UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council



Meeting held in Council Chambers at
15 Maddock Street, Mukinbudin
Commencing at 2.30pm Tuesday 20th October 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

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers, Maddock Street, Mukinbudin on Tuesday 20th October 2026.

1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the Meeting open at 2.32pm and noted that this meeting is being recorded for publishing on the Shire's website.

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 Brandis	
Cr A Dagelet	
Cr C McGlashan	
Cr S Ventris	

2.2 Staff:

Tanika McLennan	Chief Executive Officer
Renee Jenkin	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Lucia Scari	Manager of Corporate Services

2.3 Visitors:

Trent Cole	Community Emergency Services Manager

2.4 Apologies:

Nil

2.5 On leave of absence:

Nil

2.6 Applications for leave of absence:

Nil

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 (maximum 15 mins)

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

3.3 Declaration of public question time closed

The Shire President declared public question time closed at 2.34pm.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cr Walker 9.3.1 Disposal of Shire Owned Residential Properties
25 Calder Street & 8 Lansdell Street
Impartiality

9.3.4 Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program
Impartiality

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 15th September 2026.

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 01 10 2026

Moved: Cr Brandis **Seconded: Cr Dagelet**

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

- **Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15th September 2026**

Carried 7 / 0

8. Minutes of Committees and External Organisations

8.1 Receipt of Minutes of Council Committees

Nil

8.2 Recommendations from Council Committees for Consideration

8.2.1 Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held 15th October 2026.

Recommendations from this meeting will be brought to the Council Meeting for endorsement.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 02 10 2026

Moved: Cr Walker **Seconded: Cr McGlashan**

That Council adopt the Shire of Mukinbudin Bushfire Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Carried 7 / 0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 03 10 2026

Moved: Cr Ventris **Seconded: Cr Brandis**

That Council appoint the following persons to the designated positions under section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954:

- **Fire Control Officer – Ian Shadbolt**
- **Fire Control Officer – Tim Squire**
- **Fire Control Officer – Jay Taylor**
- **Fire Control Officer – Trent Cole**
- **Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Andrew Sprigg**
- **Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Matthew Silinger**

Carried 7 / 0

8.3 **Receipt of Minutes from External Organisations**

8.3.1 NEWROC Council Meeting 1st September 2026

NEWROC Minutes

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 04 10 2026

Moved: Cr Dagelet **Seconded: Cr Bent**

That the Minutes of the following External Organisation be received:

- **NEWROC Council Meeting held on 1st September 2026**

Carried 7 / 0

9.1 Monthly Information Report

9.1.1 October 2026 Information Report	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 360
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	13th October 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	October 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, Aquatic Centre Manager, Works Supervisor, Community Resource Centre Assistant 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 October Information Report.

Consultation

Tania Sprigg – Caravan Park Manager
Larry Garlett – Aquatic Centre Manager
Craig Powell – Works Supervisor
Karla Spark – Assistant 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 – 05 10 2026

Moved: Cr Walker **Seconded: Cr Ventris**

That Council receive the October 2026 Information Report.

Carried 7 / 0

9.2 Finance Reports

9.2.1 List of Payments – September 2026	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 007
Applicant:	Juliet Nixon, Finance Officer
Date:	12th October 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 (6 pages) List of Payments - Restricted Municipal Account (1 page) Corporate Credit Card Statement - September 2026 (7 pages) Credit Card Summary - September 2026 (2 pages) Fuel Cards Statement - September 2026 (3 pages)
Documents Tabled	Nil

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

Summary
List of payments made in September 2026 for endorsement by Council.

Background Information
A list of payments submitted to Council on 20th October 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
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
Nil.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 06 10 2026

Moved: Cr Brandis **Seconded: Cr Ventris**

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

Municipal Fund:

Muni EFTs	**EFT**	**11791**	**to**	**EFT**	**11889**	**$1,576,979.46**
Muni Cheques	**Chq**	**32025**	**to**	**Chq**	**32025**	**$100.00**
Muni Direct Debits (Superannuation, loans, leases)	**DD**	**15097.1**	**to**	**DD**	**15189.1**	**$99,092.78**
Pays on (Not included on payment listing)		**10/09/2026 & 24/09/2026**				**$117,358.98**
Total Municipal Funds						**$1,793,531.22**

Restricted Muni Fund:

RMF EFTs	**EFT**	**-**	**to**	**EFT**	**-**	**$0.00**
RMF Cheques	**Chq**	**-**	**to**	**Chq**	**-**	**$0.00**
RMF Direct Debits	**DD**	**15076.1**	**to**	**DD**	**15196.1**	**$23,866.81**
Total Restricted Muni Funds						**$23,866.81**

Carried 7 / 0

9.2.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Report – August 2026	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 005
Applicant:	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Date:	8th October 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 – August 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 August 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 $12,000 and 10% for the 2026/2027 budget.

Financial Implications
Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 07 10 2026

Moved: Cr Ventris **Seconded: Cr McGlashan**

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st August 2026.

