



**PUBLIC MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024**

**Council Chambers
Honour Avenue
Wyalkatchem**

**Commencement: 4:00pm
Closure: 4:49pm**

Preface

When the Chief Executive Officer approved these Minutes for distribution they are in essence "Unconfirmed" until the following Ordinary Meeting of Council, where the minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments.

The "Confirmed" Minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Member.

Unconfirmed Minutes

These minutes were approved for distribution on 25 January 2024.



Stephen Tindale
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Confirmed Minutes

These minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 15 February 2024.

Signed: 

Cr Garner, Shire President and Presiding Member
Shire of Wyalkatchem

Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes where confirmed is the person who signs above

DISCLAIMER

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Wyalkatchem for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decisions, which will be provided within ten days of this meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors and staff are reminded of the requirements of section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to disclose any interest or perceived interest in any matter to be discussed during a meeting, and also the requirement to disclose any item affecting impartiality.

Financial Interest:

Under section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the Local Government in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

Proximity Interest:

Under section 5.60B of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or a proposed development of land that adjoins the person's land.

Impartiality Interest:

To maintain transparency, it is important to disclose all interests, including impartiality interests which include interests arising from kinship, friendship and membership of associations. If it is possible that your vote on a matter may be perceived as impartial, you should disclose your interest.

Disclosing an Interest:

Disclosures must be made, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting at which the matter in which you have an interest is to be discussed.

If you disclose a Financial or Proximity Interest, you must leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on. Only after a decision has been reached may you return to the meeting, at which time the Presiding Person will inform you of Council's decision on the matter.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Shire President, Cr Garner, declared the meeting open at 4:00 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1. Attendance

Cr. Owen Garner	Shire President	
Cr. Christy Petchell	Deputy president	Via TEAMS (Approved)
Cr. Mischa Stratford		
Cr Christopher Loton		
Cr. Tracy Dickson		
Cr. Justin Begley		

Staff:

Stephen Tindale	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Stephanie Elvidge	Governance Executive Officer

2.2. Apologies

Rod Lawson Kerr - Absent

2.3. Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

2.4. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

Nil

3.2. Impartiality Interests

Nil

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

5. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

5.1. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

5.1.1. AGREEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	19 January 2024
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Tindale, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 5.1.1 Agreement for the Delivery of general Practitioner Services

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

1. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(01/2024) Moved: Cr Stratford

Seconded: Cr Begley

That Council close the meeting to members of the public under Sec. 5.23 of the Local Government Act 1995 as the meeting will be dealing with:

- a. a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting; and*
- b. a matter that if disclosed, would reveal —*
 - (i) information that has a commercial value to a person; or*
 - (ii) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person,*

where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government.

CARRIED 6/0

2. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(02/2024) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Loton

That the Shire of Wyalkatchem seek the assistance of Rural Health West in ensuring the continued delivery of General Practitioner services to the Shires of Wyalkatchem and Koorda.

CARRIED 6/0

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(03/2024) Moved: Cr Stratford

Seconded: Loton

That the CEO and President meet with Dr Cudjoe to explain the reasons for Council's decision to seek assistance from Rural Health West.

CARRIED 6/0

SUMMARY

At a meeting held on 19 January 2024 with the Shire President and the Acting CEO, Dr Awogun advised that he would not be seeking a renewal of the agreement for the delivery of General Practitioner services to the Shire of Wyalkatchem and Shire of Koorda. The agreement is due to expire on 1 February 2024.

Further information on Rural Health West and the services it provides can be found at the following web address ruralhealthwest.com.au

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no direct statutory implications in relation to this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At the time of writing this report, there are no direct financial implications in making initial contact with Rural Health West.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The recommendation promotes the Strategic Community Plan objectives, particularly those outlined in Goal 10 which calls on transparent, accountable and effective governance.

Goal 1 Transparent, accountable and effective governance

Goal No.	Action No.	Actions
1 A safe and healthy community	1.4	Health service meets the needs of the community

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(04/2024) Moved: Cr Begley

Seconded: Cr Loton

That Council move out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 6/0

6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no other business to attend to, Shire President Cr Garner closed the meeting at 4:49pm.