

**SHIRE OF MOORA**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA**  
**19 MAY 2021**

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## 1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

### 1.1 **DECLARATION OF OPENING**

*The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.30pm and read aloud the Shire Vision & Mission statements.*

### 1.2 **DISCLAIMER READING**

*No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora 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 decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.*

## 2. **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **ATTENDANCE**

TL Lefroy	-	President
SJ Gilbert	-	Deputy President
DV Clydesdale-Gebert	-	Councillor
EI Hamilton	-	Councillor
KM Seymour	-	Councillor
JM Thomas	-	Councillor
TG Humphry	-	Councillor
PF Nixon	-	Councillor
AJ Leeson	-	Chief Executive Officer
G Robins	-	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
JL Greay	-	Manager Engineering Services
NM Beard	-	Manager Community Development & Visitor Servicing
MM Murray	-	Executive Support Officer

### **PUBLIC**

Mr Colin Gardiner (from 5.45pm)

## 3. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

## 4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

Item 4 "Public Question Time" was reintroduced after Item 11.

**5. PETITIONS / DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER**

The following Council associated engagements were attended;

**Cr Lefroy, President**

25/4 ANZAC Day ceremony  
28/4 meeting with Yued Elders  
5/5 Chamber of Commerce - IGA sundowner

**Cr Gilbert, Deputy President**

11/5 WALGA Councillor training on Asset Management, Perth

**Cr Seymour**

23/4 Avon-Midland Zone of WALGA meeting, Wongan Hills  
28/4 WALGA Finance & Services meeting, via Teams  
5/5 WALGA State Council meeting, via Teams  
19/5 WALGA Finance & Services meeting, via Teams

**Cr Nixon**

25/4 ANZAC Day ceremony

**Cr Hamilton**

5/5 Chamber of Commerce - IGA sundowner

**Cr Thomas**

22/4 Carnaby group meeting

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**8.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 21 APRIL 2021**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***39/21 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.***

**CARRIED 8/0**

## **9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **9.1 GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **9.1.1 LIST OF PAYMENTS AUTHORISED UNDER DELEGATION 1.31**

**REPORT DATE:** 13 May 2021

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**SCHEDULE PREPARED BY:** Julie Greatbatch, Creditors Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Accounts Paid Under Delegated Authority

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Payments have been made under delegated authority and a listing of these payments is attached for Council to note and endorse.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the December 2005 Ordinary Meeting of Council resolution 276/2005 delegated the authority of payments from Municipal and Trust Funds to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **COMMENT**

Accounts Paid under delegated authority are periodically presented to Council.

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Delegation 1.31 – Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.10

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 12 & 13.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

##### **➤ Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

##### **➤ Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

##### **➤ Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Payments are in accordance with the adopted budget.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>
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**40/21 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Thomas that Council notes and endorses the Payments from the Municipal and Trust Funds made under delegation 1.31**

**April 2021**

<i>Municipal Fund</i>	<i>Cheques 62484 to 62487</i>	<i>\$3,400.00</i>
	<i>EFT 25170 to 225310</i>	<i>\$490,987.01</i>
	<i>Direct Debits 13619.1 to 13685.12</i>	<i>\$51,197.15</i>
	<i>(DD13685.10) Credit Card 04/03/21 to 05/04/21</i>	<i><u>\$6,344.56</u></i>
		<i>\$551,928.72</i>
<i>Trust Fund</i>	<i>Cheques 5555 to 5556</i>	<i><u>\$231.77</u></i>
		<i>Subtotal \$552,160.49</i>
<i>Net Pays</i>	<i>PPE 13/04/21</i>	<i>\$104,733.79</i>
	<i>PPE 27/04/21</i>	<i><u>\$118,494.49</u></i>
		<i>\$223,228.28</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$775,388.77</u></b>

**CARRIED 8/0**

**9.1.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2021**

**REPORT DATE:** 13 May 2021

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Martin Whitely, LG Corporate Solutions

**ATTACHMENTS:** Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended 30 April 2021

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To note and receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 30 April 2021.