Carried 7 / 0

9.2.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Report – September 2026	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 005
Applicant:	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Date:	13th October 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 – September 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 September 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:

(p) Statement of Comprehensive Income by Function/Program;
(q) Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature/Type;
(r) Statement of Financial Activity by Nature/Type;
(s) Statement of Financial Activity by Function/Program;
(t) Summary of Net Current Asset Position;
(u) Statement of Material Variances;
(v) Statement of Financial Position;
(w) Statement of Cash Flows;
(x) Capital acquisitions;
(y) Disposal of Assets;
(z) Statement of Capital Grants and Contract Liabilities;
(aa) Statement of Cash Back Reserves;
(bb) Loan Borrowings Statement;
(cc) Restricted Cash Statement;
(dd) 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

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

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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 $12,000 and 10% for the 2026/2027 budget.

Financial Implications
Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
Council Decision Number – 08 10 2026

Moved: Cr Bent **Seconded: Cr Walker**

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th September 2026.

Carried 7 / 0

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

9.2.4 Write off Sundry Debtor #152	
Location:	All of Shire
File Ref:	Sundry Debtors
Applicant:	Nil
Date:	1st October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Author:	Lucia Scari, Manager of Corporate Services
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Documents Attached	Nil
Documents Tabled	Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.23(4)(b) permits a council to close a meeting to members of the public where the matter involves "information relating to the personal affairs of an individual".

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 09 10 2026

Moved: Cr Brandis **Seconded: Cr Ventris**

That in accordance with section 5.23 (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider the following matters on a confidential basis:

1. **Agenda Item 9.2.4, on the basis that the matter deals with information relating to the personal affairs of an individual pursuant to section 5.23(4)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*;**
2. **Agenda Item 9.3.1 on the basis that the matter deals with information relating to the price or potential price for the sale of property by the Shire pursuant to section section 5.23(4)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), read with regulation 4A(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (WA);**
3. **Agenda Item 9.3.2, on the basis that the matter deals with information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information —**
   (i) is a tendered price; or
   (ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price
   pursuant to section 5.23(4)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Carried 7 / 0

Trent Cole departed the meeting at 2.40pm.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 10 10 2026

Moved: Cr Walker **Seconded: Cr Brandis**

That Council approve the write off of the outstanding balance owed by Debtor #152, [redacted], totalling $1,260.00 inc. GST (One thousand two hundred and sixty dollars). The amount relates to costs incurred for cleaning, minor repairs and gardening maintenance at the Shire owned property located at [redacted], Mukinbudin, following the conclusion of the tenancy.

Carried 7 / 0
By Absolute Majority

9.3 Chief Executive Officer's Reports

Cr Walker declared an interest in item 9.3.1 Disposal of Shire Owned Residential Properties – 25 Calder Street and 8 Lansdell Street.

COUNCIL DECISION

Council Decision Number – 11 10 2026

Moved: Cr Ventris **Seconded: Cr Brandis**

That, in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations, Cr Walker be permitted to remain in the room, participate in the debate and vote on Item 9.3.1 Disposal of Shire Owned Residential Properties – 25 Calder Street and 8 Lansdell Street.

Carried 7 / 0

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

9.3.1 Disposal of Shire Owned Residential Properties – 25 Calder Street and 8 Lansdell Street	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 059
Applicant:	Nil
Date:	12th October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr Walker – Impartiality
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	Property appraisals for 25 Calder Street and 8 Lansdell Street
Documents Tabled	Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.23(4)(g) permits a council to close a meeting to members of the public where the matter involves "prescribed information".

Regulation 4A(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 (WA) prescribes the relevant information:

4A. Information that may be treated on confidential basis at meeting (Act s. 5.23(4)(g))

For the purposes of section 5.23(4)(g), the following information is prescribed —

(a) the price, or potential price, for the sale or purchase of property by the local government and any information relating to the price or potential price

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Section 3.58 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council:

1. **Approves the disposal by public auction of the following wholly Shire owned residential properties, on an "as is, where is" basis:**
    a. **The duplex located at 25 Calder Street, Mukinbudin; and**
    b. **The house located at 8 Lansdell Street, Mukinbudin.**
2. **Adopts the following reserve prices for the auction:**
    a. **25 Calder Street: [redacted]; and**
    b. **8 Lansdell Street: [redacted].**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary arrangements for advertising and conducting the auctions, including execution of the relevant sale documentation, subject to the reserve prices and applicable statutory requirements.**
4. **Requires that any offer below the approved reserve price be referred to Council for consideration before acceptance.**

COUNCIL DECISION

Council Decision Number – 12 10 2026

Moved: Cr Brandis **Seconded: Cr Ventris**

That in accordance with Section 3.58 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council:

1. **Approves the disposal by public auction of the following wholly Shire owned residential properties, on an "as is, where is" basis:**
    a. **The duplex located at 25 Calder Street, Mukinbudin; and**
    b. **The house located at 8 Lansdell Street, Mukinbudin.**
2. **Adopts the following reserve prices for the auction:**
    c. **25 Calder Street: [redacted]; and**
    d. **8 Lansdell Street: [redacted].**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary arrangements for advertising and conducting the auctions, including execution of the relevant sale documentation, subject to the reserve prices and applicable statutory requirements.**
4. **Requires that any offer below the approved reserve price be referred to Council for consideration before acceptance.**

