

Shire of Exmouth

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



26 August 2021

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the Minutes and Attachments of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 26 August 2021 are a true and accurate record of the proceedings contained therein.

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Matthew Niikkula
Shire President

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23/09/2021

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Dated

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MINUTES

Our Vision To be a prosperous and sustainable community living in harmony with our natural environment.

Our Purpose To responsibly provide governance for the whole community in the best interest of current and future generations.

Our Strategic Objectives

- Diversify and grow our economy in a manner that provides year round employment opportunities
- To protect and value our unique natural and built environment as we grow our economy.
- To be a vibrant, passionate and safe community valuing our natural environment and unique heritage
- To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

The Shire President acknowledged the aboriginal people both past and present, as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

The Shire President advised the gallery in adhering to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Exmouth Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015, it is an offense to record the proceedings of this meeting and asked the gallery to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

He advised the gallery the meeting will be recorded by the Executive Secretary for the purpose of compiling an accurate record of the minutes only; and the recording will be erased once they are confirmed.

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor M (Matthew) Niikkula	Shire President
Councillor B (Ben) Dixon	Deputy Shire President
Councillor G (Gary) Mounsey	
Councillor H (Heather) Lake	
Councillor M (Mark) Lucas	
Councillor A (Anne) McCarrol	
Mr M Bird	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Richardson	Executive Manager Development Services
Mr R McGrath	Acting Executive Manager Commercial and Community
Mr G Coetzee	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Ms M Head	Minute Clerk

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APOLOGIES Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Question from Ty Matek

1. *Can Horizon Power be contacted to get some street lights along Reid Street? The amount of foot and cycle traffic, particularly going to the Whalebone establishment at night time (50-60km area) there has been numerous near misses. There is no lighting along that whole stretch of road.*

Shire response:

Horizon Power have been contacted and have informed the Shire lighting for Reid Street isn't included in their capital works budget for this financial year. However, they will follow up with some indicative costing and will discuss with the Shire the potential of placing lights along the road. Shire staff will also investigate other options of providing safe pedestrian access along Reid Street at night.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME

A public question time is not a deputation nor a submission; it is a question and an answer.

Due to the influx of public questions being received and the large amount of dialogue being received with the questions, the Shire President advised the gallery that he is happy to read out the accompanying dialogue to the gallery however only the question and answer will be recorded in the Minutes.

The Shire President provided the following background to the gallery detailing the role of Council and how it must respond to requests for scheme amendments.

Councils are governed by both the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Planning and Development Act 2005*. These Acts ensure Council has orderly and proper planning, and correct procedures are followed through. It is any proponents right to request that a scheme amendment be initiated for consideration.

Council does not have the power to refuse an application. Proper due diligence and process is to commence the progression of a scheme amendment, which in turns triggers the other studies: EPA, Community consultation processes etc.

When all required information is provided, and Council is fully informed, it is then that Council can make a decision. Council cannot make the decision before the process starts nor does Council have the right not to action the process that is being requested.

The following questions were received:

Question from Denise Fitch, Chair - Cape Conservation Group

In light of the EPA's recent recommendations (Report title: Potential cumulative impacts of proposed activities and developments on the environmental, social and cultural values of Exmouth Gulf, August 2021) – which call for high protection for the Gulf and specifically mention Qualing Pool as a special site requiring very high protection – is Council still considering amending the Local Planning Scheme to facilitate Gascoyne Gateway's proposal?

Shire response: No application has been presented to Council for consideration in relation to the above. The Shire's planning officers are currently working with Gascoyne Gateway Ltd to ensure when the application does come to Council it is complete and Council can make an informed decision.

Has Council looked independently into other more compatible options as to how the Qualing Pool precinct might be managed in line with its environment and values?

Has Council considered that there might be more harmonious, less destructive and less socially divisive uses for the Qualing Pool precinct?

Shire response to the two questions above: The Shire was one of the driving forces behind having the EPA work done some twelve months ago when requests were being received regarding potential industrialisation of the gulf.

The Shire has acknowledged the release of the EPA's cumulative impacts report (distributed to the public 27 August 2021) and has sought further clarification from the EPA on the meaning of the labels "high" and "very high levels of protection". No clear definition has been provided to date, however the Shire have been advised by the EPA to await the Ministers response to the report.

The future of Qualing Pool rests in the processing of the GGL proposal and adhering to the State Government's response to the EPA report and following the relevant scheme amendment procedures.

Question from Phil Davies

The ACEO provided the following summary of the preamble associated with the question received from Phil Davies: Phil's concerns related to GGL and their contractors in particular accessing his land and adjacent crown land to undertake various assessment works without obtaining the proper approvals prior. Phil provided three instances where he believes GGL contractors have not followed the correct process.

Does the Exmouth Shire really want to engage with a company like Gascoyne Gateway who have already repeatedly been caught acting without permits, without proper authority, and without regard to the rights of local residents and landowners?

Shire response: This question was answered by the Shire President when he explained the responsibilities of Shire officers and Council on how requests for scheme amendments are managed. All such requests are considered under the planning framework. Measures of good character are not considered and the Shire must deal with all proponents in a consistent way.

Is this the kind of company we want to welcome into our community?"

Shire response: This question was answered previously in that Council has not yet been presented with anything to consider. GGL has been working with Shire planning team and if and when Shire needs to seek Council approval for any aspect relating to the application, then Council will be presented with the appropriate information to enable them to make an informed decision. As stated above the Shire must deal with the proponent in a consistent way.

Question from Grace Keast

Did the results of the survey return an 80% opposing the Gascoyne Gateway proposal? If so, is the Shire going to communicate their stance on the proposal?

Shire response:

This question relates to 12.1.4 on today's agenda. Council is aware that the GGL proposal is a very decisive issue for the community and there are very strong opinions held from both ends of the spectrum.

The purpose of the Shire of Exmouth Community Survey was to inform Council of the local community views of the GGL proposal and not intended to be a referendum on the issue, which the Shire President has been very consistent with the messaging in a number of different forums.

The purpose of the survey is to inform Council when it comes the time to make any decisions. The results will inform Council re the community's sentiment towards the proposal, which is just one part of their overall consideration.

The Painted Dog survey results are the intellectual property of the Council, and the Council will determine how they use and communicate these results to the public.

Question from Daniel Jackson

Given participation in this SoE community survey was self-selecting and not randomised, are you confident the 250 locals who participated in the survey are representative of the broader Exmouth community?

Yes, we do have high confidence levels in the results of the survey. The Shire will obtain the actual survey margin of error and confidence intervals and provide this information to you. The latter part of the response to the question was taken on notice.

If the people who chose to participate in the survey were limited to those passionately for and those passionately against do you feel mainstream majority opinion may have been missed?

The Shire has high confidence levels in the survey results, a key objective was to obtain the opinion from the whole community and the survey was specifically designed to achieve this. 250 local responses out of a resident population of 2800 is statistically very strong. The Shire is very confident we have a true reflection of what the whole community is thinking.

Question from Ty Matek

I believe the Shire of Exmouth has secured disaster relief funding from the flooding earlier in the year. When will the Shire of Exmouth repair the damaged footpath and floodway on Murat Road between Maley Street and Welch Street? There is dangerous washed away drop offs either side of the path and the safety bunting and witches' hats have been in a state of disrepair for over 2 months. It is also the same at the flood damaged path in at the shopping precinct on the corner of Kennedy Street and Thew Street. This is especially dangerous as it is a busy thoroughfare for school children and I witnessed a child and his pushbike fall a metre down into the floodway directly from the edge of the path. Please can we get these repaired?

Shire response: The Shire has secured funding for the flood damage earlier this year. The assessor completed viewing the damage last week and is currently working with the Shire on the list of damage to schedule and prioritise the works required.

Who is responsible for policing the No Parking Areas alongside the Town Beach grassed foreshore? I wish to thank the Shire of Exmouth for recently putting up the "No Parking" signs to stop the 2 way road becoming a dangerous one way bottleneck, but unfortunately after a couple of days and No Policing, the no parking places are filling with cars again. Can we please get this addressed?

Shire response:

The Shire is responsible for policing this area.

Three new Rangers' will commence work during the week commencing the 6 September.

Has the Shire of Exmouth issued any Fines or Move on Notices to the many illegal campers at Town Beach and Golf Club Beach? A few days ago, I was walking with my wife and 2 year old toddler through the sand dunes north of the "Old Norcape Site" and the dozens and dozens of piles of human faeces are absolutely disgusting. Every depression, bush or slightly 'hidden' piece of dune had exposed piles of human faeces, toilet paper or tell-tale mounds. This is a genuine and concerning health hazard. I can't imagine what the Golf Club Beach dune area would be like where the more prominent and entrenched illegal campers are... Please can we get this addressed?

The question relating to how many fines or move on notices have been issued was taken on notice.

The policing and enforcement of illegal camping is a priority issue of Council. The Shire is experiencing similar issues to many other businesses and services in town in trying to attract and retain staff.

