



Shire of
Koorda

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AGENDA

SPECIAL Council Meeting

To be held in Shire of Koorda Council Chambers

10 Haig Street, Koorda WA 6475

Monday 23 October 2023

Commencing 5.30pm

Meeting Purpose: To undertake; the Council Elect swearing in, the President and Deputy President Election and Committee Nominations and to consider; CEO Recruitment, Koorda Community Grant Program Policy, and RAV Network Route Determinations.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Elected Members,

Notice is hereby given that the next Special Meeting of Council of the Shire of Koorda will be held on Monday, 23 October 2023 in the Shire of Koorda Council Chambers, 10 Haig Street, Koorda.

The format of the day will be:

5.15pm	Swearing In Ceremony
5.30pm	Council Meeting

Lana Foote
Acting Chief Executive Officer
20 October 2023

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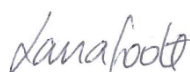
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To be read aloud if any member of the public is present.

Signed



Lana Foote
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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**Shire of Koorda
Special Council Meeting
5.30pm, 23 October 2023**



1. Declaration of Opening

In accordance with Clause 3 of Schedule 2.3 the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Acting Chief Executive Officer is to preside at the meeting until the officer of President is filled.

The ACEO welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open at X.00pm.

2. Record of Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr GL Boyne
Cr KM Burrell
Cr NJ Chandler
Cr GW Greaves
Cr JM Stratford

Staff:

Miss L Foote	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mrs K Harrap	Governance Officer
Mr D West	Works Supervisor

Members of the Public:

Mrs Linda Longmuir, JP
Mrs Lydia Highfield, CEO Recruitment Consultant (via MS Teams)

Apologies:

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. Swearing In of Councillors Elect

Prior to the Special Council Meeting and in accordance with Section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Mrs Linda Longmuir, JP witnessed the declaration of the following re-elected elected member:

1. Councillor Boyne

Witnessed the declaration of Council Elect:

1. Ms KM Burrell

4. Election of President

The ACEO will call for nominations for the position of President of the Council, for the ensuing 2 years.

Nominations in writing before or at the meeting:

Nominations must be in writing. They can be given to the ACEO before the meeting or at the meeting itself after the ACEO calls for nominations. The nomination period is to be sufficient to allow any nominations to be made. Councillors can nominate themselves. Confirmation that they accept the nomination (orally or in writing) must be given to the ACEO if a councillor nominates another councillor. The ACEO cannot accept a nomination unless the nominee has advised the ACEO that they are willing to accept.

5. Declaration by the President

Mrs Linda Longmuir, JP will witness the declaration of the President

The President will assume the Chair.

6. Election of Deputy President

The President will call for nominations for the position of Deputy President of the Council, for the ensuing 2 years.

Nominations in writing before or at the meeting:

Nominations must be in writing. They can be given to the ACEO before the meeting or at the meeting itself after the President calls for nominations. The nomination period is to be sufficient to allow any nominations to be made. Councillors can nominate themselves. Confirmation that they accept the nomination (orally or in writing) must be given to the President if a councillor nominates another councillor. The President cannot accept a nomination unless the nominee has advised the President that they are willing to accept.

7. Declaration by the Deputy President

Mrs Linda Longmuir, JP will witness the declaration of the Deputy President

8. Draw for Position at the Council Table

Except for the President and Deputy President seats, the ACEO is to allot by random draw a position at the Council table for each Councillor as per Clause 7.1 of the Shire of Koorda Standing Orders Local Law 2018.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

The Council resolved the seating arrangement for the next two-year period commencing today will be:

1. President <Name>
2. Deputy President <Name>
3. Cr <Name>
4. Cr <Name>
5. Cr <Name>


9. Disclosure of Interest

The ACEO, Miss Lana Foote, declared a financial interested in *Item 11.3 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment* as she currently holds the position of Acting CEO.