Carried 7 / 0

The Officer's Recommendation differed from Council's decision because Council sought to change the reserve prices for the auction of 25 Calder Street and 8 Lansdell Street.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

9.3.2 Supply of One (1) New 8x4 Twin-Steer Truck	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 522
Applicant:	Nil
Date:	13th October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	Nil
Documents Tabled	Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.23(4)(c) permits a council to close a meeting to members of the public where the matter involves "information contained in a tender received by the local government, to the extent that the information —

(i) is a tendered price; or

(ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price"

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 13 10 2026

Moved: Cr McGlashan **Seconded: Cr Dagelet**

That Council:

1. **Accept the tender from WA Hino Sales and Service for the supply of one (1) new 8x4 twin-steer truck, as their submission represents the most advantageous tender to Council based on price, methodology, demonstrated experience and capacity to deliver.**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate minor variations in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, provided such variations do not exceed 10% of the contract value.**

Carried 7 / 0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 14 10 2026

Moved: Cr Dagelet **Seconded: Cr Ventris**

That the meeting be reopened to members of the public.

Carried 7 / 0

Lucia Scari departed the meeting at 3.03pm.
Trent Cole & Lucia Scari rejoined to the meeting at 3.03pm.

9.3.3 Mukinbudin Town Centre Revitalisation Plan	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 518
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	13th October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	Mukinbudin Recommended Direction Report Final Mukinbudin Town Centre Revitalisation Plan (Mapping)
Documents Tabled	Nil

Summary

Council is requested to endorse the recommended design direction for the Mukinbudin Town Centre Revitalisation Masterplan, following completion of community consultation and review of submissions by the Office of Regional Architecture (ORA).

Endorsement will enable ORA to proceed with Stage 1 detailed design documentation for the Shadbolt Street centre precinct, while retaining other masterplan components for staged delivery or consideration as separate projects. Council is also requested to determine several outstanding matters relating to the Heavy Vehicle Route, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, parking arrangements, landmark sculpture and underground power.

Background Information

The Draft Mukinbudin Town Revitalisation Plan was endorsed by Council at the July Ordinary Meeting of Council for public advertising and consultation. The consultation process provided community members, local businesses, government agencies, key stakeholders and other interested parties with the opportunity to review the draft plan and provide feedback to inform the development of a strategic framework for the revitalisation, activation and long term sustainability of the Town Centre.

The Mukinbudin Town Centre Revitalisation Masterplan encompasses the Shadbolt Street, Bent Street and Maddock Street precincts, a Heavy Vehicle Route strategy, EV charging infrastructure and a landmark sculpture concept.

The draft concept plans were released for community consultation, which closed on 7 August 2026. A total of 21 submissions were received, comprising 23 individual feedback documents. ORA reviewed the feedback and prepared a recommended design direction, documented in the *Mukinbudin Town Centre Revitalisation Masterplan – Recommended Direction Report*, together with revised concept drawings dated 12 October 2026.

The recommended direction incorporates changes in response to community feedback, including relocating the preferred EV charging location away from the school, refining accessible parking arrangements, retaining delivery access to local businesses and proposing the landmark sculpture and EV charging infrastructure as separate projects outside the Stage 1 streetscape works.

Council previously agreed that the Shadbolt Street median treatment would comprise a painted, flush median only, with no trees, kerbing or median build outs. Banner poles and kerbing may be considered as an optional Stage 2 improvement, subject to the community's reception of Stage 1.

The recommended Stage 1 scope is limited to the Shadbolt Street centre precinct, including the median and streetscape treatment, railway precinct playground, gathering and picnic areas, and associated parking and accessible bay works. The indicative Stage 1 area is approximately 2,000 m², with an estimated budget in the order of $250,000. A detailed cost breakdown and funding strategy have not yet been presented to Council.

The remaining masterplan components, including the wider Shadbolt Street sections, Bent Street and Maddock Street precincts and Heavy Vehicle Route infrastructure, are intended for later stages. The landmark sculpture and EV charging infrastructure are proposed to proceed as separate projects.

Officer Comment

The recommended design direction provides a consolidated basis for progressing the town centre revitalisation project following community consultation. It incorporates pedestrian safety, accessibility, public amenity, parking, business access and opportunities to improve the experience of residents and visitors.

The key matters requiring Council consideration are outlined below:

1. Stage 1 streetscape and median treatment

The Stage 1 design is to retain the painted, flush median in accordance with Council's directive in September 2026. No trees, kerbing or median build outs are to be included. Banner poles and kerbing may be considered as an optional Stage 2 improvement after the Stage 1 treatment has been delivered and assessed.

Pedestrian refuge islands are retained at formal crossing points, with speed bumps proposed approximately 9 metres before each crossing. The traffic lane width remains 3.3 metres, consistent with the completed semi-trailer turning circle checks.

