



SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**22nd April 2020
Commencing at 3:30pm**

**Gnowangerup Town Hall
Yougenup Road, Gnowangerup WA 6335**

COUNCIL'S VISION


Gnowangerup Shire – A progressive, inclusive and prosperous community built on opportunity

Shire of Gnowangerup

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Council Member

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Gnowangerup will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2020, at the Gnowangerup Town Hall, Yougenup Road Gnowangerup, commencing at 3:30pm.



Signed: _____

Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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- (b) Importantly, Council reserves the right to (and may well) either decide against the proposal or to formally support it but with restrictive conditions or modifications.*

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These minutes are not a verbatim record but include the contents pursuant to Regulation 11 of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

Signed:  _____

Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

To: Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Gnowangerup
28 Yougenup Road
GNOWANGERUP WA 6335

I,(1) _____ wish to declare an interest in the following item to be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on (2) _____

Agenda Item(3) _____

The **type** of Interest I wish to declare is (4).

- Financial pursuant to Section 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995
- Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995
- Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995
- Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.

The **nature** of my interest is (5) _____

The **extent** of my interest is (6) _____

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and placed in the Disclosure of Financial and Impartiality of Interest Register.

Yours sincerely

Signed

Date

Notes:

1. Insert your name (print).
2. Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item is to be considered.
3. Insert the Agenda Item Number and Title.
4. Tick box to indicate type of interest.
5. Describe the nature of your interest.
6. Describe the extent of your interest (if seeking to participate in the matter under S. 5.68 & 5.69 of the Act)..

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

A Member, who has a Financial Interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting that will be attended by the Member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- a) In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b) At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- a) Preside at the part of the Meeting, relating to the matter or;
- b) Participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relative to the matter, unless to the extent that the disclosing member is allowed to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL INTEREST (NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a **Financial Interest** in a matter. These notes will be included in each agenda for the time being so that Councillors may refresh their memory.

1. A Financial Interest requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measured in money terms. There are exceptions in the Local Government Act 1995 but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e. sporting, social, religious etc.), and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e., if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.
- 4. If in doubt declare.**
5. As stated in (b) above, if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it **MUST** be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed.
6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The only exceptions are:
 - 6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the extent of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) or the Local Government Act; or
 - 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s.5.69(3) of the Local Government Act, with or without conditions.

INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

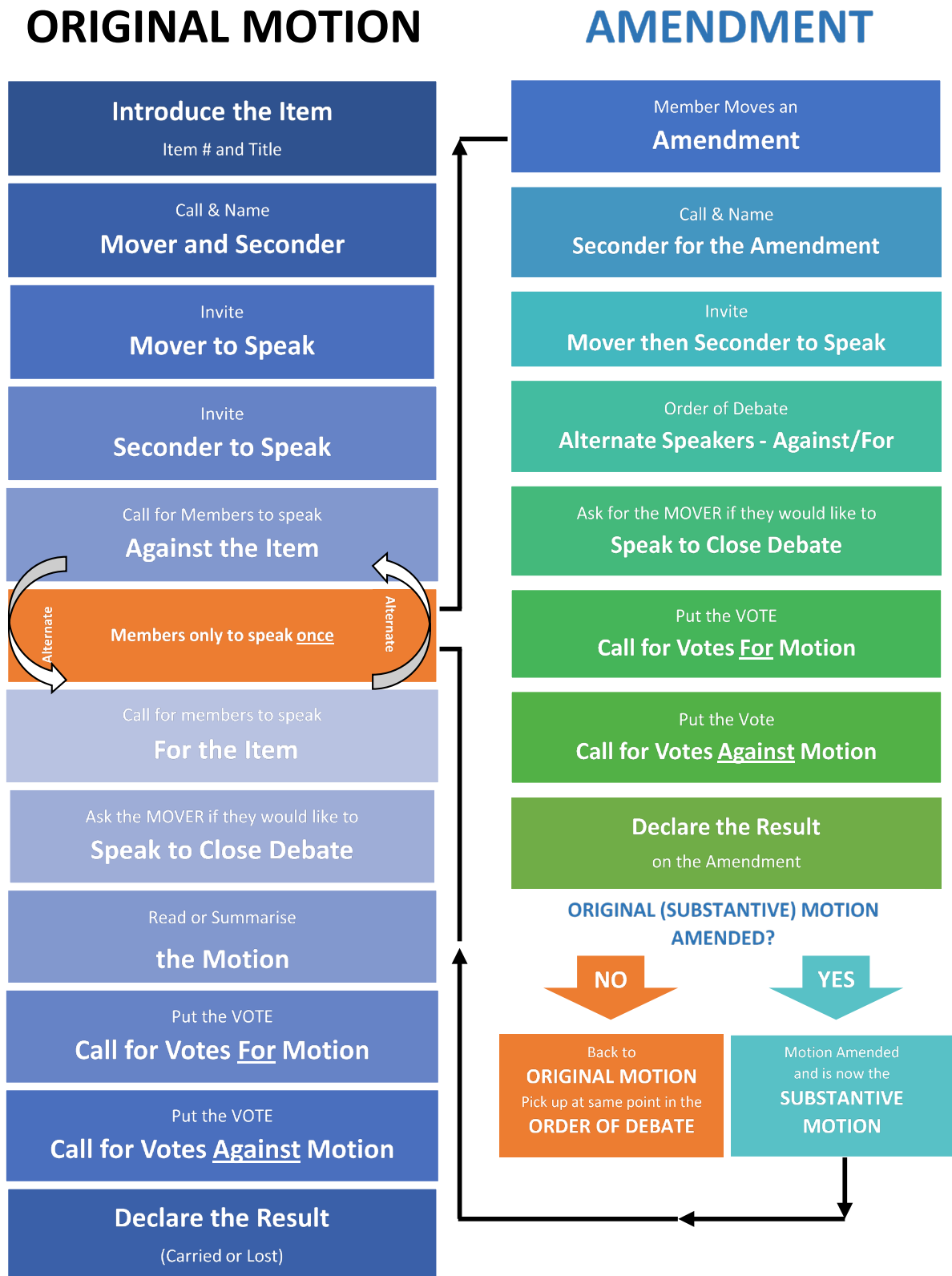
DEFINITION: An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected, but does not include an interest as referred to in Section 5.60 of the 'Act'. A member who has an Interest Affecting Impartiality in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest;

- (a) in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting; or
- (b) at the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY DISCLOSURE

There are very different outcomes resulting from disclosing an interest affecting impartiality compared to that of a financial interest. With the declaration of a financial interest, an elected member leaves the room and does not vote. With the declaration of this new type of interest, the elected member stays in the room, participates in the debate and votes. In effect then, following disclosure of an interest affecting impartiality, the member's involvement in the Meeting continues as if no interest existed.

Process of Motions



Slight clarification of wording of motion: A minor amendment of the motion can be done at any time through the President with the approval of the Mover and the Secunder. The Minor amendment must be minuted.

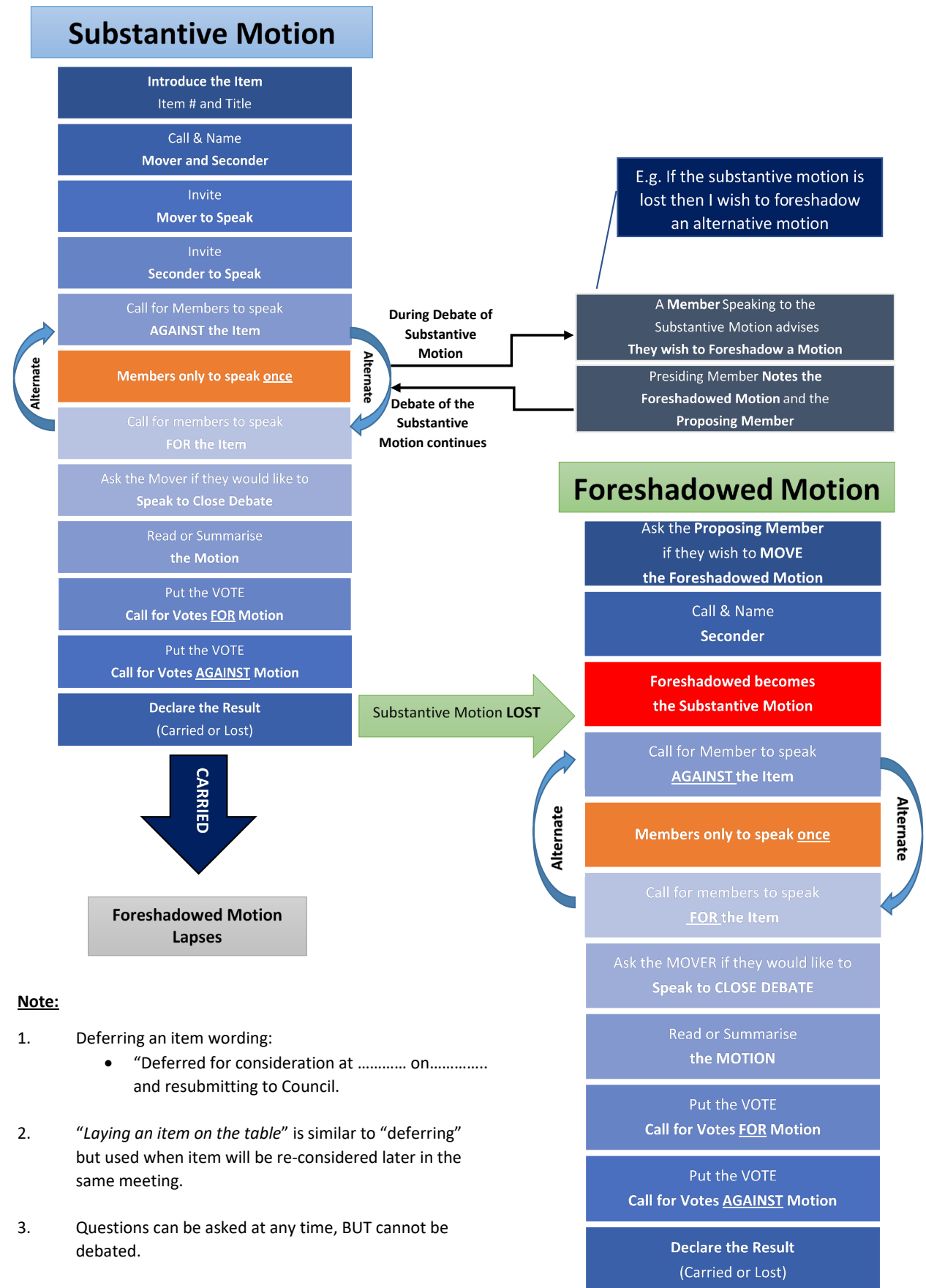


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OPENING PROCEDURES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President, Fiona Gaze welcomed Councillors, staff and visitors and opened the meeting at _____pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Gnowangerup would like to acknowledge the Goreng people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. The Shire of Gnowangerup would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Noongar Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present.

3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 ATTENDANCE

3.2 APOLOGIES

3.3 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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8. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PETITIONS

8.2 DEPUTATIONS

8.3 PRESENTATIONS

9. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

9.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES 25th March 2020

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

0420. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25th March 2020 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

10.1	ELECTED MEMBERS ACTIVITY REPORT
Date of Report:	22 nd April 2020
Councillors:	Various

Attended the following meetings/events

REPORTS FOR DECISION

11. COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

11.1 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LEMC) MEETING

Proponent:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0119
Date of Report:	13 th April 2020
Business Unit:	Corporate and Community Services
Officer:	Anrie van Zyl – Corporate Risk Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- Confirmed Minutes of the special Covid-19 LEMC meeting held on the 24th March 2020.
- Confirmed Minutes of the special Covid-19 LEMC meeting held on the 31st March 2020.
- Confirmed Minutes of the special Covid-19 LEMC meeting held on the 7th April 2020.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

For Council to receive and note the minutes of the special Covid-19 LEMC meetings held on the 24th March 2020, 31st March 2020 and the 7th April 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Gnowangerup LEMC usually meets on a quarterly basis and minutes of the meeting are provided to Council for its information. However, in response to the Covid-19, Local Governments were encouraged to hold Special LEMC meetings to discuss preparedness, response and recovery matters. The Shire of Gnowangerup LEMC has been meeting on a weekly basis from the 24th March 2020, and will continue until advised otherwise by the Great Southern District Emergency Management Advisor, Adam Smith.

COMMENTS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

It is a requirement under Section 38 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* that all Local Governments establish a local emergency management committee for the local government's district.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Gnowangerup Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027

Theme 3: Our Community

Objective 1: Build connectivity between the three communities.

Strategic Initiative 1.1: Strengthen the sense of place and culture and belonging through inclusive community interaction and participation.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Nil

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

LEMC is a committee of Council and Council is required to receive and note the confirmed minutes from the special Covid-19 meetings held on the 24th March 2020, 31st March 2020 and the 7th April 2020.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

0420. That Council

Receives and notes the confirmed special Covid-19 minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meetings held on the 24th March 2020, 31st March 2020 and the 7th April 2020.

Covid-19 Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 24th March 2020
 TIME OF MEETING: 4:00pm
 VENUE: GNOWANGERUP TOWN HALL, YOUGENUP ROAD, GNOWANGERUP WA 6335
 TELECONFERENCE DETAILS: N/A
 CORRESPONDENCE EMAIL: anrie.vanzyl@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au

Agency Links: Department of Health WA - <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au>
 Department of Health Federal - <https://www.health.gov.au>
 Healthy WA: <https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/>

Incident Type	Human Epidemic
Incident Number/Name	COVID 19
Incident Level	CHO (State Human Epidemic Controller) declared Level 3.
Meeting opening & Welcome	<p><i>"I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today."</i></p> <p>The Chair, Fiona Gaze, welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 4:03pm</p>
Record of attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Fiona Gaze – Shire of Gnowangerup Shire President (Chair) & Principal Gnowangerup District High School • Cr Mick Creagh – Shire Councillor & Ongerup General Store • Bob Jarvis – Shire of Gnowangerup- Chief Executive Officer • Yvette Wheatcroft – Shire of Gnowangerup Manager of Works • Kirsty Buchanan – Shire of Gnowangerup Community Development Coordinator • Anrie van Zyl – Shire of Gnowangerup Corporate Risk Officer (Agenda and Minutes Officer) • Llew Withers – Shire of Gnowangerup Environmental Health Officer • Lex Martin – Recovery Coordinator

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Bruce – Principal – Ongerup Primary School • Shenae Meier – Principal – Borden Primary School • Stuart Walker – Pharmacist – Gnowangerup Pharmacy • Dr Wole Oluyede – Gnowangerup Shire Medical Practice • Julie Hankinson - Acting CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital - Nurse Practitioner (Katanning Hospital) - Department of Health • Linda Royce - Theatre Co-Ordinator - Katanning Hospital - WA Country Health Service • Andrew Brooker – Community Paramedic – St John Ambulance WA • Les Nayda – Gnowangerup SES • Randall Moulden – OIC – Gnowangerup Police • John Rigg – IGA Gnowangerup (left the room at 4:58pm)
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray Hatton - District Officer - Operations Command - DFES - Great Southern Region • Nadine Mcloughlin - Regional Manager – St John Ambulance WA – Goldfields • Neville Blackburn – Department of Communities • Gail Blaszczyk - Team Leader - Department of Communities - Children Protection and Family Support - Great Southern District • Adam Smith – DFES District Emergency Management Advisor - Great Southern Region – Operations

ITEM

1. HMA/Agency Report

• **Andrew Brooker – St John Ambulance WA**

- With St John being in the front line, everyone from staff to volunteers are all well informed. Everyone is “geared up” and ready to go.
- All crews have been educated in relation to appropriate usage of PPE.
- Staffing might become an issue as the COVID-19 situation progresses -
 - St John will be losing volunteers – volunteers not prepared to risk the possibility of an infection while out on a call
 - If staff or volunteers are sick or unwell, they will be grounded and will not be allowed on call outs.
- PPE -
 - already an issue with low stock numbers
- St John already have procedures in place with doctors in the COMMS Centres to 2nd triage calls. If symptoms presented are moderate, an ambulance will not be sent. Ambulances will only respond if patient is critically unwell.

• **Julie Hankinson – Acting Nurse Manager - Gnowangerup Hospital**

- The hospitals have similar issues as St John.
- The Gnowangerup Hospital will not be seeing any patients presenting with COVID-19 symptoms. Plans are in place should an ambulance arrive with a patient with potential COVID-19.
- Staffing levels are good at this moment and have access to staff from over East, should the need arise.
 - The main focus is protecting own staff.
 - Keeping up levels of maintenance.
 - If staff present any influenza like symptoms, they will not be permitted to come to work.
- PPE levels at the moment are looking good and being supplied from Albany Hospital.
- The main concern is the 7 aged care residents. Tight restrictions are in place in relations to –
 - Number of visitors allowed
 - Visiting hours, etc.
- Hospital staff feel that they are prepared as much as they can be, but that can change at any moment.

• **Bob Jarvis – Chief Executive Officer – Shire of Gnowangerup**

- The Shire is taking the lead from WALGA and will keep on delivering services as long as possible.
 - Capital Works Program is going ahead as planned.
 - Rubbish removal is a concern, but provider is training extra drivers for their trucks.
 - The Shire has good processes in place.
 - All Shire public buildings have been closed to the members of the public –
 - Public Pool
 - Libraries – provisions have been made for senior readers
 - Admin Office – available by appointment only
 - Depot Office – available by appointment only
 - The Shire is waiting on direction from the Department of Transport (DoT). Most DoT services are available online. Services requiring a visit to the office, can be done by appointment.

○ Council meetings –

- Provisions are in place for councillors who wish not to attend. They will be able to attend via telephonic linkups.

- If members of the public wish to attend, they need to arrange attendance to the council meeting prior to the meeting taking place.
 - All non-essential meetings have been cancelled or deferred to a later date.
 - Social distancing is in place for essential meetings.
 - The Shire will be managing things day by day and can only try and manage issues as best we can with what we have.
 - The Shire will be encouraging their community members to stay up to date with the Shire's Facebook page and website for community related information.
- **Shenae Meier – Principal of Borden Primary School**
 - Arrangements have been made for staff to work from home without effecting their leave entitlements, which is a huge relief to all teachers.
 - School had 50% attendance on Monday, but is now down to only about 5 kids.
 - Looks like home learning will be inevitable and teachers are preparing lessons for online learning.
 - Can only wait and see what happens.
- **Dr Wole Oluyede – Gnowangerup Shire Medical Practice**
 - The Gnowangerup Medical Practice is still open for now and will be until it is no longer possible.
 - Made some changes –
 - Reduced the number of seats available.
 - Longer gaps in-between appointments.
 - Screening people before they come in for an appointment and advise them not to come if they don't really need too.
 - Tele -consults
 - Understandably, everyone would like to be tested, but unfortunately, that won't be the case due to the number of testing kits available.
 - Affordability of PPE is becoming an issue
 - Currently strict criteria in place for screening people having the tests done.
 - If comes to the worst and the practice will need to close, Dr Wole will divert calls to his mobile phone and consult with patients this way.
 - The Practice and pharmacy are working closely together in relation to medication. Not prescribing medications that are not available or hard to come by.
 - This is presenting a challenging time with scripts. People are asking to be prescribed medications that they normally don't have i.e. Ventolin.
 - The hospital should not be overwhelmed with people presenting to the hospital with symptoms.
 - An information advert in relation to the operational aspect of the Gnowangerup Medical Practice will be made available to the public soon (now finalised and attached).
 - Advert will be sent to the three newsletters and posted to the Shire Facebook page and website.
- **Stewart Walker – Gnowangerup Pharmacy**
 - We can currently manage with the stock we have.
 - Stock used during the bushfires (Ventolin and other asthma drugs) are now creating a bit of a shortage, but we manage the best we can.
 - People are now not allowed to fill prescriptions sooner than 21 days and are only allowed a script for one month's supply.
 - Had an increase in people coming through the door asking for medications that they have no history of using before and would like to acquire without a script. Not issuing those medications.
 - Shortage of asthma and diabetic drugs and are dispensed by methods of
 - timing supplies and
 - by triage.
 - No PPE stock for sale in the pharmacy. Stewart and Shelley are wearing masks inside the pharmacy while serving customers.

- Question is being asked, if showing signs and symptoms of a viral infection and not allowed to get tested, what to do?
 - Do you assume it is COVID-19?
 - Every step will be taken not to close the pharmacy.
 - Shortage of Children's Panadol (kids under age of 12).
 - Plenty of liquid ibuprofen, but people have been advised not to use with COVID-19.
 - Look after the most vulnerable people in our community and looking at procedures to minimise exposure. People can phone ahead and arrange collection of medications.
 - Focus should be on education of personal hygiene.
 - The pharmacy do not have someone to stand in and if we should get sick the pharmacy will have to be closed, therefore we need to protect what we have.
 - Local residents have priority to available stock first.
 - Pharmacy has managed to secure 200 flu vaccinations for this year and is currently sitting at the depot waiting to be released. Last year only had a 100 and managed to double that order. Unsure of when they will arrive, but hoping April/May.
- **Yvette Wheatcroft – Manager of Works, Shire of Gnowangerup**
 - Bob about covered everything.
 - The Depot has processes in place to protect their staff.
 - Depot Office Staff that are able to work from home, will be doing so, unfortunately not everyone is in that position. Enough space at the depot office for social distancing and visits are permitted by prearranged appointment only.
- **Mark Bruce – Principal Ongerup Primary School**
 - Currently school is operating at 90% attendance.
 - Community is trying to keep the kids at school for as long as they possibly can.
 - If kids are sick, they are asked to stay at home.
 - School is taking all precautions in regards to hygiene.
 - Limiting visitors to the school and needs to hand sanitize before entering the door.
 - Currently in a transmission mode and the school is supporting families with educational support.
- **Ian Graham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Gnowangerup**
 - Ian introduced himself to everyone in attendance.
 - Ian stated that Bob covered most of the preparations the Shire is making.
 - Focus is on the health and wellbeing of Shire staff -
 - Encouraging all staff and councillors to have a flu vaccination this year.
 - Julie Hankinson advised the following individuals in WA are eligible to receive government funded vaccine:
 - persons 65 years or older
 - children 6 months to less than 5 years
 - primary school-aged children (born after 30 June 2007)
 - pregnant women (any trimester)
 - Aboriginal people 6 months and older
 - individuals 6 months and older with medical conditions that place them at risk for complications of influenza, including:
 - cardiac disease
 - chronic respiratory conditions

- chronic neurological conditions
- impaired immunity
- diabetes and other metabolic disorders
- renal disease
- haematological disorders
- children aged 6 months to 10 years receiving long term aspirin therapy.

- **John Rigg – IGA, Gnowangerup**

- Struggling with receiving orders as everyone else.
- Items struggling to get and sold with limitations include the following:
 - Toilet paper
 - Pasta
 - Flour
 - Long life milk
 - Soaps
 - Hand sanitising
- Orders are placed for the above, but when deliveries arrive, it is a bit of a “lotto” on what has actually been delivered.
- Arrangements are in place for elderlies, vulnerable people, health staff, teachers etc. for either delivering goods or order by phone and pick up later.
- IGA will help where they can and as long as they are able too. The IGA does have a good supply of “Easter Eggs” so please support☺

- **Mick Creagh – Ongerup General Store and Shire of Gnowangerup Councillor**

- The Ongerup shop has run out of toilet paper, hand sanitiser. Has been ordered and will hopefully receive soon.
- Most soaps and disinfectants are out of stock and even when you place an order, supplier will let you know that items are out of stock.
- Might get harder to source items.
- Shop is encouraging staff to practise good hygiene to minimise the risk of exposure.
- The shop is very busy though with CBH in full operation, shearing crews and road workers in the area.
- Shop has seen an increase in people coming through the shop and town (not locals).

- **Les Nayda – Gnowangerup SES**

- SES is not currently conducting any training exercises, no volunteer meetings
- Keeping themselves busy with equipment and vehicle maintenance.
- SES has a limited amount of P2 masks, just enough for a couple of incidents and will not be for general use (about 20 masks left) and will try and make them last as long as possible.
- Received direction from DFES that they will be allowed to assist with the following:
 - Delivery of food, medications if requested.
 - Normal support roles
 - Assist police if they go through the proper channels
 - Assist where they possibly can.
- SES is ready to go if their services are required
- PPE is a problem, but they are all adhering to improved hygiene regimes.
- New procedures have also been put in place when attending incidents.

- Should the local, critical SES members have to isolate, Perth will be able to assist.
- **Llew Withers – Environmental Health Officer (EHO), Shire of Gnowangerup**
 - Llew introduced himself to everyone in attendance.
 - Llew explained the process under which Public Health is the designated agency under the Act to deal with pandemics. Public health Act has the powers under this arrangement.
 - In his opinion, there is an overload of media coverage and that is driving the panic buying, etc.
 - As the Shire EHO he can inform the community on good hygiene practices, provide advice and available for support.
 - As an EHO, he can advise that the only masks worth purchasing is either P2 or N95 masks.
 - Only wear one to prevent the spread of germs.
- **Linda Royce - Theatre Co-Ordinator - Katanning Hospital - WA Country Health Service**
 - Assisting the Great Southern in preparing hospital sites.
 - Erecting signage of handwashing and hygiene procedures.
 - Katanning Aged Care is in lock down and all visitors are being screened.
 - Katanning Hospital visiting hours have been revised.
 - All external doors have been locked and only the main entrance remains open and being closely monitored.
 - All elective surgeries have been cancelled and all urgent surgeries will be complete by Thursday.
 - Semi urgent surgery cases are being referred to Albany for review and will be postponed if possible.
 - No timeframes for postponement is available at this stage.
 - Very good information available on the Healthy WA website (<https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>)
 - Department is preparing a letter drop for aboriginal communities.
 - If agencies are struggling with PPE, please contact the hospital to see if they can assist.
 - Running low on available testing kits and screening criteria is in place.
 - Coronavirus Hotline available to phone if you are unsure: **1800 020 080**
 - Katanning and Gnowangerup currently have enough staff, but should that change, staff from interstate will be made available.
 - Community must be educated in the importance of social distancing.
 - If you are feeling unwell, do not go into the community.
- **Lex Martin – Recovery Coordinator**
 - Lex is there in his role as recovery coordinator, but that role is mainly for floods, fires, etc. and not for pandemics.
 - Lex is available for assistance if required.
- **Randall Moulden – OIC, Gnowangerup Police**
 - Nothing has really changed at Gnowangerup.
 - Reduced services – most issues will be dealt with telephonically
 - For anything else, it is business as usual.
 - They have started to impose strict hygiene regimes too.
 - PPE stock is low and really hard to come by.
 - Self-isolation is not at this stage being monitored by police in WA.
 - People not self-isolating, could receive fines, but haven't received any clear direction in this regard yet.
 - WA Borders are now closed and people who come in need to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Not sure at this stage how that will be controlled.
- State Government is looking at putting regional restrictions in place.
- Travel within the State might get restricted with only essential services allowed to travel across regions and borders.
- Bob asked if Randall was aware of the aboriginal funeral in Tambellup next week? He was not aware and will follow up. Make sure that funeral is kept to the restricted numbers.
- Bob advised that Shire staff who were planning to attend, were fully made aware of the procedures that will follow, should they attend. Yvette was advising staff not to attend.
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- **Fiona Gaze – Principal Gnowangerup District High School and Shire of Gnowangerup Shire President (Chair)**
 - The school currently has about 60% attendance.
 - All staff are still at school and everyone is well aware of what they should be doing.
 - They are all practicing social distancing
 - Sick and unwell kids are sent home.
 - Restrictions are in place for all visitors and parents.
 - Teachers are working in the “Connect Space” to make online resources available to students for home learning.
 - A 6-page information brochure is available with things kids could be doing with their parents.
 - Rules around school attendance has been relaxed and parents can keep their kids home, should they wish to do so.
 - There is already kids not attending school, roaming the streets during school hours. In this instance it is better to send the kids to school where they can be looked after.
 - Schools will be disinfected while kids are away, but the main concern is when they return, what are they bringing in with them?
 - Early days and things are rapidly changing.

2. Preparedness

2.1 Agency preparations

- Please refer to agency reports

2.2 Communications/public information

- Members of the Public are currently being overloaded with information from various sources and therefore it was decided that important information intended for the Gnowangerup Shire Community should be channelled through the Shire. The Shire will be posting information to their Facebook page and Shire website. Information that is more urgent could possibly be conveyed through a text sent out via the Shire’s SMS System.

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2.3 Identification of vulnerable people

- The elderly
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait
- People with underlying medical conditions

2.4 Identification of critical services

- ~~Agenda~~ Rubbish removal

- Medical Services
- Supply of goods to the community, i.e. toilet paper, hand wash, hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, medical supplies i.e. Ventolin, Children's Panadol, etc.

2.5 Community actions to promote resilience

- Educating public
 - Importance of social distancing
 - Self-isolation, if you experience any symptoms
 - Only go to town when you need too.
 - Practice good hygiene
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- Nil.

4. Recovery

4.1 Potential for significant, prolonged business disruptions

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5.1 Anticipated impacts

- See agency reports.

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- As far as possible, information will be distributed through the Shire.

5.4 Other issues

- Nil.^{Agenda}

6. Other items

7. Next meeting:

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8. Meeting closed

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Incident Type	Human Epidemic
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Record of attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Fiona Gaze – Shire of Gnowangerup Shire President (Chair) & Principal Gnowangerup District High School • Cr Keith House, Gnowangerup Shire Councillor • Bob Jarvis – Shire of Gnowangerup- Chief Executive Officer • Yvette Wheatcroft – Shire of Gnowangerup Manager of Works • Kirsty Buchanan – Shire of Gnowangerup Community Development Coordinator • Anrie van Zyl – Shire of Gnowangerup Corporate Risk Officer (Agenda and Minutes Officer) • Lex Martin – Recovery Coordinator • Stuart Walker – Pharmacist – Gnowangerup Pharmacy • Dr Wole Oluyede – Gnowangerup Shire Medical Practice • Julie Hankinson - Acting CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital - Nurse Practitioner (Katanning Hospital) - Department of Health • Andrew Brooker – Community Paramedic – St John Ambulance WA (left room at 5:00pm) • Les Naylor – Gnowangerup SES

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Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shenae Meier – Principal, Borden Primary • Neville Blackburn, Department of Communities • Llew Withers – Shire of Gnowangerup Environmental Health Officer 		
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ITEM

1. Business arising from previous Minutes

1.1. Shortage of PPE

1.1.1. **SJA** – PPE is slowly trickling in. Received stock of masks, gowns and hand sanitisers. Reusable Honeywell Masks are being introduced for paid SJA staff with disposable masks being made available for country centres.

