

# **MINUTES**

for the

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Tuesday, 12 December 2023







## **Our Vision**

**Collie -** A progressive community, rich in opportunities and as diverse as its heritage and landscape.

### **Our Values**

The core values at the heart of the Council's commitment to the community are:

**I**ntegrity

**T**ransparency

**A**ccountability

**C**ollaboration

**R**espect

# **Our Commitment to Community**

We will lead the delivery of our vision

We will support local business wherever possible

We will consult and engage with our community on issues that affect them

We will encourage, welcome and value feedback

We will encourage, support and advocate for our community



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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Collie Shire Council held in the Council Chambers, 87 Throssell Street Collie, on Tuesday, 12 December 2023 commencing at 7:04pm.

#### 1. OPENING/ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**PRESENT:** Ian Miffling OAM JP Councillor (Presiding Member)

Joe Italiano Councillor (Deputy Member)

Dale Hill-Power JP Councillor
Paul Moyses Councillor
Gary Faries Councillor
Elysia Harverson Councillor
Leonie Scoffern Councillor
John Kearney Councillor

Stuart Devenish Chief Executive Officer

Matthew Young Director Development Services
Nicole Wasmann Director Corporate Services

Hasreen Mandry Finance Manager
Amber Nikola Executive Assistant

APOLOGY: Brett Hansen Councillor

Michelle Smith Councillor

PRESS: Martin Kovacs, Nola Green

**GALLERY:** Paul Irving, Griffin Coal

Gail Varian Geoff Wilkes

1.1 Councillors granted Leave of Absence at previous meeting/s

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1.2 Councillors requesting Leave of Absence for future Ordinary Meetings of Council

Council Decision: Resolution: 9325

Moved: Cr Italiano Seconded: Cr Harverson

That Council grant Cr Moyses a Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 13 February 2024.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney

**Against:** Nil

1.3 Councillors who are applying for Leave of Absence for this Ordinary Meeting of



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Council Decision: Resolution: 9326

Moved: Cr Kearney Seconded: Cr Scoffern

That Council grant Cr Hansen and Cr Smith a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

Carried:8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

Against: Nil.

#### 2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

#### 2.1 Gail Varian

Mrs Varian asked whether Council would consider placing more street signs around town, particularly off from the main road, so that visitors can easily find their way around.

Response: Cr Miffling advised this is a matter that can be considered and encouraged members of the public to advise which street intersections in particular would benefit from additional signage.

#### 2.2 Geoff Wilkes

Mr Wilkes asked the following questions of Council:

Question 1- Mr Wilkes asked about the maintenance of the train crossing nearby the Art Gallery, and whether the Council can ask the managers of the train corridor to cut the long grass as it continues up and down the track as well as remove rubbish.

Question 2 – Mr Wilkes asked Council to consider options that may be available to upgrade the footpath network by constructing a path at Hodgson Terrace between Harris River Road and Atkinson Street North.

Response: Cr Miffling indicated the rail corridor matter can be raised with the managers of the land. He also advised that the footpath at Hodgson Terrace can be considered as part of the next budget deliberation process.

# 3. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE



#### 4. <u>DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST</u>

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Disclosures of Interest had been received from Councillors/staff as listed below:

Councillor/staff	Agenda Item	Disclosure
Cr Miffling	Item 13.2 - Referral of Application for a Mining Lease (12/71) and Prospecting Licence (12/26), impacting Lots 1 and 2, Boys Home Road, Palmer.	Financial – Board Secretary of Coal Miners Welfare Board of WA
Cr Kearney	Item 13.2 - Referral of Application for a Mining Lease (12/71) and Prospecting Licence (12/26), impacting Lots 1 and 2, Boys Home Road, Palmer.	Impartial – work related

#### 5. <u>PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS</u>

5.1 Tidy Towns Award 2023

Mrs Green presented Council with the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities 2023 Award certificate for State Winner of the Environmental Sustainability category for the Collie River restoration project

# 6. NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

#### 7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD DUE TO INTEREST BY ATTENDING PERSONS

Item 13.2 was brought forward due to interested attending persons.

Cr Miffling declared a financial interest in Item 13.2 and left the room at 7.15pm. Cr Italiano assumed the chair.

Cr Kearney declared an impartial interest in item 13.2.



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13.2 Referral of Application for a Mining Lease (12/71) and Prospecting Licence (12/26), impacting Lots 1 and 2, Boys Home Road, Palmer.

Reporting Department: Development Services

**Reporting Officer:** Isabel Fry – Town Planner

Accountable Manager: Matt Young – Director Development Services

**Legislation** Mining Act 1978

File Number: EDV/001

Appendices: Appendix 13.2.A- Referral and Location Maps

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

#### **Report Purpose**

For Council to provide comment on an application for Mining Lease (12/71) and Prospecting Licence (12/26), impacting Lots 1 and 2 Boys Home Road, Palmer.

#### Officer's Recommendation

That Council advise the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, in relation to the proposed Mining Lease (12/71) and Prospecting Licence (12/26), impacting Lots 1 and 2 Boys Home Road, Palmer, that the Shire objects to the proposed lease and licence based on:

- 1. the principles of orderly and proper planning, where the proposal is not consistent with the intentions for future development of the site and the wider Coolangatta Industrial Estate, pursuant to the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No.6;
- 2. The potential impact on the future development of the site for Green Steel WA and industrial diversification projects associated with the Collie Just Transition Plan; and
- Inconsistencies with State and Local Government strategic objectives for industry diversification and the key role of the Coolangatta Industrial Estate in providing industrial land in Collie.

