



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ORDINARY MEETING  
OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
19 December 2024**

**Council Chambers**

**Honour Avenue**

**Wyalkatchem**

**Commencement: 4:01pm**

**Closure 4:49pm**

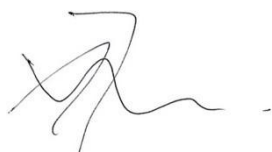
### **Preface**

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 unconfirmed minutes were approved for distribution on 20 December 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sabine Taylor  
**Chief Executive Officer**

### **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**

The President, Cr Garner declared the meeting open at 4:01pm.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**2.1. Response to Public Questions Previously Taken on Notice**

Nil

**2.2. Declaration of Public Question Time opened**

Public Question Time opened at 4:01pm.

**2.3. Declaration of Public Question Time closed**

Public Question Time closed at 4:01pm.

**3. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**3.1. Attendance**

Cr Owen Garner	President
Cr Christy Petchell	Deputy President
Cr Christopher Loton	
Cr Tracy Dickson	
Cr Mischa Stratford	
Cr Justin Begley	
Cr Rod Lawson Kerr	
Sabine Taylor	Chief Executive Officer
Claire Trenorden	Manager Corporate Services
Jennie Gorham	

**3.2. Visitors**

Nil

**3.3. Apologies**

Nil

**3.4. Approved Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3.5. Applications for Leave of Absence**

Nil

**4. OBITUARIES**

The President advised the following resident of Wyalkatchem had recently passed away:

Joan Brennan

**5. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1. Petitions**

Nil

**5.2. Deputations**

Nil

**5.3. Presentations**

Nil

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**6.1. Financial and Proximity Interest**

Nil

**6.2. Impartiality Interests**

Nil

**7. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

**7.1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**PRESIDENTS RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**(176/2024) Moved: Cr Stratford      Seconded: Cr Petchell**

**That Council suspends the meeting at 4:09pm in order to get further advice.**

***CARRIED 7/0***

Sabine Taylor exited the meeting at 4:09pm

Cr Garner exited the meeting at 4:14pm

Cr Garner and Sabine Taylor re-entered the meeting at 4:16pm

**PRESIDENTS RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**(177/2024) Moved: Cr Petchell      Seconded: Cr Lawson-Kerr**

**That Council resumes the meeting at 4:16pm.**

***CARRIED 7/0***

**7.1.1. Ordinary Meeting of Council – 21 November 2024**

Minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2024. (Attachment 7.1.1)

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(178/2024) Moved: Cr Begley      Seconded: Cr Lawson-Kerr**

***That the minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Ordinary Meeting of Council of Thursday 21 November 2024 (Attachment 7.1.1) be confirmed as a true and correct record.***

***CARRIED 7/0***

## **7.2. Receipt of Minutes**

### **7.2.1. NEWROC Executive Meeting – 15 November 2024**

Minutes of the NEWROC Executive meeting held on Friday 15 November 2024  
(Attachment 7.2.1)

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(179/2024) Moved: Cr Petchell      Seconded: Cr Dickson**

***That the minutes of the NEWROC Executive meeting held on Friday  
15 November 2024 (Attachment 7.2.1) be received by Council.***

**CARRIED 7/0**

### **7.2.2. Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 19 December 2024**

Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Thursday  
19 December 2024 (Attachment 7.2.2)

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(180/2024) Moved: Cr Lawson-Kerr   Seconded: Cr Begley**

***That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Thursday  
19 December 2024 (Attachment 7.2.2) be received by Council.***

**CARRIED 7/0**

#### **Business Arising:**

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

#### **OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

*That Audit and Risk Management Committee;*

- 1. Accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 year as provided for in the attachment.*

*That the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council;*

- 1. Accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 year.*
- 2. Holds a General Meeting of Electors on the 6 February 2025 commencing at 6pm in the Shire of Wyalkatchem Council Chambers.*

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(181/2024) Moved: Cr Begley   Seconded: Cr Loton**