1.1.2. **Gnowangerup Hospital** – Inventory are checked on a daily basis and have secured enough stock. Have sufficient amounts of hand sanitiser, but advising staff to wash hands with soap and water more often.

1.1.3. **SES** – Still have no hand sanitiser and have the same amount of masks as last week. Masks will not be used unless attending an incident.

1.1.4. **Shire of Gnowangerup** – The Shire has received limited stock of hand sanitiser and has shared some with a local retailer. The Shire did order in conjunction with the Shire's of Cranbrook and Broomehill Tambellup a pallet of hand sanitiser. Each shire will receive a 1/3rd of the pallet, 320 x 500ml bottles. Delivery is only expected end May. Shire is prepared to share with local retailers, not for resale, but for staff usage only. Once received, will bring distribution back to LEMC as a point of discussion.

In addition to the above, the Shire only has a few P2 masks left. They are used when cleaning grease traps. Hopefully we will be able to secure more stock.

The Shire will also shortly start to disinfect seats, etc. in the main street. Hopefully, people seeing the Shire disinfecting will make them realise the seriousness of the situation.

1.1.5. **Gnowangerup Pharmacy** – getting in small amounts of sanitiser and will set aside for agencies as it comes in. Will keep everyone up to

1.1.6. Andrew Brooker advised Les Nayda, that should the SES be required at an incident, that the ambulance will have sanitiser for use by SES crew.

1.2. **Shortage of stock delivery to local grocery suppliers.**

1.2.1. John Rigg – Gnowangerup IGA – IGA has now finally received some toilet paper, but still not received any stock of disinfectant, soap or hand sanitiser. Currently only receiving 40% of ordered stock. Hopefully with the travel restrictions in place, the pressure will be off the bigger stores to supply visitors and that the flow on effect will be more stock deliveries to regional towns.

Bread and fresh milk supplies have been steady and no real issues. Fruit and veggies are expensive at the moment with the higher demand.

1.3. **Freight Logistics Council contact**

1.3.1. Bob advised that he has sent an email to the Freight and Logistics Council WA in relation to shortages and purchasing restrictions. Farmers with multiple households are struggling with getting supplies, as there are currently no exemptions in place to purchase more if you have a big family or have multiple households.

Bob hasn't received back any response to date.

Gnowangerup is still only receiving 1 delivery per week, where shops in the metro areas during the Easter period, would get it 7 days a week, instead of their usual 3 deliveries a week. With smaller demand in the metro, hopefully stock will be coming into regional areas.

1.4. **Enforcing prohibited activities**

1.4.1. **Randall Moulden, OIC, Gnowangerup Police** - There will not be any hard roadblocks at the Great Southern borders, but they will be targeting areas where people would normally enter into the Great Southern. Major highways will not be closed.

Police just don't have the resources to move people on. Not sure at this stage how they will be dealing with travellers and waiting on directive from WA Police - still needs some clarification.

- Question was asked whether the Gnowangerup Caravan Park is still open – Caravan Park open, but don't have any travelers at the moment.
- Stirling Range Retreat is advertising on Facebook that they are able to give grey nomads a safe place to stay if they have no fixed address to return to.
- Playgrounds have been closed with tape, but tape was removed overnight and kids are playing in parks.
- Question was asked whether the police could address this with the kids. Reply was that they can't charge kids. It was further suggested that maybe the police could speak to the parents.
- Robbie Minter stated that it is important that kids and community be educated about the risks of them not socially isolating and the risk it has on the vulnerable members of our community. Educate them first and then enforce if not adhering to restrictions.
- It was further suggested that SJA volunteers could talk to the kids as they might just listen to them.
- SES volunteered to assist with education, but will have to get permission from their Superintendent.
- Randall Moulden stated that until he has clear direction, dealing with juveniles is unclear

2. HMA/Agency Report

- **Cr Keith House** - Nil
- **Stuart Walker, Gnowangerup Pharmacy** – Flu vaccinations not received yet. The medical practice has received theirs for the over 65-age group and other eligible members of the community. The pharmacy will keep everyone up to date on expected dates. Bob offered to write to the Minister of Health to try and help speed up the process. Pharmacy is also only seeing one customer at a time with both Shelley and himself wearing masks when dealing with the public. Patients are able to drop their scripts off and come back later to collect.
- **Robyn Crabbe, Chair, St John Ambulance Gnowangerup Sub-Centre** – Concerned about the amount of children and adults in town not taking self-isolation seriously and not sure how that can be enforced. Not sure whether it is an issue of lack in education and or understanding of the seriousness of the situation. The point was made that when engaging in conversation, when seeing someone in the street in large numbers, be careful to assume they are in breach, because families are allowed to move in the same space.
- **Yvette Wheatcroft, Manager of Works, Shire of Gnowangerup** – Playgrounds were taped up, but will put bunting (orange barrier mesh) up and see if that will help to keep people out of the playground. Question was asked whether it could be fenced up for the next couple of months? Yvette stated that it would be very expensive.
- **Bob Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shire of Gnowangerup** – Kirsty is doing a great job messaging out information on the Shire Facebook page, website and community newsletters.
- **Gail Blaszczyk, Team Leader, Department of Communities** – The Department is there to support and is available to vulnerable people. They currently have no active cases in the Great Southern. Expecting an increase in domestic violence and suicide rates over the next couple of months.
- **Julie Hankinson - Acting CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital** – Currently 7 cases in the Great Southern. Good news is that not one of those cases require any hospitalisation. Pushing hand washing in lieu of hand sanitising at the hospital. Another change was made to the visiting hours at the aged care section of the hospital. Only one visitor allowed per day, either in room or outside. Visiting only allowed for one hour. All entrances, except the main entrance, are now locked. Try and limit exposure to outside contact and this practice will be in place for the next 4-6 months. Question was asked about visitors in the A&E? If no respiratory issues, then two as per normal, otherwise none.
- **John Rigg, IGA Gnowangerup** – Nothing else besides what has already been discussed in relation to deliveries etc.
- **Robbie Minter, Department of Communities** – Going through communities and engaging with them. This helps to increase the flow of information. Looking at ways to make things work for our community. Everyone needs to support their own community, by example purchasing products locally. Community needs to understand that they should stay in the community to protect the community. Communication and education is vital. Have to approach the young sensibly and try and make them understand the seriousness of the situation. Leaders need to try and address issues before the law steps in.
- Cr Keith House enquired whether a flyer can be personalised for our indigenous community. Julie advised that WACHS has great material and will forward to Anrie. Message that goes out to the community needs to be brief and clear. Important that contact is made with households that don't quite understand the seriousness of social distancing.

- **Andrew Brooker, Community Paramedic, St John Ambulance** – Developing a driver initiative, where people will be trained as ambulance drivers only. No first aid training required. A change was also made in relation to ride-a-longs in the ambulance. No family/friends will be allowed to go with patient in the ambulance, unless a child under the age of 12 or if an interpreter. Julie enquired whether the age could be changed to 16, as they need parental consent at the hospital for all kids 16 years and under. Additional changes are also being made to various practices to try and prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Ian Graham, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Gnowangerup** – Nil
- **Les Nayda, Gnowangerup SES** – Les offered to have SES members walk around town and talk to kids, but will need clearance from their Superintendent. The SES have been asked to do up a roster of two teams doing 12 hour shifts to assist at the regional borders. Have not received any directive to date, so not sure if their services will still be required. Little bit frustrating as it was hard to get people to commit and to set up. Otherwise, it is business as usual for them. They still have no supplies of hand sanitiser.
- **Lex Martin – Recovery Coordinator** – Educating the community should be a planned approach. Get letter out first and then see if there is a change. After that, the Police should step in to do what they can. If that doesn't work, then maybe look at individual approach.
- **Randall Moulden, OIC, Gnowangerup Police** – The Gnowangerup Police have some PPE and are getting in a bit more. They will be working on preventing group gatherings and talk to the groups/families, not obeying, that they are aware of. The Police attended an incident on Sunday where a group of about 20 was gathering. There is a dedicated Police Covid-19 hotline that can be contacted on 131 444 to report mass gatherings.

Bob Jarvis commented that with States and Territories all having their own legislation this is making it confusing for some people. Make sure that information relayed to the community is WA based. The Police should try and prevent people going from house to house. Each family must understand that they are to stay at their own houses and that kids and parents should understand that playgrounds are totally off limits.

Robbie Minitier raised the concern that all the additional welfare payments available are going to create additional social problems with people having extra cash to spend on drugs and alcohol and will affect already vulnerable families. Family violence may increase and that scary times are ahead.

Julie commented that there has been a significant drop in the amount of fit packs given out at the hospital. Could be because of border closures and that drugs are harder to come by in Gnowangerup? Alcohol restrictions also in place, and mass amounts of alcohol might be harder to come by.

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Bob Jarvis stated that the Shire might be looking at employing someone for a couple of days to help with the disinfecting of the towns. If you know of someone, please contact the Shire.

- **Dr Wole, Gnowangerup Shire Medical Practice** – No big change from last week. All patients are adhering to the new rules at the practice. The medical practice has received the flu vaccinations for the over 65 group and other vulnerable groups meeting the criteria discussed last week. Not more than two people are allowed at the surgery at any one time.

Two people returned home from Canberra and did not inform the practice of this when they came for their over 65 vaccinations. Dr Wole was not happy about this. They placed everyone at risk by not disclosing vital information like this.

Only the over 65's are being vaccinated this week, all other vulnerable groups will be done next week.

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Nil

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Keep community information as simple as possible.

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Incident Number/Name	COVID 19
Incident Level	CHO (State Human Epidemic Controller) declared Level 3.
Meeting opening & Welcome	<i>"I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today."</i>
Record of attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Fiona Gaze – Shire of Gnowangerup Shire President (Chair) & Principal Gnowangerup District High School • Cr Keith House - Gnowangerup Shire Councillor • Bob Jarvis – Shire of Gnowangerup- Chief Executive Officer • Yvette Wheatcroft – Shire of Gnowangerup Manager of Works • Anrie van Zyl – Shire of Gnowangerup Corporate Risk Officer (Agenda and Minutes Officer) • Lex Martin – Recovery Coordinator • Stuart Walker – Pharmacist – Gnowangerup Pharmacy • Dr Wole Oluyede – Gnowangerup Shire Medical Practice • Julie Hankinson - Acting CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital - Nurse Practitioner (Katanning Hospital) - Department of Health • Les Nayda – Gnowangerup SES • Randall Moulden – OIC – Gnowangerup Police • Gail Olszyc - Team Leader, Department of Communities - Children Protection and Family

	<p>Support, Great Southern District, Katanning Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbie Minter - Department of Communities, Senior Community Engagement Officer Early Years Initiative - Central Great Southern 	
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neville Blackburn - Department of Communities • Shanae Meier – Principal Borden Primary School • Andrew Brooker – Community Paramedic, St John Ambulance • Robyn Crabbe – Chair, Gnowangerup St John Ambulance Sub-Centre • Kirsty Buchanan – Shire of Gnowangerup Community Development Coordinator • John Rigg – IGA Gnowangerup • Cr Mick Creagh - Gnowangerup Shire Councillor 	
Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes	That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday the 31 st March 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
	Moved: Bob Jarvis	Seconded: Robbie Minter
	UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED	

ITEM

1. Business arising from previous Minutes

1.1. Shortage of PPE

Mostly unchanged from last week's report.

1.2. Shortage of stock delivery to local grocery suppliers.

See agency reports.

1.3. Freight Logistics Council contact

Not discussed.

1.4. Enforcing prohibited activities

See agency reports.

1.5. Social concerns with additional welfare payments paid to already vulnerable members of the community

Already some evidence witnessed in community.

2. Agency Reports

Bob Jarvis –CEO, Shire of Gnowangerup

- Had an online meeting with all the other CEO's in the Great Southern on Monday the 6th April 2020.
- Staff who are able to work from home are now doing so.
- Very happy that all staff are adhering to the social distancing rules.
- The Shire has lost 10% of staff:
 - Two staff members from the pool – closed the pool a week early, but doesn't affect their normal employment arrangements.
 - The Librarian took 3 months unpaid leave before the whole pandemic started and the libraries were closed.
 - Vacant Plant Operator position not advertised and won't be filled at this stage.
- Offices are still being manned with limited staff.
- Limited licencing services available. Only transactions that cannot be done online will be done at the Admin Office and by appointment only (i.e. physically have to collect number plates, etc.).
- Maximum of five people are now allowed in Council Chambers. Council meetings will now take place in the Gnowangerup Town Hall or until online facilities are available.
- The Shire has enough PPE for their needs and sharing with retailers where possible. If agencies are still in need, please let Bob know. Bob is collecting 5 x boxes of 10 P2 masks each, on Thursday.
- Once bulk hand sanitiser order is received, will bring it back to LEMC to discuss distribution and needs.

Cr Mick Creagh – Ongerup General Store (read out by Bob Jarvis)

- This is a brief summary of the situation in Ongerup.
- General Store Shortages.
 - Toilet paper is now in good supply.
 - Hand sanitizer is still not available.
 - Soaps and disinfectants – limited supply.
 - Female sanitary products – limited supply.
 - Medicinal products (Panadol etc.) – limited supply.
 - Flour – not available.
 - Frozen vegetables – limited supply.
- Our weekly grocery sales are still 50-60% up on normal, which causes temporary shortages of a lot of items which we can only get in once or twice per week.
- Covid 19 safety procedures.
 - Staff continue to up the ante with their own personal protection, with gloves, hand sanitiser and frequent hand washing, as well as regular disinfecting of surfaces around the shop. We have tried to improve separation between customers and staff by improvising barriers at the checkout and other areas. However we are concerned that quite a few members of the public are not exercising sufficient social distancing. We have had to ask customers showing cold and flu symptoms to leave the store and have had to place a ban on children coming into the shop except for young ones in prams or pushers. A lot of people just not getting the message that they should be staying at home and only coming to the shop when they really need to.
- There has been a number of people move into the town ahead of the movement ban, coming from the city and moving in with family or friends to see out the crisis. This has caused a fair bit of concern from some local residents, who are worried about what infections they may have brought down here with them.
- Other than that, Ongerup is still ticking along quite nicely, with very little disruption to normal life.

Robbie Minter, Department of Communities, Senior Community Engagement Officer Early Years Initiative - Central Great Southern

- Gave an example of the other communities and the related work he is currently engaging with local LEMC meeting and, keeping the message out in the open with Community Communication.
- Robbie also mentioned the local COVID – 19 funeral rules and regulations, we must keep the rules equally across the board, example there was a funeral in Kojonup that could have been easily an opportunity for the pandemic to increase as 80 people attended a local lad's funeral. Another example where an Elder was buried a week before and only 10 were allowed to attend, we must also acknowledge from a community perspective that the grieving families are assisted through the times of sorrow.
- Robbie also gave an example of the education levels of some communities and how we need to continue to educate local Aboriginal families on the global crisis. (things are getting better though)

Dr Wole Oluyede – Gnowangerup Shire Medical Practice

- Nothing really new at the practice. Only a 150 flu vaccinations were received. Huge demand in amount of people wanting the flu vaccination this year.
- We normally have two nurses, but one is now home with her children, same for their receptionist and Kemi has taken on that role.
- Kate will be in 1-2 times per week to assist with flu vaccinations.
- There is a bigger risk with more people coming in and are not allowing more than 1-2 people in the practice at a time. People so far have been very cooperative.

- No children are allowed, but challenging when parent has to come in for consult and doesn't have anywhere to leave the kids.

Yvette Wheatcroft – Manager of Works, Shire of Gnowangerup

- Nil

Ian Graham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Gnowangerup

- The Shire has been mostly unaffected so far.
- The Shire will however do some financial modelling with Council to look at different scenarios should there for instance be a delay in income i.e. rates, grants, etc. Hopefully there will be no change in amounts received for grant programs.
- Staff that can do so, are now working from home.
- Everyone needs to be aware of the longer term effect of this virus situation – how it effects mental health etc. Try and keep in touch with everyone.
- Some larger councils are in the unfortunate situation where they had to let staff go. Gnowangerup Shire is mostly unaffected, apart from what Bob has mentioned, and should be seen as a positive.

Julie Hankinson - Acting CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital - Nurse Practitioner (Katanning Hospital) - Department of Health

- The Gnowangerup Hospital is doing well. Decline in the number of cases presenting to the ED and this is a trend seen all over the country.
- The Department of Health was able to procure a shipment of PPE. Supplies are coming in and will be dispatched as required.
- The Gnowangerup Hospital has enough PPE for current needs.
- Just some advice on people using gloves when going to town, etc. Gloves are single use and offers a false sense of protection. If you touch your face after you have touched something else with the gloves on, you are not protected. Best is to avoid touching your face and wash your hands regularly.
- Staffing not a problem at this stage and should remain unchanged.
- Amount of fit packs required is still down from normal requirements.
- Julie advised that this is her last week at the hospital and that Meih (pronounced as May) Singh will be taking over from next week. Will provide his contact details to Anrie (received).

Stuart Walker – Pharmacist – Gnowangerup Pharmacy

- The pharmacy has now received their shipment of vaccines and a flu clinic will be running on Thursday. Thanks to Dr Wole for his assistance with this.
- Looking at running another clinic later.
- Pharmacy has received some stock of PPE. Have N95 rated masks for the SES. Still waiting on shipment of hand sanitiser. When received, will reserve for those agencies and retailers requiring it for their staff.
- Pharmacy has started deliveries to the indigenous communities in the area. Investigating options to deliver to Tambellup and Ongerup in the near future if further restrictions are put in place
- Stuart asked the question around the protocol of getting tested for Covid-19 and where to go. Julie replied that the following are currently in place.
 - COVID-19 Testing has been expanded in WA:
 - General public testing : Any person presenting with BOTH a fever >38°C AND an acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat) can be tested.
- Testing can be done at both the hospital and medical practice, but testing at the hospital is preferred as they are equipped to do so and have a special room allocated for testing. Swabs are taken and the person is advised to self-isolate until test results are known. Person will be

notified via text and will receive a follow-up phone call. If positive they will need to go into quarantine and not just isolation. After testing positive, the patient will have to test negative twice before cleared. Some results are known within 24 hours others have taken 72.

- Fever is the key word. If person has a fever above 38°, they can be tested.
- Hopefully with travel restrictions in place, less instances of Covid-19 will be identified.
- As of 10:00am this morning there were 9 confirmed cases in the Great Southern. All are travel related or associated with being in contact with someone who had travelled. No cases have required hospitalisation and two have already tested negative. No cases in Gnowangerup Shire.
- Three tests have been done at the practice and all tested negative.
- Stuart also raised the concern of members of the public being rude and abusive in regards to the safety measures put in place at the pharmacy.

Gail Blaszczyk, Team Leader, Department of Communities - Children Protection and Family Support, Great Southern District, Katanning Office

- Firstly, I'm glad that Robbie has mentioned the funeral as I have made a few calls and totally agree with Robbie. Frustration within communities as some people are not adhering to the social distancing rules. Not even allowing 40 people is okay.
- Anrie to raise issue with Adam Smith,
- Everything is still normal within the DOC; we are hoping that families are doing the right thing while in isolation.
- We continue to spread the important message and would also hope that people are taking things seriously.
- Gail has sent some posters through to Kirsty for use.
- Aboriginal households are provided with educational material in relation to the importance of social distancing and hygiene practices.

Les Nayda – Gnowangerup SES

- Les started off by thanking the Shire and the pharmacy with assisting with PPE.
- No training is currently allowed and starting to impact the morale of the members (road crash team). They work closely together and not being able to train is mentally affecting them.
- They are trying to work with DFES & the Volunteer Association in regards to the above.
- Online training available and is probably better than nothing.
- A funding application has been lodged for some new equipment.
- It is frustrating when you are called "State Emergency Services" and are not being utilised during the emergency.
- Otherwise, business as usual.
- Les asked the question whether beaches in the Great Southern would be closed for the Easter weekend.
- Replies – Jerramungup Shire has requested people to leave Bremer Bay if they are not locals. All their beaches will be closed and patrolled.
- City of Albany has closed all public parks and public camping areas, except for those holding valid permit.
- People are requested not to take holidays and to stay home.

Cr Keith House, Gnowangerup Shire Councillor

- Keith mentioned it's great to sit in on these meetings and see the respect and care within the community groups, as a community member looking in, I see everyone doing well. People need to deal with personal stress and do so within the family function.
- Farming is an essential service and no major problems so far.
- PPE and other situations will always be a challenge at this point and time,
- I am a local famer and still waiting for something that I ordered a while ago, getting angry won't change anything. Just have to be more creative and use other opportunities.

Lex Martin – Local Recovery Coordinator

- Good to be a part of the group, I sit home all alone and to come along and listen helps me focus on what's happening locally

Randall Moulden – OIC – Gnowangerup Police

- Business as usual.
- Police have sufficient PPE and more is coming in.
- Road blocks will continue to be in place.
- 24 hour road blocks will be in place over the Easter weekend.
- Bremer will be doing road blocks as they have already catered for the police to be there over the Easter weekend.
- I would request to all people who ring in to please stay at home.
- Enforcement and fines will be handed out for those not adhering to the rules. Fines have already been issued in the Great Southern.
- Social distancing is looking pretty good in town and smaller groups are moving around.
- Great to see most homes are starting to look after themselves and seeing all the signage being placed at homes.

Cr Fiona Gaze – Shire of Gnowangerup Shire President (Chair) & Principal Gnowangerup District High School

- Term 2 at school will be done via online education. Not sure at this stage if it will be for the whole term.
- Teachers are contacting families to see what they need.
- Parents will be able to send kids back to school once school starts, but will mainly be for those students whose parents are working in essential services. School does not want 20 kids in a class and then still be expected to teach online as well.
- School is looking for old laptops, desktops that can be upgraded to Windows 10 or iPads that they can repurpose for those students who don't have access to IT.
- Families will also be provided with work packages who don't have access to online learning.
- It is predicted that schools will have an influx of students after the school holidays because parents don't want to look after them.
- Schools should be closed to all students, except those who have parents working in essential services.

Andrew Brooker – Community Paramedic, St John Ambulance (telephonic report to Anrie)

- Business as usual
- All ambulances in the Shire have adequate PPE stock.

John Rigg – IGA Gnowangerup (verbal report to Anrie)

- Will see on Thursday if more than 40% of stock ordered is delivered.
- Some items not available for ordering before, can now be ordered with limitations in place and not guaranteed that it will be received.

3. Items for Adam Smith:

- With kids having to do online learning and home schooling, the question was raised what Telstra can do to capture a wider audience? Kids not having access to internet services are going to be left even further behind than those that have access to all things IT. The fear is that the gap is only going to get bigger between the advantaged and the disadvantaged. This is going to create a social issue in the future. Some families also only have access to Skymuster and have limited data allowances. Is this something that could be addressed? Shire president Fiona Gaze did raise this issue with Bruce Manning of the GSDC as well.

and again only today) and with people confined to their homes and relying on online shopping and delivery and it is starting to create a big problem for certain industries. People are also being forced to go out to go and get their goods that they normally would have received through Australia Post in a very short time frame.

- Last week there was a funeral of a young aboriginal man in Kojonup and there were between 90 and 100 in attendance. Special permission was apparently given for 40, but ended with 90-100 people. Concerns were raised in the first place for allowing 40 and staff from the Department of Communities contacted 3 different people with concern for the wider community, but was not replied too. Small regional towns see this as a big red flag if things like this are going to be allowed. It is already an issue educating vulnerable community members on social distancing and when events like the aforementioned are being allowed, they feel like they are fighting a losing battle.

4. Other items

- Support for retailers trying to enforce social distancing
 - Information has been posted on the Shire Facebook page.
- Prioritising local and regional suppliers
 - Not discussed.
- Vulnerable persons strategy
 - Refer to agency reports.

5. Next meeting

Next meeting date – **14 April 2020 at 4:00pm** at the Gnowangerup Town Hall

6. Meeting closed

The meeting was declared closed by the Chair at 5:20pm



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information sheet – What you need to know

Take care of yourself, your family and community.
By being kind and staying calm you can help our mob stay strong.

This is an information sheet for Aboriginal people on what they need to know about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) – what it is, how it spreads, how it makes them feel and what they can do to help it stop spreading.

What is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus are a large family of viruses that can make people sick ranging from a mild cold to severe respiratory illness.

The coronavirus is called COVID-19.

It is a new virus spreading across the world.

How it makes you feel?

Most people who get COVID-19 feel like they have a cold or flu.

Some people feel mild symptoms and others can get very ill very quickly and need medical help.

What are the symptoms?

- Fever (sweats)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fatigue.

How does the virus spread?

It can spread from person to person through:

- Close contact with a person who is infectious.
- Touching or being in close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes.
- Touching objects or surfaces like door handles, tables or phones that have cough or sneeze droplets from a sick person, and then touching your mouth or face.



Stop the spread

We need to take care of each other and keep our community safe by doing what we can to stop the virus bugs spreading to each other. This means practising good personal hygiene and social distancing.

- Stay away from people who are sick with cold or flu symptoms.
- Stay home and rest to stay strong.
- Stay 2 arms lengths away from everyone (at least 1.5 metres apart).

- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Keep your distance – don't shake hands, kiss, hug or do high fives.
- Do not share smokes, drink or food.
- Avoid big mobs of people like family and community gatherings.

AND

- If you unwell, avoid any contact with anyone and contact your local clinic or hospital and they will tell you what to do.



For more information

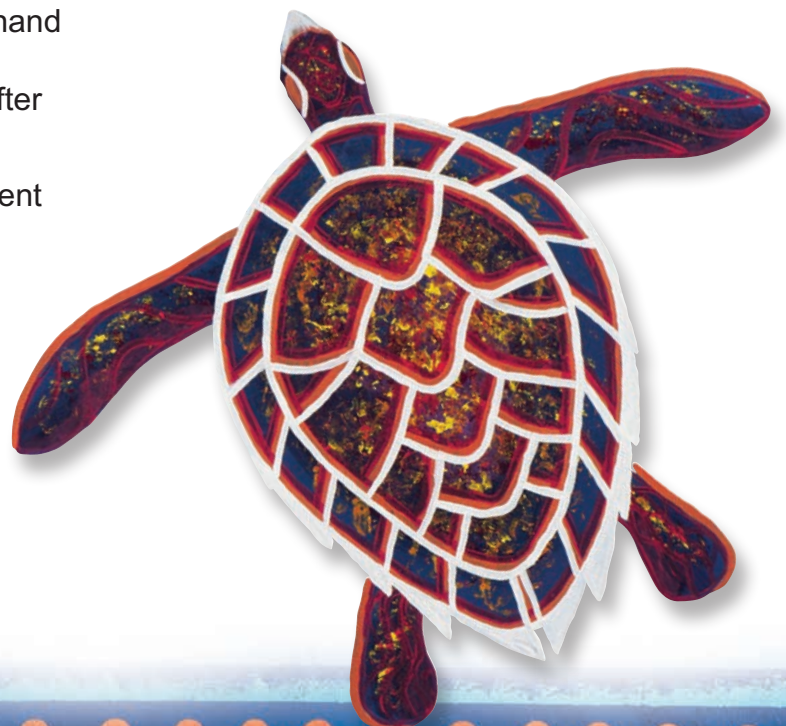
Go to **Healthy WA** website for up to date information on COVID-19.

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

or

Call the
Coronavirus Health Information Line
1800 020 080

- Wash your hands a lot with soap and water (for 20 to 30 seconds) or use hand sanitiser especially before and after eating, after going to the toilet and after coughing or sneezing.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or bent elbow, **NOT** into your hands.
- Throw used tissues in the bin.



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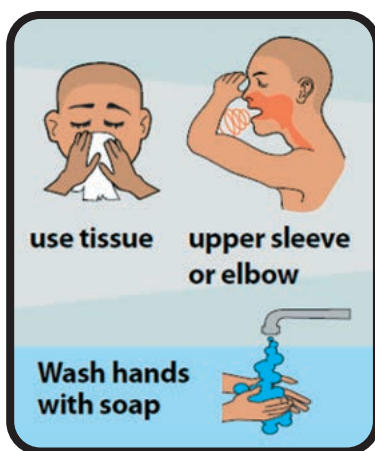


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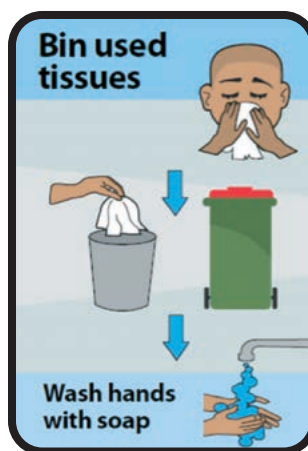
How to protect yourself, your family and community



Wash your hands a lot with soap and water (20-30 seconds)



Cough or sneeze into a tissue or bent elbow, not into your hands



Do not shake hands, kiss or hug

Do not share smokes, drink or food



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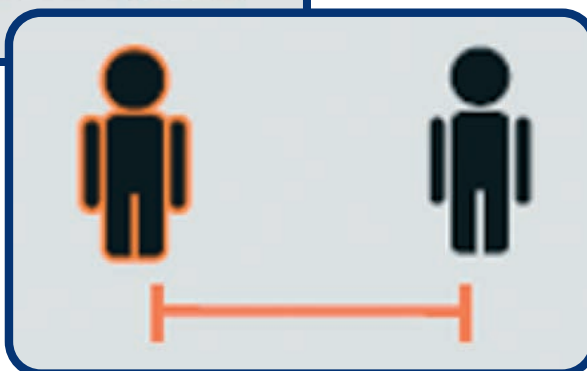


Coronavirus (COVID-19)

How to protect yourself, your family and community



Stay home and rest
to stay strong



Stay 2 arms lengths
away from
everyone



Avoid big mobs of people

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Stay strong when you are sick



Rest

Resting helps you fight the virus



Water

Drink plenty of water



Food

Good tucker helps you stay strong



Medicines

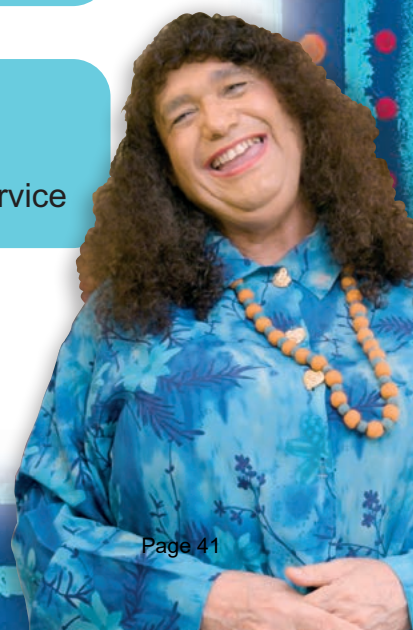
Take your usual medicines



Medical help

Stay in touch with your local medical service

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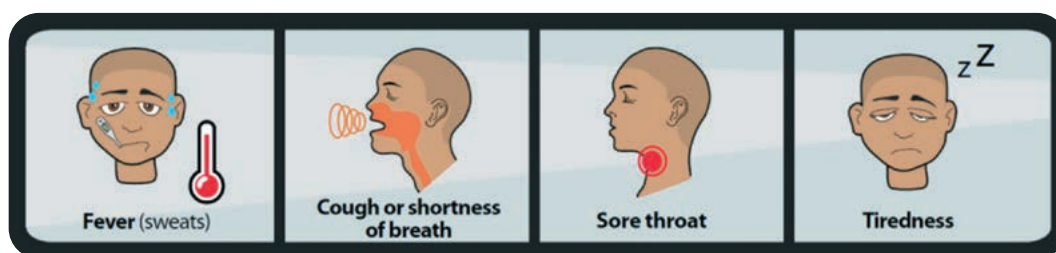


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How to protect yourself, your family and community



What are the symptoms?



