



MINUTES

For the Ordinary Council Meeting

Held on the 22nd March 2024



Ian Holland

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

22th March 2024

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11am.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with section 14 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 “Meetings held by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))”, the President to declare that this Meeting may take place via instantaneous communication. All Councillors and staff are to be available either via telephone (teleconference) or in person.

President Cr Raul Valenzuela

Councillors Cr Gail Trenfield (Telephonic)

Cr Stanley Willock

Cr Tamisha Hodder

Cr Angus Nichols

Cr Kieran Payne

Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Charlie Brown

Executive Assistant Diane Hodder

OBSERVERS Gail Pilmoor

David Rocke

APOLOGIES

NIL

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

3 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councilors and Officers are reminded of the requirements of s5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to verbally disclose any interest during the meeting before the matter is discussed or to provide in writing the nature of the interest to the CEO before the meeting.

Cr Gail Trenfield & Cr Tamisha Hodder declared a financial interest in Item 14.5 - Donation Request – Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship.

Cr Kieran Payne declared a proximity interest in Item 14.5 - Donation Request – Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship.

**5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
REPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

NIL

QUESTIONS TAKEN WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

NIL

7 NOTICE OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

NIL

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Location	Meeting	Attendance
28/02/2024	Yalgoo	LEMC	Cr Raul Valenzuela & CEO Ian Holland
6.03.2024	Yalgoo	Department of Lands & Heritage	Cr Tamisha Hodder
11.03.2024	Geraldton	Mining & Local Government Forum	Cr Raul Valenzuela
12.03.2024	Yalgoo	Main Roads	Cr Raul Valenzuela
18.03.2024	Yalgoo	Aboriginal Legal Service	Cr Raul Valenzuela
21.03.2024	Yalgoo	Road Inspection	Cr Raul Valenzuela & Cr Stanley Willock

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 23rd February 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 23rd February 2024 as attached be confirmed as a true and correct record.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-01

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Gail Trenfield

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 23rd February 2024 as attached be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED: 6/0

10 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NIL

11 TECHNICAL REPORTS**11.1 CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	13 March 2024
Reporting Officer:	Charles Brown
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Capital Expenditure Report

SUMMARY

To receive the Progress Report on the 2023/24 Capital Works Program to the 29th February 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Shire in its 2023-24 Annual Budget has allocated the sum of \$5,937,720 for the acquisition of capital assets and the undertaking of infrastructure works.

COMMENT

The Capital Projects detailed below are projects incorporated in the 2023-24 Annual Budget.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NIL

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To deliver the Capital Works Program within budgeted allocations.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Progress Report on the Capital Works Program as at 29th February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-02

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Gail Trenfield

That Council receive the Progress Report on the Capital Works Program as at 29th February 2024.

CARRIED: 6/0

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Capital Expenditure 2023 - 2024

COA	Job	Description	Current Budget	YTD Actual		< 10%	11% to 20%	21% to 30%	31% to 40%	41% to 50%	51% to 60%	61% to 70%	71% to 80%	81% to 90%	91% to 100%	> 101%
4120330	8005	Grader	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00											100%	
4120330	8006	Side Tipping Trailer	\$230,909.00	\$232,236.36												101%
4120330	8007	Utility Dual Cab	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4120330	8008	Utility Works Supervisors	\$105,000.00	\$102,187.54											97%	
4120330	8009	Utility Works Crew	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4120330	8010	Box Top Trailer	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4120330	8011	Sat Phones & Vehicle Tracking	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4130210		TOUR - Building (Capital)														
4130210	BC007	Caravan Park (Capital)	\$167,000.00	\$8,289.73	5%											
4130230		TOUR - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4130290		TOUR - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4130510		NURSERY - Building (Capital)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4140230		ADMIN - Plant and Equipment (Capital)														
4140230	8012	Motor Vehicle (Rav4 Replace)	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4140230	8013	Motor Vehicle (Mfin)	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4140230	8014	Computer Hardware System Upgrades & Phone Replace	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
4140230	8015	Conference Equipment	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	0%											
4140230	8016	External Monitor Display	\$21,602.00	\$0.00	0%											
4140231		ADMIN - Furniture & Equipment (Capital)	\$5,000.00	\$333.92	7%											
4140290		ADMIN - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
			\$5,980,720.00	\$1,328,953.44											22%	
508		Land	\$127,766.00	\$0.00	0%											
512		Buildings	\$1,076,109.00	\$134,930.62												
514		Buildings Specialised	\$75,000.00	\$0.00												
520		Furniture & Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$333.92	7%											
530		Plant & Equipment	\$1,842,420.00	\$813,297.80												
540		Roads	\$2,336,696.00	\$374,209.28	16%											
550		Drainage	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	0%											
570		Parks & Ovals	\$207,077.00	\$0.00	0%											
590		Other Infrastructure	\$265,652.00	\$6,181.82	2%											
			\$5,980,720.00	\$1,328,953.44											22%	

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11.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT AS OF 11th March 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	11 March 2024
Reporting Officer:	Craig Holland Works Foreman
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council receive the Technical Services Report as at the 11th March 2024

COMMENT

Road Construction and Capital

Yalgoo Ninghan Road 1.6 km of road works carried out preparing for sealing works.

