



SHIRE OF SANDSTONE
S E R V E T H E P E O P L E

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 26 July 2023

Commenced at 1.00PM

Held in the Council Chambers, Hack St Sandstone

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WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2023
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MINUTES and STAFF REPORTS

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SANDSTONE ON Wednesday 26 July 2023

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY VISITORS

The Presiding Member, Cr Bethel Walton (Shire President) declared the Meeting open at 1.00pm.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER AND/OR COUNCILLORS

Without discussion unless otherwise determined.

Nil

3 ATTENDANCES

3.1 Present

Elected Members

Cr B (Bethel) Walton	Shire President (and Presiding member of this Meeting)
Cr C (Carol) Hodshon	
Cr D (David) Lefroy	
Cr V (Vickie) McQuie	

Staff Members

Mr Charlie Brown	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Selina Sergeant	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Visitors

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Cr J (James) Allison

3.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

4 RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Declarations of Financial Interest

Nil

6.2 Declarations of Proximity Interest

Nil

6.3 Declarations of Indirect Financial Interest

Nil

6.4 Declarations of Impartiality Interest

Nil

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8 CONFIRMATIONS OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.1 Ordinary meeting of Council held on the 22 June 2023

51/23

Officer Recommendation

Council Resolution No. 51/23

MOVED: Cr. McQuie

SECONDED: Cr. Lefroy

That Council adopts:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate records of proceedings.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

9 PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Petitions

Nil

9.2 Presentations

Nil

9.3 Deputations

Nil

9.4 Delegates/Councillor's Reports

Nil

10 OFFICERS REPORTS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

10.1.1 Status Report Update – June 2023

52/23

Agenda Reference:	CEO 07/23 - 01
Name of Applicant:	Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date of Report:	18 th July 2023
Previous References:	Various
Author:	Charlie Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the status of its decisions from previous Council meetings.

Attachments

Nil

Background

It is important that Council receives an update on the outcome of its resolutions on a regular basis.

Comment

Document has been updated to include Progress made on Council decisions.

Status Update July 2023

Resolution No 31/17

Item No 10.1.7

Action That the plaque recognizing George Dent at Hacks Mine is reinstated and his family is offered the opportunity for a plaque to be placed in the new heritage park.

Responses/ Updates

03/05/2017 Letter sent to the family of George Dent advising Council decision.

19/03/2018 Ceramic photo of George Dent received from family for inclusion on plaque at Heritage Park.

07/10/2020 Article in Midwest Times re lack of recognition of George Dent
Busy Bee to be arranged.

Wall in Memorial Park Constructed. Information to be displayed on Wall to be determined.

Need to Determine the Setout of Plaques to be attached to the Wall in Memorial Park. Policy to be created so all plaques are the same.

Currently looking at what other council may have.

Resolution No 90/21

Item No 10.1.3

Action Sale of Vacant land

That Council advertise the following lots for sale;

Lot 410 Thaduna Street on Deposited Plan 188026 Volume 2734 Folio 319 **Finalised.**

Lot 411 Thaduna Street on Deposited Plan 188026 Volume 2734 Folio 320 **Finalised.**

Lot 413 Thaduna Street on Deposited Plan 188026 Volume 2734 Folio 321

And accept the offer from Sally Steiner of \$11,000 including GST on lot 257 Thaduna street Subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 3.58 (3) (a) Submissions and (b) being met and there being no submissions lodged that Council has an issue/concern with.

Responses/ Updates

29/11/2021 Advert for Sale of Vacant block & sale under section 3.58 (3) compiled.

25/01/2022 Groom Settlements preparing transfer Lot 257

March 2022 Transfer Finalised on lot 257

28/04/2022 Accept the offer of \$11,000 for lot 410 Thaduna Street, including GST subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 3.58 (3) (a) Submissions and (b) being met and there being no submissions lodged that Council has an issue/concern with.

01/05/2022 Advertise for Sale of vacant lot under section 3.58 (3)
Settlement agent appointed.

12/09/2022 Property Settled

Resolution No 91/21

Item No 10.1.5

Action Reserves Change of Purpose

That Council

1. advise the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, that they have no objection to the proposed change of purpose.
2. request that all "Commons" within the Shire, except for the Sandstone Town Common, be relinquished and amalgamated into the adjoining pastoral stations.

