagelet

Sam Harma (From 2.30pm to 3.16pm) Beren Spencer (From 2.30pm to 3.16pm)

2.4 Apologies:

Nil

2.5 On leave of absence:

Nil

2.6 Applications for leave of absence:

Nil

#### 3. Public Question Time (max 15 minutes)

- 3.1 Response to previous questions taken on notice.
- 3.2 Declaration of public question time opened (maximum 15 mins)

The Shire President declared public question time open at 2.32pm.

3.3 Declaration of public question time closed

The Shire President declared public question time closed at 2.33pm.

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

Cr Farina Financial

9.3.1 Purchase of Second Hand Transportable

Cr McGlashan Financial

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#### 5. Petitions, deputations, and presentations

5.1 Petitions Nil5.2 Deputations Nil

5.3 Presentations

Sam Harma & Beren Spencer - Wheatbelt Connect Wheatbelt Connect presented on opportunities for landowners in the Wheatbelt region to diversify income through revegetation/reforestation initiatives.

Sam Harma & Beren Spencer departed the meeting at 3.16pm and did not return.

- 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number - 01 09 2025

Moved: Cr Walker Seconded: Cr McGlashan

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

- Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025, subject to the following correction to Council Decision Number 10 08 2025:
  - 6. Pursuant to Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 and other relevant legislation, Council adopts the following fees & charges for General Rubbish and Recycling services:
    - Domestic Refuse Collection \$235.00
    - Domestic Recycling Collection \$205.00
    - Commercial Refuse Collection \$235.00 plus GST
    - Commercial Recycling Collection \$205.00 plus GST

Carried 6 / 0

# 8. Committee Meetings

- 8.1 Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings
  Nil
- 8.2 Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council Consideration Nil

#### 9.1 Monthly Information Report

9.1.1 September 2025 Information Report			
Location:	Mukinbudin		
File Ref:	ADM 360		
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer		
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025		
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	September 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 Caravan Park Manager, Works Supervisor, Community Resource Centre Coordinator, 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 September Information Report.

#### **Consultation**

Tania Sprigg – Caravan Park Manager
Craig Powell – Works Supervisor
Jessica McCartney – Community Resource Centre Coordinator
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 - 02 09 2025

Moved: Cr Ventris Seconded: Cr Farina

That Council receive the September 2025 Information Report.

Carried 6 / 0

#### 9.2 Finance Reports

9.2.1 List of Payments – August 2025				
Location:	Mukinbudin			
File Ref:	ADM 007			
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer			
Date:	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025			
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil			
Responsible Officer:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer			
Author:	Juliet Nixon, Finance Officer			
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority			
Documents Attached	<u>List of Payments - Municipal Account (4 pages)</u>			
	<u>List of Payments - Restricted Municipal Account (2 pages)</u>			
	Corporate Credit Card Statement – August 2025 (8 pages)			
	Credit Card Summary - August 2025 (2 pages)			
	Fuel Cards Statement - August 2025 (3 pages)			
Documents Tabled	Nil			

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

#### **Summary**

List of payments made in August 2025 for endorsement by Council.

#### **Background Information**

A list of payments submitted to Council on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 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

<u>Consultation</u> 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 - 03 09 2025

Moved: Cr Bent Seconded: Cr Ventris

That the list of payments made in August 2025 be endorsed for payment.

# **Municipal Fund:**

Muni EFTs	EFT	10574	to	EFT	10641	\$145,859.67
Muni Cheques	Chq	32001	to	Chq	32003	\$11,684.10
Muni Direct Debits (Superannuation, Ioans, leases)	DD	13542.1	to	DD	13542.10	\$78,301.51
Pays on (Not included on payment listing)		14/08/20	25 & 2	28/08/20	)25	\$91,291.50
Total Municipal Funds						\$327,136.78
Restricted Muni Fund:						
RMF EFTs	EFT	-	to	EFT	-	\$0.00
RMF Cheques	Chq	-	to	Chq	-	\$0.00
RMF Direct Debits Total Restricted Muni	DD	13498.1	to	DD	13628.1	\$8,175.95
Funds						\$8.175.95