2. Heavy Vehicle Route

ORA recommends retaining the Heavy Vehicle Route concept, noting the heavy vehicle rest area on the northern side of the railway line and a pedestrian crossing connecting the rest area to the town centre. Signage is to use the term “Heavy Vehicle Route”, rather than “bypass”, and retain directions that encourage caravan, recreational vehicle and passenger traffic to enter the town centre. Access for deliveries to the supermarket, farm supply and Elders sites is retained.

An outstanding technical matter concerns power line clearance and corner geometry on Strugnell Street, near the rail crossing, steel fabricator and fuel stations. This matter falls outside ORA's current scope and requires a decision on whether the Shire will pursue a referral to Western Power directly before the route is finalised for construction documentation.

3. EV charging infrastructure
In response to community opposition to charging infrastructure adjacent to Mukinbudin District High School, the preferred locations have been noted at the Community Hub and Shire office. A mix of Level 2 (AC) and Level 3 (DC fast) charging is proposed.

ORA recommends that EV charging proceed as a separate project, with its own project scope, funding and documentation. The Community Hub/Shire office location remains a preferred potential site pending confirmation during project development.

A possible additional charging station near the caravan park was raised during consultation but is not included in the current recommended direction. Council is requested to determine whether this should be included in the separate EV charging project or deferred for future consideration.

4. Parking and accessibility
ORA recommends the mountable kerb accessible parking bay treatment over the alternative road level design, due to the latter's susceptibility to water ponding unless constructed to precise falls. Parallel accessible parking bays are to be raised to footpath level.

The preferred Shadbolt Street layout is Option 1, incorporating additional parking access. The revised median and landscaped areas reduce practical on street parking capacity between Conway Street and Bent Street from approximately 190 vehicles in the current unmarked arrangement to approximately 150 following the proposed works.

ORA considers the remaining capacity sufficient for most of the year. Council is requested to accept this reduction as the basis for Stage 1 detailed design.

5. Landmark sculpture
The proposed landmark sculpture is recommended as a separate project outside the Stage 1 streetscape budget. The concept has been revised from the original indicative 12 metre wheat sculpture to a split scale design, comprising a low, interactive element of approximately 2 metres and a slender, taller element in the order of 8–12 metres.

Potential funding sources include State Government regional development programs and the Regional Arts WA grant scheme. ORA recommends that the project be scoped separately, with an independent funding pathway and an artist engagement process. The overhead powerline constraint affecting the Ferguson–White Street section will need to be considered when a location is confirmed.

6. Underground power
Undergrounding power along the main section of Shadbolt Street remains a potential future improvement, with an indicative estimate of approximately $180,000 for the Ferguson–White Street section. ORA recommends that this work be costed alongside the sculpture powerline works and returned to Council for consideration before a decision is made about inclusion in Stage 1 or a later stage.

7. Other design refinements
The revised concept also includes seating areas and a circular lawn plaza, a playground near the historic railway station, a pedestrian gathering area, picnic landscaping, a loading zone

and a relocated dog run. The car free green space in front of the railway station and the proposed pedestrian rail crossing linking Strugnell Street to Shadbolt Street are retained.

The Shire will also initiate discussions with the owners of Coopers Crossing and the Derandee Building regarding their future plans for those privately owned sites.

The recommended direction provides a basis for proceeding with Stage 1 design while keeping decisions on later stages and separate projects subject to further assessment, costing and funding considerations.

Consultation

Community consultation on the draft masterplan closed on 7 August 2026. Twenty one submissions were received, comprising 23 individual feedback documents.

ORA reviewed the submissions and incorporated changes into the recommended design direction and revised concept drawing set dated 12 October 2026.

The Community Consultation Report provides the detailed feedback and the Shire and ORA's responses.

Strategic & Social Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2025–2035

Pillar 1: Economy
Outcome 2 – A strong and diversified local economy

- **Strategy 2.1** – Support initiatives that strengthen the local economy and encourage investment.
- **Strategy 2.2** – Enhance the appeal and liveability of Mukinbudin to attract residents, visitors and businesses.

Pillar 2: Community
Outcome 5 – A connected, inclusive and vibrant community

- **Strategy 5.1** – Develop attractive public spaces that encourage community connection and participation.
- **Strategy 5.2** – Support projects that enhance community pride and sense of place.

Pillar 3: Infrastructure
Outcome 9 – Efficient and well-maintained infrastructure and assets

- **Strategy 9.2** – Plan and maintain community infrastructure to meet current and future needs.
- **Strategy 9.3** – Deliver infrastructure projects that improve accessibility, safety and functionality.

Pillar 4: Civic Leadership
Outcome 11 – Compliant governance and responsible financial management

- **Strategy 11.1** – Responsibly manage Shire assets and financial resources.
- **Strategy 11.2** – Deliver long-term strategic planning to support sustainable community outcomes.

Statutory Environment
The proposed accessible parking treatments have been developed with reference to AS/NZS 2890.6:2022, as identified in ORA's report.

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Adoption of the Draft Town Centre Revitalisation Plan does not commit Council to immediate expenditure.

