

ORDINARY MINUTES

DATE:

Tuesday, 30 May 2023

TIME:

5.00pm

VENUE:

Council Chambers, Lowood

Road, Mount Barker WA 6324

Gary Clark
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Resolution numbers: 071/23 to 086/23

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

5.00pm

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, paying respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Members Present:

Cr J Oldfield Deputy Shire President (Presiding Member)

Cr B Bell Councillor
Cr K Clements Councillor
Cr S Etherington Councillor
Cr A Fraser Councillor
Cr L Handasyde Councillor
Cr M O'Dea Councillor
Cr K Woltering Councillor

In Attendance:

Mr Gary Clark Chief Executive Officer

Ms Vanessa Hillman Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Ms Delma Baesjou Manager Development Services

Mr David Lynch Executive Manager Works and Services

Ms Nolene Wake Executive Officer

Apologies:

Cr C Pavlovich

Shire President

Members of the Public Present:

There were 24 members of the public present at the meeting.

Previously Approved Leave of Absence:

Cr B Bell was granted Leave of Absence for the period 3 May to 27 June 2023 but this has since been withdrawn.

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3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

3.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - SECTION 5.24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

3.2.1 DR GENEVIEVE MILNES – REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

- Q1 Over the past ten years who was responsible for maintaining the Kendenup Town Hall?
- Q2 Why wasn't the insurance used to repair the Kendenup Town Hall over the past 10 years?
- Q3 Why is the maintenance of the hall being forced onto the Kendenup community when it is the Shire's responsibility?

3.2.2 MS VAL SAGGERS – REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

- Q1 What issues of public risk were identified that required the hall to be closed?
- Q2 What is any of these identified items were able to be repaired or rectified through the use of maintenance funds already allocated in the 2022/23 budget?
- Q3 The decision to close the hall was followed shortly by the appointment of a structural engineer to inspect the hall. So, it assumed the structural integrity of the hall was an issue of concern?

- Q4 Whilst the Council awaits the structural engineer's report, cannot the other matters which are non-structural in nature be repaired in readiness for the hall being opened?
- Q5 Given that the person who conducted the inspection of the hall is not an engineer, is it possible that the Shire has closed the hall on the basis of unfounded concerns as to its integrity, and the other matters that could have easily been repaired, should have been expedited in order to keep the hall open?
- Q6 How and has the connection of the Noongar people and traditional owners from Kende3nup been acknowledged or addressed by the Shire?
- Q7 As you are our public servants paid by us rate payers, how is it that you make decisions affecting our community without the respect of consulting the residents and the many volunteers and asking what our priorities are for our town?

3.2.3 MS KERRY RAMSAY – REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL COMMITTEE AND RESIDENT

- Q1 Including the 2023 routine audit carried out on the above said hall, what is the scope of these audits? For example: Foundation soundness, walls, electrics, public safety and hygiene and overall wellness of this hall and who carried out these audits?
- Q2 When were the last 2 prior audits, not including the 2023 audit, carried out and by whom? Also, what was the scope and findings of these audits?
- Q3 Are the findings of the audits available for public viewing?
 - a) If yes, how and where can the results be viewed; and
 - b) If not, why not?
- Q4 If issues were found through these previous audits, how did the Shire act on these finds?
 - a) If they did not act, why not?
- Q5 Are other town halls and public buildings within Plantagenet Shire also being audited?
 - a) If yes, which ones and what is the scope of their audits, also how often and by whom?
- Q6 Can and will Plantagenet Shire give Kendenup ratepayers and residents an honest answer to my questions, and also tell us, up front, what their plans and commitments are in regard to the future of Kendenup's historic Town Hall please?

3.2.4 MR DAVID WILLIAMS - REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL

- Q1 Why haven't the windows on the Kendenup Hall been fixed under insurance?
- Q2 If not covered by insurance, why weren't they fixed within the yearly budget?

3.2.5 MS DERIS FORD - REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL

- Q1 Whilst the Council awaits the structural engineers report, can other matters which are non-structural in nature be repaired in readiness for when the hall is re-opened?
- Q2 Why does the Shire always use the Town Hall when facilitating community meetings?

3.2.6 MS CHERYL PATERSON AND MS CHELSEA PATERSON— REPRESENTING SAFE TRAIL RIDING FOR KENDENUP HORSE RIDERS

- Q1 What is the Council's policy on surveyed roads which have been fenced off for the use of farmers, being used for horse riding?
- Q2 Given that individuals on horse back would commit to closing gates after themselves, do they have the right to use the surveyed road?
- Q3 If they do not have access to these roads, would the Council please implement a plan of 'safer roads' for horse riders in Kendenup?

3.2.7 MR ANDREW SMITH – REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL WORKING GROUP

The Shire of Plantagenet 2022/23 budget provides information in respect to the annual allocation towards public buildings by the Council and expenditure of such funds in prior years.

In the 4 years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2022/23 the Council spent initially \$6,400 in 2019/20 on building maintenance at Kendenup Hall. Within 12 months this had reduced to \$1,685 and in the current financial year the allocation is \$2,500.

Over this same period, the Council has not allocated a single dollar towards capital works at the Kendenup Hall, despite it being in constant use and open to the public over this 5-year period.

- I assume therefore that any inspections of the hall during the last 5 years by the Shire or any independent person engaged by the Shire, did not identify any major building maintenance works being required, or any capital funds needing to be spent?
- Q2 How can it be that the CEO on receipt of an inspection report by one of his own health and safety officers, chose not to expend any of the budget funds to fix any of the issues in the report as received, but instead immediately closed the hall to the public?
- Q3 Is not the budget as published by the Shire, the Council's indication to its community as to how it intends to expend rates and other income each year, and if this was the Council's intent, why have these funds not been spent as the Council requested in it budget, and why are these funds not being spent now to fix those matters that require fixing?

The Councils Corporate Plan states that it is Council's intent to 'Ensure Council buildings, facilities and public amenities are provided and maintained

to an appropriate standard' and that 'Town halls are maintained to enable community use'.

Why is this not being done, why has the budget not been sufficient to maintain the hall to an acceptable standard and why has the Kendenup Hall been allowed to get to the situation where it is now closed to the public, why are budgeted funds not being spent, and why is the Council clearly failing to maintain the Kendenup Hall as the Council told its community, it would promise to do?

The Presiding Member thanked the community for their questions and advised that the Council would take these questions on notice, investigate and respond in due course.

4 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

4.1.1 MS VAL SAGGERS – REPRESENTING THE KENDENUP TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Ms Saggers addressed the Council in relation to the Kendenup Town Hall, submitting a Noongar People's petition of signatures re the Hall demolition (attached).

4.2 PRESENTATION/PETITION – MS HEATHER FERGIE – REPRESENTING KENDENUP TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Ms Fergie addressed the Council in relation to the Kendenup Town Hall, submitting a reviewed petition of signatures, requesting the Council to:

- Review its motion A/PA/17 in relation to council policy for Community Halls and Buildings concerning the Kendenup Town Hall.
- In the near future, return the Kendenup Town Hall to a usable condition.
- Maintain the Kendenup Town Hall in a usable condition for use by the residents of Kendenup (attached).

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

Cr S Etherington

Item:

9.3.5

Type:

Impartiality pursuant to Schedule 1, Clause 22 of the Local

Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021.

Nature:

\$500 given to EPS for conference attendance.

Extent:

President of EPS. Will be staying / voting.

Cr K Woltering

Item:

9.3.5

Type:

Impartiality pursuant to Schedule 1, Clause 22 of the Local

Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021.

Nature:

Received a financial donation for conference attendance

'Staying in Place' for President and Vice President of EPS.

Extent:

Secretary of EPS. Will be staying / voting.

6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Section 5.25 Local Government Act 1995

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 ORDINARY MINUTES OF COUNCIL HELD 2 MAY 2023

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr S Etherington:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Plantagenet, held on 2 May 2023 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 071/23

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Order of Agenda

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr S Etherington:

That all Confidential reports be the first order of Business on the Agenda.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 072/23

5.16pm All members of the public left the meeting upon request.

MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

5:16pm That in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) of the Local Government Act 1995 the meeting is closed to members of the public with the following aspect(s) of the Act being applicable to these matters:

(c) a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 073/23

Dr Amanda Villis and Dr Caitlin Growden, representing Glea Medical Pty Ltd, provided a deputation to the council in relation to the transfer of the lease of the Plantagenet Medical Centre (confidential submission provided).

MOTION TO INTRODUCE LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF AN URGENT NATURE TO THE MEETING

Moved Cr K Clements, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That new business of a confidential urgent nature, namely: Deed of Assignment of Lease, Plantagenet Medical Centre, be introduced to the meeting.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 074/23

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 AMEND ORDER OF ITEMS (CONFIDENTIAL) ON AGENDA

9.1.1 DEED OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE – PLANTAGENET MEDICAL CENTRE - RESERVE 49690 LOT 530 MARMION STREET AND LANGTON ROAD

File Ref:

N60932

Responsible Officer:

Gary Clark

Chief Executive Officer

Author:

Gary Clark

Chief Executive Officer

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The Lessee of the Plantagenet Medical Centre (Prima Stella Pty Ltd) is seeking to assign the lease to Drs' Amanda Villis and Caitlin Growden (Glea Medical Pty Ltd).

The purpose of this report is to recommend the assignment of the Plantagenet Medical Centre lease, from Prima Stella Pty Ltd to Glea Medical Pty Ltd.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr S Etherington:

That Council:

- 1. Approve the assignment of the lease between the Shire of Plantagenet and Prima Stella Pty Ltd (Tenant) to Glea Medical Pty Ltd.
- 2. Authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed of Assignment and affix the Common Seal of the Council to assign the Lease between the Shire of Plantagenet (Landlord) and Prima Stella Pty Ltd (Tenant), to Glea Medical Pty Ltd, for the premises at 40 Marmion Street Mount Barker (Lot 530 Reserve 49690 Plantagenet Medical Centre).
- 3. Request the permission of the Minister for Lands for the assignment.
- 4. Direct the CEO to provide a report to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 June 2023 to consider a review of the rent at the Plantagenet Medical Centre.

CARRIED (7/1)

NO.075/23

Cr Bell voted against the motion

9.1.2 DEED OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - LOT 7 MARMION STREET MOUNT BARKER

(formerly Item 12.1.1)

File Ref:

N60905

Attachment:

Confidential Attachment - Consent and Deed of

Assignment

Responsible Officer:

Vanessa Hillman

Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author:

Donna Fawcett

Human Resources Coordinator

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The Lessee of the Plantagenet Early Learning and Development Centre (Wanslea Early Learning and Development Limited) seek to assign the lease to Wanslea Limited.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the assignment of the lease relating to Lot 70 Marmion Street Mount Barker, from Wanslea Early Learning and Development Limited to Wanslea Limited.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr K Woltering:

That:

- The assignment of the lease between the Shire of Plantagenet and Wanslea Early Learning and Development Limited to Wanslea Limited be endorsed.
- 2. Authority be granted for the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Consent of Assignment letter relating to the assignment of the lease between the Shire of Plantagenet (Lessor) and Wanslea Early Learning and Development Limited (Assignor) to Wanslea Limited (Assignee) for the premises at Lot 7 Marmion Street, Mount Barker.
- 3. Authority be granted for the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Acknowledgement of Notice of Assignment in Schedule 1 of the Deed of Assignment.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 076/23

5.26pm All members of the public were invited back to the meeting.

MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr M O'Dea:

5:36pm That the meeting proceed in public.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 077/23

The Presiding Member read aloud to the public the Council Decisions of the Confidential Reports.

9.2 WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

9.2.1 ANNUAL BUSH FIRE MITIGATION NOTICE 2023/2024

File Ref:

N60925

Attachment:

Bush Fire Mitigation Notice 2023/2024

Responsible Officer:

David Lynch

Executive Manager Works and Services

Author:

Amy Chadbourne

Senior Administration, Works and Services

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to endorse the Annual Bush Fire Mitigation Notice (ABFMN) 2023/2024 for publication and distribution to owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Plantagenet.

BACKGROUND

Consultation with relevant Shire staff and Bush Fire Control Officers to review the ABFMN commenced in early 2022. A draft document was presented to the Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Advisory Committee for comment at its meeting held on 3 May 2023.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954

Planning and Development Act 2005

Western Australian Planning Commission State Planning Policy No 3.7: Planning in Bush Fire Prone Areas 2015

Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2020

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The ABFMN was reviewed by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 3 May 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Printing costs are estimated at \$2,000.00 (excl GST) and are allocated to Account 2050115 Fire – Printing and Stationery.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this report

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications do not apply for this report and it is the opinion of the author that policy development is not required.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications for this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Corporate Business Plan 2022/23 - 2025/26 provides at Outcome 1.5 (A safe Plantagenet) the following:

Strategy 1.5.1:

'Support the community in emergency and fire management planning, preparedness, response and recovery'.

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Corporate Business Plan.

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Operational	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Comments
Lack of clear direction regarding requirements for fire mitigation				The Council endorses ABFMN.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Shire's Strategic Risk Register (Business and Community Disruption) incorporates a key control for the support and co-ordination of Bush Fire Brigade activities. The control is rated as adequate and the Shire's Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) is responsible.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

Two changes have been made to the 2023/2024 ABFMN. Fire Control Officer (FCO) names and contact information has been removed. Readers are advised to access the Shire website or to phone the Shire administration office to obtain details. FCO information will be up to date, as the website will be regularly updated.

Removing the three pages of FCO information has also meant the booklet size has reduced.

After some community requests during 2022/2023, the BFAC decided to include a section in the ABFMN to allow certain types of cooking fires. A number of conditions are listed which must be met before a cooking fire can be lit on private land during the restricted and prohibited fire season.

In addition, some minor grammatical and formatting amendments have been made.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That the Shire of Plantagenet's Annual Bush Fire Mitigation Notice 2023/2024 (as attached) be endorsed.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 078/23

9.2.2 ASSET TRANSFER - WASTEWATER PIPELINE

File Ref:

N60927

Attachment:

Attachment One - Maps
Deed of Assignment

Responsible Officer:

David Lynch

Executive Manager Works and Services

Author:

David Lynch

Executive Manager Works and Services

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request the approval for the transfer of a 950m section of wastewater pipeline (as shown in Attachment One) from the Water Corporation to the Shire of Plantagenet.

BACKGROUND

In late 2021, the Water Corporation (WC) commenced work to construct a new wastewater pipeline adjacent to the existing pipeline. The new pipeline has been designed with a larger size pipe to increase the amount of wastewater that could be managed by the WC. The original pipeline was decommissioned and left in situ. Works on the new pipeline were completed in April 2022.

As shown in Attachment One, the original pipeline starts at the wastewater treatment plant at Lot 575 and Lot 5 Bunker Road. It runs under Albany Highway and finishes at Lot 21 Omrah Road, a property owned by the Water Corporation.

In 2022, discussion took place between Shire and WC staff for the transfer of a 950m section of the original wastewater pipeline. The section of pipeline being offered to the Shire, is located within Shire managed McDonald Avenue road reserve, Arc Infrastructure rail reserve, Main Roads Albany Highway road reserve and Shire owned Lot 119 Albany Highway.

It also crosses a small section of private land being Lot 2 on Plan 222823 (5 Narpund Road).

There is no cost to the Shire for the transfer of the wastewater pipeline.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Section 9.49A 'Execution of documents'

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

External consultation has taken place with Water Corporation staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications as the asset is already in place with good position and depth information available. Replacement of the asset is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$60,000.00.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this report. Funding may need to be made available in the future for any maintenance of the wastewater pipeline.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy A/PA/15 Asset Management

This policy provides direction as to how the Council manages the Shire's infrastructure within an asset management framework.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

An Asset Transfer Deed is required to be completed by the Shire and the Water Corporation.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The asset already exists and should not require maintenance for decades.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The asset, if transferred, is of strategic importance should future stormwater capture from the north eastern portion of Mount Barker be required to further drought proof recreational spaces. At present the stormwater from this portion of town runs to waste.