**BACKGROUND:**

Council is provided with monthly financial reports to enable monitoring of revenues and expenditures against the adopted budget.

**COMMENT:**

The Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended is provided as a separate attachment in Program format.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Clause 34

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Monitoring of actual revenues and expenditures against the adopted budget assists Council in being informed as to the financial health of the organisation.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Year to date income and expenditure is provided by program to enable comparison to 2020/21 adopted budget.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*41/21 Moved Cr Hamilton, seconded Cr Nixon that Council notes and receives the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 30 April 2021.*

**CARRIED 8/0**

**9.1.3 TEMPORARY ABLUTION FACILITIES – MOORA RECREATION GROUNDS****FILE REFERENCE:****REPORT DATE:** 13 May 2021**APPLICANT/PROPONENT:** Chief Executive Officer**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:****PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 21/4/2021 (34/21)**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to formally note the process of planning through to procurement of the temporary ablution facilities at the Moora Recreation ground as a result of the condemnation of the Moora Grandstand and Football Club changerooms.

The following resolution was moved and carried at the April 21, 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council;

1. Council approve the purchase of an interim modular shower and change facility at a delivered cost of between \$60,000 and \$70,000 (GST Inc.); and
2. Finishing and connection to services would be carried out by local suppliers.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/1

**BACKGROUND:**

Following advice regarding the degraded structural condition of the Grandstand, the Shire has taken safety precautions that closed the Grandstand to public use. This has resulted in the need to provide temporary player change rooms and ablution facilities at the Moora oval.

**COMMENT:**

The closure of the grandstand has created the need to make temporary arrangements for team change room and showering / ablution facilities. The Moora Agricultural Society building has been identified as suitable for team use. In consultation with the Society's Committee, half of the building has been made available to the Mavericks Football Club for use as club rooms until further arrangements are made. However, the building does not provide the shower and ablution facilities necessary to meet the needs of players and support staff. To address this issue, temporary shower and ablution facilities have been investigated and an order placed for the purchase of a suitable unit.

**Issues**

With the decision to close the grandstand, the Shire needed to make alternative arrangements to accommodate football and cricket team change room facilities at the Moora oval. The Sport and Recreation Committee considered several interim options, including the utilisation of existing facilities at the recreation centre, swimming pool, schools, and other facilities. After meetings with the Mavericks Football Club, the Moora Cricket Club and Agricultural Society, it was ultimately decided that a modular ablution block offered the most flexible solution.

Investigations revealed that quality used modular buildings are in high demand, were subject to condition assessments and uncertain delivery times which were subject to lease expiry and relocation. Further discussions revealed that lease costs of a facility are based on returning approximately 80%-85% of the capital cost of the building over a 2-year period. Currently, demand for second-hand units is so high there is little difference between the cost of a second-hand building and a newly constructed building.



Based on industry conditions and advice, the option to purchase a new facility, designed to meet our needs, and which could subsequently be redeployed or sold, became more compelling.

Quotations were sought from several suppliers as set out below:

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Used</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Mining Buildings	\$65,000	\$65,488.00 (GST exc)	Cost at yard / delivery 4-5 wks
Pigdon	-	\$63,250 (GST Inc)	Delivery 4-5 wks
Fleetwood *	-	\$60,000 - \$70,000 (GST Inc)	Delivery up to 10 wks
WA Modular *	-	\$60,000 - \$70,000 (GST Inc)	Delivery up to 12 wks
Aussie Modular Solutions	-	\$72,000 – \$75,000 (GST Inc)	Unable to supply
Instant Portables	\$58,000- \$68,000	\$63,000 - \$70,000	Unable to supply
All Portable Supplies	-	\$60,000 - \$70,00 (GST Inc)	Unable to supply

\* Verbal quotation and advice

At its meeting of 21 April 2021, Council authorised the purchase of a new modular shower and ablution facility at a cost of between \$60,000 and \$70,000, delivered to site. Connections to services would be carried out locally.