If you are crook with COVID-19 symptoms, contact the clinic or hospital and they will tell you what to do

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Our Elders are at risk



**THIS HOUSE IS AN
ELDERS PROTECTED
AREA COVID-19**

**IF YOU DON'T LIVE HERE,
PLEASE DON'T COME IN**

Please do not enter this house



MY FAMILY ARE AT RISK FROM COVID-19

12. STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE

12.1	WORKFORCE PLAN 2020
Location(s):	N/A
Proponent:	N/A
File Ref:	
Date of Report:	6 th April 2020
Business Unit:	Strategy and Governance
Officer:	Ian Graham – Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- DRAFT Shire of Gnowangerup Workforce Plan 2020.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

For Council to consider the adoption of the Shire of Gnowangerup Workforce Plan 2020.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to adopt a Workforce Plan under Section 5.56 of the LG Act 1995 and Section 19DA (3) c of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

On 24th April 2018 a Workforce Plan was presented to Council at the Information Briefing Session, however the plan was not formally adopted by Council. The non-compliance was subsequently reported in the 2019 Compliance Audit Return.

COMMENTS

As a result of the non-compliance in regard to the Workforce Plan as reported in the 2019 Compliance Audit Return, senior staff have completed a review of the Workforce Plan.

The current Corporate Business Plan (CBP) runs for four (4) years from 2017/18 to 2020/21. Therefore a decision was made to complete a minor review only of the Workforce Plan, retaining the original staff survey results, with an update on current staffing statistics and focusing on the 2020/21 workforce requirements, to align staffing with key strategic goals in year four (2020/21) of the current CBP.

A new Workforce Plan will be developed in 2021 in conjunction with the new Corporate Business Plan for the four (4) year period 2021/22 to 2024/25.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

LG Act 1995 s5.56 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:

19DA. Corporate business plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

- (1) A local government is to ensure that a corporate business plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.
- (2) A corporate business plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 4 financial years.
- (3) A corporate business plan for a district is to —
 - (a) set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government’s priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and
 - (b) govern a local government’s internal business planning by expressing a local government’s priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government’s resources; and
 - (c) develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed workforce amendments will impact the 2020/21 Annual Budget with an increase of .60 FTE, being the increase for the Records & Research Officer role from part-time to full-time.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan

Theme: A Sustainable and Capable Council

Objective: Provide accountable and transparent leadership

Strategic Initiative: Demonstrate accountability through robust reporting that is relevant and easily accessible by the Community.

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Primary Strategic Risk Category	Financial Sustainability
Description	Inability to maintain service and infrastructure levels for the Shire.
Residual Risk: (Low, Moderate, High, Extreme)	Moderate

Consequence: (Insignificant, Minor, Moderate, Major, Catastrophic)	Major
Likelihood: (Almost Certain, Likely, Possible, Unlikely, Rare)	Possible

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

CONCLUSION

Adoption of the Shire of Gnowangerup Workforce Plan 2020 is recommended to ensure alignment of staffing with key strategic goals in year four (4) of the current Corporate Business Plan and workforce planning compliance for the 2020 calendar year.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

0420. That Council:

Adopts the Shire of Gnowangerup Workforce Plan 2020.



THE SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP WORKFORCE PLAN 2020

**Our
Team
Focus**



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The Shire of Gnowangerup Workforce Plan 2020 demonstrates our commitment to building the capacity of our workforce to maintain a highly skilled and experienced team to deliver our strategic outcomes, as detailed in the Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021. We are a small regional council with limited staff resources, but we are passionate about what we do and the sustainability of our community.

Our strategic workforce objective is to attract and retain a talented and diverse workforce, ensuring we implement strategies that build our organisational capacity and capability to support the community.

Our guiding principles include the following:

Build and maintain a culture of high performance living the Shire's values and demonstrating that the Shire is a great place to work;

Create the "right mix" (right skills, right time, right place) to respond effectively and efficiently to planned or unplanned change;

Actively manage the recruitment of new employees and the ongoing development and retention of existing employees;

Align the workforce profile with the Shire's quarterly and annual planning;

Optimise the potential of employees through effective performance management and professional development;

Educate the local community on the range of activities undertaken by the council and key job requirements to promote local employment;

Develop flexible and adaptable recruitment strategies to give local people the best opportunity to demonstrate they meet the position requirements;

Support and encourage managers and supervisors to mentor and develop their staff to be highly competitive candidates for future job opportunities.

Why do we have a Workforce Plan?

Workforce Planning is about forecasting future labour market needs and is also useful for: identifying any staffing issues, managing risk and minimising crisis, containing workforce costs e.g., absenteeism, turnover, developing workforce skills, and ensuring adequate service delivery in the future.

VISION AND KEY GOALS

The Shire of Gnowangerup is located in the Great Southern region of Western Australia, covers 4,268 sq km's and includes the towns of Borden, Ongerup, and Gnowangerup. The Shire is approximately 354 kilometers from Perth and 140 kilometers from Albany. It is a prosperous grain and sheep producing area.

The Shire exists in a landscape that is constantly changing with a gradual population decrease across the Shire and in each of the key towns mainly due to the key factors that impact on many regional agricultural centres¹:

“Efficiencies and technological innovation are

generating higher levels of agricultural production using less labour. This is driving a long-term trend of lower employment in agricultural regions. There is also a pattern of consolidation from smaller towns to larger regional centres, which affects the social fabric of these communities”.

Population Figures for each town in the Shire

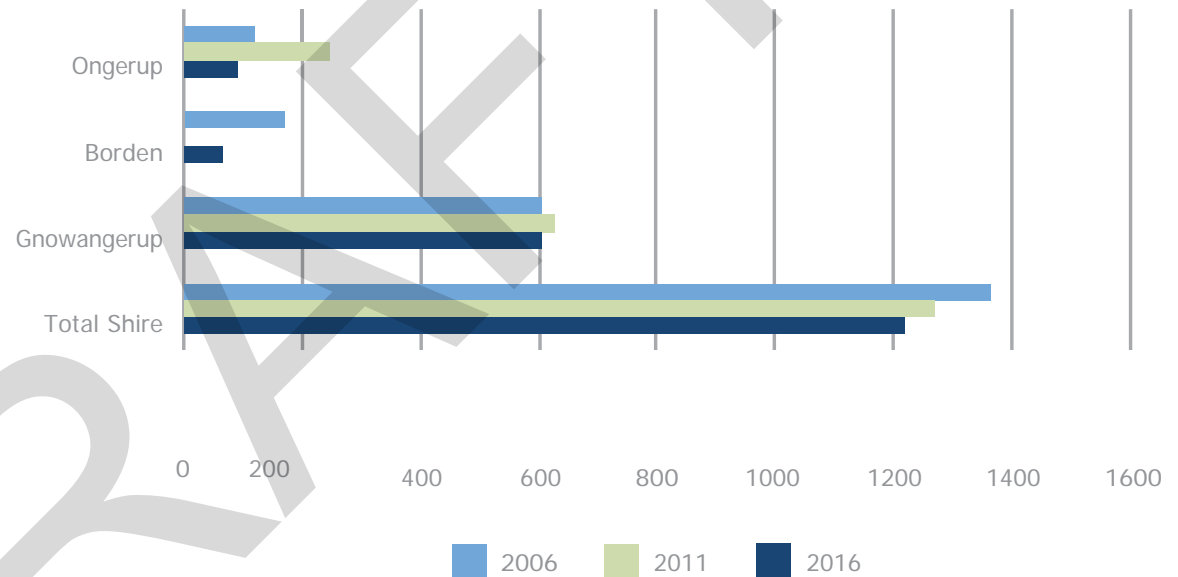


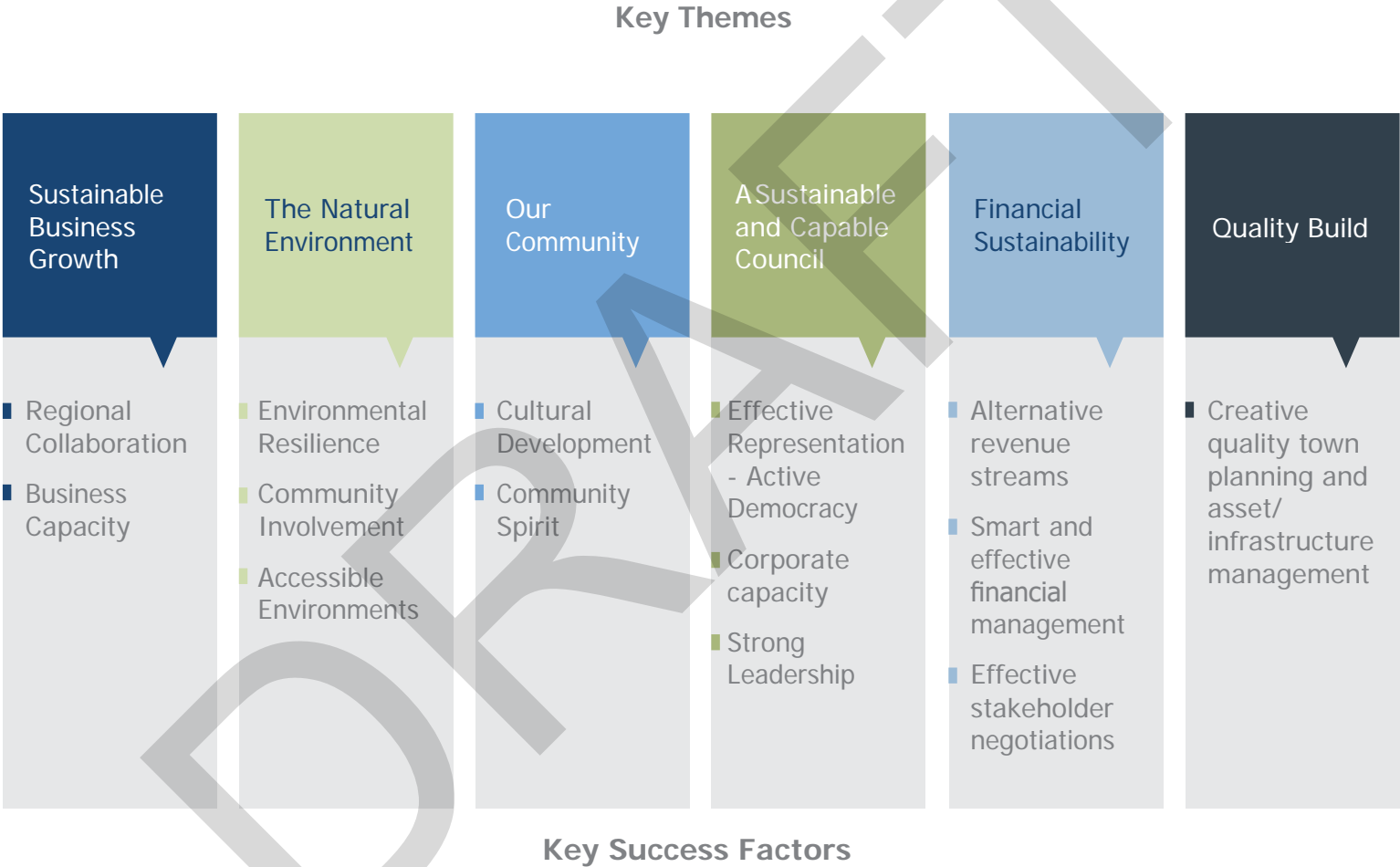
Figure 1: Source: 2016 Australian Bureau Census Data

The planning and consultation work that has been undertaken in the Shire recognises these challenges and is focused on building:

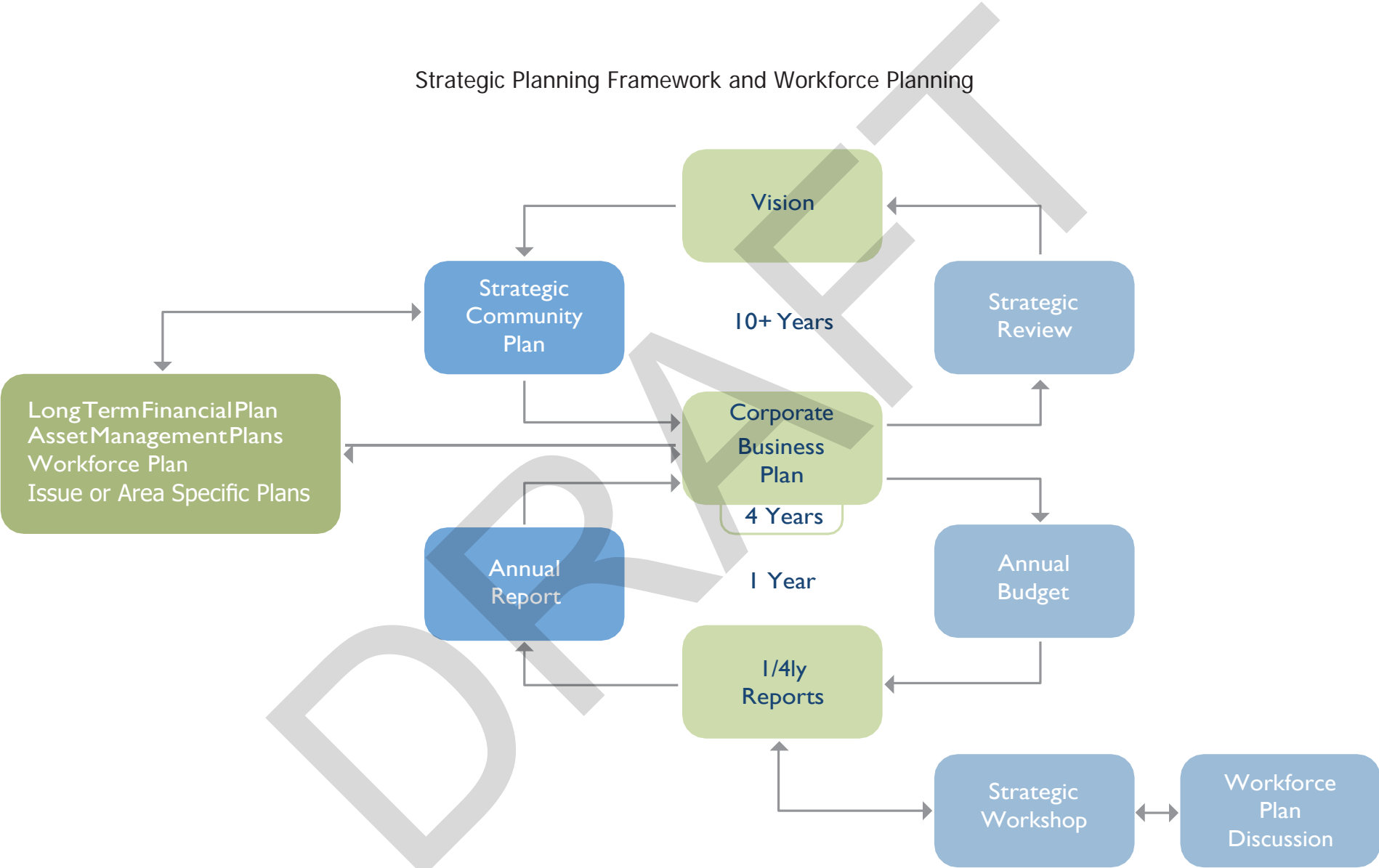
“A progressive inclusive and prosperous community built on opportunity”.

¹ Australian Government Productivity Review December 2017, Transitioning Regional Economies, Study Report Overview and recommendations.

The Shire of Gnowangerup Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021 established to achieve this vision focuses on six key themes.



Strategic Planning Framework and Workforce Planning



KEY CHALLENGES

A shortage of serviced industrial land, housing, digital infrastructure, appropriately skilled staff, an aging population and workforce and budget limitations are all factors that impact on the district's goals and the Shire's workforce. The Shire's workforce has been restructured to meet changing needs over the past five years with FTE decreasing from:

- 42 staff in 2014/15;
- 40 in 2015/16;
- 34 in 2016/17;
- 31 in 2020.

These figures do not include the external contractors (6 in 2020) who have remained the same over the past three years and provide the Shire with skills not available in the district on a flexible and cost-effective basis. On a positive note, staff turnover at the Shire has decreased over the past three year

REVIEW OF ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

As part of 2020 review of the Shire of Gnowangerup Workforce Plan, senior management considered the current organisation structure and determined that three (3) revisions were required.

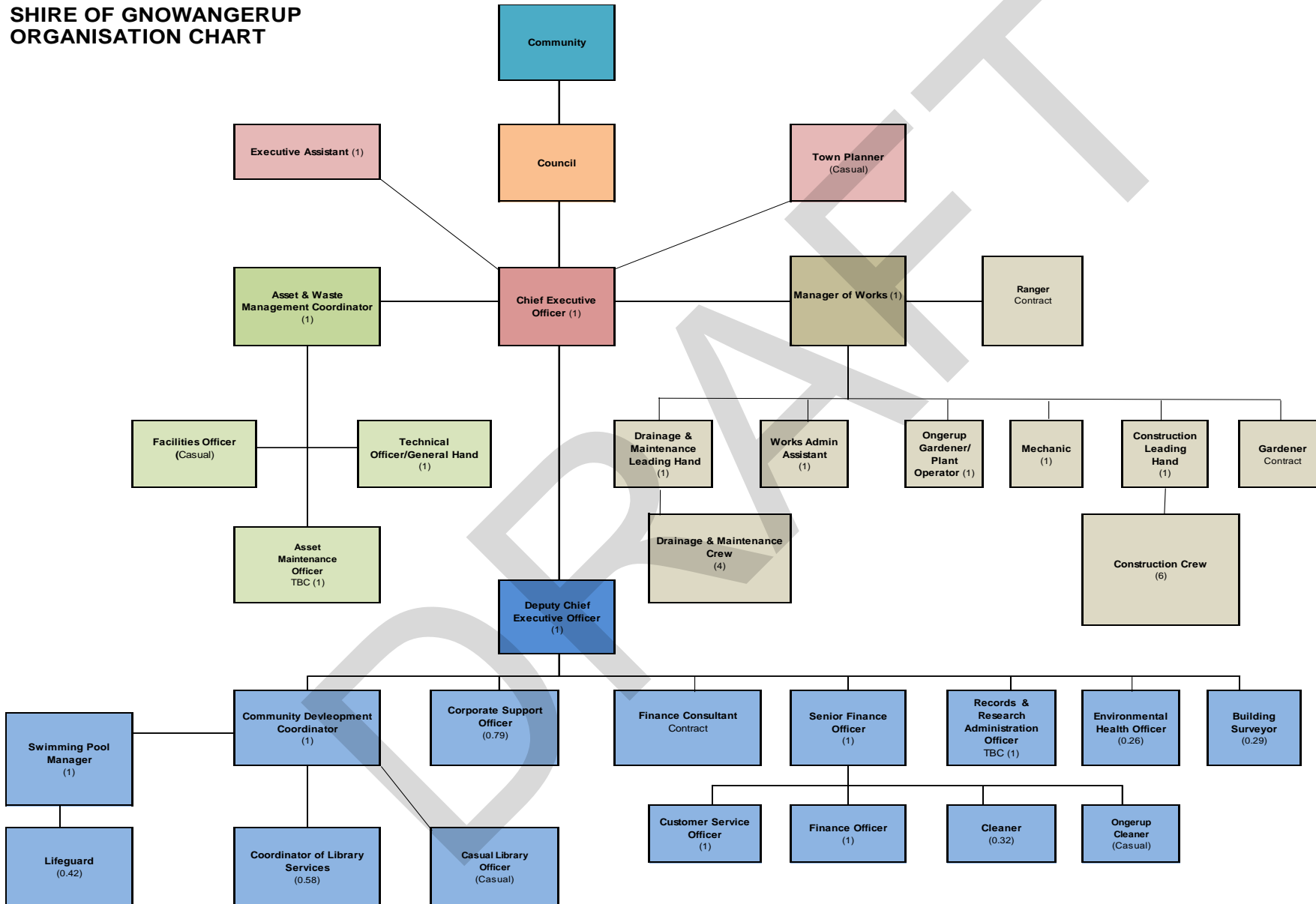
Firstly, the creation of a new fulltime Asset Management Officer position, to assist with building and other asset maintenance in accordance with our Asset Management Plan.

Secondly, the existing casual Records Administration role to become fulltime Records and Research Officer, in order to achieve ongoing compliance with records management (including the medical centre records) and provide research capability. Both positions to commence in May 2020. For the remainder of FY20, these positions will be funded by savings from vacant positions.

Thirdly a (currently vacant) Plant Operator role will not be filled for 2020/21, to fund the Asset Management Officer role with a review to be undertaken in 2021.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE

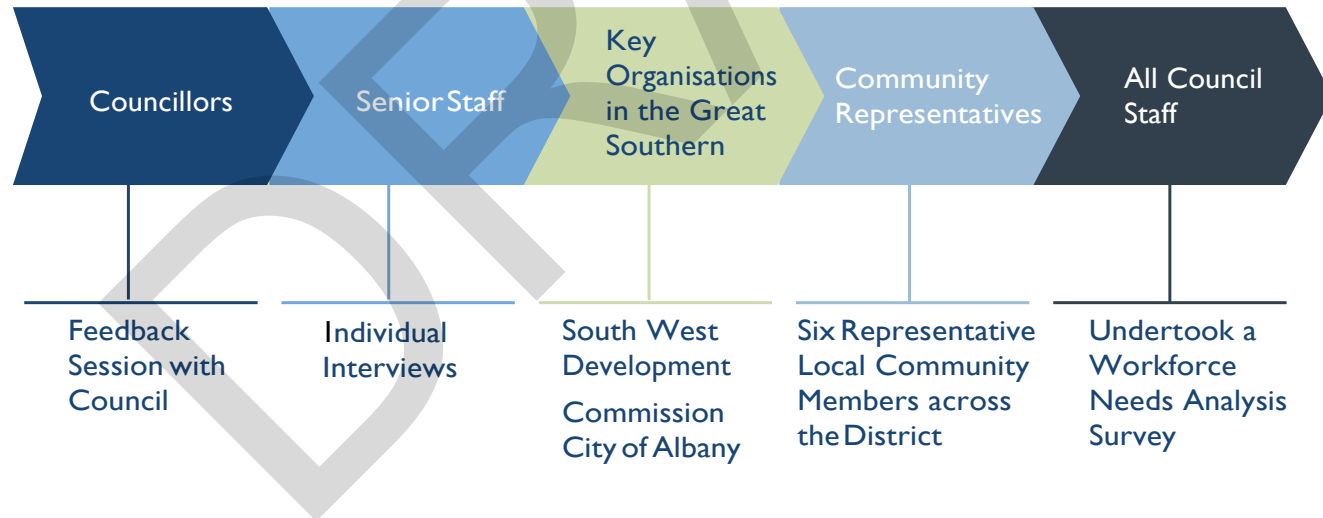
SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP ORGANISATION CHART



PART 2: WHO WE CONSULTED AND OUR APPROACH

In 2017, the Shire undertook a limited, yet very informative, consultation process with key stakeholders listed below to help inform this workforce plan². The goal was to:

- Confirm what each group considered “the most critical issue” that needed to be addressed in the Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021 to help focus the workforce priorities?
- Acknowledging the limited resources of the Shire, how can the Shire staff help the community build on the success of their current community development projects?
- How can the Shire increase the recruitment of competitive local applicants?
- Establish the future career goals of staff and their development needs.



² This consultation process was undertaken within the context of the broader Community Consultation Planning process 2017-2027

PART 3: OUR KEY WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

For our workforce, we see our key challenges as being able to:

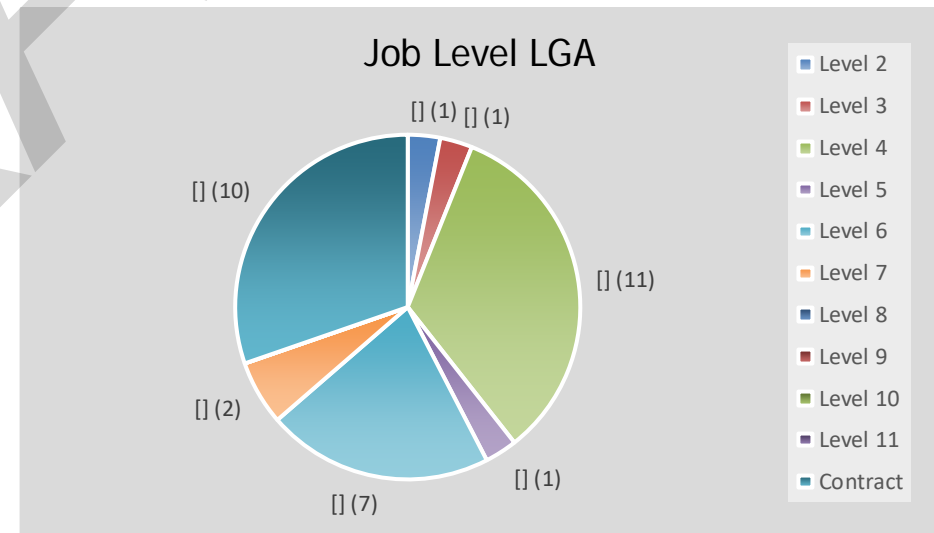
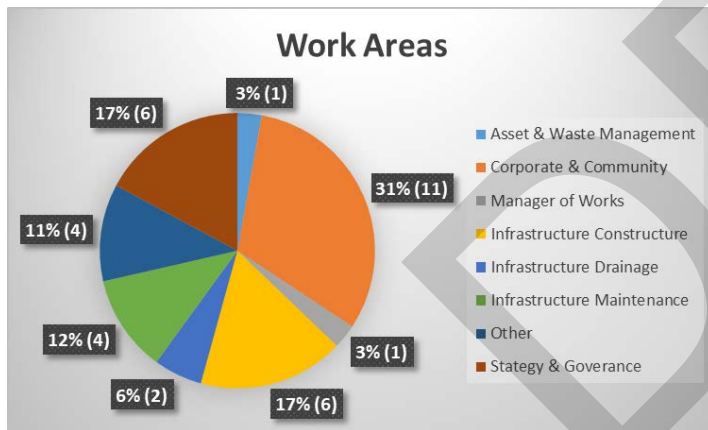
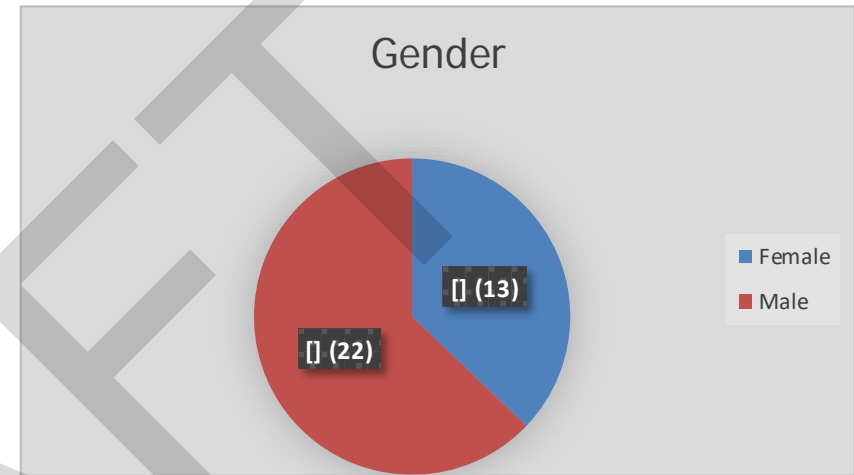
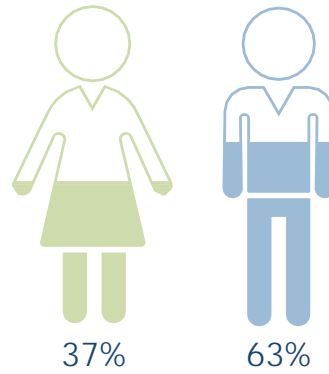
- implement practical workforce strategies and embed them 'into the way we work and plan';
- attract and retain a diverse workforce with the skills and experience to meet position requirements;
- meet staff development needs with a limited budget and staffing profile;
- embrace digital innovation and technology;
- develop and equip staff to be mentors and coaches to develop transferable skills and experience within the workforce;
- adopt flexible and targeted strategies to employ locally, where possible to reduce costs, staff turnover and build on local knowledge and support;
- build a positive and high performing culture that supports lifelong learning and development to promote an agile and responsive workforce to the changing environment.