North from Norcape site to the golf club; the Shire will look into cleaning this area up in the interim.

Can the Shire of Exmouth investigate / consider the widening of the main road turn off into our Learmonth Airport? There has been several near misses each week with trucks, caravans, 4WD and boat trailers on the 110km section of road with stopped/turning vehicles in and out of the airports entrance. The size and regular amount of skid marks at the turn off, are definite proof of the dangerous intersection, it is a fatality waiting

to happen. Can the Shire address this issue or is it a State Government / Main Roads item to address?

Shire response:

This is Main Roads jurisdiction and the Shire will follow this up.

Ty passed on the following acknowledgment:

“I would like to give sincere thanks to the Shire of Exmouth Parks and Amenities Team for the recent clean-up of flood rubble at the Madaffari Drive skate park. It now is properly usable for kids and adults alike”.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Report	Extent of Interest	Type of Interest
Councillor Lucas	12.1.1 - Exmouth Marina Village Public Jetty Hire fees and charges	Financial	Appointed as sales agent for the property.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

That the Minutes and associated attachments of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Exmouth held on the 22 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 7

Res No: 01-0821

MOVED: Cr Lucas

SECONDED: Cr McCarrol

That the Minutes and associated attachments of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Exmouth held on the 22 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 6/0

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor Lake	<p>03/08/21 Attended the State Draft Infrastructure Strategy presentation that provided our Shire with information on the various infrastructure needs within the State and how they can be integrated for greater effectiveness. Council intends responding to the Strategy.</p> <p>13/08/21 Attended the Official Opening of the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Accelerator Hub.</p> <p>It was well attended with representatives from Council, O&G, CCI, MLA Vince Catania, local business operators amongst many others. The premises have under gone a complete up-grade, to now offer well equipped meeting rooms to conduct business in or for training delivery.</p> <p>18/08/21 Visited the Ningaloo Aquarium & Discovery Centre and Tantabiddi Gallery to view Jess Hadden’s and Sadie James display of marine art and photography. Both artists should be commended for their Truly Ningaloo Exhibition that visitors have had over a month to view.</p>
Councillor Dixon	<p>13/08/21 Attended the Official Opening of the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Accelerator Hub.</p>

	<i>"Congratulations to the Chamber for all their hard work to make this happen".</i>
Councillor McCarrol	03/08/21 State Draft Infrastructure Strategy presentation. 16/08/21 Attended the Raising today's Tween and Teens Workshop. 18/08/21 Attended Vietnam Veterans Day. 17 & 19/08/21 Attending ZAP Circus Workshops. 19/08/21 Oil & Gas Reference Group meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Shire President read the following to the gallery:

"On Saturday October 16th of this year, or 7 weeks and 2 days from now, the Western Australian Local Government Elections will be held.

The Exmouth Shire Council consists of 6 Councillors that serve 4 year terms representing their community. Every 2 years, 3 positions become vacant, to be filled by way of public election.

This year, after serving for the past 4, Deputy President Dixon, Ex-Deputy President Mounsey and my own terms will expire.

Nominations for community members who wish to put up their hand to fill these roles will be open for 1 week only, opening on Thursday September 2nd and closing at 4.00pm Thursday September 9th.

YES... That is NEXT WEEK

Myself as Shire President and Matt Bird, Acting CEO will be holding 2 information sessions, right here in the Mandu Function Room next Tuesday 31st August, 2 days prior to nominations opening.

This is an extremely exciting period in Exmouth's short timeline and strong leadership by good decision makers is what our town needs going forward. I urge any member of the public that wants to be part of this council for the next 4 years and help shape the future of our town to please attend the information sessions and register your election nomination.

Please register for the sessions on our website, or contact the Executive Secretary Michelle Head at the Shire directly for more information.

Act fast, this is your chance to get involved".

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

The President of the Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre, Mr Tom Balks presented a deputation to Council.

The presentation is included for public reference at the end of these minutes.

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Nil

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The Shire President approved a request from the Exmouth Bowling Club to move agenda item 12.3.1 to the beginning of the Reports of Officers.

COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY

12.3.1 COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND (CSRFF)– SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS – (1) EXMOUTH BOWLING CLUB; (2) EXMOUTH GOLF CLUB

File Reference:	GS.PR.1
Reporting Officer:	Acting Executive Manager Commercial and Community
Responsible Officer:	As above
Date of Report:	17 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CONFIDENTIAL – Letter from Exmouth Bowling Club Inc2. CONFIDENTIAL – CSRFF funding application: Exmouth Bowling Club Inc3. CONFIDENTIAL – CSRFF funding application: Exmouth Golf Club Inc

PURPOSE

1. That Council supports and endorses the priority ranking for the submitted Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) Small Grant funding applications from the Exmouth Bowling Club Inc and the Exmouth Golf Club Inc.
2. That Council provides funding assistance in line with Council Policy for the Exmouth Bowling Club Inc's replacement of greens project upon outcome of successful CSRFF Small Grant application.

BACKGROUND

3. The CSRFF administered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) has three funding streams including:
 - Small Grants – projects from \$7,500 to \$300,000 (ex GST);
 - Annual Grants – projects from \$301,000 to \$500,000 (ex GST); and
 - Forward Planning Grants – projects up to \$2m (ex GST).
4. The CSRFF program is an annual \$12.5 million program. All three streams are often oversubscribed and clubs may need to reapply on a number of occasions to be successful.

5. Applicants must be either a local government or a not-for-profit sport, recreation or community organisation incorporated under the *WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987* and have an Australian Business Number (ABN). Clubs must demonstrate equitable access to the public on a short term and casual basis.
6. The land on which the facility is to be developed must be one of the following:
 - Crown reserve
 - Land owned by a public authority
 - Municipal property
 - Land held for public purposes by trustees under a valid lease, title or trust deed that adequately protects the interests of the public.
7. Small grants will be awarded to projects involving a basic level of planning. The total project cost for small grants must not exceed \$300,000 (ex GST).
8. The minimum CSRFF small grant awarded is \$2,500 (ex GST) and the maximum CSRFF small grant awarded is \$100,000 (ex GST). Note: The maximum CSRFF small grant awarded may increase to 50% funding if a development bonus is approved.
9. The Local Government has an opportunity to assess all relevant applications and, if there is more than one application for a round, to rank applications in priority order for the municipality.
10. Whilst there is no obligation for Local Government to contribute to the community sporting projects, local government is viewed as a key funding partner in supporting improved community sporting amenities.
11. The DLGSCI CSRFF application form calls for applications to be initially submitted to the Local Government within which the project proposal is located.
12. An element of the assessment process involves Council consideration and priority ranking of applications received.
13. The CSRFF applications are then submitted by the Local Government (with minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting that the CSRFF applications were discussed) to the DLGSCI on behalf of the applicants by 31 August 2021.
14. Once the assessment processes from Local Government Authorities are complete, all applications received from Western Australian organisations are then assessed by the relevant State Sporting Association and the DLGSCI CSRFF Committee against a number of criteria, with the final decision on funding being at the discretion of the Minister for Sport and Recreation.

COMMENT

15. The DLGSCI provides guidance for Local Government Authorities to assess each CSRFF grant funding submission with the grant guidelines requiring Council to provide a ranking for the projects.
16. This assessment uses the following ten (10) criteria and a project rating by the Local Government Authority of satisfactory/unsatisfactory or not relevant against each criterion:

Project justification	Design
Planned approach	Financial viability

Community consultation	Coordination
Management planning	Potential to increase physical activity
Access and opportunity	Sustainability

17. With overall project rating by the Local Government Authority being one of the following below:
- Well planned and needed by municipality
 - Well planned and needed by applicant
 - Needed by municipality, more planning required
 - Needed by applicant, more planning required
 - Idea has merit, more planning work needed
 - Not recommended.
18. Projects are ranked on the strength of the application, participation numbers, ability to increase physical activity and potential impact as well as consultation with the DLGSCI and the applicant.
19. Council has an opportunity to amend the project rating and re-prioritise the Shire Officer's proposed ranking.
20. For this CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 (for the 2021/2022 financial year), the Shire of Exmouth has received two applications:
- Exmouth Bowling Club Inc
 - Exmouth Golf Club Inc.
21. The following information is provided as a summary of the two applications:

Exmouth Bowling Club Inc: Synthetic Greens Upgrade

22. The Exmouth Bowling Club Inc. currently has two (2) synthetic grassed greens which are nearly 10 years old.
23. In 2012, the Exmouth Bowling Club was successful with a CSRFF grant for \$186,400 (ex GST) from the then Department of Sport and Recreation for the construction of two synthetic greens. As this funding was not enough to be able to undertake and complete the project, the Club sought an interest free loan of \$250,000 from the Shire to be able to complete this project plus install fencing at the facility.
24. For this project, both of these greens require upgrading to ensure continued access for playing bowls by both members of the Exmouth community and the large number of visitors.
25. With normal usage, these greens have a life expectancy of 10 years which is nearly the period of time that the two greens at the Exmouth Bowling Club have been in place. The severe climatic weather conditions within this region, along with the popularity of usage by bowlers has contributed to significant wear and tear over time. The extreme climatic conditions have especially caused issues concerning the life span of the greens.
26. Plus, with usage of the two greens being very high throughout the year with social bowls competitions, weekend carnivals, school access, private corporate and group bookings, and individuals and visitors accessing the greens at other times to practise, over nearly ten years, these greens have seen significant use and now need to be replaced. (Note: Visitors to the Club have high expectations of the quality of facilities they play on and are regularly comparing

Exmouth's Bowling Club with those in the southern regions with comments about the decreasing quality of the greens within the Exmouth facility.