On 23 April 2021, Council placed an order for the supply of a new modular shower and ablution facility with Pigdon Portables, at a quoted cost of \$63,250 GST Inc. delivered to site; delivery is expected between 4-5 weeks from 23 April 2021.

The Mavericks Football Club and Moora Agricultural Society have been advised of this action.

It should be noted that while the capital outlay to purchase the new unit with connections is in the vicinity of \$70,000, Council will retain a material level of equity in the unit once the need for the temporary unit / arrangement has passed. The level of depreciation of the new unit will be materially less than what would have been the cost of hiring a used or new unit.

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no policy implications relevant to this item.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no known direct strategic implications associated with this proposal.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

##### ➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

##### ➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As outlined above.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**42/21 Moved Cr Hamilton, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that**

- 1. Council formally note the process of planning through to procurement of the temporary ablution facilities at the Moora Recreation ground as a result of the condemnation of the Moora Grandstand and Football Club changerooms;**
- 2. The order for the supply of a new modular shower and ablution facility has been placed with Pigdon Portables for an outlay of \$63,250 (GST Inc); and**
- 3. Quotations are being obtained to connect the facility to services adjacent to the Moora Agricultural Society building.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**9.1.4 2019/20 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & 2019/20 AUDIT REPORT**

**FILE REFERENCE:** F/AUDI-2

**REPORT DATE:** 13 May 2021

**APPLICANT/PROPONENT:** Shire of Moora

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Martin Whitely, LG Corporate Solutions

**ATTACHMENTS:** 2019/20 Annual Financial Statements

2019/20 Audit Report

2019/20 Final Management Letter

2019/20 Audit Action List

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

This report recommends that Council endorse the recommendations of the Audit Committee in relation to receiving the report prepared by the CEO on any actions taken in respect of any matters raised in the report of the auditor and other associated matters.

**BACKGROUND:**

On finalisation of the Shire's 2019/20 final audit, the Auditors forwarded the Annual Financial Statements along with the Audit Report and Findings Identified during the Final Audit.

The Audit Committee is required to examine the reports of the auditor after receiving a report from the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") on the matters reported and:

- Determine if any matters raised require action to be taken by the local government, and
- Ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.

The Audit Committee is also required to review a report prepared by the CEO on any actions taken in respect of any matters raised in the report of the auditor and present the report to Council for adoption.

**COMMENT:**

The Audit Committee had their exit meeting with RSM and the OAG on Wednesday 21 April 2020 and at this meeting discussed the Audit Report, Findings Identified during the Final Audit and the Audit Action List.

The Audit Committee will again be meeting on Wednesday 19 May 2021 where it has been recommended that the Audit Committee receives these reports, along with a recommendation to Council that a copy of the Audit Action List is to be forwarded to the Minister and published on the Shire's website to meet the reporting requirements of section 7.12A of the Local Government Act 1995.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

There are current policies in place that relate to some of the findings identified in the final audit.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

**Local Government Act 1995**

**7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits**

- (1) A local government is to do everything in its power to —
  - (a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor's other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and
  - (b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.
- (3) A local government must —
  - (aa) examine an audit report received by the local government; and
    - (a) determine if any matters raised by the audit report, require action to be taken by the local government; and
    - (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.
- (4) A local government must —
  - (a) prepare a report addressing any matters identified as significant by the auditor in the audit report, and stating what action the local government has taken or intends to take with respect to each of those matters; and
  - (b) give a copy of that report to the Minister within 3 months after the audit report is received by the local government.
- (5) Within 14 days after a local government gives a report to the Minister under subsection (4)(b), the CEO must publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website.

**Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996****10. Report by auditor**

- (1) An auditor's report is to be forwarded to the persons specified in section 7.9(1) within 30 days of completing the audit.
- (2) The report is to give the auditor's opinion on —
  - (a) the financial position of the local government; and
  - (b) the results of the operations of the local government.
- (3) The report is to include —
  - (a) any material matters that in the opinion of the auditor indicate significant adverse trends in the financial position or the financial management practices of the local government; and
  - (b) any matters indicating non-compliance with Part 6 of the Act, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 or applicable financial controls in any other written law; and
  - (c) details of whether information and explanations were obtained by the auditor; and
  - (d) a report on the conduct of the audit; and
  - (e) the opinion of the auditor as to whether or not the following financial ratios included in the annual financial report are supported by verifiable information and reasonable assumptions —
    - (i) the asset consumption ratio; and
    - (ii) the asset renewal funding ratio.
- (4A) In subregulation (3)(e) —

asset consumption ratio has the meaning given in the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 50(2);

asset renewal funding ratio has the meaning given in the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 50(2).
- (4) Where it is considered by the auditor to be appropriate to do so, the auditor is to prepare a management report to accompany the auditor's report and to forward a copy of the management report to the persons specified in section 7.9(1) with the auditor's report.

**16. Functions of audit committee**

An audit committee has the following functions —

- (a) to guide and assist the local government in carrying out —
  - (i) its functions under Part 6 of the Act; and
  - (ii) its functions relating to other audits and other matters related to financial management;
- (b) to guide and assist the local government in carrying out the local government's functions in relation to audits conducted under Part 7 of the Act;
- (c) to review a report given to it by the CEO under regulation 17(3) (the CEO's report) and is to —
  - (i) report to the council the results of that review; and
  - (ii) give a copy of the CEO's report to the council;

- (d) to monitor and advise the CEO when the CEO is carrying out functions in relation to a review under —
  - (i) regulation 17(1); and
  - (ii) the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);
- (e) to support the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor's other duties under the Act in respect of the local government;
- (f) to oversee the implementation of any action that the local government —
  - (i) is required to take by section 7.12A(3); and
  - (ii) has stated it has taken or intends to take in a report prepared under section 7.12A(4)(a); and
  - (iii) has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under regulation 17(1); and
  - (iv) has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);
- (g) to perform any other function conferred on the audit committee by these regulations or another written law.

#### **17. CEO to review certain systems and procedures**

- (1) The CEO is to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government's systems and procedures in relation to —
  - (a) risk management; and
  - (b) internal control; and
  - (c) legislative compliance.
- (2) The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to in subregulation (1)(a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review not less than once in every 3 financial years.
- (3) The CEO is to report to the audit committee the results of that review.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

There are potentially strategic implications resulting from implementing strategies to achieve and maintain the minimum ratio standards. These include developing and maintaining integrated planning framework plans to implement these plans.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environment**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are potential financial implications resulting from implementing the integrated planning framework plans.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority Required

At 5.45pm Colin Gardiner entered the meeting

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****43/21 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that Council**

- 1. Notes the Annual Financial Report for the period ending 30 June 2020;**
- 2. Notes the Audit Report;**
- 3. Receives the CEO's report on matters arising from the audit report;**
- 4. Receives the Final Management Letter and 2019/20 Audit Action List as tabled;**
- 5. in accordance with s7.12A of the Local Government Act 1995 a copy of the 2019/20 Audit Action List is forwarded to the Minister;**
- 6. in accordance with s7.12A of the Local Government Act 1995 a copy of the 2019/20 Audit Action List is published on the Shire's website within 14 days of forwarding the report to the Minister; and**
- 7. forwards a copy of the 2019/20 Audit Action Report to the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Communities.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0**

**9.2 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

At 5.47pm Cr Seymour declared a financial interest in item 9.2.1 as he is a Director of CBH; Cr Nixon declared a financial and proximity interest as his farm is adjacent to CBH and both left the meeting.