Council Decision: Resolution:9327

Moved: Cr Faries Seconded: Cr Kearney

That Council suspend Standing Orders.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney

**Against:** Nil



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Paul Irving, representative of Giffin Coal addressed Council and responded to questions.

Council Decision: Resolution:9328

Moved: Cr Kearney Seconded: Cr Scoffern

That Council resume Standing Orders.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney

**Against:** Nil

Council Decision: Resolution:9329

Moved: Cr Kearney Seconded: Cr Faries

That Council suspend Standing Orders.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney

**Against:** Nil

Council discussed the officer's recommendation and possible alternative motions.

Council Decision: Resolution:9330

Moved: Cr Hill-Power Seconded: Cr Kearney

That Council resume Standing Orders.

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney

**Against:** Nil

The Officer indicated that the recommendation could be amended with the insertion of the words "except for land that falls within Griffin Coal's existing operational mine" so as to support current operations to continue.

#### Amended Officer's Recommendation:

That Council advise the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, in relation to the proposed Mining Lease (12/71) and Prospecting Licence (12/26), impacting Lots 1 and 2 Boys Home Road, Palmer, that the Shire objects to the proposed lease and licence, except for land that falls within Griffin Coal's existing operational mine, based on;

- 1. the principles of orderly and proper planning, where the proposal is not consistent with the intentions for future development of the site and the wider Coolangatta Industrial Estate, pursuant to the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No.6.
- 2. The potential impact on the future development of the site for Green Steel WA and industrial



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diversification projects associated with the Collie Just Transition Plan; and

3. Inconsistencies with State and Local Government strategic objectives for industry diversification and the key role of the Coolangatta Industrial Estate in providing industrial land in Collie.

Council Decision: Resolution:9331

Moved: Cr Faries Seconded: Cr Hill-Power

That Council has no objection to Griffin operating its lease on land that falls within its current operations as per the Griffin Coal Plan dated November 2023

Carried: 7/0

For: Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

The officer's recommendation was set aside and the alternative motion moved by Cr Faries so as to clearly provide support for Griffin to continue to operate within its existing operational area.

#### Background:

The Shire has been referred an Application for Mining Lease (12/71) and a Prospecting Licence (12/26) from TG Mining Title Services, on behalf of Griffin Coal Mining Company Pty Ltd (in liquidation), impacting on Lots 1 and 2 Boys Home Road, Palmer (refer Appendix 13.2.A). The Shire is not the determining authority on these applications, therefore is requested to provide comment to the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS).

Lot 1 is owned by the Griffin Coal Mining Company Pty Ltd and Lot 2 is owned by Bluewaters Farm Holdings Pty Ltd.

The applications are associated with the existing Griffin Coal Mine which is located to the immediate south and south-west of the proposed licence area. The proposed lease and licence areas are within the area identified as the Coolangatta Industrial Estate and more particularly, cover the indicative area for where Green Steel WA is planned to establish its facility, as well as a portion of Bluewaters Power Station. The WesTrac Training Facility is also located on Lot 2 and is in close proximity to the subject site. The area is subject to existing Mining Tenements, as per DEMIRS mapping.

Green Steel WA are in the process of preparing documentation for the lodgement of a development application for this site, including undertaking various site surveys, environmental surveys and bushfire reporting. Green Steel has engaged GHD to prepare their application and supporting documentation and have been in pre-lodgement discussions with the Shire for several months. Lot 2 is also subject to an approved structure plan, which identifies the use of the subject site as being for the use of a power station and storage (coal stockpile).

#### Mining Lease

A Mining Lease allows the lessee to work and mine the land, take and remove minerals, and conduct other necessary activities pursuant to mining activities, in accordance with the conditions of title. A mining lease is fixed for a period of 21 years, although may be subject to





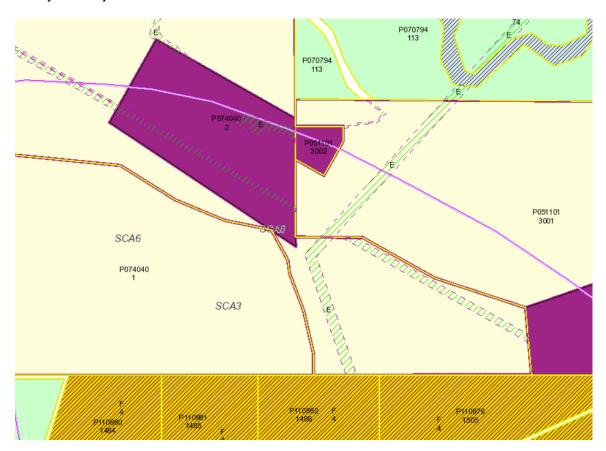
renewal for further terms. It is noted that other requirements also need to be satisfied, including land access and compensation arrangements, environmental considerations and others.

#### **Prospecting Licence**

A Prospecting Licence authorises the extraction or disturbance of up to 500 tonnes of material from the ground (higher levels subject to Ministerial approval), including overburden across a maximum 200 hectares. Prospecting licences are subject to a four-year fixed term, with provision to extend for a further four years.

#### Local Planning Scheme No.6

The proposed lease and licence area consists of land zoned Industrial Development, Strategic Industry and adjoins State Forest.



#### **Statutory and Policy Implications:**

Mining Act 1978

- Sections 40 to 56- Prospecting Licence
- Sections 700 to 85A- Mining Lease

Local Planning Scheme No.6

- Zone Objectives: Industrial Development zone and Strategic Industry zone

#### **Budget Implications:**

Nil.