27. An assessment of the two greens has concluded that the 'B' Green has seams of the synthetic grass surface that have completely come apart in places which has left gaps between joins of about 20 to-25mm. And now birds have decided the stitching is great to play with and have assisted in contributing to surface issues by pulling at this stitching of the seams. The Club has tried to repair these seams but unfortunately that did not result in a good permanent outcome for playing bowls on the green. The 'A' Green has a better surface than the 'B' Green but there are places on this green where the stitching is coming apart.
28. The Club's plans for their project involving the upgrading of their greens includes removing the current greens' surfaces, levelling out the underneath surface, and installing new synthetic greens. The Club's committee believes that without these upgrades occurring, that the Club runs the risk of having greens not up to standard for the surface that is required to be played on. This would then have a negative effect on retaining members, gaining new members, and a change in outlook of the annual visiting bowlers fraternity deciding on their travels throughout regional WA to not come to Exmouth but to go to other townships to play bowls.
29. A decrease in usage of the Exmouth Bowling Club's facility due to not having an appropriate standard of playing surface for its two greens would certainly result in financial issues for this club.
30. In assessing the Exmouth Bowling Club's CSRFF Small Grants application, it is believed that this project is financially viable with the Club having the capacity to manage this project well, to manage the requirements for funding this project, and to continue to make contributions to its asset replacement fund over time. Additionally, the outcome of this project will enable the Club to assist its current membership, provide an incentive to attract new members, support other local groups that utilise this facility, and continue to be attractive as a facility for visiting bowlers to travel to Exmouth.
31. The total project cost is \$263,062 (ex GST) with the Club seeking for the Shire of Exmouth to provide 25 per cent of the project's costs (\$65,766 ex GST), the Club providing 25 per cent of the project's costs (\$65,766 ex GST), and the Club seeking for DLGSCI to fund half of the project's costs (\$131,530 ex GST) with the provision of a development bonus included from DLGSCI (to enable the Club to receive 50 per cent instead of the project being 33 percent funded by CSRFF) as the Exmouth Bowling Club is located in a remote regional area of WA.

Exmouth Golf Club Inc: Machinery Shed Extension – Motorised Cart Shed

32. This is the second time that the Exmouth Golf Club has applied for CSRFF Small Grants funding for this project after Council previously considered the project at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 25 March 2021.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Res No: 11-0321

ITEM 12.3.1

That Council SUPPORTS the submission of the Exmouth Golf Club Inc's CSRFF Small Grants application to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural industries.

CARRIED 6/0

33. Unfortunately, their CSRFF funding application was not successful in Round 2 of the 2020/2021 financial year. The Club is now resubmitting an application for their project to DLGSCI for CSRFF Small Grants funding.
34. Their project involves an extension to the eastern end of the existing machinery shed which will provide a purpose-built storage area for the motorised golf carts of golf club members plus additional storage space for the golf club's minor equipment such as lawn mowers etc. A number of members are retired and of an age and physical condition that prevents them from being able to walk a round of golf. Currently, some members are storing their motorised carts in a small shed that was previously being used for golf course maintenance equipment. (A significant number of golf clubs in Western Australia provide such protection for members who own motorised carts.)
35. In assessing the Exmouth Golf Club's CSRFF Small Grants application, it is believed that this project is financially viable with the Club having the capacity to manage this project well, to manage the requirements for funding this project, and to make contributions to an asset replacement fund over time. Additionally, the outcome of this project will enable the Club to assist its current membership and also provide an incentive to attract new members.
36. The planning and building approvals for this project will be able to be provided by the Club and assessed by the Shire of Exmouth once the Club has secured the total amount of funding required to undertake this project.
37. The total project cost is \$60,844.33 (ex GST) with half of the costs (\$30,422.17 ex GST) being provided by the Club and the other half (\$30,422.17 ex GST) being sought from DLGSCI's CSRFF Small Grants funding, assuming funding approval by DLGSCI with the provision of a development bonus included by DLGSCI (to enable the Club to receive 50 per cent instead of the project being 33 percent funded by CSRFF) as the golf club is located in a remote regional area of WA.
38. A copy of the full applications of both clubs (confidential) are attached.

Rank	Organisation	Project detail	Overall project rating
1	Exmouth Bowling Club Inc	Upgrading two existing bowling greens	Well planned and needed by the applicant
2	Exmouth Golf Club Inc	Machinery Shed Extension – Motorised Cart Shed	Well planned and needed by the applicant

CONSULTATION

39. Exmouth Bowling Club Inc
 40. Exmouth Golf Club Inc

41. Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Regional Officer, Gascoyne Region

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

42. Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

43. Policy 4.2: Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Funding (CSRFF) Small Grant Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

44. The Community Development Fund Reserve's balance at the end of 31 July 2021 was \$1,381,520.

45. The Exmouth Bowling Club Inc is seeking funding assistance of \$65,766 ex GST (25 per cent of the costs) for this project from the Shire of Exmouth if it was successful with its application submission to DLGSCI for CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 funding for the 2021/2022 financial year.

46. The Exmouth Golf Club Inc with the submission of its DLGSCI CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 application for the 2021/2022 financial year for the Machinery Shed Extension – Motorised Cart Shed project is not seeking funding assistance from the Shire of Exmouth as the Club has applied for 50 per cent funding of its total project costs from DLGSCI which includes the development bonus.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance (operational)	Unlikely	Minor	Low	Both clubs have the managerial expertise and experience at committee level to be able to undertake well the performance of this project.
Financial	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Both clubs have in place several financial scenarios to ensure the project is able to be completed if DLGSCI approves funding. If DLGSCI does not approve funding, their projects though may not be able to be undertaken until sufficient external funding is obtained.
Environmental	Possible	Moderate	Low	Due to the type of projects both clubs are undertaking, the environmental risk analysis is expected to be low.
Reputational	Unlikely	Minor	Low	Both clubs have very good governance reputations in managing their facilities with experienced members of the Exmouth community on their committees. It is expected that the outcome of their current CSRFF applications will be able to be completed well.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

47. If the Exmouth Bowling Club Inc was not successful with their CSRFF Small Grants funding application or were given a reduction in expected application funding from DLGSCI, then the Club would be encouraged to resubmit another application in the next CSRFF Small Grants Round (i.e. Round 2) of the 2021/2022 financial year.

48. If the Exmouth Golf Club Inc did not receive CSRFF Small Grants funding from DLGSCI for their project, then it would need to consider fully funding the extension of the shed and/or seek funding from other sources, including from the Shire of Exmouth.
49. Both clubs do not have sufficient finances to fully fund their projects.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

50. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022

Social: To be a vibrant, passionate and safe community valuing our natural environment and unique heritage

- 3.1 Explore opportunities to deliver services and facilities that attract and retain people living in the Shire.
- 3.2 Promote facilities/services that enhance public health and safety.
- 3.3 Champion self-supporting community clubs and associations.

Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

- 4.1 To provide proactive, collaborative and transparent leadership
- 4.2 A local government that is respected and accountable.
- 4.3 To be a champion for our community

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

51. Absolute Majority

It is noted that the amount in point 4 of the officer's recommendation be amended to \$65,766

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.3.1

That Council:

1. SUPPORTS the Exmouth Bowling Club Inc's CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 funding application be forwarded to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation;
2. SUPPORTS the Exmouth Golf Club Inc's CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 funding application to be forwarded to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation;
3. RANKS the CSRFF Small Grants funding applications in the following order for Round 1 of the 2021/2022 financial year:

RANK	ORGANISATION	PROJECT DETAIL
1	Exmouth Bowling Club Inc	Upgrading two existing bowling greens
2	Exmouth Golf Club Inc	Machinery Shed Extension – Motorised Cart Shed

4. APPROVES a total of \$65,766 (ex GST) from the Community Development Fund Reserve to the Exmouth Bowling Club as Council's commitment upon a successful CSRFF Small Grant's Round 1 2021/2022 application outcome.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.3.1

Res No: 02-0821

MOVED: Cr Mounsey

SECONDED: Cr Lake

That Council:

- 1. SUPPORTS the Exmouth Bowling Club Inc’s CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 funding application be forwarded to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation;**
- 2. SUPPORTS the Exmouth Golf Club Inc’s CSRFF Small Grants Round 1 funding application to be forwarded to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation;**
- 3. RANKS the CSRFF Small Grants funding applications in the following order for Round 1 of the 2021/2022 financial year:**

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1	Exmouth Bowling Club Inc	Upgrading two existing bowling greens
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- 4. APPROVES a total of \$65,766 (ex GST) from the Community Development Fund Reserve to the Exmouth Bowling Club as Council’s commitment upon a successful CSRFF Small Grant’s Round 1 2021/2022 application outcome.**

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

The following reports were recommended en bloc – 12.1.3, 12.4.1, 12.4.2, 12.5.1

12.1.3 FINAL REPORT – ORGANISATIONAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2020/21

File Reference:	CM.PL.1
Responsible Officer:	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Reporting Officer:	As above
Date of Report:	16 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Final Report for the Corporate Business Plan2. CONFIDENTIAL - Final Report Corporate Business Plan and Budgeted Projects.