In the short to medium terms this pipeline could also be used to transfer water for gardens at the swimming pool site and any future development of Lot 119 Albany Highway (Apex Park)

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Operational Arc Infrastructure, MRWA and private landowner may require additional licensing or location requirements.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Negotiate with either party on an as needs basis.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

The line currently runs under ARC Infrastructure and Main Roads WA assets. There has been no license requirements or permissions sought as part of this transfer.

As an existing asset, should further licensing be required, negotiation should be straightforward. Any issues would be referred back the Council for information purposes.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

This asset is of no use to the Water Corporation now they have installed a parallel pipe from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Lot 21 Omrah Road, and it was originally planned to cap and fill the dis-used line.

The Executive Manager Works and Services has negotiated this transfer with a view to future use and the importance of retaining an existing bore under Albany Highway and the rail line.

Whilst it has no immediate use, being well buried, there is no reason that this asset will not retain its usefulness for the transfer of water either east or westwards for decades.

Council approval is therefore sought to add this asset to the Shire register and permit the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the Transfer of Asset under the Common Seal.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That Authority be granted for the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Asset Transfer Deed between the Water Corporation and the Shire of Plantagenet (as attached).

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 079/23

Absolute Majority

9.2.3 BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER POSITIONS - APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023/2024

File Ref:

N60915

Responsible Officer:

David Lynch

Executive Manager Works and Services

Author:

Amy Chadbourne

Senior Administration Officer, Works and

Services

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of the Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Control Officers, Executive Bush Fire roles and Bush Fire Advisory Committee delegates and proxies for 2023/2024.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Plantagenet appoints delegates to a number of positions on an annual basis in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954 and the Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Management and Response Plan.

At its meeting held on 3 May 2023, the Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) endorsed the nominations for the appointment of the Fire Control Officers (FCO) and designated Bush Fire Service positions for the Shire of Plantagenet for 2023/2024.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 38 states that 'Local government may appoint bush fire control officer'

Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2020

The role of the Base Radio Operator is defined in the Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Management Plan.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The BFAC has made the recommendations detailed in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funds have been allocated in the annual budget to facilitate the publication of the approved Fire Control Officers (FCO) and the printing of the FCO identity cards. Printing costs will be in the order of \$100.00. The FCO identity cards will be distributed to the FCOs with an appointment letter by the Shire's Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications do not apply for this report and it is the opinion of the author that policy development is not required.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The appointment of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers, Chief Fire Weather Officer, Deputy Fire Weather Officers, Base Radio Operator, Deputy Base Radio Officers, Bush Fire Control Officers and the BFAC delegates and proxies shall be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in the Plantagenet district.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Corporate Business Plan 2022/23 - 2025/26 provides at Outcome 1.5 (A safe Plantagenet) the following:

Strategy 1.5.1:

'Support the community in emergency and fire management planning, preparedness, response and recovery'.

And at Strategy 1.4.1:

'Encourage and support the retention and attraction of volunteers.'

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Corporate Business Plan.

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Operational	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Comments
Lack of effective leadership in bush fire brigades				The Council approve the list of FCOs and associated positions.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Shire's Strategic Risk Register (Business and Community Disruption) incorporates a key control for the support and coordination of Bush Fire Brigade activities. The control is rated as adequate and the Shire's Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) is responsible

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

It is recommended that the nominations for the Bush Fire Control Officers, designated positions, delegates and proxies of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee for the Shire of Plantagenet for 2023/2024 be appointed.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr B Bell:

That:

- 1. All previous appointments for the positions of Bush Fire Control Officers, designated Bush Fire Service positions and Bush Fire Advisory Committee members for the Shire of Plantagenet be cancelled on 30 June 2023.
- 2. The following be appointed as Designated Bush Fire Service Positions for 2023/2024, taking effect 1 July 2023.

POSITION	NOMINEE
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Norm Handasyde
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer No. 1	lain Mackie
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer No. 2	Bryce Skinner
Chief Fire Weather Officer	Len Handasyde
Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officer	Graeme Pyle
Base Radio Operator	Mietta Skinner
	Ron Caudwell
Deputy Base Operators	Jacqui Burcham

3. The following be appointed as Fire Weather Officers for 2023/2024 taking effect from 1 July 2023.

SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET BUSH FIRE BRIGADE	FIRE WEATHER OFFICER NOMINEE
Denbarker	Norm Handasyde
Forest Hill	Brad McLean
Kendenup	Brent Wearmouth
Kojaneerup	Vacant
Middle Ward	Greg Sounness
Narpyn	Mark Wallace
SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET BUSH FIRE BRIGADE	FIRE WEATHER OFFICER NOMINEE
Narrikup	Chris Norton
Perillup	Kieran Allison
Porongurup	Alan Wise 1

	Alan Kennedy 2
Porongurup South	Vacant
Rocky Gully	Murray Wills
South Stirlings	Brent Counsel
Woogenellup	Nathan Hunt
Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Vacant
Shire of Plantagenet 1	David Lynch
Shire of Plantagenet 2	Mike Barnes
Shire of Plantagenet 3	Jason Rutter

4. The below be appointed as Bush Fire Control Officers for 2023/2024, taking effect from1 July 2023.

SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET BUSH FIRE BRIGADE	BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER NOMINEE
DENBARKER	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Tony Griffiths
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Brad Lynch
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Warren Drage
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Neville Lindberg
Fire Control Officer No. 5	John Rodgers
Fire Control Officer No 6	Norm Handasyde
FOREST HILL	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Craig Moore
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Len Handasyde
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Murray McLean

KENDENUP	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Stephen Beech
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Ken Frost
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Philip Webb
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Robert Baines
Fire Control Officer No. 5	Ben Furber
Fire Control Officer No 6	Mathew Newham
MIDDLE WARD	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Paul Spink
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Kim Stothard
Fire Control Officer No. 3	lain Mackie
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Greg Sounness
Fire Control Officer No. 5	Andrew Mackie
NARPYN	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Robert Wright
Fire Control Officer No. 2 Michael Cave	
Fire Control Officer No. 3 Mark Wallace	
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Owen Sounness
NARRIKUP	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Chris Norton
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Glen Forbes
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Graeme Frusher
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Robert Smith
PERILLUP	
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Dean Trotter
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Thomas Riggall
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Robin Ditchburn
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Kieran Allison

PORONGURUP			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Brad Cluett		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Daniel Cobain		
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Gerald Versluis		
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Tony Ward		
Fire Control Officer No 5	Alan Wise		
PORONGURUP SOUTH			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Wayne Mathews		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Allan Rees		
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Richard Stan-Bishop		
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Greg Dorrell		
Fire Control Officer No 5	Jamie Stan-Bishop		
ROCKY GULLY			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Murray Wills		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	lan Higgins		
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Hamish Cameron		
WOOGENELLUP			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Nathan Hunt		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Bryce Skinner		
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Stephen Adams		
Fire Control Officer No. 4	Mark Adams		
Fire Control Officer No 5	Kyle Pieper		
SOUTH STIRLINGS			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Graeme Pyle		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Reece Curwen		
Fire Control Officer No. 3	John Howard		
KOJANEERUP			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Ashton Hood		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Scott Smith		

SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET			
Fire Control Officer No. 1	David Lynch		
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Mike Barnes		
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Jason Rutter		

MOUNT BARKER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE		
Fire Control Officer No. 1	Ray Drage	
Fire Control Officer No. 2	Kevin Bransby	
Fire Control Officer No. 3	Dan Dale	

5. The following be appointed as Bush Fire Advisory Committee Delegates and Proxies for 2023/2024 taking effect from 1 July 2023.