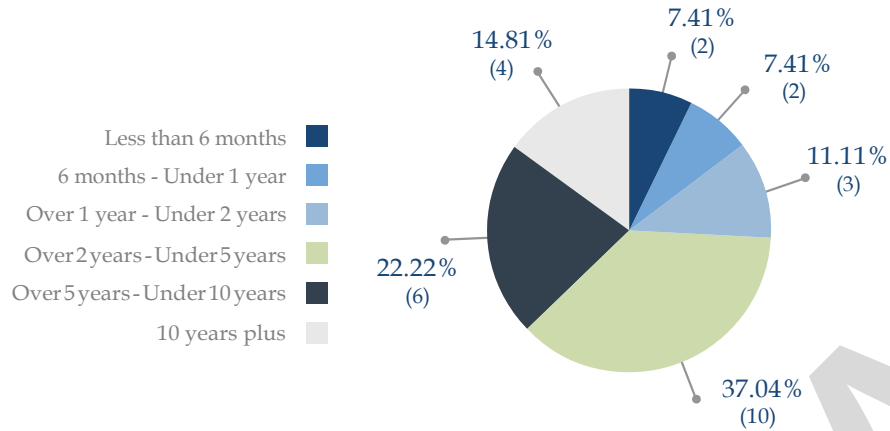
PART 4: OUR PROFILE

Quick Snapshot 2020

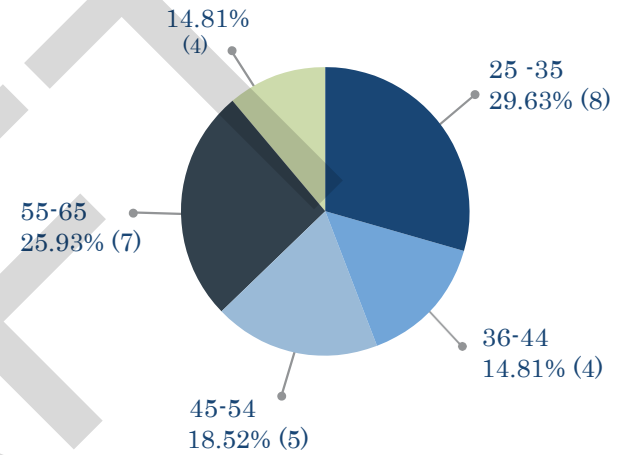
- 35** Total Head Count
- 31** FTE
- 24** Full time staff
- 6** Part Time
- 5** Casual
- 50** Average age
- 4** Eligible to retire
- 67** Average age: retirement eligibility



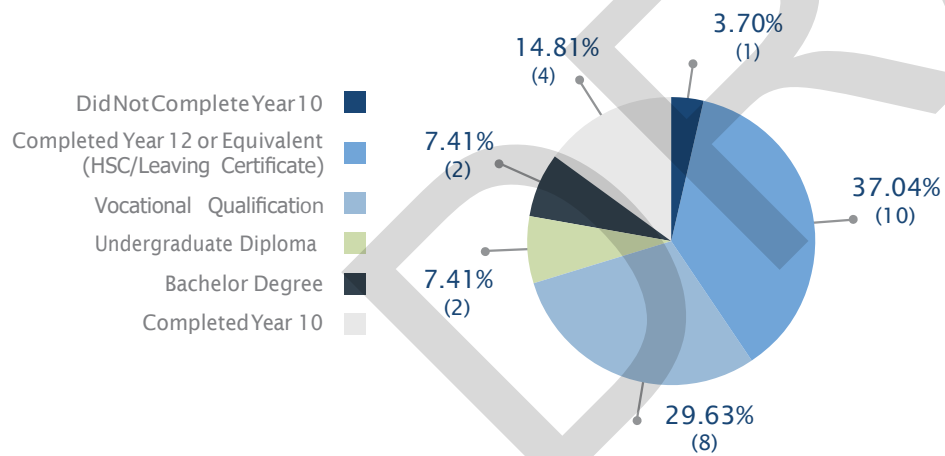
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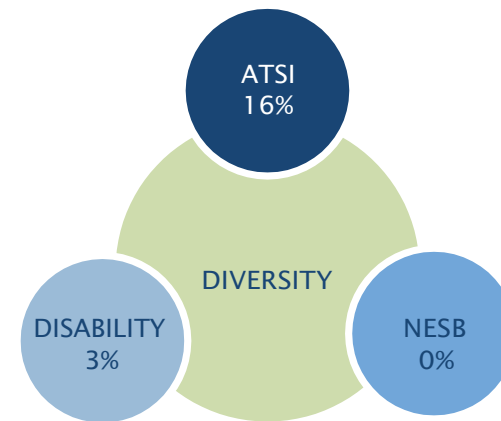
Age Grouping



Qualifications



Workforce Diversity



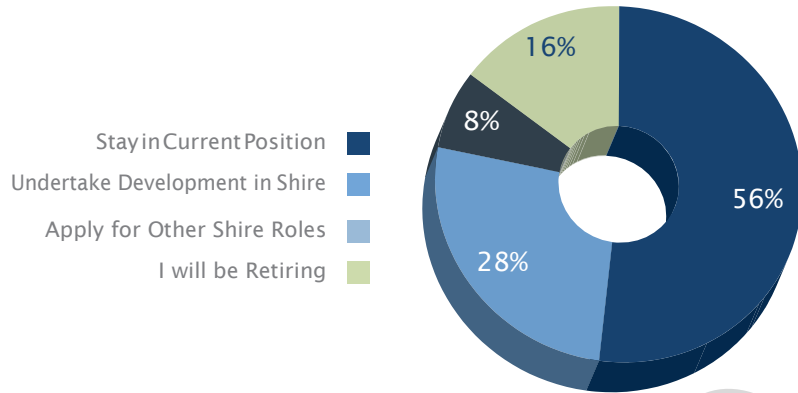
PART 5: RESULTS WORKFORCE SURVEY: 27 STAFF RESPONSES

ATTRACTING AND RECRUITING STAFF

Positions most difficult to recruit qualified and experienced applicants	Why are positions difficult to fill?	Staff suggestions
<p>Senior staff</p> <p>Pool lifeguard</p> <p>Pool manager</p> <p>Grader operator</p> <p>Rates officer</p> <p>Plant operators (experience in plant operations and road construction)</p>	<p>We can match salary. It is often about available housing and whether the partner can find a job</p> <p>Money and housing are the biggest problem</p> <p>We are competing with the city and the mining Industry</p> <p>Not enough staff available to supervise trainee/apprentices</p> <p>Only part-time contract roles on offer.</p>	<p>Develop and train local people</p> <p>More leadership from the top</p> <p>Pay higher for experience</p> <p>Offer appropriate housing</p> <p>Make it more attractive for workers with young families to move to this area</p> <p>Give existing staff exposure and training for other areas within the Shire</p> <p>Develop a clear strategy on whether Council wants to invest in training locals or providing housing options</p> <p>Make sure workload is managed and appropriate</p>

OUR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

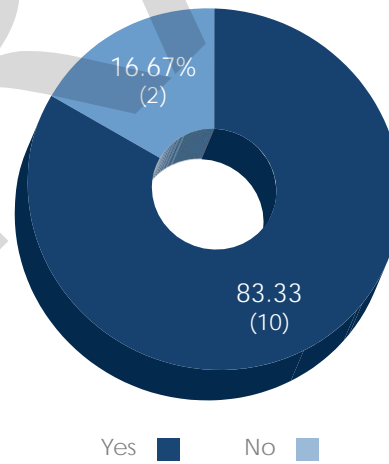
Short Term Career Goals



Long Term Career Goals

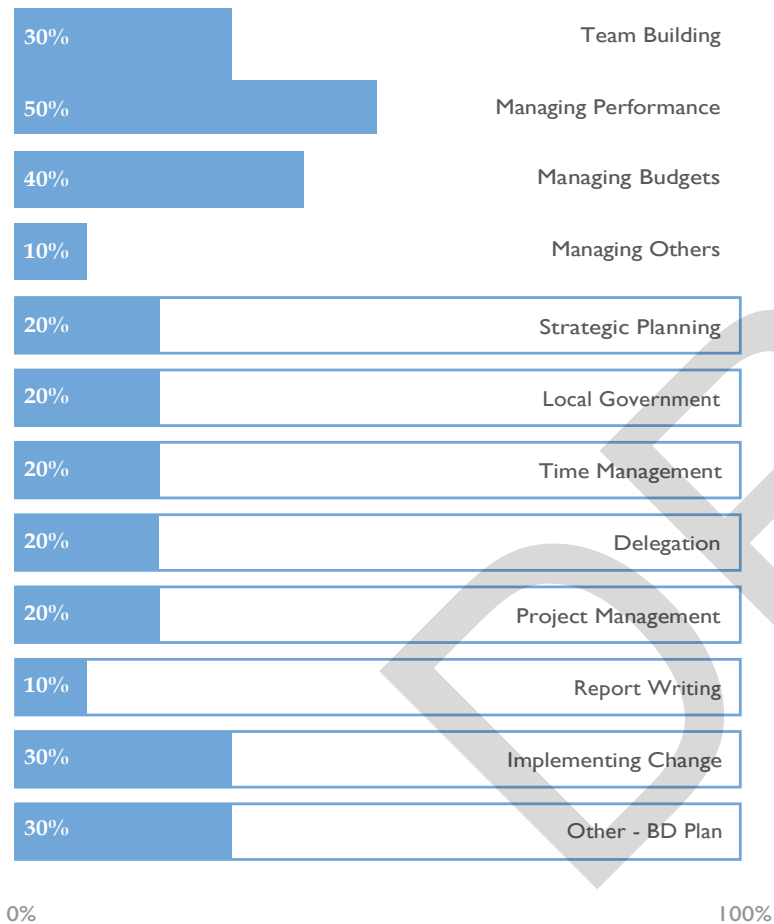


% of Staff Receiving Annual Performance Reviews

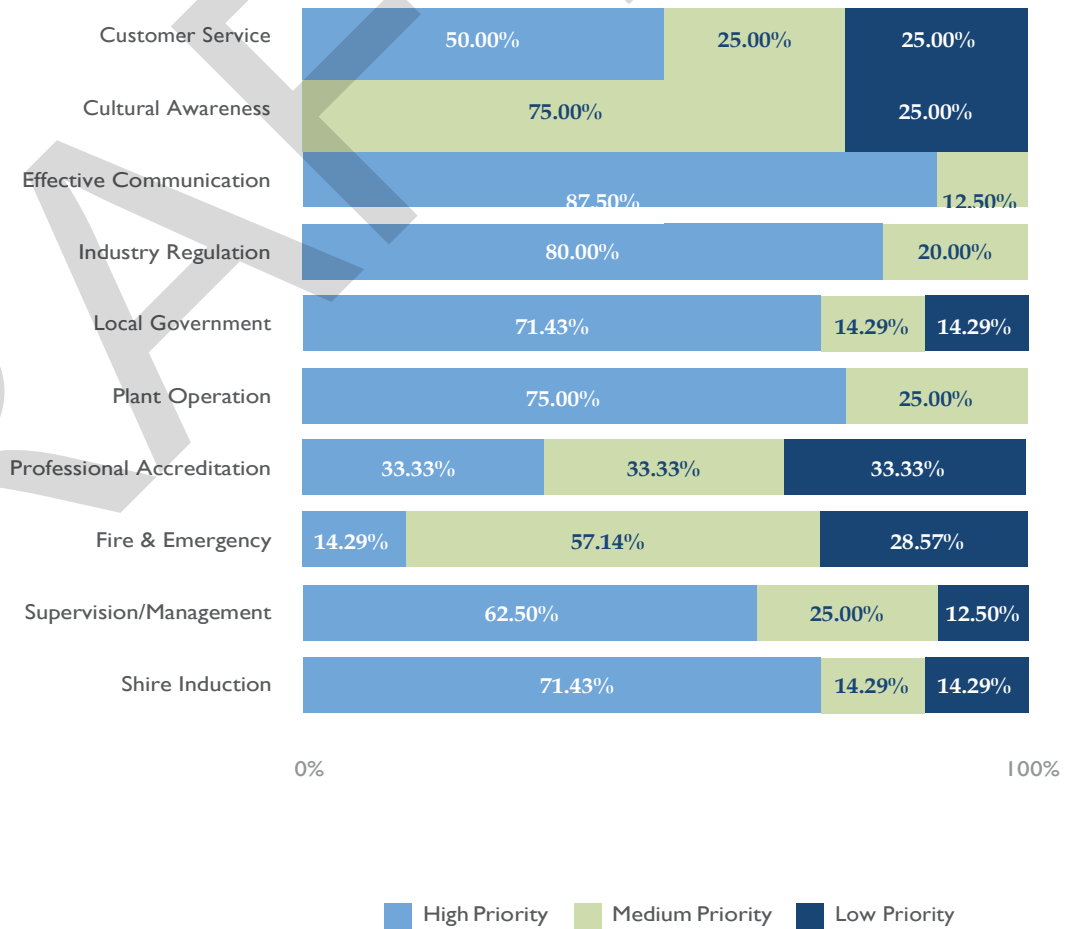


TRAINING PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY MANAGERS/SUPERVISORS

High Priority Training Required for Managers/Supervisors



High Priority Training Required for Staff

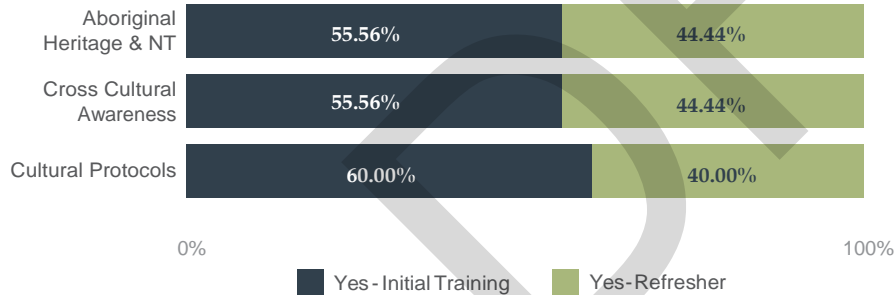


TRAINING PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY STAFF ALL NON-MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISORY STAFF

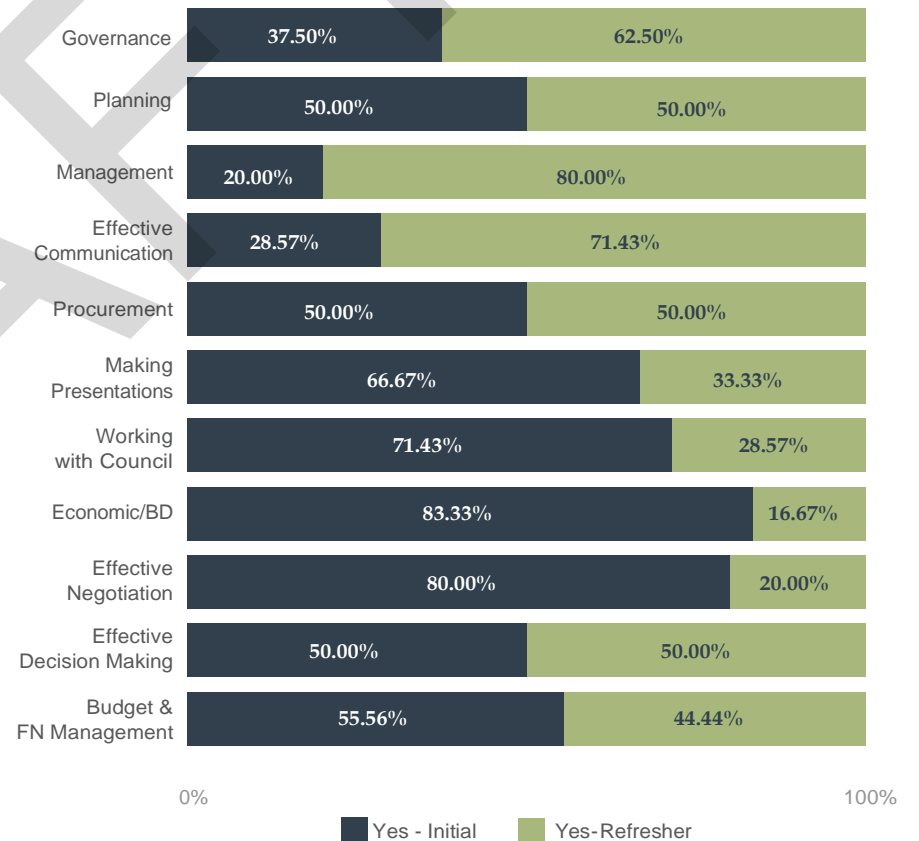
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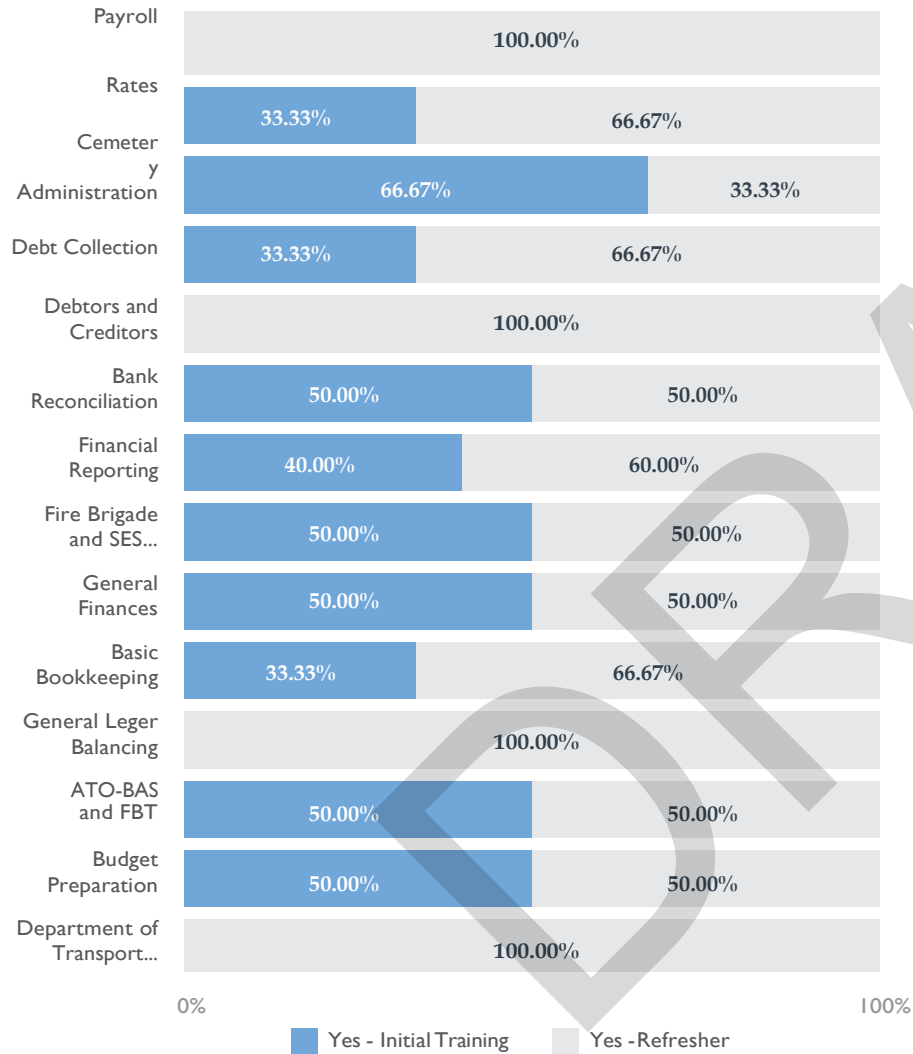
Cultural Development Training



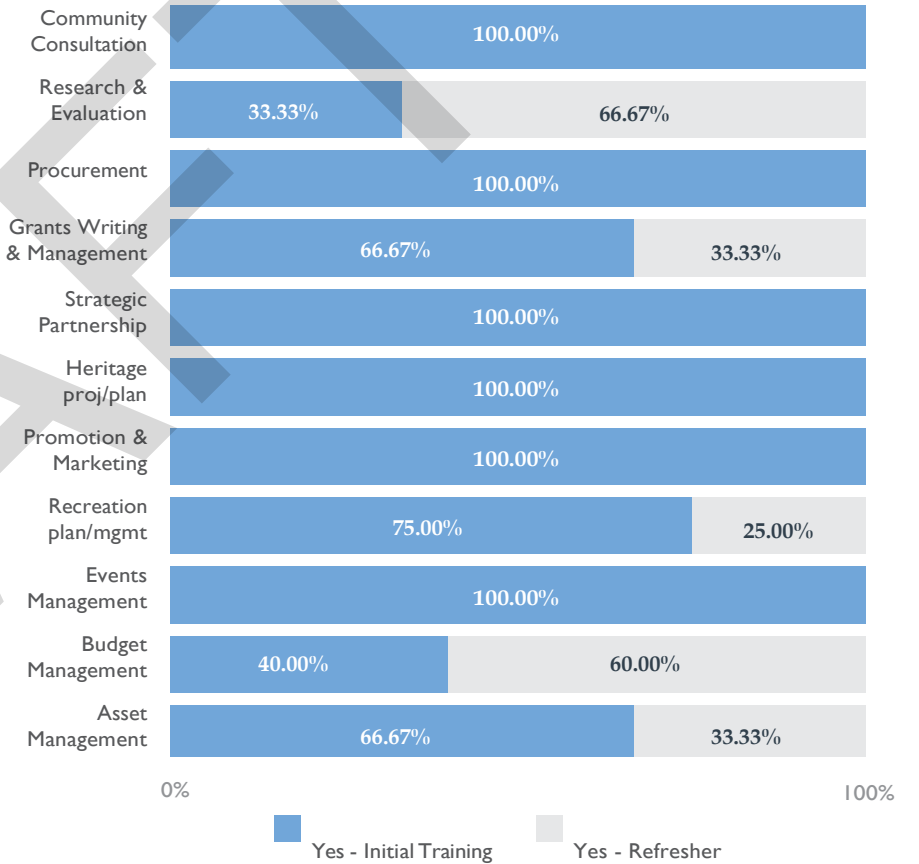
Strategy & Governance Services



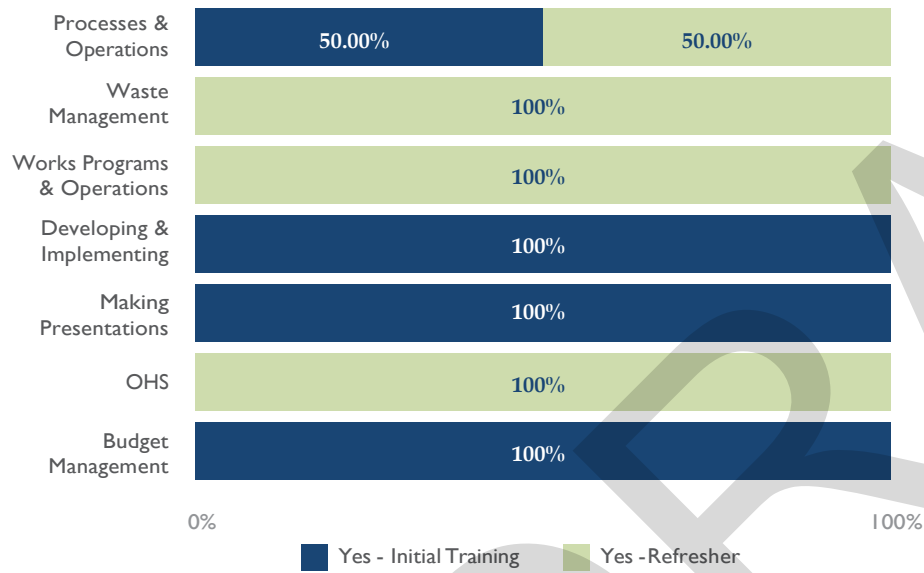
Financial Services Training



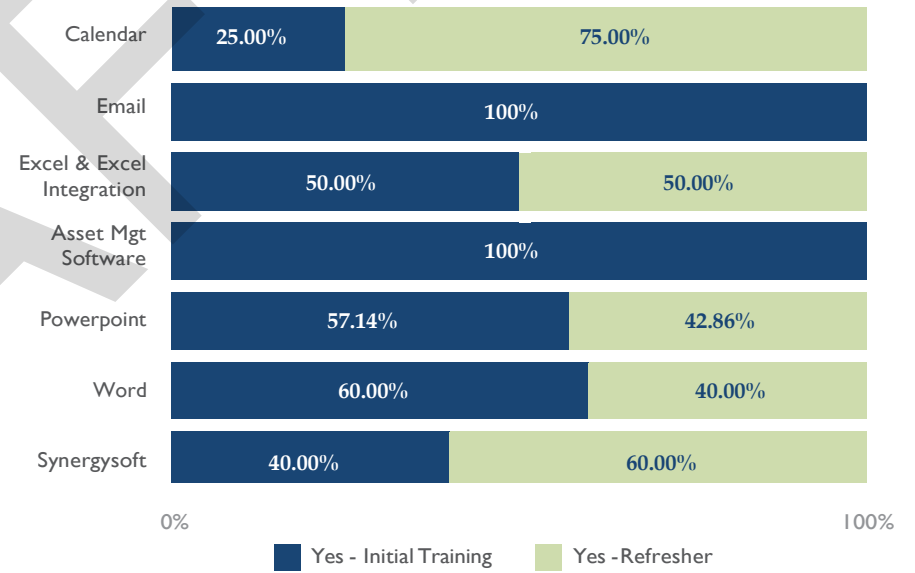
Community Services Training



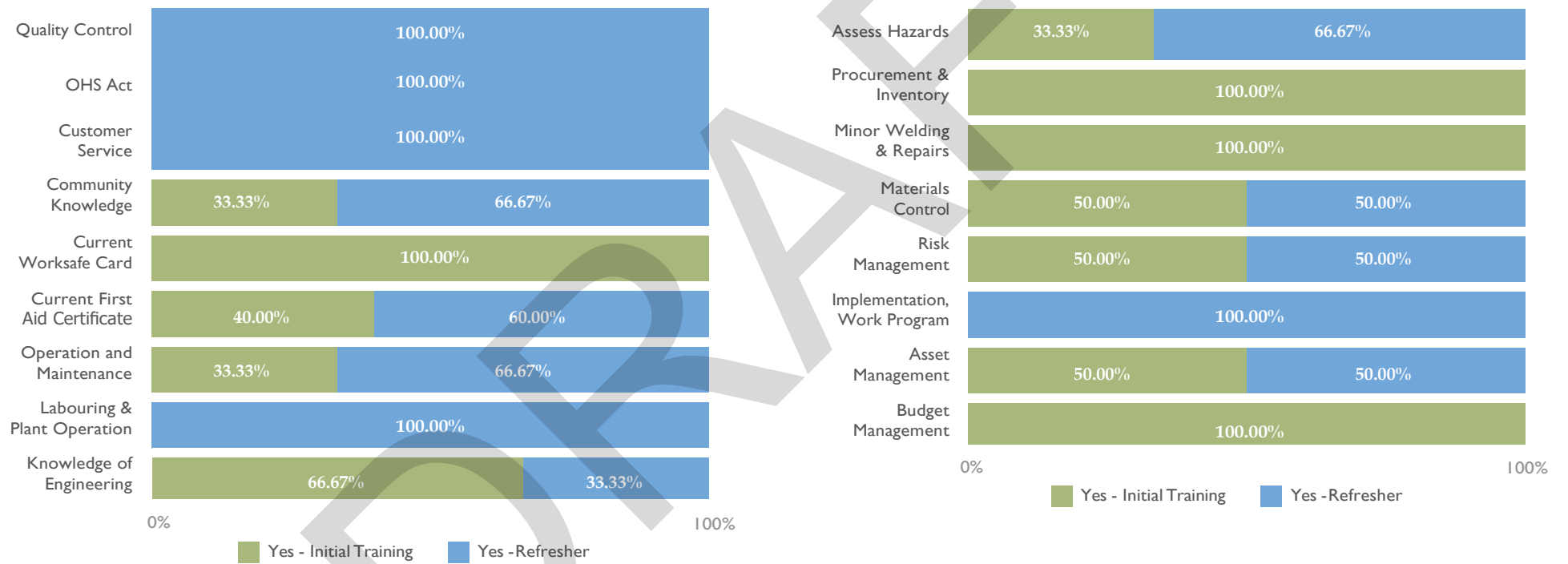
Asset and Waste Management Training



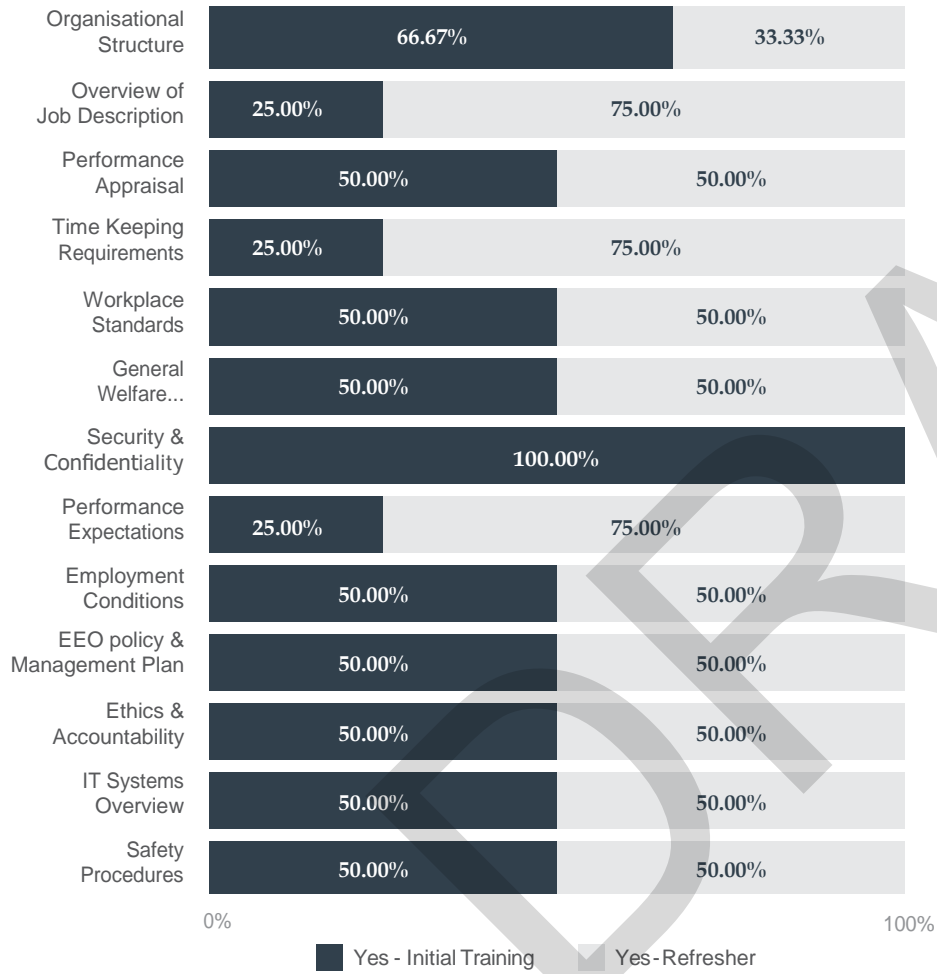
Computer and/or Systems Training



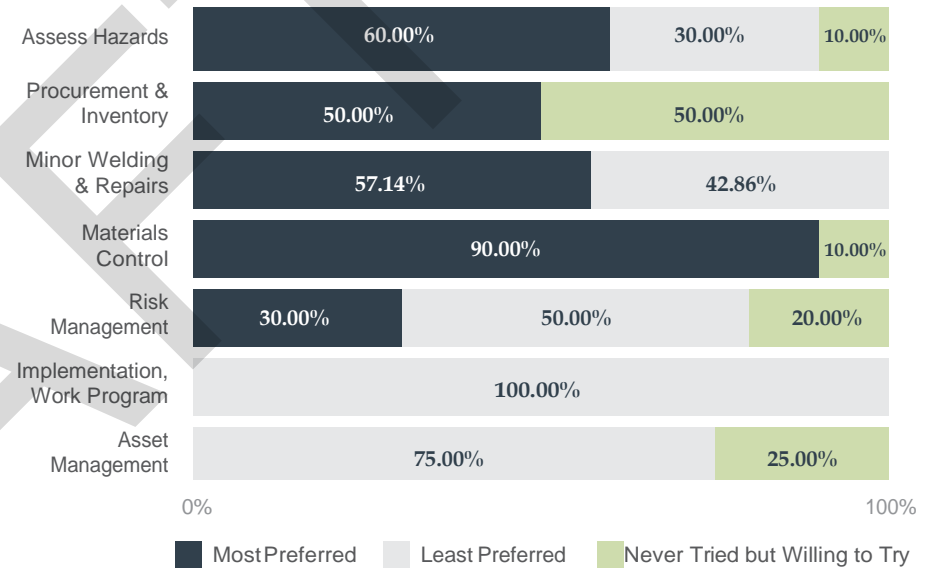
Infrastructure Services (Maintenance, Drainage & Construction) Training