Carried 6 / 0

Cr Farina and Cr McGlashan departed the meeting at 3:19pm and did not take part in any discussions relating to item 9.3.1 – Purchase of Second Hand Transportable

# 9.3 Chief Executive Officer's Reports

9.3.1 Purchase of Second Hand Transportable				
Location:	Mukinbudin Caravan Park			
File Ref:	ADM 060			
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer			
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025			
	Cr Farina			
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr McGlashan			
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer			
Author:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer			
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority			
Documents Attached	Nil			
Documents Tabled	Nil			

#### **Summary**

Council is requested to consider the purchase of a second hand, two-bedroom transportable building from Abigail and Dane Farina, to be relocated to the Mukinbudin Caravan Park, funded through a transfer from the Building Reserve.

#### **Background Information**

Council purchased the Karloning Villa in 2024, a two-bedroom transportable of similar design, which has proven to be a valuable addition to the Mukinbudin Caravan Park. The villa is currently generating approximately \$40,000 per year in accommodation revenue.

A comparable opportunity has arisen to purchase another two-bedroom transportable from Abigail and Dane Farina for \$120,000. Relocation and connection to services are estimated at an additional \$30,000, bringing the total project cost to \$150,000.

Preliminary consideration was given to borrowing from the WA Treasury Corporation. However, modelling shows that over a 10 year loan term, Council would repay approximately \$190,000 in total, increasing the cost of the project and reducing Council's borrowing capacity for other projects, such as the planned borrowings for the Community Cultural Hub.

Instead, it is recommended that Council withdraws the full amount of \$150,000 from the Building Reserve. To offset this withdrawal, it is proposed that earnings from the new villa be returned to the Building Reserve over the next four years, replenishing the reserve balance.

# **Officer Comment**

An additional two-bedroom villa will increase the capacity of the Mukinbudin Caravan Park, building on the strong demand evidenced by the park's performance, particularly the demand for roofed accommodation.

Utilising the Building Reserve avoids unnecessary interest costs associated with borrowing and ensures that revenue generated by the asset is reinvested for future capital needs.

#### Consultation

Nil

#### **Strategic & Social Implications**

Integrated Strategic Plan 2025-

2035 Pillar 1: Economy

- Goal 2: Support business and industry
  - Strategy 2.3: Support local business, tourism and economic development opportunities.

#### Pillar 4: Civic Leadership

- Goal 11: Compliant governance and responsible financial management
  - Strategy 11.1: Responsibly manage Shire assets and financial resources.

#### **Statutory Environment**

Local Government Act 1995

- Section 6.8 Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget (requires absolute majority).
- Section 6.11 Reserve accounts: a local government may transfer money from a reserve account for the purpose for which the reserve is established, by absolute majority.

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil

#### **Financial Implications**

• Purchase price: \$120,000

• Relocation and connection: \$30,000

• Total cost: \$150,000

Funded through a withdrawal from the Building Reserve, to be replenished from villa earnings (estimated \$40,000 per annum) over four years.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number - 04 09 2025

Moved: Cr Ventris Seconded: Cr Walker

#### **That Council:**

- 1. Subject to inspection, approves the purchase of a second hand, two bedroom transportable from Abigail and Dane Farina for \$120,000, plus approximately \$30,000 for relocation and connection costs;
- 2. Authorises the withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Building & Residential Land Reserve to fund the purchase and associated works; and
- 3. Directs that the earnings from the new villa at the Mukinbudin Caravan Park be returned to the Building Reserve over the next four financial years, to replenish the reserve balance.

Carried 4/0 by Absolute Majority

Cr Farina and Cr McGlashan returned to the meeting at 3.21pm.

- 10. Elected Members Motions of which previous notice has been given Nil
- 11. Urgent Business Approved by Person Presiding or by Decision

# 12. Closure of Meeting

12.1 The Chairperson thanked Elected Members and Staff for attending and declared the meeting closed at 3.22pm.