



**SPECIAL MEETING OF
COUNCIL
(BUDGET MEETING)**

WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2020

CONFIRMED MINUTES

SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU

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SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL (BUDGET MEETING)

Held in the Council Chamber, Cnr Quinlan Street and
Elphin Crescent, Wongan Hills
on Wednesday, 8 July 2020 commencing at 4.00pm

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Shire President, Cr Jon Hasson declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

Attendees:

Cr Jon Hasson	Shire President
Cr Brad West	Deputy Shire President
Cr Sue Falconer	Member
Cr Eion Ganzer	Member
Cr Mandy Stephenson	Member
Cr Andrew Tunstill	Member

Staff:

Stuart Taylor	Chief Executive Officer
Alan Hart	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Meredith Lee-Curtis	Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

Leave of absence previously granted to Cr Boekeman.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Jon Hasson declared a Financial Interest in Item 6.2.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

5. 2020/2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

5.1 2020/2021 ANNUAL BUDGET – ADOPTION

FILE REFERENCE:	F1.2.1
REPORT DATE:	30 June 2020
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	N/A
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Stuart Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	5.1.a Draft Budget 2020-2021

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider and adopt the 2020/2021 Annual Budget.

BACKGROUND:

A final draft of the 2020/21 Annual Budget has been prepared for consideration based on the discussions and comments raised at Committee Meetings during June. In particular, the budget has been prepared on the basis of:

- (i) A nil increase in the rate yield;
- (ii) No increases in fees and charges;
- (iii) Councillor sitting fees have not been increased and remain at \$100.00 for ordinary council meetings. Shire President sitting fees remain at \$120.00. Committee sitting fees remain at \$45.00;
- (iv) Shire President Annual Allowance remains at \$1,000.00;
- (v) Deputy Shire President Annual Allowance remains at \$250.00;
- (vi) Councillor Electronic Allowance remains at \$1,000.

COMMENT:

The Annual Budget has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. It also complies with all the relevant Australian Accounting Standards.

POLICY/LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Budget for the Municipal Fund must be prepared and adopted by an absolute majority of Council by the 31 August each year.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ Environment

Many of the projects/activities contained in the Budget will have an environmental impact. The extent of any impact on the environment is assessed on an individual basis. The Shire does possess an environmental awareness and any adverse effect on the environment resulting from Shire activities is kept to a minimum.

➤ Economic

With an approximate budget of \$10m, the Shire is a significant contributor to the economic base of the district. In conjunction with the Plan for the Future, the Budget provides an annual financial framework for meeting the longer-term objectives of improving physical and social infrastructure in the Shire.

➤ Social

The Budget is consistent with the social objective of improving the “liveability” of the district by improving amenities, services and facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Annual Budget determines how funds will be allocated for the forthcoming financial year. The early adoption of the budget provides the following advantages:

- Improves cash flow by providing for the early issue of rate notices. This will avoid a drain on Shire funds during the first two months of the financial year.
- Allows the Shire to maximise the investment of surplus funds as rates income is received earlier rather than later.
- Allows the Shire to proceed with Capital Works earlier in the financial year, enabling a better clearance of capital projects by year-end.

MOTION: MOVED: Cr West / SECONDED: Cr Falconer

That Council adopt the 2020/2021 Budget inclusive of the following rating and charging information:

1. Rates

The following Rates in the Dollar and Minimum Rates apply for the 2020/2021 financial year:

Land Category	Rate in the Dollar	Minimum Rate
Gross Rental Values (GRV) – Wongan Hills	9.8999	663.06
Gross Rental Values (GRV) – Ballidu & Cadoux	9.8999	357.51
Unimproved Values (UV) - Mining	1.1154	357.51
Unimproved Values (UV) - Rural	1.1154	357.51

2. Discounts and Concessions

A two (2) percent discount will be granted on rates if they are paid in full within 21 days from the issue of the rates notice.

3. Penalty Interest

Penalty interest of eight (8%) percent per annum, calculated daily by simple interest, will accrue on all rates that remain unpaid after they are due and payable.

4. Due Dates for Rates and Instalment Plans

The following payment option plan is prescribed:

Option 1 – One Payment (with early payment discount) due by:

21 days from issue of rates notice.

Option 2 - One Payment due by:

35 days from issue of rates notice.