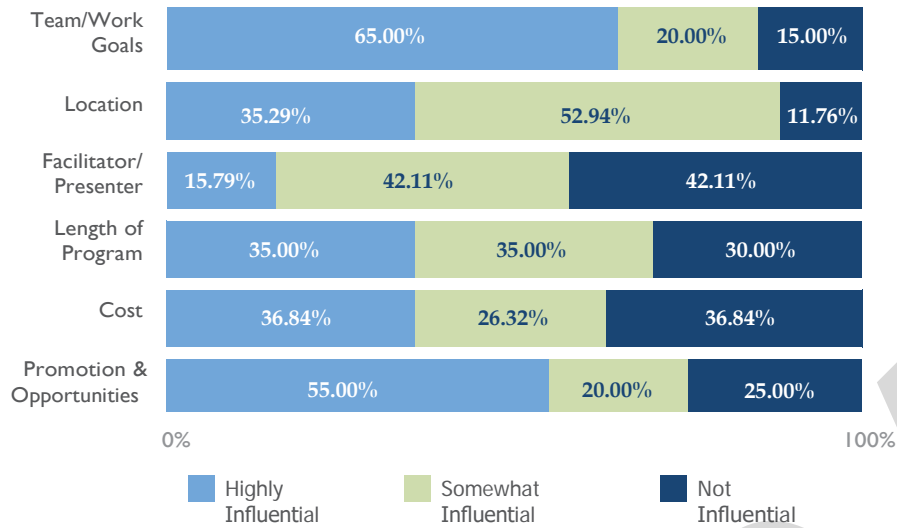
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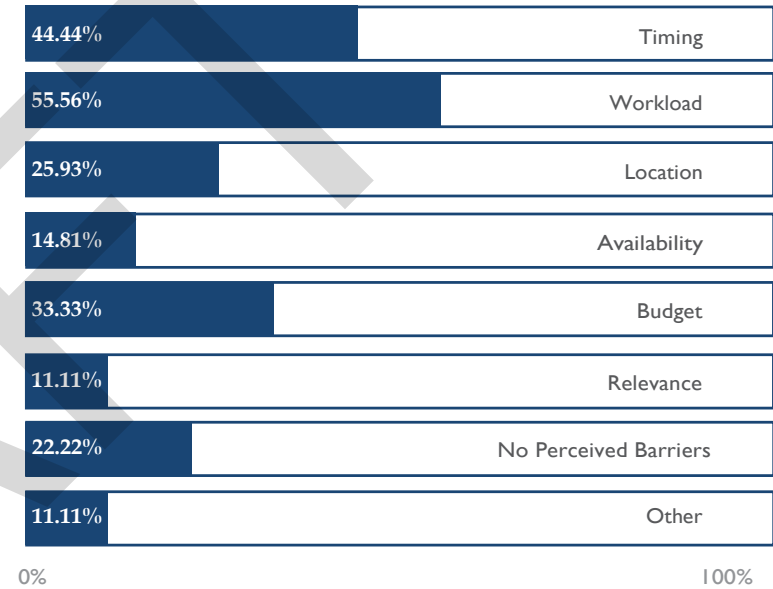
Preferred Method of Training/Learning



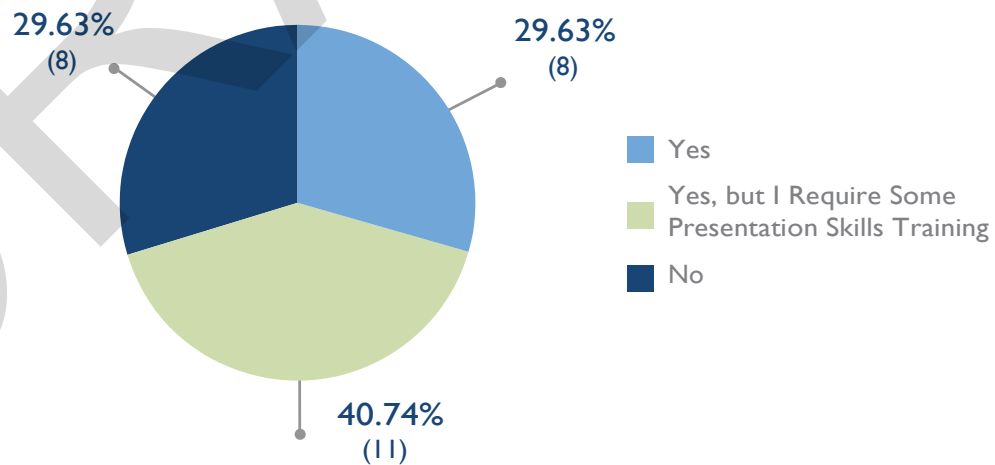
Key Factors that Influence you to register for a Training Program



Barriers to Attending Training and Development Activities



Staff Interested in Delivering Training/Information Sessions on their Area of Expertise



PART 6: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This Workforce plan has been developed to support the strategic goals outlined in the Gnowangerup Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021 within the broader context of:

- workforce resources are planned within the next three years to deliver business plan outcomes;
- The Great Southern Regional Blue Print to 2040 and Royalties for Regions funding opportunities are currently under review;
- the population of the district has been declining over the past few years;
- there are no significant regional initiatives known at this stage that will reverse this trend;
- technology and communication capacity challenges necessary for business to thrive within the district as well a lack of funding and funding sources for major infrastructure projects to facilitate building projects; and
- the supply of suitable housing is another key challenge.

However, the key focus of the Shire going forward is to work toward;

- building the sustainability of the towns (Gnowangerup, Borden and Ongerup);
- bringing the three communities to work together to maximise outcomes;

- balancing community expectations and the allocation of resources, which is not always practicable due to the different population numbers in each town;

- building community collaboration across the district to work together to maintain and build the economic viability of the district;

- support the many capable people and groups across the district initiating, implementing and managing some key projects on a voluntary basis.

Within this context the Shire of Gnowangerup;

- was acknowledged in 2017 by The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Better Practice Review. The review found that “the Shire is an organisation that functions well and displays various strengths and good practice across a range of operations and in particular in the areas of customer service, financial and asset management and community engagement”;

- was recommended by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to participate on a panel on Long Term Financial Plan Best Practices at the 2018 Local Government Professionals WA Finance Professionals Conference;

- has responded to changing circumstances by restructuring the existing workforce for maximum efficiencies and building a strong team. The key focus moving forward will be building capacity and up-skilling existing staff through mentoring and training and succession planning.

PART 7: STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Most stakeholders enthusiastically provided a broad range of feedback, which has been provided to the Shire however, the key points that will help the Shire focus the Workforce Plan are listed below.

Councillors

1. The most critical issue that needs to be addressed in the Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021 to help focus the workforce priorities?

Facilitation of sustainable business growth and better community relations between the three towns of Gnowangerup, Borden and Ongerup. This includes providing quality services/facilities to support business (land availability and services, telecommunications, shopping local, maintaining health services, developing accommodation options and maintaining roads.

2. Acknowledging the limited resources of the Shire, how can the Shire staff help the community build on the success of their current community development projects?

Fully engage with the community and where possible employ appropriately qualified and experienced local people to build the capacity of the community to undertake projects. There needs to be strong community engagement skills within the Shire.

3. How can the Shire increase the recruitment of competitive local applicants?

Enhanced communication with the community, promote the shires successes, encourage greater Council participation across the district.

Community Stakeholders

1. The most critical issue” that needs to be addressed in the Corporate Business Plan 2017-2021 to help focus the workforce priorities?

- Keep businesses alive to build the sustainability of the district.
- Improve roads and focus on the traditional services rates, roads and rubbish.
- Facilitate where possible better telecommunications, industrial land availability and services (power and water), housing projects, and the creation of enhanced streetscapes in each town.
- Develop a specialty for each town and share resources more fairly.
- Bring the towns together to share resources-keep trying new ideas.

2. Acknowledging the limited resources of the Shire, how can the Shire staff help the community build on the success of their current community development projects?

- Develop a list of key community groups in the district to find out what they are planning to do during the year re community development projects and establish a peak group to liaise with and establish the key skills and experience within these groups to support each other.
- Put the Shire works timetable for the year on the web so that community groups running events know when standard Shire maintenance will be undertaken e.g. lawns, gardening and road maintenance in each town etc.
- Provide easily accessible information on what each person in the Shire does so people know who to consult.
- Improve communication with the community - put the quarterly operational plan reports to Council (very conspicuously) on the Web and link to Face Book.
- The towns need to work together.
- Bring community groups together to maintain a few buildings that the Shire supports so they can be sold off to provide more resources for other community development projects.
- Actively support community groups by not presenting roadblocks, rather adopting an approach of how we can overcome issues.

3. How can the Shire increase the recruitment of competitive local applicants?

- The person filling the community engagement / development position needs to live locally. Change hours so not full time to attract a local e.g. job share; school hours or work from home.
- Mentor a new graduate from the district who has great skills.
- Hold information sessions re employment opportunities and consult key community groups to help sell the message and increase engagement.

PART 8: OUR WORKFORCE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES FOR 2017 TO 2021

Our team focus is built on four key themes to support the Shire's Corporate Goals.



Goals

1

Foster a culture of high performance that demonstrates the Shire is a great place to work



What success looks like

Our workforce:

- understand and demonstrate the Shire's values and key goals
- the Shire is known as a great place to work across the district and region
- employee engagement is high- staff are heard and valued; there is a good work life balance; a strong workplace camaraderie and support; and they are given the opportunity to develop.



Actions

Implement workforce initiatives to:

- determine the key behaviours required to demonstrate the Shire's values and clearly articulate and reinforce to all staff, align to recruitment, induction and performance discussions/reviews
- ensure all staff have a development plan each year.



How we will measure and report on success

Measures will include:

- staff performance is rated in feedback and reviews aligned to the organisational strategic goals
- level of job satisfaction – staff survey results
- no. of suitably qualified staff attracted and employed by the Shire
- staff turnover rate
- feedback from managers / supervisors and staff on the effectiveness of development plans.



Goals



What success looks like



Actions



How we will measure and report on success

2

A Shire with great talent - employing the right people, in the right place and the right time with the right skills.

Our workforce:

- promote and demonstrate the benefits of working for the Shire in the way they act, talk and engage with the community and the high-quality outcomes they produce
- is highly skilled, agile and responsive to changing workplace priorities
- is committed to continuous learning and actively engages in activities that build both personal and professional capability
- harnesses ideas generated through an inclusive, diverse and a multi-generational workforce
- shares expertise and knowledge in the workplace
- is keen to participate in community engagement activities
- is comprised of a range of highly skilled and qualified local staff.

Implement workforce initiatives to:

- regularly review the operational plan and align it with workforce capacity
- work with community representatives to identify ways to attract local applicants
- trial the engagement of independent local or regional representatives on selection panels
- conduct community information sessions to inform and encourage suitably skilled and qualified applicants to apply for positions
- promote the achievements of the Shire through Facebook and other mediums
- promote the Shire in the Region as a great way for new graduates to start a career in local government (LG) and work with other regional LGs to develop a program to share resources and build their capacity
- encourage and facilitate staff to provide information and presentations on the work they do to other staff and to community groups
- engage staff across the Shire in community development activities.

Measures will include:

- number of local applicants that apply for positions
- number of suitably qualified and experienced local applicants and employees
- number of community members who attend information sessions and their level of satisfaction with the event
- feedback from the community through social media on the ease of access to relevant Shire/Council information and the greater transparency
- number of staff making presentations and mentoring others, feedback obtained.



Goals



What success looks like



Actions



How we will measure and report on success

3

A sustainable workplace with well-developed succession planning

We:

- have a diverse multi-generational workforce with broad transferable skills
- expect managers and supervisors to build the capacity of their staff to be competitive for internal promotions or sideways appointments
- encourage all staff to seek opportunities to build their computer skills and experience
- expect workforce silos to be minimised, as all staff understand the role of other departments and have the opportunity to build relationships through project collaboration and regular interactions

Develop and implement:

- provide easy community access to the quarterly Operational Plan up-dates to Council and encourage feedback
- a recruitment strategy that focuses on employing a multi-generational workforce offering flexible employment options
- a mentoring program with emphasis on those staff that want to further their careers
- provide the opportunity for all staff to work across the organisation within the first weeks of their employment
- focus on creating a "tech savvy" workforce that embraces technology
- develop an up-to-date training calendar based on key job requirements and staff feedback
- undertake staff exit interviews and act on feedback
- undertake a skills audit/matrix review as part of the performance review
- monitor key workforce data inc. cost of recruitment, retention and satisfaction of new recruits, establish a skills matrix for new staff and record all future training and development activities.

Measures will include:

- workforce planning initiatives completed
- multi-generational staff employed into vacant positions
- number of internal applicants that are selected for advertised vacancies through merit-based selection processes
- number of critical roles with a succession plan in place
- number of staff who complete training and/or mentoring programs
- number of staff who are skilled in their role and/or to be able to relieve their manager/supervisor.



Goals



What success looks like



Actions



How we will measure and report on success

4

Our leaders are of the highest quality and they inspire, motivate and are accountable to achieve outcomes

Our Managers & Supervisors:

- are strong role models for the Shire
- are authentic, accessible and champions of two-way communication and collaboration
- make evidence-based decisions and drive performance ensuring all employees embrace shared responsibility for delivering results
- are open and transparent in their decision making and are accountable for their actions
- understand and demonstrate high-level leadership and management practices.

Develop and implement:

- mentor and support managers and supervisors to conduct meaningful and regular performance reviews to build the capacity of staff and hold them to account
- staff receive training and development to enable progression to first management/supervisory role and on-going training to keep up-to-date with modern practices.

Measures will include:

- % of staff that indicate satisfaction with the organisational leadership
- % of managers & supervisors that consistently perform to a high standard as indicated through their performance review, act on any areas for development
- Achievement of strategic organisational goals.

PART 9: MONITORING AND REPORTING

In developing this Workforce Plan, the Shire was very mindful of the need to:

- continually review and refine this plan going forward so this is not a static document;
- keep this plan as practical as possible as the Shire only has limited financial and human resources;
- keep monitoring and reporting on the key measures that will make a difference in a small Shire.

The key monitoring and reporting strategies that will support this plan include the following;

- regular discussions to review and up-date the operational plan to align it with workforce capacity quarterly at the strategic workshop conducted with senior staff prior to providing an-up- date to the Council meeting;
- monitor and discuss key workforce risks and plan mitigating strategies;
- develop a training needs matrix and up-date every quarter to monitor key workforce data and the skills and experience of new and existing staff.



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12.2 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

Location:	N/A
Proponent:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0432
Date of Report:	6 th April 2020
Business Unit:	Strategy and Governance
Officer:	Ian Graham – Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- Quarterly Corporate Business Plan Review for 3rd Quarter 2019/2020

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

For Council to note the Quarterly Corporate Business Plan (CBP) Review for the quarter ending 31st March 2020 (i.e. the progress of the actions/projects in the existing CBP) and to adopt any amendments to the existing CBP.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted its Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan in 2017. Regulation 19DA(4) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* requires a local government to review its current Corporate Business Plan each year. Regulation 19C(4) requires a local government to review its Strategic Community Plan at least once every four years.

COMMENTS

The attached report confirms that the Shire is on track to meet its Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) commitments and satisfies Regulations 19C and 19DA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

LG Act 1995 s5.56:

5.56. Planning for the future

- (1) A local government is to plan for the future of the district.
- (2) A local government is to ensure that plans made under subsection (1) are in accordance with any regulations made about planning for the future of the district.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:

19C. Strategic community plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

- (4) A local government is to review the current strategic community plan for its district at least once every 4 years.

19DA. Corporate business plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

- (1) A local government is to ensure that a corporate business plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.
- (2) A corporate business plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 4 financial years.
- (3) A corporate business plan for a district is to —
 - (a) set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government’s priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and
 - (b) govern a local government’s internal business planning by expressing a local government’s priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government’s resources; and
 - (c) develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.
- (4) A local government is to review the current corporate business plan for its district every year.
- (5) A local government may modify a corporate business plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of and modifying the plan if required because of modification of the local government’s strategic community plan.
- (6) A council is to consider a corporate business plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.

*Absolute majority required.
- (7) If a corporate business plan is, or modifications of a corporate business plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. All actions/projects have been budgeted for or will be budgeted for in future years.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan

Theme: A Sustainable and Capable Council

Objective: Provide accountable and transparent leadership

Strategic Initiative: Integrate planning, resources and reporting

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Strategic Risk Category	Ineffective Leadership
Consequence Rating	Minor
Likelihood Rating	Unlikely
Control Rating	Effective
Risk Acceptance Criteria	Acceptable

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

The new reporting tool is a relatively simple way to report to Council on the progress of the CBP actions. The adoption of the revised CBP reinforces Council's commitment to meaningful strategic planning and provides a sound basis for continual improvement within the Shire.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

0420. That Council:

- 1. Note and approve the achievements against the actions in the attached Quarterly Corporate Business Plan Review for the quarter ending 31st March 2020;**
- 2. Note that there were no amendments to the existing CBP during this quarter; and;**
- 3. Direct the CEO to publish the attached report on the Shire's web page.**

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OUR VALUES

We believe in the following values which will guide our behaviours:
 • Honesty • Responsibility • Respect
 • Excellence • Fairness • Teamwork

19/20 QUARTERLY REVIEW - END OF QUARTER THREE

OUR KEY THEMES and OBJECTIVES

Note, these should be broad, long term aims that work towards achieving the vision and purpose. Extract from your Community Strategic Plan

OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECT STATUS

ON TRACK

HELD / NOT COMMENCED

CANCELLED

COMPLETED

ACTION UPDATE COMMENTS

A. SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS GROWTH

OUR KEY THEMES and OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	DELIVERY TIMELINE		PROJECT STATUS	ACTION UPDATE COMMENTS	
			FY 19/20	FY 20/21			
A1 Actively support and develop existing business and attract new local business.	A1.1.1	Develop and implement an Economic Development Strategy/ Plan to guide and drive economic development in the Shire.	CEO				
	A1.1.2	Develop a Digital Workplan to position the Shire as a "Smart Shire" and to maximise the benefits of digital communication technology and initiatives within the Shire for local businesses and the community.	DCEO			Plan presented to Council September 2018	
	A1.1.3	Implement the Digital Workplan.	DCEO	●	●	Digital awareness community training sessions are well under way in Gnowangerup, Ongerup and Borden	
	A1.2.1	Identify a community project to facilitate, that encourages business growth i.e. Business Development Group.	CEO	●	●		
	A1.3.1	Monitor progress on infrastructure plans.	TOWN PLANNER	●	●		
	A1.4.1	Work with Landcorp to release the industrial lots in Quinn Street.	CEO / TOWN PLANNER	●	●		
	A1.4.2	Monitor development rates and ensure future supply of industrial land for subdivision and development.	TOWN PLANNER	●	●		
	A1.4.3	Progress Cuneo Close commercial development	MW				
	A1.5.1	Hold annual Business Forum.	CEO	●			
	A2	For the Shire's business community to have the technology and communication capability necessary to thrive within a competitive environment.	A2.1.1	Work with external partners to provide an improved internet service within the District.	DCEO	●	●
A3 Enhance and develop the Tourism industry to promote growth and prosperity.	A3.1.1	Work with the community to attract a Major Event/Festival or Attraction to the Shire	CDC	●	●		
	A3.2.1	Complete Gnowangerup Heritage Trail Project.	CDC			Postponed until 2020/21	
	A3.2.2	Develop Tourism Strategy.	CEO				
	A3.2.3	Develop Management Plan for the Gnowangerup Star.	CEO	●			

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B. THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT							
B1	Environmentally sustainable leadership.	B1.1.1	Facilitate active involvement from the community in preserving and enhancing the natural environment by using all available resources such as The West Australian Waste Authority's CIE Grants, which are available each year.	AWMC	●	●	On Hold due lack of resources and the current and likely future environment
		B1.1.2	Take management order over Borden Community Dam reserve.	DCEO			To be reviewed as part of overall Water Management Strategy
		B1.2.1	Design and cost the installation of recycling stations at each landfill. Trial at Gnowangerup in Feb 2018.	AWMC			Work commenced as part of the Regional Waste project anticipate completion end April 2020
		B1.2.2	Roll out the recycling stations to the Borden and Ongerup landfills.	AWMC			Work commenced as part of the Regional Waste project anticipate completion end April 2020
		B1.2.3	Investigate Recycling and waste management Education and Awareness Activities such as the West Australian Waste Authority's CIE Grants, which have been used to fund projects of this type.	AWMC	●	●	On Hold due lack of resources and the current and likely future environment
B2	Adapt to the effects of Climate change.	B1.2.4	Hold a meeting with the business community to discuss becoming a plastic bag free Shire.	AWMC			
		B1.2.5	Plan to become a plastic bag free Shire in 2018/19.	AWMC			
		B2.1.1	Investigate alternative sources of power for Shire owned buildings.	AWMC			
		B2.1.2	Install solar systems at the Shire's Administration and Depot buildings.	AWMC			
		B2.1.3	Formulate a plan to help reduce power consumption at the new pool site.	AWMC			
		B2.1.4	Implement pool power plan.	AWMC			
B3	Enhance reserves and protect local ecology and biodiversity of natural ecosystems.	B2.1.5	Investigate large-scale power generation opportunities.	AWMC		●	Investigation completed and our area is currently not suitable for large scale power generation projects. This may change in the medium term (5 to 10 years) and should be revisited then.
		B2.1.6	Participate in State Risk Project.	DCEO			
		B3.1.1	Continue to maintain Parks & Reserves to a high standard.	MW	●	●	
		B3.2.1	Continue to preserve the conservation road side areas and support local conservation groups.	MW / CEO	●	●	
		B3.2.2	Investigate partnering in the native plant subsidy scheme.	DCEO			
C. OUR COMMUNITY							
C1	Build connectivity between the three communities.	C1.1.1	Support annual funds to local arts and culture groups.	COUNCIL / CEO	●	●	
		C1.1.2	Identify opportunities to strengthen the relationship between our three communities.	CDC	●	●	
		C1.1.3	Promote and support the needs of disadvantaged people within the community.	CDC	●	●	
		C1.2.1	Work with the indigenous community to celebrate NAIDOC week.	CDC	●	●	
		C1.2.2	Implement the DAIP to guide Shire operations and services to ensure they are inclusive of all members of the community.	CEO	●	●	
		C1.3.1	Investigate the process required and the cost associated with changing the name of the Shire.	COUNCIL / CEO			
		C1.3.2	Hold a referendum to allow the community to vote on the proposed change.	CEO			

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C2	Build proud and active residents who participate in local activities and services for the betterment of the community.	C2.1.1	Actively engage the community and event promoters to host iconic, cultural and sporting events within the Shire in partnership with other community organisations e.g. Australia Day, NAIDOC Week, National Youth Week, Mental Health Week, Thank a Volunteer Day / Volunteer Week.	CDC	●	●		
		C2.1.2	Subscribe to and develop locally based statistical service programs to enhance demographic analysis capability, including Community Profile, Economic Profile and Population forecasts.	CEO	●	●		
		C2.1.3	Prepare a Community Development Plan to guide the provision of community based services delivered or facilitated by the Shire.	CDC				
		C2.1.4	Support annual funds to local community groups & individuals to assist in delivering local passive recreational activities.	CDC	●	●		
		C2.2.1	Increase Ongerup Library membership and introduce library activities to be delivered to the community.	CDC				
		C2.2.2	Investigate needs associated with staffing the Gnowangerup Community Swimming Pool to maintain optimal operations.	CEO				
		C2.2.3	Relocate Ongerup Library to Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC.	CEO				
C3	Assist in building the sustainable management of local organisations and community groups.	C3.1.1	Work in partnership with other Shires and community organisations to facility the development of local leaders through skills development opportunities and capacity building activities e.g. Regional Passive Recreation Development Project, Governance Training, Training and Skills Development Project and Community Leadership Project.	CEO and CDC	●	●		
		C3.2.1	Promote the sustainable management of local organisations and community groups.	CDC		●		
		C3.2.2	Facilitate and promote partnerships between volunteer organisations, NGO's, Local Businesses and Local Government Organisations.	CDC	●	●		
		C3.2.3	Develop a community asset map to facilitate a sustainable volunteer base and reduce volunteer burnout.	CDC		●		
C4	Ensure residents feel safe and confident in their ability to travel and socialise within their community.	C4.1.1	Conduct environmental health initiatives in the community, including inspections and assessments relating to: food, water, noise, disease, pest control and safety.	EHO & CEO	●	●		
		C4.1.2	Continue to monitor the Ongerup Sewerage Scheme.	EHO	●	●		
		C4.2.1	Shire remain an Act-Belong-Commit Partner Site.	CDC	●	●		
		C4.2.2	Support community driven preventative health initiatives and support the provision of services for community members impacted by mental health issues.	CDC	●	●		

D. A SUSTAINABLE AND CAPABLE COUNCIL				FY 19/20	FY 20/21			
		D1.1.1	Annually review the Shire's Policy Manual and develop new policies as required.	DCEO	●	●		Ongoing
		D1.1.2	Major re-development of Policy Manual.	DCEO				
		D1.2.1	Develop a seamless suite of plans aligning the strategic direction with operational actions and projects.	CEO				
		D1.2.2	Develop the Asset Management Framework which includes policy, strategy and plans.	AWMC				
		D1.2.3	Develop a Workforce Plan.	CEO / DCEO				Revised version being presented to Council for adoption April 2020
		D1.2.4	Review the Long Term Financial Plan.	DCEO	●	●		Currently working with Finance Consultant on draft scenarios

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D1	Provide accountable and transparent leadership.	D1.3.1	Ensure the Annual Report includes all the information that is required by legislation and in a format easily understandable by the community.	CEO / DCEO	●	●	
		D1.4.1	Develop a community engagement / consultation strategy.	CDC			
		D1.4.2	Establish and manage a Strategic Community Reference Group from a wide demographic to provide advice to Council on matters of significant community interest.	CEO			
		D1.4.3	Prepare and publish all Agendas and Minutes of Council in accordance with legislation and make them accessible to the public.	CEO	●	●	
D2	To have a highly skilled and effective Council that represents the best interests of the community.	D2.1.1	Manage election process and ensure new councillors receive relevant documentation.	CEO	●		
		D2.1.2	Develop an Induction Manual for elected members.	CEO			
		D2.1.3	Develop an annual elected members training calendar.	EA			
D3	Improve the capability and capacity of the Shire.	D3.1.1	Implement the outcomes of the Better Practice Review.	CEO / DCEO			Completed 2017/18
		D3.1.2	Implement new Synergysoft and ALTUS Human Resources module to provide management with relevant HR statistics to assist decision making.	DCEO			
		D3.1.3	Implement new ALTUS Financial Reporting system to provide a more efficient monthly financial reporting process.	DCEO			PowerBI implemented by Synergysoft, reports are being refined
		D3.1.4	Conduct five yearly review of Recordkeeping Plan.	DCEO			
		D3.1.5	Conduct two-yearly Reg 17 Audit Review.	DCEO	●		Review conducted by external consultants and presented to Council in September 2018
		D3.1.6	Implement recommendations from Records Management review including records disaster recovery plan, records policies and procedures, completion of archiving program and medical practice files.	DCEO			
		D3.1.7	Annually conduct a review of local laws with a major review to be done eight-yearly.(Last major review was 2016).	DCEO	●	●	Bush Fires Brigade Local Law is in process of being amended. Standing Orders Local Law is under consideration for replacement
		D3.1.8	Complete an annual Compliance Audit Return to demonstrate compliance with legislation.	DCEO	●	●	Compliance Audit Return for 2019 lodged with Department on 27/03/2020
		D3.1.9	Design and adopt new industry standard Chart of Accounts to provide improved reporting.	DCEO	●		Assess in 2020/21
		D3.2.1	Conduct a bi-annual survey of residents to measure customer satisfaction with services.	CEO			
		D3.2.2	Review the Shire's Customer Service Charter to inform and enhance service outcomes.	DCEO	●	●	
D3.3.1	Ensure staff training opportunities are identified during performance management process.	DCEO	●	●	Ongoing		
D4	For the Shire to demonstrate advocacy in promoting the needs and ambitions of the district and the advancement of Local Government.	D4.1.1	Continue representation on external Boards and committees such as the GSDC, WALGA Zone, School Boards, Hidden Treasures and others to influence positive local and regional outcomes.	CEO / DCEO / COUNCILLORS	●	●	Ongoing
		D4.1.2	Participate in State policy development processes affecting local government where appropriate.	CEO / SHIRE PRESIDENT/DCEO	●	●	Ongoing

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E. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY		E1.1.1	Embrace outcomes from the local government reform process that allow for alternative means of raising revenue and innovative partnership opportunities.	CEO / DCEO / TOWN PLANNER				On hold pending completion of review of Local Government Act
E1	To be less reliant on rates as the primary basis for revenue by leveraging alternative income streams.	E1.2.1	Monitor State Government media releases and take action when appropriate.	CEO	●	●		
E2	Effective management to conduct business in a financially sustainably manner.	E2.1.1	Develop Property Strategy and review annually.	-CEO-				
		E2.1.2	Develop an ITC Strategy.	DCEO				New IT Managed Services vendor has been appointed and commenced. Draft ITC Strategy to be developed 2020/21
		E2.1.3	Update medical practice IT hardware and connect to Shire server.	DCEO				Completed in 2017/18, however further upgrade to be included in 2020/21 budget
		E2.1.4	Convert CEO & Mechanic houses from Reserve to freehold and separate into 2 lots.	DCEO				
		E2.1.5	Convert Police OIC and Doctor houses from Reserve to freehold and separate into 2 lots.	DCEO				Waiting on Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage
		E2.1.6	Convert to freehold and on-sell the Old Ongerup Police Station.	DCEO				
		E2.1.7	Reserve 14184: Divide into three - Old Telecentre, Childcare Centre, Old Police Station & Gaol with the Shire to retain management over the Old Police Station & Gaol portion.	DCEO				
		E2.1.8	Acquire vacant block at 25 Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup for the purpose of creating a park.	DCEO				Rating of property has been recommenced with a view to acquiring the property after 3 years if rates remain unpaid
		E2.2.1	Complete and maintain Asset Management Plans.	AWMC				
		E2.2.2	Review Asset Management Plan.	AWMC	●	●		Ongoing
		E2.3.1	Take part in regional collaboration opportunities related to community services such as sharing of regional resources, hosting of regional community development activities and support for regional activities taking place in other communities across the Great Southern.	CEO / DCEO	●	●		Ongoing
E3	To effectively plan for the funding and delivery of major projects.	E3.1.1	Implement Capital Works Program as detailed in the Capital Works Program 2017-2018.	MW	●	●		
		E3.1.2	Major Road Construction Program, continue to update road asset information and develop construction/maintenance program that optimises funding opportunities for future road asset sustainability. Gravel re-sheeting a minimum of 8km per year to be reassessed post WANDRRA.	MW	●	●		
E4	Continue to liaise with key stakeholders such as State and Federal Government Agencies.	E4.1.1	Roads to Recovery funding to focus on preservation and resealing of single seal bitumen roads – Ongerup Pingrup Rd, Sandalwood Rd, Nightwell Rd, Old Ongerup Rd, Salt River Rd, Gleeson Rd and Laurier Rd. Urban towns as required by condition assessment.	MW	●	●		
		E4.1.2	Submit funding for Regional Road Group funds. Focus on preservation resealing of single seal bitumen roads – Borden Bremer Bay Rd, Tieline Rd, Tambellup Rd, Kwobrup Rd. Complete widening and resealing of Ongerup Pingrup Rd.	MW	●	●		
		E4.1.3	Maximise WANDRRA funding opportunities by reviewing and incorporating works completed by WANDRRA and adjust works program accordingly.	MW	●	●		

F. QUALITY BUILT FORM

F1
For the Shire's commercial and residential areas to be filled with quality buildings and appealing streetscapes.