**That Council,**

- 1. Accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.***
- 2. Holds a General Meeting of Electors on the 6 February 2025 commencing at 6pm in the Shire of Wyalkatchem Council Chambers.***

**CARRIED 6/1**

Voted for: Cr Garner, Cr Begley, Cr Stratford, Cr Loton, Cr Lawson-Kerr, Cr Dickson

Voted against: Cr Petchell



**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

**9. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED**

NIL

## 10.REPORTS

### 10.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 10.1.1. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – NOVEMBER 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	2 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	Parul Begum, Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.1 – Accounts for payment – November 2024

### SUMMARY

To provide the Council with a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with his delegated authority and for the Council to endorse the payments made for the prior month.

### BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, s13(1)*, requires that if a local government has delegated to the CEO 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 all payments since the last such list was prepared.

The council has delegated to the CEO (delegation number 1.2.17) the power to make payments from the municipal fund or trust fund.

### COMMENT

The August payment listing 2024 is presented to the Council for their endorsement.

Bank Account	Payment Type	Last Number	First Number in the report
Municipal	Cheque	0	0
Municipal & Trust	EFT	EFT 4138	EFT4104
Reserves	EFT	EFT	No Payments
DD	DD	DD3651.2	DD3612.1

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, S13.1*

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure in accordance with the 2024/2025 Annual Budget.

### COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

<b>Pillar 4 Civic Leadership</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome:</b> We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 11.</b> High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(182/2024) Moved:** Cr Petchell      **Seconded:** Cr Loton

*That Council endorse the Total payments for the month of November being \$123,022.82 which comprised of:*

- 1. Cheque payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$0.00*
- 2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$97,304.74;*
- 3. Direct Debit (DD) payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$25,718.08.*

***CARRIED 7/0***

### 10.1.2. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – CREDIT CARDS – OCTOBER 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	2 December
Reporting Officer:	Parul Begum, Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	File Ref: 12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.2 – Credit Cards – October 2024

#### BACKGROUND

Council governance procedures require the endorsement of credit card payments at each OMC. The attached credit card payment report has been reviewed by the Manager of Corporate Services and the CEO.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

*Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management s.6.4*

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, R34*

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy Number 2.1 – Purchasing Policy.

Policy Number 2.3 – Credit Card Policy.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Reported expenditure is assessed by management as being consistent with the FY24 -25 Annual Budget.

#### COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

<b>Pillar 4 Civic Leadership</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome:</b> We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 11.</b> High standard of governance
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#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(183/2024) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Cr Begley

*That Council endorses credit card payments for the period 28 September 2024 to 29 October 2024, totalling \$5,840.29. (refer to attachment 10.1.2).*

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 10.1.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2024

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	12 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, MCS
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	25.08
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.3 – Monthly Financial Report November 2024

#### BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 34* requires a local government to prepare a monthly financial statement that reports on actual revenue and expenditure against the annual budget prepared under regulation 22(1) (d).

Council has adopted a material variance on 10% or \$10,000 whichever is the greater.

#### COMMENT

The attached reports includes:

- Statement of Financial Activity by Program (p.3)
- Statement of Financial Activity by Nature and Type (p.4)

The statements provide details of the Shire's operations on an actual year to date basis.

These statements and Notes 1 (p.5) and 2 (p.6) are statutory requirements and must be presented to Council.

The remaining notes all relate to the Statements of Financial Activity.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

*Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management S6.4*

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, R34*

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total Cash Available as at 30 November 2024 is \$5,934,061;

- cash available is made up of unrestricted cash \$2,501,152 (42.15%) and
- restricted cash \$3,432,909 (57.85%).

Rates Debtors balance as at 30 November 2024 is \$271,595 and Rates Notices for 2024-25 were issued in August 2024. Rates collected as at end of November was \$1,276,859 - 83%.

**November 2024:** Operating Revenue – Operating revenue of \$2,151,119 is made up of Rates - 70%, Grants - 18%, Fees and Charges - 11%, Interest earnings – 1% and other – 0%.