#### **Communications Requirements:**



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The Shire has been provided the applications by TG Mining Title Services for comment. Shire Officers have also consulted with Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) as the agency responsible for the facilitation and delivery of structure planning of the Coolangatta Industrial Area.



#### Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN – ADOPTED DECEMBER 2022					
GOAL: 3 Our Built Environment					
Objective:	3.2	Sound land planning and building strategies and schemes.			

#### **Relevant Precedents:**

From DMIRS mapping portal, it appears that the land is subject to existing mining tenements, as described below.



#### Comment:

#### Orderly and Proper Planning

The proposed lease and licence area will impact on two of the lots identified under Local Planning Scheme No.6 (LPS6) for the future Coolangatta Industrial Estate (CIE). The provisions of LPS6 require development of these sites to be guided by structure planning, which is to consider impacts on the existing power station, apportion land suitable for general and strategic land uses and provide indicative lot layout, among other environmental and management matters.

There is an approved structure plan for the site, as well as further work being undertaken for updating the structure plan to accommodate and facilitate the CIE. The proposal has not been considered in the context of this work and has the potential to impact on the future use and development of the CIE.

#### Investment, Innovation, and Industry Diversification

The proposed lease and licence areas will directly impact on the future development of Green Steel WA, which is a key proponent in providing industry diversification and employment to support the Collie Just Transition Plan. Green Steel WA is aiming to commence construction in 2024. JTSI has been advised of the proposal and is investigating what the grant of this lease and licence may mean for Green Steel WA. In the interim, the Shire is not supportive of the lease and licence being approved, without clarity on the impacts on Green Steel WA's development of the site.

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#### Strategic Interests

The CIE has been identified as a key strategic industrial area and is essential in providing industrial land for the diversification of industry in Collie and supporting the Just Transition. The State has prioritised the planning and development of this area and key proponents are relying on these sites in bringing their business to Collie. It is not in the strategic interest of the Shire for this area to be further impacted by the renewal of mining leases and licences, which will impede the development of the area for other industrial purposes.

There is also a level of uncertainty for the future of Griffin Coal Mining Company Pty Ltd, as the Applicant for the lease and licences.

#### Conclusion

It is recommended that the Council endorse a recommendation for Officer's to provide a response to the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS), advising that the Shire does not support the proposed mining lease and prospecting licence, on the basis of the reasons detailed in the recommendation.

Cr Miffling returned to the room at 7.56pm and resumed the Chair.

#### 8. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 14 November 2023

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9332

Moved: Cr Kearney Seconded: Cr Faries

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14

November 2023.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

#### 8.2 Special Council Meeting – 21 November 2023

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9333

Moved: Cr Moyses Seconded: Cr Italiano

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 21 November 2023.

Carried: 8/0

**For:** Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Smith, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil



# 9. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> Nil

# 10. RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL

#### 10.1 Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting – 15 November 2023

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9334

Moved: Cr Faries Seconded: Cr Kearney

That Council receive the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2023.

Carried: 8/0

**For:** Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

Against: Nil

#### 10.2 Recommendations of the Local Emergency Management Committee

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9335

Moved: Cr Italiano Seconded: Cr Hill-Power

That Council adopts en bloc the committee recommendations contained within the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held 15 November 2023.

10.13 General

That the Local Emergency Management Committee through the Shire of Collie write to the Department of Health in respect to responsible authorities to identify vulnerable people in Collie that may need to be evacuated in an emergency.

That the Local Emergency Management Committee through the Shire of Collie write to Telstra in respect to signal failures and coverage in Collie, so that telecommunication connection during an emergency is available.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil





#### 10.3 Tourism and Marketing Advisory Committee Meeting – 6 December 2023

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9336

Moved: Cr Harverson Seconded: Cr Kearney

That Council receive the Minutes of the Tourism and Marketing Committee Meeting held

on 6 December 2023.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

Against: Nil

#### 10.4 Audit Committee Meeting – 6 December 2023

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9337

Moved: Cr Italiano Seconded: Cr Harverson

That Council receive the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2023.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

#### 10.5 Recommendation of the Audit Committee Meeting – 6 December 2023

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9338

Moved: Cr Italiano Seconded: Cr Kearney

That Council acknowledge the Audit Exit Meeting held on 6 December 2023.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

#### 11. CEO REPORTS

Nil



#### 12. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 Accounts Paid – November 2023		
Reporting Department:	Corporate Services	
Reporting Officer:	Hasreen Mandry – Finance Manager	
Accountable Manager:	Nicole Wasmann – Director Corporate Services	
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995 & Financial Management Regulations 1996	
File Number:	FIN/024	
Appendices:	Appendix 12.1.A – Accounts Paid – November 2023	
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority	

#### **Report Purpose**

To present the accounts paid during the month of November 2023.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9339

Moved: Cr Faries Seconded: Cr Scoffern

That Council accepts the Accounts as presented in Appendix 12.1.A being vouchers 41943-41944 totalling \$234.95 and direct payments totalling \$924,946.44 authorised and paid in October 2023.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

#### **Background:**

In accordance with Delegation 2.2.21- payments from the Municipal or Trust Funds adopted by Council on 8 August 2023, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to incur expenditure in accordance with the Annual Budget provisions and limited over-expenditure subject to subsequent budget amendment. In doing so, section 13 of the *Financial Management Regulations* 1996 is to be adhered to with a list of accounts for approval to be presented to the Council each month.