10. Announcements by the President without Discussion

11. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND DEPUTY DELEGATES TO COMMITTEES

11.1. Nomination for Council Committees

Governance and Compliance		
Date	20 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Lana Foote, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Author	As above	
Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Purpose of Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	Nil	

Background:

This Item seeks a resolution on the reinstatement of Council committees and seeks nominations from Councillors for the following Committees;

- Audit & Risk,
- Building, Recreation & Town Planning;
- Bush Fire Advisory,
- CEO Performance Review;
- Governance (formally Policy Review);
- Koorda Local Emergency Management; and
- Works.

This Item also seeks a resolution on the establishment of Council committees and seeks nominations from Councillors for the following Committees;

- Koorda Awards;
- Koorda Behavioural Complaints; and
- Koorda Grants.

The CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel reinstatement and membership will be determined in *Item 10.3 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment*.

The below table details Council's Committee's and representation. The table also shows which committees are required under legislation.

Committee	Legislated/ Optional	Previous Membership	Meeting Cycle	Representatives required by existing ToRs
Audit & Risk Committee (Formally named Audit Committee)	<i>Local Government Act 1995 (Section 7.1A)</i>	1. President JM Stratford (by policy/convention/s 5.10(4)) 2. Cr NJ Chandler, 3. Cr LC Smith Deputy: Cr BG Cooper	At least quarterly.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.

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Building, Recreation & Town Planning Committee	<i>Optional</i>	1. Cr LC Smith, 2. Cr GL Boyne, 3. Cr JM Stratford Deputy: Cr BG Cooper	As required.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.
Bush Fire Advisory Committee	<i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>	1. Cr GW Greaves 2. CEO	Twice annually	2 Members. 1 Deputy Member.
CEO Performance Review Committee	<i>Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.38)</i>	1. President JM Stratford, 2. Deputy President BG Cooper, 3. Cr GW Greaves Deputy: Cr GL Boyne	At least once annually.	3 Members (President, Deputy President & Councillor) 1 Deputy Member.
Governance Committee (Formally named Policy Review Committee)	Optional	1. President JM Stratford, 2. Cr GL Boyne, 3. Cr LC Smith, Deputy: Cr NJ Chandler	As required. At least biennially for Policy Review and desktop review of Integrated Strategic Plan.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.
Koorda Local Emergency Management Committee	<i>Emergency Management Act 2005</i>	1. President JM Stratford (Chair)	Quarterly	1 Member (President-Chairperson). 1 Deputy Member.
Works Committee	Optional	1. Cr GW Greaves, 2. Cr NJ Chandler, 3. Cr BG Cooper, Deputy: Cr JM Stratford	As required.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.
Koorda Awards Committee	Optional	New Committee - to be established as per this meeting.	Once annually.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.
Koorda Behavioural Complaints Committee	The Behaviour Complaints Committee is a Committee of Council established in accordance with s.5.8 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (the Act) for the purpose of dealing with Behaviour Complaints made under Division 3 of the Shire of Koorda's Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates (Code of Conduct).	New Committee - to be established as per this meeting.	As required.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.
Koorda Grants Committee	Optional	New Committee - to be established as per this meeting.	Twice annually.	3 Members. 1 Deputy Member.

The Terms of Reference for each committee will be adopted at the first committee meeting following this meeting.

Comment:

In accordance with Section 5.11 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) committee tenure expires every two years at the ordinary election therefore it is timely for Council to consider the re-establishment and representatives at the first meeting after the elections.

Nominations for each committee will be called at the meeting.

The Policy Review committee was established in November 2022 (as per RES: 041122) to undertake a full policy review and update to the Shire Policy Manual. In re-establishing the committee, it is suggested to change the name from the “Policy Review Committee” to “Governance Committee.” It is anticipated the “Governance Committee” would be responsible for providing guidance and assistance to Council with regard to the biennial Policy review, any review or local law development and updates to Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents.

The recommended establishment of the Koorda Awards Committee is to review the applications received and award a recipient, if applicable, within each category.