Operating Expenses – Operating expenses of \$2,758,291 is made of Employee Costs – 24%, Materials and Contracts – 27%, Depreciation – 40%, Insurance – 7% and Utility – 2% and Other Charges – 0%.

#### **COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

<b>Pillar 4 Civic Leadership</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome:</b> We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 11.</b> High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(184/2024) Moved:** Cr Petchell

**Seconded:** Cr Lawson-Kerr

***That Council accepts the Statements of Financial Activity for the month ending 30 November 2024 (refer attachment 10.1.3).***

***CARRIED 7/0***

## **10.2. WORKS AND SERVICES**

### **10.2.1. WORKS OFFICER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2024**

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	12 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	Allister Butcher, Consultant; Jennie Gorham, & Eric Anderson, Jointly Acting Supervisors of Infrastructure and Assets.
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05.02
Attachment Reference:	Nil

### **BACKGROUND**

To inform Council of the activities of the Works and Services team during the month of November – December 2024.

### **OVERVIEW**

### **SUMMARY - ROADS / TOWN/ BUILDINGS**

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#### **Road Maintenance Program**

- Maintenance grading and repair work has been carried out on the following Roads - Wilson Road, Korrelocking North Road, Bookham Road, Davies Road, DePierres Road and Hobden Road. There was some storm damage on Diver Road this month that required the road to be cleared.
- Drainage issues caused by the tree roots in the garden beds on Railway Terrace have been addressed, by digging out the raised asphalt and replacing it allowing the water to flow efficiently.
- Several vacant blocks that are Shire owned or Crown Land have been slashed and levelled to reduce the risk of fire hazards. These include - No's 2,4,6,10,12,14,16,67 & lot 429 Flint Street, No 7 & 36 Johnston Street, lot 78 Railway Terrace, No's 10 & 14 Wilson Street.
- Culvert work was carried out on the corner of Wilson Street and Thurston Street with a large tree having to be removed as it was obstructing the drain and damaged the headwall. The headwall has also been replaced.
- Work is ongoing at the refuse site, designated areas have been set up to encourage residents to dump furniture, metal, building rubble in the allocated places.

[Refer to photographs in Attachment A](#)

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## **Capital Roadworks Program Update**

- Wyalkatchem North Road (RRG; 2023/24 carry over works)
  - Extensive investigation has been undertaken to determine the areas of deficiency that need to be resolved with the left-over funds (culvert extensions, install drains and shoulder works) that should have occurred prior to sealing. The carry over grant funds are \$67,427 for a total project cost of \$73,827.
- Wyalkatchem North Road (RRG; 2024/25 works)
  - Geotechnical investigation of the existing road pavement and sub-grade have been undertaken and completed and the proposed pavement design is to add some aggregate to the existing base course material (to improve the structural integrity of the gravel) then incorporate the aggregate in to the existing gravel by wet mixing.
  - The culverts on this section of works are predominately required to be removed and replaced to ensure the efficacy of the drainage as the pavement failures along the length of the section of works are due to poor drainage.
  - The drainage/culvert request for quote has been advertised to reputable drainage contractors. The drainage works must be completed before undertaking pavement reconstruction works to ensure the backfill around the culvert can settle and then the pavement reconstructed over the newly installed culverts for a smooth driving surface.
- Wyalkatchem-Koorda Rd (WSFN)
  - Development works to determine the extent of the proposed construction works for future years.
  - An application has been presented to WSFN for additional funds to bring the total project cost up from \$100,000 to \$147,500 (additional \$47,500). The original request was to only complete development works (survey, road design, pavement testing and pavement design) for 6km of the 25.52km of the road (\$16,667/km) but if the development works are completed on the entire length of the road the estimated cost is \$147,500 (\$5,780/km) resulting in a large saving per kilometre for the project due to economies of scale. It is proposed if successful with this application that all of the development works will be completed this financial year. The Shire is still waiting to hear back from WSFN as to whether this application is successful or not.
  - The application to WSFN has been presented to WSFN and has been approved by the WSFN Technical Committee but is still to be presented to the WSFN Steering Committee (meeting on 13 December) for consideration before it can be actioned.
- Korrelocking North Road vegetation works
  - Works have been completed on the Korrelocking North Road, the budget was \$16,550, actual amount spent was \$14,850.