	2023/24			
Month	Cheques	Electronic Transfer	Total Payment	
July	919.23	1,640,941.51	1,641,860.74	
August	155.02	1,122,377.12	1,122,532.14	
September	1,086.36	800,154.20	801,240.56	
October	234.95	924,946.44	925,181.39	
November	881.65	1,788,936.83	1,789,818.48	



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#### **Statutory and Policy Implications:**

WA Local Government Act 1995 Financial Management Regulations 1996

Council Policy CS3.7 relates to the payment of creditors, and in particular item 5.0 which relates to the presentation of accounts paid. A list of all accounts paid shall be presented to Council within two months. The list shall comprise of details as prescribed in the *Local Government Financial Management Regulations* 1996.

#### **Budget Implications:**

All liabilities settled have been in accordance with the Annual Budget provisions.

**Communications Requirements:** (Policy No. CS1.7)

Nil

**Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:** 

Nil

**Relevant Precedents:** 

N/A

#### Comment:

For a detailed listing of payments see Appendix 12.1.A.

Please raise any queries prior the meeting to enable questions to be investigated and a response prepared.



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12.2 Financial Management Report – October 2023		
Reporting Department:	Corporate Services	
Reporting Officer:	Hasreen Mandry – Finance Manager	
Accountable Manager:	Nicole Wasmann – Director Corporate Services	
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995 & Financial Management Regulations 1996	
File Number:	FIN/024	
Appendices:	Appendix 12.2.A – Financial Report – October 2023	
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority	

#### **Report Purpose**

To provide a summary of the financial position for the Shire of Collie for the month ending October 2023.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9340

Moved: Cr Kearney Seconded: Cr Moyses

That Council resolve to accept the Financial Management Report for October 2023 as presented in Appendix 12.2.A.

Carried: 8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

#### Background:

In accordance with Council policy and the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Financial Report and budget amendments required for the end of the period is presented to Council for information. Refer to Appendix 12.2.A.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications:**

Section 34 (1) (a) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states that a Local Government is to prepare monthly statement of financial activity including annual budget estimates; budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which to which the statement relates, material variances between monthly budget and actual figures, and net current assets on a monthly basis.

In accordance with section 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management)* Regulations 1996 each year a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances. In this case, the Shire of Collie has adopted the material variance of 10% or \$10,000, whichever is greater, for reporting variations to the 2023/24 Budget in the monthly statement of financial activity reported to Council.



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In accordance with section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a local government is not to incur expenditure, not included in the annual budget for an additional purpose unless the expenditure is (b) authorised in advance by absolute majority.

#### **Budget Implications:**

Nil.

**Communications Requirements: (Policy No. CS1.7)** 

Nil

#### Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:

Nil

#### **Relevant Precedents:**

N/A

#### Comment:

The financial statements provided in Appendix 12.2.A reports on the following information for the reporting period:

- Rate Setting Statement by Nature and Type
- Material Variances
- Statement of Financial Positions
- Cash and Investments
- Receivables & Payables
- Capital Projects
- Other Projects
- Budget Amendments

Commentary for the material variances identified is included in Appendix 12.2. A

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12.3 Acceptance of Annual Report and Annual Electors Meeting – 2022/23		
Reporting Department:	Corporate Services	
Reporting Officer:	Hasreen Mandry – Finance Manager	
Accountable Manager:	Nicole Wasmann – Director Corporate Services	
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995	
File Number:	GOV/049	
Appendices:	To be tabled at meeting	
Voting Requirement	Absolute Majority	

#### **Report Purpose**

For Council to accept the Shire of Collie Annual Report 2022-23 and to consider the proposed time and date for the 2022-23 Annual Electors Meeting.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9341

Moved: Cr Italiano Seconded: Cr Harverson

#### That Council resolve to:

- 1. Receive and adopt the Shire of Collie Annual Report for the financial year 2022-23
- 2. Hold the Shire of Collie 2022-23 Annual Electors Meeting on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 at Roche Park Recreation Centre commencing at 6.00 pm

Carried:7/1

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Cr Hill-Power

#### Background:

In accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1995, a local government is required to prepare an annual report for each financial year. The 2022-23 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements.

In addition to the adoption of the Annual Report, it is also necessary to set the date for the Annual Electors Meeting.

It is anticipated that the auditor's report will be received on Friday 8 December 2023.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications:**

Section 5.54 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act), stipulates that the annual report is to be accepted no later than 31 December. Where the auditor's report is not available in time for the annual report to be accepted by 31 December, the annual report is to be accepted no later than 2 months after the auditor's report becomes available.

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the Act, a general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year on a day selected by the local government but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.



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Section 5.53 of the Act stipulates the requirements of the Annual Report including:

- (a) a report from the mayor or president;
- (b) a report from the CEO;
- (e) an overview of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56, including major initiatives that are proposed to commence or to continue in the next financial year;
- (f) the financial report for the financial year;
- (g)such information as may be prescribed in relation to the payments made to employees; (h)the auditor's report prepared under section 7.9(1) or 7.12AD(1) for the financial year; (ha)a matter on which a report must be made under section 29(2) of the Disability Services Act 1993;
- (hb)details of entries made under section 5.121 during the financial year in the register of complaints, including
  - (i)the number of complaints recorded in the register of complaints; and
  - (ii)how the recorded complaints were dealt with; and
  - (iii)any other details that the regulations may require;

and

(i) such other information as may be prescribed.

Prescribed information identified in the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* includes the number of employees of the local government entitled to an annual salary of \$130,000 and within each \$10,000 band over \$130,000.

Annual reports also include information in relation to responsibilities relevant to WA Freedom of Information Act 1992 and State Records Act 2000.

#### **Budget Implications:**

Nil.