Road Maintenance

Maintenance grading carried out on Yalgoo Ninghan Road, Thundelarra Road.

Yalgoo Ninghan Road – grid repairs done SLK 61.55

Other Infrastructure

Cemetery entrance

YA894 – new tyres fitted.

Parks, Reserves and Properties

4.1 Art & Culture Centre

- General gardening maintenance carried out.

4.2 Community Town Hall

- NIL

4.3 Community Town Oval

- General gardening maintenance and fertilizing conducted to the oval and core stadium gardens.

4.4 Community Park, Gibbons Street

- General gardening maintenance conducted on a weekly basis mowing, pruning and watering

4.5 Community Park, Shamrock Street

- General gardening maintenance conducted on a weekly basis – Mowing, pruning & watering.

4.6 Water Park

- General gardening maintenance conducted.

4.7 Yalgoo Caravan Park

- General gardening maintenance is done every two weeks.
- New shelving in storage shed.

4.8 Paynes Find Tip

- NIL

4.9 Railway Station

- General gardening maintenance conducted on a weekly basis – Mowing, pruning & watering.

4.10 Staff Housing

- NIL

4.11 Yalgoo Rubbish Tip

- Pushed over on a weekly basis.

4.12 Yalgoo & Paynes Find Airstrip

- Paynes Find Airstrip – checked and all good
- Yalgoo Airstrip – checked and all good

5. Staff

- David Rocke & Darren Hawkins – Traffic Management Training.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

NIL

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To deliver the Capital Works Program within budgeted allocations.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Technical Services Report as of 11th March 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-03

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council receive the Technical Services Report as of 1 March 2024.

CARRIED: 6/0

12 DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORTS
NIL

13 FINANCIAL REPORTS

13.1 LIST OF ACCOUNTS

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	13 March 2024
Reporting Officer:	Charles Brown
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Accounts Paid February

SUMMARY

The attached list of accounts paid during the month of February 2024, under Delegated Authority, is provided for Council's information and endorsement.

COMMENT

The Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a list of accounts paid and/or payable to Council and to record those accounts in the minutes of the meeting.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

6.10 Financial Management regulations

Regulations may provide for –

- a. The security and banking of money received by a local government' and
- b. The keeping of financial records by a local government; and
- c. The management by a local government of its assets, liabilities and revenue; and
- d. The general management of, and the authorisation of payments out of –
 - I. The municipal fund; and
 - II. The trust fund, of a local government.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.
 1. If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared –
 - I. The payee's name; and
 - II. The amount of the payment; and
 - III. The date of the payment; and
 - IV. Sufficient information to identify the transaction.

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2. A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing –
 - a. For each account which requires council authorisation in that month –
 - I. The payee’s name; and
 - II. The amount of the payment; and
 - III. Sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - b. The date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
3. A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be –
 - a. Presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - b. Recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the schedule of accounts paid during February 2024 as listed covering EFT’s directly debited payments, Credit Card Payments and wages as numbered and totalling \$369,626.36 from the Shire of Yalgoo’s Municipal Bank Accounts.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-04

Moved: Cr Gail Trenfield Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council receive the schedule of accounts paid during February 2024 as listed covering EFT’s directly debited payments, Credit Card Payments and wages as numbered and totalling \$369,626.36 from the Shire of Yalgoo’s Municipal Bank Accounts.

