



## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 18 FEBRUARY 2016 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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#### *Mission Statement:*

*West Wimmera Shire Council will work in partnership with the community, business and government to develop and enhance a productive, healthy and safe community by providing leadership, services, advocacy and good governance*

**HELD:** Thursday 18 February 2016

**LOCATION:** Kaniva Council Chamber

**COMMENCEMENT:** 7.30pm

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IN ATTENDANCE:	
Councillors	Senior Management Group
Annette Jones, Mayor	David Leahy Chief Executive Officer
Ron Hawkins	
Bruce Meyer	Venkat Peteti General Manager Corporate & Community Services
Richard Wait	
Warren Wait	Robyn Evans General Manager Infrastructure Development & Works

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#### *Vision Statement:*

*West Wimmera Shire delivers the very best experience  
and opportunity that rural living has to offer*



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### **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting.

### **2.0 OPENING PRAYER**

The Chief Executive Officer read the opening prayer.

### **3.0 APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **3.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### **3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

#### **3.3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **4.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY (maximum of 30 minutes)**

#### **4.1 WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

##### **4.1.1 TREVOR DOMASCHENZ - EXTENSION TO LAKE WALLACE BOAT RAMP**

Following The Council meeting on 19/11/2015 where motion 2.1.2 was carried unanimously

- 1 I sent the following letter on 29/11/2015 with an excerpt below  
"We wish to formally put forward Friends of Lake Wallace and Edenhope Angling Club wish to apply to be a part of all the processes, in particular we want to be involved in the discussion around the implementation of the project to extend the boat ramp.
- 2 From the attachment Please note the second motion on 17/12/2015.
- 3 The Edenhope Angling Club and Friends of Lake Wallace met with Council staff at the boat ramp on 19/01/2016 and subsequently agreed on plans noting that a discussion with GWMWater concluded it was unwise to have a cut into the bed of the Lake with the ramp being lower than the Lake bed causing possible silting issues.
- 4 The Edenhope Angling Club and The friends Of Lake Wallace and Council staff present agreed on the final proposed plan.



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- 4 Where does this proposal sit now given West Wimmera Shire Council are responsible for the bed and banks of Lake Wallace?
- 5 We are now 3 months further into summer than when councillor Richard Wait initiated this great idea.
- 6 Most droughts break in March /April and I don't think we can even apply for any grants until council approves the alteration to the lake bed via a boat ramp extension.
- 7 We have offered machinery and labour to council on a voluntary basis for this project.
- 8 Friends of Lake Wallace plan to restore Lake Wallace water levels, and this plan to increase the water to a usable level is unworkable without the boat ramp extension.
9. Why has this item not returned to council? We were sure this would appear on the agenda after what we saw as very constructive meetings with your staff. Nobody warned us that this project would not be on the agenda for February. We assumed it would be approved this month so a grant application can be submitted before the end of the month. The clock is ticking, if council don't act now we miss the funding opportunity and before we know it the bed will be too muddy to work in, again. I hope this is just an oversight.

Trevor Domaschenz  
Concerned ratepayer



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### 4.2 VERBAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

#### 4.2.1 MR. TOM HOULIHAN – WATER RUNNING THROUGH HARROW, DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING, HARROW RECREATION RESERVE

- Mr. Houlihan welcomed CEO David Leahy to the West Wimmera Shire
- Mr. Houlihan noted that it is Wombelano- Harrow Road requesting a rural rubbish collection service.
- Water running through Harrow

Mr. Houlihan stated that the Glenelg River has stopped flowing through Harrow, but the water authority is saying that Harrow has already had its allocation for the year. This needs to be addressed.

- Drought Relief Funding

Mr. Houlihan has been investigating funding opportunities as a volunteer but has been told that the area is not classified as remote, and therefore is not eligible for some drought related funding that is available. Mr. Houlihan believes the “goal posts have been shifted” and the local member should be notified.

Mayor – Council has been exploring this issue. The fact that Council does not have rural/remote status limits eligibility for funding.

Council has written to Minister Warren Truss to query this classification.

CEO – Delegation to Canberra will be meeting with Ministers and Shadow Ministers to discuss issues such as this.

- Harrow Recreation Reserve – Tourism Promotion Opportunity

Mr. Houlihan will be applying for the Council grants for a new scoreboard at Harrow. Believes an electronic scoreboard with capacity for advertising at the bottom would be a great way for the Shire to promote itself.

CEO – Country Football Netball Program also periodically has opportunities for this type of infrastructure.



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### 4.2.2 TREVOR DOMACHENZ – MINISTER NEVILLE INVITED TO VISIT THE SHIRE

- Mr. Domachenz noted that Council has invited Minister Neville to visit the Shire and would like Friends of Lake Wallace to be a part of that meeting if it eventuates.

CEO would need to clarify with the Minister's office if they would be willing to meet with an organisation other than Council.

**Action: CEO**

### 4.2.3 BARRY "BUTCH" WITMITZ – KANIVA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT, KANIVA SHIRE HALL, CORELLA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Kaniva Community Hub Project

Mr. Witmitz believes that if the Hub project goes ahead it will be demolished and reconstructed over the summer period. Kaniva Lions hold their annual Car and Bike Show in February and asked if the Recreation Reserve will still be available during construction and if any alternative structure will be provided by Council for use by the Community.

Mayor – suggested the Lions Club organise a meeting with GMCCS to discuss.

GMCCS – Once the funding agreement has been received and signed a Recreation Reserve Committee meeting will be held to create a project plan according to the needs of all users. The Lions Club will be included in that meeting.

- Kaniva Shire Hall

Mr. Witmitz asked if Council considered releasing a notice relation to the fencing around the Kaniva Shire Hall as the Kaniva Community is concerned about what is happening to the building.

CEO – stated the building was assessed by a structural engineer on Monday and Council is expecting a report back very soon. The damage appears quite severe so access to certain areas of the building have been limited.

Once the official engineers report is received, public statements will be released.



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- Corella Management Program

Mr. Witnitz stated he listened to Mayor Jones on the radio speaking about corellas. He believes the program may have been successful in other areas but it has not worked in Kaniva. Mr. Witnitz believes there are more corellas in Kaniva than ever before.

### **5.0 DELEGATES REPORTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) AS LISTED IN THE COUNCIL KEPT COUNCILLOR DIARY**

#### **5.1 MAYOR, ANNETTE JONES**

23/12/2015	GMCCS and GMIDW
12/01/2016	Mark Crouch, CEO
20/01/2016	Mark Crouch, CEO
20/01/2016	GWM Water Workshop
20/01/2016	Minister Pulford – funding announcement for Kaniva Community Hub
22/01/2016	Regional Mayors and Ralph Kenyon, Wimmera Development Association
25/01/2016	Mark Crouch, CEO
25/01/2016	Emma Kealy, MP
25/01/2016	Emma Kealy, MP & Friends of Lake Wallace
25/01/2016	Kellie Jordan, Manager Economic & Business Development
25/01/2016	Tim Conolan, Australia Day Ambassador 2016
26/01/2016	Australia Day Event in Edenhope
26/01/2016	Australia Day Event in Harrow
28/01/2016	Planning Canberra Deputation trip with neighbouring Shires
01/02/2016	Mullagh Wills Foundation Meeting, Melbourne
02/02/2016	David Leahy, CEO
03/02/2016	Kellie Jordan & Heidi Gajic
03/02/2016	Lisa Oliver, West Wimmera Landcare Network
03/02/2016	Edenhope Community Garden Meeting
04/02/2016	Morning Tea for new CEO David Leahy
04/02/2016	Councillor Forum, Kaniva
05/02/2016	Grampians Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group Meeting
08/02/2016	David Leahy, CEO
12/02/2016	Wimmera Mayoral Gathering
12/02/2016	Official opening of Horsham Town Hall
13/02/2016	Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball, official opening of Horsham Town Hall
15/02/2016	Aboriginal Panels Project Meeting
15/02/2016	Economic Development Special Committee Meeting
16/02/2016	David Leahy, CEO
16/02/2016	Edenhope Cultural Community Hub Project Meeting
18/02/2016	Council Meetings



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### 5.2 COUNCILLOR RON HAWKINS