Option 3 - Four Payments (includes instalment interest and administration fee) due by:

35 Days from issue of rates notice

95 Days from issue of rates notice

155 Days from issue of rates notice

215 Days from issue of rates notice

An administration fee of \$10.00 per instalment applies. Instalment interest of 5.5% also applies. If an instalment option has been elected, penalty interest of 8% will apply from the due date of the instalment until the date the instalment is paid in full.

5. Alternative Methods of Payment

Ratepayers may elect to pay rates and charges by instalments other than those

prescribed. Such an agreement will be subject to a \$20.00 administration fee. Outstanding rates will be subject to penalty interest.

6. Rubbish and Recycling Charges

In accordance with Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007* (as amended), an annual rubbish and recycling charge is imposed on the townsites of Ballidu and Wongan Hills as follows:

- Once weekly removal of domestic rubbish and fortnightly removal of recyclables - \$249.00 per annum for 2 x 240 Lt Bin.
- Once weekly removal of commercial rubbish and fortnightly removal of recyclables - \$249.00 per annum for 2 x 240 Lt bin.

7. In accordance with Section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (as amended) and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended) Council resolves to adopt the fees and charges detailed in the 2020 - 2021 Schedule of Fees and Charges, as presented, incorporated in the 2020/2021 Annual Budget.

8. Council adopts the 2020 – 2021 Reserves Budget, as presented, incorporated in the 2020/2021 Annual Budget.

9. In accordance with Section 6.20(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (As amended) proposes to borrow up to \$57,000 for the purpose of providing a self-supporting loan to Wongan Community Store Inc.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY: 6/0
RESOLUTION: 010720**

5.2 ADOPTION OF MATERIAL VARIANCE ACCOUNTING REPORTING POLICY

FILE REFERENCE:	F 1.3
REPORT DATE:	
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Stuart Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To confirm the adoption of the material variance accounting reporting policy for the 2020/2021 financial year.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations (FMR) 1996 the Council is to prepare a number of different financial reports outlining the financial operations at the previous month end date.

Regulation 34(5) - each financial year a Local government is also to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with AAS5, to be used in reporting material variances. These variances are to be reported at the "Nature and Type" level in the monthly financial reports.

COMMENT:

Nil

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Accounting Policy.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Regulation 34(5) - each financial year a Local government is also to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with AAS5, to be used in reporting material variances.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic requirements in relation to this item.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ Environment

There are no known environmental implications associated with this item.

➤ Economic

There are no known economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ Social

There are no known social implications associated with this proposal.

➤ Financial Implications

There are financial implications in relation to this item.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: No

MOTION: MOVED: Cr Falconer / SECONDED: Cr West

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 34 (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, ADOPTED the following material variance accounting reporting policy for 2020/2021 financial year:-

That the material variance threshold be set at 10% as per FM 34(1)(d). These variances are to be reported at the “Nature and Type” level in the monthly financial reports.

A comments column in the Councils monthly financial reports be included highlighting material variance as follows:

- i. Operating Income operating expenditure and capital income and capital expenditure less than or exceeds the budget YTD by $\geq 10\%$.**

***CARRIED: 6/0
RESOLUTION: 020720***

5.3 RATE EXEMPTIONS YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

FILE REFERENCE:	R3.7
REPORT DATE:	
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Stuart Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To confirm the rating exemptions that will apply for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Council wishes to assist Not for Profit associations occupying Council land in meeting their objectives.

COMMENT:

The Minister for Local Government approval will be necessary for exempting the Sports Council owned land.

The result will be that land is treated the same whether it be for charitable purposes or Not for Profit sporting and cultural purposes.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Recreational, Sporting and Not for Profit Associations – Rate Rebate.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Section 6.26 of the Act stipulates that all land within a district is rateable land, except in certain circumstances, including:

(2) (d) land used or held exclusively by a religious body as a place of public worship or in relation to that worship, a place of residence of a minister of religion, a convent, nunnery or monastery, or occupied exclusively by a religious brotherhood or sisterhood;

(e) land used exclusively by a religious body as a school for the religious instruction of children;

(g) land used exclusively for charitable purposes;

(6) Land does not cease to be used exclusively for a purpose mentioned in subsection (2) merely because it is used occasionally for another purpose which is of a charitable, benevolent, religious or public nature.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic requirements in relation to this item.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ Environment

There are no known environmental implications associated with this item.