**9.2.1 PROPOSED PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE – PART OF FINDLATER STREET, MOORA**

**FILE REFERENCE:** S/ROCI

**REPORT DATE:** 6 May 2021

**APPLICANT/PROPONENT:** Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH)

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 29/07/2020 (9.3.1) 93/20

**AUTHOR:** John Greay, Manager Engineering Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Site map

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

The road closure in Findlater Street, Moora is in its final stages of dealing and now requires council to provide the Minister with their council resolution requesting that the identified portion of Findlater Street be formally closed.

**BACKGROUND:**

At councils meeting dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Council resolved to approve CBH's request to close a portion of Findlater Street and to advertise the decision in the West Australian newspaper for a 35-day period.

**COMMENT:**

The land area, in question, is approximately 1.26 hectares in area and is to be amalgamated into CBH's adjoining freehold Lot 8 as it is required for the proposed expansion of their out-loading facility.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Govt Act 1995- S168

Land Administration Act 1997 – part 5

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

CBH have expanded their storage capacity at the Moora site where many more segregated grains are now stored. Strategically if the out loading of grain can be more rapidly dealt with then rail cycle times will be improved, and shipping delays will be reduced.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environment**  
The awareness of the Carnaby Cockatoo habitat.
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Cost of advertising

Offices time compiling report

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***44/21 Moved Cr Humphry, seconded Cr Gilbert that Council formally request the Minister of Planning, Lands and Heritage to close the portion of Findlater Street, Moora under Section 58 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) noting that no objections were received during the 35 day advertising period.***

**CARRIED 6/0**

At 5.48pm Cr's Seymour and Nixon re-entered the meeting and the Shire President advised them of the Council resolution.

## 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING – 5 MAY 2021

#### 10.1 CYCLONE SEROJA – LORD MAYORS APPEAL

**FILE REFERENCE:** F/DONI

**REPORT DATE:** 3 May 2021

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:**

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

Seek Council approval to a donation to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund – Cyclone Seroja.

**BACKGROUND:**

Cyclone Seroja passed over parts of the Mid West and Wheatbelt Region during April 2021. Communities in a line from Kalbarri through to Dalwallinu were significantly impacted to varying degrees with passing of the cyclone over the mentioned regions.

**COMMENT:**

It was recommended that the Shire of Moora make a donation to the appeal for Cyclone Seroja. It is recommended that Council donate \$5,000 to this appeal given the aftermath and impact from this event.

<https://www.perth.wa.gov.au/LMDRF>

For Council's information, four power generators from the Shire of Moora were taken to Kalbarri and Northampton over the 14/15/16 April 2021. These generators were funded via Disaster Resilience Grant Program from the Federal Government in 2020. It was pleasing these units were available to assist with Shire of Northampton and the communities of Northampton and Kalbarri. The units were used to provide temporary power to the Northampton Shire Office, Kalbarri Medical Centre and the Northampton Shire Depot.

#### 75 KVA Generator – Northampton Shire Office – 14 April 2021





**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Section 6.8 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:****➤ Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

**➤ Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

**➤ Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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.

Council has \$15,000 in its Emergency Relief Fund Reserve. If a donation were to be approved, it is recommended it be funded from this Reserve Fund.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
(COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION)**

***45/21 Moved Cr Humphry, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert Council approve a donation of \$5,000 to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund – Cyclone Seroja 2021 Appeal on behalf of the Shire of Moora, further that the donation be funded from the Emergency Relief Reserve Fund; and the 2020/2021 budget be amended accordingly, with Management to fully cost the provision of generators to the Shire of Northampton (including mobilisation).***

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0**

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

Nil

The Presiding Member asked Mr Gardiner if he was present to ask a question. Mr Gardiner responded, yes.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**46/21 Moved Cr Clydesdale-Gebert, seconded Cr Seymour that Council suspends Standing Orders to permit Item 4. “Public Question Time” to be reintroduced at this time.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Gardiner apologised for being late and advised he was present to ask a question in relation to the W.A Government review into the WA Electoral system for the election of the Western Australian Legislative Council.