PURPOSE

1. That Council receives the year to date Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022 final report for the 2020/21 financial year:
 - Corporate Business Plan;
 - Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators; and
 - Budgeted Projects.

BACKGROUND

2. The Corporate Business Plan (Attachment 1) has been created as a practical statement of how Council aims to achieve community objectives, as articulated in the Strategic Community Plan. The Corporate Business Plan has a clear assignment of responsibility, timeframe of projects and key measures for activities. Progress against actions is measured and will be reported in the annual report to the Council and the community, providing a clear and transparent process for regular reporting.
3. The Corporate Business Plan (CBP) is Council's core strategic document for the 4 year period 2018 to 2022. This CBP activates the Strategic Community Plan and integrates with other informing strategies including the Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Plan.
4. The CEO Key Performance Indicators were adopted by Council (Council decision 03-0720) at the July 2020 Ordinary Council meeting. A requirement of the CEO Performance Review Committee was to provide a final report in December, March, and June over the year.
5. This report also provides the final status on the projects endorsed as part of the 2020/21 budget adoption.
6. To facilitate the achievement of the 2020/21 budgeted projects this report will provide an update on the progress against each project as at 30 June 2021.

COMMENT

7. The Acting Chief Executive Officer presents to Council an update on the Shire’s Corporate Business Plan to keep them informed of the organisation’s progress through the year.
8. The purpose of this report is to:
 - Provide a status update on the key actions undertaken by the Shire for 2020/21 financial year of the Corporate Business Plan;
 - Demonstrate how the Shire, through the Corporate Business Plan is meeting the Shire’s Strategic Community Plan’s goals and strategies; and
 - Meet the reporting guidelines of the Integrated Planning Framework.
9. The Corporate Business Plan is structured to meet the Community Strategic Plan objectives and as such is broken into four sections addressing Economic, Environmental, Social and Leadership aspiration of the Community.
10. Table 1 provides a final report of the Corporate Business Plan actions as at 30 June 2021.

Table 1 - Corporate Business Plan Final Report

Objective	Actions	Status -Complete	Status -On track	Status - Monitor	Status -Intervene
Economic	19	5	13	1	0
Environmental	12	2	9	1	0
Social	10	0	10	0	0
Leadership	6	1	5	0	0
Total	47	8	37	2	0

11. Table 2 provides a final report against the CEO Key Performance Indicators as at 30 June 2021.

Table 2 – CEO Key Performance Indicators

	KPI	Required by	Status
KPI 1	1.1 Workshop and update the Corporate Business Plan Targets for 2020-21.	Aug 2020	Completed Aug OCM
	1.2 Provide a progress report in December, March and June annually.	June 2021	This report item
KPI 2	2.1 Progress the achievement of the 2020-21 Budget Projects and prepare updates in December March and June (annually).	Dec March 2020 and June 2021	Completed Dec March Aug OCM
	2.2 Prepare regular community project reporting and update Council website.	Dec March 2020 and June 2021	Completed
KPI 3	3.1 Progress the review and undertake the community consultation of the following local laws. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog • Cat • Cemetery • Meeting Procedures • Fencing • Parking • Public Places - Signage / Permits etc education / compliance • Property 	June 30 2021	Completed
KPI 4	4.1 Continuous improvement of the One		

	Stop shop (planning and building) processes including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of customer feedback measurement tool. • Continue to reduce the processing time for permits and development applications • Develop information packs FAQ's that outline TPS4 and general land use information in easy to understand language for general development enquiries. 		Completed On Track Completed
KPI 5	Conduct regular workshops with Council to demine Council position statements on key community issues.	Ongoing as required	On Track
KPI 6	Complete the desktop review of the Community Strategic Plan and undertake the bi-annual perception survey before December 2020.	Dec 2020	Completed
KPI 7	7.1 Develop a CEO weekly update 7.2 Actively encourage greater community participation at Ordinary Council Meetings.	Commence September 2020	Completed Completed
KPI 8	Provide a timelier delivery of information to Councillors by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCM agendas are delivered by Thursday 4pm the week prior to the OCM meeting • Limit late OCM items to absolute crucial reports. 		Completed Completed

12. Tale 3 provides a final report of the Budgeted Projects as at 30 June 2021.

Table 3 - Budgeted Projects

A total of 47 budgeted projects have been reported on for the 2020/21 period. Officers have identified one project that requires intervention, Artist Festival mural and sculptural installations with the project scope being reviewed.

Projects	Completed	On Track	Monitor	Intervene
47	24	17	5	1

CONSULTATION

- 13. Acting Chief Executive Officer
- 14. Executive Managers
- 15. Shire Officers

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- 16. Local Government Act 1995 Part 5 Division 5, s 5.56
- 17. Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Part 5, Division 3, r19DA

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 18. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 19. Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

- 20. Risks identified as part of this regular reporting;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance (operational); CEO does not provide regular updates to Council on performance of strategic objectives.	Possible	Major	High	A CEO KPI is to report to Council on organisational performance at the December, March and June OCMs each year.
Financial; the failure to regularly report to Council on achievement of strategic objectives and project delivery inhibits Council's ability to make informed budget decisions	Possible	Major	High	A CEO KPI is to report to Council on organisational performance including project status at the December, March and June OCMs each year.
Reputational; the failure to provide accurate and timely reporting to Council may cause reputational damage to both Shire organisation and Council.	Possible	Major	High	Regular reporting will ensure the Executive Management team effectively manages delivery of strategic objectives and projects and that Council is provided strong oversight of overall shire performance.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

21. Council may decide not to accept the report as presented and request the CEO to either provide more information and/or re-present the report once new information is supplied.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

22. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022;

- Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.
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 - 4.3 To be a champion for our community

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

23. Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.1.3

That Council RECEIVE the following final reports for 2020/21:

- Corporate Business Plan;
- Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators; and
- Budgeted Projects.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.1.3

Res No: 03-0821

MOVED: Cr Niikkula

SECONDED: Cr Mounsey

That Council RECEIVE the following final reports for 2020/21:

- **Corporate Business Plan;**
- **Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators; and**
- **Budgeted Projects.**

CARRIED 6/0

The following reports were recommended en bloc – 12.1.3, 12.4.1, 12.4.2, 12.5.1

CORPORATE SERVICES

12.4.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 JULY 2021

File Reference:	FM.FI.0
Reporting Officer:	Manager Finance
Responsible Officer:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Date of Report:	17 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	1. Monthly Financial Report as at 31 July 2021

PURPOSE

1. That Council accepts the financial report for the financial period ending 31 July 2021.

BACKGROUND

2. The provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* Regulation 34 requires a statement of financial activity be presented at ordinary meeting of council within 2 months of the period end date (refer Attachment 12.4.1).

COMMENT

3. As at 31 July 2021, the operating revenue is above target by \$187,686 (3.6%). Variances are due to timing of DPLH grant and aviation revenue and waste site revenue being over budget. Ningaloo Visitor Centre merchandise sales and exhibition admissions are also over budget.
4. Operating expenditure is under budget by \$224,210 (13.37%). Variances are mainly due to other expenditures and utility charges being under budget. Applications for stimulus packages have been received and are yet to be claimed. Material and contracts are also under budget.
5. A total of \$1,120,616 has been spent to date for capital projects. This includes the purchase of executive housing, the continuance of plant replacement program and the preparation of underground power for the Town Beach upgrade. The Ningaloo Centre solar panel programme is soon to be finalised.
6. Rate notices were issued on 30 July 2021. Rates collected as at 31 July 2021 were 2% compared to 3% for the same period last year.
7. General Debtors is \$2,575,293 with \$1,716,817 being for aviation operations.