➤ Economic

There are no known economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known social implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Financial Implications**

Rating Exemptions will reduce the Shire's rateable income by approximately \$13,600.00. This has been incorporated into the 2020/2021 annual budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: No

MOTION: MOVED: Cr Stephenson / SECONDED: Cr Tunstill

That Council CONFIRMED the following rate exemptions will apply for the financial year ended 30 June 2021:

A1134 Ballidu Contemporary Arts Society
A1135 Ballidu Contemporary Arts Society Gallery
A359 Ballidu Hall
A1140 Playgroup, Ballidu
A1332 CWA Land, Kondut
A266 Kondut Sports Council Hall
A434 St Johns Ambulance
A470 Wongan-Ballidu Aged Persons Homes – Units
A440 Wongan-Ballidu Aged Persons Homes – Units
A421 Wongan-Ballidu Aged Persons Homes – Units
A409 Scout Association – former Scout Hall, Hospital Road vacant land
A379 Ballidu Sports Council buildings, recreation assets and farm land (on Council reserve)
A356 Kondut Sports Council cropping land (Rates pa Nil)
A1359 Cadoux Sports Council farm land (Rates pa Nil)
A1351 Cadoux Sports Council vacant land (Rates pa Nil)
A1279 Wongan Hills Sports Council farm land (Rates pa Nil)
A82 Wongan Hills Sports Council farm land (Rates pa Nil)
A336 Wongan Hills Sports Council farm land (Rates pa Nil)
A801 Kanyana – Shop (\$6.26 (g) LGA) (Rates pa Nil)
A372 Cadoux Sportsgrounds and facilities
A1221 Wongan Hills Sportsgrounds, Golf Course and facilities
A813 Cubby House Child Care Building, Stickland Street, Wongan Hills
A616 Wongan Community Store, Fenton Place, Wongan Hills

**CARRIED: 6/0
RESOLUTION: 030720**

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 TENDER RFT 01/20 – SALE OF OLD MASONIC LODGE BUILDING

FILE REFERENCE:	F1.9.5.30
REPORT DATE:	2 July 2020
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	Stuart Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:	
AUTHOR:	Stuart Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS:	5.4. a Summary of Tenders Received
(Issued Under Separate Cover)	5.4. b Tenderer's Offer: Kim Stoner
	5.4. c Tenderer's Offer: Larry David James Williamson
	5.4. d Tenderer's Offer: Olga Mitic and Mickey Mitich

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To accept a Tender for the Sale of the Old Masonic Lodge Building, Lots 57 and 58 Mitchell Street, Wongan Hills.

BACKGROUND:

The Shire called for tenders for the sale of the Old Masonic Lodge Building.

Tenders closed on Wednesday, 1 July 2020.

COMMENT:

Three (3) tenders were received, they are listed below:-

<i>Kim Stoner</i>	16 Stickland Street, Wongan Hills
<i>Larry David James Williamson</i>	12 Rodgers Street, Wongan Hills
<i>Olga Mitic and Mickey Mitich</i>	4 Mocardy Street, Wongan Hills

Details of each Tender submitted are attached to this agenda as Confidential Attachments.

It is recommended that Olga Mitic and Mickey Mitich be successful tenderers to purchase the Old Masonic Lodge at Lot 57 and 58 Mitchell Street, Wongan Hills.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

The *Local Government Act 1995* and the Local Government Function and General Regulations apply in this instance.

18. Rejecting and accepting tenders

- (1) A tender is required to be rejected unless it is submitted at a place, and within the time, specified in the invitation for tenders.
- (2) A tender that is submitted at a place, and within the time, specified in the invitation for tenders but that fails to comply with any other requirement specified in the invitation may be rejected without considering the merits of the tender.