Future projects identified within the Plan will be subject to:

- Annual Budget deliberations;
- Long Term Financial Planning;
- External grant funding opportunities; and
- Separate Council consideration where required.

The indicative budget for Stage 1 is approximately $250,000 for approximately 2,000 m² of works. A detailed cost breakdown and funding strategy, including potential external grant funding, are to be prepared for Council consideration as the design is finalised.

The landmark sculpture and EV charging infrastructure are proposed to be developed as separate projects outside the Stage 1 streetscape budget.

Underground power remains a potential future improvement, with an indicative estimate of approximately $180,000 for the Ferguson–White Street section. Further costing is required before Council determines whether this work should form part of Stage 1 or be considered in a later stage.

Endorsement of the recommended direction and authorisation to proceed with detailed design should not be interpreted as approval of construction.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 15 10 2026

Moved: Cr Walker **Seconded: Cr Bent**

That Council:

1. **Endorses the recommended design direction set out in the *Mukinbudin Town Centre Revitalisation Masterplan – Recommended Direction Report*, prepared by the Office of Regional Architecture and dated October 2026, as the masterplan direction for future staged delivery, noting that Stage 1 detailed design documentation is limited to the Shadbolt Street centre precinct;**
2. **Endorses the Heavy Vehicle Route concept, including the pedestrian connection of Strugnell and Shadbolt Streets, along with retention of delivery access to local businesses;**
3. **Endorses EV charging infrastructure proceeding as a separate, standalone project outside Stage 1;**
4. **Accepts the net reduction in practical on street parking capacity associated with the revised median and landscaping, from approximately 190 to 150 vehicles, as the basis for Stage 1 detailed design;**
5. **Endorses the landmark sculpture proceeding as a separate, standalone project outside the Stage 1 streetscape budget;**
6. **Authorises the Office of Regional Architecture to proceed with Stage 1 detailed design documentation for the Shadbolt Street centre precinct, as shown on Drawing SK210, in accordance with the recommended design direction endorsed by Council; and**
7. **Notes that endorsement of the recommended design direction does not constitute approval of construction expenditure.**

Carried 5 / 2
Cr Brandis & Cr Ventris Against

Cr Walker declared an interest in Item 9.3.4 Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program.

COUNCIL DECISION

Council Decision Number – 16 10 2026

Moved: Cr Brandis **Seconded: Cr Dagelet**

That, in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations, Cr Walker be permitted to remain in the room, participate in the debate and vote on Item 9.3.4 Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program.

Carried 7 / 0

9.3.4 Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program	
Location:	All of Shire
File Ref:	ADM 375
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	13th October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr Walker – Impartiality
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Renee Jenkin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	Wheatbelt Connect Community Grant Applications
Documents Tabled	Nil

Summary

Council is requested to consider and determine the applications submitted under the 2026/2027 Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program, in alignment with the funding guidelines.

Background Information

Following the May 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council, at which Council resolved to enter into the Community Investment Funding Framework Agreement with INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd and the associated project specific Funding Agreement for the Storm Rose Revegetation Project, the Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program was established in consultation with Wheatbelt Connect.

The program provided a total funding pool of $6,015 excluding GST ($6,616.50 inclusive of GST), available to local community groups and not-for-profit organisations to apply for funding to support initiatives that benefit the local community.

Priority was to be given to projects supporting young people, community wellbeing, local small businesses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly where initiatives were delivered by or in partnership with, local not-for-profit organisations.

Officer Comment

A total of four applications were received for a range of projects. These projects total $4,729.54 including GST.

See list of applications below:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PURPOSE
Mukinbudin Basketball Club	$ 1,780.54	New basketball singlets + equipment (ladies and junior's)
Mukinbudin Golf Club	$ 2,200.00	New ride on mower
Mukinbudin Hockey Club	$ 269.00	New hockey equipment - balls, throat protector
Mukinbudin Football Club	$ 480.00	New adult footballs
	$ 4,729.54	

All applications meet the funding guidelines.

Consultation

Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Applicants
Renee Jenkin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Strategic & Social Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2025-35:

Strategic Pillar 2: Community
Outcome Statement: Our community enjoys a healthy, safe and inclusive environment for all ages.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Wheatbelt Connect Community Grant program allows for expenditure up to $6,616.50 inclusive of GST for community projects. These applications total $4,729.54 including GST. If all applications were approved, this would result in an underspend of $1,886.96 including GST.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 17 10 2026

Moved: Cr Brandis **Seconded: Cr Bent**

That Council approves all four applications submitted under the Wheatbelt Connect Community Grants Program, totaling $4,729.54 including GST, as follows:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PURPOSE
Mukinbudin Basketball Club	$ 1,780.54	New basketball singlets + equipment (ladies and junior's)
Mukinbudin Golf Club	$ 2,200.00	New ride on mower
Mukinbudin Hockey Club	$ 269.00	New hockey equipment - balls, throat protector
Mukinbudin Football Club	$ 480.00	New adult footballs
	$ 4,729.54	

Carried 7 / 0

9.3.5 Dadour Provisions – Proposed Legislative Changes	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 018
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	1st October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	WA Government Article at https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Next-phase-of-local-government-reforms-to-reduce-voter-fatigue-20260917
Documents Tabled	Nil

Summary

Council is requested to consider the proposed removal of the Dadour provisions from the Local Government Act 1995 and determine whether it wishes to support advocacy for their retention.