CONSULTATION

8. Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

9. Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides for the preparation of financial reports.
 10. In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* Regulation 34 (5), a report must be compiled on variances greater than the materiality threshold adopted by Council of \$25,000 or 10% whichever is greater. As this report is composed at a program level, variance commentary considers the most significant items that comprise the variance.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

13. Risks implications

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

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

14. Nil

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

15. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022

Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

4.1 To provide proactive, collaborative and transparent leadership

4.2 A local government that is respected and accountable.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

16. Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.4.1

That Council RECEIVES the Financial Report for the financial period ending 31 July 2021.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.4.1

Res No: 04-0821

MOVED: Cr Niikkula

SECONDED: Cr Mounsey

That Council RECEIVES the Financial Report for the financial period ending 31 July 2021.

CARRIED 6/0

The following reports were recommended en bloc – 12.1.3, 12.4.1, 12.4.2, 12.5.1

12.4.2 LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 JULY 2021

File Reference:	FM.FI.0
Reporting Officer:	Manager Finance
Responsible Officer:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Date of Report:	17 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	1. List of Accounts for period ending 31 Jul 2021

PURPOSE

1. That Council receives payments made since the previous Ordinary Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Regulation 13 (3) requires a list of payments is to be presented at the next ordinary meeting of council.
3. It has been customary practice that whilst being a leader in the community, we meet our terms of credit as established between suppliers and aspire to obtain discounts where practicable. Payments have been approved by authorised officers in accordance with agreed delegations and policy frameworks.

COMMENT

4. Council has given delegated authority that allows the Chief Executive Officer to approve payments from Council's bank accounts either via cheque or through electronic lodgement. (refer Attachment 12.4.2).
5. May Payments

Municipal Fund	totalling \$3,417,948.57 Incorporating cheques, direct debits, electronic payments and credit cards.
Trust Fund	totalling \$NIL Incorporating electronic payments.
Total Payments:	\$3,417,948.57

CONSULTATION

6. Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

7. Payments are to be made in accordance with Part 6, Division 4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and as per the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. Payments are to be made through the municipal fund, trust fund or reserve funds. Payments are to be in accordance with approved systems as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. Staff are required to ensure that they comply under Council Policy 2.7 – Procurement and 2.12 – Regional Price Preference Policy (where applicable) and that budget provision is available for any expenditure commitments

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Payments are made under delegated authority and are within defined and approved budgets. Payment is made within agreed trade terms and in a timely manner.

RISK MANAGEMENT

10. Risk implications

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

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

11. Nil

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

12. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022

Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.
 4.1 To provide proactive, collaborative and transparent leadership
 4.2 A local government that is respected and accountable.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

13. Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.4.2

That Council RECEIVES the report of payments made from the Municipal and Trust bank accounts during the month of July 2021 (*totalling \$3,417,948.57*).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.4.2

Res No: 05-0821

MOVED: Cr Niikkula
SECONDED: Cr Mounsey

That Council RECEIVES the report of payments made from the Municipal and Trust bank accounts during the month of July 2021 (*totalling \$3,417,948.57*).

CARRIED 6/0

The following reports were recommended en bloc – 12.1.3, 12.4.1, 12.4.2, 12.5.1

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

12.5.1 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PURPOSE

To advise Council of the information items listed below.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.5.1

That Council note the following information items:

Register of Documents Stamped with the Shire of Exmouth Common Seal

The documents, as listed below, that have been stamped with the Common Seal of the Shire of Exmouth since the last meeting.

DATE	DOCUMENT
27/07/2021	Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract (Council Decision 11-0721)

Building Decisions Issued

A summary of the building permits and building certificate applications and approvals made under Delegation pursuant to the *Building Act 2011* up to 31 July 2021.

App #	Date Received	Lot	Property Address	Description	Decision	Decision Date
21/47	14/04/21	348 & 349	31 & 29 Kestrel Place	Floating jetty	Approved	26/07/21
21/75	29/06/21	1326	21 Salmon Loop	Swimming pool installation & barrier fencing	Approved	14/07/21
21/76	30/06/21	1376	40 Preston Street	Ancillary dwelling and Swimming pool installation & barrier fencing	Approved	26/07/21
21/77	05/07/21	110	2 Sailfish Link	Two-storey Single Dwelling	Approved	13/07/21
21/78	07/07/21	34	15 Cooyou Close	Single Dwelling, Carport and Patio	Approved	23/07/21
21/79	09/07/21	72	Marlin Terrace	Floating Jetty	Processing	
21/80	09/07/21	73	Marlin Terrace	Floating Jetties	Processing	
21/81	14/07/21	180	14 Snapper Loop	Swimming Pool & Boundary Fencing	Approved	27/07/21
21/82	15/07/21	600	10 Carey Street	Carport	Approved	27/07/21
21/83	16/07/21	311	Minilya-Exmouth Rd	Single Dwelling	Approved	22/07/21
21/84	20/07/21	349	29 Kestrel Place	Floating Jetty	Approved	26/07/21

Planning Decisions Issued

Summary of the planning decisions issued under delegation or outstanding up to 31 July 2021.

App #	Date Received	Lot	Property Address	Description.	Decision	Decision Date
PA32/19	13/03/19			Scheme Amendment 1 to LPS4	Deferred	07/06/19
DA54/20	12/08/20			Scheme Amendment No.2 to LPS4 - re-zoning of part Crown Reserve R50806 into 13 Koolinda Way	Processing	21/12/20
LP.PL.4.4	18/02/21			Service Commercial Zone	Scheme Amendment No.4	Processing
DA23/21	18/03/21	52	25 Lockwood Street	Existing Use – B&B (2 Bedrooms)	Deferred	30/04/21
DA38/21	23/04/21	838	5 Carter Road	Caretakers dwelling - Addition	Approved	01/07/21
DA41/21	28/04/21	410	10 Farley Street	Single Dwelling - Outbuilding	Withdrawn	22/07/21
DA44/21	12/05/21	11	202 Catalina Close	Single Dwelling	Approved	02/07/21
DA46/21	14/05/21	104	35 Bluefin Cove	Holiday House	Approved	01/07/21
DA47/21	19/05/21	1148	39 Welch Street	Addition to existing warehouse - awning for undercover parking	Processing	
DA48/21	21/05/21	1412	18 Payne Street	Club Premises- Additions and Approval for Existing Development - Earthworks	Processing	
DA49/21	21/05/21	34	7 Learmonth Street	Existing Holiday House	Approved	08/07/21
DA50/21	24/05/21	411	8 Farley Street	Single Dwelling - Additions	Processing	
160865	17/06/21	216	19 Carpenter Street	Subdivision WAPC e-Referral	Approved	08/07/21
DA51/21	04/06/21	2, 557	Yardie Creek Road	Tourist Development, Caravan Park, Shop, Restaurant/Cafe, Small Bar & Service Station	Processing	
DA54/21	21/06/21	1	Unit 1, 1 Coral Way	Home Occupation	Processing	
DA57/21	15/06/21	402	18 Madaffari Drive	Development - Jetty	Approved	06/07/21
DA58/21	15/06/21	424	68 Madaffari Drive	Development - Jetty	Approved	05/07/21
DA59/21	17/06/21	1214	7 Skipjack Circle	Change of use - Holiday Accommodation	Processing	
DA60/21	23/06/21		2 Welch Street	Change of use - Holiday Accommodation	Processing	
DA61/21	06/07/21	2	46 Heron Way	Single Dwelling	Processing	
DA62/21	09/07/21	36	3 Learmonth Street	Change of use (outbuilding to laundry) & Development (internal & earthworks for carparking)	Processing	
DA63/21	19/07/21	2	23 Ningaloo Street	Change of use - Holiday Accommodation	Processing	
DA64/21	15/07/21	206	42 Cobia Close	Retrospective approval - Grouped Dwelling x 2 (Single Bedroom Dwellings)	Processing	
DA65/21	22/07/21	387	25 Corella Court	Single Dwelling	Processing	
DA66/21	27/07/21	1376	40 Preston Street	Holiday Accommodation (ancillary dwelling)	Processing	

Permits issued Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, Local Government Property Local Law.

App #	Date Received	Description.	Decision	Permit issued
PE26/21	08/07/21	Pre-wedding photography Vlamingh Head Lighthouse on 22/10/2021	Issued	20/07/21
PE27/21	09/07/21	Mobile Optometry van at ECAC carpark - 22-25 September 2021	Issued	23/07/21

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.5.1

That Council note the following information items:

- Register of Documents Stamped with the Shire of Exmouth Common Seal;
- Building Decisions issued for 31 July 2021; and
- Planning Decisions issued for 31 July 2021.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.5.1

Res No: 06-0821

MOVED: Cr Niikkula

SECONDED: Cr Mounsey

That Council note the following information items:

- **Register of Documents Stamped with the Shire of Exmouth Common Seal;**
- **Building Decisions issued for 31 July 2021; and**
- **Planning Decisions issued for 31 July 2021.**

CARRIED 6/0

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Councillor Lucas declared a Financial interest in the following report and left the chambers at 5.04pm.