The recommended establishment of the Behavioural Complaints Committee is following the adoption of Policy G - *Code of Conduct Behavioural Complaints Management* at the October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting for the purpose of dealing with Behaviour Complaints made under Division 3 of the Shire of Koorda’s Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates (Code of Conduct).

The recommended establishment of the Koorda Grants Committee is to consider the applications received as per Policy and Guidelines provided for in *Item 11.4 Koorda Community Grants Program (CGP) Policy* of this agenda.

Consultation:

Nil.

Statutory Implications:

Sections 5.10 and 5.11A of the *Local Government Act 1995* stipulates the manner for the appointment of committee members and deputies to committees. An Absolute Majority resolution of Council is required.

In accordance with Section 5.10(4) of the Act, the President is entitled to be a member on any committee of their choice, even though that may exceed the quorum. Similarly, in accordance with Section 5.10(5) of the Act the CEO is entitled to be on (or appoint a representative to) any committee having employee representation.

Under Section 5.8 of the Act Council has the power to delegate authority to its committees (except those powers defined in Section 5.17 of the Act), however Council’s committees do not have delegated authority. As a result, all recommendations of Council’s committees must be presented to Council for consideration. It is recommended this remains in place.

Policy Implications:

These policies are listed in Policy “G - Council Meeting System.”

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022

4.1 - Open and Transparent Leadership.

4.2 - Investment in the skills and capabilities of our elected members and staff.

Financial Implications:

Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995 states a Councillor who attends a Council or Committee meeting is entitled to be paid the fee determined for attending a Council or Committee meeting.

The 2023/24 Budget includes an allocation for this purpose at GL 2040113 Members Sitting Fees.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That, by Absolute Majority in accordance with Sections 5.10, 5.11A and 7.1A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council:

1. Confirms the re-establishment of the following Council Committees:

- a. Shire of Koorda Audit & Risk Committee;
- b. Shire of Koorda Building, Recreation & Town Planning Committee;
- c. Shire of Koorda Bush Fire Advisory Committee;
- d. Shire of Koorda CEO Performance Review Committee;
- e. Shire of Koorda Governance Committee (formally Policy Review Committee);
- f. Shire of Koorda Local Emergency Management Committee; and
- g. Shire of Koorda Works Committee.

2. Confirms the establishment of the following Council Committees:

- a. Shire of Koorda Awards Committee;
- b. Shire of Koorda Behavioural Complaints Committee; and
- c. Shire of Koorda Grants Committee.


3. Appoints the following Councillors and representatives to the following Council Committees:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>
a. Audit & Risk	1. President 2. Cr 3. Cr Deputy: Cr
b. Building, Recreation & Town Planning	1. Cr 2. Cr 3. Cr Deputy: Cr
c. Bush Fire Advisory	1. Cr 2. Cr Deputy: Cr
d. CEO Performance Review	1. President 2. Deputy President 3. Cr Deputy: Cr
e. Governance	1. Cr 2. Cr 3. Cr Deputy: Cr
f. Local Emergency Management	1. President Deputy: Cr

g. Works

- 1. Cr**
- 2. Cr**
- 3. Cr**
- Deputy: Cr**

11.2. Nomination for External Committees

Governance and Compliance		
Date	20 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Lana Foote, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Author	As above	
Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Purpose of Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	1. WALGA GECZ Elected Member Prospectus 2. Local Government Nominations - Development Assessment Panels	

Background:

This Item seeks nominations from Councillors for various external committees on which Council is represented and a Council resolution on those appointments.

