

North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils Dowerin | Koorda | Mt Marshall | Mukinbudin | Nungarin | Trayning | Wyalkatchem

Council Meeting

Tuesday 31 October 2023

Shire of Mt Marshall – Bencubbin CRC

MINUTES

1.30pm 2pm Light Lunch Meeting

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ANNUAL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONTH	ACTIVITY	MEETING
January		Executive
February	 Council refreshes itself on NEWROC Vision, Mission, Values (review Vision and Mission every other year) 	Council
	Council reviews NEWROC project priorities / strategic plan	
March	WDC attendance to respond to NEWROC project priorities	Executive
	Submit priority projects to WDC, Regional Development and WA Planning	
April	NEWROC Budget Preparation	Council
May	NEWROC Draft Budget Presented	Executive
	NEWROC Executive Officer Contract/Hourly Rate Review (current contract expires June 2027)	
	Local Government Week agenda to be discussed at Executive meeting to determine if EA should attend	
June	NEWROC Budget Adopted	Council
July		Executive
August	 Information for Councillors pre-election NEWROC Audit 	Council
September		Executive
October	NEWROC CEO and President Handover (every 2yrs)	Council
	NEWROC Dinner	
November	 NEWROC Induction of new Council representatives (every other year) 	Executive
	Review NEWROC MoU (every other year)	
December	NEWROC Christmas / End of Year Drinks	Council

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Compliance

Media Releases

NEWROC Rotation

Shire of Mt Marshall Shire of Nungarin Shire of Wyalkatchem Shire of Koorda Shire of Mukinbudin (Oct 2021 – Oct 2023) Shire of Trayning Shire of Dowerin



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NORTH EASTERN WHEATBELT REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

Minutes of the Council meeting held at Bencubbin Community Resource Centre, commencing at 2.03pm on 31 October 2023.

MINUTES

OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 1.

Cr Shadbolt welcomed everyone and passed the role of Chair to Cr Brown.

Cr Brown thanked Cr Shadbolt and Dirk Sellenger for leading the NEWROC.

Cr Brown opened the meeting 2.03pm.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES 2.

2.1. Attendance

Cr Gary Shadbolt Cr Jannah Stratford Cr Pippa De Lacy Cr Melanie Brown Cr Tony Sachse Cr Robert Trepp Cr Owen Garner	President, Shire of Mukinbudin President Shire of Koorda President, Shire of Nungarin President, Shire of Trayning, NEWROC Chair President, Shire of Mt Marshall President, Shire of Dowerin President, Shire of Wyalkatchem
Dirk Sellenger Lana Foote John Merrick David Singe Leanne Parola Peter Klein	CEO Shire of Mukinbudin A/CEO Shire of Koorda A/CEO, Shire of Nungarin CEO, Shire of Dowerin CEO, Shire of Trayning CEO, Shire of Wyalkatchem
NEWROC Officer	
Caroline Robinson	Executive Officer, NEWROC
Guests	
Cr Christy Petchell Cr Mischa Stratford Cr Tracy Dickson	Deputy President, Shire of Wyalkatchem Councillor, Shire of Wyalkatchem Councillor, Shire of Wyalkatchem
2.2. Apologies	

Ben McKay

CEO, Shire of Mt Marshall

2.3. Guests

Nil



3. Declarations of Interest and Delegations Register

Nil

3.1. Delegation Register

Please find below a delegations register as per the new policy adopted in March 2017:

Description of Delegations	Delegatee	Delegated to	Approval
Records Management	CEO	NEWROC	Council
		EO	
NEWROC Financial Management	CEO	NEWROC	Council Dec
		EO	2017
Bendigo Bank Signatory (NEWROC)	CEO	NEWROC	Council Dec
		EO	2017
Bendigo Bank Signatory (Shire of	Council	CEO	Council Dec
Mukinbudin)			2017
NEWROC Website	CEO	NEWROC	Council June
		EO	2017

RESOLUTION

Dirk Sellenger be removed as a signatory to the NEWROC Bendigo bank accounts (in Mukinbudin) and Leanne Parola be added as a signatory to the NEWROC bank accounts (Account No's 166001388 and 153435557) – Bendigo Bank, Mukinbudin

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Seconded Cr Stratford

CARRIED 7/0

4. **Presentations**

Nil

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 have previously been circulated.

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 be received.

Moved Cr Trepp

Seconded Cr Sachse

CARRIED 7/0

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st August 2023 have previously been circulated.

Amendments:

Brian Jones – Shire of Dowerin (not Wyalkatchem) Wyalkatchem Waste Sub Committee - delete

RESOLUTION

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 August 2023, with amendments be received as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved Cr Sachse

Seconded Cr Trepp



5.1. Business Arising

Live Sheep by Trade draft report and engagement schedule was presented.