25/01/2016 Emma Kealy, MP  
25/01/2016 Tim Conolan, Australia Day Ambassador 2016  
26/01/2016 Australia Day Event in Apsley  
01/02/2016 Morning Tea with new CEO David Leahy  
04/02/2016 Morning Tea for new CEO David Leahy  
04/02/2016 Councillor Forum, Kaniva  
05/02/2016 Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group Meeting  
08/02/2016 GWM Water information session at Goroke  
09/02/2016 David Leahy, CEO  
09/02/2016 Wimmera Development Association Board Meeting  
10/02/2016 Local Laws Workshop  
13/02/2016 Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball, official opening of Horsham Town Hall  
15/02/2016 Economic Development Special Committee Meeting  
18/02/2016 Council Meetings

### 5.3 COUNCILLOR BRUCE MEYER

18/12/2015 Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Board Meeting  
24/12/2015 Kaniva Traders' Christmas Party  
20/01/2016 GWM Water Workshop  
20/01/2016 Minister Pulford – funding announcement for Kaniva Community Hub  
25/01/2016 Emma Kealy, MP  
25/01/2016 Tim Conolan, Australia Day Ambassador 2016  
26/01/2016 Australia Day Event in Kaniva  
01/02/2016 Morning Tea with new CEO David Leahy  
04/02/2016 Morning Tea for new CEO David Leahy  
04/02/2016 Councillor Forum, Kaniva  
09/02/2016 Kaniva Community Sporting Complex Committee Meeting  
10/02/2016 David Leahy, CEO  
10/02/2016 Local Laws Workshop  
10/02/2016 Kaniva Museum and Historical Collection Committee Meeting  
15/02/2016 Economic Development Special Committee Meeting  
17/02/2016 VicRoads Western Highway Safety Upgrades Meeting, Kaniva  
18/02/2016 Council Meetings

### 5.4 COUNCILLOR RICHARD WAIT

20/01/2016 GWM Water Workshop  
25/01/2016 Emma Kealy, MP  
25/01/2016 Emma Kealy, MP & Friends of Lake Wallace  
26/01/2016 Australia Day Event in Dergholm  
29/01/2016 Timber Towns Victoria – Timber Industry Road Evaluation Study  
03/02/2016 Lisa Oliver, West Wimmera Landcare Network



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04/02/2016	Morning Tea for new CEO David Leahy
04/02/2016	Councillor Forum, Kaniva
10/02/2016	Harrow Discovery Centre Meeting
13/02/2016	Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball, official opening of Horsham Town Hall
15/02/2016	Wimmera Mallee Tourism Meeting
17/02/2016	VicRoads Western Highway Safety Upgrades Meeting, Kaniva
18/02/2016	Council Meetings

### 5.5 COUNCILLOR WARREN WAIT

20/01/2016	GWM Water Workshop
20/01/2016	Minister Pulford – funding announcement for Kaniva Community Hub
25/01/2016	Emma Kealy, MP
25/01/2016	Tim Conolan, Australia Day Ambassador 2016
26/01/2016	Australia Day Event in Goroke
04/02/2016	Morning Tea for new CEO David Leahy
04/02/2016	Councillor Forum, Kaniva
08/02/2016	Goroke Men's Shed Annual General Meeting
08/02/2016	GWM Water information session at Goroke
11/02/2016	David Leahy, CEO
13/02/2016	Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball, official opening of Horsham Town Hall
15/02/2016	Economic Development Special Committee Meeting
18/02/2016	Council Meetings

### 5.6 MARK CROUCH (FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

22/12/2015	Post-Council Staff Briefing
22/12/2015	Kaniva Men's Shed Christmas Party
11/01/2016	Mullagh Wills Foundation Meeting, Melbourne
12/01/2016	Mayor Annette Jones
12/01/2016	Trevor Domaschensz, Friends of Lake Wallace
20/01/2016	Minister Jaala Pulford – Kaniva Community Hub funding announcement
20/01/2016	Staff afternoon tea – farewell for CEO
20/01/2016	Informal Dinner Meeting with Minister Pulford, Dunkeld
28/01/2016	Meeting re March 2016 Council delegation to Canberra
28/01/2016	Wimmera CEOs Meeting, Halls Gap

### 5.7 DAVID LEAHY (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

01/02/2016	Staff Morning Tea, Edenhope
02/02/2016	Mayor Annette Jones
02/02/2016	General Manager Corporate & Community Services & Finance Manager
03/02/2016	Edenhope Depot
04/02/2016	Staff Morning Tea, Kaniva
04/02/2016	Councillor Forum, Kaniva
04/02/2016	Kaniva Depot



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08/02/2016	Regional Development Victoria
08/02/2016	GWM Water information session at Gorokey
08/02/2016	Senior Management Group
08/02/2016	Budget preparation session with Managers
09/02/2016	Councillor Ron Hawkins
09/02/2016	Wimmera Development Association Board Meeting
10/02/2016	Councillor Bruce Meyer
10/02/2016	Local Laws Workshop
13/02/2016	Blue Ribbon Foundation Ball, official opening of Horsham Town Hall
15/02/2016	Senior Management Group and Managers Meeting
15/02/2016	Rural Living Working Group
16/02/2016	Mayor Annette Jones
16/02/2016	Edenhope Cultural & Community Hub Project – stakeholder meeting
16/02/2016	James Ackland, Bendigo Bank Edenhope
16/02/2016	Investment Logic Mapping – Legume Processing Plant Feasibility Study
18/02/2016	Council Meetings

### 5.8 GENERAL DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

### 6.0 CONDOLENCES

**Moved: Councillor Bruce Meyer**

**Seconded: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**That condolence on the passing of the late Mr John Kennett, former councillor of the Shire of Kaniva, is duly noted and recorded.**

**Carried Unanimously**

### 7.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 17 December 2015, be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.**



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**Moved: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 17 December 2015, subject to correction, be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.**

**Carried Unanimously**

### **8.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

### **9.0 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

### **10.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS RECORD, WIMMERA REGIONAL LIBRARY CORPORATION**

#### **10.1 GENERAL COMMITTEE**

#### **FOR DECISION**

The resolutions arising from the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2015 are now required to be formally adopted by Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the resolutions arising from the General Committee Meeting, being resolutions from the meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2015, as listed below, be adopted on an individual resolution basis.**

#### **2.1.1 PUBLIC TOILETS, MADDERN STREET KANIVA – UPGRADE**

**Moved: Councillor Richard Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Bruce Meyer**

**That the West Wimmera Shire consider in the next budget a refit upgrade of the Kaniva public toilets in Maddern Street.**

**Carried Unanimously**



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Officer Comment – GMIDW: Nil

**Moved: Councillor Richard Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Bruce Meyer**

**That the West Wimmera Shire consider in the next budget a refit upgrade of the Kaniva public toilets in Maddern Street.**

**Carried Unanimously**

### 2.5.1 OPPORTUNITIES TO DROUGHT PROOF WEST WIMMERA SHIRE

**Moved: Councillor Richard Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

In light of the State Government's stated aims and the obvious need to "drought proof" West Wimmera Shire:

**That Council write to the Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, to request a meeting as soon as possible to discuss what options and opportunities could be available to West Wimmera Shire.**

**Carried Unanimously**

Officer Comment – CEO: Nil

**Moved: Councillor Richard Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

In light of the State Government's stated aims and the obvious need to improve water security to parts of West Wimmera Shire:

**That Council write to the Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, to request a meeting as soon as possible to discuss what options and opportunities could be available to West Wimmera Shire.**

**Carried Unanimously**



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### 10.2 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Assembly of Councillors Record for the Councillor Forum held Thursday 4 February 2016 be received and noted.**

**Moved: Councillor Warren Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait**

**That the Assembly of Councillors Record for the Councillor Forum held Thursday 4 February 2016 be received and noted.**

**Carried Unanimously**

### 10.3 WIMMERA REGIONAL LIBRARY CORPORATION

**That the Draft Minutes of the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Board Meeting held Friday 18 December 2015 be received and noted.**

**Moved: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**Seconded: Councillor Bruce Meyer**

**That the Draft Minutes of the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Board Meeting held Friday 18 December 2015 be received and noted.**

**Carried Unanimously**

#### Attachments:

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
10.3.1	Draft Minutes – Wimmera Regional Library Corporation Board Meeting, 18 Dec 2015	16/000599

### 11.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil



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### 12.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND GOVERNANCE

#### 12.1 DELEGATION TO CANBERRA BY WIMMERA MAYORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**FILE NUMBER: AD0152**

**REPORT AUTHOR: DAVID LEAHY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

##### Introduction

An annual delegation of Mayors and CEOs from the Wimmera region to meet with Ministers and Shadow Ministers in Canberra has been arranged. The following report provides background on the subjects to be discussed overall and more specifically a summary of the topics to be discussed by the West Wimmera Shire Council delegates.