F1.1.1	Design Stage 1 of residential subdivision in Quinn Street.	TOWN PLANNER	●	●	
F1.2.1	Ensure environmental consideration is reflected in Town Planning and Building Approvals.	TOWN PLANNER / BUILDING SURVEYOR	●	●	
F1.3.1	Facilitate the redevelopment of Aylmore Springs. Stage 1: Community Consultation. Stage 2: Design & Implementation.	CEO / TOWN PLANNER	●	●	
F1.3.2	Review and ensure the Shire Planning Scheme & Policies reflect Council's strategic initiative and community values.	TOWN PLANNER	●	●	

F2
Facilitate and integrate housing options, local services, employment and recreational spaces.

F2.1.1	Support Landcorp release of residential blocks.	CEO	●	●	
F2.1.2	Acquire 11 & 13 Bell Street Gnowangerup vacant blocks for re-sale.	-DCEO-			
F2.1.3	Purchase grouped housing block from Landcorp.	CEO			
F2.1.4	Construct two houses on grouped housing block.	DCEO / AWMC	●		
F2.2.1	Encourage better use of existing underutilised community spaces across the Shire.	CEO / TOWN PLANNER	●	●	
F2.2.2	Support projects that improve community spaces and that incorporate the sustainable management of community assets into the future e.g. Community Garden.	CEO	●	●	

F3
To provide facilities of the highest quality which reflect the needs of the community now and into the future.

F3.1.1	Prepare a demographic profile for each of the 3 communities using the 2016 Census data.	CEO			
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F4
Manage current and future assets and infrastructure.

F4.1.1	Develop a long-term approach to significant facility upgrades and improvements.	AWMC	●	●	
F4.1.2	Develop an Asset Management Strategy 2018-2028 to guide the Shire's approach to managing its assets.	AWMC			
F4.1.3	Maintain and protect heritage building and places.	CEO	●	●	
F4.1.4	Complete planned shade facility and niche wall at Gnowangerup Cemetery.	MW / COUNCIL	●	●	
F4.1.5	Update mapping of plots and number grave sites at Gnowangerup Cemetery.	DCEO			
F4.1.6	Continue to work with GSDC and the Gnowangerup Aboriginal Corporation in progressing the business case for the agricultural training facility.	CEO			
F4.1.7	Update Municipal Heritage Inventory.	CDC			
F4.1.8	Construct new plant and equipment shed at Depot.	MW / AWMC			
F4.1.9	Infrastructure upgrades to Ongerup Waste Water Ponds.	AWMC			

12.3	COUNCIL POLICY RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Location:	N/A
Proponent:	N/A
File Ref:	
Date of Report:	15 th April 2020
Business Unit:	Strategy and Governance
Officer(s):	Bob Jarvis (Chief Executive Officer); Ian Graham (Deputy CEO); Phil Shephard (Town Planner)
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- Circular from the Minister for Local Government to all Councils.
- Exemption Notice from the Minister for Transport and Planning.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform the Shire of Gnowangerup community of Council's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and how it plans to mitigate against the effects of the pandemic on business and residents in the Shire, and to assist the recovery of the Shire as quickly as possible to a pre-pandemic status when the emergency is over.

BACKGROUND

The current pandemic has placed an enormous strain on businesses and residents alike as they come to grips with rapidly changing circumstances and restrictions on movement and trade practices. Some businesses are more able to adapt and change the operational mode to continue business at a close to normal level, whilst others struggle with the rules of social distancing in industries where close contact or large numbers attend the place of business in normal mode such as restaurants and theatres, health clubs and spas, gymnasiums and pools. Residents are impacted by not being able to use those types of businesses, and their sports events as a spectator or participant, and places of worship.

Online services work for some but not all and the experience is often a degraded one for the user and repeat business can fail.

As a result there will be losses of employment, loss of business income or reductions in income from reduced hours or business.

The Minister for Local Government is urging Council's to put in place policy changes and practices which will reduce the impact on families, residents, business and those with an existing disadvantage through poor health, age, or isolation (voluntary or enforced). Local Government Councils are being asked as a minimum to consider no increase in rates, or fees and charges, in their upcoming 2020/2021 budgets and to look at ways to assist those who find it difficult to meet outstanding fees and rates.

The Minister is suggesting that Councils look at their reserves as a way of funding expenditure in the next budget and to look at bringing forward new asset construction or remediation as a way of stimulating economic activity and reducing unemployment.

To assist Councils in achieving these ends the State Government has made the following changes to Regulations:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Reg.18

Contains exemptions from the requirement for a local government to give local public notice of a change of “use of money” set aside in a Reserve Account (previously one month’s notice was required). During a state of emergency in a local government district or part of a district, a further exemption is being provided to allow a change of the “use of money” required to address a need arising from a hazard or from the impact or consequences of the hazard, to which the state of emergency declaration relates. The decision of Council and the reasons for it must be recorded in the formal minutes of Council.

Reg. 20

Contains exemptions from the requirement for a Local Government to give public notice of the “power to borrow” under section 6.20 of the Act. An additional exemption from the period for giving local public notice is provided if the decision is made while a state of emergency declaration is in force and the local government considers that the borrowing is required to address a need arising from the hazard or from the impact or consequences of the hazard. The decision of Council and the reasons for it must be recorded in the formal minutes of Council.

Reg.21

Provides further flexibility to a Local Government to re-purpose money borrowed, but not spent, to address a hazard or the impact or consequences of a hazard. This is tied to the declaration of a state of emergency and has the effect of exempting the local government from providing local public notice before they can gain access to the funds for the new purpose. The decision of Council and the reasons for it must be recorded in the formal minutes of Council.

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

The primary purpose of these amendments is to increase the flexibility of the local government sector to contract with local suppliers during and in the aftermath of the State of Emergency Declaration under the Emergency Management Act 2005.

An amendment has been made to Reg. 11(1) to increase the threshold for tenders to \$250,000.

In addition there are two further exemptions when tenders do not have to be publicly invited, as follows:

Reg. 11(2)(aa) is a new regulation, ensures that the formal tender process does not need to be undertaken when sourcing and securing essential goods and services to respond to a state of emergency.

Reg. 11(2)(ja) gives local governments the discretion to renew or extend a contract that expires when a state of emergency declaration is in force. The original contract must have less than three (3) months to run, the renewal or extension cannot be for more than twelve (12) months

and there must be a state of emergency declaration applying to the district or part of the district when the renewal or extension is entered into.

A further exemption in Reg. 11(2)(h) is being updated to encourage local governments to purchase goods or services supplied by Aboriginal businesses.

As a result of the above changes, officers will review the Shire Purchasing policy to reflect the legislative changes and review other aspects of the Policy and the Buy Local Policy – Regional Price Preference, including the geographical area defined as “local”. This review will be completed during April and presented to the May 2020 Council meeting.

Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 1996

The purpose of these amendments is to provide greater access to paid leave for local government employees stood down during a state of emergency declaration under the Emergency Management Act 2005.

New Reg. 4(da) provides that any period of absence from duty connected with an employer’s response to a hazard, or the impact or consequences of a hazard declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005, is deemed as continuous service towards an employee’s next entitlement of long service leave.

The restriction under Reg. 7 (leave may only be granted and taken in one consecutive period) has been lifted to allow leave by agreement in two or more separate periods.

Reg. 7A(2) establishes a new right for a worker to take advance leave by agreement with their employer if they have completed at least seven (7) years continuous service and the approval for the advance leave is given where there is a state of emergency declaration applying to all or part of the district in which they work.

COMMENTS

It is recommended that, in addition to the measures recommended by the State, the Council establish a COVID-19 Recovery Reserve to be funded principally from the end of year surplus (although Council might wish to transfer additional funds from other existing reserves into the new recovery reserve). It is proposed that Council will resolve that this Reserve is: “To fund any project, programme or activity of any kind which contributes to the recovery of the Shire of Gnowangerup from the COVID-19 pandemic”. Recommendations for funding from the Reserve will be made by staff to Council, and funds from the Reserve can also be applied to recoup the Municipal Fund in the event that the Shire President has approved expenditure in an emergency (which is related to COVID-19) pursuant to Section 6.8 (1) (c) of the Local Government Act 1995. The suggested application of the reserve is broad because it is as yet unclear how long the emergency will last or indeed how long the recovery will take, and the issues that arise for the Shire and the community may be diverse.

The Minister for Planning has now issued a Notice of Exemption from certain planning requirements under local planning schemes during the current period of state of emergency with the COVID-19 emergency (Notice attached). The details within the Notice are still being considered, although it is not expected to negatively impact the present operations within the Shire greatly, as we do not have the same regulatory planning burden as metropolitan local governments and staff are committed to Council's goal of ensuring that we support the community and not prevent changes required by businesses during the emergency. As time elapses, the Planning Officer will monitor the situation and advise Council of any changes to the Shire's planning practices/procedures deemed necessary to support the operations and or recovery of businesses within the Shire.

Additional procedures and practices that have been implemented by the Shire since late March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic include:

- Implementation of the Business Continuity Plan and weekly meetings of the Incident Management Team
- Working from home procedure has been developed and implemented
- Appropriate social-distancing and hygiene rules are practiced in the work environment
- Weekly Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meetings
- PPE stocktake, ordering of additional hand sanitiser and face masks and distribution to local businesses and SES (ongoing)
- Regular updates posted on COVID-19, resources and assistance available to individuals and businesses via website, Facebook and LinkedIn
- Libraries, playgrounds and swimming pool closed.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 1996

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Purchasing Policy

Buy Local Policy – Regional Price Preference

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined during the budget process each year.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Nil

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

The full impact of COVID-19 is difficult to fully assess, however the ability to access and engage with suitable contractors will be an issue due to travel restrictions and demand. The related regulation and policy changes will assist in dealing with the issues. Working from home and social distancing procedures are aimed at reducing the potential spread and impact on the workforce.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Council may choose to ask for a different format for the policy.

CONCLUSION

The establishment of a COVID-19 Reserve Account for the setting aside of funds to assist with the community recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 will allow Council to ensure there is a cash funding available to meet some of the costs associated with recovery and support economic activity.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority - Recommendations 1&2

Absolute majority – Recommendations 3&4

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

0420. That Council:

- 1. Notes the Shire of Gnowangerup Council Policy Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Report, and**
- 2. Establishes a COVID-19 Reserve Account fund pursuant to Section 6.11 of the Local Government Act 1995 for the purpose of funding any project, programme or activity of any kind which contributes to the recovery of the Shire of Gnowangerup from the COVID-19 pandemic, including recouping any expenditure from the Municipal Fund approved by the Shire President in an emergency pursuant to Section 6.8(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995 where that expenditure is related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and**
- 3. Allocates an initial sum of \$100,000 from the projected surplus of \$161,586 as per the Budget Review as at 31st December 2019 to the COVID-19 Reserve Account, with a further review for additional fund transfers to the reserve to be undertaken following completion of the draft 2019-20 annual financial statements, and**
- 4. Notes the Notice of Exemption from certain planning requirements signed by the Minister for Planning on 8 April 2020 and delegates to the CEO the power to implement the directions contained within the Notice until such time as the Notice/Exemption expires.**



Hon David Templeman MLA
Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture & the Arts

Our Ref: 66-12084

TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

CIRCULAR N^o 01-2020

**PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND DURING
A STATE OF EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

I am advising that His Excellency the Governor, in Executive Council, has approved regulation amendments dealing with access to funding, procurement and long service leave during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Amendments are being made to the following regulations:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

The purpose of these amendments is to increase the flexibility of the local government sector to access funding in a timelier manner to respond to the State of Emergency Declaration under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Regulation 18 contains exemptions from the requirement for a local government to give local public notice of a change of 'use of money' set aside in a Reserve Account (this currently requires one month's public notice). During a state of emergency in a local government district or part of a district, a further exemption is being provided to allow the local government to change the 'use of money' required to address a need arising from the hazard or from the impact or consequences of the hazard to which the state of emergency declaration relates. This decision, and the reasons for it, must be recorded in the formal minutes of the council.

Regulation 20 contains exemptions from the requirement for a local government to give local public notice of a 'power to borrow' under section 6.20 of the Act. An additional exemption from the period for giving local public notice is provided if the decision is made while a state of emergency declaration is in force and the local government considers that the borrowing is required to address a need arising from the hazard (in this case COVID-19) or from the impact or consequences of the hazard. Once again, this decision, and the reasons for it, must be recorded in the formal council minutes.

Regulation 21 provides further flexibility to a local government to re-purpose money borrowed, but not spent, to address a hazard or the impact or consequences of the hazard. This is tied to the declaration of a state of emergency and has the effect of exempting the local government from providing local public notice before they can access the funds for the new purpose. Once again, this decision, and the reasons for it, must be recorded in the council minutes.

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

The primary purpose of these amendments is to increase the flexibility of the local government sector to contract with local suppliers during, and in the aftermath of, the State of Emergency Declaration under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

An amendment is being made to regulation 11(1) to increase the threshold to \$250,000 to align with State Government tendering thresholds. This will permit local governments to extend the use of their own purchasing policy and apply local content provisions more readily to goods and services acquired via written quotations.

Local governments should update their purchasing policy to cover the direct purchase of goods and services under \$250,000. For purchases over \$150,000, local governments should ensure that quotations are requested in writing and offers are received in writing. Regulation 11A covering purchasing policies will be updated in the coming weeks.

Regulation 11(2) contains two further exemptions when tenders do not have to be publicly invited.

The first exemption, in new regulation 11(2)(aa), ensures the formal tender process does not need to be undertaken when sourcing and securing essential goods and services to respond to a state of emergency. As outlined in regulation 11(3), there must be a state of emergency declaration in force for the local government district or part of the district and the goods or services must be required to address needs arising from, or impacts or consequences of, the hazard to which the emergency relates.

The other exemption in regulation 11(2)(ja) gives a local government the discretion to renew or extend a contract that expires when a state of emergency declaration is in force, even though this option is not included in the original contract. This will overcome the practical difficulty of businesses responding to a formal tender process while they are shut down or in the transition period when normal business resumes. Limits on this apply: the original contract must have less than three months left to run, the renewal or extension cannot be for more than twelve months, and there must be a state of emergency declaration applying to the district or part of the district when the renewal or extension is entered into.

A further exemption in regulation 11(2)(h) is being updated to encourage local governments to purchase goods or services supplied by Aboriginal businesses. The exemption will now reflect the fact that the Chamber of Commerce and Industry administers the Aboriginal Business Directory. A new exemption has been added recognising goods or services may also be supplied by Supply Nation.

Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations

The purpose of these amendments is to provide greater access to paid leave for local government employees stood down during a state of emergency declaration under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Regulation 4 governs rules towards entitlements for long service leave. New regulation 4(da) provides that any period of absence from duty connected with an employer's response to a hazard, or the impact or consequences of the hazard declared under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, is deemed as continuous service towards an employee's next entitlement of long service leave.

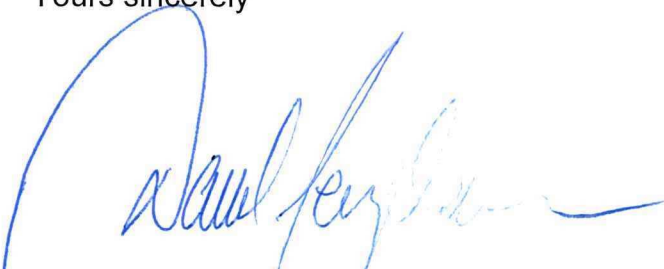
Regulation 7 deals with the actual taking of long service leave. Currently, leave may only be granted and taken in one consecutive period or, by agreement, not more than three consecutive periods. This restriction has been lifted to allow employees to take leave by agreement in two or more separate periods.

In addition, regulation 7A(2) establishes a new right for a worker to take advance leave by agreement with their employer if:

- (a) the worker has completed at least seven years of continuous service of the normal accrual period; and
- (b) the approval for the advance leave is given when there is a state of emergency declaration applying to the district or part of the district in which they work.

If you have any questions, please email LGresponse@dlgsc.wa.gov.au. This is a new email address which has been established to assist local governments during this time.

Yours sincerely



HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA
**MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
HERITAGE; CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**CLAUSE 78H NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
FROM PLANNING REQUIREMENTS
DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (LPS Regulations) contains deemed provisions which have effect and may be enforced as part of each local planning scheme to which they apply, whether they are prescribed before or after the scheme comes into force. If a Deemed Provision that has effect as part of a local planning scheme is inconsistent with another provision in the scheme, the Deemed Provision prevails and the other is, to the extent of the inconsistency, of no effect.

Part 10B of Schedule 2, made by the *Planning and Amendment (Local Planning Schemes) Amendment Regulations 2020*, enables the Minister for Planning to issue notices exempting the need for compliance with one or more requirements of a local planning scheme.

On 16 March 2020, a State of Emergency Declaration was made in relation to the State of Western Australia. The issue of a notice under clause 78H (1), Schedule 2 of the LPS Regulations (this Notice), is now required for the purpose of facilitating a response to, or recovery from, the emergency occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, I, **Rita Saffioti MLA**, Minister for Planning, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Part 10B, Schedule 2 of the LPS Regulations, HEREBY:

- A. ISSUE an exemption from the planning requirements identified in column 1 of the attached Schedules, for the local planning schemes specified in column 2 of the attached Schedules (to which the Deemed Provisions apply), subject to the conditions specified in column 3 of the attached schedules.
- B. DECLARE that this Notice made will remain in effect until midnight, 1 May 2023. The exemptions detailed in this Notice will expire at midnight 1 May 2023, unless otherwise stated in this Notice.
- C. RECORD that this Notice is signed by me at 5.00 am upon this 8th day of April 2020



The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING

SCHEDULES

Column 1 - Requirements	Column 2 - Schemes	Column 3 - Conditions
Schedule 1 – Exemption from requirement to obtain approval		
1.1 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain development approval for the use of, or undertaking of works on, land, where such use or works relate to medical or health related activities associated with a response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that a Public Authority or local government advises or identifies the medical or health related activities as necessary in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.</p>
1.2 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain development approval for the following uses, and temporary works associated with these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. shop; ii. restaurant/café; iii. convenience store (excluding those selling petroleum products); iv. consulting rooms; v. office. 	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the land to be used is located in a commercial, centre and/or mixed use zone; b) the use is not prohibited by the scheme; c) no new permanent structures are required (with the exception that car parking bays are permitted); d) for shop uses, once the proposed use is in place, the net lettable area for the land use does not exceed 400m²; and e) the land is connected to all reticulated utility services, and does not depend on any onsite effluent disposal. <p>2. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing the use, that the use is being undertaken.</p> <p>3. Despite any other condition, this exemption does not apply to a Heritage-Protected Place.</p> <p>4. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.</p>
1.3 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain	All local planning schemes.	1. Provided that:

Column 1 - Requirements	Column 2 - Schemes	Column 3 - Conditions
<p>development approval for the following uses, and temporary works associated with these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. industry; ii. industry-light; iii. trade supplies; iv. warehouse/storage; v. transport depot. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the land to be used is located in an industrial zone; b) the use is not prohibited by the scheme; c) the land is connected to all reticulated utility services, and does not depend on any onsite effluent disposal; and d) either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. no new permanent structures are required; or ii. any structures required to facilitate the use are deemed temporarily approved for a period of no more than 2 years, from the date the use commences, after which the structures must be removed. <p>2. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing the use, that the use is being undertaken.</p> <p>3. Despite any other condition, this exemption does not apply to a Heritage-Protected Place.</p> <p>4. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.</p>
<p>1.4 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain development approval for the following uses, and temporary works associated with these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. home business; ii. home occupation. 	<p>All local planning schemes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provided that the land to be used is located in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a residential zone; or b) where a dwelling, grouped dwelling or multiple dwelling is a permitted use. 2. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing the use, that the use is being undertaken. 3. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State

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		of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.
<p>1.5 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain development approval for the following uses, and temporary works associated with these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. commercial vehicle parking. 	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing the use, that the use is being undertaken.</p> <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.</p>
<p>1.6 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain development approval to the use of, or undertaking of works on, land, where such use or works concern temporary workers' accommodation.</p>	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that the temporary workers' accommodation applies to a workforce necessary for the installation of, or construction of, and maintenance of, essential services such as (but not limited to) power stations, water, desalination plants or sewer treatment facilities.</p> <p>2. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing the use, that the use is being undertaken.</p> <p>3. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.</p>
Schedule 2 – Exemptions from requirements under a condition of development approval		
<p>2.1 Proponents are exempted from any restriction upon loading or unloading times, related to the delivery of goods and/or petroleum products.</p>	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Confined to premises with an existing approval, or the benefit of an exemption under this Notice, to sell goods and/or petroleum products.</p> <p>2. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing use of this exemption.</p> <p>3. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State</p>

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		of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.
Schedule 3 – Exemptions relating to non-conforming uses		
3.1 Any approval for a non-conforming use, is exempt from a provision that annuls the approval because of a discontinuance of that non-conforming use.	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. The period during which the State of Emergency is declared shall be excluded from any calculation of the period for which a non-conforming use ceases to exist.</p> <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire on the day after that upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
Schedule 4 – Exemption from requirements re: consultation, advertisement, applications, time limits or forms		
4.1 In relation to making a local planning policy, local governments are exempted from the requirements under cl.4.	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the policy relates to exemptions from the requirement to obtain approval to a change of use; b) the local government advertises the proposed policy on its website for a minimum of 3 days; and c) publishes the adopted version of the policy on its website. <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire on the day after that upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
4.2 In relation to an approved development application, proponents are exempted from the requirement to substantially commence development.	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the original deadline for substantial commencement is exempted; and b) a new deadline for substantial commencement is substituted, being the original deadline plus a further period of 2 years. <p>2. The exemption under this clause will only be available for development applications decided on, or before, the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect, or is revoked.</p>

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<p>4.3 In relation to a structure plan under cl.18-cl.20 or activity centre plan under cl.34-cl.36, local governments are exempted from any requirements relating to the manner and timeframe of advertising, consideration or submission.</p>	<p>All local planning schemes.</p>	<p>1. Provided that, in relation to structure plans, the local government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) advertises the structure plan and accompanying materials on its website for no more than 42 days and installs a sign somewhere prominent on the land to which the said plan applies notifying the public of where the documents are online; b) complies with the requirements of cl.20(1) within 90 days of the latest to occur of cl.20(1)(a) - (c). <p>2. Provided that, in relation to activity centre plans, the local government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) advertises the activity centre plan and accompanying materials on its website for no more than 42 days and installs a sign somewhere prominent on the land to which the said plan applies notifying the public of where the documents are online; b) complies with the requirements of cl.36(1) within 90 days of the latest of cl.36(1)(a) - (c). <p>3. An exemption under this clause will expire on the day after that upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
<p>4.4 Local governments exempted from the requirements under the Deemed Provisions to make any documents, whatsoever, available for public inspection at a local government's offices.</p>	<p>All local planning schemes.</p>	<p>1. Provided that the documents are published for public inspection on the local government website.</p> <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire on the day after that upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
Schedule 5 – Exemptions from other requirements		
<p>5.1 Where premises are approved for use, or in relation to any application for development approval,</p>	<p>All local planning schemes.</p>	<p>1. Provided that this exemption only applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) non-residential development; and

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proponents are exempted from a requirement to provide car parking facilities.		<p>b) where the proponent provides less than the number of parking bays required for the use in question, and the shortfall is 10 parking bays or less.</p> <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
5.2 In relation to an approved development application, proponents are exempted from the requirement to provide cash-in lieu payments, as an alternative to providing car parking facilities.	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that this exemption only applies to non-residential development.</p> <p>2. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
Schedule 6 – Exemptions of a type that may fall within multiple categories		
<p>6.1 Where premises are approved for use as an hotel, tavern, restaurant/café or other similar venue, proponents are exempted from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. any condition of approval, or designation in the approved use, requiring the food prepared at the premises to be consumed on the premises; ii. any requirement to obtain approval for food to be prepared for consumption off premises; iii. any requirement to obtain approval to minor, temporary, works that are necessary to adapt existing premises to use the exemption contemplated under (i) or (ii) above; 	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that no new permanent structures are required (with the exception that car parking bays are permitted).</p> <p>2. Provided that the proponent notifies the local government within 7 days of commencing the use, that the use is being undertaken.</p> <p>3. In relation to signage, provided the signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is not installed in a residential zone; b) relates only to the business conducted on the premises; and c) does not contain any illumination, animation, movement, reflective, retro-reflective or fluorescent materials in its design structure. <p>4. Despite any other condition, this exemption does not apply to a Heritage-Protected Place where works are required.</p> <p>5. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>

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iv. any requirement to obtain approval to signage of uses now permitted by virtue of this exemption.		
6.2 Proponents are exempted from the requirement to obtain approval to changes to existing approved signage.	All local planning schemes.	<p>1. Provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) such signage is not installed in a residential zone; b) relates only to the business conducted on the premises; and c) the changes do not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. alter the size of the approved sign; or ii. contain any illumination, animation, movement, reflective, retro-reflective or fluorescent materials in its design structure. <p>2. Despite any other condition, this exemption does not apply to a Heritage-Protected Place where works are required.</p> <p>3. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.</p>
6.3 Exemption from any requirement under a scheme that would ordinarily apply to development required to implement a direction or authorisation issued under the <i>Emergency Management Act 2005</i> or the <i>Public Health Act 2016</i>	All local planning schemes.	1. An exemption under this clause will expire 90 days after the date upon which the State of Emergency Declaration ceases to have effect or is revoked.

Interpretation and Guidance notes

1. In this Notice a generous, broad interpretation is to be given to terms.
2. “Deemed Provisions” means Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

3. The term “all local planning schemes” relates to those schemes to which the Deemed Provisions apply.
4. The term “proponent” should be interpreted broadly and includes any owner or occupier of land, and also includes any applicant or agent acting on their behalf.
5. Unless otherwise stated, a reference to a clause in this Notice is to a clause in the Deemed Provisions.
6. “Approved development application” is a term intended to cover applications for which approval is granted, whether that is granted before or after the commencement of this Notice.
7. “DAP” means Development Assessment Panel.
8. Heritage-Protected Place means a place that is —
 - a) entered in the State Register of Heritage Places under the *Heritage Act 2018* section 42; or
 - b) the subject of an order under the *Heritage Act 2018* Part 4; or
 - c) the subject of a heritage agreement that has been certified under the *Heritage Act 2018* section 90; or
 - d) included on a heritage list prepared in accordance with a Scheme; or
 - e) within an area designated under a Scheme as a heritage area.
9. “State of Emergency Declaration” means the State of Emergency declared by the Minister for Emergency Services, as effective from 12am, 16 March 2020. This was made under s56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.
 - a) When the State of Emergency Declaration is no longer required, the declaration will expire on either:
 - i. a date specified in a notice issued under s58 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, by the Minister for Emergency Services; or
 - ii. a date specified in a revocation notice issued by the said Minister.
 - b) Information relating to this will be available on websites such as:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-state-of-emergency-declarations>
10. “Public Authority” has the same definition as “public authority” in section 4, *Planning and Development Act 2005*.
11. For the avoidance of doubt, this Notice provides **temporary** exemptions from planning requirements. Consistent with clause 78J (2) of the Deemed Provisions, this Notice cannot provide a permanent exemption from a planning requirement under a scheme.
 - a) For example, the exemption in clause 5.2 of this Notice, from paying a cash in lieu requirement, is not a permanent waiver of the requirement. This exemption, like all others, expires at the conclusion of the timeframe specified for the exemption. Upon

that expiry, payment must be made. Nothing in this clause prevents a proponent from exercising its rights of review in relation to cash in lieu conditions.