12.1.1 EXMOUTH MARINA VILLAGE PUBLIC JETTY HIRE FEES AND CHARGES

File Reference:	FM.BU.21.22
Reporting Officer:	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer:	As above
Date of Report:	17 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Department of Transport Vessel Accommodation Agreement Terms and Conditions2. Department of Transport Live Onboard policy3. Public Notice

PURPOSE

1. This report recommends Council APPROVE the proposed new fees and charges associated with the Shire's proposed installation of new public boating jetties within Exmouth Marina.

BACKGROUND

2. Council owns Lot 72 (1) Marlin Terrace in freehold which has installed piles to suit eight Jetties and Gangways.
3. Council also has a Management Order on Lot 73 Marlin Terrace for the purpose of marine management with installed piles to suit additional jetty and gangway.
4. At the Special Council Meeting held 4 March 2021 Council awarded the contract for Tender 05-2020 Public Jetties and Gangways Exmouth Marina Village as per Res No: 02-0321;

Res No: 02-0321

That Council:

1. ***Award the contract for Tender 05 -2020 as per the recommendation in the Confidential Evaluation Report – RFT 05-2020;***
2. ***Approve the allocation of additional funds to cover the shortfall of revised RFT cost including recommended widening of gangways to 1000mm;***
3. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve variations not exceeding 10% of the project budget; and***
4. ***Tender RFT 05-2020 – Public Jetties and Gangways Exmouth Marina Village as per the recommendation in the Confidential Evaluation Report be awarded to Walcon Marine.***

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

5. Walcon Marine have completed the manufacturing of the jetties and gangways and plan to have these installed by the end of September 2021. Once installed there will be eight completed jetties and gangways as part of Lot 72 Marlin Terrace, and one additional completed jetty and gangway as part of Lot 73 Marlin Terrace.
6. At the April 2021 OCM Council approved going to an expression of interest for the sale of Lot 72 Marlin Terrace (Resolution number 12-0421) and local real estate agency Ray White Exmouth was awarded the contract to market this property as part of RFQ 33-2020.
7. This report seeks Council consideration for the proposed new fees and charges for the hire of the eight Shire owned jetties within Exmouth Marina Village.
8. Exmouth Marina Village forms part of the larger Exmouth Boat Harbour facility.
9. The boat harbour facility is managed by the Department of Transport (DoT) and comprises;
 - Eighteen charter boat pens with lengths of 15m, 20m and 25m with single and three phase power and water services,
 - Thirty nine general purpose pens with lengths 12m, 14m, 15m, 20m and 25m with single and three phase power and water services,
 - Four trawler pen moorings of 25m length with single and three phase power and water services, and
 - One service wharf with 180m long berth face with single and three phase power and water services.

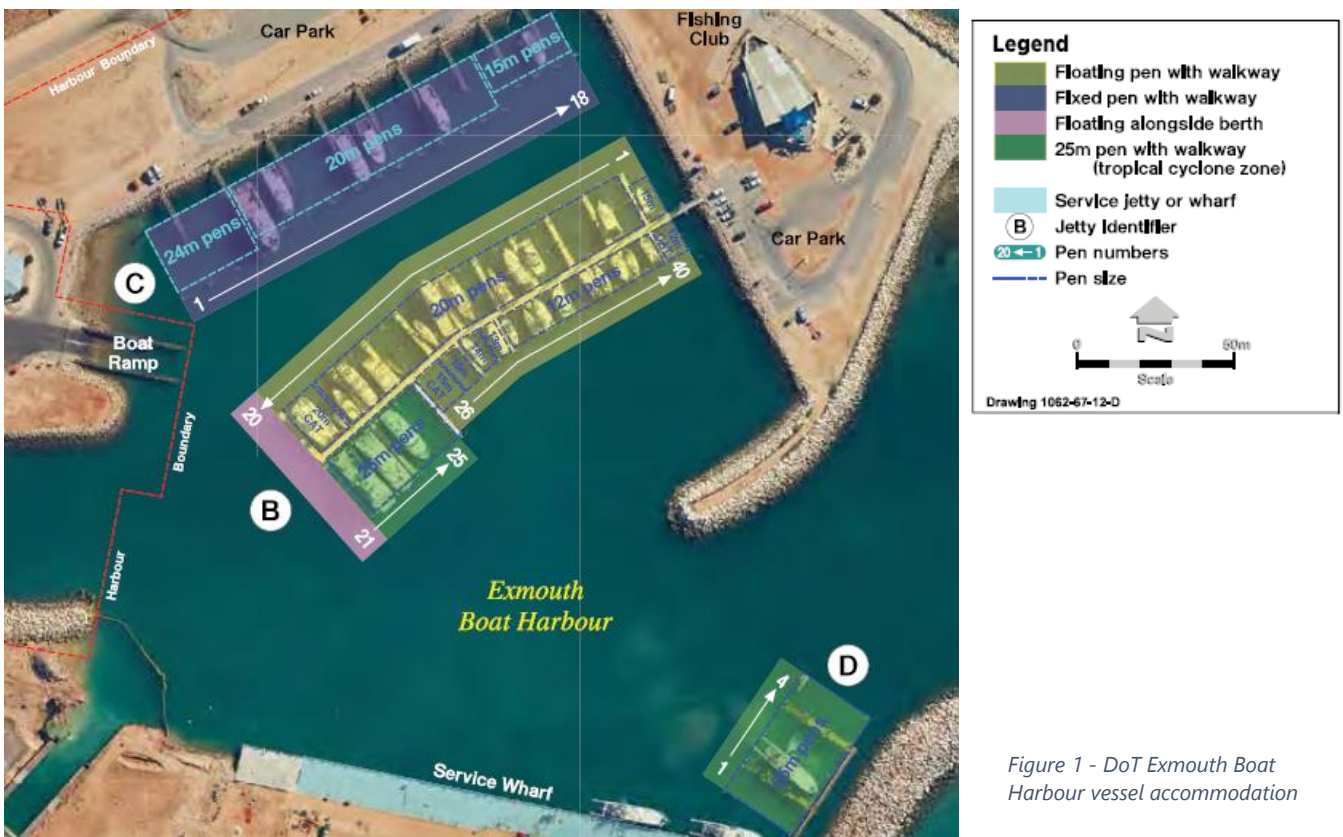


Figure 1 - DoT Exmouth Boat Harbour vessel accommodation

10. Table 1 below details the current fees and charges charged by DoT for Exmouth Boat Harbour for use by "Recreational/Tourism/Government/Fishing Vessels" for the 2021/22 period.

	RECREATIONAL / TOURISM / GOVERNMENT / FISHING VESSELS				
	Charged per metre of the pen length			Charged per metre of the vessel length	
All fees quoted are inclusive of GST and should be paid in advance	Fixed pen with walkway	Floating pen with walkway up to 20m	25m pen with walkway (tropical cyclone zone)	Fixed alongside berth	Floating alongside berth
12 months	\$ 619.20	\$ 826.00	\$ 1,321.60	\$ 619.20	\$ 826.00
3 months or more per month	\$ 56.50	\$ 75.35	\$ 120.60	\$ 56.50	\$ 75.35
1 month	\$ 92.90	\$ 123.90	\$ 198.25	\$ 92.90	\$ 123.90
1 week	\$ 27.85	\$ 37.15	\$ 59.45	\$ 27.85	\$ 37.15

Table 1-DoT Exmouth Boat Harbour 2021/22 fees

11. The DoT reports strong usage of its Exmouth facilities with near 100% occupancy with mix of annual and casual hirers.

COMMENT

12. Until Lot 72 Marlin Terrace is disposed by Council it is proposed for the Shire to provide these eight jetties for hire to the general public on a fee for service basis.
13. The eight Shire owned jetties for hire will include four pens to accommodate up to 15m vessels and four pens to accommodate up to 18m vessels.
14. The proposed hire fees are calculated on a per metre of the pen length and not the length of hiring vessel. It is proposed to offer weekly and monthly hire rates only as if the property is sold at a future date this will allow the pens to be unencumbered and provide more flexibility for use by the new property owner. One week hire will be the minimum hire period permitted and monthly hires can be renewed on an ongoing basis however can be terminated by the Shire with 30 days’ notice given.
15. The most comparable DoT jetty types from Table 1 are “fixed pen with walkway” and “floating pen with walkway up to 20m” however it should be noted that Shire jetties do not provide power nor water so these rates are not be directly comparable.
16. Reflecting the lack of power and water services the proposed Shire public jetty hire fee structure is slightly less than the DoT fixed pen with walkway rates as follows;

1 month	\$88.00 per metre of pen length gst included	
1 week	\$26.50 per metre of pen length gst included	

17. Based on full occupancy this equates to an annual hire charge for each of the 15m pens of up to \$15,840 (monthly hire) and \$20,670 (weekly hire), and for each of the 18m pens of up to \$19,008 (monthly hire) and \$24,804 (weekly hire). All of the above gst included.
18. To support the implementation and ongoing management of the Shire public jetties, the Shire will adopt the same proposed hire agreement terms and conditions and live onboard policy conditions currently utilised by the DoT for its Exmouth Boat Harbour (Attachments 1 and 2) to this report.