##### Background

To enable a well-structured campaign of advocacy to be undertaken at a Federal level, the Wimmera Mayors and CEOs have arranged a scheduled delegation to meet with Ministers and Shadow Ministers outside of the annual ALGA conference period.

The delegation appointments are being arranged via the office of the Member for Mallee, Mr Andrew Broad.

Topics being discussed at the various sessions include, renewable energy, Local Government funding (indexation of Financial Assistance Grants [FAGs] and grant conditions for small rural Councils), rail freight, mobile coverage, Rural Living Campaign, drought programs and improved weather forecasting.

In addition to the above, there are a number of topics that are specific to individual Councils or smaller sections of the region such as, VicRoads C Class Roads, wildlife arts museum, protein extraction plant and Stawell underground physics lab.

The Mayor will be attending 6 sessions with the following Ministers and Shadow Ministers'

- Senator Mitch Fifield – NBN and Mobile coverage
- Senator Ricky Muir – LG Funding, Western Hwy & C Class Roads
- Julie Collins MP – LG Funding and Rural Living Campaign



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- Barnaby Joyce MP – National Drought Reform, Weather Forecasting
- Senator Ann Ruston – drought conditions, weather forecasting & protein extraction plant
- Senator Nick Xenophon – LG Funding, Rural Living, Regional Investment & Western Highway.

The CEO will be attending 5 sessions with the following Ministers and Shadow Ministers,

- Senator Ricky Muir – C Class Roads, Western Hwy & LG Funding
- Julie Collins MP – LG Funding & Rural Living
- Paul Fletcher MP – LG Funding & Rural Living
- Joel Fitzgibbon MP – Drought Conditions, Rural Living & LG Funding
- Anthony Albanese MP – Rail Freight, LG Funding & Western Hwy.

### Risk Management Implications

Not commented on.

### Legislative Implications

Not commented on.

### Environmental Implications

A number of the sessions are discussing drought conditions and more specifically drought proofing which may lead to practical on ground measures / actions.

### Financial and Budgetary Implications

The intention is to send a clear message that the financial implications of the freeze on indexing the FAGs is having a significant detrimental effect on small rural Shires and Councils.

### Policy and Council Plan Implications

Not commented on.

### Communication Implications

The outcomes of the various meetings will reported back to all of the Councils participating and a series of joint media statement will be issued.



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### Conclusion

By taking the initiative to send a delegation to meet with Ministers and Shadow Ministers outside of the ALGA conference period, sends a clear message that Local Government in the Wimmera is serious about getting their message heard.

The common theme through all of the sessions is that the reduction in Local Government funding is having is creating an environment where Councils are forced to formulate budgets with a view to service reduction.

It is also critical that localised issues such as C Class Roads, individual drought conditions and localised weather forecasting are clearly articulated to ensure that a “one size fits all” approach is not taken at the Federal level.

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

**That the report be received and noted.**

**Moved: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait**

**That the report be received and noted.**

**Carried Unanimously**

### **Attachments:**

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
12.1.1	Canberra Delegation Trip 15-17 March 2016 – list of meetings arranged with Ministers and Shadow Ministers	16/000599



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### 13.0 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND WORKS

#### 13.1 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION P1295 – GWM WATER (GOROKE SITE)

**FILE NUMBER: PA0882**

**REPORT AUTHOR: GILLIAN BRADSHAW, MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **FOR DECISION**

##### Background

The applicant, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWM Water), propose to use the road reserve on the Natimuk-Frances Road, Goroce adjacent to 2-26 Natimuk-Frances Road, for the installation of an electronic standpipe. The installation of this minor utility will require the removal of some native vegetation thus a planning permit must be obtained.

GWM Water have obtained a Drought Assistance Funding from the State Government for Fire Fighting Tanks and Standpipe installations for the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and landowners' to access for emergency use.

There are a total of six (6) new electronic standpipes to be constructed within West Wimmera Shire, located at Apsley, Kaniva, Edenhope Goroce and two (2) at Harrow.

The new Apsley and Kaniva electronic standpipes do not require a planning permit as there is no native vegetation to be removed.

##### Subject site & locality

An inspection of the site and the surrounding area has been undertaken. The proposed facility is to be situated within an area of land no greater than 246.5 square metres. This land is located on the road reserve at Natimuk-Frances Road, Goroce adjacent to 2-26 Natimuk-Frances Road. The area in which native vegetation removal is to be most prominent, measures a size of 50 metres square.

The existing standpipe at Goroce is considered very slow and the infrastructure is dated, hence the need to replace with a more efficient and effective standpipe.



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### Permit/Site History

The history of the site includes:

No records can be found of any building or planning permits for this site prior to this application.

Work commenced on the construction of the Electric standpipe prior to the lodgement of the Planning Permit application with Council, around the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### Public Notification

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, by:

Notice to the owners and occupiers of adjoining land by post on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

Notice to the Determining Authority was forwarded to VicRoads on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) by email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. This delay was due to a request for additional information in relation to the proposed offset area from GWM Water which was required for DELWP assessment.

The notification has been carried out correctly.

Council has received one (1) objection to date. The key issues that were raised in the objections are:

- a) Concerns about the drainage and overflow from the site onto their land.
- b) Chemical contamination from chemicals being spilt due to farmers filling boom sprays at the site or foam from fire trucks.
- c) Traffic could be an issue due to no room for vehicles to pull off the road. Standpipe can only accommodate one vehicle at a time.
- d) Possible reduction of water pressure on their property, as pressure is poor at other locations on the Natimuk-Frances Road, Gorokey.
- e) The position of the standpipe will restrict any future subdivision of their adjacent land, if desired in the future.
- f) No prior notification from GWM Water before construction of the standpipe commenced.



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### Consultation

Consultation was undertaken and included:

1. All adjoining land owners received letters detailing the main features of the permit application.
2. GWM Water were contacted by the General Manager Infrastructure Development and Works (GMIDW), when Council was advised that works had commenced without a planning permit being granted, and asked to cease any further works until a decision on the planning permit had been made.
3. The relevant referral authority, VicRoads was advised of the application by email on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. VicRoads responded with no objections to the planning permit application but with three conditions to be included in the planning permit.
4. The relevant referral authority of DELWP was advised of the application by email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. This delay was due to a request for additional information in relation to the proposed offset area from GWM Water which was required for DELWP assessment. DELWP have responded with no objection to the planning permit application, and three conditions to be included in the planning permit.
5. Numerous telephone calls were received from the objectors in relation to the matters raised and a written objection was submitted to Council on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
6. GWM Water were advised of the objection and requested a copy so they could meet and discuss the issues raised directly with the objectors.
7. GWM Water met with the objectors on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and provided a copy of the minutes of the meeting to Council and the objectors. GWM Water responded to the objectors concerns as follows:
  - a) The amount of water spilt when disconnecting occurs “might wet the surrounding ground” but doubt the volume from an approximate 5 metre length of 3” pipe would affect the adjacent property.
  - b) The standpipe access will only be provided to those customers who have a GWM Water swipe card. This type of incident is unlikely, firstly the water is for emergency use only, and normal farming operations such as mixing chemicals should be on-farm not at a utility site such as this. The CFA mix the foam on-site of a fire after determining the method of response.
  - c) As the standpipe is for emergency water access point for the CFA for a quicker fill.
  - d) No mention was made of this during the meeting.
  - e) This infrastructure is unlikely to impact on long term plans for growing crops, grazing animals or any other activity may wish to be pursued.
  - f) Apologised for the lack of previous consultation prior to the installation occurring, it was definitely not undertaken in the manner to which GWM Water continually prides itself on. However, if the appropriate process of customer consultation was followed, the timeframe would have been drawn out over a lengthy period of time and the objectors concerns would have respectively been heard.



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### Referrals

External Referrals/Notices Required by the Planning Scheme:

<b>Referrals / Notices:</b>	<b>Advice / Response / Conditions</b>
<b>Section 55 Referrals:</b>	DELWP – No objections provided three conditions are included. VicRoads – No objections provided three conditions are included.
<b>Section 52 Notices:</b>	Adjoining Land Owners – one written objection received.

### Assessment

The zoning of the land and any relevant overlay provisions:

#### **Road Zone Category 1 (Clause 36.04)**

The purpose of the Road Zone Category 1 is to identify significant existing roads. A planning permit is required for a Utility Installation as it is a Section 2 use in Clause 36.04-1.