BRIGADE	DELEGATE	DEPUTY
CBFCO	Norm Handasyde	
DCBFCO 1		lain Mackie
DCBFCO 2		Bryce Skinner
Denbarker	Tony Griffiths	Brad Lynch
Forest Hill	Craig Moore	Kieran Wilkinson
Kendenup	Mathew Newham	Ben Furber
Kojaneerup	Vacant	Vacant
Middle Ward	Paul Spink	Greg Sounness
Narpyn	Robert Wright	Craig Williams
Narrikup	Chris Norton	Glen Forbes
Perillup	Dean Trotter	Michael Workman
Porongurup	Daniel Cobain	Gerald Versluis
South Porongurup	Wayne Matthews	Allan Rees
Rocky Gully	Murray Wills	Hamish Cameron
South Stirlings	Graeme Pyle	Reece Curwen
Woogenellup	Nathan Hunt	Nathan Crosby
Mt Barker VFRS	Ray Drage	Kevin Bransby
Shire of Plantagenet	David Lynch	
Shire of Plantagenet	Mike Barnes	
Shire of Plantagenet	Jason Rutter	

be endorsed.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 080/23

9.2.4 POLICY REVIEW - BUSH FIRE - PERMIT TO BURN

File Ref:

N60920

Attachment:

Policy with changes

Responsible Officer:

David Lynch

Executive Manager Works and Services

Author:

Amy Chadbourne

Senior Administration, Works and Services

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review Council Policy RS/FP/3 Bush Fire – Permit to Burn

BACKGROUND

This policy was last reviewed by the Council at its meeting on 28 March 2023. At the meeting it was noted by Cr Bell that 'point 3b) should be referred back the Bush Fire Advisory Committee for review'.

The policy was referred to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) at its meeting held on 3 May 2023.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 15A 'Bush Fire Control Officer issuing permits to burn to comply with directions of local government'

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 23 'Burning during prohibited burning times'

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 24 'Bush on land growing subterranean clover may be burnt during prohibited times'

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 24A 'Bush on land in prescribed irrigation areas may be burnt during prohibited times for purpose of germinating clover'

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The policy was presented to the BFAC for comment at its meeting on 3 May 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this report

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This policy is presented to the Council as part of its ongoing policy review cycle.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications for this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Corporate Business Plan 2022/23 - 2025/26 provides at Outcome 1.5 (A safe Plantagenet) the following:

Strategy 1.5.1:

'Support the community in emergency and fire management planning, preparedness, response and recovery'.

And at Strategy 1.4.1:

'Encourage and support the retention and attraction of volunteers.'

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Corporate Business Plan.

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Operational	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Comments
Lack of effective leadership in bush fire brigades				The Council approve the list of FCOs and associated positions.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Shire's Strategic Risk Register (Business and Community Disruption) incorporates a key control for the support and co-ordination of Bush Fire Brigade activities. The control is rated as adequate and the Shire's Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) is responsible.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

In this revised policy, permits to burn during Prohibited Burning Times can only be issued by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Chief Fire Weather Officer. In some circumstances, Sunday may be the most suitable day to burn and BFAC agreed that point 3b) should be removed from the policy.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr B Bell:

That amended Council Policy No RS/FR/3 Bush Fire – Permits to Burn, as follows:

'OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines to Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Control Officers about conditions which must be applied to permits to burn during Prohibited Burning Times.

POLICY

1. Scope

This policy applies to properties located within the Shire of Plantagenet.

2. Legislation/Standards

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 15A 'Bush Fire Control Officer issuing permits to burn to comply with directions of local government'

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 23 'Burning during prohibited burning times'

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 24 'Bush on land growing subterranean clover may be burnt during prohibited burning times'

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 24A 'Bush on land in prescribed irrigation areas may be burnt during prohibited times for purpose of germinating clover'.

3. Application of Policy

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, in consultation with the Chief Fire Weather Officer and other Fire Control Officers, may issue a permit to burn during prohibited burning times with the following conditions.

- a) Protective burning around buildings may be permitted during the hours of 4.00pm to 12.00am (midnight).
- b) Permits to burn shall not be issued for Christmas Day or Good Friday.
- c) Permits to burn bush on land growing subterranean clover for the purpose of harvesting shall not be issued except by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers or the Chief Executive Officer.
- d) Permits issued to burn on land growing subterranean clover shall not be for areas exceeding 75 hectares.'

be endorsed.

CARRIED (9/0)

NO. 081/23

9.3 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.3.1 AGREEMENT RENEWAL – RESERVE 1790 – MOUNT BARKER TRAIN MURAL

File Ref:

N60895

Attachment:

Agreement

Responsible Officer:

Vanessa Hillman

Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author:

Donna Fawcett

Human Resources Coordinator

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend the renewal of the agreement between the Shire of Plantagenet and the Mount Barker Rotary Club (Rotary Club) for the upkeep and maintenance of the Mount Barker Train Mural located on Reserve 1790 (known as the Government Dam) on the corner of Albany Highway and Lowood Road, Mount Barker.

BACKGROUND

The Mount Barker Train Mural was fabricated and erected on Reserve 1790 by the Rotary Club with the permission of the Shire and was completed in December 2005. The Rotary Club installed lighting to the train mural in 2008.

An agreement outlining the respective roles and responsibilities in regard to the upkeep and maintenance of the train mural has been in place since March 2008, and was last renewed in 2018.

The terms of the agreement provide for the Rotary Club being responsible for ongoing maintenance of the mural, while the Shire maintains public liability insurance and pays all utility charges with regard to lighting.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

No external consultation has occurred in relation to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications for this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications do not apply for this report and it is the opinion of the author that policy development is not required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Rotary Club maintains the structure. The Shire is responsible for insurance and utility costs.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications for this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications as no assets are being created or acquired

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Corporate Business Plan 2022/23 – 2025/26 provides:

At Outcome 2 Environment (Natural and Built) the following Strategies:

Strategy 2.1.2:

'Develop and maintain flexible public open space for all to enjoy.'

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Corporate Business Plan.

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Financial – The mural falls into disrepair	Unlikely	Moderate	Low Moderate	Endorse the Agreement
Opportunity:				

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic risk implications for this report.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

The train mural acts as an entry statement to Lowood Road, the main street of Mount Barker, and acknowledges local history to both residents and visitors to the region. As a tourism point of interest, it is important that the mural is maintained and kept in good repair.

It is recommended that the agreement is renewed for a further five-year term under the same conditions as the current agreement.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr K Clements, seconded Cr S Etherington:

That authority be granted to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Agreement between the Shire of Plantagenet and the Mount Barker Rotary Club (as attached) for the Mount Barker Train Mural, located on Reserve 1790 Albany Highway, Mount Barker, for a further five-year term commencing 20 March 2023.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 082/23

9.3.2 ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

File Ref:

N59528

Attachment:

Annual Report – Year End 30 June 2022

(Separate Attachment)

Responsible Officer:

Gary Clark

Chief Executive Officer

Author:

John Fathers

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to accept the Shire of Plantagenet's 2021/2022 Annual Report.

BACKGROUND

The annual financial audit for 2021/2022 was conducted by representatives of the Council's auditors, Lincolns (on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General) in October 2022. The audit report was provided on 20 April 2023.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.54 states:

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) the Annual Report for a financial year is to be accepted by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year.' (Absolute Majority required).
- (2) If the auditor's report is not available in time for the annual report for a financial year to be accepted by 31 December after that financial year, the annual report is to be accepted by the local government no later than 2 months after the auditor's report becomes available.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications for this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications as no assets are being created or acquired.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Strategic Risk Register provides for a number of key controls in order to fulfil statutory and regulatory compliance requirements. Those controls are rated as either effective or adequate.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Annual Report notes the following:

Operational activity over the past year has focused on delivering projects, services and programs that respond to our community's needs, after undertaking extensive community consultation.

In May 2022, we commissioned an independent consultation to conduct a Community Scorecard. Thank you to the 540 residents who completed the scorecard and ranked Plantagenet as a place to live, and the Shire as a governing organisation. I am pleased the Shire rated 78 out of 100 as a place to live, which is above the industry standard of 76. The Shire as an organisation scored 68 out of 100, which is two points above the industry standard and an area we will work to improve in the years ahead.

The 2021-2022 budget comprised expenditure of \$25.7 million including operating expenditure of \$15.5 million and capital expenditure of \$10.2 million. Through responsible financial management, we have delivered some major projects this year to enhance the liveability of Plantagenet for our community and visitors to our region.

Highlights include a record \$4.2 million for road works, more than \$300,000 for footpath improvements, more than \$250,000 for improved drainage, \$150,000 for streetscape improvements and \$70,000 to light our heritage buildings and public open spaces, which together enhance the look and feel of our community.