CARRIED: 6/0

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT1737	01/02/2024	Kennards Hire Pty Ltd	Hire - Rotary Hoe on Trailer - 21A & B Campbell - on PO 11419	-1,035.00
EFT1738	01/02/2024	Beachlands Plumbing Pty Ltd	Repairs on Shire Assets/Buildings on PO 11442	-6,742.12
EFT1739	01/02/2024	FleetNetwork	Lease Charges - Mazda 4D Wagon	-1,522.01
EFT1740	01/02/2024	T.A.J. Mechanical	Wheel Alignment - P4076 (YA415) on PO 11394	-302.50
EFT1741	01/02/2024	Visimax	Animal Control Pole on PO11420	-294.00
EFT1742	01/02/2024	Bunnings Building Supplies Pty Ltd	Materials for Maintenance - Caravan Park Ablutions Blocks on PO 11439	-312.34
EFT1743	01/02/2024	Geraldton Trophy Centre	Brass Honour Board Plates Updates, Desk Name Plate	-224.80
EFT1744	01/02/2024	Pool & Spa Mart	Water Witch Electronic Leveller on PO 11436	-1,453.80
EFT1745	01/02/2024	Protector Fire Services	Servicing - Fire Equipment - Yalgoo Community Centre & Volunteer Fire Brigade	-526.90
EFT1746	01/02/2024	Raul. Valenzuela	Cr Sitting Fees, Communications & President Allowances - January 2024	-1,958.34
EFT1747	01/02/2024	Winc Australia Pty Limited	Meter Charges - Photocopier for Dec-Jan 23/24	-348.47
EFT1748	01/02/2024	Westrac Equipment Pty Ltd	Parts for P648 (YA457) on PO 11443	-237.75
EFT1749	01/02/2024	Tamisha Hodder	Cr Fees, Communication Fees for January 2024	-541.67
EFT1750	01/02/2024	Wurth Australia Pty Ltd	Consumables & Protective Clothing on PO 11440	-1,068.54
EFT1751	01/02/2024	Charmaine Simpson	Artist Payment - C Simpson - YACC382	-60.00
EFT1752	01/02/2024	Stanley Willock	Cr Sitting Fees and Communications Allowance - January 2024	-541.67
EFT1753	01/02/2024	Lo-Go Appointments	Contract Services WE 20.01.24	-7,014.04
EFT1754	01/02/2024	Cekas Pest Management	Termite Treatment on PO11448	-2,354.73
EFT1755	01/02/2024	Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance	Contribution to SRPA (Pastoral Industry Grower Group)	-10,000.00
EFT1756	01/02/2024	Hersey'S Safety Pty Ltd	Protective Gear plus assorted Goods on PO 11401	-3,015.67
EFT1757	01/02/2024	Kmart - Geraldton	Stationery Supplies & Goods for School Program on PO 10869	-139.00
EFT1758	01/02/2024	Shire of Murchison	Freight Charges - Paynes Find VBFB uniforms - Murchison charged in error	-25.74
EFT1759	09/02/2024	Fladel Holdings P/I T/as Hunter Specialised Mechanical	Repairs - Plant on PO11507	-21,417.36
EFT1760	09/02/2024	Beaurepaires	Tyres - Plant - on PO 11476	-3,200.69
EFT1761	09/02/2024	Geraldton Toyota	Service / Repairs - YA415 - P4076 on PO 11509	-1,417.32
EFT1762	09/02/2024	GG Pumps & Electrical Pty Ltd	Pump Replacement - W0015 on PO 11504	-189.50

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT1763	09/02/2024	Mt Magnet Waste Disposal	Septic PUmp Out - Caravan Park on PO11418	-2,100.00
EFT1764	09/02/2024	Pemco Diesel Pty Ltd	Servicing - Plant on PO11323	-11,591.30
EFT1765	09/02/2024	SKD Security & Keys Distributors	Key Supply on PO11321	-89.52
EFT1766	09/02/2024	Westrac Equipment Pty Ltd	Servicing - Plant on PO11445	-5,302.23
EFT1767	09/02/2024	Patience Sandlands	Supply Soil Conditioner - for Buffer at Caravan Park on PO11433	-428.70
EFT1768	09/02/2024	Bolts-R-Us	Nuts & Bolts - Street Signage - on PO 11429	-198.78
EFT1769	09/02/2024	Itvision	Easy Budgeting Module on PO 11452	-2,915.66
EFT1770	09/02/2024	FleetNetwork	Mazda 4D Wagon - Lease Charges	-1,522.01
EFT1771	09/02/2024	Ceilidh Christey	Reimbursement - Fuel & Refreshments - Recruitment	-203.53
EFT1772	09/02/2024	Bridged Group Pty Ltd	Monthly Sophos Costs for February 2024	-346.50
EFT1773	09/02/2024	Canine Control	Ranger Services - 03.02.24	-2,912.10
EFT1774	09/02/2024	Civic Legal	Professional Services - Breaches of Building Act 2011 - Deflector Mine Site (Silver Lake Resources Ltd)	-3,190.50
EFT1775	09/02/2024	Veolia Environmental Services	Domestic & Commercial Waste Collection - January 2024	-3,299.93
EFT1776	09/02/2024	Shire of Perenjori	CESM - Shared Costs - Oct - Dec 2023	-3,834.96
EFT1777	09/02/2024	Incite Security	Quarterly Monitoring Service Fee - Depot	-147.00
EFT1778	09/02/2024	Lo-Go Appointments	Contract Services - L Atmadji WE 03.02.24	-7,014.04
EFT1779	09/02/2024	Itvision	Rate Service - November 2023	-5,544.00
EFT1780	09/02/2024	Complete Office Supplies Pty Ltd (COS)	Cleaning Supplies - Various Shire Buildings	-1,852.16
EFT1781	09/02/2024	Url Networks Pty Ltd	Admin Phone - Contract	-123.61
EFT1782	12/02/2024	Integrated ICT	Wifi Maintenance - January 2024	-176.00
EFT1783	12/02/2024	Helen St George Cooper	Reimbursement - Protective Clothing, Stationery, Cleaning Supplies	-72.45
EFT1784	12/02/2024	BOC Limited	BOC - Gases - Depot for January 2024	-123.93
EFT1785	12/02/2024	Canine Control	Ranger Services 19.01.24	-2,912.10
EFT1786	12/02/2024	Communication Systems Geraldton	Remote Support 2023 Calendar Year	-4,740.20
EFT1787	12/02/2024	Young Motors Pty Ltd	60K & 78K Service Combined - YAO	-1,323.85
EFT1788	12/02/2024	Darren Long Consulting	December 2023 - Journals, Bank Rec's, etc	-1,980.00
EFT1789	12/02/2024	Mcdonalds Wholesalers	Refreshments - Caravan Cabins	-315.00
EFT1790	12/02/2024	Lo-Go Appointments	Contract - L Atmadji WE 23.12.23	-10,320.53
EFT1791	14/02/2024	Ben Watson	Benny Mayhem Band Monster Music Truck - Wkshops & Community Concert - Deposit	-3,995.00
EFT1792	14/02/2024	Nick Stevenson	Progress Payment - Works - Yalgoo Cemetery Walls	-2,200.00
EFT1793	19/02/2024	Message4U Pty Ltd t/as Sinch	Monthly Access Fees - Jan 2024	-197.25