Clause 36.04-2 – A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works for use in Section 2 of Clause 36.04-1.

#### **Farming Zone (Clause 35.07) adjacent to Road zone**

The purpose of the Farming zone is to:

- To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- To provide for the use of land for agriculture. To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land.
- To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.
- To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.

Under the provisions of the Farming Zone, a planning permit is not required for minor utility installations. The permit trigger is instead prompted by the removal of native vegetation. No new land uses are proposed which compromise the use of adjoining land for agricultural uses.

#### **Environment Significance Overlay - Schedule 2 – Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (42.01)**

The purpose of schedule 2 to the ESO is:

- To protect the habitat of the endangered Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.



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- To ensure the availability of suitable nesting sites for the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo through the protection of live and dead hollow bearing trees and other suitable trees within the bird's known nesting area.
- To protect the feeding habitat of the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo through the retention of Buloke and Stringybark trees.

The permit application proposes to remove some Grasses, but no vegetation which provides significant habitat value to the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo. No other developments on site should have the potential to affect the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo as the land use remains unchanged, but with the current facilities being upgraded.

### **The State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF)**

#### **13.05-1 Bushfire**

One of the strategies mentioned under this Clause states:

Ensure that planning support bushfire management and prevention and emergency services actions and activities.

- The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the Country Fire Authority brigades fighting fires by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

#### **14 Natural Resource Management – Protection of Agricultural Land (14.01)**

The purpose of this state policy is to protect productive farmland which is of strategic significance in the local or regional context. The positioning of the subject site on the road reserve provides a barrier from nearby agricultural land.

The new land use proposed will have little impact between this site, and nearby farming land. Further, the proposal is one which may support the existence of agricultural practices in the region as farmers may chose to utilise the service and purchase water for their agricultural activities.

#### **15.01 Urban Environment**

One of the strategies mentioned under this Clause states:

Ensure new development or redevelopment contributes to community and cultural life by improving safety, diversity and choice, the quality of living and working environments, accessibility and inclusiveness and environmental stability.

- The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the local fire brigades when fighting fires both in the township and in the rural areas around Edenhope, by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

#### **19.03-2 Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage**

To plan for the provision of water supply, sewerage and drainage services that efficiently and effectively meet State and community needs and protect the environment.



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- The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the local fire brigades when fighting fires both in the township and in the rural areas around Gorokey, by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

### **The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF)- including the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and local planning policies**

#### **21.06 Land Uses - Agriculture (21.06-5)**

Clause 21.06 acknowledges agriculture as the most dominant land use within the shire, and the greatest economic driver. With this in mind, the policy aims to ensure the industry's longevity in the region.

As previously stated, the proposed new land use is to be used in such a way that it may be considered conducive to agricultural production. The provision of water from a standpipe facility can assist in mitigating the potential effects of a bushfire and may also prove beneficial to farmers who may choose to purchase water for their farm operations.

#### **21.07-3 Environmental Hazards**

Natural disasters (including fire, flood, storms and drought) have the potential to substantially affect the community, economically and socially, in addition to the environmental issues created by these disasters.

There are large areas of grass/cropping land and bushland in the Shire which regularly burn as a result of natural causes, accidents or deliberate action. One of the major issues is that of uncontrolled bushfires. Planning is required to decrease the level of risk to life and property and facilitate the efforts of the emergency services to handling crises.

- The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the local fire brigades when fighting fires both in the township and in the rural areas around Gorokey, by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency

### **Relevant Particular Provisions**

#### **52.17 Native Vegetation**

The purpose of this particular provision is:

- To ensure permitted clearing of native vegetation results in no net loss in the contribution made by native vegetation to Victoria's biodiversity. This is achieved through the following approach:
  - Avoid the removal of native vegetation that makes a significant contribution to Victoria's biodiversity.
  - Minimise impacts on Victoria's biodiversity from the removal of native vegetation.
  - Where native vegetation is permitted to be removed, ensure that an offset is provided in a manner that makes a contribution to Victoria's



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biodiversity that is equivalent to the contribution made by the native vegetation to be removed.

- To manage native vegetation to minimise land and water degradation.
- To manage native vegetation near buildings to reduce the threat to life and property from bushfire.

In line with the objectives of this particular provision, the applicant has secured an offset – one which exceeds the required general biodiversity equivalence units (.006 compared to a required .00054). The vegetation to be removed only covers a very small area of some 50 square metres and it's removal is not expected to dramatically alter the landscape or its contribution to the biodiversity of the surrounding area.

As previously addressed, the permit application provides the possibility for the potential risks from a bushfire to be reduced as the water available from a standpipe can be seen as a valuable resource available in fighting a bushfire and also enabling preventive actions to be undertaken.

### **The decision guidelines of Clause 65**

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- *The matters set out in Section 60 of the Act.*  
Council has considered the relevant Sections of the Act.
- *The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*  
The proposal is shown to be generally consistent with the SPPF and LPPF.
- *The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision, and any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.*  
The proposal is consistent with the purpose of the Zone (Clause 36.04 Road Zone Category 1) and the associated overlay (Clause 42.01-2 Environmental Significance Overlay)
- *The orderly planning of the area.*  
Council is satisfied that the proposal represents orderly planning of the area. The permit application does not propose any land uses which may compromise the objectives of the Road Zone Category 1, nor those of the associated overlays.
- *The effect on the amenity of the area.*  
The installation of the Electronic standpipe has been identified by the adjoining landowner as affecting the amenity of the adjacent land, with the possible construction of a dwelling in the future, and/or possible subdivision of the adjacent land in the future.
- *The proximity of the land to any public land.*  
Not applicable.



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- *Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality. Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.*

The proposed Electronic standpipe should have little or no effect on the stormwater within the existing site.

- *The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.*  
A small area of native vegetation will be removed. The native vegetation consists of Grasses. Council is satisfied the removal of this vegetation will not cause a detrimental effect to the biodiversity of the surrounding area. The habitat of endangered species such as the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo will not be compromised.

- *Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.*

The applicant has secured an offset which is deemed satisfactory by DELWP.

- *The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.*

No land uses will be introduced which may exacerbate the risk of a bushfire affecting the property. Rather, the existence of a standpipe is a facility which can be used to mitigate the potentials risks from a bushfire.

Overall, this proposal is consistent with the Clause 65 Decision Guidelines.

### **Other relevant adopted State policies/strategies**

Not applicable.

### **Relevant incorporated or reference documents**

Permitted Clearing of Native Vegetation – Biodiversity Assessment Guideline (DEPI 2013)

The purpose of this incorporated document is to guide how impacts on biodiversity should be considered when assessing an application for a permit to remove, lop or destroy native vegetation. The application complies with all requirements of the guidelines.

### **Relevant Planning Scheme amendments**

Not applicable.



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### Summary of Key Issues

GWM Water has obtained Drought Assistance Funding from the State Government for Fire Fighting Tanks and Standpipe installations for the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and landowners' to access for emergency use.

The proposal is for GWM Water to install a new electronic standpipe facility on the road reserve Natimuk-Frances Road, Goroke, adjacent to 2-26 Natimuk-Frances Road, Goroke. This facility will require the removal of some native vegetation, for which a planning permit is required.

The land is subject to the conditions of the Road Zone Category 1, and is adjacent to the Farming Zone with an Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO2) in place.

The new land use as proposed by the application will not breach the Road Zone Category 1 or the adjacent farming Zone. Rather, the installation of the new electronic standpipe will ensure the CFA has available water for fire fighting purposes. Farmers may also find that the facility assists their farming operations with water being close by should they need it.

The applicant has met the conditions of the Particular Provision regarding Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17). The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has reviewed this application and are satisfied that the vegetation can be removed provided an equivalent offset is provided. The applicant has provided evidence of an offset larger than that needed and therefore, the proposal is in line with the objective of Victoria's Planning Scheme to ensure "no net loss of native vegetation".

The proposal was advertised to adjoining landowners, and one objection was received. A meeting was held with a representative of GWM Water and the objectors and minutes of the meeting were provided and GWM Water responded to most of the issues raised by the objectors.

VicRoads and DELWP have both responded with no objection, but providing conditions that must be included in the planning permit.

### **Conclusion**

The proposal is consistent with all relevant clauses of the West Wimmera Planning Scheme, particularly including the objectives of the Road Zone Category 1 – Clause 36.04. The proposal is also commensurate with the Schedule 2 to the Environmental Significance Overlay - Red-tailed Black Cockatoo Habitat Areas.