- Resheeting works
    - Staff are sourcing gravel for these works (Wallambin Road, Minnivale East Road and Hammond Road). Discussions have been had with two local farmers and an agreement has been put in place.
    - It is proposed that the resheeting works will commence after the Wyalkatchem North Road works.
  - Wyalkatchem-Cunderdin Road
    - Shire staff have undertaken patching works of the worst potholes to try and make the road safe.
    - Quotes have been called for the edge break works as marked on the road as well as any other seal/surface deficiencies. Only one quote was received. Works are to be awarded to that contractor.
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## **PARKS & GARDENS - TOWN SERVICES**

- The Shire verge collection commenced the week starting 11<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> November, with numerous households, businesses and Community groups participating. We are looking at making both the verge collection and the green waste collection a part of our yearly program.
- The Wyalkatchem Airport runway was cleared of debris and the building surrounds mowed by the Shire staff for the event held by Car Expert from the 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November, making for a safe event.
- After the refurbishment of the Shires swimming pool and in preparation for the opening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the internal and external areas surrounding the pool required some maintenance after the contractor had completed the refurbishment.

[Refer to photographs in Attachment B](#)

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## **SWIMMING POOL**

Update on the pool.

The swimming pool has now been completed by Wetdeck, the quality of works has been of a very high standard and will last well into the future.

Councillors who were able to attend had a walk through on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November by Mat Mildwaters owner of Contract Aquatics, giving a very detailed summary of what had been refurbished in the upgrade.

A standout of the refurbishment is the mushroom in the toddlers pool which will give the little ones much enjoyment.

The Men's and Ladies changerooms along with the kiosk require upgrades in the way of a new roof, painting, new seating, doors fixing and drainage work . A detailed dilapidation report will be provided in due course.

The fencing out by the pumproom that was removed by the contractor in order to complete works and requires replacing. There is temporary fencing in place until such time as a new fence can be erected. There has been no money allocated for this in the 2024/2025 budget.

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## **OH&S**

In November some Shire staff attended a Mentally Healthy Workplaces presentation with Steve Taylor from Prompt Safety. A few of the topics covered included, psychosocial hazards, inappropriate behaviours, alcohol and drug use and fatigue in the workplace.

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## **VEHICLE/PLANT**

As per the last report the Iveco truck was sent to AV Trucks to have the fault light issues rectified. The warning lights continued to come up after it was collected from AV Trucks. The cost associated with this was \$2028.85 from AV Trucks. The impact this had on the Shire was not only the down time of the Iveco truck (5 days) also the time it took 2 staff to deliver and pick up the Iveco from Redcliffe (10 hours each)

The Iveco would not start when the operator tried to relocate it at the Depot, the local mechanic was asked to come down and assess the issue. This resulted in a new starter motor costing \$1779.80, the down time on the Iveco was another 5 days.

[Refer to photographs in Attachment C](#)

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## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

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

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are some financial implications in relation to this item and they are reflected in the report.

## COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

<b>Pillar 1 Economy</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome:</b> Local industry is sustained and can expand with critical and enabling infrastructure. The visitor economy diversifies our local economy and we enhance our community profile.
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 1.</b> Our transport network responds to the accessibility and connectivity needs of all
1.2	Deliver the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Program
1.3	Participate in the Regional Road Group
<b>Pillar 2 Community</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome:</b> Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 5.</b> A safe and healthy community for all ages
5.9	Upgrade facilities and equipment at the Wyalkatchem Swimming Pool

## VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(185/2024) Moved: Cr Petchell

Seconded: Cr Dickson

*That Council receives the Works Officer's report.*

**CARRIED 7/0**

Attachment – A



Korrelocking North Road before vegetation clearing.