Key infrastructure projects included the next stage of the swimming pool redevelopment. Stage 1A of the Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool redevelopment was one of the major construction projects undertaken by the Shire. The new building includes, an entry, kiosk, changerooms and a function/club room. Despite the challenges of COVID and some associated delays, Practical Completion was achieved in April 2022. Financial support for the project came from the Commonwealth Drought Communities Program and the DLGSC Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

This was in addition to delivering our annual programs for sport and recreational facilities, the library which had its busiest year to date, specific events for youth and seniors, community events and our every day services, such as administration, ranger services and waste services.

Other activities carried out throughout the year have been reported on extensively within the Annual Report.

The General Meeting of Electors has been scheduled for 6.30pm on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr K Clements:

That the Annual Report and Information Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022 as attached, be accepted.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 083/23

Absolute Majority

9.3.3 AUDIT REPORT - YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

File Ref: N59529

Attachment: Independent Auditor's Report 2022 and

Transmittal Letter

Findings Identified During the Final Audit
Findings Identified During the Interim Audit

Report to the Audit Committee for the Year Ended

30 June 2022 - Lincolns

Report on Significant Audit Finding

Responsible Officer: Gary Clark

Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Fathers

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Proposed Meeting Date: 30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Annual Financial Audit and Interim Management Report for the year ending 30 June 2022.

BACKGROUND

In October 2022, representatives of Lincolns (on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General) attended the Shire office to conduct an end of year audit for 2021/2022. It should be noted that the audit is designed primarily to enable the auditors to form an opinion on the financial statements and therefore does not extend to all of the Council's systems and procedures.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 7.12A (3) and (4) of the Act states the following:

- '(3) A local government must
 - (aa) examine an audit report received by the local government; and
 - (a) determine if any matters raised by the report, require action to be taken by the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.
- (4) A local government must -
 - (a) prepare a report addressing any matters identified as significant by the auditor in the audit report, and stating what action the local government has taken or intends to take with respect to each of those matters; and
 - (b) give a copy of that report to the Minister within 3 months after the audit report is received by the local government.
- (5) Within 14 days after a local government gives a report to the Minister under subsection (4)(b), the CEO must publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website.'

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The 2022/2023 budget includes a sum of \$45,000.00 for end of year and interim audit costs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications for this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications as no assets are being created or acquired.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Strategic Risk Register provides for a number of key controls in order to fulfil statutory and regulatory compliance requirements. Those controls are rated as either effective or adequate.

OFFICER COMMENT

A copy of the audit report and management reports (interim and final) are attached.

Interim Audit

The following summarised findings were made in the interim audit, conducted by Lincolns in June 2022. The detailed findings are shown on the attachments. A management comment is also included.

Finding	Management Comment
Rating - Moderate It was noted during review of monthly sub- ledger reconciliations that the reconciliations for debtors, creditors and rates were not performed for July and August 2021.	At that point in time, the Shire had just implemented the new software for Synergysoft. We hadn't received training and templates from IT Vision on how to do them. As soon as we were provided with that information, monthly reconciliations were done and are already reviewed by an independent senior officer. The September 2021 reconciliations would have picked up any issues with the prior two months that were not done.
Rating - Moderate It was noted during review of the payroll	The recommendation has been implemented. All higher duties roles will be set up with a

transactions that an employee who was carrying out higher duties continued to be paid at the higher rate of pay after she had returned to previous duties. This was due to the higher rate of pay being incorrectly set as the default rate.

specific pay rate as part of the position set up, including commencement and end dates, and not linked to the employee's default pay rate in any way. Higher duties set up to be sighted by the Senior Finance Officer and a screen shot to be signed by payroll and the SFO.

Final Audit

Management Comment Finding Rating - Significant The Shire has done a lot of work over the past three years to assess the condition of The Shire carried out an in-house infrastructure assets. This led to the revaluation of its roads, footpaths, drainage, identification of the carpark assets not other infrastructure and parks and ovals for previously listed the Shire's asset register. the year ended 30 June 2022. During this The Shire intends to carry on with this work, process the Shire recognised 71 Other but to arrange for a suitably qualified person Infrastructure and Parks and Ovals assets to verify the staff assessment and calculate totalling \$2.6 million which were not the update values to be used in the financial recorded as Shire's assets in the previous records. years. These assets were included on the asset register for the financial year 30 June 2022. However, the in-house revaluation was not adopted due to a lack of evidence on the appropriateness of the unit rates applied to calculate the fair value of these assets and have been recognised at nil carrying value for 30 June 2022. The last Financial Management Review was Rating - Moderate actually adopted by the Council on 23 August Regulation 5(2) of the Local Government 2022. It is acknowledged this was late. (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 however there were severe time constraints require the CEO to undertake a review of with the implementation of new business financial management systems and system Synergysoft and loss of key finance procedures every three years. The last FM staff around that time. Review was adopted by the Shire in June 2018. Rating - Moderate The Shire intends to carry on with the ongoing assessment of infrastructure The Shire of Plantagenet has not performed condition and values and to consider the an assessment to determine whether its need for an annual assessment of prevailing infrastructure assets - roads, drainage and market factors which may indicate that the fair footpaths represent fair value at the end of value of those assets are likely to have been the reporting period. impacted to any significant / material extent from the prior year. AASB 116 'Property, plant and equipment' requires asset revaluations to be made with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from the fair value at the end of the reporting period. When the fair value differs materially from the carrying amount, a further revaluation is required. Regulations 17A(4)(a) and (b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations) require a local government to revalue its revalued assets with it is of the opinion that the fair

value is likely to be materially different from the carrying amount, and in any event, no more than 5 years from the last revaluation.

There were a number of corrections made to the Annual Financial Statements as a result of the audit, as detailed in Lincolns' Report to the Audit Committee. These relate to:

'A reclassification of cash, term deposits and financial assets.'

This item relates to a possible reclassification of cash from term deposit to financial asset due to the length of the deposits (over 3 months). It was not communicated to the Shire prior to the Lincoln's report being received and the adjustment has therefore not been made. Action required will be confirmed by Lincolns, but if required it will be reflected as an adjustment in the 2022/2023 annual financial statement.

- 'A minor correction allocation between operating and non-operating grants.'

 This was an error where one grant was incorrectly classified as non-operating instead of operating.
- 'The reversal of an in-house infrastructure revaluation.'

The original financial statements included a revaluation of all infrastructure assets. The roads, drainage and footpath asset revaluations were carried out internally, but this was not done to an evidential standard required by the OAG and was not peer reviewed by a qualified valuer.

The revaluation was done on a 'net' basis whereby the net value of assets are recorded, not the gross value and accumulated depreciation. This is why the 'correction' values shown in the report to the Audit Committee are so high. The differences between the before and after total values are comparatively small.

This reversal will be corrected in the 2022/2023 annual report, once the asset values are verified.

The Lincolns' Report to the Audit Committee further notes that 'although Regulation 17A(4)(b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires the local government to revalue land, buildings, and infrastructures no more than 5 years after the last valuation, we recommend that management consider assessing whether there are trigger events that would indicate movement in these assets annually. Where indicators exist a robust fair value assessment should be performed capturing the requirements of AASB 13 Fair Value Movements. Where an entity undertakes the formal valuation internally it is recommended this assessment be peer reviewed (i.e. review the valuation methodology, inputs and model etc for reasonableness) by an approved independent valuer.'

Following the provision of management comments to the auditors, it can be confirmed that a qualified valuer has been engaged to do a valuation of all carpark and accessway assets as at 30 June 2023. This will also involve a desktop reevaluation of the Shire's Parks Infrastructure & Other Infrastructure assets as the carparks and accessways are contained within those asset categories. Where any asset needs to be revalued, accounting standards require the entire asset class to be revalued.

Further, quotations are currently being sought from qualified valuers for formal verification of road, drainage and footpath assets as at 30 June 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr A Fraser:

That:

- 1. The Annual Financial Audit Opinion and Interim Management Report for the year ending 30 June 2022 as issued by the Office of the Auditor General be received.
- 2. In accordance with Section 7.12A of the Local Government Act 1995, the attached report addressing matters identified as significant by the Shire's auditor in the 2021/2022 Audit Report, stating what action has and will be taken with respect to those matters, be endorsed.
- 3. The report in clause 2 above be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and be published on the Shire of Plantagenet website.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 084/23

Absolute Majority

9.3.4 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - APRIL 2023

File Ref:

N60636

Attachment:

Financial Statements - April 2023

Responsible Officer:

John Fathers

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author:

Vanessa Hillman

Senior Finance Officer

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the financial position of the Shire of Plantagenet for the period ending 30 April 2023.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 34 of the Financial Management Regulations (1996) requires a Statement of Financial Activity to be prepared each month, which is to contain the following details:

- a) annual budget estimates.
- b) budget estimates to the end of the month.
- c) actual amount of expenditure and revenue.
- d) material variances between comparable amounts in b) and c) above; and
- e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates (i.e.: surplus/(deficit) position).