#### Communications Requirements: (Policy No. CS1.7)

In accordance with the Act, 14 days local notice shall be given of the date, time, place and purpose of the Annual Electors Meeting.

In accordance with Section 5.55 of the Act, Local Public Notice of the availability of the Annual Report shall be given and the Report published on the official website within 14 days of acceptance by the local government.

#### **Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:**

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN – ADOPTED DECEMBER 2022		
GOAL: 5 Our Organisation		
Objective:	5.1	Innovative leadership, forward planning, and mutually beneficial partnerships.

#### **Relevant Precedents:**

The 2021-22 Annual Electors Meeting was held on Thursday, 4 May 2023 in the Margaretta Wilson Centre.



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#### Comment:

It is proposed to hold the Annual Electors Meeting on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 commencing at 6.00 pm at Roche Park Recreation Centre.

Council is requested to consider and accept the Annual Report for the 2022-23 financial year which will be distributed as a separate document to the agenda prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Should the auditor's report be received on 8 December, as anticipated, and the 2022-23 Annual Report not be accepted at this meeting, a special meeting to accept the report will be required within 2 months of the date the report is received. There is no scheduled ordinary meeting of Council until 13 February 2024.

To avoid the requirement for a special meeting, it is recommended that the 2022-23 Annual Report be accepted at this meeting.



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#### 13. <u>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS</u>

13.1 Draft Collie Airfield Master Plan

Reporting Department: Development Services

**Reporting Officer:** Matt Young – Director Development Services

Accountable Manager: Matt Young – Director Development Services

Legislation N/A

File Number: CMG/292

Appendices: Appendix 13.1.A draft Collie Airfield Master Plan

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

#### **Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval to advertise the draft Collie Airfield Master Plan for public comment.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9342

Moved: Cr Faries Seconded: Cr Hill-Power

#### That the Council:

- 1. adopts the draft Collie Airfield Master Plan for a 28 day public advertising period;
- 2. authorises officers to discuss potential land transactions of adjoining reserves with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to allow for the aerodrome expansion during the advertising period; and
- 3. to report the outcomes of the community and agency consultation back to Council.

Carried:8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against:** Nil

#### **Background:**

The Collie Airfield is located 4km east of Collie town centre, 49km east of Bunbury Airport and 82km north east of Busselton Margaret River Airport.







In 2023, the Shire engaged Aviation Projects to prepare the Collie Airfield Master Plan. The Master Plan establishes the framework for future development of the aerodrome (including airside and landside areas). It provides guidance to the Shire of Collie on the future commercialisation of the aerodrome including activation of potential aviation activities.

Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 10 October 2023 considered the preferred vision for the airfield and resolved (motion 9278):

That the Council endorses development option 2 as contained in the report as the basis for the development of the detailed Master Plan for the Collie Airport.

The Master Plan will contribute to future detailed study and investment, including the preparation of a Strategic Airport Asset and Financial Management Plan.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to:

- Facilitate the progressive development of the airfield;
- Inform decision-making on new works;
- Identify options and opportunities for investment enabling the introduction of commercial activity;
- Facilitate increased levels of service appropriate to the role and function of the Collie Airfield;
   and
- Optimise aviation opportunities/initiatives.

The Master Plan was developed according to the methodology recommended in the Australian Airports Association Regional Airport Master Planning Guideline.

Specific deliverables include the identification and assessment of:

- aviation and tourism related investment opportunities, flight training facility operations opportunities and aviation related manufacturing and service opportunities;
- opportunities to enhance visitation and visitor services to the region and/or firefighting surveillance base;
- opportunities for electric airport design, development and manufacture and remote air surveillance monitoring operations;
- potential for increased service levels to industry, tourism activity and community;
- potential new industries and recreational activity opportunities;



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- intermodal freight viability including facility provision;
- development areas, servicing requirements and arrangements for land development (land development capability and land use plan) including areas for potential new industry and industry sectors;
- recommendations for land tenure rationalisation based on the dot point above;
- recommendations for airport certification, regulation and management arrangements to best meet objectives for the facility.

Initial stakeholder discussions and a site inspection of the airfield were held in March 2023. The consultant also met with officers online on 18 April and the 4th May to go through findings to date including engagement and present the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities constraints) analysis.

The vision for the Master Plan was initially presented to Councillors at the September 2023 Forum, and three vision options were considered at the October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting. Council resolved to proceed with development option 2 as the basis for the detailed Collie Airfield Master Plan. The detailed Collie Airfield Master Plan has now been drafted to fulfil this resolution and can be found at Appendix 13.1.A. This draft Collie Airfield Master Plan is ready to be advertised to the community and key stakeholders for comment.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications:**

Civil Aviation Act 1988 and associated Regulations

#### **Budget Implications:**

The Collie Airfield Master Plan project is being delivered through existing budgets. The Shire's budget for the project has been allocated via a budget amendment to which was approved by Council at its 13 December 2022 OCM (motion 9107). This budget is supplemented by a grant to the value of \$30,000 which was awarded by the South West Development Commission for the purpose of preparing a Master Plan for the Shire's aerodrome.

The implementation of Part 9 of the Collie Airfield Master Plan at Appendix 13.1.A will have ongoing budget implications into the long term, including revenue and expenditure. The plan also provides a basis for grant applications to be made for upgrade works.

#### **Communications Requirements:**

Preliminary stakeholder discussions have been held with Shire officers, Collie Aero Club, DBCA, DFES, RFDS, SWDC, JTSI, Australia's South West, Bunbury Airport, Busselton Airport and a number of local Collie businesses.