CONSULTATION

19. Department of Transport Exmouth.
20. As per regulations, if a local government wishes to impose any fees after the annual budget has been adopted it must, before introducing the fees, give local public notice of its intention to do so and the date from which the fees will be imposed. Attachment 3 details the public notice to be given.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

21. The adoption of fees and charges outside the annual budget process adheres to the *Local Government Act 1995*, Sections 6.16, 6.17, 6.19 and 1.7.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

22. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

20. If approved by Council the new fees and charges will be applied to hiring of the jetty facilities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

23. Risk implications identified;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance; Local and visitor boating users are not able to use the new jetties if fees and charges are not approved by Council	Likely	Moderate	High	Council endorse the proposed hire fees to enable Shire to manage ongoing public use.
Financial; Missed revenue opportunity from not hiring jetties to public	Likely	Moderate	High	Council endorse the proposed hire fees to enable Shire to manage ongoing public use.
Reputational; completed jetty infrastructure remains unused for extended period	Possible	Minor	Medium	Council endorse the proposed hire fees to enable Shire to manage ongoing public use.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

24. Alternate options include but not limited to;
 1. Council does not support the charging of the any proposed hire fees,
 2. Council approves a different hire fee structure.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

25. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022

Economic: Diversify and grow our economy in a manner that provides year round employment opportunities

- 1.1 A diverse and environmentally aware local economy that can attract business investment and provide employment opportunities
- 1.2 Facilitate the strengthening and growth of our visitor experience.
- 1.3 Enable the provision of essential infrastructure that will support investment and diversify our economy.

Social: To be a vibrant, passionate and safe community valuing our natural environment and unique heritage

- 3.1 Explore opportunities to deliver services and facilities that attract and retain people living in the Shire.
- 3.2 Promote facilities/services that enhance public health and safety.

Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

- 4.1 To provide proactive, collaborative and transparent leadership
- 4.2 A local government that is respected and accountable.
- 4.3 To be a champion for our community

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

26. Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.1.1

That Council APPROVE:

1. The proposed new fees for the hire of public jetties at Lot 72 Marlin Terrace as per Table 2 below:

1 month	\$88.00 per metre of pen length gst included	
1 week	\$26.50 per metre of pen length gst included	

2. In accordance with section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, give local public notice of the intent to introduce the above charges to the 2021 – 2022 Fees and Charges effective 9 September 2021.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.1.1

Res No: 07-0821

MOVED: Cr Mounsey

SECONDED: Cr Lake

That Council APPROVE:

1. **The proposed new fees for the hire of public jetties at Lot 72 Marlin Terrace as per Table 2 below:**

1 month	\$88.00 per metre of pen length gst included	
1 week	\$26.50 per metre of pen length gst included	

2. **In accordance with section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, give local public notice of the intent to introduce the above charges to the 2021 – 2022 Fees and Charges effective 9 September 2021.**

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

Councillor Lucas returned to the Chambers at 5.07pm.

12.1.2 SHIRE OF EXMOUTH SUBMISSION – DRAFT STATE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

File Reference:	GR.SL.20
Reporting Officer:	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer:	As above
Date of Report:	17 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Shire of Exmouth response to Draft State Infrastructure Strategy 2. Draft State Infrastructure Strategy

PURPOSE

1. That Council review and endorse the Shire of Exmouth response to the Draft State Infrastructure Strategy as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report.

BACKGROUND

2. Infrastructure WA (IWA) was established on 24 July 2019 to provide advice and assistance to the WA State Government on infrastructure needs and priorities for over the short, medium and long-term.
3. The primary task of IWA is to develop a State Infrastructure Strategy that will cover a 20-year horizon and addresses past, current and future needs and emerging trends for Western Australia.
4. In 2020 IWA prepared and distributed a discussion paper titled "A Stronger Tomorrow – State Infrastructure Discussion Paper". Following state wide consultation which included a workshop in Exmouth, IWA has prepared the inaugural State Infrastructure Strategy titled "Foundations for a Stronger Tomorrow: Draft State Infrastructure Strategy" released in July 2021 (full copy included as Attachment 2).
5. IWA presented a summary of key recommendations from the draft strategy to local community and stakeholders in Exmouth on Tuesday 3 August 2021 as part of its regional roadshow consultations and has called for public submissions on the draft with a closing date of 15 September 2021.
6. More specifically, IWA has requested feedback on; support for recommendations for each sector and cross cutting theme; any major/critical elements missing from recommendations; are recommendations achievable and any major barriers for implementation; proposed timeframes for recommendations; and whether the recommendations work together as a complete set.

7. Shire officers attended the Exmouth roadshow session, have reviewed the draft strategy recommendations, and have drafted a Shire of Exmouth response (Attachment 1) which is presented for Council consideration.
8. The Shire of Exmouth response only considered the draft strategy recommendations as they relate to the Exmouth, Ningaloo and North West Cape regions. Officers have relied on existing Shire strategies including the Exmouth 2030 Strategic Community Plan, 2018-2022 Corporate Business Plan, and the Exmouth Infrastructure Project Priorities list to guide the Shire of Exmouth response. These guiding documents are all public documents available to view on the Shire of Exmouth website.

COMMENT

9. The State Infrastructure Strategy titled "Foundations for a Stronger Tomorrow: Draft State Infrastructure Strategy" outlines the State's significant infrastructure needs and priorities over the next 20 years and addresses a broad range of sectors and cross-cutting themes to identify both non-build solutions such as policy reforms and priority projects and programs.

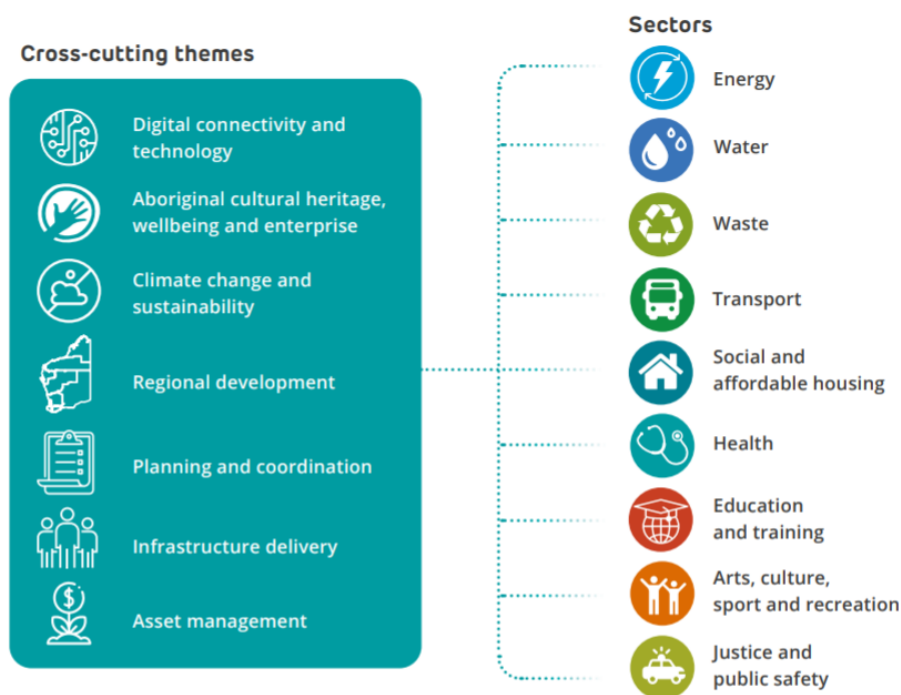


Figure 2 - Draft State Infrastructure Strategy 7 cross cutting themes and 9 sectors

10. The Strategy focusses on 88 recommendations with half grouped in seven themes that cut across the Strategy's nine identified sectors. The aim of the Strategy is to improve the foundations of the State's infrastructure system – addressing areas for improvement and best practice approaches to support the planning and delivery of appropriate infrastructure. As stated in its supporting literature, "Infrastructure WA has highlighted the need to build smarter, more integrated, connected and resilient infrastructure that maximises value to the community and industry".
11. Shire officers have drafted a response (Confidential Attachment 1) that addresses each of the following sectors and themes (in order of report recommendations);
 - Digital connectivity & technology
 - Aboriginal cultural heritage, wellbeing and enterprise

- Climate change and sustainability
- Regional development
- Planning and coordination
- Energy
- Water
- Waste
- Social and affordable housing
- Health
- Education and training
- Art Culture Sport Recreation

12. Of particular note is the identification within the IWS Strategy of Ningaloo (Exmouth) as one of the four “jewels in the crown” of WA’s tourism offering. A recommendation stemming from this recognition is to undertake the preparation of a Ningaloo Destination Management Plan and supporting business cases. This is considered very timely and will align well with the work currently being undertaken by the committee of council Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group and its two year action plan.