The Shire of Koorda is currently represented by Councillors and Staff on the following external committees and has been for several years:

Committee	Previous Membership
North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils (NEWROC)	NEWROC Council: President NEWROC Council Deputy: Deputy President NEWROC Executive: CEO NEWROC Executive Deputy: Deputy CEO
WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone (GECZ)	President Deputy President Deputy: CEO
Regional Road Sub Group	Cr NJ Chandler Deputy: Cr GW Greaves
Rural Water Council	CEO
Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management	Cr GL Boyne Deputy: CEO
Bush Fire Regional Board	Cr GW Greaves Deputy: CEO
Mid-West Development Joint Development Assessment Panel	Cr JM Stratford Cr GL Boyne Deputy: Cr NJ Chandler Deputy: Cr BG Cooper

Comment:

In accordance with Section 5.11 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) committee tenure expires every two years at the ordinary election therefore it is timely for Council to consider the representatives to external committees at the first meeting after the elections.

Nominations for each committee will be called at the meeting.

With regard to WALGA GECZ, an Elected Member Prospectus is provided as Attachment 1 in this item and a chronological overview of the process is detailed below:

- Local Government elections occur on Saturday, 21 October.
- Member Councils to elect / appoint their Zone Delegates and to advise WALGA as soon as possible but preferably by 9:00am on Friday, 3 November.

- Zones to meet in November and elect their State Council representatives and deputy representatives.
- Zones to advise WALGA of their elected State Council representative(s) and deputy representative(s) immediately following the November Zone meeting.
- An Induction Session will be held for all incoming State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors on Thursday, 30 November at the WALGA offices in West Leederville.
- The new State Council will take office at the Ordinary Meeting of State Council on Wednesday, 6 December.
- The positions of President and Deputy President of WALGA will be elected at the Ordinary Meeting of State Council on Wednesday, 6 March 2024.

With regard to the Development Assessment Panel (DAP), as per attachment 2 of this item; “Representation of local interests is a key part of the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) system. In accordance with this premise, under Regulation 24 of the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011*, Councils are required to nominate, as soon as possible following elections, four elected members to sit as DAP members. In addition to the above, all existing local government DAP members are currently appointed for a term ending 26 January 2024. Prior to this expiry date, your local government is required to nominate four (4) DAP members for appointment by the Minister for Planning.”

Consultation:

Nil.

Statutory Implications:

Sections 5.10 and 5.11A of the *Local Government Act 1995* stipulates the manner for the appointment of committee members and deputies to committees. An Absolute Majority resolution of Council is required.

In accordance with Section 5.10(4) of the Act, the President is entitled to be a member on any committee of their choice, even though that may exceed the quorum. Similarly, in accordance with Section 5.10(5) of the Act the CEO is entitled to be on (or appoint a representative to) any committee having employee representation.

Under Section 5.8 of the Act Council has the power to delegate authority to its committees (except those powers defined in Section 5.17 of the Act), however Council’s committees do not have delegated authority. As a result, all recommendations of Council’s committees must be presented to Council for consideration. It is recommended this remains in place.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022

4.1 - Open and Transparent Leadership.

4.2 - Investment in the skills and capabilities of our elected members and staff.

Financial Implications:

Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995 states a Councillor who attends a Council or Committee meeting is entitled to be paid the fee determined for attending a Council or Committee meeting.

The 2023/24 Budget includes an allocation for this purpose at GL 2040113 Members Sitting Fees.


Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That, by Absolute Majority in accordance with Sections 5.10 and 5.11A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council appoints the following Councillors as representatives to the following external committees:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>
1. NEWROC	Council Meetings 1. President Deputy: Deputy President Executive Meetings 1. CEO Deputy: Deputy CEO
2. WALGA GECZ	1. President 2. Deputy President Deputy: CEO
3. Regional Road Group Sub Group	1. Cr Deputy: Cr
4. Rural Water Council	1. Cr/CEO Deputy:
5. Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management	1. Cr Deputy: Cr/CEO
6. Bush Fire Regional Board	1. Cr Deputy: Cr/CEO
7. Mid-West Development Joint DAP	1. Cr 2. Cr Deputy 1: Cr Deputy 2: Cr

11.3. Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

Governance and Compliance		
Date	20 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Jannah Stratford, President	
Author	As above	
Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i>	
Disclosure of Interest	Financial Interest declared by ACEO, Miss Lana Foote	
Purpose of Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	1. DRAFT – CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel Terms of Reference. 2. DRAFT – Koorda CEO Application Package.	