Reserve Number	Original Gaz	Original 1	Reserve Class	Reserve Area
9959	3448	24/11/1905	C	15535.8820000000
10022	133	26/01/1906	C	6581.5152000000
14645	4504	4/12/1914	C	1926.3037000000
17984	662	13/04/1922	C	1957.6643000000
17011	1174	16/08/1918	C	5034.3713000000

Responses/ Updates

29/11/2021 Letter to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage advising Council resolution as above.

31/03/2023 Sought comments again regarding item two

13/06/2023 CEO hopes to discuss this Matter in Person with Dept of Lands.

15/07/2023 Followed up this email.

15/07/2023 Made enquiries regarding excising part of Reserve 11714 for Industrial/commercial purposes, or having the reserve amended to include PTL

Resolution No 55/22

Item No 10.1.5

Action Excision of Part of reserve no 11714

Resolve to support in principle the excision of a portion of reserve 11714 referenced as site 2 on the relevant plans submitted to Council subject to the proponents being advised that:

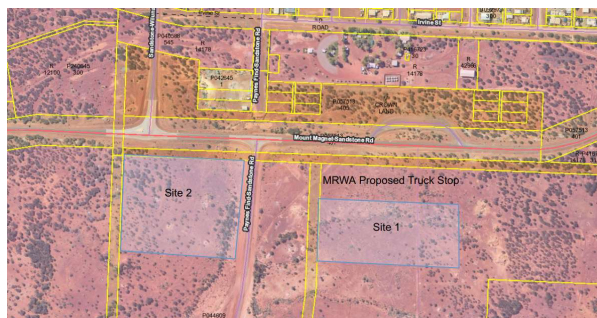
- A. Formal support for excision of the reserve will not be provided by Council until such time as a planning application has been considered as appropriate having regard for relevant issues associated with a formal proposal with detailed plans having regard for the comments of the community and relevant government agencies.
- B. The proponent is advised to undertake further investigations with respect to issues such as Main Roads comments, Department of Mines and Petroleum, Mining Tenement Holder, the

fact that the site contains some disused mine shafts (geotechnical matters) and consultation with other agencies prior to preparation and lodgement of an application for development approval.

- C. In applying for development approval, the proponent will need to seek the authority from the appropriate government agency charged with the management of the Crown land in question to sign the application form.

And;

- A. Instruct the CEO to write to the proponent advising of the above and also the relevant government agency responsible for the Crown land.



The applicant has advised that they have receive an objection to the proposed site 2 and have gone back to site 1.

MRD recently advised that they have resubmitted funding proposal for the truck stop but have no objections to site 1 providing there is a 100-meter setback from the road.

Horizon Power advised that council support application for portion of Airport reserve, under the same terms and conditions as previous application.

29/05/2023 Advised of councils OCM Resolution May 2023

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation
Council Resolution No. 52/23

MOVED: Cr. McQuie

SECONDED: Cr. Hodshon

That Council accepts the Status Update for the month of June 2023.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Agenda Reference:	CEO 07/23 – 02
Location/Address:	None
Name of Applicant:	None
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Date of Report:	18 th July 2023
Author:	Charlie Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

To report on actions performed under delegated authority for the month of June 2023.

Attachments

Nil

Background

To increase transparency this report has been prepared for Council and includes all actions performed under delegated authority.

Comment

The following table outlining the actions performed within the organisation, relative to delegated authority for the month of April 2023, is submitted to Council for information.