Advertising of the draft Master Plan is not required, but recommended for 28 days, so the public, agencies and key stakeholders have the opportunity to comment on the plan. During this period it is also recommended that officers liaise with the DPLH in respect to expansion into adjoining reserves and the extension of the existing lease.

#### **Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:**

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN – ADOPTED DECEMBER 2022				
GOAL:	2 Our Economy			
Objective:	2.1	Economic Development		
Strategic Priority 2.1.3 To develop a plan to commercialise airport.		To develop a plan to commercialise the airport.		



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#### **Relevant Precedents:**

Nil

#### Comment:

The following vision is described for the Airfield:

Provide an airport for the Collie community that will support aviation related emergency services operations, enable other commercial and private aviation activities including low intensity flight training, act as an air gateway to the Collie Shire for business and tourist visitors and provide for aviation related manufacturing and service opportunities.

#### Development on the airport will:

- 1. Comply with applicable civil aviation safety regulations and standards
- 2. Be on land controlled by Shire of Collie
- 3. Be resilient to natural disasters and climate change
- 4. Have minimal impact on the environment
- 5. Meet community expectations in respect of level of service
- 6. Be future proofed to respond to new opportunities and technologies that will emerge over time
- 7. Unlock broader economic development opportunities.

Understanding the regulatory framework relating to airports, the consultant has prepared the Collie Airfield Master Plan for future development. This is based on development option 2 of the Collie Airfield Master Plan – Vision document which was considered by Council at OCM 10 October 2023 (motion 9278).

The Collie Airfield Master Plan identified three vision options for future development. These are based on the following short term and longer term outcomes:

#### Short term

- Correct compliance issues and improve infrastructure
- Provide simple but nice passenger facility
- Entrance statement / signage and branding
- · Consider provision of Mogas and/or JetA1 fuel, electric charging points

#### Longer term

- Identify opportunities to attract commercial businesses that can use current aeronautical facilities on land adjacent to airfield
- Secure tenure and environmental approvals over master planned expansion site to enable certification, instrument approaches and larger scale commercial development, private hangarage

The following development option has been used as the basis of the Collie Airfield Master Plan. Full detail of the design can be found at part 9 of the Collie Airfield Master Plan at Appendix 13.1.A.

The design establishes the most realistic framework for airport expansion, without committing to a substantially longer and wider airport. The design provides a suitable long term framework for Collie, well beyond current or foreseeable demands, but also provides for incremental staging and expansion over time.





The Master Plan has three major development stages. The time frames, which are aspirational only and subject to funding availability, market demand and detailed design process, are:

- 1. Initial Development (0-5 years) The development elements that can realistically be implemented in the short term within the existing site or with minimal impact on the external environment
- Certification and Expansion Stage 1 (5-10 years) A significant expansion of the airfield and facilities suitable for the issue of an aerodrome certificate under CASR Part 139, introduction of instrument approaches and development of the site to enable a variety of commercial uses. Certification is a pre-requisite for the implementation of instrument flight procedures at an aerodrome.
- 3. Future Expansion Stage 2 (10+ years) expanded hangar and commercial precincts demand driven development.

These stages and suggested time frames show a logical progression in development that could take place for planning purposes. Actual development and time frames depend on demand and the strategy adopted by the Shire to promote airport growth.

Image above: excerpt of plan E22099-06-YC01-DRG1102 (showing potential design at the completion of Stage 2).

In addition to state requirements, the Commonwealth Government has an interest in better planning and integrated development on and around airports and to lessen the adverse effects of aviation activity on the environment and communities. While not a planning authority, it provides guidance on broader issues such as noise around airports that can be used by statutory authorities to achieve the stated objectives. The National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group has produced the National Airports Safeguarding Framework to advance this agenda. The Framework should also be taken into consideration when designing development on and in the vicinity of the airport.



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Aerodrome safeguarding measures included in the Master Plan include:

- Modelling aircraft noise
- Building generated windshear and turbulence
- Wildlife hazard buffer zone
- Lighting restriction zone
- Operational airspace
  - Obstacle limitation surfaces
  - PANS-OPS surfaces
- Building restricted areas for aviation facilities; and
- Public safety areas

Following advertising for public comment, next steps for the project will involve:

- 1. Consider submissions received through the advertising process;
- 2. Make any required changes to the master plan in line with consultation input; and
- 3. Adopt a final Master Plan.





13.3 Soldiers Park Playground – Proposed Expansion/Upgrade – Community Consultation Outcome

Reporting Department: Development Services

Reporting Officer: Scott Geere – Manager Building Services

Accountable Manager: Matthew Young – Director Development Services

Local Government Act 1995

**Legislation:** Local Government (Functions & General)

Regulations 1996

Appendix 13.3.A - Summary of Playground Survey

Appendices: Results

Appendix 13.3.B – Community Survey Form

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

#### **Report Purpose**

To present Council with the results of the recent community consultation process for the proposed expansion and upgrade of Soldiers Park Playground.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision: Resolution: 9343

Moved: Cr Scoffern Seconded: Cr Moyses

#### That Council resolve to:

- 1. Receive the survey results of the community consultation for the proposed expansion and upgrade of Soldiers Park Playground contained in Appendix 13.3.A; and
- 2. Authorise officers to:
  - a) advance the Soldiers Park Playground project to a Design Brief stage, with the Design Brief to be informed by the survey results received;
  - b) establish a project budget; and
  - c) pursue external funding opportunities for the project.

Carried:8/0

For: Cr Miffling, Cr Italiano, Cr Hill-Power, Cr Moyses,

Cr Faries, Cr Harverson, Cr Scoffern, Cr Kearney.