- (3) If, under regulation 23(4), the CEO has prepared a list of acceptable tenderers for the supply of goods or services, a tender submitted by a person who is not listed as an acceptable tenderer is to be rejected.
- (4) Tenders that have not been rejected under subregulation (1), (2), or (3) are to be assessed by the local government by means of a written evaluation of the extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept and it is to decide which of them (if any) it thinks it would be most advantageous to the local government to accept.
- (4a) To assist the local government in deciding which tender would be the most advantageous to it to accept, a tenderer may be requested to clarify the information provided in the tender.
- (5) The local government may decline to accept any tender.
- (6) If a local government has accepted a tender but acceptance of the tender does not create a contract and within 6 months of the day on which the tender was accepted the local government and the successful tenderer agree not to enter into a contract in relation to the tender, the local government may accept from the other tenders the tender which it thinks it would be most advantageous to the local government to accept.
- (7) If a local government has accepted a tender and acceptance of the tender creates a contract and within 6 months of the day on which the tender was accepted the local government and the successful tenderer agree to terminate the contract, the local government may accept from the other tenders the tender which it thinks it would be most advantageous to the local government to accept.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ **Environment**
Nil

➤ **Economic**
Nil

➤ **Social**
Nil

➤ **Financial Implications**
There will be long term savings to Council as a result of the sale of this property and the proceeds from sale will be used to fund the construction of storage facilities at the Civic Centre as provided in 2020/21 Annual Budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: NO

MOTION: MOVED: Cr Ganzer / SECONDED: Cr Tunstill

That Council ACCEPTED the Tender submitted by Ms Olga Mitic and Mr Mickey Mitich for the purchase of the Old Masonic Lodge Building (Lots 57 & 58) Mitchell Street, Wongan Hills for the purchase price in accordance with the attached Tenderer's Offer submitted.

**CARRIED: 6/0
RESOLUTION: 040720**

6.2 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO CEO TO SELL SHIRE DEVELOPED LOTS ON SHIELDS CRESCENT

FILE REFERENCE:	A1.1.6
REPORT DATE:	02 July 2020
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Cr Jon Hasson – Financial Interest
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:	ES2.2 8 February 2006; 4 January 2010
AUTHOR:	Stuart Taylor, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

The Shire President, Cr Jon Hasson, declared a Financial Interest and vacated the Chair at 4.35pm.

Cr Jon Hasson left the meeting at 4.35pm.

The Deputy Shire President, Cr Brad West, assumed the Chair.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate with potential buyers in regard to the sale of Shields Crescent Stage 1 blocks in accordance with Council's indicated parameters and Sections 5.42 and 5.43 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

BACKGROUND:

Council has developed residential blocks at Shields Crescent to encourage residential development within the Wongan Hills town site. The Stage 1 developments are now substantially complete.

COMMENT:

Council has previously received enquiries from potential purchasers and therefore decided to engage a Property Valuer to provide a valuation. The Valuations are based on the development costs of the Shields Crescent Subdivision and Valuations provided by a licenced Valuer in 2014 to comply with the Fair Value Requirements of the Act.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known policy requirements in relation to this item.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

5.42. DELEGATION OF SOME POWERS AND DUTIES TO CEO

- (1) A local government may delegate* to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under this Act other than those referred to in section 5.43.

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) A delegation under this section is to be in writing and may be general or as otherwise provided in the instrument of delegation.

[Section 5.42 amended by No. 1 of 1998 s. 13.]

5.43. LIMITS ON DELEGATIONS TO CEO'S

A local government cannot delegate to a CEO any of the following powers or duties —

- (a) any power or duty that requires a decision of an absolute majority or a 75% majority of the local government;
- (b) accepting a tender which exceeds an amount determined by the local government for the

- purpose of this paragraph;
- (c) appointing an auditor;
- (d) acquiring or disposing of any property valued at an amount exceeding an amount determined by the local government for the purpose of this paragraph;
- (e) any of the local government's powers under section 5.98, 5.98A, 5.99, 5.99A or 5.100;
- (f) borrowing money on behalf of the local government;
- (g) hearing or determining an objection of a kind referred to in section 9.5;
- (h) any power or duty that requires the approval of the Minister or the Governor; or
- (i) such other powers or duties as may be prescribed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic requirements in relation to this item.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ **Environment**

There are no known environmental implications associated with this item.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known social implications associated with this item.