Date	Delegation Ref		Person or Classes affected
02/06/2023	FI - D11	Payment Procedure Municipal Fund	CREDITORS 01/06/23
06/06/2023	FI - D11	Payment Procedure Municipal Fund	PAY PPE 06/06/2023
07/06/2023	FI - D11	Payment Procedure Municipal Fund	CREDITORS 02/06/23
19/06/2023	FI - D11	Payment Procedure Municipal Fund	CREDITORS 16/06/23
20/06/2023	FI - D11	Payment Procedure Municipal Fund	CREDITORS 20/06/23
20/06/2023	FI - D11	Payment Procedure Municipal Fund	PAY PPE 20/06/2023

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 Section 9.49A

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation

Resolution No. 53/23

MOVED: Cr. McQuie

SECONDED: Cr. Lefroy

That Council, in accordance with section 5.46 of the *Local Government Act*, accept the report outlining the actions performed under delegated authority for the month of June 2023.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Agenda Reference:	CEO 07/23 – 03
Location/Address:	None
Name of Applicant:	None
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Date of Report:	15 th July 2023
Author:	Charlie Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

That Council consider the proposal from the Murchison Regional Vermin Control Council to transition to a Regional Subsidiary

Attachments

10.1.3 (A) Proposed Model Regional Subsidiary.

10.1.3 (B) Proposed Regional Business Plan.

Background

The Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC) has been exploring alternative governance structures to simplify their operations. The MRVC currently operates as a Regional Council which binds them under the *Local Government Act 1995* and imposes the same regulation and financial reporting obligations on them as a local government.

Over the last couple of years, the MRVC have looked at different governance structures. One option to merge with the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association and be governed under the *Associations Incorporations Act 2015*. The second option is to become a Regional Subsidiary under the *Local Government Act 1995* and be governed by the *Local Government (Regional Subsidiaries) Regulations 2017*.

Comment

The MRVC has provided for consideration the attached Business Plan and Regional Subsidiary Charter as a potential future governance model of the MRVC.

At their ordinary meeting on the 14th June 2023 the MRVC unanimously resolved the following:

“That Council determines to progress the transition to a Regional Subsidiary and authorise the CEO to Forward the Business Plan considered at the December 2022 Ordinary Meeting and the attached draft Charter to member councils for consideration in accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government (Regional Subsidiaries) Regulations 2017”

The charter was prepared by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) with changes by the MRVC.

The proposed business plan is required to be made available to the public for comment and consultation with the community is required prior to applying to the Minister to form the Regional Subsidiary.

Consultation

Councillors. Geoff Brooks CEO MRVC.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

3.69. Regional subsidiaries

- (1) Two or more local governments making arrangements under which they are to provide a service or carry on an activity jointly may, with the Minister's approval and in accordance with the regulations, form a subsidiary body (called a **regional subsidiary**) to provide that service or carry on that activity.
- (2) If the Minister approves the formation of a regional subsidiary, the Minister must, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare that the regional subsidiary is established —
 - (a) on the date set out in the notice; and
 - (b) under the name set out in the notice.
- (3) A regional subsidiary —
 - (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
 - (b) is to have a governing body consisting of members appointed in accordance with the regional subsidiary's charter (as approved by the Minister in accordance with section 3.70(3)).
- (4) Without limiting subsection (3)(b), a governing body may consist of or include members who are not council members or employees.

[Section 3.69 inserted: No. 26 of 2016 s. 9.]

3.70. Regional subsidiaries to have charter

- (1) Local governments proposing to form a regional subsidiary must prepare a charter addressing the following matters —
 - (a) the establishment and powers and duties of the regional subsidiary;
 - (b) the process for selecting and appointing members of the regional subsidiary's governing body;
 - (c) the qualifications that members of the regional subsidiary's governing body must have;
 - (d) the administration of the regional subsidiary, including the membership and procedures of its governing body, and the fees, allowances and expenses to be paid or reimbursed to the members of its governing body;
 - (e) the financial management, planning, auditing and reporting to be undertaken by the regional subsidiary;
 - (f) the process for amending the charter;

- (g) the winding up of the regional subsidiary;
 - (h) any other matters required by the regulations to be dealt with in a charter.
- (2) The local governments must forward the charter to the Minister when applying for approval for the formation of the regional subsidiary.
- (3) A charter, and an amendment to a charter, are of no effect unless approved by the Minister.

[Section 3.70 inserted: No. 26 of 2016 s. 9.]

3.70A. Audit requirements for regional subsidiaries

- (1) Section 7.1 and the provisions of Part 7 Divisions 3A to 4 apply in relation to a regional subsidiary as if the regional subsidiary were a local government.
- (2) The application of a provision under subsection (1) is subject to any prescribed or necessary modifications to the provision provided for in the regulations.