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT1794	19/02/2024	Battery Mart	Batteries - Plant on PO 11513	-240.90
EFT1795	19/02/2024	Bunnings Building Supplies Pty Ltd	Assorted Goods - Shire Housing & Caravan Park on PO 11432	-810.11
EFT1796	19/02/2024	Canine Control	Ranger Services - Thursday 08.02.24	-1,456.05
EFT1797	19/02/2024	Polstar Holdings P/L t/as Localworks	Computer, Monitor etc - Art Centre	-1,683.64
EFT1798	19/02/2024	IPEC Pty Ltd (Toil Global Express)	Freight - Various	-265.38
EFT1799	19/02/2024	Lo-Go Appointments	Contract - L Atmadji WE 10.02.24	-7,880.79
EFT1800	19/02/2024	Gina Hodder	Supply - Refreshments including Delivery - Australia Day	-1,500.00
EFT1801	19/02/2024	Kmart - Geraldton	Kettles & Toasters - Caravan Park replacements	-103.00
EFT1802	19/02/2024	Bambury Pty Ltd	Linens - Caravan Park	-3,051.40
EFT1803	19/02/2024	Refuel Australia	Fuel Usage - January 2024	-13,152.02
EFT1804	20/02/2024	Nick Stevenson	Completion of Cemetery Wall Restorations	-4,695.00
DD1078.1	16/02/2024	ELGAS	Service Charge - Gas - Core	-174.90
DD1095.1	16/02/2024	Telstra Corporation Ltd	Usage Charges to 24.01.24 & Rental of Equipment/Services to 24.02.24	-7,867.58
DD5001.1	01/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-15.68
DD5001.2	21/02/2024	Shire of Yalgoo Municipal Fund	Payrun # 90	-50,315.62
DD5001.3	20/02/2024	Shire of Yalgoo Municipal Fund	Super payroll # 84 & 86	-36,659.13
DD5001.4	19/02/2024	Department of Transport	DOT Takings	-62.20
DD5001.5	07/02/2024	Department of Transport	DOT Takings To be Refunded	-457.60
DD5001.6	28/02/2024	Department of Transport	DOT Takings	-488.70
DD5001.7	02/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-3.30
DD5001.8	07/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-4.80
DD5001.9	09/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-3.45
DD5003.1	22/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-1.65
DD5001.10	13/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-1.35
DD5001.11	14/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-0.30
DD5001.12	20/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-0.15
DD5001.13	21/02/2024	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	-198.11
DD5001.14	07/02/2024	Shire of Yalgoo Municipal Fund	Payrun 88	-48,552.82
				-326,562.43
		Payroll		
	04/02/2024	Pay Period Ended 04/02/2024	Superannuation	-19,868.02
	18/02/2024	Pay Period Ended 18/02/2024	Superannuation	-20,937.04
				-40,805.06