➤ **Financial Implications**

This income has not been budgeted; it is anticipated that these funds will be transferred to Reserve.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: Yes

MOTION: MOVED: Cr Falconer / SECONDED: Cr Ganzer

That Council

- 1. DELEGATED authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the sale of Lot 696 Shields Crescent, Wongan Hills, for the sum of \$35,000 with each party responsible for their own settlement costs; and**
- 2. DELEGATED authority to the Chief Executive Officer to review submissions received in accordance with Section 3.58 (3); and**
- 3. DECLARED that the Valuation carried out more than 6 months before the proposed disposition to be a true indication of the value at the time of this proposed disposition.**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY: 5/0
RESOLUTION: 050720**

Cr Jon Hasson returned to the meeting at 4.43pm.

The Shire President, Cr Jon Hasson, assumed the Chair at 4.43pm.

6.3 POLICY: WONGAN HILLS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE AND WONGA-BALLI BOOMER COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROVISION POLICY

FILE REFERENCE:	F 1.11.2
REPORT DATE:	30 June 2020
APPLICANT/PROPONENT:	Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Alana Wigmore, Manager Community Services
ATTACHMENTS:	5.6.a Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre and Wonga-Balli Boomer Community Support Provision Policy

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the required information and background to adopt the attached policy.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of policy documents is to enable the effective and efficient management of Council resources and to assist staff and Council achieve an equitable decision-making process. Written policies also enable the community to be aware of the reasoning behind administrative and Council decisions to be familiar with the philosophy behind individual decisions. Policy statements enable much of the day-to-day business of Council to be handled by the administration, freeing up the time of the Elected Members in determining major policy and strategic direction.

An up-to-date policy manual of any organisation proves to be a valuable tool in improving the decision-making process. Policies contained within the manual are those that project a corporate image and are not controlled by individual directorates. The development of the policies involves input from staff across the organisation and elected members.

A policy statement is not binding on Council but provides a guideline for Elected Members and staff in determining individual applications or requests. Generally, policies evolve as issues come before Council and should continue to evolve through a process of review and refinement. For this reason, it is important that a review process is in place.

Each policy is developed in order to address specific matters. They relate to objectives to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, and, in some instances, as required by legislation. The principles behind the policies are directly related to the Shire's values as an organisation.

It is important to note that the manual should only contain the policy statement of the Council and should not refer to operational, staff or procedural matters.

COMMENT:

This policy applies to the business unit of Community Services and all Shire of Wongan-Ballidu staff and contractors that manage projects, plans and initiatives, as well as consultants appointed to manage these on the Shire's behalf.

This policy is not intended to replace legal and statutory obligations. It should, however, guide business unit specific practices and procedures.

The Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre (CRC) currently receives funding by way of an annual agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

Part of this agreement requires the CRC to deliver a prescribed number of activities, projects and initiatives within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

One of the ways that the CRC works in community to achieve these service delivery outcomes, is to collaborate and partner with various community groups and external stakeholders. This has the additional benefit of building capacity in community groups and empowering grass roots community development.

The 'Wonga-Balli Boomer' is a 40 to 44-page weekly publication with a circulation of 140; self-published by the CRC on average 43 editions per year. The 'Boomer' is delivered against the service delivery outcome of an 'Annual Local Initiative' in the DPIRD funding agreement.

The 'Boomer' has historically provided some space within the publication free of charge, and this policy seeks to formalise those guidelines.

Both community partnership and provision of Boomer space requires prescribed Council Fees and Charges to be discounted or removed, therefore this policy provides the mechanism of approval for this to occur.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

The *Local Government Act 1995* outlines the roles of Council and the CEO.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Ongoing review and refinement of the Policy Manual is in line with Council's strategic direction on Governance.

Goal 5: Good Governance and an Efficient Organisation That Shows Leadership and Advocates on Behalf of the Shire

Outcome 5.1: Good governance and leadership

Strategy 5.1.2: Implement business and governance frameworks that are aligned to the strategic direction of the Council

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

➤ **Environment**

There are no significant environmental implications.

➤ **Economic**

There are no significant economic implications.

➤ **Social**

There is significant social value in providing cross community support and building capacity

➤ **Financial Implications**

Budget consideration may be required.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: Yes

MOTION: MOVED: Cr Stephenson / SECONDED: Cr Ganzer

That Council ADOPTED the Council Policy 'Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre and Wonga-Balli Boomer Community Support Provision'.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY: 6/0
RESOLUTION: 060720**

7. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Hasson declared the meeting closed at 4.46pm.



Signed by
Cr Jon Hasson
SHIRE PRESIDENT