- Shire of Mt Marshall (CEO and President) requested to be part of the delegation due to the high number of sheep in their LGA.
- Amendment to the report: pg 6 start at zero (plot), Peter Klein has emailed through amendments.
- Discussion regarding the key messages on the economic impact and further discussion was had on the policy.
- Report to be embargoed until meetings and officially sent to media. Media release, Executive Summary and Infographic to be developed.

RESOLUTION

Economic Impact Report on the Live Sheep by Sea Trade Policy is accepted.

Delegation for meetings to include: Cr Sachse, Ben McKay, Cr Stratford, Cr Brown and Quentin Davies.

Moved Cr Stratford Seconded Cr Trepp CARRIED 7/0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1. Income, Expenditure and Profit and Loss

FILE REFERENCE: REPORTING OFFICER:	42-2 Finance Audit and Compliance Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	24 October 2023
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	#1P and L
CONSULTATION:	
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority

COMMENT

Account transactions from 1 August to 30 September 2023.

Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
BB NEWROC Funds-5557				
Opening Balance		140,451.59	0.00	140,451.59
01 Aug 2023	Xero Australia	0.00	56.05	140,395.54
01 Aug 2023	Bendigo Bank	0.00	1.60	140,393.94
05 Aug 2023	Payment: 150Square	0.00	3,715.63	136,678.31
05 Aug 2023	Payment: Constructive Visual	0.00	222.00	136,456.31
20 Aug 2023	Payment: Dowerin Machinery Field Days	0.00	2,200.00	134,256.31
28 Aug 2023	Bank Transfer from BB NEWROC Funds-5557 to ATO Integrated Client Account	0.00	2,752.00	131,504.31
28 Aug 2023	Payment: Econisis	0.00	4,262.50	127,241.81
28 Aug 2023	Payment: Merredin CRC	0.00	80.00	127,161.81
01 Sep 2023	Xero Australia	0.00	56.05	127,105.76
01 Sep 2023	Bendigo Bank	0.00	2.40	127,103.36
08 Sep 2023	Payment: 150Square	0.00	5,235.63	121,867.73
08 Sep 2023	Payment: BWS	0.00	105.00	121,762.73
08 Sep 2023	Payment: Merre Granola	0.00	160.00	121,602.73
08 Sep 2023	Payment: Nextra Merredin News & Stationery	0.00	59.94	121,542.79
12 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire of Mukinbudin	14,300.00	0.00	135,842.79
14 Sep 2023	Bendigo Bank	0.00	30.00	135,812.79
15 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire of Trayning	14,300.00	0.00	150,112.79
15 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire of Koorda	14,300.00	0.00	164,412.79
15 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire of Mount Marshall	14,300.00	0.00	178,712.79
19 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire of Dowerin	14,300.00	0.00	193,012.79
22 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire of Wyalkatchem	14,300.00	0.00	207,312.79
22 Sep 2023	Payment: Shire Of Nungarin	14,300.00	0.00	221,612.79
25 Sep 2023	Pippa De Lacy	0.00	159.79	221,453.00
Total BB NEWROC		100,100.00	19,098.59	221,453.00
Funds-5557				
Closing Balance		221,453.00	0.00	221,453.00
Total		100,100.00	19,098.59	81,001.41



Balance Sheet

North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils As at 30 September 2023

	30 SEP 202
Assets	
Bank	
BB NEWROC Funds-5557	221,453.0
BB Term Deposit Account-1388	299,025.6
Total Bank	520,478.6
Total Assets	520,478.6
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	6,393.6
Rounding	0.0
Total Current Liabilities	6,393.7
Total Liabilities	6,393.7
Net Assets	514,084.9
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	44,483.2
Retained Earnings	469,601.7
Total Equity	514,084.9
ESOLUTION	
hat the income and expenditure from 1 August 2	023 – 30 September, P and L and
alance sheet be received.	

Moved Cr De Lacy Seconded Cr Garner CARRIED 7/0



6.2. Audit 2022/23

FILE REFERENCE: REPORTING OFFICER: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: DATE: ATTACHMENT NUMBER: 42-2 Finance Audit and Compliance Caroline Robinson Nil 24 October 2023 #2 Audit Report #3 Representation Letter Dirk Sellenger Audit Partners Nil Simple Majority

CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: VOTING REQUIREMENT:

COMMENT

NEWROC audit completed with no outstanding items or recommendations from the auditor.