Cr Lefroy responded advising that the Shire of Moora was yet to make a submission to the review. Mr Gardiner requested that Council;

1. Make a submission to the review into the WA Electoral system for the election of the Western Australian Legislative Council strongly opposing any reduction of regional seats in the Legislative Council of W.A;
2. Request all rural/regional Council’s in W.A to make a submission to the review into WA Electoral system for the election of the Western Australian Legislative Council strongly opposing any reduction of regional seats in the Legislative Council of W.A;
3. Lobby all Legislative Council members of Parliament strongly opposing any reduction of regional seats in the Legislative Council of W.A.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**47/21 Moved Cr Hamilton, seconded Cr Humphry that Council resumes Standing Orders.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**12. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**48/21 Moved Cr Humphry, seconded Cr Gilbert that Council introduce two items of urgent business for consideration;**

- 1. Review into the WA Electoral System for the Election of the Western Australian Legislative Council; and**
- 2. ALGA 2021 – 27th National General Assembly Attendance.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**12.1 REVIEW INTO THE WA ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR THE ELECTION OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**49/21 Moved Cr Nixon, seconded Cr Hamilton that Council;**

- 1. Make a submission to the review into the WA Electoral system for the election of the Western Australian Legislative Council, strongly opposing any reduction of regional seats in the Legislative Council of W.A;**
- 2. Request all rural/regional Council's in W.A to make a submission to the review into WA Electoral system for the election of the Western Australian Legislative Council strongly opposing any reduction of regional seats in the Legislative Council of W.A;**
- 3. Lobby all Legislative Council members of Parliament strongly opposing any reduction of regional seats in the Legislative Council of W.A.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**12.2 ALGA 2021 – 27<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Executive Officer outlined to Council the dates of the 2021 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association to be held in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021. The cost to send three delegates namely Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Chief Executive officer was approximately \$10,500 to \$12,000 depending on final accommodation and flight costs. The Chief Executive Officer requested Council to consider whether or not they wished to send two or three delegates.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**50/21 Moved Cr Seymour seconded Cr Hamilton that Council send two Council delegates (Shire President and Chief Executive Officer) to attend the 2021 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly conference in Canberra at a cost of approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000 per person (registration, flights, accommodation, meals)**

**LOST 4/5**

**Note: As the votes of members present were equally divided, the Presiding Member cast a second vote in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, s 5.21. (3).**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**51/21 Moved Cr Seymour, seconded Cr Hamilton that Council send three Council delegates (Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Chief Executive Officer) to attend the 2021 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly conference in Canberra at a cost of approximately \$3,500 - \$4,000 per person (registration, flights, accommodation, meals).**

**CARRIED 5/4**

**Note: As the votes of members present were equally divided, the Presiding Member cast a second vote in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, s 5.21. (3).**

**13. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED****PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**52/21 Moved Cr Seymour, seconded Cr Hamilton that Council close the meeting to members of the public to discuss the item behind closed doors to discuss a matter that if disclosed would reveal information that has a commercial value to Council pursuant to Section 5.23 (2) (c)(e) of the Local Government Act 1995.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

At 6.05pm Mr Gardiner left the meeting and the meeting moved behind closed doors.

**13.1 PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL LAND - CARNABY PLACE, MOORA**

Provided under confidential cover.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**53/21 Moved Cr Seymour, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that Council offer to purchase Lots 2010, 2011 and 2012 Carnaby Place, Moora at a cost not exceeding \$50,000 (GST Inclusive) per lot from Development W.A for the purpose of enabling and facilitating future residential housing needs in Moora.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**54/21 Moved Cr Seymour, seconded Cr Nixon that the meeting moves out from behind closed doors.**

At 6.17pm the meeting reopened to the public.

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

*There being no further business, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6.19pm.*

**CONFIRMED**

**PRESIDING MEMBER**