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A planning permit should be granted for GWM Water to proceed with the removal of native vegetation in order to allow for the installation of the new electronic standpipe facility.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council having caused notice of Planning Application No. P1295 to be given under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and or the planning scheme and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* decides to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit under the provisions of Clauses 13.05-1, 14, 15.01, 19.03-2, 21.06, 35.07, 36.04, 36.04-2, 42.01 and 52.17 of the West Wimmera Planning Scheme in respect of the land known and described as road reserve on Natimuk-Frances Road, Parish of Gorokey, adjacent to 2-26 Natimuk-Frances Road, Gorokey, for the Removal of Native Vegetation to construct an Electronic standpipe to enhance fire-fighting and water carting capabilities in West Wimmera Shire, in accordance with the endorsed plans, with the application dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, subject to the following conditions:

#### **Responsible authority conditions:**

1. The proposed development shall be in accordance with the documentation, plans and proposals and shall not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the responsible authority.

#### **VicRoads Conditions:**

2. The developer must submit a plan of the proposed development to the satisfaction of VicRoads and the responsible authority.
3. The developer must complete the construction of all works prior to the development being brought into operation.
4. Works must meet the requirements of the Road Management Act 2004.

#### **Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Conditions:**

##### **5. Offset requirements**

In order to offset the removal of 0.003 ha in remnant patches of native vegetation approved

as part of this permit, the applicant must provide a native vegetation offset that meets the following requirements, and is in accordance with the *Permitted Clearing of Native Vegetation – Biodiversity Assessment Guideline* (DEPI 2013) and the *Native Vegetation Gain Scoring Manual*.

#### **The offset must:**

- contribute gain of 0.00054 general biodiversity equivalence units
- be located within the boundaries of the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority or the West Wimmera Shire
- have a strategic biodiversity score of at least 0.224.



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### 6. Offset evidence

Before any native vegetation is removed, evidence that an offset has been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. This offset must meet the offset requirements set out in this permit and be in accordance with the *Permitted Clearing of Native Vegetation – Biodiversity Assessment Guideline* (DEPI 2013) and the *Native Vegetation Gain Scoring Manual*.

Offset evidence can be either:

- a security agreement, to the required standard, for the offset site or sites, including a 10 year offset management plan; or
- a credit register extract from the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

### 7. Monitoring and reporting on onsite offset implementation

Every year, for ten years after the responsible authority has approved the offset management plan, the applicant must provide notification to the responsible authority of the management actions undertaken towards the implementation of the offset management plan. An offset site condition statement, including photographs must be included in this notification.

Moved: Councillor Bruce Meyer

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait

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Carried Unanimously

### Attachments:

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
13.1.1	VicRoads Response	15/005614
13.1.2	T & K Exell objection	16/000012
13.1.3	DELWP response	16/000141
13.1.4	GWM Water Minutes of meeting	16/000599



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### 13.2 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION P1294 – GWM WATER (EDENHOPE SITE)

**FILE NUMBER: PA0881**

**REPORT AUTHOR: GILLIAN BRADSHAW, MANAGER PLANNING &  
ENVIRONMENT**

#### **FOR DECISION**

##### Background

The applicant, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWM Water), propose to use the road reserve on Halahan Street, Edenhope adjacent to 2-8 Halahan Street, for the installation of an electronic standpipe. The installation of this minor utility will require the removal of some native vegetation thus a planning permit must be obtained.

GWM Water have obtained a Drought Assistance Funding from the State Government for Fire Fighting Tanks and Standpipe installations for the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and landowners' to access for emergency use.

There are a total of six (6) new electronic standpipes are to be constructed within West Wimmera Shire, located at Apsley, Kaniva, Edenhope Goroke and two (2) at Harrow.

The new Apsley and Kaniva electronic standpipes do not require a planning permit as there is no native vegetation to be removed.

##### Subject site & locality

An inspection of the site and the surrounding area has been undertaken. The proposed facility is to be situated within an area of land no greater than 246.5 square metres. This land is located on the road reserve on Halahan Street, Edenhope adjacent to 2-8 Halahan Street. The area in which native vegetation removal is to be most prominent measures a size of 50 metres square.

The existing standpipe at Edenhope is considered dated, hence the need to replace with a more efficient and effective standpipe.



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### Permit/Site History

The history of the site includes:

No records can be found of any building or planning permits for this site prior to this application.

Work commenced on the construction of the Electric standpipe prior to the lodgement of the Planning Permit application with Council, around the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

### Public Notification

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, by:

Notice to the owners and occupiers of adjoining land by post on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

Notice to the Determining Authority was forwarded to VicRoads on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) by email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. This delay was due to a request for additional information in relation to the proposed offset area from GWM Water which was required for DELWP assessment.

The notification has been carried out correctly.

Council has received one (1) objection to date. The key issues that were raised in the objections are:

- a) The area the standpipe is to be installed is zoned Residential.
- b) It is believed the installation of the standpipe will reduce the value of the land in the future.
- c) The installation of the standpipe will limit building of a residence/s on our property.
- d) The road on which it is to be built is an unsealed road – increased truck and tanker traffic will lead to increased dust and damage to the road.
- e) Noise – as it will be used for Fire Tankers, it will be accessed at any time of day or night.

### Consultation

Consultation was undertaken and included:

1. All adjoining land owners received letters detailing the main features of the permit application.
2. GWM Water were contacted by the General Manager Infrastructure Development and Works (GMIDW), when Council was advised that works had commenced without a planning permit being granted, and asked to cease any further works until a decision on the planning permit had been made.



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3. The relevant referral authority, VicRoads was advised of the application by email on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. VicRoads responded with no objections to the planning permit application but with three conditions to be included in the planning permit.
4. The relevant referral authority of DELWP was advised of the application by email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. This delay was due to a request for additional information in relation to the proposed offset area from GWM Water which was required for DELWP assessment. DELWP have responded with no objection to the planning permit application, and three conditions to be included in the planning permit.
5. Three (3) letters of support for the planning permit application were received.
6. Numerous telephone calls were received from the objector in relation to the matters raised and a written objection was submitted to Council on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
7. GWM Water were advised of the objection and requested a copy so they could meet and discuss the issues raised directly with the objector.
  - a. GWM Water advised Council that they would meet with the objector and discuss the issues raised. To date no further information has been received from GWM Water, but if this information is received before Council meeting this will be forwarded to all Councillors.

### Referrals

External Referrals/Notices Required by the Planning Scheme:

Referrals / Notices:	Advice /	Response /	Conditions
<b>Section 55 Referrals:</b>	DELWP – No objections provided three conditions are included.		
<b>Section 52 Notices:</b>	Adjoining Land Owners – one written objection received. Three letters of support were received.		

### Assessment

The zoning of the land and any relevant overlay provisions:

#### **Township Zone (TZ)**

The purpose of the Township Zone is to implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

To provide for residential development and a range of commercial, industrial and other uses in small towns.

To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.

To impellent neighbourhood character policy and adopted neighbourhood character guidelines.



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To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.

### **Environment Significance Overlay - Schedule 2 – Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (42.01)**

This overlay is not in place over the subject land.

The purpose of schedule 2 to the ESO is:

- To protect the habitat of the endangered Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.
- To ensure the availability of suitable nesting sites for the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo through the protection of live and dead hollow bearing trees and other suitable trees within the bird's known nesting area.
- To protect the feeding habitat of the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo through the retention of Buloke and Stringybark trees.

The permit application proposes to remove some Grasses, but no vegetation which provides significant habitat value to the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo. No other developments on site should have the potential to affect the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo as the land use remains unchanged, but with the current facilities being upgraded.

### **The State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF)**

#### **14 Natural Resource Management – Protection of Agricultural Land (14.01)**

The purpose of this state policy is to protect productive farmland which is of strategic significance in the local or regional context. The positioning of electronic standpipe on the subject site on the road reserve whilst within the Township of Edenhope is in close proximity to agricultural land. The proposal is one which may support the existence of agricultural practices in the region as farmers may chose to utilise the service at this site and purchase water for their agricultural activities.

#### **13.05-1 Bushfire**

One of the strategies mentioned under this Clause states:

Ensure that planning support bushfire management and prevention and emergency services actions and activities.

- o The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the Country Fire Authority brigades fighting fires by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

#### **15.01 Urban Environment**

One of the strategies mentioned under this Clause states:

Ensure new development or redevelopment contributes to community and cultural life by improving safety, diversity and choice, the quality of living and working environments, accessibility and inclusiveness and environmental stability.