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
		Credit Card		
	2/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE TOTAL TOOLS OCONNOR,		-428.00
	2/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE Adobe Systems Pty Ltd,		-104.97
	7/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE QANTAS0812349035137,		-259.54
	16/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE Shire of Yalgoo, YALGOO 1502		-62.20
	18/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE MAIN ROADS WA HEAVY ,WELSHPOOL 1502		-50.00
	24/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE MAIN ROADS WA HEAVY ,WELSHPOOL 2202		-1,296.00
	24/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE-INTERNATIONAL ZOOM.US		-22.39
	24/02/2024	INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTION FEE		-0.67
	27/02/2024	RETAIL PURCHASE Shire of Yalgoo, YALGOO 2602		-31.10
	28/02/2024	CARD FEE 1 @ \$4.00		-4.00
				-2,258.87
				-369,626.36

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13.2 INVESTMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	13 March 2024
Reporting Officer:	Charles Brown
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Investment Register

SUMMARY

That Council receive the investments report as at 29th February 2024.

COMMENT

Money held in the Municipal Fund of the Shire of Yalgoo that is not required for the time being may be invested under the Trustee Act 1962 Part III.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995.

6.14 Power To Invest.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

19 Investments, control procedures for

19C Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s6.14(2)(a))

Shire Delegated Authority

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council Receive the Investment Report as at 29th February 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-05

Moved: Cr Gail Trenfield

Seconded: Tamisha Hodder

That Council Receive the Investment Report as at 29th February 2024.

CARRIED: 6/0

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Monthly Investment Register

Compliance

For the Period Ended: **FEBRUARY 2024**
Date of Compilation: **13/03/2024**

The Investments outlined below have been undertaken in accordance with Council Policy

Deposit Ref	Deposit Date	Institution	Term (Days)	Maturity Date	Invested Rate	Expected Interest	UP TO 31	32 - 60	61 - 90	91 - 120	121 +	Total
Municipal												
24-831-4222	1/07/2023	National Bank	365	30/06/2024	1.30%	689					53,025	53,025
						689	0	0	0	0	53,025	53,025
Reserve												
4520121	29/09/2023	Bendigo Bank	180	27/03/2024	4.80%	4,220					178,259	178,259
4520122	31/08/2023	Bendigo Bank	180	27/02/2024	4.80%	11,764					496,990	496,990
4520120	31/08/2023	Bendigo Bank	180	27/02/2024	4.80%	28,292					1,195,205	1,195,205
4520119	31/08/2023	Bendigo Bank	180	27/02/2024	4.80%	8,088					341,661	341,661
	1/07/2023	Bendigo Bank	365	30/06/2024	4.80%	48,000					1,000,000	1,000,000
						100,363	0	0	0	0	3,212,115	3,212,115
		Total Funds Invested				101,053	0	0	0	0	3,265,140	3,265,140
Other Bank Accounts												
Municipal		Institute				Balance						
50-832-4540		National Bank				712,090.47						
171336274		Bendigo Bank				3,564,254.01						
171336282		Bendigo Bank				25,485.40						
		Total				4,301,829.88						

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13.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	13 March 2024
Reporting Officer:	Charles Brown
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Statement of Financial Activity Detailed Schedules Variances at Sub Program Level

SUMMARY

The Statement of Financial Activity report for the month ended 29 February 2024 is presented to council in accordance with *Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) regulations 1996*.

COMMENT

Income and Expenditure Variance

Variances are based on the way the Budget has been profiled and for this financial year I have allocated the budget over the full year and not as it may be spent of the income received. This means that variances for this financial year and not 100% Correct.

Further explanation of Variances at Sub Program Level can be seen in the attached and the detailed look at individual COA or Job numbers can also be seen.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 - Regulation 34

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adoption of the Statements of Financial Activity is retrospective. Accordingly, the financial implications associated with adopting this are nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Activity report is presented monthly and provides a retrospective picture of the activities at the shire. Contained within the report is information pertaining to the financial cost and delivery of strategic initiatives and key projects.

To mitigate the risk of budget over-runs or non-delivery of projects, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has implemented internal controls measures such as regular Council and Management reporting and a quarterly process to monitor financial performance against budget estimates.

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Materiality reporting thresholds have been established by council of \$10,000.00 for budget operating and capital items to alert management prior to there being irreversible impacts.

It should be noted that there is an inherent level of risk of misrepresentation of the financials through either human error or potential fraud.

The establishment of control measures through a series of efficient systems, policies and procedures, which fall under the control of the CEO as laid out in the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5*, seek to mitigate the possibility of this occurring.

These controls are set in place to provide daily, weekly and monthly check to ensure that the integrity of the data provided is reasonably assured.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 29 February 2024 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-06

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 29 February 2024 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

CARRIED: 6/0

ATTENDANCE: 11.44am Cr Angus Nichols left the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: 11.45am Cr Angus Nichols returned to the meeting.

14 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

14.1 General Report

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	11/03/2024
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council consider the Chief Executive Officers general operation report.