RESOLUTION			
NEWROC receives and accepts the 2022/23 Audit.			
Moved Cr Sachse	Seconded Cr De Lacy	CARRIED 7/0	



7.1. WASTE MANAGEMENT

FILE REFERENCE:	103-1 Waste Management
REPORTING OFFICER:	Caroline Robinson
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE: ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	24 October 2023
CONSULTATION:	Peter Klein Ask Waste Management
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:	Nil
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority

COMMENT

The Executive has received a copy of the Ask Waste Management Landfill Site Identification report for discussion.

Discussion at the Executive meeting:

- The Shire of Wyalkatchem has identified two sites (in addition to the sites in the Ask Waste Management Landfill Site Identification Report).
- The Shires of Trayning and Koorda have identified the landowners of the sites in the Report.
- All members are asked If we were going to put a regional site in our district, where would we do it? (do not consider the current movement of rubbish).
- NEWROC EO to enquire about the Regional Precincts grant program.

ACTION: Members to identify at least one site within their Shire boundary for a potential regional landfill and provide this information to the NEWROC EO prior to the October 31 Council meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

NEWROC establishes a subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing the submitted sites against the DEWR criteria.

NEWROC members to receive notice of the preferred regional waste site.

Discussion:

- Members discussed how to communicate the project to Councils and the community.
- Discussion that we are unclear on the financials and sites and hence unable to present to each Council at this stage.
- Project ideally should create employment opportunities or include circular economy principles.
- Potential to offer internal waste management service.





ACTION: EO to coordinate a visit to regional site with elected members from each Council. Video the site using a drone so it can be shared afterwards.

ACTION: Include information on the project in the NEWROC newsletter (investigation stage).

RESOLUTION

NEWROC establishes a subcommittee to progress the project and bring back recommendations to the NEWROC and a preferred regional waste site.

Members of the subcommittee include: Cr De Lacy, Leanne Parola, Cr Brown, Cr Stratford and Ben McKay.

Moved Cr Garner Seconded Cr Stratford CARIIE) 7/0
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Regional Precincts and Partnership Program

- Funding opened in August 2023. Noncompetitive process, can apply at any time.
- Objectives:
 - facilitate place-based approaches to planning, characterised by collaborative partnerships,
 - engaging in shared design, stewardship and accountability of planned outcomes,
 - provide targeted benefits related to productivity, equity and resilience for the people of regional, rural or remote Australia,
 - support community priorities for regional cities, rural or remote centres and areas, and
 - reflect the Government's approach to regional investment as outlined under the Regional Investment Framework.
- Outcomes (including but not limited to):
 - demonstrate the value of partnerships between governments, communities and businesses for effective planning, coordination and delivery of regional infrastructure,
 - develop and deliver regional precincts comprised of multiple infrastructure components, which provide benefits related to productivity, equity and resilience, and
 - contribute to the Australian Government's current policy priorities, including but not limited to Closing the Gap, transition to a net zero economy, Australia's emission reduction goals, social and affordable housing, and National Cultural Policy.
- What are Precincts? User defined, geographic area with specific shared need or theme. They will be located in renewal and growth areas in regional centres, regional corridors, regional cities etc
- Needs to be based on community need and demonstrated partnerships

Intend to apply for Stream One: Precinct development and planning. Grants of between \$500,000 to \$5 million will be available for master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment (\$500,000 - \$5million). This can then lead into Stream Two: Precinct Delivery.

Grant Section	Grant Guidelines	Details and Comments
Eligibility	Local Government ABN	✓ We meet the eligibility.
	Eligible locations (all NEWROC LGs)	Authority to use land or close to approval (we require a letter by the land owner).



	Meeting 31 October 2023 - MINUTES		
Completion Date	31 March 2026 Cash or in kind, % not defined,	 ✓ We can complete in 2024 ✓ We could potentially complete stream one and then apply for stream two (2025) subject to individual Council support Suggest \$50K cash to contribute towards 	
	applicants need to demonstrate co-contribution	 purchase of regional site. Suggest In Kind: NEWROC EO time Individual tip closure plans completed by Shires 	
Partnerships	Bringing together LGs Tailored to local needs Shared vision Requires joint investment	 NEWROC LGs RDA Wheatbelt We need to engage with community and businesses. We need to provide evidence that State Govt and traditional owners have been invited to participate. Potentially invite WDC or DEWR. Suggest we also need individual Council endorsement to proceed with this project. 	
	Governance document describes the current and future partnerships.	 ✓ We have an MoU. In the grant application we can seek funding for a governance arrangement for the Waste infrastructure and services 	
	 Assessment Criteria 1 (need to score at least 50% against each to be considered for funding) ✓ Align with regional plans and strategies ✓ Support place based approach ✓ Provide economic opportunities ✓ Enhance productivity, equity and resilience ✓ Consider/measure climate and or energy impacts ✓ Contribute to Australian government priorities e.g. net zero, energy efficiency, disaster preparedness, closing the gap 	 Suggest to include: Circular economy principles in the project Value adding on waste collection, use and reuse 	
	Assessment Criteria 2 ✓ Address public infrastructure gap		