- o The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the local fire brigades when fighting fires both in the township and in the rural areas around Edenhope, by



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providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

### **19.03-2 Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage**

To plan for the provision of water supply, sewerage and drainage services that efficiently and effectively meet State and community needs and protect the environment.

- The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the local fire brigades when fighting fires both in the township and in the rural areas around Edenhope, by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

### **The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF)- including the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and local planning policies**

### **21.07-3 Environmental Hazards**

Natural disasters (including fire, flood, storms and drought) have the potential to substantially affect the community, economically and socially, in addition to the environmental issues created by these disasters.

There are large areas of grass/cropping land and bushland in the Shire which regularly burn as a result of natural causes, accidents or deliberate action. One of the major issues is that of uncontrolled bushfires. Planning is required to decrease the level of risk to life and property and facilitate the efforts of the emergency services to handling crises.

- The installation of the electronic standpipe will support the local fire brigades when fighting fires both in the township and in the rural areas around Edenhope, by providing a good quality water supply for filling the fire tankers in cases of emergency.

### **Relevant Particular Provisions**

### **52.17 Native Vegetation**

The purpose of this particular provision is:

- To ensure permitted clearing of native vegetation results in no net loss in the contribution made by native vegetation to Victoria's biodiversity. This is achieved through the following approach:
  - Avoid the removal of native vegetation that makes a significant contribution to Victoria's biodiversity.
  - Minimise impacts on Victoria's biodiversity from the removal of native vegetation.
  - Where native vegetation is permitted to be removed, ensure that an offset is provided in a manner that makes a contribution to Victoria's biodiversity that is equivalent to the contribution made by the native vegetation to be removed.
- To manage native vegetation to minimise land and water degradation.



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- To manage native vegetation near buildings to reduce the threat to life and property from bushfire.

In line with the objectives of this particular provision, the applicant has secured an offset – one which exceeds the required general biodiversity equivalence units (.006 compared to a required .00017). The vegetation to be removed only covers a very small area of some 50 square metres and its removal is not expected to dramatically alter the landscape or its contribution to the biodiversity of the surrounding area.

As previously addressed, the permit application provides the possibility for the potential risks from a bushfire to be reduced as the water available from a standpipe can be seen as a valuable resource available in fighting a bushfire and also enabling preventive actions to be undertaken.

### **The decision guidelines of Clause 65**

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- *The matters set out in Section 60 of the Act.*  
Council has considered the relevant Sections of the Act.
- *The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*  
The proposal is shown to be generally consistent with the SPPF and LPPF.
- *The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision, and any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.*  
The proposal is consistent with the purpose of the Township Zone, TZ.
- *The orderly planning of the area.*  
Council is satisfied that the proposal represents orderly planning of the area. The permit application does not propose any land uses which may compromise the objectives of the Township Zone.
- *The effect on the amenity of the area.*  
The installation of the Electronic standpipe has been identified by the adjoining landowner as affecting the amenity of the adjacent land, with the possible construction of a dwelling in the future.
- *The proximity of the land to any public land.*  
Not applicable.
- *Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality. Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.*  
The proposed Electronic standpipe should have little or no effect on the stormwater within the existing site.
- *The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.*  
A small area of native vegetation will be removed. The native vegetation consists of Grasses. Council is satisfied the removal of this vegetation will not cause a



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detrimental effect to the biodiversity of the surrounding area. The habitat of endangered species such as the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo will not be compromised.

- *Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.*

The applicant has secured an offset which is deemed satisfactory by DELWP.

- *The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.*

No land uses will be introduced which may exacerbate the risk of a bushfire affecting the property. Rather, the existence of a standpipe is a facility which can be used to mitigate the potentials risks from a bushfire.

Overall, this proposal is consistent with the Clause 65 Decision Guidelines.

### **Other relevant adopted State policies/strategies**

Not applicable.

### **Relevant incorporated or reference documents**

Permitted Clearing of Native Vegetation – Biodiversity Assessment Guideline (DEPI 2013)

The purpose of this incorporated document is to guide how impacts on biodiversity should be considered when assessing an application for a permit to remove, lop or destroy native vegetation. The application complies with all requirements of the guidelines.

### **Relevant Planning Scheme amendments**

Not applicable.

### **Summary of Key Issues**

GWM Water have obtained Drought Assistance Funding from the State Government for Fire Fighting Tanks and Standpipe installations for the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and landowners' to access for emergency use.

The proposal is for GWM Water to install a new electronic standpipe facility on the road reserve on Halahan Street, Edenhope adjacent to 2-8 Halahan Street. This facility will require the removal of some native vegetation, for which a planning permit is required.

The land is subject to the conditions of the Township Zone. The new land use as proposed by the application will not breach the Township Zone. Rather, the installation of the new electronic standpipe will ensure the CFA has available water for fire fighting



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purposes. Farmers may also find that the facility assists their farming operations with water being close by should they need it.

The applicant has met the conditions of the Particular Provision regarding Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17). DELWP has reviewed this application and are satisfied that the vegetation can be removed provided an equivalent offset is provided. The applicant has provided evidence of an offset larger than that needed and therefore, the proposal is in line with the objective of Victoria's Planning Scheme to ensure "no net loss of native vegetation".

The proposal was advertised to adjoining landowners, three letters of support and one objection was received. GWM Water has advised Council they will meet with the objector to discuss the issues raised. To date no information is available in relation to the proposed meeting, but if the information is received before the Council meeting it will be forwarded to all Councillors.

DELWP has responded with no objection, but providing conditions that must be included in the planning permit.

### Conclusion

The proposal is consistent with all relevant clauses of the West Wimmera Planning Scheme, particularly including the objectives of the Township Zone – 32.05. The proposal is also commensurate with the Schedule 2 to the Environmental Significance Overlay - Red-tailed Black Cockatoo Habitat Areas, which is not in place over the subject land.

A planning permit should be granted for GWM Water to proceed with the removal of native vegetation in order to allow for the installation of the new electronic standpipe facility.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council having caused notice of Planning Application No. P1294 to be given under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and or the planning scheme and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* decides to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit under the provisions of Clauses 13.05-1, 14, 15.01, 19.03-2, 12.06, 21.07-3, 32.05, 42.01 and 52.17 of the West Wimmera Planning Scheme in respect of the land known and described as road reserve on Halahan Street, Edenhope, Township of Edenhope, adjacent to 2-8 Halahan Street, Edenhope, Township of Edenhope, for the Removal of Native Vegetation to construct an Electronic standpipe to enhance fire-fighting and water carting capabilities in West Wimmera Shire, in accordance**



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with the endorsed plans, with the application dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, subject to the following conditions:

**Responsible authority conditions:**

1. The proposed development shall be in accordance with the documentation, plans and proposals and shall not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the responsible authority.

**Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Conditions:**

**2. Offset requirements**

In order to offset the removal of 0.001 ha in remnant patches of native vegetation approved

as part of this permit, the applicant must provide a native vegetation offset that meets the following requirements, and is in accordance with the *Permitted Clearing of Native Vegetation – Biodiversity Assessment Guideline* (DEPI 2013) and the *Native Vegetation Gain Scoring Manual*.

The offset must:

- contribute gain of 0.00017 general biodiversity equivalence units
- be located within the boundaries of the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority or the West Wimmera Shire
- have a strategic biodiversity score of at least 0.112.

**3. Offset evidence**

Before any native vegetation is removed, evidence that an offset has been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. This offset must meet the offset requirements set out in this permit and be in accordance with the *Permitted Clearing of Native Vegetation – Biodiversity Assessment Guideline* (DEPI 2013) and the *Native Vegetation Gain Scoring Manual*.

Offset evidence can be either:

- a security agreement, to the required standard, for the offset site or sites, including a 10 year offset management plan; or
- a credit register extract from the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

**4. Monitoring and reporting on onsite offset implementation**

Every year, for ten years after the responsible authority has approved the offset management plan, the applicant must provide notification to the responsible authority of the management actions undertaken towards the implementation of the offset management plan. An offset site condition statement, including photographs must be included in this notification.