The Dadour provisions provide electors with the ability to request a poll on certain proposed district amalgamations. Their proposed removal raises questions about the role of elector participation in local government boundary changes and the implications for regional local governments.

Background Information

The Dadour provisions are named after former City of Nedlands Mayor, Dr John Dadour and are contained in Schedule 2.1, clauses 8 and 10 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. These provisions establish a mechanism through which electors can request a poll on certain proposed amalgamations of local government districts.

Under clause 8, where the Local Government Advisory Board recommends the amalgamation of districts, affected electors are notified of their right to request a poll. A poll must be held if a request is received within the prescribed period and is supported by at least 250 electors or 10% of the electors in one of the affected districts, whichever is applicable under the legislation.

Clause 10 provides that, where at least 50% of electors in the relevant district participate in the poll and a majority vote against the recommendation, the Minister must reject the recommendation.

The provisions were a significant consideration during the 2013–14 local government amalgamation reforms proposed by the then State Government. Although the proposed forced amalgamations were ultimately abandoned, the provisions remained in the legislation.

Application of the Dadour provisions to the Shire of Mukinbudin

The following example illustrates how the existing provisions could apply if an amalgamation proposal involving the Shire of Mukinbudin were referred to the Local Government Advisory

Board. The calculations are based on an assumed electoral roll of 376 electors and would be confirmed against the current roll at the time.

Step 1: Requesting a poll
If the Local Government Advisory Board recommends an amalgamation involving the Shire of Mukinbudin, electors are notified of their right to request a poll.

A request must be signed by at least 250 electors or 10% of the electors in the relevant district, whichever is the lesser.

- Mukinbudin electoral roll: 376 electors.
- 10% of the electoral roll: 37.6 electors, rounded up to 38.
- Threshold: 38 electors.

Accordingly, a request signed by 38 eligible electors would be sufficient to require a poll, provided it is submitted within the prescribed one month period and meets the other legislative requirements.

Step 2: Poll turnout
Once a valid request is received, the Minister must require the Advisory Board's recommendation to be put to a poll of electors in the relevant district.

For the poll to trigger the mandatory rejection provision, at least 50% of the district's electors must vote.

- Mukinbudin electoral roll: 376 electors.
- Minimum turnout: 188 electors.

If fewer than 188 electors vote, the mandatory rejection provision in clause 10(2) is not triggered. The Minister retains discretion under clause 10(1) to accept or reject the Advisory Board's recommendation.

Step 3: Poll outcome
If at least 188 electors participate and a majority of those voting oppose the amalgamation recommendation, the Minister must reject the recommendation.

For example, if exactly 188 electors vote, at least 95 would need to vote against the recommendation for the mandatory rejection provision to apply.

The outcome therefore depends on both the minimum turnout and the majority vote against the recommendation. The poll does not automatically prevent an amalgamation in circumstances where these requirements are not met.

Officer Comment
On 17 September 2026, the Hon. Hannah Beasley MLA announced the next phase of local government reforms, including the proposed removal of the Dadour poll provisions.

The Government's stated rationale is to remove barriers to voluntary amalgamations and boundary changes, which it considers can be impeded by the existing poll provisions. The announcement also indicates that the Government does not currently intend to pursue forced amalgamations.

The proposed removal of the provisions has implications for the existing legislative process governing local government amalgamations. In particular, it would remove the specific statutory mechanism allowing electors to trigger a poll and the associated requirement for the Minister to reject certain amalgamation recommendations following an adverse poll result.

For regional local governments, the potential implications extend beyond voluntary amalgamations. The provisions currently apply to the relevant amalgamation process irrespective of whether a proposal originates from the local governments involved or through a broader reform process.

There are competing considerations for Council. Removing the provisions may simplify the process for voluntary boundary changes and amalgamations. Retaining them preserves an established mechanism through which electors can directly express their views on certain proposals.

For the Shire of Mukinbudin, any future boundary change or amalgamation proposal could have implications for local representation, community identity, service delivery and the long-term governance of the district. The existing provisions provide a specific statutory role for electors in that process.

The author recommends that Council support advocacy for the retention of the Dadour provisions and refer its position to the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone for consideration.

Consultation

Consultation has not been undertaken. Should Council resolve to pursue a formal position, it may seek to engage with WALGA to determine the scope for coordinated sector advocacy.

Strategic & Social Implications

Integrated Strategic Plan 2025–2035

Pillar 4: Civic Leadership

Outcome 11: Compliant governance and responsible financial management.

- **Strategy 11.4:** Advocate for improved regional funding and service delivery.

Consideration of the proposed changes provides an opportunity for Council to consider the implications of legislative reform for local government representation, community participation and the future governance of regional communities.