The Statement is to be accompanied by:

- a) explanation of the composition of net current assets, less committed assets and restricted assets.
- b) explanation of the material variances.
- c) such other information considered relevant by the local government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications do not apply for this report and it is the opinion of the author that policy development is not required.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational	Rare	Insignificant	Low	That Council receives the
That Council does not receive the financial activity statements as required by S6.4 of the LG Act 1995				financial activity statements as required by legislation.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr K Woltering:

That the Financial Statements for the period ending 30 April 2023 be received.

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 085/23

9.3.5 LIST OF ACCOUNTS - APRIL 2023

File Ref:

N60911

Attachment:

List of Accounts - April 2023

Responsible Officer:

John Fathers

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author:

Faye Smith Finance Officer

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the list of payments that were made during the month of April 2023.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

No external consultation has occurred in relation to this report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 12(1)(a) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provides that payment may only be made from the municipal fund or trust fund if the Local Government has delegated the function to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to authorise payments (28 June 2022). Relevant staff have also been issued with delegated authority to issue orders for the supply of goods and services subject to budget limitations.

Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provides that if the function of authorising payments is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer then a list of payments is to be presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting and recorded in the minutes.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy F/FM/7 - Purchasing and Tender Guide applies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications for this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications for this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications as no assets are being created or acquired.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications for this report.

RISK MITIGATION IMPLICATIONS

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational That Council does not receive the list of payments	Rare	Insignificant	Low	That Council receives the list of payments as required by legislation.

STRATEGIC RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic risk implications for this report.

REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional implications for this report.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr M O'Dea:

That in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, the list of payments made under delegated authority for the month ended 30 April 2023 be received and recorded in the minutes of the Council, the summary of which is as follows:

- 1. Electronic Payments and Direct Debits totalling \$614,615.01; and
- 2. Municipal Cheques 47246 to 47248 totalling \$664.00

CARRIED (8/0)

NO. 086/23

9.4 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

9.4.1 REGISTER OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY - ANNUAL REVIEW (ITEM WITHDRAWN)

File Ref:

N60908

Attachment:

Register of Delegation, Sub-delegations,

Appointments and Authorisations

Responsible Officer:

Gary Clark

Chief Executive Officer

Author:

Nolene Wake

Executive Officer

Proposed Meeting Date:

30 May 2023

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda on advice from the CEO.

10	MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
	Nil
11	NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING
	Moved on Agenda to Item 9.1.1
12	CONFIDENTIAL
	Moved on Agenda to Item 9.1.2.
13	CLOSURE OF MEETING
5.51p	m The President declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON_____DATE:____/___

Petition Number 2

Dear Councilors,

This is a collection of letters and the signed petition by concerned Noongar people of this area and as past residents of Kendenup. The letters are from the much-respected elders and prominent Noongar people who hold a lot of influence within their communities.

The Noongar families and other's reaction has been swift as they are very disturbed by the threat of demolition and current closure of this Historic Hall. This is part of their childhood memories and over many years a community meeting place thus highly important for their cultural connections and traditions.

There are 97 signatures and if you read them, it shows they come from all over the South West as far as Perth, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Broomhill, Tambellup and Kojonup. Some people who have had past connections here and live in Melbourne and Sydney have had their say and shown their concerns on Facebook "Lost Kendenup" site. Noongar people from elsewhere have signed the other Petition (No 1).

The cemetery and the Town Hall area are the Noongar people's important historical places which brings them together and holds their memories of good and bad times, important occasions, funerals, birthday parties, meetings, weddings and more. Some families are constantly on the lookout at properties to buy here and look at moving back to Kendenup as they consider it their real home with many of their ancestors and family graves resting here.

I trust and hope you will read these letters and their comments on the petition in order to understand the Noongar people's passion and connection to this historical heritage, the Kendenup Town Hall.

Val Saggers Secretary/ treasurer Kendenup Town Hall Committee 26.05.2023 Noongar Rople.

- The Kendenup Town Hall is the oldest public building in Kendenup and is of great historical importance to the
- Following past community consultation, much voluntary labour by concerned residents has improved the condition of the hall and increased public use of the hall in recent years.
- This historic hall need never become a modern facility as that role is adequately filled in Kendenup by the Kendenup Community Ground's hall.

To the Shire of Plantagenet,

We, the undersigned, call on the Council to:

- Review its motion A/PA/17 in relation to council policy for Community Halls and Buildings concerning the Kendenup Town Hall.
- In the near future, return the Kendenup Town Hall to a usable condition.
- Maintain the Kendenup Town Hall in a usable condition for use by the residents of Kendenup.

To Whom It May Concern.

This letter is a request to the Plantagenet Shire, to seriously consider saving the iconic Kendenup Town Hall building.

We the Smith and Armstrong Families are previous residents of Kendenup and are looking at returning to the town soon. We feel obliged to speak up on behalf of this historic landmark and its connection to the Noongar people of Kendenup.

Has Noongar people the Town Hall was a place many of us would enjoy participating in community activities and a place where we felt part of the community and not isolated as many Noongar people from other communities felt. The Town Hall also holds a special place in our hearts, due to the numerous funeral services and wakes that were held there for many of our Noongar Elders and family members.

Please take in consideration the request of the Noongar people of Kendenup whose connect to this historic landmark is where they feel most welcome to carry on their cultural practices and to be a part of the community of Kendenup.

Thank you for you time and if you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on the below details.

Your Sincerely,

Maxine Farmer

84 Derricap Ave Ellenbrook

6069. WA.

Phone Number: 0435814159

Email: maxine.farmer1962@gmail.com

Martin Smith 19 Kilchurn Promenade Darch WA, 6065

Traditional Owner of the Minang People and Noongar of Kendenup

Re: Kendenup Town Hall

To Whom it may concern

It is extremely disappointing to hear the sad news that the Plantagenet Shire Council is planning to demolish an historic building that is essential in retaining the culture, the character and the stories of the Kendenup community. The town hall has been a significant gathering place for individuals, families and community members over an extended period of time. The town hall has a special significance to the local Noongar people as we have conducted numerous funerals in the hall, including the funeral of the longest residing Noongar Elder who lived in Kendenup for more than 50 years. The building is well known to many of the Noongars throughout the Great Southern and has been a gathering place for many significant events that has enabled Noongars to maintain and share our culture and connect with the local non-Indigenous people of Kendenup.

I applaud the local residents in particular the working group who have been instrumental in their fight to retain this significant building. Their hard-work in maintaining, repairing and provide a place where the local community can gather is vital to the health and well-being of the community.

Therefore, I urge the Plantagenet Shire Council to reconsider their decision to demolish this significant building and to understand the importance of the connection current and former residence have to this building and how significant the site is to Noongar people. To deprive future generations of the memories and the connection we have to our old people and the memories we have of this building would be very devastating to the Noongar community.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Smith Chairperson Marriboodja Aboriginal Corporation

16th May 2023

Mr Chris Pavlovich
Shire President
Lowood Rd
Mount Barker 6323

Dear Sir,

The Kendenup Town Hall represents the last traditional community gathering place for the Minang Noongar people of this area. Noongar people travel from all over the Southwest in order to return here for important occasions and use the town hall.

Ongoing development over the years has forced our Noongar people out of any of our traditional sit down and meeting places around Kendenup. As the noongar name states this place represents the bandicoot (Kwender) or place of, it was a place of ceremony, hunting and camping. Our Noongar people have had connection with this place over thousands of years and keeping places such as this hall has become the last central gathering place nowadays. Spiritual and emotional wellbeing is must for healing people and country, by removing this place will bring deep sadness and emotional trauma. For sad times and happy times, the hall has become a unifying place for our people. We have used it for funerals, meetings, birthdays, weddings and more.