COMMENT

Welcome to two new Councillors

Extraordinary elections were held on the 8th March 2024 and Mr Angus Nichols and Mr Kieran Payne were elected. They will be sworn into their positions just prior to the Ordinary March Meeting.

Civic Legal Training

Anthony Quahe from Civic Legal will be providing training on gifts, declarations, defamation and a number of other topics important to Councillors. This will take place at the Yalgoo Admin Office on Tuesday the 16th April 2024.

Jokers Tunnel

Administration is engaging a legal service to manage the mining objection over Jokers tunnel.

Public Health Plan

Under the Public Health Act 2016 a number of changes have been implemented. Phase 5A will come into effect in June 2024 and in 2025 the Shire will need to have developed a local public health plan that is consistent with a State plan. Quotes are currently being sourced to undertake this work in a current or future budget.

AGRN962 and AGRN 1021

The tender for this works will be advertised on the weekend. Correspondence has recently been received from the Minister for Emergency Services the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC providing that 20-30% of the Working Capital will be provided. 75% of claims will be paid following an initial assessment of eligibility with the remainder paid upon a complete check. This should improve potential cash flow issues.

Yalgoo Races

Initial discussions have been made with a project manager who should have all the associations documents by the end of the month.

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Burnerbinmah – Nalbarra Road

Council have previously supported the closure of this road and its incorporation into the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions State Park. The road closure has not yet been progressed and the Shire has been in discussion with DBCA about the necessity to hand the road over.

Regional Road Group

The next meeting of the Regional Road Group will be held in Geraldton on Monday the 25th March 2024.

Cue Parliament – WALGA Zone Meeting

The next meeting of Cue Parliament is Friday the 19th April 2024. The Shire of Yalgoo will be presenting items on Rail Safety, Prospecting Safety, GROH operation and housing and WACHS attendance.

Wajarri Yamaji Conservation Estate ILUA

On the 22nd December 2023 an application for registration of the above agreement was lodged with the Native Title Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal. Mapping for this indigenous Land Use Agreement describes Dalgaranga Station, WALGA Rock in Cue and areas in the Upper Gascoyne.

External CEO Movements March

7th Met with the Project Officer for the Murchison GeoRegion

8th Attended the count and declaration of the Extraordinary Election

11th Murchison Mining Whitepaper Presentation by Regional Development Australia

11th Murchison Executive Group

12th Regional Road Group Murchison Sub Group

13th Wardens Court – Jokers Tunnel

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officers General Report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-07

Moved: Cr Gail Trenfield Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer General Report.

CARRIED: 6/0

ATTENDANCE: 11.44am David Rocke left the meeting.

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14.2 Office Closure Easter

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	12/03/2024
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council consider closure of the Yalgoo Office on Tuesday the 2nd April 2024.

COMMENT

The Works Crew and Administration have determined to take a Local Government Holiday on Tuesday the 2nd April 2024 as per the conditions of their Enterprise Agreement.

The Chief Executive Officer is seeking annual leave for this day which would result in the office being unattended.

Local advertising will be required should the office be closed.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 and authorize the closure of the Yalgoo Administration Office for the day.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-08

Moved: Cr Angus Nichols Seconded: Cr Gail Trenfield

That Council approve annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 and authorize the closure of the Yalgoo Administration Office for the day.

CARRIED: 6/0

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14.3 Compliance Audit Return

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	13/03/2024
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Compliance Audit Return

SUMMARY

That Council consider the recommendation of the Yalgoo Shire Audit Committee.

COMMENT

Regulation 14 and 15 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 requires the Shire of Yalgoo to carry out an Annual Compliance Audit for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st of December 2023. The Compliance Return for 2023 has been completed online on the Department of Local Government Sport and Culture Industries website and is attached for consideration after being presented to the Audit Committee.

The Compliance Return is to be adopted by Council and certified by the President and the Chief Executive Officer and, along with a copy of the relevant section of the Minutes, be forwarded to the Director General by the 31st March 2024.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

14. Compliance audits by local governments

- (1) A local government is to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.
- (2) After carrying out a compliance audit the local government is to prepare a compliance audit return in a form approved by the Minister.
- (3A) The local government's audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.
- (3) After the audit committee has reported to the council under subregulation (3A), the compliance audit return is to be — (a) presented to the council at a meeting of the council; and (b) adopted by the council; and (c) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted.

15. Certified copy of compliance audit return and other documents to be given to Departmental CEO

- (1) After the compliance audit return has been presented to the council in accordance with regulation 14(3) a certified copy of the return together with — (a) a copy of the relevant section of the minutes referred to in regulation 14(3)(c); and (b) any additional information explaining or qualifying the compliance audit, is to be submitted to the Departmental CEO by 31 March next following the period to which the return relates.