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**Moved:** Councillor Bruce Meyer

**Seconded:** Councillor Richard Wait

That Council having caused notice of Planning Application No. P1294 to be given under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and or the planning scheme and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* decides to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit under the provisions of Clauses 13.05-1, 14, 15.01, 19.03-2, 12.06, 21.07-3, 32.05, 42.01 and 52.17 of the West Wimmera Planning Scheme in respect of the land known and described as road reserve on Halahan Street, Edenhope, Township of Edenhope, adjacent to 2-8 Halahan Street, Edenhope, Township of Edenhope, for the Removal of Native Vegetation to construct an Electronic standpipe to enhance fire-fighting and water carting capabilities in West Wimmera Shire, in accordance with the endorsed plans, with the application dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, subject to the following conditions:

**Responsible authority conditions:**

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Carried

For	Against
Cr. Bruce Meyer	Cr. Warren Wait
Cr. Richard Wait	
Cr. Ron Hawkins	
Cr. Annette Jones	

#### Attachments:

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
13.2.1	Objection letter	16/000599
13.2.2	DELWP response	16/000599
13.2.3	Letters of support x 3	16/000599



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### 13.3 REAR LANE ACCESS CRANAGE LANE TO 79-87 ELIZABETH STREET FILE NUMBER: PS0007

**REPORT AUTHOR: GILLIAN BRADSHAW, MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **FOR DECISION**

##### Introduction

As reported at the 16 October 2015 Council meeting, Council resolved:

*To proceed with the excision and creation of a road at the rear of 79-87 Elizabeth Street Edenhope, and that the following actions be undertaken as part of that process:*

- *Council obtain written confirmation from the landowner of Lot 1 of Title Plan 329202, Section 6, Township of Edenhope 77 Elizabeth Street Edenhope of consent to excise a portion from the rear of the allotment to create a “road” and to sell that portion to the West Wimmera Shire Council.*
- *Council obtain a written quotation from the Land surveyor for the cost of the subdivision to excise a portion of the allotment and create a “road”.*
- *Council allocate funding for the costs involved.*
- *The Landholder requesting the rear access to 79-87 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope make a financial contribution of \$1,250 toward the cost incurred.*

This report provides the update following Council’s resolution.

##### Background

The landowner of 79-87 Elizabeth Street Edenhope has advised Council officers that he has three allotments in total, one on the north of the road and two allotments on the south of the road. The landholder has had informal use of an access across the rear of the property located at 77 Elizabeth Street, however this allotment was not subdivided therefore there is no provision for a road to traverse the rear of the allotment. A subdivision to excise a portion of the allotment and create a “road” would be required.

The creation of the Road” at the rear of 77 Elizabeth Street, would connect both existing surveyed roads and create one road, addressing a planning anomaly from the past.



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The landowner has contacted the landowner of 77 Elizabeth Street who has verbally agreed to the excision and creation of a road. This would need to be confirmed in writing. The estimated cost for the sale of the land is \$500 and legal costs are estimated at \$700.

The landowner has also contacted land surveyor from Brayley and Hayes, who have verbally advised an estimated survey cost of \$1,000.

Council wrote to the landowner of 77 Elizabeth Street requesting confirmation of their willingness to sell part of the allotment to create a road at the rear of the allotment. A written response was received confirming consent to sell a portion of the allotment for a consideration (price) of \$1,000 with Council to pay all legal fees, which were not specified.

Council also wrote to the Land Surveyor requesting confirmation of the quotation for the land survey costs. A written response was received confirming the cost of the subdivision to excise a portion of the allotment at the rear of 77 Elizabeth Street to create a road at \$3,000 plus GST plus incidental costs.

The costs quoted from both the landowner and the Land Surveyor are greater than initially indicated by the landowner requesting the rear lane access.

It is estimated that the total cost could be up to \$7,000 including legal fees and incidentals.

### Risk Management Implications

The excision and creation of a road would provide access to all the buildings from 65 to 87 Elizabeth Street and the allotments on the south of the “road”. It would form one continuous road and have to be listed on the Shire road register and maintained by the Shire.

### Legislative Implications

The newly created road would be included in the Shire road register and would be maintained by Council under the Road Management Act.

### Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications, no native vegetation needs to be removed for the subdivision of the road.



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### Financial and Budgetary Implications

The total estimated cost of the survey, sale of land and legal costs is estimated to be up to \$7,000. Council has resolved that the landholder requesting the rear access pay \$1,250 based on an original estimate of \$2,200 and the landholder has provided written confirmation that they are willing to contribute \$1,250 towards the cost of the subdivision and purchase of a portion of the allotment for a road.

### Policy and Council Plan Implications

The Council Plan at 2.1 relates to the Township Amenity Plan, and the proposed road could be incorporated into the Township Amenity Plan.

### Communication Implications

A planning permit would be required for the subdivision and excision to create the “road”, therefore all landowners within this whole section will be notified in writing, and submissions invited.

Council may then consider the extension of “Cranage Lane” to encompass the whole laneway, and this would need to be advertised in the newspaper and then the office of Geographic Place Names notified.

### Conclusion

In response to Council’s request as to how much the landholder would be willing to contribute to the costs to obtain rear access to 79-87 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope, the landholder has written to Council advising that they are willing to pay \$1,250 towards the cost of the subdivision and land purchase for the “road”.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council resolve to place the procurement of the land and the survey of the “road” at the rear of 77 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope, on the Capital Works program for 2016/2017.**



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**Moved: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait**

**That Council resolve to place the procurement of the land and the survey of the “road” at the rear of 77 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope, on the Capital Works program for 2016/2017.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**Attachments:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>RecFind Ref</b>
13.3.1	Land Surveyor quotation	15/004742
13.3.2	Landholder letter re sale of land	15/003709



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### **13.4 VICTORIAN ADAPTION SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP (VASP) – BUILDING RESILIENCE IN FARMING AND AGRIBUSINESS MINUTES FILE NUMBER: PS0453 REPORT AUTHOR: MICHELLE ELLIS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & WORKS**

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

##### Introduction

West Wimmera Shire Council has been successful in a grant application in partnership with Yarriambiack Shire under State Governments, Victorian Adaption Sustainability Partnership (VASP) funding program.

##### Background

The two year project is 'Building Resilience in Farming and Agribusiness' and is an information sharing and practical research project.

The aims are to:

- Examine blockers to and opportunities for building resilience in farming communities and agri-business
- Trial and evaluation of some of those opportunities to enable them to be put into practice and;
- Add value to existing networks, research and sustainability advice within the Wimmera farming communities.

The key aim is to provide an understanding for local government into how information and practice about climate change is received and utilised by farming and agribusiness.

The Wimmera Development Association (WDA) is the project manager engaged to deliver the project.

##### Risk Management Implications

Not commented on.

##### Legislative Implications

Not commented on.



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### Environmental Implications

Not commented on.

### Financial and Budgetary Implications

There are four milestones for this project:

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Due 30 <sup>th</sup> of March 2014 with tax invoice:     | \$100,000.00 – completed |
| 2. Due 30 <sup>th</sup> of September 2014 with tax invoice: | \$ 50,000.00 – completed |
| 3. Due 30 <sup>th</sup> of March 2015 with tax invoice:     | \$ 25,000.00 – completed |
| 4. Due 30 <sup>th</sup> of March 2016 with tax invoice:     | \$ 25,000.00             |

The total project income will be: \$200,000.00 (exc GST)

To date Council has received: \$175,000.00 (exc GST)

Expenditure to date is \$165,000.00 (exc GST):

16/06/2015:	Wimmera Development Association	\$20,000.00
22/10/2014:	Wimmera Development Association	\$50,000.00
30/09/2014:	Wimmera Development Association	\$70,000.00
30/09/2014:	Federation University	\$25,000.00

### Policy and Council Plan Implications

Not commented on.

### Communication Implications

Not commented on.

### Conclusion

The final meetings for both the VASP Project Control Group (PCG) and Project Reference Group (PRG) will be organised for March 2016. These dates are to be confirmed.

A final report is due end of March 2016 and will be presented to Council for information once received.



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**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That:**

- 1. The report is received and noted;**
- 2. Council note the minutes of the ‘Building Resilience in Farming – VASP’ meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.**

**Moved: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait**

**That**

- 1. The report is received and noted;**
- 2. Council note the minutes of the ‘Building Resilience in Farming – VASP’ meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**Attachments:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>RecFind Ref</b>
13.4.1	Building Resilience in Farming VASP Minutes	16/00019



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### 14.0 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 14.1 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

**FILE NUMBER: FM0062**

**REPORT AUTHOR: NICK TEMPLETON, MANAGER FINANCE**

#### FOR INFORMATION

##### Introduction

Management of WWSC are required to constantly review their budgets and ensure they remain accurate. As part of a rigorous budget reviewing process, management have committed to conduct budget forecast updates on a quarterly basis and update figures regularly.