Korrelocking North Road after vegetation clearing.





Asphalt work on Railway Terrace.

Attachment – B



The removal of the solar blankets has allowed more viewing room by the toddler's pool.





The grassed area is coming back after a trench was put in for pipework to the toddler's pool.



Car Expert event at the Airport





Christmas decorations up in the main street.

#### Attachment – C



### **10.3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **10.3.1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	12 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	Nikki Towell – Community Development Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	38.44.11
Attachment Reference:	Nil

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide the Council with an update on Community Development initiatives and events for November to December 2024.

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **CarExpert Visit and Car Show at Wyalkatchem Airport**

From November 18th to 22nd, the Car Expert team, led by founder Paul Maric, returned to Wyalkatchem for another exclusive filming session, spotlighting some of Australia's rarest exotic vehicles. The event, held at the Wyalkatchem airstrip, featured cars from the prestigious Lance East Exotics (LEE) collection, owned by a Perth billionaire. The airstrip provided the ideal setting to capture the vehicles' performance and design in stunning detail.

Car Expert's previous visit generated over 1.5 million views on their YouTube channel, and the new series promises to continue captivating a global audience of automotive enthusiasts.

The week concluded with a public car show on November 22nd, drawing a small local turnout eager to see these extraordinary cars up close.

To support the community, Car Expert donated \$10,000 to the Shire of Wyalkatchem for upgrades to the local pool, demonstrating their commitment to leaving a positive impact in the regions they visit.

Please refer to the photos in Attachment 1 - Photos of the Car Expert car show

##### **Swimming Pool Re-Opening Party**

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, the Wyalkatchem Pool celebrated its grand re-opening, attracting over 74 attendees and marking a key milestone for the community. Ideal weather and a healthy turnout highlighted the pool's importance as a social and recreational space for Wyalkatchem.

The event featured a complimentary sausage sizzle, inflatable attractions for children, and the unveiling of a new mushroom water play structure in the toddler pool.

These activities, especially the water feature, received positive feedback and enhanced the pool's appeal for families.



The successful event demonstrated strong community engagement and reaffirmed the pool's value, showcasing the impact of the recent upgrades.

Please Refer to photos in Attachment 2 – Pool Photos before the grand opening.

**Heritage Consultancy Grant – The Barracks**

On Thursday, November 28th, 2024, the Shire was awarded a Heritage Consultancy Grant to support the upgrade and creation of the documents on the Railway Barracks, a historic landmark in our town.

The Railway Barracks, built in the early 1900s to house railway workers and their families, has long been a symbol of our town’s history.

With this funding, expert consultants will be engaged to develop a comprehensive plan for restoring the Barracks, ensuring its historical significance is preserved while adapting the building for its current accommodation use.

The Heritage Consultancy Grant will enable us to engage expert consultants who specialise in heritage conservation. These professionals will help us develop a comprehensive plan for the restoration, preservation of and preservation of the Railway Barracks, also strengthening and preservation of the Railway Barracks, strengthening the Railway Barracks, and the Railway Barracks also strengthening or future applications for funding restoring and preserving the Railway Barracks. The goal is to maintain the building’s historical integrity while ensuring it can continue to serve the community.