Any formal position adopted by Council will inform the Shire's participation in regional and sector wide advocacy.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

- **Schedule 2.1, clause 8** – Provides for electors to request a poll on certain proposed amalgamations of local government districts.
- **Schedule 2.1, clause 10** – Establishes the circumstances in which the Minister must reject an amalgamation recommendation following a poll.

Any changes to these provisions will be subject to the passage and commencement of amending legislation.

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council Decision Number – 18 10 2026

Moved: Cr Dagelet **Seconded: Cr Ventris**

That Council:

1. **Notes the proposed removal of the Dadour provisions from the Local Government Act 1995, as announced by the State Government on 17 September 2026;**
2. **Supports the retention of the Dadour provisions in Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 and opposes their proposed removal; and**
3. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to refer Council's position to the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone for consideration and potential sector wide advocacy.**

Carried 7 / 0

9.3.6 Skate Park Project – Grant Application and Council Commitment	
Location:	Mukinbudin
File Ref:	ADM 221
Applicant:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	2nd October 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Responsible Officer	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Documents Attached	WA Skate Ramps Pricing Stronger Communities Programme Round 10 Grant Information
Documents Tabled	Nil

Summary

Council is requested to support the establishment of a skate park at the Mukinbudin Recreation Complex, using two commercial grade mini ramps and endorse an application for grant funding under the Stronger Communities Programme Round 10.

The proposed project has attracted a $6,000 contribution from Muka Tyre and Autos, subject to confirmation of the final project costs. It is proposed that the Shire seek grant funding and commit up to $2,000 towards the project, with the proposed location being the existing basketball court/pump track area, subject to site assessment and the retention of an appropriate basketball playing area.

Background Information

The proposal to establish a skate park in Mukinbudin has arisen from community interest, with local young people, led by Shiloh Waters, taking an active role in researching suitable equipment and potential locations.

Shiloh has been progressing the proposal and following further research into available equipment, identified WA Skate Ramps as a potential supplier of commercial grade, outdoor mini ramps. The proposed equipment is designed for use by skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes and is available with weather resistant surfaces suitable for outdoor installation.

Shiloh has advised that Muka Tyre and Autos has indicated a willingness to contribute $6,000 towards the purchase of two mini ramps, subject to confirmation of the final quote.

WA Skate Ramps has provided the following pricing:

Equipment	Price (including GST)	Freight
2 x Extreme 3 ft outdoor mini ramps	$14,541.82	$814.55
2 x Standard 3 ft outdoor mini ramps	$12,052.72	$882.73

The Extreme ramps feature a weather composite surface described by the supplier as waterproof, UV resistant and maintenance free. The supplier is located at Bibra Lake, providing the opportunity for the Shire to collect the equipment and potentially avoid freight costs.

The proposed location identified by Shiloh and her friends is the existing basketball court/pump track area at the Recreation Complex. It has been suggested that the basketball court could

be reduced to half its current size, with the remaining area used for the skate park. This would allow the Shire to accommodate the proposed ramps while retaining a basketball facility and aligns with the Sport and Rec Master Plan preferred location.

The Stronger Communities Programme Round 10 has recently opened, offering grants of between $2,500 and $20,000. The programme permits local governments to seek funding of up to 50% of eligible project costs. Expressions of Interest are due to the Federal Member for Durack by 5.00 pm on Friday, 23 October 2026.

Officer Comment

The proposed skate park would provide an additional recreational facility for young people in Mukinbudin and support opportunities for skateboarding, scootering and BMX riding. The involvement of local young people in identifying equipment and potential locations also provides an opportunity for community participation in the development of the facility.

The proposed use of modular mini ramps provides an opportunity to establish a skate park without the cost associated with constructing a purpose built concrete facility. The equipment can be installed as a discrete recreational facility and potentially relocated in the future, should the requirements of the site and the equipment change.

Equipment and costs

The Extreme outdoor mini ramps are proposed as the preferred option due to their composite surface, weather resistance and reduced ongoing maintenance requirements. These features are relevant to the Shire's ability to maintain recreational infrastructure in a regional setting.

The purchase price for two Extreme ramps is $14,541.82, excluding GST, with quoted freight of $814.55. The total purchase cost is therefore $15,356.37, excluding GST. Collection by the Shire may reduce the cost, subject to transport arrangements.

The proposed $6,000 contribution from Muka Tyre and Autos would provide a substantial contribution towards the equipment. An application to the Stronger Communities Programme would provide an opportunity to reduce the Shire's contribution.

Based on the quoted purchase price, the maximum grant contribution at 50% of eligible project costs would be $7,678.18, assuming the full equipment and freight costs are eligible. With the $6,000 business contribution, the remaining cost to the Shire would be $1,678.19. A Shire contribution of up to $2,000 would provide a small allowance for rounding or minor cost variation but would not cover any significant site preparation or installation costs should they be necessary.

Proposed location

The existing basketball court/pump track area at the Recreation Complex has been identified as a potential location. The proposal to retain half of the basketball court while accommodating the skate park provides an opportunity to make better use of the existing recreational space.