[Section 3.70A inserted: No. 5 of 2017 s. 6.]

3.71. Regulations about regional subsidiaries

Regulations may —

- (a) regulate the procedure for applying to the Minister for approval for the formation of a regional subsidiary; and
- (b) require the local governments proposing to form a regional subsidiary to consult with the community in their districts in accordance with the regulations; and
- (c) provide that a specified provision of this Act applies in relation to a regional subsidiary subject to any prescribed or necessary modifications; and
- (d) provide for or regulate any other matter that is necessary or convenient to be provided for or regulated in respect of a regional subsidiary.

[Section 3.71 inserted: No. 26 of 2016 s. 9.]

3.72. Other provisions and arrangements not affected

- (1) Section 3.69 has effect in addition to the provisions of this Division relating to regional local governments and does not derogate from those provisions.
- (2) Nothing in section 3.69 prevents local governments from making arrangements under which —
- (a) a local government provides a service or carries on an activity for another local government; or
 - (b) local governments provide a service or carry on an activity jointly without forming a regional subsidiary.

As mentioned, the review of Council Policies is enacted under Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act, 1995*

Policy Implications

Updated Policy and a New Policy.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation

Council Resolution No. 54/23

MOVED: Cr. McQuie

SECONDED: Cr. Lefroy

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide local public notice of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council proposal to become a Regional Subsidiary and make available its associated business plan.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Agenda Reference:	F 07/23 – 01
Location:	Shire of Sandstone
Applicant:	Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date of Report:	18 th July 2023
Author:	Selina Sergeant, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The Statement of Financial Activity report for the month ending 30th June 2023 is presented to Council in accordance with *Regulations 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Attachments

- 10.2.1 (1) Financial Statements
- 10.2.1 (2) Detailed Statements
- 10.2.1 (3) Variance at Sub Program Level
- 10.2.1 (4) Capital Expenditure Summary
- 10.2.1 (5) Investment Register

Comments

Total Income reports a 60.67% variance on anticipated budget expectations. This being due to the Financial Assistance grant for 23/24 being paid in full in 22/23. Had this not been paid the variance would have been 3.65%

Total Expenditure shows a 6.77% variance.

Further explanations of variances at sub program level can be seen in attachment 10.2.1 (3) and a detailed look at individual COA or Job Numbers can be found on attachment 10.2.1 (2)

Capital Expenditure

A detailed look at capital expenditure can be found in note 8, as well as attachment 10.2.1 (4) showing levels of expenditure.

Summary of Cash on Hand – Shire of Sandstone as at 30 June 2023

Municipal Cheque Account - On-line (BWA)	3,534,571.14
Municipal Investment Account - On-line (BWA)	\$355.02
Trust Fund (Bankwest)	\$7,447.53
Trust Bank Term Deposit	\$288,087.20
Reserve Term Deposits (Bankwest)	\$5,235,387.59
Muni Term Deposit	\$177,347.95

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 - Regulations 34 (1A) and 17.

The Regulations require a Local Government to prepare each month a statement of financial activity, accompanied by relevant documents and that this information must be presented to Council at an Ordinary Meeting within 2 months after the end of the month.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

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 has implemented internal control measures such as regular Council and management reporting and a quarterly process to monitor financial performance against budget estimates. Materiality reporting thresholds have been established at half the adopted Council levels, which equate to \$10,000 for operating budget line items and \$10,000 for capital items, to alert management prior to there being irreversible impacts.

It should also 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 responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer 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 checks to ensure that the integrity of the data provided is reasonably assured.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

Council Resolution No. 55/23

MOVED: Cr. Lefroy

SECONDED: Cr. Hodshon

That in accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the Statement of Financial Activity and the Investment Report for the period ending 30 June 2023 be received, and all other statements noted.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Agenda Reference:	F 07/23 – 02
Location:	Shire of Sandstone
Applicant:	Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date of Report:	18 th July 2023
Author:	Selina Sergeant, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Senior Officer:	Charlie Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Presented for Council's information is the list of accounts paid in June 2023 from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. Payments made through the corporate credit cards as well as income from the Caravan Park and Fuel Sales are included as attachments.