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 ✓ Deliver improved public benefits / services for region ✓ Identify need for project investment ✓ How it connects place with purpose Assessment 3 ✓ Demonstrated community engagement to date ✓ Drawing on local knowledge ✓ Leveraging opportunitie and addressing challenges ✓ First Nations engagement ✓ Governance arrangements 	To submit an application we will require the development of a: • consultation plan in the funding application • project plan • project budget (including ineligible
Deliverables	 The grant application would request the following outputs: Update Business Case Business Case for internal waste service (bin pick up and transfer by NEWROC) Community consultation Master Plan for Regional Waste Site Master Plan for Waste Transfer Stations Governance Arrangements Planning approvals Quotes are currently being sought for these outputs to help Council make an informed decision on whether to proceed.

Proposed Timeline:

October NEWROC Meeting	Identification of potential regional waste sites.
Early November	NEWROC sub committee assessment of sites against criteria (preferred site identified, possibly an initial approach to land owner to assess support/opposition).
November Council Meetings	Discuss regional waste site and transfer stations **Endorse project and funding application submission
November NEWROC Meeting	**Instruction to NEWROC EO to prepare application
December	**Review by Whitney Consulting (\$2980 plus GST)
January 2025	**Funding submission



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This funding suggestion is being put forward to Council to consider due to the limited funding opportunities available for waste infrastructure. This funding, if successful, could help the group prepare the plans and approvals necessary to proceed to the next stage.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Member Councils discuss the project and funding application at their November meeting (specific motion to be supplied) for approval.

RESOLUTION

NEWROC distribute information relating to the Regional Precincts Funding (for waste management planning purposes) for consideration at each members next Council meeting.

Moved Cr Sachse Seconded Cr Shadbolt CARRIED 7/0

Discussion:

- Members discussed the challenges of progressing with identified sites. Some members have provided details of potential locations. The criteria for sites is extensive and consideration needs to be given to planning regulations, acts etc.
- Cr M Stratford declared a conflict of interest as a guest at the meeting that both sites identified in the Ask Waste Mgt Landfill identification report were on land owned by her family.
- Community consultation is still required.



7.2. REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

FILE REFERENCE: REPORTING OFFICER: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: DATE: ATTACHMENT NUMBER: 041-11 Regional Subsidiary Caroline Robinson Nil 24 October 2023 #4 Charter #5 Business Plan (to be supplied) DLGSC Tony Brown, WALGA Nil Simple Majority

CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: VOTING REQUIREMENT:

COMMENT

The NEWROC Executive Officer has prepared a NEWROC Regional Subsidiary Charter using the WALGA template.

There are no significant changes to our original Charter, with WALGA adopting some of our suggestions.

The Executive has reviewed the Charter. The Charter has also been provided to WALGA for their review with their only comment being to review the purpose.

Discussion at the Executive meeting:

- Much discussion on specifics of the words used in our purpose.
- Expand on the word community development, economic development.
- Consider where the Place Based Capital Program sits in the regional subsidiary.
- We don't want to run a VROC and a Regional Subsidiary at the same time.

The NEWROC EO has provided an updated purpose to DLGSC to review.

Business Plan has been updated.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Charter be recommended to Council for their adoption and advertising, subject to the Department providing clarification on the regional subsidiary purpose.

Discussion:

- Item was requested by the Shire of Mukinbudin to lay on the table previously (not a resolution). Shire of Mukinbudin requested NEWROC not proceed further with the item.
- Updated charter is not fit for purpose and too broad objectives.

RESOLUTION

NEWROC wait for a response from the Department of LGSC regarding our updated Charter.

Moved Cr Sachse

Seconded Cr Trepp

CARRIED 7/0



7.3. EVENTS SUPPORT OFFICER

FILE REFERENCE: REPORTING OFFICER: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: DATE: ATTACHMENT NUMBER: CONSULTATION:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

132-1 NEWTravel Caroline Robinson

24 October 2023 #6 Events Support Officer (to be supplied) Linda Vernon Danielle Green (DEM) Nil Simple Majority

VOTING REQUIREMENT:

COMMENT

NEWTravel has been successful in securing approx. \$63K from FRRR's Future Drought Fund's Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Program for an Events Support Officer.