##### Background

WWSC has in previous years undertaken a mid-year budget review process and update any budget figures at that time once per year. This review included taking up any relevant carry forwards from the previous financial year.

Included in the attached financial reports are forecast updates to budget figures along with actual amounts to show how Council is performing in relation to budgets. The most significant forecast updates include acknowledging the variation due to prepayment of 50% of Council's Victoria Grants Commission allocation and adjustments to capital works primarily to carry forward incomplete projects from 2014-2015 and as a result of the additional Roads to Recovery funding for the current year.

The financial reports show an analysis of the annual forecast compared to the actual figures at 31 December 2015, along with comparing actuals to forecasts at 31 December 2015. Where variances that are greater than \$20,000 and 10% between actual amounts and forecast figures at 31 December 2015, a note is provided to give an explanation for the variance. The financial reports include an Operating Report, a Capital Report and Balance Sheet to give a true indication of Council's operations, the capital works program and the financial position.

##### Risk Management Implications

Financial risks exist where officers are not adhering to budgets.



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### Legislative Implications

Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council is provided with financial reports a minimum of every three months comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure with actual revenue and expenditure.

### Environmental Implications

Nil

### Financial and Budgetary Implications

Updates to budget figures need to be justified and officers are required to find equivalent savings where expenditure is increasing, wherever possible.

### Policy and Council Plan Implications

Nil

### Communication Implications

Finance Manager will continue to work with officers and managers to educate and enable financial management of their department.

### Conclusion

The improved process for monitoring budgets has been well accepted and implemented by staff so that the corporate financial system will be regularly updated with more accurate information. This will aid management and Council to make more accurately informed decisions.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the financial reports as at 31 December 2015 be received and noted.**

**Moved: Councillor Richard Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Bruce Meyer**

**That the financial reports as at 31 December 2015 be received and noted.**

**Carried Unanimously**



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**Attachments:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>RecFind Ref</b>
14.1.1	Operating Report	16/000571: EDOC001071
14.1.2	Capital Report	EDOC001072
14.1.3	Balance Sheet	EDOC001074
14.1.4	Notes to Financial Report	EDOC001075

Confirmed



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### 15.0 LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Local Law No.7 (2012), Meeting Procedure and Common Seal Local Law 2012, West Wimmera Shire Council:

#### *25. Urgent Business*

*Business must not be admitted as urgent business unless it:*

- i. Relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and*
- ii. Cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting.*

**Moved: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait**

**That Council accepts two late items of business being:**

**15.1 Late Report – Amending Date for March 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting**

**15.2 Request for Council Support for Lily Cameron to attend Australian Junior Track and Field Championships in Perth, March 2016**

**Carried Unanimously**



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### 15.1 LATE REPORT – AMENDING DATE FOR MARCH 2016 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**FILE NUMBER: AD0183**

**REPORT AUTHOR: DAVID LEAHY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **FOR DECISION**

##### Introduction

On 14-17 March 2016, an annual delegation of Mayors and CEOs from the Wimmera region will meet with Ministers and Shadow Ministers in Canberra.

This report seeks Council's consideration to move the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 17 March 2016 to Thursday 24 March 2016, to prevent an overlap of commitments.

##### Background

To enable a well-structured campaign of advocacy to be undertaken at a Federal level, the Wimmera Mayors and CEOs have arranged a scheduled delegation to meet with Ministers and Shadow Ministers outside of the annual ALGA conference period.

The delegation appointments are being arranged via the office of the Member for Mallee, Mr Andrew Broad.

Topics being discussed at the various sessions include, renewable energy, Local Government funding (indexation of FAG's and grant conditions for small rural Councils), rail freight, mobile coverage, Rural Living Campaign, drought programs and improved weather forecasting.

It is very important for West Wimmera Shire Council to be represented on this annual delegation, through the attendance of the Mayor and CEO.

##### Risk Management Implications

Nil

##### Legislative Implications

Nil



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### Environmental Implications

Nil

### Financial and Budgetary Implications

Nil

### Policy and Council Plan Implications

Nil

### Communication Implications

An amendment to the timing of the March 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting will be publicised on the Shire's website, on community noticeboard flyers and in local newspapers.

### Conclusion

It is very important for West Wimmera Shire Council to be represented on the annual delegation to Canberra, through the attendance of the Mayor and CEO. Rescheduling the Thursday 17 March 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting will prevent an overlap of commitments.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 17 March 2016 be moved to Thursday 24 March 2016.**

**Moved: Councillor Richard Wait**

**Seconded: Councillor Ron Hawkins**

**That the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 17 March 2016 be moved to Thursday 24 March 2016.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**Attachments: Nil**



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### 15.2 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR LILY CAMERON TO ATTEND AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PERTH, MARCH 2016

**FILE NUMBER: PR0002**

**REPORT AUTHOR: ANGELA VEITCH, CORPORATE SUPPORT OFFICER**

#### **FOR DECISION**

##### Introduction

This report considers a request to provide support to Lily Cameron to attend the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships in Perth on 9 March 2016.

##### Background

Council received a letter (attached) from Fiona and Darren Cameron of Nurcoun on Monday 15 February requesting Council to consider providing some form of support to their daughter Lily. Lily has qualified to compete in the Under 16 high jump competition as part of the Victorian Track and Field team.

It is estimated the trip will cost approx \$2000.00 for Lily and her coach to travel to Perth to compete. Estimates provided by the Mr & Mrs Cameron are as follows:

Airfare x2 tickets Ex-Adelaide	\$936
Compulsory Victorian competing uniform	\$305
Athletics Victoria – registration & compulsory levy	\$125
Accommodation Perth x 2 nights	\$320
Fuel – transfer to/from Adelaide	\$110
Car Hire – Perth	<u>\$205</u>
Total	\$2001

##### Discussion

Officers initiated discussions with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly (WRSA) to seek any grants available. Also, Mr & Mrs Cameron were provided with information regarding relevant grant through Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Mr and Mrs Cameron are in a process to apply for a grant with WRSA and it is expected that the grant application will be considered by WRSA in the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



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### Risk Management Implications

Not commented on.

### Legislative Implications

Not commented on.

### Environmental Implications

Not commented on.

### Financial and Budgetary Implications

Council could consider providing sponsorship funding from the donations program (previously referred as Councillor Discretionary Fund). The donations fund as a budget allocation of \$10,000 for 2015-16 financial year and currently \$2,440 was spent from the fund.

### Policy and Council Plan Implications

Nil

### Communication Implications

Lily and her family are willing to address Council to answer any questions prior to attending the competition. Lily is also willing to present to Council once she returns from Perth.

Council Officers will also research any appropriate grants and financial assistance schemes that may be applicable to assist Lily to attend the competition.

### Conclusion

It is a great opportunity for a young citizen for our shire to compete in a national event. Council officers have initiated all steps possible to support our young talent.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

In relation to a request from Fiona and Darren Cameron, for sponsorship for Lily Cameron to attend the Australian Junior track and Field Championships in Perth on 9 March 2016:



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That Council agree to sponsorship support of \$..... towards the expenses for Lily Cameron to attend the Australian Junior track and Field Championships in Perth on 9 March 2016, and that the allocation is made from the Council's donation fund.

**Moved:** Councillor Richard Wait

**Seconded:** Councillor Warren Wait

**That Council:**

1. Agree to sponsorship support of \$500 towards the expenses for Lily Cameron to attend the Australian Junior track and Field Championships in Perth in March 2016, and that the allocation is made from the Council's donation fund.
2. Delegates authority to General Manager Corporate Community to give \$500 to a West Wimmera based athlete to attend the Australian Junior track and Field Championships in Perth in March 2016 should another application be received, and that the allocation is made from the Council's donation fund.

*Cr. Hawkins moved an amendment*

That Council authorises the General Manager Corporate Community discretion to grant another \$500 should another application be received.

*Amendment was withdrawn.*

*Original motion was put:*



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**Carried Unanimously**

### **Attachments:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>RecFind Ref</b>
15.2.1	Letter from Mr & Mrs Cameron	16/000742

### **16.0 SEALING SCHEDULE**

Nil

### **17.0 CONFIDENTIAL (PURSUANT TO SECTION 89 LGA 89)**

Nil

**MEETING CONCLUDED: 8.40PM**

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