**Against**: Nil

#### Background:

Council resolved to endorse the consultation process for the expansion and upgrade of Soldiers Park Playground at the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council (Resolution #9246).

A survey for presentation to Shire ratepayers was subsequently workshopped with the Collie Disability Reference Group on the 17 August 2023, and formalised by the Shire Community Development Officer on the 1 September 2023.



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An online survey went live on 3 September 2023, and closed on the 11 October 2023. This survey was conducted via the following forums:

- Collie Shire Update Newsletter with QR Code for survey access (September 2023).
- Physical poster distribution with QR Code for survey access to various locations.
- Facebook Collie Community Noticeboard.
- Facebook Allanson Community Noticeboard; and
- Facebook Shire of Collie page.

Community engagement was also undertaken as follows:

- Ballot boxes Shire Administration, Shire Library, Roche Park, Ngalang Boodja Centre (25 September to 11 October 2023).
- Manned Festive Arty Stall with Ballot Box (10 September 2023); and
- Manned Accordwest Hello Roadshow Stall with Ballot Box (4 October 2023).

The survey yielded 242 responses from the public. A summary of the survey results is set out in Appendix 13.3.B.

The survey results are now intended to form the basis of a design brief, to then obtain a high-level schematic design for the proposed playground expansion and upgrade, which will then inform a cost estimate for the project.

A grant funding application with then be compiled and submitted to Lotterywest for consideration.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications:**

Nil

#### **Budget Implications:**

Allocation of sufficient funding for procurement of high-level schematic design from Landscape Architect to inform costing, and procurement of project costing report from a Quantity Surveyor. Quotes to be sought once the project design brief has been finalised by the project team.

#### **Communications Requirements:** (Policy No. CS 1.7)

Shire officers consider the key stakeholders for the purposes of informing the scope of works for the proposed Soldiers Park Playground Upgrade and Expansion project to be as follows:

- Shire of Collie Council.
- Shire of Collie Community.
- · Collie Disability Reference Group; and
- Lotterywest.



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Key elements of decision-making for the *Soldiers Park Playground Upgrade and Expansion* project are to be communicated to Council via Ordinary Meetings of Council, and Council Forums (as appropriate). Key milestones for Council determination on this project are considered to be:

- a) Endorsement of proposed playground schematic plans.
- b) Endorsement of amount of grant funding to be applied for through Lotterywest; and
- c) Authorisation of appointment of successful tender respondent for the future 'Construct / Installation' tender, should the Lotterywest Application be successful, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

#### **Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications:**

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN – ADOPTED DECEMBER 2022				
GOAL:	GOAL: 3 Our Built Environment			
Objective: 3.2 Safe and well-maintained shire owned facilities and infrastructure				

#### **Relevant Precedents:**

Nil

#### Comment:

A summary of the community survey for the project can be found in Appendix 13.3.B, which sets out each question, and the relevant results from the 242 responses received.

The survey established the following:

- Q1 The majority of respondents saw the play space catering for 0-12 age range
- Q2 The top three priorities were:
  - 1. A fenced playground
  - 2. A nature-based play space
  - 3. A gathering place
- Q3 The overall playground theme should have a distinct 'Collie' flavour and represent some type of historical refence (such as coal mining, aboriginal heritage, timber history or the river)
- Q4 Specific park elements suggested for children over 12 YO included a flying fox, parkour, swings, slide, rock climbing, basketball court etc.
- Q5 Specific elements suggested in the park included seats, shade, fences, BBQ, nature play, accessible playground, swings, design appeal, slides, flying fox and water play area.
- Q6 fun elements were identified as swings, slides, spinners, fast flyers and nature play elements.
- Q7 items not wanted included sand, boring equipment, artificial play equipment, excessive heights, anti-social behaviour.

It is also recognised that not all elements requested from the public are appropriate or affordable, particularly given physical constraints of the available in Soldiers Park, the park's heritage listing, and the desire to create a cohesive and well thought through playground.



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This feedback will form the basis for the project Design Brief, along with the following Shire specific requirements:

- a) Aesthetic: Design aesthetic to tie into context of surrounding locality by way of suitable form, texture, colour and scale.
- b) Age Group Design: Equipment to accommodate users of all age groups where practicable i.e. swing set would incorporate baby seat, all-ages seat, adult seat, 'mommy and me' seat, and basket swing for users with mobility impairments.
- c) Disability Access: From pedestrian pathway to allow for equitable and inclusive access as far as practicable up to (and onto, wherever reasonably possible) all equipment and points of interest. This will entail some reconfiguration of existing concrete pathways from roadside parking location to suit. Disability access is seen to be an integral part to this project and the design is to be benchmarked to Australian Standard AS 1428.1-2009.
- d) Ground Surface: The ground surface is envisaged to comprise any combination of hardwearing rubber/composite soft-fall, sand and wood chips. Sand is not a desirable finish for the community in for this project and should only be in minimal sections if it is included in the concept design.
- e) Shade: Installation of shade sail infrastructure to ensure playground users are adequately protected from UV radiation. Shade infrastructure to also be provided to 50% of sitting
- f) Facilities Barbeques, Water, Seating: Two barbeque facilities to be provided within enclosed playground. Playground to also incorporate two water fountains, and sufficient amount/distribution of seating.
- g) Lighting: Powered lighting to be provided to allow for both feature lighting, and passive surveillance / designing out crime principles.
- h) Maintenance: Equipment and installations to have a design life of 20 years, with minimal ongoing maintenance requirements.
- i) Compliance: Installations to comply with AS 4685 suite of standard as applicable.