The number of Noongar graves in the cemetery attests to how important this hall has become as many large funerals have been held here. Many of our locals have been buried here. Others of us want to return to Kendenup, our home to be buried here in the future. There is also a large burial ground (unmarked) just outside of town.

This historical building is important to us as many memories are attached to events and people who live and have lived here. We feel comfortable in this hall due to these past connections.

The town Hall is a symbol of Kendenup and as such is an important historical building which should be preserved at all costs. We appeal to you to stop this closure and demolition of this significant site for us Noongar people.

I urge you to consider any actions to demolish our Kendenup town hall the need for generational connection in the form of teaching children and grandchildren our rich Aboriginal history around the Kendenup area for the healing of spirit (WIRN).

Should you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsay Dean 16 Brady Corner

McKail WA 6330

Contact (MB) - 0488106233

(HM) - +61 8 98429923

E-mail: lindsaydean100@gmail.com

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Jeff Farmer, the son of Joss Smith and I grew up in Kendenup.

I am writing this letter regarding the Kendenup town hall. I would like to voice my opinion and ask that the hall remain and not be demolished.

My family and I have many memories of the hall as we spent a lot of time doing different activities in it. To us the hall has been a very significant part of our life, growing up it was one of the main meeting places and it would be upsetting to see it go.

On behalf of my siblings and my family I ask you please consider this letter when making your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Jeffrey Farmer

To Whom it may concern,

I, Barbara Pickett (nee Farmer) am a member of the Smith family and the daughter of Joss Smith. I am writing this letter concerning the future of the Kendenup town hall.

I would like to see the town hall remain in Kendenup as it holds special childhood memories of my hometown.

My family lived in Kendenup and I along with my brothers and sisters attended Kendenup Primary School. I was a part of the girl guides and brownie groups and spent a lot of time doing different activities in the town hall. I have memories of girl guides, badminton, Christmas parties, birthday parties, family funerals and roller-skating in the hall which my brother Jeff would take our children to.

For the past few years our Smith family come from all over to spend Christmas in Kendenup, an event that we've been doing for the past few years. While we celebrate the day at the agricultural pavilion, we meet at the town hall to share stories and reflect on the year and the history of our family and cultural connection to the area.

On behalf of my family and the Noongar community, we ask you please take this letter into consideration when making your decision.

Yours sincerely, Pickell

Barbara Pickett

Below is a comment **May Smith** has put on the Shire's website. May Smith is a traditional owner from Kendenup and a very well respected Matriarch who grew up in Kendenup and lived here for many years. She is living in Tambellup now and is the authority on her culture. She is the person we go to for permission to talk on Noongar issues and she has given us her trust and respect to keep her informed of happenings in Kendenup especially to do with the cemetery, the Town Hall and the Noongar homes and blocks here.

She remembers good times here in this town hall. History is important to her as with most Noongar people and this hall is their connection to their past, happy times and sad times.

Val Saggers

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189 SUPPORTERS

Maxine F.

John S.

Western Australia

Should be kept

Western Australia

lisa h.

Western Australia

What's wrong with the hall? Why is it being torn down. Where will the community have the blue light discos ballet and dancing gatherings and markets etc? Is a new one getting built?

Abbie P.

Western Australia

Kaysanne K.

Western Australia

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Western Australia

Sarah M.

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Neil E.

Western Australia

Sarah B.

Western Australia

Tony W.

Western Australia

Aafje M.

Western Australia

Faye C.

Western Australia

Natalie W.

Western Australia

Getting together is very important for small communities, having somewhere to meet and saving our historic buildings

Belgium

Valerie W.

Western Australia

Hope saving the Kendenup Hall is possible.

Peter M.

Western Australia

Why doesn't the Plantagenet Shire do its job??

Alexander F.

Western Australia

David W.

Western Australia

Save this important building

Elizabeth S.

Western Australia

I think it is very important to save some of the history of the DeGaris settlement years. It v is very important Western Australian and Austral I an history. Personslly, I recall so many activities there - Sunday Schooll, church, pantomimes, Mrs Allen's St I dents piano recitals, movies, dances, weddings, Christmas parties (and discovering Santa's clothes and sleigh in the room at the front, the library, the clinic sister visiting. CWA meetings, the repertory club putting on plays, school concerts, badminton, and that's just off the top of my head on the spur of the moment.

Fay G.

New South Wales

PLEASE SAVE THE HALL. So many memories of happy times spent there.

Sayah D.

Western Australia

All regional towns need a heart/ community center stone to keep them alive. Kendenup Hall has been this important gathering place for the many decades hosting many for a wide range of community events. Kendenup is a growing town, with a strong community that would be devastated by the loss of one of the main central nodes of the community

Jen P.

Western Australia

Alice R.

Western Australia

Heather P.

Queensland

Beautiful piece of history! Don't destroy it!!

Chris H.

Western Australia

Sarah M.

Western Australia

Jason T.

Western Australia

Sue J.

Western Australia

Hayleigh B.

Western Australia

Simon M.

Western Australia

Important part of Kendenup history.

Nick W.

Western Australia

Karen F.

Western Australia

Damian M.

Western Australia

BobbyKat L.

Illinois

Janine S.

Western Australia

The town hall is an important part of our history. Saving it will allow future generations to see local history in more than just photos.

Swen S.

Western Australia

Heath L.

Western Australia

Alan H.

Western Australia

The Kendenup Hall is an important gathering place for the small town. A focal point and landmark to many for a wide range of community events. Kendenup is a growing town, with a string community. As a land owner with life long liks to Kendenup i would be disappointed if the hall was lost

Netti R.

Western Australia

If rumours are true as a local I'm very disappointed with this

∃Marika L.

Western Australia

Steve P.

Western Australia

Tania S.

Western Australia

Victoria H.

Wisconsin

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Western Australia

LEAVE THE HALL ALONE!!!!!!!!!! Fix Up our highway! Fix up the crime in Barker!!! So much more to do than to pick up a hall that has done nothing but bring good things to our town!!

Ediverto G.

California

name not displayed

Western Australia

Yee Kee K.

Victoria

Annette L.

Western Australia

Please keep this historic building! It helps Plantagenet keep its unique history

Keith G.

Nestern Australia

Crystal B.

Western Australia

Andrew S.

Western Australia

The Council needs to partner with the community to ensure the hall is retained and updated

name not displayed

Western Australia

We need to preserve our history.

Gary T.

South Australia

Shame on the Plantagenet Council! Small country towns are the heart and soul of the country. Ideas that perpetuate the attraction of populace and economy to support the primacy of centralised council seats are misplaced. Vibrant satellite local towns will do this automatically.

Richard B.

Western Australia

Save our hall!

RAYELENE K.

Western Australia

Very concerning to see the possibility of this part of Kendenup history being knocked down or disposed of. It must be saved!

Jane B.

Western Australia

With so much history attached to Kendenup, the Shire of Plantagenet have an opportunity to value-add for tourists visiting our region. Not to mention the value the hall has to us as residents. It is the very heart of our little town. Please do not just demolish it as being a cheaper option. Think of the potential for many future generations to come! A sense of community is vital everywhere.

Lindsay d.

Western Australia

Jade G.

Western Australia

Nigel B.

Western Australia

This building is of great significance to the community both socially and historically and worthy of both restoration and maintenance. Residents of Kendenup should certainly have a right to their history

Lorna S.

Western Australia

Keep the history in this town going please

Guy M.

Victoria

Meagan B.

Western Australia

This has been a big part of history were my mother grew up. Big shame to loose it now

Kerry D.

Western Australia

Beverly D.

Western Australia

Save our hall it is a piece of our community\'s history.

Georgina M.

Western Australia

Please save the Kendenup Hall

Debbie W.

Western Australia

Allen K.

Western Australia

Camilla G.

Western Australia

Carmel Z.

Victoria

Isobel H.

Western Australia

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Western Australia

Sharlene D.

Western Australia

Diane S.

Western Australia

This hall has so much potential for many events. As new residents PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT AWAY FROM US. REPAIR, reopen and arrange a peppercorn lease for the residents. Thank you.