Attachments

- 10.2.2 (A) List of Accounts paid via EFT
- 10.2.2 (B) List of Accounts paid via Direct Debit
- 10.2.2 (C) List of Accounts paid via Cheque
- 10.2.2 (D) Corporate Credit Card Payments
- 10.2.2 (E) Caravan Park Takings
- 10.2.2 (F) Town Fuel Sales
- 10.2.2 (G) Rates Reconciliation

Background

Council has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power under Financial Management Regulation 12 to make payments from Municipal Fund and Trust Fund.

The *Financial Management Regulations (Regulation 13 (3))* requires a schedule of payments made through the Shire's bank accounts to be presented to Council.

The lists include details for each payment made incorporating the payee's name, amount of payment, date of payment and a brief transaction description.

Comment

Invoices supporting all payments are available for inspection. Queries regarding any payment should be made through the Chief Executive Officer to the staff member who handles the financial transactions prior to this meeting.

All invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to receipt of the goods or services and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

Municipal Fund June 2023

- EFT payment numbers 9487 - 9561. \$388,344.37;
- DD Payments total of \$32,413.78 consisting of:
 - Muni DD6061 and DD6074 \$1,899.51;
 - Superannuation DD6052 and DD6059 \$30,514.27;
- Cheque payments 105578 – 105580 \$7,835.70;
- Corporate Credit Card Payment DD6082
and DD6083 \$12,500.74;
- Payroll \$137,506.46.

Trust Fund June 2023

- Cheque payments 205160 – 205161 \$1,500.00.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Financial Management (Local Government) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 12

Policy Implications

Payments have been made under Council delegation.

Financial Implications

None, funds were available to meet the expenditure.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

**Officer Recommendation
Council Resolution No. 56/23**

MOVED: Cr. Lefroy

SECONDED: Cr. McQuie

That Council adopts:

That the schedule of accounts paid during June 2023 as listed, covering Cheques, EFT's, Bank Charges, directly debited payments and wages as numbered from Councils Municipal Fund Bank and Councils Trust Fund Bank be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Agenda Reference: CEO 07/21 - 03
Location/Address: Shire of Sandstone
Name of Applicant: Shire of Sandstone
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date of Report: 12 July 2023
File No:
Previous References:
Author: Charlie Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Shire of Sandstone is to adopt its Municipal Budget for the 2023/2024 financial year by the 31st August 2023.

Attachments

- 10.2.3 (A) Statutory 2023/2024 Budget
- 10.2.3 (B) Draft Detailed Operating and Capital Budgets 2023-2024
- 10.2.3 (C) Draft Fees and Charges Schedule for 2023-2024

Background

The draft budget for 2023-2024 has been compiled based on the principles contained within the Strategic Community Plan and other supporting plans including the Shire's Corporate Business Plan.

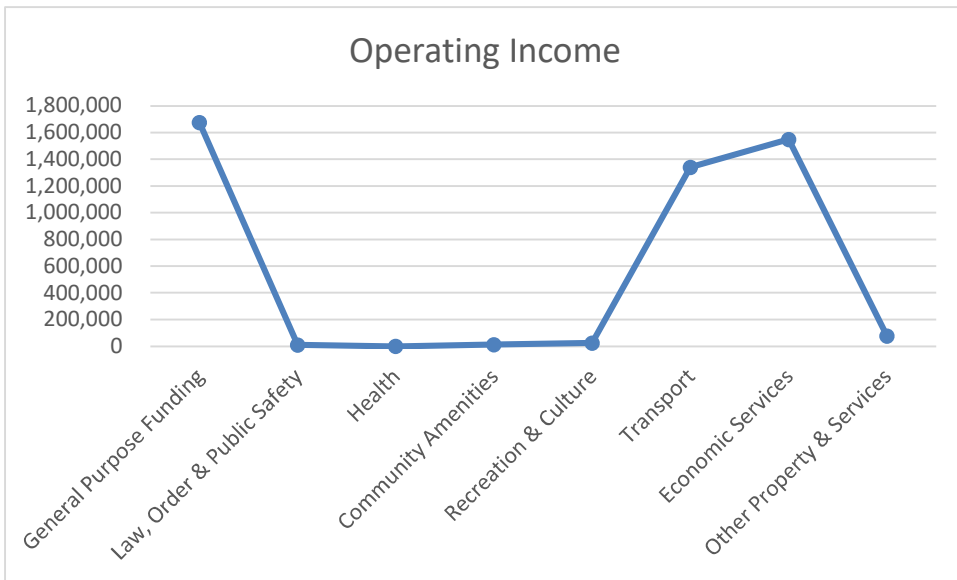
Comment

The budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and the Australian Accounting Standards.