Before installation, the Shire will need to confirm that the available area is suitable for the proposed ramps, including clearances, access, surface conditions, separation from other recreational activities and appropriate safety provisions. The impact of reducing the basketball court should also be considered to ensure the retained area remains functional.

The proposed location is therefore recommended as the preferred site for further assessment, rather than as a final construction approval.

Grant funding
The Stronger Communities Programme Round 10 provides a potential funding opportunity, with grants of up to $20,000 available and local governments eligible for funding of up to 50% of eligible project costs.

Given the proposed business contribution and the relatively modest equipment cost, the project may be achievable with a limited Shire contribution, provided the grant application is successful and the proposed expenditure is eligible.

It is proposed that the Shire submit an Expression of Interest seeking the maximum eligible grant funding for the project. The final grant application and project budget will be informed by confirmation of the supplier's quote, site requirements and any additional costs associated with installation.

If grant funding is unsuccessful, the Shire would not be committed to proceeding with the project under the proposed funding arrangement.

Consultation

- Shiloh Waters and local youth: Have undertaken research into suitable skate park equipment and identified a potential location at the Recreation Complex.
- Muka Tyre and Autos: Has indicated a willingness to contribute $6,000 towards the purchase of two mini ramps, subject to confirmation of the final costs.
- WA Skate Ramps: Has provided quotes for two Extreme and two Standard outdoor mini ramps.
- Melissa Price, Federal Member for Durack: Has advised of the availability of funding under the Stronger Communities Programme Round 10.

Strategic & Social Implications
Integrated Strategic Plan 2025–2035

Strategic Pillar 2 – Community
The proposed skate park supports the Shire's objectives relating to community participation, recreation and wellbeing by providing an additional recreational facility for young people. The project also provides an opportunity for young people to participate in the planning and development of a community facility.

Strategic Pillar 3 – Environment and Infrastructure
The project supports the provision and improvement of recreational infrastructure within the Shire. The use of modular, weather resistant equipment provides an opportunity to establish a facility with relatively modest capital expenditure and ongoing maintenance requirements.

Strategic Pillar 4 – Civic Leadership
Outcome 11: Compliant governance and responsible financial management.

- Strategy 11.1: Responsibly manage Shire assets and financial resources.
The proposed grant application and business contribution would reduce the Shire's financial commitment to the project while providing an additional recreational asset.

- Strategy 11.4: Advocate for improved regional funding and service delivery.
The grant application provides an opportunity to secure external funding to support the delivery of community infrastructure.

Statutory Environment
Local Government Act 1995
Section 3.1 – General function: Provides for the general function of a local government to provide for the good government of its district. The proposed recreational facility is consistent with the Shire's role in providing community infrastructure and services.

Policy Implications
Nil at this stage. Any procurement associated with the project will be undertaken in accordance with the Shire's purchasing policy and applicable statutory requirements.

Financial Implications
The estimated equipment costs are as follows:

Description	Amount (ex GST)
2 x Extreme 3 ft outdoor mini ramps	$14,541.82
Freight	$814.55
Total equipment cost	$15,356.37
Less Muka Tyre and Autos contribution	($6,000)
Less Potential grant funding (50% of eligible costs)	($7,678.18)
Estimated Shire contribution	$1,678.19

The above funding calculation assumes that the full equipment and freight costs are eligible for grant funding and that the grant is approved at the maximum applicable rate.

Council is requested to commit up to $2,000 towards the project, subject to the successful receipt of grant funding and confirmation that the total project costs can be accommodated within the available funding.

The above estimate excludes any additional site preparation, installation, safety treatments or other associated costs that may be identified following assessment of the proposed location. These costs will need to be confirmed before the project proceeds.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. **Supports in principle the establishment of a skate park at the Mukinbudin Recreation Complex, comprising two Extreme 3 ft outdoor mini ramps supplied by WA Skate Ramps, with the existing basketball court to be reconfigured to retain a half court facility, subject to a satisfactory site assessment;**
2. **Endorses the Shire submitting an Expression of Interest under the Stronger Communities Programme Round 10, seeking grant funding of up to 50% of eligible project costs; and**
3. **Commits up to $2,000 towards the project, subject to successful grant funding and confirmation of the final project costs.**

COUNCIL DECISION

Council Decision Number – 19 10 2026

Moved: Cr McGlashan **Seconded: Cr Brandis**

That Council:

1. **Supports in principle the establishment of a skate park at the Mukinbudin Recreation Complex, comprising two Extreme 3 ft outdoor mini ramps supplied by WA Skate Ramps, to be incorporated into the existing pump track site as the preferred location;**
2. **Endorses the Shire submitting an Expression of Interest under the Stronger Communities Programme Round 10, seeking grant funding of up to 50% of eligible project costs; and**
3. **Commits up to $2,000 towards the project, subject to successful grant funding and confirmation of the final project costs.**

Carried 7 / 0

The Officer's Recommendation differed from Council's Decision because Council sought to retain the existing full outdoor court for recreational use by the community.

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 to thank Elected Members and Staff for attending and declared the meeting closed at 3.14pm.