12. An exemption provided for under this Notice only relates to planning requirements applicable pursuant to a local planning scheme (including under the Deemed Provisions), and does not exempt any other requirement that might apply under any other law. For example, a proponent seeking to rely upon an exemption set out in this Notice may still require approvals under health, building, environment, liquor licencing and other statutory requirements.
13. In interpreting both this Notice and different local planning schemes to which this Notice applies, including but not limited to land use terms and zoning classification descriptions, words can express the same idea in a different form of words and ideas are not to be taken as different just because different forms of words were used. For example, a reference to a “residential” zone and uses includes all such zones and uses substantively of this type or genus, whatever nomenclature is used by a local government in their particular local planning scheme.
14. In clause 1.3 provision is made for temporary approval of 2 years to any structures required to facilitate the uses listed in 1.3. There is no need to remove such structures if, before the 2 year period expires, development approval is granted to those structures.
15. To avoid any doubt, the exemption in clause 3.1 operates to “stop the clock” on the period of discontinuance for a non-conforming use, which is usually 6 months or other longer period approved by the local government, and will be paused for such time as the State of Emergency Declaration is in force.
16. An exemption relied upon by a local government or proponent under this Notice does not preclude a local government or proponent from relying upon any other exemption, if applicable, including but not limited to cl.61 of the Deemed Provisions.
17. An exemption under this Notice is a discretionary right afforded to the person designated in the Notice – it is not an obligation imposed on that person. A local government afforded an exemption under this Notice may exercise their discretion not to rely upon that exemption. A proponent afforded an exemption under this Notice may likewise exercise their discretion not to rely upon that exemption.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

13.1 MEMBERS FEES AND ALLOWANCES 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

Location(s): N/A
Proponent: N/A
File Ref: ADM0040
Date of Report: 9th April 2020
Business Unit: Corporate Services & Community Development
Officer: Ian Graham – Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

For Council to consider the annual Members Fees and Allowances for the 2020/21 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal provides an annual determination in regard to fees, allowances and reimbursements payable to Elected Members. Local Government CEO and Elected Members Determination No. 1 of 2020, dated 8th April 2020, stipulates the following minimum and maximum annual allowances apply for the 2020/21 year for a Band 4 Local Government:

	Min. \$	Max. \$
SHIRE PRESIDENT – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE	\$513.00	\$20,063.00
DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE (25%)	\$128.25	\$5,015.75
SHIRE PRESIDENT - ANNUAL MEETING FEES	\$3,589.00	\$19,534.00
COUNCILLOR – ANNUAL MEETING FEES	\$3,589.00	\$9,504.00
ICT EXPENSES – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE	\$500.00	\$3,500.00

COMMENTS

The current (2019/20) Members Fees and Allowances are:

	\$
SHIRE PRESIDENT – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE	\$15,315.00
DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE (25%)	\$3,065.00
SHIRE PRESIDENT - ANNUAL MEETING FEES	\$16,000.00
COUNCILLOR – ANNUAL MEETING FEES	\$8,000.00
ICT EXPENSES – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE	\$660.00

Please note that the Deputy Shire President – Annual Allowance was not correctly calculated at \$3,065.00, it should have been \$3,828.75 ($\$15,315.00 \times 25\%$).

CONSULTATION

Nil.

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1995 s.5.98 and 5.99.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Members Fees and Allowances will be included in the 2020/21 Annual Budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan

Theme: A Sustainable and Capable Council

Objective: Provide accountable and transparent leadership

Strategic Initiative: Demonstrate accountability through robust reporting that is relevant and easily accessible by the Community.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic a nil increase is recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

0420. That Council:

Adopts the following Members Fees and Allowances for the 2020/21 financial year (nil increase on 2019/20):

	\$
SHIRE PRESIDENT – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE	\$15,315.00
DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE (25%)	\$3,828.75
SHIRE PRESIDENT - ANNUAL MEETING FEES	\$16,000.00
COUNCILLOR – ANNUAL MEETING FEES	\$8,000.00
ICT EXPENSES – ANNUAL ALLOWANCE	\$660.00

14. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil

15. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

Nil

16. FINANCE

16.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND AUTHORISATION – MARCH 2020

Location: Shire of Gnowangerup
Proponent: N/A
File Ref: ADM0451
Date of Report: 14th April 2020
Business Unit: Finance
Officer: CA Shaddick – Senior Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- March 2020 Cheque Listing

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide Council with a list of payments processed in the month of March 2020.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENTS

The March 2020 cheque list for the period 01/03/2020 to 31/03/2020 is attached as follows:

FUND	AMOUNT
Municipal Fund	\$ 384,577.98
Credit Card	\$ 3,167.70
TOTAL	\$ 387,745.68

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 12 states that:

- (1) *A payment may only be made from the municipal fund or the trust fund*
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- (a) *if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from those funds — by the CEO; or*

(b) otherwise, if the payment is authorised in advance by a resolution of the council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Purchasing Policy 4.1

Corporate Credit Card Policy 4.4

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All payments are in line with the Adopted Budget or have been approved by Council as a Budget Amendment.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan

Theme: Sustainable and Capable Council

Objective: Provide accountable and sustainable leadership

Strategic Initiative: Nil

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Strategic Risk Category	Financial Sustainability
Consequence Rating	Catastrophic
Likelihood Rating	Unlikely
Acceptance Rating	Acceptable
Risk Acceptance Criteria	Risk Acceptable with adequate controls

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

This is a standard item in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

0420. That Council:

Approves the Schedule of Accounts:

Municipal Fund Cheques 27683 - 27697, EFT 15866 – EFT 15968, Superannuation and Direct Deposits totalling \$384,577.98 and Corporate Credit Card totalling \$3,167.70.

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT15866	6/03/2020	ADMIN SOCIAL CLUB	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 100.00
EFT15867	6/03/2020	AIR LIQUIDE	CYLINDER HIRE FEE LGE, MED, SMALL	\$ 140.02
EFT15868	6/03/2020	ALBANY AUTOS	PURCHASE REPLACEMENT GN.0016 MECHANICS UTILITY LESS TRADE IN 12 MONTHS REGISTRATION GN.0016	\$ 38,869.10 - \$ 27,000.00 \$ 203.45
EFT15869	6/03/2020	ALBANY LOCK SERVICE	ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUILDING - RECONFIGURE LOCK FUNCTION ON FRONT COUNTER DOOR, INSTALL NEW LOCKS WITH STOREROOM FUNCTION TO ANTE ROOM AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REINSTALL EXISTING BILOCK BARRELS	\$ 614.90
EFT15870	6/03/2020	AUTOSMART (WA)	1 X TIGER PLUS 20 LITRE, ARMOURGLOW 5LT, PAN DANDY 5LT	\$ 166.16
EFT15871	6/03/2020	BEST OFFICE SYSTEMS	DEPOT PHOTO COPIER READING FROM 28/01/2020 - 28/02/2020	\$ 487.56
EFT15872	6/03/2020	BLACK AND GOLD SOCIAL CLUB	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 120.00
EFT15873	6/03/2020	BORDEN PRIMARY P&C ASSOCIATION INC.	CATERING FOR THANK A FIRIE BBQ ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY 2020	\$ 2,400.00
EFT15874	6/03/2020	BTW CONTRACTING PTY LTD	EXTENDABLE PIPE FITTINGS	\$ 30.00
EFT15875	6/03/2020	CJD EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	IVECO STRALIS AD500 - GN.0014 - REPLACE MOTORISED WINDOW MECHANISM ELECT	\$ 412.47
EFT15876	6/03/2020	CORPORATE ENERGY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	RESTOCKING SUPPLIES 2 X 25 LITRE MORRIS MULTILIFE FS 5W/30 C-THREE TEXXON ULTRA BLUE GREASE	\$ 411.79 \$ 159.96
EFT15877	6/03/2020	CORSIGN WA	ROAD MAINTENANCE BLUFF KNOLL ROAD - REPLACE SIGNS FROM STIRLING RANGES BUSH FIRE 1 X D4-1-1 UNIDIRECTIONAL HAZARD MARKER - SIZE: A 1600X400 WITH 2 X UNISTRUTS CHEVRON BOARD BLK/WHT CL1 REFL 1.6ALI WITH STRUTS	\$ 160.60
EFT15878	6/03/2020	DWER	GREASE TRAP CLEANING	\$ 44.00
EFT15879	6/03/2020	DEPT OF LAND ADMINISTRATION	RURAL UV'S SCHED'S R2020/1 & R2020/2	\$ 125.64
EFT15880	6/03/2020	IAN GRAHAM	REIMBURSEMENT DCEO FUEL GN.001, HOME INTERNET FEB/MARCH AND IPHONE PROTECTOR COVER	\$ 290.35
EFT15881	6/03/2020	JERRAMUNGUP ELECTRICAL SERVICE	SUPPLY AND FIT NEW SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR HIGNDENUP BORE	\$ 4,068.22
EFT15882	6/03/2020	JR & A HERSEY PTY LTD	RE ORDER SUPPLIES OF STOCK 1 BOX OF JB'S 12 BROWN LENS SAFETY GLASSES - POLARISED SPEC 1337	\$ 1,791.52
EFT15883	6/03/2020	LEASEIT LTD	COPY MANAGEMENT PLAN BILLING PERIOD JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020	\$ 1,030.15

EFT15884	6/03/2020 LGRCEU	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 184.50
EFT15885	6/03/2020 MARKETFORCE	ADVERTISEMENT PLANT OPERATOR / GENERAL HAND THE WEST AUSTRALIAN 22/2/20 ADVERTISEMENT PLANT OPERATOR/ GSH AND ALBANY ADVERTISER	\$ 939.91 \$ 702.64
EFT15886	6/03/2020 METROCOUNT	ROMAN DEVELOPMENT - SUPPLIES 2 X 100M ROLL OF TUBING	\$ 1,405.80
EFT15887	6/03/2020 OLUMAYOKUN OLUYEDE	CASH SUBSIDY AS PER CONTRACT FEBRUARY 2020	\$ 11,000.00
EFT15888	6/03/2020 ONGERUP CARAVAN PARK	CONTRACT CLEANING ONGERUP HALL & PUBLIC CONVENIENCES FOR FEBRUARY	\$ 335.88
EFT15889	6/03/2020 ONLINE SAFETY SYSTEMS PTY LTD	PLANT ASSESSOR MONTHLY ACCESSOR MONTHLY ACCESS FEE HYBRID LEVEL 2 FOR MARCH 2020	\$ 528.00
EFT15890	6/03/2020 RAY FORD SIGNS	CONSTRUCTION 2 HOUSES CNR QUINN & WHITEHEAD GEN -GRANT FUNDING SIGNAGE SUPPLY, PRINT, UV LAMINATE & FIT TO ALUMINIUM SHEETING 1 X 900 X 1200MM SIGN PANEL	\$ 292.60 P
EFT15891	6/03/2020 RODERICK FRANKLYN WELLSTEAD	RATES INCENTIVE 17/18 - CHEQUE CANCELLED AND FUNDS RECEIPTED TO ASSESSMENT	\$ 100.00
EFT15892	6/03/2020 SOLUTIONS IT	MARCH MANAGED SUPPORT-35 USERS DEVICE AS PER CONTRACT	\$ 2,647.96
EFT15893	6/03/2020 STAR SALES & SERVICE	HUSQVARNA MOWER GN.0034 - REPAIRS TO MOWER 3 X PULLEY ITEM NO: HUP5391121 25	\$ 304.05
EFT15894	6/03/2020 TOLL TRANSPORT PTY LTD	FREIGHT	\$ 10.73
EFT15895	6/03/2020 WA CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	RANGER SERVICES 19/02, 26/02	\$ 1,782.00
EFT15896	6/03/2020 WATERMAN IRRIGATION PTY LTD	STANDPIPE MAINTENANCE GEN - WI - SP - CLOUD SERVER ACCESS CLOUD SERVER ACCESS FEE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020 TO 30TH JUNE 2020 PRICE LIST RATE: \$695.000	\$ 639.65
EFT15897	10/03/2020 ALBANY LOCK SERVICE	PUBLIC TOILET SERVICE DUCT DOOR LOCK ASSEMBLY	\$ 196.00
EFT15898	10/03/2020 AUSTRALIA POST	POSTAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2020	\$ 197.24
EFT15899	10/03/2020 B P HARRIS & SON	CATERPILLAR 930H WHEEL LOADER - REPAIRS TO CAT LOADER HINGE PIN KEEPER	\$ 418.44
EFT15900	10/03/2020 BUNNINGS ALBANY	VARIOUS HARDWARE ITEMS (SHOVELS,STORAGE CONTAINERS, WATERPROOF MEMBRANE)	\$ 264.61
EFT15901	10/03/2020 CJD EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	IVECO STRALIS AD500 - GN.0014 - OIL FILTERS AND FUEL FILTERS 1 X FUEL FILTER CARTRIDGE 1 X ELEMENT 2 X OIL FILTER	\$ 1,771.11
EFT15902	10/03/2020 DA & KJ MURRAY	ACCOMODATION AND MEALS FOR LLEW WITHERS 06/02,20/02 & 21/02	\$ 210.00
EFT15903	10/03/2020 DEPT PLANNING, LANDS AND HERITAGE	DOCUMENT PREPARATION FEES 10% DEPOSIT RESERVE 32642 - 25 MCDONALD STREET, GNOWANGERUP	\$ 1,333.00 \$ 1,272.72

EFT15904	10/03/2020 DWER	GREASE TRAP CLEANING	\$ 88.00
EFT15905	10/03/2020 G & M DETERGENTS	4 X SHARPS DISPOSAL	\$ 112.00
EFT15906	10/03/2020 GNOWANGERUP CRC	STAFFING FOR LIBRARY, CLEANING, TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 1,332.75
EFT15907	10/03/2020 GNOWANGERUP FUEL SUPPLIES	FUEL FOR ADMIN FLEET	\$ 1,058.37
EFT15908	10/03/2020 GNOWANGERUP TYRE SERVICE	MITSUBISHI NX PAJERO WAGON GN.004 - (WORKS MANAGER) -DUNLOP TYRES DUNLOP GRANDTREK ISUZU SPACE CAB TYRES GN.0048 PUNCTURE REPAIRS TO JD MOWER	\$ 1,300.00 \$ 1,240.00 \$ 208.00
EFT15909	10/03/2020 GREAT SOUTHERN TOYOTA	GN.OO 10,000 KLM SERVICE	\$ 281.71
EFT15910	10/03/2020 INTERSECTIONAL LINEMARKERS	LINE MARKING BLUFF KNOLL ROAD AFTER FIRES	\$ 2,750.00
EFT15911	10/03/2020 JERRAMUNGUP ELECTRICAL SERVICE	RENEW ELECTRICAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE 61 & 191 CORBETT ST	\$ 276.10
EFT15912	10/03/2020 JETBLACK CREATIVE MEDIA	YEARLY CMS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT 2020/2021	\$ 858.00
EFT15913	10/03/2020 JR & A HERSEY PTY LTD	EBA UNIFORMS DEPOT STAFF	\$ 6,009.23
EFT15914	10/03/2020 MOORE STEPHENS	MOORE STEPHENS FINANCIAL REPORTING MANUAL	\$ 3,148.20
EFT15915	10/03/2020 PRIMARIES GNOWANGERUP	VARIOUS HARDWARE ITEMS	\$ 802.63
EFT15916	10/03/2020 TOLL TRANSPORT PTY LTD	FREIGHT	\$ 16.56
EFT15917	10/03/2020 WARREN BLACKWOOD WASTE	240LT BIN PICKUP 06/02, 13/02, 20/02, 27/02	\$ 8,437.95
EFT15918	18/03/2020 ALBANY AUTOS	ISUZU D-MAX FUEL FILTERS	\$ 196.24
EFT15919	18/03/2020 ALBANY ENGINEERING CO	GN.0015 JD GRADER - REBUILD FREE ROLLER SHAFT AND INSTALL NEW BEARINGS	\$ 1,681.39
EFT15920	18/03/2020 ALBANY LOCK SERVICE	EXPENDABLE TOOLS GEN - KEY CABINET 1X BOX (200) ASSORTED COLOURED KEY TAGS	\$ 60.00
EFT15921	18/03/2020 BEST OFFICE SYSTEMS	REPLACED YELLOW AND MAGENTA DRUM GENERAL CHECK AND CLEAN OF ADMIN PHOTOCOPIER	\$ 77.00
EFT15922	18/03/2020 BGL SOLUTIONS	MONTHLY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AS PER CONTRACT	\$ 10,429.53
EFT15923	18/03/2020 BUNNINGS ALBANY	CHAIRS X6 FOR SWIMMING POOL AREA	\$ 30.00
EFT15924	18/03/2020 CAROL ANNE SHADDICK	IT VISION TRAINING AND FINANCE CONFERENCE MEALS AND PARKING X 2 STAFF	\$ 190.33
EFT15925	18/03/2020 CAST-TECH GROUP	ONGERUP-PINGRUP ROAD RRG 3 X BULK CEMENT BAGS - 500KGS - GREY	\$ 990.00 P

EFT15926	18/03/2020	CORPORATE ENERGY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	MORRIS LODEXOL 25LT, TEXXON ULTRA BLUE GREASE 20KG, COOLANT PREMIX 20LT	\$	750.96
EFT15927	18/03/2020	GNOWANGERUP FUEL SUPPLIES	DIESEL FOR GNOWANGERUP DEPOT 15,900 LITRES @ \$1.2756 DIESEL FOR ONGERUP DEPOT 4,300 LITRES @ \$1.1856	\$	20,282.04 \$ 5,098.08
EFT15928	18/03/2020	GNOWANGERUP PHARMACY	FIRST AID SUPPLIES - DEPOT 1 X 100 PACK OF PARAPANE	\$	5.95
EFT15929	18/03/2020	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	ROAD MAINTENANCE - AGGREGATE	\$	1,736.28
EFT15930	18/03/2020	JERRAMUNGUP ELECTRICAL SERVICE	INSTAL SIX NEW ILLUMINATED EXIT SIGNS AS PER UPDATED EVACUATION PLAN - ADMIN BUILDING	\$	1,080.42
EFT15931	18/03/2020	JOHN ARTHUR SKINNER	GIFT VOUCHER TASSIE HAYWARD FAREWELL PURCHASED FROM BUNNINGS	\$	290.00
EFT15932	18/03/2020	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	1 X 20 LITRE DBAG WATERGUARD	\$	384.26
EFT15933	18/03/2020	ONGERUP FARM SUPPLIES	REFRESHMENTS FOR THANK A FIREY FUNCTION VARIOUS HARDWARE ITEMS	\$	740.00 \$ 245.69
EFT15934	18/03/2020	ONGERUP TYRES & AUTOMOTIVE	ISUZU MEDIUM TIPPER NPR 300 GN.0038 - 2 X KUMHO KRS03 ITEM NO: T215/75R17.5K	\$	658.00
EFT15935	18/03/2020	RAPTOR GROUP PTY LTD	EXCAVATOR HIRE TO CLEAR SILT PIT AT MAGITUP DAM	\$	13,794.00
EFT15936	18/03/2020	ROB OWEN DECORATING SERVICES	REPAINTING TWO TOILETS AT COMMUNITY PARK	\$	2,073.50
EFT15937	18/03/2020	SADLERS BUTCHERS	CATERING COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD IN FEBRUARY	\$	241.00
EFT15938	18/03/2020	SOLUTIONS IT	ONBOARDING FEE	\$	1,485.00
EFT15939	18/03/2020	ST JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOC OF WA	COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ST JOHN AMBULANCE FIRST AID KITS	\$	5,500.00 \$ 444.30
EFT15940	18/03/2020	TOLL TRANSPORT PTY LTD	FREIGHT	\$	29.98
EFT15941	18/03/2020	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	2016 AA 12M MOTOR GRADER GN.0020 - REPAIRS TO WIPER MOTOR 1 X RIGHT HAND DOOR	\$	256.42
EFT15942	18/03/2020	WINC. (WORK INCORPORATED)	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$	234.48
EFT15943	18/03/2020	YONGERGNOW-ONGERUP CRC	ADVERTISING IN THE GRAPEVINE 2X HALF PAGES	\$	180.00
EFT15944	27/03/2020	A D CONTRACTORS PTY LTD	ROAD MAINTENANCE - EMULSION 2 X 1080 LITRE (EMULSION) CATAMOL @ \$1.42 PLUS GST	\$	3,373.92
EFT15945	27/03/2020	ADMIN SOCIAL CLUB	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$	100.00
EFT15946	27/03/2020	ARMADILLO PRODUCTS	2 X 1000 SHUTTLE PODS WITH FRAMES FOR EMULSION	\$	200.00

EFT15947	27/03/2020 ASSIST ENGINEERING	DESIGN INDUSTRIAL RAV ACCESS THROUGH INDUSTRIAL AREA DESIGN STORM WATER RUN OFF CALCULATIONS FOR QUINN STREET	\$ 2,805.00	
		BUDGET ESTIMATES & ANALYSIS RAV 7 INDUSTRIAL ROUTES	\$ 3,630.00	
EFT15948	27/03/2020 B & B STREET SWEEPING	SUCTION SWEEP STONE STREET BORDEN PRE RESEALING	\$ 858.00	
		SUCTION SWEEP LAMONT STREET ONGERUP PRE RESEALING		
EFT15949	27/03/2020 BEST OFFICE SYSTEMS	DEPOT COPIER 28/02/2020-28/03/2020	\$ 296.95	
EFT15950	27/03/2020 BGL SOLUTIONS	REPLACE LEAKING SOLONIOD AT ANZAC PARK	\$ 203.50	
EFT15951	27/03/2020 BLACK AND GOLD SOCIAL CLUB	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 120.00	
EFT15952	27/03/2020 CJD EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	IVECO STRALIS AS500 - GN.0044 - REPAIRS 1 X SET OF BRAKE PADS PART NO: 500086211	\$ 2,151.47	
EFT15953	27/03/2020 DL CONSULTING	BUDGET REVIEW WORKPAPERS	\$ 4,193.75	
		TRAINING SESSION FOR COUNCILLORS	\$ 1,470.70	
EFT15954	27/03/2020 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA (SA) INC	AFSA INSPECTION PADS	\$ 93.50	
EFT15955	27/03/2020 FULCHER CONTRACTORS	ONGERUP-PINGRUP ROAD RRG - SHOULDER WIDENING AS PER RFQ-2019-MW1	\$ 81,730.00	P
		ONGERUP-PINGRUP RD RRG BOXOUT & CEMENT ROAD FAILURE PRE RESEALING	\$ 26,132.37	P
		ONGERUP-PINGRUP RD CARTING WATER	\$ 8,712.00	P
EFT15956	27/03/2020 G & M DETERGENTS	FOAM SOAP, CTN TOILET ROLLS 20 BOXES TISSUES BOX CENTRE FEED HAND TOWEL	\$ 283.80	
EFT15957	27/03/2020 GNOWANGERUP PHARMACY	FIRST AID KITS FOR SHIRE VEHICLES	\$ 112.05	
EFT15958	27/03/2020 GNOWANGERUP VOLUNTEER SES UNIT INC	4TH QUARTER OPERATING GRANT FUND LESS EXPENDITURE BY SHIRE	\$ 5,243.95	F
EFT15959	27/03/2020 IAN DAVID BEATON	CONNECT NEW TANK TO EXISTING CONCRETE TANK HIGHDENUP RD BORE	\$ 1,353.00	
		CONNECT NEW TANK TO EXISTING CONCRETE TANK FORMBY RD BORE	\$ 1,287.00	
		RESET SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEM GROCOCK ST	\$ 88.00	
EFT15960	27/03/2020 LGRCEU	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 184.50	
EFT15961	27/03/2020 ONGERUP TYRES & AUTOMOTIVE	GN.0032 - TO FIT 2 X NEW TYRES TO JD LAWNMOWER	\$ 60.00	
EFT15962	27/03/2020 QUALTARP PTY LTD	ISUZU D-MAX 2020 (MECHANIC) UTILITY GN.0016 - 1 X SEAT COVERS FOR UTE DRIVER AND PASSENGER BUCKETS WITH MAP POCKET (AIR BAG COMPATIBLE) CANVAS GREY CODE: IDM122SXABC BD STEERING WHEEL COVER - (PROMOTION CREDIT) CODE: SWC20	\$ 377.30	
EFT15963	27/03/2020 THE WOOLY SHEEP CAFE & GIFT SHOP	SUNDOWNER FAREWELL FUNCTION EMPLOYEE VERDUN TASMAN HAYWARD, COUNCILLOR & EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP REFRESHMENTS 11 MARCH 20	\$ 300.00	

EFT15964	27/03/2020	TOLL TRANSPORT PTY LTD	FREIGHT	\$	67.71
EFT15965	27/03/2020	TRAILBLAZERS	EBA UNIFORMS WORKBOOTS	\$	200.00
EFT15966	27/03/2020	WA CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	RANGER SERVICES 04/03, 11/03, 18/03	\$	2,673.00
EFT15967	27/03/2020	WILSONS SIGN SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY OF HONOUR BOARD UPDATES AND DESK NAME FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS	\$	323.40
EFT15968	27/03/2020	WINC. (WORK INCORPORATED)	CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR ONGERUP TOWN HALL	\$	142.40
27683	6/03/2020	GNOWANGERUP IGA	CONSUMABLES	\$	460.76
27684	6/03/2020	SYNERGY	STREET LIGHT SUPPLY PERIOD 30 DAYS TO 03/03/2020	\$	3,684.88
27685	10/03/2020	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	BAS PYMENT FOR FEBRUARY 2020	\$	22,262.00
27686	10/03/2020	REECE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	REPLACE SEAT FOR GNOWANGERUP PUBLIC TOILETS (DISABLE)	\$	198.12
27687	10/03/2020	SYNERGY	SUPPLY PERIOD 63 DAYS VARIOUS SHIRE BUILDINGS	\$	1,078.55
27688	10/03/2020	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AND SERVICE CHARGES GNOWANGERUP STANDPIPE	\$	6,229.34 R
			WATER USAGE AND SERVICE CHARGES	\$	667.90
27689	18/03/2020	REECE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	100M PIPE FOR SPORTING COMPLEX DAM PIPE FROM AIRPORT	\$	935.00
27690	18/03/2020	SYNERGY	SUPPLY PERIOD 63 DAYS	\$	2,176.86
27691	18/03/2020	TELSTRA	USAGE, SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT	\$	1,037.20
27692	18/03/2020	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AND SERVICE CHARGES	\$	6,555.04
			WATER USAGE AND SERVICE CHARGES GNOWANGERUP STANDPIPE	\$	6,064.72 R
27693	27/03/2020	HARDWARE BARGAINS PTY LTD	STAINLESS STEEL BALUSTRADING KIT FOR ADMIN COUNTER	\$	195.34
27694	27/03/2020	SYNERGY	SUPPLY PERIOD 29 DAYS	\$	5,063.95
27695	27/03/2020	T & C SUPPLIES	TOOLBOXES FOR GN.0016 MECHANIC UTILITY	\$	2,266.77
27696	27/03/2020	TELSTRA	MOBILE PHONE AND DATA PLANS	\$	567.62
27697	27/03/2020	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AND SERVICE CHARGES	\$	3,385.25
DD4527.1	4/03/2020	WALGS PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$	6,248.41

DD4527.2	4/03/2020 REST SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	170.26
DD4527.3	4/03/2020 CBUS	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	314.49
DD4527.4	4/03/2020 MLC MASTERKEY	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	204.25
DD4527.5	4/03/2020 OASIS SUPERANNUATION MASTER TRUST	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	185.25
DD4527.6	4/03/2020 COMMONWEALTH ESSENTIAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	50.58
DD4527.7	4/03/2020 SMSF	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$	844.75
DD4527.8	4/03/2020 WEALTH PERSONAL SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	331.96
DD4527.9	4/03/2020 COLONIAL FIRSTWRAP PLUS PERSONAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	795.33
DD4528.1	25/03/2020 LEASEIT LTD	PHOTOCOPIER LEASE AS PER AGREEMENT	\$	1,196.25
DD4536.1	18/03/2020 WALGS PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$	6,561.44
DD4536.2	18/03/2020 REST SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	170.26
DD4536.3	18/03/2020 CBUS	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	314.49
DD4536.4	18/03/2020 OASIS SUPERANNUATION MASTER TRUST	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	190.00
DD4536.5	18/03/2020 COMMONWEALTH ESSENTIAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	73.57
DD4536.6	18/03/2020 SMSF	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$	844.75
DD4536.7	18/03/2020 WEALTH PERSONAL SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	331.96
DD4536.8	18/03/2020 COLONIAL FIRSTWRAP PLUS PERSONAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	795.33
DD4536.9	18/03/2020 AUSTRALIAN SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	1,119.79
DD4539.1	30/03/2020 WESTNET	ADMIN INTERNET	\$	234.09
DD4539.2	10/03/2020 NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	ITEMISED BELOW	\$	0.00
DD4544.1	31/03/2020 WESTNET	ADDITION TO CEO HOME INTERNET AS PER INVOICE	\$	48.74
DD4527.10	4/03/2020 AUSTRALIAN SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	1,137.85
DD4527.11	4/03/2020 CARE SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	740.68

DD4527.12	4/03/2020 PRIME SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	224.69
DD4527.13	4/03/2020 BENDIGO SMARTOPTIONS SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	109.15
DD4527.14	4/03/2020 MLC NAVIGATOR RETIREMENT PLAN	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	210.52
DD4536.10	18/03/2020 CARE SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	740.68
DD4536.11	18/03/2020 PRIME SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	224.22
DD4536.12	18/03/2020 BENDIGO SMARTOPTIONS SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	110.07
DD4536.13	18/03/2020 MLC NAVIGATOR RETIREMENT PLAN	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	210.52
		TOTAL MIUNICIPAL ACCOUNT		\$ 384,577.98
	14/02/2020 EG FUEL COMPANY	FUEL FOR GN.00	\$	102.23
	19/02/2020 CLICK BUSINESS	BUSINESS CARDSA IAN GRAHAM	\$	69.20
	21/02/2020 NAVIGATE NORTH BUNBURY	REPLACEMENT IPHONES DCEO & MANAGER WORKS	\$	2,098.00
	21/02/2020 TRIBE PERTH	ACCOMODATION LIFESAVER TRAINING	\$	352.95
	21/02/2020 SEEK MELBOURNE	PLANT OPERATOR POSITION ADVERTISING	\$	313.50
	26/02/2020 SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP	PLATE CHANGE GN.0016 TRADE IN	\$	27.70
	2/03/2020 EG FUEL COMPLANY	FUEL FOR GN.00	\$	50.12
	2/03/2020 MURRAY HOTEL	STAFF ACCOMODATION ATTENDING PAYROLL AWARD UPDATES	\$	145.00
	10/03/2020 NAB	MONTHLY CARD FEE	\$	9.00
		TOTAL CORPORATE CREDIT CARD	\$	3,167.70

CERTIFICATE OF SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

TOTAL FOR MUNICIPAL FUND: EFT 15866 -15968, Cheque 27683 - 27697, DD and Super Clearing House = \$384,577.98

TOTAL FOR CREDIT CARD: \$3,167.70

F Fully Grant Funded

P Partial Grant Funded

R Other Funding (Reimbursements)

16.2 MARCH 2020 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Location:	Shire of Gnowangerup
Proponent:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0451
Date of Report:	14 TH April 2020
Business Unit:	Corporate and Community Services
Officer:	D. Long – Finance Consultant C. Shaddick – Senior Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL

ATTACHMENTS

Monthly Financial Statements for the period 01/03/2020 to 31/03/2020 including:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Report on Material Differences
- Comprehensive Income by Program and Nature & Type
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Current Assets and Liabilities

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

For Council to receive and accept the Monthly Financial Report to the 31st March 2020, note that figures are subject to change as a result of end of year procedures and the audit process.