There is an opportunity to see this position work closely with Dowerin Events Management.

The following officer recommendation is on the table, from the August meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

NEWROC contribute \$10,000 towards the position in the 23/24 financial year and review the support when preparing the 24/25 budget.

The NEWROC EO, NEWTRAVEL EO and General Manager of Dowerin Events Management met online on 17 October 2023.

Together with the NEWTRAVEL EO, we have developed a proposal for consideration by the NEWROC Council. Subject to this approval, submission to Dowerin Events Management.

RESOLUTION

NEWROC removes the item from the table.

NEWROC endorses the new proposal, with no financial contribution, and for NEWTRAVEL to present it to the board of Dowerin Events Management for their consideration.

Moved Cr Sachse Seconded Cr De Lacy CARRIED 7/0

Discussion:

- Updated Events Position proposal to be re-emailed.
- Cr Dickson declared a conflict of interest as a guest, she is a member of the DEM Board.



8. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

8.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT HONOURS 2023

FILE REFERENCE: REPORTING OFFICER: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Caroline Robinson Nil
DATE: ATTACHMENT NUMBER: CONSULTATION:	24 October 2023
STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Nil Simple Majority

COMMENT

Congratulations to the following members who received an honour in this year's Local Government Awards:

Eminent Service Award – Cr Quentin Davies, Cr Gary Shadbolt Merit Award – Belinda Taylor Local Government Distinguished Officer – Dirk Sellenger

RESOLUTION

All award recipients be invited and acknowledged at the End of Year drinks on 28 November 2023.

Moved Cr De Lacy

Seconded Cr Stratford

CARRIED 7/0



8.2. NEWROC TOWN TEAM BUILDER

FILE REFERENCE: REPORTING OFFICER: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: DATE: ATTACHMENT NUMBER: CONSULTATION: STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: VOTING REQUIREMENT: 130-1 Economic Services General Caroline Robinson
Nil
24 October 2023
#7 Wheatbelt Placemaking Report Alyce Ventris
Nil
Simple Majority

COMMENT

The contract for the NEWROC Town Team Builder will cease on 31 October 2023.

Alyce Ventris will continue in her role with Town Team Movement and will still be available to teams in the district, however will not be dedicating 2 days a week to the NEWROC.

A report from the Wheatbelt Placemaking Road Trip in Bencubbin is attached.

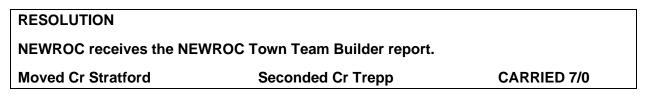
A summary of the external funding attracted to the NEWROC communities in 2022/23 is as follows:

Town	Amount	Funding Body	Description
Dowerin	\$5,000	RAC	Dowerin Tin Dog General Store Mural and shop front uplift
Trayning	\$53,000	RAC	Youth Centre and Don Mason Alfresco Area - KTY Do Over Projects
Mukinbudin	\$2,000	CBH	Town Hall Carpet Replacement
Wyalkatchem	\$1,000	CBH	Wylie Street Party - for Do Over
Koorda	\$13,000	RAC	RAC Development Funding - Koorda Skate Park
			Drought Resilince Preparedness through Town Team placemaking
NEWROC	\$63,500	FRRR	activations, and resilince workshops
	\$137,500		

More recently, Alyce attended the Nungarin community meeting regarding the future of the pub and has offered assistance to the community with whatever the next steps will be.

Alyce will attend the November meeting to give a verbal update to Council.

NEWROC will discuss new contract arrangements at the November meeting.





9. GENERAL UPDATES

9.1. SAM Trailer

RESOLUTION

NEWROC transfers ownership of the SAM Trailer to the Shire of Mukinbudin. NEWROC reimburse the Shire of Mukinbudin for its travel costs in its trip to Perth for maintenance and repairs.

Moved Cr De Lacy	Seconded Cr Trepp	CARRIED 7/0

9.2. Place Based Capital

The first face to face meeting of the NEWROC group will be at 4.30pm on Tuesday 31 October in Bencubbin.

9.3. Nungarin to Wyalkatchem Rail Trail Update

Access and use of the ARC Infrastructure land is proving difficult for the project to proceed.

9.4. NEWROC October Newsletter

9.5. Telecommunications

Shire of Mukinbudin informed the group that 3G will be turned off on 30 June 2024. Item will be raised at Great Eastern Zone.

EO to look into sharing information with RDA Australia and the Regional Comms advocacy group.

10. 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

28 November Council **3pm with end of year drinks to follow** Shire of Nungarin

11. CLOSURE

Cr Brown thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4pm.