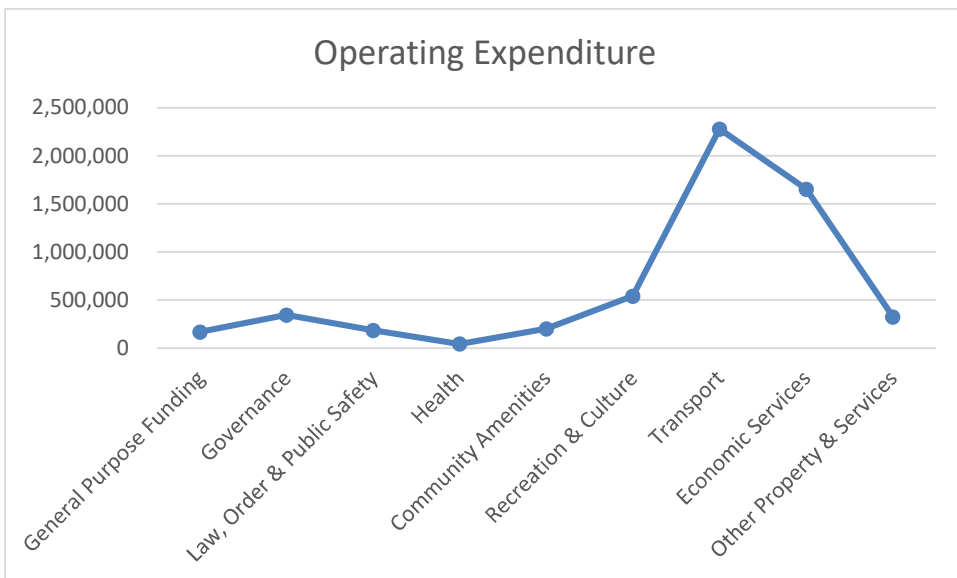
An overview of the operating and capital income and expenditure follows:

Operating Income/Expenditure

Operating income and expenditure represent the income and expenditure that is incurred on a day-to-day operational basis.



The operating income for 2023-2024 is \$2,825,763. It can be seen from the above chart that the Shire's key sources of operating income include the funds received as part of the Economic Services Program (33% or \$1,549,034), and funds received as part of the General Purpose Program (36% or \$1,677,056). This is mainly made up from rates income, as the Federal Assistance Grant was completely, bar a minor adjustment, paid out in 2022/2023 which effectively increases the carried forward balance.



The Shire's operating expenditure will be \$5,747,405. The key areas of expenditure are the Transport Program (39% or \$2,280,289), Economic Services (28% or \$1,654,322) and the Recreation and Culture Program (9% or \$542,181). The cost of the Governance Program Council support is 6% or \$343,855.

Capital Income/Expenditure

Capital Income

Capital Income totals \$1,509,251 with \$291,667 from Regional Road Group project grant and \$574,000 from Roads to Recovery grant plus \$643,584 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. The balance transfers from reserves.

Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure is expected to be \$4,306,683 including \$1,961,683 for the Transport Program (Road Works), \$1,190,000 for Plant Replacement, Construction of 1 staff resident \$400,000, On-Site Accommodation at the Caravan Park \$700,000, make up some of the other capital expenditure.

Fees and Charges

Fees and Charges for 2023/2024 are attached for review and are largely unchanged from 2022-2023. Plant rates have been updated to accommodate increased wages and operating costs.