BACKGROUND

Nil

COMMENTS

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires a local government to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month.

CONSULTATION

Nil

LEGAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Reg. 34 Financial activity statement required each month

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Investment Policy 4.3

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan

Theme: Sustainable and Capable Council

Objective: Provide accountable and sustainable leadership

Strategic Initiative: Nil

STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Strategic Risk Category	Financial Sustainability
Consequence Rating	Catastrophic
Likelihood Rating	Unlikely
Acceptance Rating	Acceptable
Risk Acceptance Criteria	Risk Acceptable with adequate controls

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

This is a standard item in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

0420. That Council:

Receives and accepts the Monthly Financial Report for March 2020.

SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

31-Mar-20

SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020

	NOTES	2019-20 ANNUAL BUDGET	2019-20 YTD BUDGET	2019-20 YTD ACTUAL
EXPENDITURE (Excluding Finance Costs)		\$	\$	\$
General Purpose Funding		(81,604)	(58,068)	(62,611)
Governance		(937,524)	(682,822)	(634,883)
Law, Order, Public Safety		(377,637)	(262,539)	(267,298)
Health		(372,745)	(278,404)	(230,642)
Education and Welfare		(47,261)	(38,231)	(20,457)
Housing		(54,508)	(42,792)	-35,292.10
Community Amenities		(570,367)	(430,862)	-344,660.18
Recreation and Culture		(1,407,164)	(1,104,068)	(1,052,841)
Transport		(3,112,232)	(2,549,068)	(1,983,886)
Economic Services		(278,899)	(246,243)	(105,690)
Other Property and Services		(585,290)	(551,381)	(485,744)
		(7,825,231)	(6,244,478)	(5,224,005)
REVENUE				
General Purpose Funding		4,649,831	0	4,551,012
Governance		0	1,636,306	339
Law, Order, Public Safety		69,260	(7,521)	68,221
Health		300	115,943	1,649
Education and Welfare		11,800	0	400
Housing		86,598	1,744,728	65,868
Community Amenities		283,139	(3,193,747)	285,719
Recreation and Culture		17,999	0	19,392
Transport		140,886	0	149,675
Economic Services		52,340	0	43,233
Other Property & Services		119,610	(839,840)	123,843
		5,431,763	(544,130)	5,309,352
<i>Increase(Decrease)</i>		(2,393,468)	(6,788,607)	85,347
FINANCE COSTS				
General Purpose Funding		0	(5,570)	0
Housing		(24,568)	(308,000)	(5,521)
Community Amenities		0	(58,000)	0
Recreation & Culture		(23,471)	(787,000)	(11,656)
Transport		0	0	0
Other Property & Services		(2,015)	256,500	0
Total Finance Costs		(50,054)	(896,500)	(17,177)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE				
General Purpose Funding		0	(21,029)	0
Law, Order & Public Safety		0	0	0
Housing		367,500	(1,932,983)	0
Community Amenities		300,000	0	0
Recreation & Culture		0	0	0
Transport		699,558	0	396,557
Economic Services		0	0	0
Total Non-Operating Revenue		1,367,058	(1,954,012)	396,557
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON SALE OF ASSETS				
Law, Order & Public Safety		0	(1,932,983)	0
Health		0	(5,126,730)	0
Housing		0	0	0
Community Amenities		0	404,520	0
Recreation & Culture Profit		0	1,811,529	0
Recreation & Culture Loss		0	0	0
Transport Profit		0	3,876,849	626
Transport Loss		(115,943)	6,092,898	(5,523)
Other Property & Services Profit		7,521	966,168	0
Other Property & Services Loss		0	0	0
Total Profit/(Loss)		(108,422)	8,025,234	(4,897)
NET RESULT		(1,184,886)	(1,613,885)	459,829
Other Comprehensive Income				
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets		0	0	0
Total Abnormal Items		0	0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(1,184,886)	(1,613,885)	459,829

SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
BY NATURE/TYPE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020

	2019-20 BUDGET	2019-20 ACTUAL
Expenses		
Employee Costs	(2,597,413)	(1,940,290)
Materials and Contracts	(2,222,641)	(1,064,192)
Utility Charges	(180,080)	(134,855)
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets	(2,182,615)	(1,720,106)
Interest Expenses	(50,054)	(17,177)
Insurance Expenses	(232,304)	(194,975)
Other Expenditure	(410,178)	(170,487)
	(7,875,285)	(5,242,082)
Revenue		
Rates	4,085,295	4,122,519
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	852,667	748,781
Fees and Charges	337,229	198,320
Service Charges	0	0
Interest Earnings	68,470	43,968
Other Revenue	88,102	196,664
	5,431,763	5,310,252
	(2,443,522)	68,170
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,367,058	396,557
Fair Value Adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit/loss	0	0
Profit on Asset Disposals	7,521	626
Loss on Asset Disposals	(115,943)	(5,523)
	1,258,636	391,660
Net Result	(1,184,886)	459,829
Other Comprehensive Income		
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	0	0
Total Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(1,184,886)	459,829

**SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

	Note	2018-19 ACTUAL \$	2019-20 ACTUAL \$	Variance \$
Current assets				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents		584,969	2,803,231	2,218,263
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents		1,994,946	1,740,153	-254,793
Trade and other receivables		2,476,324	438,577	-2,037,748
Inventories		29,548	47,510	17,961
Other assets		0	0	0
Total current assets		5,085,788	5,029,471	-56,317
Non-current assets				
Trade and other receivables		216,796	181,612	-35,184
LG House Unit Trust		6,186	70,068	63,882
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		30,268,914	29,911,009	-357,904
Infrastructure Assets		89,714,587	89,506,630	-207,957
Total non-current assets		120,206,483	119,669,320	-537,163
Total assets		125,292,271	124,698,791	-593,480
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables		233,000	84,985	148,015
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		1,163,537	486,703	676,834
Provisions		324,814	444,844	-120,030
Total current liabilities		1,721,351	1,016,532	704,819
Non-current liabilities				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings		749,852	586,221	163,630
Provisions		104,800	54,321	50,479
Total non-current liabilities		854,651	640,542	214,109
Total liabilities		2,576,003	1,657,074	918,929
Net assets		122,716,268	123,041,716	325,448
Equity				
Retained surplus		43,260,431	42,302,400	-958,031
Net Result		-628,654	459,829	1,088,483
Reserve - asset revaluation		78,094,181	78,549,140	454,959
Reserve - Cash backed		1,990,309	1,730,347	-259,962
Total equity		122,716,268	123,041,716	325,448

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

Note	2018-19 ACTUAL \$	2019-20 BUDGET \$	2019-20 ACTUAL \$
Cash Flows from operating activities			
Payments			
Employee Costs	(2,322,997)	(2,110,373)	(1,956,471)
Materials & Contracts	(9,288,820)	(5,497,574)	(1,215,274)
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)	(152,816)	(173,500)	(134,855)
Insurance	(169,375)	(56,054)	(194,975)
Interest Expense	(47,253)	(211,068)	(17,177)
Goods and Services Tax Paid	(300,000)	0	0
Other Expenses	(194,954)	(371,689)	(170,487)
	(12,476,215)	(8,420,258)	(3,689,239)
Receipts			
Rates	3,856,106	4,005,853	3,861,388
Operating Grants & Subsidies	1,216,396	746,003	748,781
Contributions, Reimbursements & Donations	0	0	0
Fees and Charges	223,463	346,222	198,320
Interest Earnings	103,186	67,420	43,968
Goods and Services Tax	189,811	109,879	(449)
Other	6,759,854	5,591,971	823,032
	12,348,816	10,867,348	5,675,040
Net Cash flows from Operating Activities	9	(127,399)	2,447,090
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments			
Purchase of Land	(250,688)	(510,000)	(2,369)
Purchase of Buildings	(93,045)	(954,930)	(773,238)
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(327,274)	(732,000)	(142,543)
Purchase Furniture and Equipment	(18,739)	(5,000)	0
Purchase Road Infrastructure Assets	(1,218,668)	(1,300,381)	(679,036)
Purchase of Footpath Assets	0	(5,000)	0
Purchase Aerodrome Assets	(3,099)	0	0
Purchase Drainage Assets	0	(9,000)	(2,607)
Purchase Sewerage Assets	(45,775)	(50,000)	0
Purchase Parks & Ovals Assets	(4,700)	(4,858)	(800)
Purchase Solid Waste Assets	0	0	0
Purchase Infrastructure Other Assets	0	(8,000)	(48,083)
Receipts			
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	77,809	223,000	85,155
Non-Operating grants used for Development of Assets	654,212	1,095,672	396,557
	(1,229,968)	(2,260,497)	(1,166,964)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of Debentures	(163,109)	(1,163,539)	(80,927)
Advances to Community Groups	0	0	0
Revenue from Self Supporting Loans	26,352	27,433	0
Proceeds from New Debentures	1,000,000	367,500	404,000
Net cash flows from financing activities	863,243	(768,606)	323,073
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(494,124)	(582,013)	1,141,909
Cash at the Beginning of Reporting Period	3,074,039	2,579,916	3,401,475
Cash at the End of Reporting Period	9	2,579,915	1,997,903
			4,543,384

**SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

Notes

	2018-19 ACTUAL \$	2019-20 BUDGET \$	2019-20 ACTUAL \$
RECONCILIATION OF CASH			
Cash at Bank - Unrestricted	587,764	1,996,061	2,802,431
Cash at Bank Reserves - Restricted	1,990,309		1,740,154
Cash on Hand	1,842	1,842	800
TOTAL CASH	2,579,915	1,997,903	4,543,385
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING RESULT			
Net Result (As per Comprehensive Income Statement)	-923,476	-1,184,886	459,829
Add back Depreciation	2,932,726	2,182,615	1,720,106
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Assets	23,298	108,422	4,897
Self Supporting Loan Principal Reimbursements	0	0	0
Contributions for the Development of Assets	-654,212	-1,367,058	-396,557
Changes in Assets and Liabilities			
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	-8,345	0	-26,515
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	-1,555,399	2,248,147	367,641
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	-28,471	5,642	-141,054
Increase/(Decrease) in Prepayments	0	0	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Provisions	86,480	47,299	-2,547
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	0	0	0
Rounding	0	0	0
NET CASH FROM/(USED) IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-127,399	2,040,181	1,985,801

**SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	MATERIAL VARIANCES %
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	
OPERATING REVENUE	\$		\$	\$	
General Purpose Funding	772,982	866,392	595,827	670,989	12.61%
Governance	0	339	0	339	0.00%
Law, Order Public Safety	69,260	70,244	46,541	68,221	46.58%
Health	300	1,000	0	1,649	0.00%
Education and Welfare	11,800	11,800	8,745	400	(95.43%) Variance within % Threshold
Housing	86,598	86,598	70,144	65,868	Variance within % Threshold
Community Amenities	283,139	280,117	279,332	285,719	Variance within % Threshold
Recreation and Culture	17,999	19,297	17,845	19,392	Variance within % Threshold
Transport	148,407	157,137	148,383	150,301	Variance within % Threshold
Economic Services	52,340	58,758	47,044	43,233	Variance within % Threshold
Other Property and Services	119,610	145,853	92,141	123,843	34.41%
	1,562,435	1,697,535	1,306,003	1,429,955	
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
General Purpose Funding	(81,604)	(87,719)	(58,068)	(62,611)	Variance within % Threshold
Governance	(937,524)	(935,132)	(682,822)	(634,883)	Variance within % Threshold
Law, Order, Public Safety	(377,637)	(377,251)	(262,539)	(267,298)	Variance within % Threshold
Health	(372,745)	(372,743)	(278,404)	(230,642)	(17.16%)
Education and Welfare	(47,261)	(47,177)	(38,231)	(20,457)	46.49% Variance within % Threshold
Housing	(79,076)	(85,264)	(42,792)	(40,813)	20.01%
Community Amenities	(570,367)	(570,165)	(430,862)	(344,660)	Variance within % Threshold
Recreation and Culture	(1,430,635)	(1,438,867)	(1,104,068)	(1,064,498)	(21.96%)
Transport	(3,228,175)	(3,143,422)	(2,549,068)	(1,989,409)	(57.08%)
Economic Services	(278,899)	(139,599)	(246,243)	(105,690)	(11.90%)
Other Property & Services	(587,305)	(545,731)	(551,381)	(485,744)	
	(7,991,228)	(7,743,070)	(6,244,478)	(5,246,705)	
	<i>Increase/(Decrease)</i>	(6,428,793)	(6,045,535)	(4,938,475)	(3,816,751)
ADD					
Movement in Employee Benefits (Non-current)	50,764	50,764	0	0	0.00%
Movement in Deferred Pensioners (Non-current)	0	0	0	0	
Movement in SS Loan (Non-current)	0	0	0	0	
Depreciation Written Back	2,182,615	2,182,615	1,636,306	1,720,106	Variance within % Threshold
(Profit) on the disposal of assets	(7,521)	(7,521)	(7,521)	(626)	91.68%
Loss on the disposal of assets	115,943	115,943	115,943	5,523	95.24%
	2,341,801	2,341,801	1,744,728	1,725,003	
	<i>Sub Total</i>	(4,086,992)	(3,703,734)	(3,193,747)	(2,091,747)
LESS CAPITAL PROGRAMME					
Purchase of Land	0				Variance within % Threshold
Purchase Buildings	(839,840)	(859,611)	(839,840)	(775,607)	(44.44%)
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,374,436)	(1,421,312)	(1,222,136)	(679,036)	100.00%
Infrastructure Assets - Footpaths	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0.00%
Infrastructure Assets - Aerodromes	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(9,000)	(9,000)	(9,000)	(2,607)	71.03%
Infrastructure Assets - Sewerage	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	0	100.00%
Infrastructure Assets - Parks & Ovals	(5,570)	(5,570)	(5,570)	(800)	(85.64%)
Infrastructure Assets - Solid Waste	(308,000)	(308,000)	(308,000)	0	100.00%
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(58,000)	(96,365)	(58,000)	(48,083)	17.10%
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(787,000)	(520,169)	(787,000)	(142,543)	81.89%
Purchase Furniture and Equipment	0	(5,300)	0	0	0.00%
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	256,500	82,600	256,500	85,155	66.80%
Contributions for the Development of Assets	1,367,058	1,367,058	1,142,883	396,557	65.30% Variance within % Threshold
Repayment of Debt - Loan Principal	(194,184)	(205,219)	(80,926)	(80,927)	100.00%
Self Supporting Loan Principal Income	28,557	28,557	14,135	0	83.17%
Transfer to Reserves	(396,991)	(504,370)	(21,029)	(3,539)	
	(2,335,906)	(2,471,701)	(1,932,983)	(1,251,430)	
Plus Rounding					
	<i>Sub Total</i>	(6,422,898)	(6,175,435)	(5,126,730)	(3,343,178)
FUNDING FROM					
Transfer from Reserves	330,000	249,500	0	0	0.00% Variance within % Threshold
Loans Raised	404,520	404,520	404,520	404,000	Variance within % Threshold
Estimated Opening Surplus at 1 July	1,811,529	1,799,894	1,811,529	1,799,892	Variance within % Threshold
Amount Raised from General Rates	3,876,849	3,883,107	3,876,849	3,880,023	Variance within % Threshold
	6,422,898	6,337,021	6,092,898	6,083,915	
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	161,586	966,168	2,740,737	

NOTE 1			
CURRENT RATIO		Current Asset	2,875,577
		Current Liabil	877,088
			3.28
Ratios greater than one indicate that Council has sufficient current assets to meet it's short term current liabilities.			
NOTE 2 - VARIANCES EXPLAINED			
	OPERATING REVENUE	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
General Purpose Funding			
FAG Grant income more than anticipated for reporting period		75,162	12.61%
Governance			
Anglicare Contribution to the Purple Bench		339	0.00%
Law Order & Public Safety -			
DFES Operating Grant 4th Quarter paid in advance		21,679	46.58%
Health			
Reimbursement of Medical Centre expenditure and Health License fees received		1,649	0.00%
Education & Welfare			
Education Dept mowing contract received annually not monthly as anticipated		(8,345)	(95.43%)
Housing			
Variance within 10% materiality threshold		(4,276)	Variance within % Threshold
Community Amenities			
Variance within 10% materiality threshold		6,387	Variance within % Threshold
Recreation & Culture			
Variance within 10% materiality threshold		1,547	Variance within % Threshold
Transport			
Variance within 10% materiality threshold		1,918	Variance within % Threshold
Economic Service			
Variance within 10% materiality threshold		(3,811)	Variance within % Threshold
Other Property and Services			
Insurance dividend and reimbursements higher than anticipated. Dividend of \$15,429.00 to be transferred to Future Funds Reserve		31,702	34.41%

OPERATING EXPENDITURE		
	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
General Purpose funding		
Variance within 10% materiality threshold	(4,543)	within % Threshold
Governance		
Variance within 10% materiality threshold	47,939	Variance within %
Law Order & Public Safety -		
Variance within 10% materiality threshold	(4,759)	within % Threshold
Health		
25 McDonald St & Surgery building maintenance and operating costs less than anticipated for reporting period	47,762	(17.16%)
Education & Welfare		
Mowing costs and building maintenance less than anticipated,	17,774	46.49%
Housing		
Variance within 10% materiality threshold	1,979	Variance within % Threshold
Community Amenities		
Maintenance of Refuse sites, Ongerup Effluent and Town Planning expenditure less than anticipated for reporting period	86,202	20.01%
Recreation & Culture		
Variance within 10% materiality threshold	39,570	Variance within % Threshold
Transport		
Road maintenance expenditure and decommissioning of fuel tanks expenditure less than anticipated for reporting period.	559,659	(21.96%)
Economic Service		
Building Services Contractor fees less than anticipated, District Fixed Wireless Project not to proceed as per amended budget	140,553	-57.08%
Other Property & Services		
Toompup and Magitup Dam maintenance not expended as anticipated, fuel costs less than anticipated for reporting period	65,637	(11.90%)

CAPITAL REVENUE		
<u>Proceeds on Sale of Assets</u>		
Sale of Vehicle GN00 - NOW DCEO VEHICLE - not trading	-29,500	
Sale of Vehicle GN002 - INSURANCE WRITE OFF	20,609	
Sale of Utility (GN0048)	0	
Sale of Utility GN.037	0	
Sale of Utility GN.0004	0	
Sale of Loader GN.0040	0	
Sale of Backhoe GN.0089	0	
Proceeds - Sale of Land	0	
	<u>-8,891</u>	66.80%
<u>Non-Operating Revenue</u>		
<u>Housing</u>		
	Receiving in	
Commonwealth Grants BBR Funding	April	-143,325
<u>Transport</u>		
Regional Road Group Grants	TIMING	-184,001
Roads To Recovery Grants	TIMING	-119,000
	<u>-446,326</u>	65.30%
<u>Transfers from Reserve</u>		
Transfer from Reserve Fund	0	0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			
<u>Transfers to Reserve</u>			
Transfers To Reserve Funds - (Inc Interest Earned) - Term			
Deposit not maturing till April	TIMING	17,490	
		<u>17,490</u>	83.17%
<u>Furniture & Equipment</u>			
Administration - Computers and monitor replacements		0	
	Total (Over)/Under Budget	<u>0</u>	0.00%
<u>Land & Buildings</u>			
<u>Housing</u>			
Construction of 2 houses on cnr Quinn & Whitehead Sts	TIMING	4,224	
20 McDonald St Renewals		0	
2 Cecil Street Bathroom Renewal	TIMING	4,000	
<u>Community Amenities</u>			
Land Development Cuneo Close - Project expenses higher than anticipated for the reporting period		0	
<u>Recreation & Culture</u>			
Swimming Pool Capital Expenditure		0	
Yougenup Community Centre		0	
Gnp Town Hall Capital		0	
Ongerup Town Hall Renewals		0	
Old Swimming Pool Redevelopment		0	
Ongerup Community Centre Capital		0	
Ongerup CWA Building Capital		0	
Ongerup Museum Capital	TIMING	592	
Gnowangerup Star Building Capital		0	
<u>Transport</u>			
Gnowangerup Works Depot Capital		0	
Ongerup Works Depot Capital	TIMING	2,720	
<u>Other Property & Services</u>			
Administration Centre Building Capital	TIMING	1,996	
		<u>13,533</u>	Variance within % Threshold
	Total (Over)/Under Budget	<u>13,533</u>	

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			
<u>Plant & Equipment</u>			
<u>Recreation & Culture</u>			
Purchase Pump and Water Tank - Ongerup oval		0	
<u>Transport</u>			
Purchase Loader GN0040		0	
Purchase Backhoe GN.0089		0	
Minor Plant Purchases		0	
4 Tonne Multi Roller		0	
Purchase of Utility GN.0048		0	
Purchase of Utility GN.037		0	
Purchase of Side Tipper	Deposit paid	(19,038)	
Purchase Canopy for Utility (Ranger)		0	
<u>Other Property & Services</u>			
CEO Vehicle - LESS THAN ANTICIPATED		5,364	
MCS Vehicle - GN.002 replaced, insurance claim		(28,533)	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>(42,207)</u>	81.89%
<u>Road Construction</u>			
<u>Roads to Recovery</u>			
	DEFERRED		
Rabbit Proof Fence Rd - Gravel Sheet	20/21	119,000	
Salt River Road		0	
Gleeson Road Gravel Sheet SLk 5.00 - 9.00		0	
<u>Regional Road Group</u>			
Tieline Road Reseal	TIMING	138,000	
Borden - Bremer Road	TIMING	(6,471)	
Ongerup-Pingrup Road	TIMING	85,483	
<u>Municipal Fund Roads</u>			
Sandalwood Road Reseal		0	
Borden Bremer Bay Road	TIMING	(93)	
Tieline Rd Resheet	TIMING	152,300	
Nightwell Rd		0	
Highdenup Rd Gravel Sheet		0	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>488,219</u>	-44.44%
<u>Footpath Construction</u>			
Footpath Construction	TIMING	5,000	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>5,000</u>	100.00%
<u>Drainage Infrastructure</u>			
Drainage Renewals	TIMING	6,393	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>6,393</u>	71.03%
<u>Sewerage Infrastructure</u>			
Ongerup Waste Water Ponds	TIMING	10,000	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>10,000</u>	100.00%
<u>Parks, Ovals & Reserves Infrastructure</u>			
Community Park Capital	TIMING	4,770	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>4,770</u>	-85.64%
<u>Other Infrastructure</u>			
Caravan Park Other Infrastructure	TIMING	5,000	
Street Banners & Banner Poles	TIMING	3,000	
Total (Over)/Under Budget		<u>8,000</u>	100.00%
Note: (NB) = No Budget Provision Made			

SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP
SUMMARY OF CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2020

CURRENT ASSET	ACTUAL 31-Mar-20	ACTUAL 30 JUNE 2019
91000 Municipal Fund Bank Account	\$2,802,431	\$1,642,777
91003 Gnp Office Til Float	\$200	\$200
91004 Gnp Office Petty Cash	\$300	\$300
91005 Swimming Pool Float	\$300	\$300
91008 SWIMMING POOL VENDING MACHINE	\$0	\$0
91009 CASH ON HAND - BANKING CHANGE	\$0	\$1,000
91010 Restricted Cash - Long Service Leave Reserve	\$115,978	\$115,741
91011 Restricted Cash - Plant Reserve	\$853,411	\$851,666
91014 Restricted Cash - Ongerup Effluent Line Reserve	\$26,828	\$26,773
91017 Restricted Cash - Area Promotion Reserve	\$30,263	\$30,202
91020 Restricted Cash - Borden Community Development Reserve	\$0	\$0
91023 Restricted Cash - Swimming Pool Upgrade Reserve	\$209,603	\$209,174
91025 Restricted Cash - Land Development Reserve	\$190,903	\$190,512
91026 Restricted Cash - Unspent Grants Reserve	\$0	\$0
91027 Restricted Cash - Computer Replacement Reserve	\$7,989	\$7,973
91029 Restricted Cash - Waste Disposal Reserve	\$247,685	\$247,178
91030 Restricted Cash - Royalties for Regions Unspent Grant	\$0	\$0
91031 Restricted Cash - Futures Fund Reserve	\$16,263	\$16,230
91034 RESTRICTED CASH - LIQUID WASTE FACILITY	\$31,423	\$31,359
91070 Restricted Cash - Kidz Sports Grant	\$0	\$0
91071 Restricted Cash - Cat Sterilisation Grant (DLG)	\$0	\$0
91072 Restricted Cash - ICCWA Stay on Your Feet Grant	\$0	\$0
91073 Restricted Cash - CSRFF Grant Swim Pool (DSR)	\$0	\$0
91074 Restricted Cash - CLGF Grant Swim Pool (RDL)	\$0	\$0
91075 Restricted Cash - Workforce Planning Grant (DLG)	\$0	\$0
91076 Restricted Cash - Club Development Officer Grant (DSR)	\$0	\$0
91077 RESTRICTED CASH - STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT	\$211	\$5,150
91078 RESTRICTED CASH - BUSH FIRE SERVICES GRANT	\$119	\$15,464
91079 RESTRICTED CASH - CLGF YOUTH DEV SCHOLAR	\$0	\$0
91080 RESTRICTED CASH - CAT TRAP BONDS	\$100	\$100
91081 RESTRICTED CASH - TENANCY HOUSING BONDS	\$9,376	\$9,376
91100 Rates Debtor - Rates	\$360,057	\$111,155
91101 Rates Debtor - Specified Area Rates	\$11,953	\$6,450
91102 Rates Debtor - Rubbish Collection	\$5,960	\$5,596
91103 Rates Debtor - Health Act Rate	\$16,817	\$15,531
91104 Rates Debtor - Legal Charges	\$6,870	\$12,286
91105 Rates Debtor - Interest/Admin Charges	\$17,339	\$16,209
91106 Rates Debtor - ESL	\$10,990	\$5,685
91107 Rates Debtor - Sundry Charges	\$0	\$0
91108 Rates Debtor - Recycling Charges	\$4,950	\$4,637
91110 Sundry Debtors Control	\$19,653	\$646,020
91111 Pensioner Rebate Claims - General Rates	\$2,122	\$1,306
91112 Pensioner Rebate Claims - ESL Levy	\$149	\$75
91113 PROVISION FOR DOUBTFUL DEBTS	(\$46,624)	(\$46,623.74)
91120 GST Receivable	\$0	\$0
93040 GST Payable	\$0	\$0
93041 GST Claimable	\$0	(\$449)
91130 Accrued Interest on SSL's	(\$216)	(\$216)
91140 Self Supporting Loans (Current)	\$28,558	\$28,890
55022 Less Allocated To Works	\$0	\$0
55032 Fuel & Oils Purchased	\$129,273	\$199,324
55042 Less Fuel & Oils Allocated	(\$102,758)	(\$207,878)
91200 Stock On Hand - Fuel & Oils	\$20,994	\$29,548
91201 Stock On Hand - Materials	\$0	\$0
	5,029,471	4,229,020
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
93000 Sundry Creditors Control	(\$33,291)	(\$157,535)
93001 ESL Payable	\$5,046	\$4,722
93002 ACCRUED EXPENSES	(\$30,000)	\$0
93003 Part Proceeds - Sale of Land	\$0	\$0
93010 Accrued Interest On Loans	(\$5,348)	(\$5,348)
93020 Accrued Salaries & Wages	\$0	(\$13,634)
Net Gst Payable/Receivable	\$0	\$0
93004 GRANT REVENUE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	(\$1,847)	(\$1,847)
93030 Rate Payments Received In Advance	(\$10,068)	\$0
93043 Net Gst Payable/Receivable	\$0	\$0
93050 Net Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$0
93042 GST Liability (Payable)	\$0	\$0
93061 ANIMAL TRAP BONDS	\$0	(\$100)
93062 HOLLOW LOG TOURNAMENT	\$0	\$0
93063 HOUSING RETENTION MONIES	\$0	\$0
93064 TENANCY HOUSING BONDS	\$0	(\$9,376)
xx2x Lease Liability	\$0	\$0
xx3x Lease Payment	\$0	\$0
93110 Loan Liability (Current)	(\$82,703)	(\$1,163,630)
80025 WATC SHORT TERM LOAN	\$0	\$0
93200 Provision For Annual Leave (Current)	(\$233,472)	(\$233,472)
93210 Provision For Long Service Leave (Current)	(\$153,257)	(\$155,803)
93220 Provision for Sick Leave Bonus (Current)	(\$58,116)	(\$58,116)
xxxx1 Suspense - Trust	(\$9,476)	\$0
80004 Principal Repayments on Loans	\$0	\$0
80014 WATC SHORT TERM LOAN Principal	\$0	\$1,000,000
	-612,532	-794,139
SUB-TOTAL	4,416,939	3,434,881
ADJUSTMENTS	-	-
95100 Reserves Cash backed	(\$1,730,347)	(\$1,726,808)
Add Back Loan Liability	\$82,703	\$163,630
Deduct Off Self Supporting Loan Repayments	(\$28,558)	(\$28,890)
Rounding	\$0	\$0
	\$ 2,740,738	\$ 1,842,814
SURPLUS OF CURRENT ASSETS OVER CURRENT LIABILITIES		

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

0420. That Council:

Closes the meeting to staff and members of the public to discuss item 17.1 as the item is considered confidential pursuant to Section 5.23(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995 due to the matter affecting an employee.

17.1	CEO REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING 22nd APRIL 2020 (CONFIRMATION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE CEO'S CONTRACTUAL SIX MONTHS PROBATIONARY PERIOD)
Location:	Shire of Gnowangerup
Proponent:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0525
Date of Report:	22 nd April 2020
Business Unit:	
Officer:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	CEO is subject of this report

PROCEDURAL MOTION

0420. That Council:

Reopens the meeting to members of the public and staff.

OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING PROCEDURES

18. URGENT BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

19. MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on the 27th May 2020.

21. CLOSURE

The Shire President thanked Council and staff for their time and declared the meeting closed at _____ pm.