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(2) In this regulation — certified in relation to a compliance audit return means signed by — (a) the mayor or president; and (b) the CEO.

Audit Committee meeting held prior to the Council Meeting: That the Audit Committee recommends the Compliance Audit Return to Council for adoption and signing by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer.

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledges the recommendation of the Audit Committee and adopts the 2023 Compliance Audit Return.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-09

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council acknowledges the recommendation of the Audit Committee and adopts the 2023 Compliance Audit Return.

CARRIED: 6/0

ATTENDANCE: *11.56am David Rocke returned to the meeting.*

ATTENDANCE: *11.56am Charles Brown left the meeting.*

ATTENDANCE: *11.59am Charles Brown returned to the meeting.*

ATTENDANCE: *11.57am David Rocke left the meeting.*

ATTENDANCE: *11.58am Gail Pilmoor left the meeting*

ATTENDANCE: *11.59am David Rocke returned to the meeting.*

ATTENDANCE: *11.59am Gail Pilmoor returned to the meeting.*

14.4 Yalgoo Cemetery Road

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	14/03/2024
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council consider sealing from the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Highway through to the entrance of the Yalgoo Cemetery.

COMMENT

The Shire will shortly be mobilizing a sealing crew for work on Yalgoo-Ningham Road. It is proposed that the 300m section between the Cemetery and Highway be sealed.

The funds for this will be taken from Rural Road Maintenance and in the event that it exceeds \$5000 it will be capitalized.

Spending is estimated at approximately \$5000 and authorization in advance is requested which will be reallocated in a last quarter budget review.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

6.8. Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget

(1) A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure — (a) is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government; or (b) is authorised in advance by resolution*; or (c) is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency.

(1a) In subsection (1) — additional purpose means a purpose for which no expenditure estimate is included in the local government’s annual budget.

(2) Where expenditure has been incurred by a local government — (a) pursuant to subsection (1)(a), it is to be included in the annual budget for that financial year; and (b) pursuant to subsection (1)(c), it is to be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the council.

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

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VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize in advance sealing work on the Yalgoo Cemetery Road up to \$7000.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-10

Moved: Cr Gail Trenfield

Seconded: Cr Kieran Payne

That Council authorize in advance sealing work on the Yalgoo Cemetery Road up to \$7000.

Moved: 6/0

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Cr Gail Trenfield & Cr Tamisha Hodder declared a financial interest for item 14.5 and left the meeting.

Cr Kieran Payne declared a proximity interest for item 14.5 and remained at the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: 12.04am Cr Gail Trenfield left the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: 12.04am Tamisha Hodder left the meeting.

14.5 Donation Request – Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/11/2023
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council give consideration of a donation to the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship.

COMMENT

Originally presented in November 2023 – Lapsed due to quorum (declarations of interest).

The Shire of Yalgoo has been presented with a request from the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship that is supported by the Yalgoo Primary School.

Rev Geoff Schie represents the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship a faith-based organisation that is dedicated to visiting remote areas by aviation, and who assist the Yalgoo Primary School. In 2018, 2021 & 2022 the Shire provided donations to help meet ongoing costs of flying to the region to assist in teaching.

The School and Community appear very receptive of Geoff and his program with assistance in the area religion and music. This is noticeable during the end of year concert as well as the fellowships assistance throughout the school year.

It should be noted that the school is responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure religious education is non-denominational and aligns with the Australian Curriculum.

The requested donation of \$4000 is currently manageable and within the Budget for Members Donations.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.56

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

Policy 7.7 Donation and Sponsorship states the following:

1. As a general practice, Council will restrict making donations of cash, materials and/or works to organisations which benefit the local community.
2. Sponsorship of individuals will not be considered, unless it is determined by Council that –
 - The person is representing the Shire as a community,

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- Is acting for the Shire's benefit to some extent, and
- Is authorised by a non-profit and non-government organisation which benefits the community.

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Policy Schedule 7.7 (b) – Criteria for Assessment of Requests

Applicants should note that donations will be made at the absolute discretion of Council and that Council may use the following criteria when addressing applications.

Donation requests will not be considered where;

- The applicant is a private and for-profit organisation or association
- The applicant is an individual person
- The applicant is in relation to general fundraising

Priority will be given where;

- The applicant is a registered not for profit organisation and has a base or visible presence in the Shire of Yalgoo.
- The applicant is a community group based in the Shire of Yalgoo or has visible presence within the Shire of Yalgoo or has a significant impact on residents of the Shire of Yalgoo.
- The applicant can demonstrate that the funds will provide some benefit to the Shire of Yalgoo residents.
- The funds are required for a new initiative or significant once off project.
- The applicant has not received a donation from Council within the previous two years.
- If the donation is for an event, entry to the event is free of charge to Shire of Yalgoo residents to attend and participate.
- The application is made in the financial year prior to the funds being required in time for inclusion in the coming year's budget deliberations.