Consultation

- Works Supervisor
- Other Staff
- Councillors

Statutory Environment

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year each local government is to prepare and adopt by absolute majority a statutory budget for the financial year ending on the following 30 June.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

As per the attached budget

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

Council Resolution No. 57/23

MOVED: Cr. McQuie

SECONDED: Cr. Lefroy

That Council:

1 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopt the 2023/2024 Budget as contained in attachment 10.2.3 for the Shire of Sandstone.

2 Pursuant to Section 6.32, 6.33, 6.34, and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, impose the following differential general and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values adopted for the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget in the Rate Setting Statement, on approval of the Minister for Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

General Rates

Gross Rental Values	Minimum	Rate in the \$
Townsite	\$200	6.9085
Transient Workers Accommodation	\$200	39.0781

Unimproved Rates

Pastoral	\$400	6.4000
Mining	\$400	28.2521

3 Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* Council Adopt an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$10 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.

4 Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an interest rate of 3.0% where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option.

5 Pursuant to Section 6.51 (1) and Section 6.51 (4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an interest rate of 7.0% and costs of proceeding to recover such charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable.

- 6 Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007*, Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Shire of Sandstone removal and/or deposit of domestic and commercial waste included in attachment 10.2.3
- 7 Pursuant to Section 6.48 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 26 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts a discount for the early payment of rates of 3.5% upon full payments received 14 days after the issue date.
- 8 Pursuant to Section 5.99 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts the Following Individual Meeting attendance Fees for payment of Elected Members in lieu of an annual fee.

	<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Committee Meetings. Others</i>
<i>Shire President</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Councillors</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Presidents Allowance</i>		<i>\$3,500.00</i>
<i>Deputy Presidents Allowance</i>		<i>\$875.00</i>

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Agenda Reference:	WS 07/23	01
Location/Address:	Shire of Sandstone	
Name of Applicant:	Shire of Sandstone	
Disclosure of Interest:	None	
Date of Report:	18 July 2023	
Previous References:	Nil	
Author:	Charlie Brown, Acting Works Supervisor	

Summary

Maintenance Grader

The maintenance Grader has completed the Meekatharra Road, Wiluna Sandstone Road and has moved to the Yeelirree Road.

Contract Grader

The Contract grader has continued the Sandstone Paynes Find Road.

Plant Workshop.

- Tyres ordered for various machines.
- Currently trying to source an auto air conditioner specialist.

Roads

- Finalising works on the Meekatharra Road.
- Works to commence on the Sandstone Paynes Find Road in the next week.
- Richard Marver has completed his review of the Meekatharra Road.

General

Richard Marver, from Contour Environmental was onsite at the Meekatharra Road to look at our current drainage issues on this road and has provide us with a report with his recommendation as to solving these.

Whilst here he also inspected the Yeelirrie Road and a section of the Cogla Downs Road.

Consultation

All Staff

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation

Council Resolution No. 58/23

MOVED: Cr. Hodshon

SECONDED: Cr. McQuie

That Council receive the Works Supervisor's Report for June/July 2023.

CARRIED (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

11 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil

14 MEETING ITEMS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

14.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Moved: Cr. McQuie

Seconded: Cr Hodshon

That this meeting be closed to members of the public and that Council move behind closed doors to consider

Carried (4-0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

15.1 Maintenance Grading Contract 01/23

15.1.1 Tender Acceptance – Maintenance Grading

59/23

Officer Recommendation

Council Resolution No. 59/23

Moved: Cr. Lefroy

Seconded: Cr. Hodshon

That Council,

1. accept the tender from Remote Area Mechanical (Jason Homewood) for tender RFT 01-23 Maintenance Grading, and
2. authorise the CEO and Shire President to sign the attached contract with Remote Area Mechanical under seal on behalf of the Shire of Sandstone.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

Moved: Cr. Hodshon

Seconded: Cr. McQuie

That Council come from behind closed doors and that this meeting be reopened to members of the general public.

Carried (4/0)

For: Cr. Hodshon, Cr McQuie, Cr Lefroy, Shire President Walton

Against: Nil

15.2 Public Reading of Resolution

16 TIME and DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th August 2023.

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Shire President closed the meeting at 1:37pm.

18 CERTIFICATIONS

I, _____, certify that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22nd June 2023, as shown, were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Meeting held on 26th July 2023.

(Presiding Member)