Ruth B.

Western Australia

Tge town hall is just so much part of the kendenup township and is the main building uou see when you arive in our beautiful little town so save our town hall from being lost

David N.

Victoria

Lee W.

New South Wales

Rowena W.

Western Australia

Sarah A.

Western Australia

Save the town hall!

Se M.

Wostern Australia

Alissa C.

Western Australia

Lisa S.

Western Australia

History should be saved not destroyed

Jenna G.

Western Australia

Elaine S.

Western Australia

Being a past resident of Kendenup I and my family are horrified on the neglect of such an important building. So many people have been involved in keeping this landmark alive, holding so many past and current events. How can the shire take so much from the Kendenup residents, in rates etc. over the years knowing ith's responsibilities the Town Hall should have been a priority to keep it in a safe usable standard. Why have they neglected such a wonderful link to the past. Surely answers should be given and blame should be accepted by the shire for allowing the building to get into the state it now is. Rectify your neglect repair not demolition!

John T.

Western Australia

Lois L.

Texas

name not displayed

Stewart A.

Western Australia

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Western Australia

Sam W.

Western Australia

We need this hall.

Jayden W.

Western Australia

Ruth T.

Western Australia

Our family comes from Kendenup and we have attended many activities in the town hall. Annual Christmas pageant, markets, dances etc. I cannot believe the Plantagenet shire is not doing the bare minimum of what is expected of them and supporting their ratepayers with the basic upkeep of the essential community hall.

Jack G.

Western Australia

Kathryn L.

Western Australia

Every country town needs a place to meet and the Kendenup community need their town hall. I urge the Shire of Plantagenet to fund the repair and restoration of this historical building and much needed community space.

Brinley S.

Western Australia

Ross M.

Western Australia

Tryphena S.

Western Australia

Sarah H.

Western Australia

Please save the hall - the community needs this safe & operational again

Mckibbin A.

Western Australia

Rebecca G.

Western Australia

Meredith H.

Western Australia

Tristan L.

Western Australia

Stanley S.

Illinois

Sharlene B.

Western Australia

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Western Australia

Ray W.

Western Australia

Tom W.

Western Australia

A very important building for the Kendenup community, in the past and the future

∠Charles S.

Australian Capital Territory

Helen P.

Western Australia

Community is all about common facility access, especially in small townships

Diane B

Western Australia

Spend some money on our hall. As a ratepayer we see Mt Barker being beautified so why not our hall its a valuable facility to our community Stacy G.

Tennessee

Sarah p.

Western Australia

Peter P.

Western Australia

Draconian approach by local govt Shire of Plantagenet

Carolyn B.

Western Australia

Melissa H.

Western Australia

Denise F.

Western Australia

Lindy C.

Queensland

The town hall if my childhood. Let\'s keep history alive.

Deris F.

The Kendenup Town Hall is the hub of our town, and I feel saddened by what is happening.

name not displayed

Western Australia

Robert S.

Western Australia

The hall is a much needed and used facility and is very much apart of kendenup. Needed to be saved

Donna N

Western Australia

Cindy R.

Western Australia

Greta E.

Western Australia

My great great grandpa was the architect for the beautiful hall. It brings me much sadness reading that the town hall is closed until further notice. The Kendenup hall bring everyone together with the markets, plays & produce exchanges. Save our hall!

Geoff W.

Western Australia

Born in Kendenup to Arthur n Marg Webb lived at Clovelly Webb Rd Kendenup left in 1966 but visited the Farm when Parents still alive and still as Brother Philip is still on the farm. Many memories of the Hall from school plays to church Sunday school to movies and dances. Would be a disgrace not to preserve the Kendenup Hall due to the lack of foresight to not spend some funds to repair. The work put in by the Kendenup Association to repair n paint the Hall at their cost to save the Hall should have been acknowledged before this decision to close the Hall.

Cheryl H.

Western Australia

History is worth preserving !!!

Chloe K.

Western Australia

Alex S.

Western Australia

Karen G.

Western Australia

Carole A.

Western Australia

Please retain this building in Kendenup... it is the heart and soul of this township and should be preserved for all time.

Kittv F.

Western Australia

Senga K.

Western Australia

Angela W.

Western Australia

Lee-Anne D.

Western Australia

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Western Australia

Rose W.

Western Australia

diedri S.

Western Australia

This hall gets used all the time. If anything fix the issues.

name not displayed

Western Australia

Kym S.

Western Australia

Steve A.

Western Australia

Just another way the Plantagenet shire is screwing the ratepayers of Kendenup, neglect, neglect neglect, shame on you, in 16 years we have had a bitumen rd run past our house, couldn't even get them to cut the fire breaks until the council bought them all with rate payers money, we dont even get tip passes for our bloody rate money. WORST COUNCIL I HAVE EVER COME ACROSS

Alison C.

Western Australia

Save this building

JR.

Western Australia

Sheryl H.

Western Australia

Anthony W.

Western Australia

Jessica A.

Western Australia

Pls restore this wonderful building, I grew up in Kendenup and know how important it is to the community

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Western Australia

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Western Australia

AS.

Sambell R.

Western Australia

Kelly L.

Western Australia

Rochelle K.

Western Australia

Small towns can not loose their town halls, the community needs them. This is a real shame . I think of the upper Kalgan hall , and how it was rescued and preserved !. We need our hall .

Lisa B.

Western Australia

Jeanette R.

Western Australia

Important to save these buildings. for community use. Given how busy this little hall has become again and considering the size of the Kendenup community has become in the many years since my family first came to Kendenup. These places are important for the different needs of the village ie whether its a CWA or a craft group or play group .guides or scouts etc.

Anne T.

Western Australia

Trudy L.

Western Australia

Please fix our hall as it is a piece of Kendenups history & is a draw card for our growing community when events are held monthly.

Katherine A.

Western Australia

SOP it is time to show the people of Kendenup that you do actually care about this town.

Sanjilin F.

Western Australia

The kendenup hall should be saved. The kendenup residents surely pay enough rates and that money should be spent in our local town.

Sharron S.

Western Australia

History is important for generations to come.

name not displayed

Western Australia

I feel if the hall is lost kendenup is lost.

Loris C.

Western Australia

Having grandparents who were some of the first settlers in Kendenup and myself having grown up in Kendenup/Mt Barker I think this decision to close the Kendenup Hall and it possibly being demolished, I feel it would be a tragic lost to the community and its past history.

Lesley F.

Western Australia

24 days ago

Keep the hall as is. It is a beautiful building with character.

Marnie K.

Western Australia

Tracey A.

Western Australia

The Kendenup Town hall is an important part of our community and needs to be saved and used.

Cindy W.

Western Australia

Greg J.

Vestern Australia

Tim S.

Western Australia

Peter B.

Western Australia

Every Old Community Needs its Town Hall

Lauren J.

Western Australia

Being a fairly new resident to Kendenup, I have frequented the Kendenup Hall for markets, a class and a meet and greet. Without the hall, I wouldn't have had the opportunity for inclusiveness in the community. This hall is not only an important piece of history in this tiny town, it harbours positive mental health for its residents.

Chris W.

Western Australia

This place has a great history and has been bringing the community together for a long time. We can not this vital part of the Kendenup history disappear

Lyn R.

Queensland

Please repair the hall, do not demolish.

Casev P.

Western Australia

My family the Smithsons are still in Kendenup. I am dumbfounded at the amount of money spent in Mt Barker on beautifying the place when Kendenup gets nothing. The Kendenup residents pay rates and deserve a town hall just as much as Mt Barker residents. Justine R.

Wostern Australia

Tammy B.

Please don't destroy heritage and maintain the hall

David A.

Western Australia

Lynette H.

Western Australia

Michelle A.

Western Australia

Sheila R.

Western Australia

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Western Australia

Nicholas M.

Western Australia

Alice S.

Western Australia

Elizabeth R.

Western Australia

Sara W.

Western Australia

I own land near the hall and so have a great interest in the hall remaining. It is a wonderful community space and part of the history of

Kendenup

Michael K.

Western Australia

Wendy A.

Western Australia

Geoffrey O.

Western Australia

Travis P.

Western Australia

Genevieve M.

Western Australia