Grant amount	\$4,244.80
Shire contribution required	\$1,061.20
<b>Total project cost</b>	<b>\$5,306.00</b>

Please refer to the photo in Attachment 3 - The Railway Barracks

**Upcoming Events**

Event	Date	Time	Place
Citizenship Ceremony	19th December 2024 - Prior to Council Meeting - Thursday	3-4pm	Shire Office - Chambers
Australia Day Breakfast	26th January 2025 - Sunday	8.30- 10.30am	CRC - The Bushel

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year for 2025.*

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## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, S13.1*

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

*There are policy implications for this item.*

2.1. Purchasing Policy

2.3. Transaction Card Policy

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

*There are budgeted financial implications concerning this item.*

## **COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

<b>Pillar 1 Economy</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome: Local industry is sustained and can expand with critical and enabling infrastructure. The visitor economy diversifies our local economy and we enhance our community profile.</b>
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 3.</b> Support entrepreneurship
<b>Pillar 2 Community</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued, and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.</b>
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>Goal 5.</b> A safe and healthy community for all ages
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>Goal 6.</b> Retain you people in Wyalkatchem

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(186/2024) Moved: Cr Dickson**

**Seconded: Cr Begley**

***That Council receives the Community Development Officer's Report.***

***CARRIED 7/0***

### Attachment 1 – Car Expert Car Show



Some of the stunning cars are ready for the car show at Wyalkatchem airport.



The Lamborghini Sián is a limited-production hyper car, with only 63 units produced globally to commemorate Lamborghini's 1963 founding year. Hence, the number on the side of the car.



**Attachment 2 – Swimming Pool Prior to opening.**



Mushroom in action.



Newly finished pool looking inviting.



**Attachment 3 – Railway Barracks**



The Railway Barracks – taken October 2024

#### **10.4. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE**

##### **10.4.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	12 December 2024
Reporting Officer:	Sabine Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

This report is prepared by the CEO to provide Council and the Wyalkatchem community, some insight into CEO and Council activities.

#### **COMMENT**

Council staff are preparing for the closure of the Administration Building (Office) which will be from noon Friday 20 December 2024 and re-opening Monday 6 January 2025 at 9.00 am.

The closure of the office will allow staff to have an extended period of leave with the inclusion of the public holidays. Traditionally the number of enquiries and transactions during this period has been low. Works staff generally take leave during this period and Senior staff will be on standby for emergencies.

This closure has been advertised on the Council webpage, social media and notice boards. These dates are aligned to those of previous years and there is no record of any inconvenience to Community.

Since the last report, the CEO has attended the following substantial meetings and events to progress community and Council's interests:

- 19 Nov 2024 Town Teams – re possible “Do Over” proposed for March 2025.
- 20 Nov 2024 Social Ventures Organisation – Community Resource Centre Program Evaluation
- 21 Nov 2024 Pre-opening tour of Swimming Pool repairs with Councillors
- 26 Nov 2024 Information session for Local Governments - Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations, 2008
- 26 Nov 2024 NEWROC Council Meeting
- 26 Nov 2024 NEWROC Waste Sub Committee Meeting
- 02 Dec 2024 Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre
- 03 Dec 2024 LGIS – Chris Gilmore
- 04 Dec 2024 Surepact – Grant Management Software
- 05 Dec 2024 Community Consultation – Housing and Accommodation
- 06 Dec 2024 National Emergency Management Agency – National Warnings Webinar
- 06 Dec 2024 Shire of Wyalkatchem Staff Christmas Party

- 11 Dec 2024 WALGA webinar -Barriers and Opportunities to being Waterwise in the Regions
- 11 Dec 2024 WALGA webinar – S80BH Naming Application
- 12 Dec 2024 NEWROC – MAGIQ ERP software presentation

#### **KEY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

#### **KEY OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

#### **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**

There are no financial implications in relation to this item.

#### **COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

The CEO's activity promotes the Strategic Community Plan objectives which underpin Pillar 4 – Civic Leadership

<b>Pillar 4 Civic Leadership</b>	<b>Statement of Strategic Outcome:</b> We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls.
<b>Goal No.</b>	<b>GOAL 11.</b> High standard of governance

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**(187/2024) Moved:** Cr Dickson                      **Seconded:** Cr Begley

***That Council accepts the Chief Executive Officer's report.***

***CARRIED 7/0***



**10.5. PLANNING AND BUILDING**

NIL

**11.MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**12.QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**13.URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

Nil

**14.MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil

**15.CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

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