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the donation of \$4000 to the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship in 2023/24 for its support of education at the Yalgoo Primary School.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 2024-03-11

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Angus Nichols

That Council approve the donation of \$4000 to the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship in 2023/24 for its support of education at the Yalgoo primary School.

LOST:1/3

Voted against by Cr Nichols, Cr Willock and Cr Payne

Council feels that support can come from other avenues for this particular project.

ATTENDANCE: 12.09am Cr Tamisha Hodder returned to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: 12.19am Cr Gail Trenfield returned to the meeting.

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14.6 Rates Write Off

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/03/2024
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council consider writing off minor rates amounts.

COMMENT

As we draw to the close of the 2024 financial year there is approximately \$40,000 of debt where no attempt has been made to make payment or enter a payment arrangement. 25 assessments will shortly be referred for legal action or solicitor demands. The following amounts are not considered cost effective for debt collection and have existed in the rates system for some time. All relate to tenement deaths. The total amount of rates debt requested to be written off is \$1816.92. All tenements have been dead for more than 2 years.

A2172	127.63
A1981	215.66
A2087	237.94
A1989	405.91
A1990	231.11
A2037	192.62
A2047	406.05

Historically, some properties were not clearly indicated as being Shire owned, State owned or private residences. The following is a deceased estate with a Shire Property. Administration is once again trying to engage Lawyers for a complete/correct change of title.

To help tidy up the rates system it is therefore requested that all current amounts be written off A521 and it be set to non rateable. Currently \$1166.64 for Lot 14 Weekes Street, Yalgoo.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

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VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council write off the following rate amounts:

A2172	127.63
A1981	215.66
A2087	237.94
A1989	405.91
A1990	231.11
A2037	192.62
A2047	406.05
A521	1166.64

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-12

Moved: Cr Stanley Willock Seconded: Cr Angus Nichols

That Council write off the following rate amounts:

A2172 - 127.63
A1981 - 215.66
A2087 - 237.94
A1989 - 405.91
A1990 - 231.11
A2037 - 192.62
A2047 - 406.05
A521 - 1166.64

CARRIED: 6/0

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14.7 Regional Road Group and WALGA Zone Submission

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	16/03/2024
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY

That Council support a submission to the Mid West Regional Road Group and Murchison Country Zone of WALGA which calls for more Local Government involvement in the setting of speed limits within their jurisdictions.

COMMENT

Like the ongoing push to reduce the speed limit on Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road the Shire of Coorow and the Leeman community are committed to reducing the speed limit along Indian Ocean Drive. With the support of State Members the community is seeking to have the speed limit through Leeman reduced.

Leeman is in a similar situation to other country towns that are slightly offset or run perpendicular to a highway. In towns that were historically built up along a highway, during the time of horse and cart, Main Roads WA justify this in policy as being built up enough to warrant a lower speed limit.

As MRWA are not involved in the development of communities there is no mechanism which is not reactionary. This is particularly important for a town that would like to develop more along the highway but it is unsafe and impractical to do so while there is a significant amount of fast heavy traffic. A lack of slip lanes also contributes to these concerns and can make it difficult to move from one side of town to the other in a vehicle or as a pedestrian at certain times of the day. Local community amenity should be considered alongside other key assessment factors such as sight distances, safety and travel time.

Through trials in the South West Local Governments are becoming increasingly involved in the setting of speed limits. A submission is proposed to the Regional Road Group and WALGA Zone which calls for a larger impetus being placed on local amenity so that there is no real or perceived situation of a town being cut in half by a highway.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports a submission to the Mid West Regional Road Group and Murchison Country Zone of WALGA which calls for more Local Government consultation and involvement in the setting of highway speed limits in rural towns.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 2024-03-13

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Angus Nichols

That Council supports a submission to the Mid West Regional Road Group and Murchison Country Zone of WALGA which calls for more Local Government consultation and involvement in the setting of highway speed limits in rural towns.

CARRIED: 6/0

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15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

NIL

16 URGENT BUSINESS

Circulated to Council with no decision - WALGA Discussion Paper –
Standardised Meeting Procedures

Cr Stanley Willock has requested a leave of absence on 26th April 2024

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 2024-03-14

Moved: Tamisha Hodder

Second: Gail Trenfield

That Council approve a leave of absence for Cr Stanley Willock for the remainder of the Ordinary Council Meeting 26th April 2024.

CARRIED: 6/0

17 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC NIL

18 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is due to be held in the Council Chambers, Gibbons Street Yalgoo on Friday 26th April 2024 commencing at 10.00am.

19 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President declared the Ordinary Council Meeting closed at 12.21pm.