The community has provided great input into the overall direction for the next stage of the Soldiers Park playground development, which is nature-based, accessible, fun and with a distinct or unique Collie feel.

The next steps will include:

- Seek consultant (landscape architect or playground designer) for Stage 2 thematic
- Report back to the disability reference group on the preferred design
- Establish a realistic budget to design and deliver the playground
- Council to approve Shire funding and the final design concept.

#### 14. TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

#### 15. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

#### QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN 16.



# 17. <u>URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY DECISION</u> Nil

#### 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND COUNCILLORS

#### Shire President Cr Miffling

- 17<sup>th</sup> November attended the launch of the Climate Justice Union report "A Just Transition for Collie that Leaves No One Behind".
- 17<sup>th</sup> November attended the Sports Awards nights.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November represented the Council at the Collie Agricultural Show.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November attended the Councillor Induction Night.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November met with Hon Louise Kingston MLC Member for South West Region
- 24<sup>th</sup> November attended South West Zone of WA Local Government Association meeting in Capel.
- 29<sup>th</sup> November attended Climate Justice Union workshop.
- 30<sup>th</sup> November attended the Visitor Centre Expansion Workshop
- 1st December attended Just Transition meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December attended the official opening of the new Collie community radio station.
- 4<sup>th</sup> December met with representatives of BHP who were visiting Collie to observe and learn about Collie's Just Transition process.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December attended a presentation on the proposed Greensteel industry for Collie.
- 7<sup>th</sup> December attended a presentation from Regional Development Australia.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December participated along with Cr Italiano as representatives of Council on the Joint Development Assessment Panel regarding the Synergy battery proposal.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December attended the "Thank the Volunteers" event in Central Park and spoke on behalf of Council.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December attended the Carols in the Park event and gave a Christman address on behalf of Council.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December Presented Environment award at Amaroo PS this afternoon.

#### Deputy Shire President Cr Italiano

- 21<sup>st</sup> November attended new councillors induction session.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November met new Member for the SW Louise Kingston
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November attended Worsley Alumina's Community Liaison Committee meeting and sundowner.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November attended WALGA South West Zone meeting at Capel
- 28<sup>th</sup> November attended Coalfields Museum history of coal discovery presentation.
- 1st December met with light show presenter Bruce Munro
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December attended the Collie Community Radio's new studio and premises opening.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December attended Green Steel WA presentation.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December attended TMAC meeting.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December attended audit committee meeting.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December attended Coalfields Museum Christmas function.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December attended Regional Development Australia's breakfast in Collie.





- 8<sup>th</sup> December attended JDAP for Synergy battery project.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December attended Carols in Park.

#### Cr Hill-Power

- Attended fire at the riffle range with the Worsley Bushfire Brigade
- Participated in clean-up of the Collie river

#### Cr Moyses

- Attended SPOTY awards
- 12th December Attended Wilson Park Primary School & presented Shire of Collie Art Award during student award ceremony.

#### Cr Faries:

 10<sup>th</sup> December - Attended disabilities lunch and noted the keynote speakers were outstanding.

#### Cr Harverson:

- 9th December Attended the Christmas Pageant on Saturday
- 10th December Attended Carols in the park.

#### Cr Scoffern:

- 1st December Attended the briefing provided by Premier Cook at the Just Transition meeting
- 8th December Attended Allanson Primary School graduation assembly and presented Year 6 award for Environmental Awareness 2023.
- 12th December Attended Collie Senior High School presentation ceremony and presented Top Year 8 student award.

#### Mr Devenish

- 15<sup>th</sup> November chaired the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting in lieu of Cr Hansen.
- 15<sup>th</sup> November attended the Southern Ports Stakeholder sundown end-of-year function.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November met new Member for the SW Louise Kingston.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November attended the Chamber of Minerals and Energy end-of-year sundowner event.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November attended the South West Local Government zone meeting of WALGA
- 28<sup>th</sup> November attended the CMHRC inaugural History Night.
- 4<sup>th</sup> December met with representatives of BHP, New South Wales lunchtime meeting and sundowner event.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December attended a Greensteel community information session.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December attended the Audit Committee meeting.
- 7<sup>th</sup> December met with the Bunbury Geographe Group of Councils CEO.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December attended a Regional Development Australia breakfast, provided a presentation to the Board and attended luncheon.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December attended the 'Thank a Volunteer' event held at Central Park.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December attended the Carols in the Park event.



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#### Mr Young

- 20th November Attended site of dragline with retired miners association to discuss project
- 23rd November Met with representatives from Released Energy regarding proposed new renewable energy development
- 24th November Attended Trails WA AGM
- 24th November Met with Kym Gibson regarding development at Wellington National Park
- 29th November Attended Supreme Court hearing for matter relating to Smargiassi Nominees v Shire of Collie (Scenic Drive)
- 30th November Attended Collie Visitor Centre Expansion Workshop
- 30th November Met with WA Country Health regarding implementation initiatives for the Public Health Plan
- 6th December Met with project group for the Upper Collie Habitat Restoration
- 7th December Met with applicants for Collie Hotel redevelopment
- 7th December Met with Collie Visitor Centre expansion Project Control Group
- 8th December Met with LotteryWest regarding funding for Soldiers Park
- 8th December Attended Meeting with Regional Development Australia
- 8th December Attended Regional Joint Development Assessment Panel for the Synergy BESS development application

#### 19. STATUS REPORT ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Summary reports on the status of Council's resolutions are:

- 'Closed Since Last Meeting' at Appendix 19.1.A
- 'All Open' at Appendix 19.1.B

#### 20. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

#### 21. CLOSE

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 8.43pm.