CONSULTATION

13. Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

14. Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

15. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

17. Identified risk implications:

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance The Shire of Exmouth fails to provide any public comment on the IWS draft Strategy and fails to influence infrastructure planning outcomes	Possible	Major	High	Council to review Shire officer draft responses to the IWS Strategy recommendations and endorses a Council response to be submitted prior to the 15 September deadline

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

18. Council may decide not to submit a response or change the draft Shire officer response prior to and formal endorsement.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

19. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022

Economic: Diversify and grow our economy in a manner that provides year round employment opportunities

1.1 A diverse and environmentally aware local economy that can attract business investment and provide employment opportunities

- 1.2 Facilitate the strengthening and growth of our visitor experience.
- 1.3 Enable the provision of essential infrastructure that will support investment and diversify our economy.

Environment: To protect and value our unique natural and built environment as we grow our economy.

- 2.1 A strong focus on environmental conservation and sustainable management of our natural environment
- 2.2 Strive to achieve a balance between the preservation of our unique environment and the delivery of sustainable economic growth.
- 2.3 Advocate and promote opportunities for the development of environmentally sustainable essential infrastructure and services

Social: To be a vibrant, passionate and safe community valuing our natural environment and unique heritage

- 3.1 Explore opportunities to deliver services and facilities that attract and retain people living in the Shire.
- 3.2 Promote facilities/services that enhance public health and safety.

Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

- 4.1 To provide proactive, collaborative and transparent leadership

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

20. Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.1.2

That Council APPROVE the Shire of Exmouth response to the Draft State Infrastructure Strategy as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.1.2

Res No: 08-0821

MOVED: Cr McCarrol

SECONDED: Cr Mounsey

That Council APPROVE the Shire of Exmouth response to the Draft State Infrastructure Strategy as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED 6/0

12.1.4 SHIRE OF EXMOUTH COMMUNITY SURVEY

File Reference:	ED.PJ.11
Responsible Officer:	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Reporting Officer:	Coordinator Communications & Marketing
Date of Report:	18 August 2021
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	1. Shire of Exmouth Community Survey Results 2. CONFIDENTIAL - Shire of Exmouth Raw Data Report 3. CONFIDENTIAL - Communications Brief

PURPOSE

1. That Council receives the results of the 2021 Community Survey, conducted by Painted Dog Research, and considers the use of the results in the Corporate Business Plan 2021/22 and the Major Review of the Strategic Community Plan – Exmouth 2030 in 2022.

BACKGROUND

2. At the 24 September 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council endorsed the revised Corporate Business Plan for 2021/21 as per resolution 02-920:

Res No:02-920

That Council ENDORSE the revised Corporate Business Plan for 2020/21 with the following amendment:

1. ***Amend the revised action for outcome 1.3.2 from the current revised action to: Lobby state government to fast track a cruise solution at the existing marina site and for council to initiate its own community/public consultation to determine if construction of a multi-use deep water port would be supported by current community members within the Shire of Exmouth, post the Gascoyne Gateway community engagement program for a deep water port.***

CARRIED by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

3. To help inform its position on the issue, the Shire sought market research to understand the community's level of understanding as well as attitude and values towards proposed marine infrastructure developments.
4. As the Shire seeks to deliver on the needs of its residents and continue to ensure locals are satisfied, it is important for the community's views to be sought and adequately understood.

COMMENT

5. Regular surveying of the community is part of Council's ongoing commitment to listening to the community and making informed decisions.

6. The survey gathered important information on community attitude and values and identified eight top concerns (in order of priority) for the Exmouth Community. A detailed break-down of raised issues is highlighted in Attachment 1.
- Infrastructure
 - Environmental
 - Economic
 - Local Community
 - Tourism
 - Health and Other Services
 - Political
 - Port Development Mentioned Specifically

CONSULTATION

7. Exmouth community (residents and ratepayers)
8. Non-residents
9. Councillors
10. Chief Executive Officer / Executive Management Team
11. Professional Market Research Company – Painted Dog Research

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

12. Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

13. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

15. Identified risk implications

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational damage from not acknowledging the community survey publicly	Possible	Major	High	Publish results to the community pro-actively and without delay
Resentment towards the published results and validity amongst opinionated stakeholders and community members	Almost certain	Major	Extreme	Consistent positioning, messaging and comments from Council (see Communications Brief – Strategy)

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

16. Council may choose not to receive the report of the 2021 Community Survey conducted by Painted Dog Research.
17. Council may decide to publish the raw data report.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

18. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022
 Leadership: To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

- 4.1 To provide proactive, collaborative and transparent leadership
- 4.2 A local government that is respected and accountable.
- 4.3 To be a champion for our community

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

19. Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 12.1.4

That Council:

- 1. RECEIVE the report of the 2021 Community Survey conducted by Painted Dog Research; and
- 2. CONSIDER the results during the internal business planning and review processes.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 12.1.4

Res No: 09-0821

MOVED: Cr Niikkula

SECONDED: Cr Lucas

Councillor Dixon MOVED AN AMENDED MOTION to include a third point to the recommendation:

- 3. Add pages 40 to 44 (inclusive) of the Attachment 2, Confidential Shire of Exmouth Raw Data Report to be included in Attachment 1, Shire of Exmouth Community Survey Results.

SECONDED: Cr Lake

That Council:

- 1. RECEIVE the report of the 2021 Community Survey conducted by Painted Dog Research;**
- 2. CONSIDER the results during the internal business planning and review processes; and**
- 3. Add pages 40 to 44 (inclusive) of the Attachment 2, Confidential Shire of Exmouth Raw Data Report to be included in Attachment 1, Shire of Exmouth Community Survey Results**

CARRIED 6/0

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shire President and Councillor Lucas acknowledged the great work by the Shire's Coordinator Communications and Marketing Officer managing this entire process.

13. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil

15. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President thanked the gallery for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.23pm.

He affirmed the Local Government Elections nominations open next week (2nd September 2021) for one week only.

Deputation

Presented by Mr Tom Balks, Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre

My name is Tom Balks and I am **proud** to be the president of Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre Incorporated, and I would like to tell you some of the reasons why.

The name was registered as a not for profit organisation back in 1997 by **Teresa Miller**. From then until now Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre developed and has been helping emerging artists in Exmouth.

Originally based at the Harold E Holt base dispensary building there were 35 studios to rent and Dunes Gallery as an exhibition space. It was an interactive space for collaboration and creating new ideas. Out of that developed ArtQuest and Exibald which we still run annually and Wearable Art which unfortunately only lasted for about three years.

During the time at the Base Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre hosted artists in residence which included **Roger Swainston, Ash Grunwald, Dee Jaeger** and emerging artists were involved including Ken Young and Amanda Campbell.

It was the hub for arts in the Gascoyne region, securing funding for an employee based in Carnarvon providing valuable networking for the artists and event coordination.

Our membership has also been involved in the Whaleshark Festival both participating in and on the Executive Committee.

Due to circumstances the gallery and the studios had to close down in 2010. They moved to different locations before settling down at 12 Learmonth Street for 7 years. In 2018 the opportunity arose for the members to use the old visitor centre for a project. This became the start of the community gallery which it has been for the last three years.

The community gallery has provided Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre with a presence on the main road making it much easier for the public to find. The building has enabled us to display the artworks for sale of many different local artists and provides easy access making it an inclusive environment.

We have run many workshops during the time in Murat Road including portraiture, acrylic dirty pour painting, crafts and Our members are encouraged to use the space to meet and do their arts and crafts together.

The community gallery has also been made available to other community group and individual members of the community as a meeting space (after hours) to be able to hold meditation sessions, information sessions and meetings for no charge.

In order to continue our work and to aspire again to be the arts hub of the Gascoyne, we, the Committee would like Shire Council's support to have a peppercorn lease with 5+5 years for this building. This will enable us to apply for grants that require a minimum tenure of 10 years. We will then be able to maintain the building and make improvements with the Shire's guidance. For you the community of Exmouth.

Hi Tom,

I would like to thank you for your upcoming deputation to the Shire of Exmouth Council.

The Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre is an important arts hub as a community gallery.

As a community gallery it offers so much more than just a place to showcase art.

- It provides an outlet so that artists can sell their works*
- It provides a space to facilitate workshops*
- It provides a space for artists and craftspeople to work, meet, share knowledge and skills, and network*
- It provides a space that is inclusive and accessible*
- It provides a place for visitors to view, browse and buy local works*
- It provides a space for creativity that is so necessary for community wellbeing*
- It provides a place for other organisations to hold meetings*
- It is a hub of creativity for the arts and anyone who wants to get involved*

The position of the community gallery along Murat Road over the last 3 years has elevated the potential of the Exmouth Cultural Arts Centre from where it was in Learmonth Street where it was hard to find and the space was very limited.

I hope that you are successful in securing a long tenure that will ensure the longevity of the community gallery in its current location which will be an acknowledgement of how important the arts are in our small but very talented community.