Background:

At special meeting of Council held on the 9th October 2023 Council adopted the following resolutions:

<p>Officer Recommendation RESOLUTION 031023</p> <p>Moved CR GW Greaves Seconded CR BG Cooper</p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>1. Appoints consultant Lydia Highfield at \$6850.00 (exc GST) to support Council with CEO Recruitment; and</p> <p>2. Notes there may be additional costs for incidentals such as pre-employment testing, travel, accommodation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 6/0</p> <p>FOR: Cr JM Stratford, Cr BG Cooper, Cr GW Greaves, Cr GL Boyne, Cr LC Smith and Cr NJ Chandler</p>

<p>Officer Recommendation RESOLUTION 041023</p> <p>Moved CR GL Boyne Seconded CR NJ Chandler</p> <p>That Council, by Absolute Majority;</p> <p>1. Establishes the CEO Recruitment Committee, comprising of the following members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cr NJ Chandler ii. Cr GL Boyne iii. Cr GW Greaves iv. Cr JM Stratford <p>2. Authorises Shire President and Deputy Shire President to appoint the Independent Person to the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0</p> <p>FOR: Cr JM Stratford, Cr BG Cooper, Cr GW Greaves, Cr GL Boyne, Cr LC Smith and Cr NJ Chandler</p>

Comment:

Recruiting Consultant Lydia Highfield has been appointed and has prepared draft documentation for council's comment and endorsement. Lydia has prepared the following draft documents to be presented at this meeting.

1. DRAFT – CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel Terms of Reference.
2. DRAFT – Koorda CEO Application Package.

Terms of Reference (TOR) for the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel incorporates the standards for recruitment as defined in Schedule 2, Division 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

In accordance with Section 5.11 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) committee tenure expires every two years at the ordinary election.

CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel members and/or all parties that have access to Applicant information, are to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to the first item of business.

In order to fulfil the requirements of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - Model standards for CEO recruitment, Council must determine the selection criteria for the position of CEO. A draft CEO application package (including the selection criteria and position description) has been presented for council's consideration.

In setting the Total Rewards Package for the CEO position, the Local Government is governed by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT), with the Shire of Koorda being within the range of SAT Band Level 4, (\$136,023 - \$213,356).

Additional funds outside of the SAT Band may be allocated to relocation expenses.

Consultation:

Lydia Highfield - Recruitment Consultant.

Statutory Implications:

Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996
Model standards for CEO recruitment, performance and termination.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022
4.1 - Open and Transparent Leadership.

Financial Implications:

The 2023/2024 Shire of Koorda Budget includes wage and other provisions for the Chief Executive Officer, in line with the SAT Band Level 4 requirements.


Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That, by Absolute Majority:

- 1. Council approve the Position Description and Selection Criteria for the position of CEO, as provided in the attached Draft Koorda CEO Application Package.**
- 2. Confirms the re-establishment of the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel. Noting Lydia Highfield is to facilitate the process to recruit for the role of Chief Executive Officer, appoints the following Councillors to the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel;**
 - 1. President,**
 - 2. Deputy President,**
 - 3. Cr**
 - 4. Cr**
 - 5. Cr**
- 3. Appoints <NAME> to join the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel as the independent person, pursuant to Regulation 8(3)(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.**
- 4. The duties of the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel are to make recommendations to the Council with regard to:**
 - a. The recruitment of the substantive CEO;**
 - b. The Candidate Applicant Information Package and Employment Contract for the substantive CEO;**
 - c. Approve a remuneration package that offers salary, superannuation, motor vehicle, housing, (insert others) as set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT), within the range of SAT Band Level 4, for the position of Chief Executive Officer with a contract term of three to five years.**
- 5. The attached Terms of Reference (TOR) for the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel, incorporating the standards for recruitment as defined in Schedule 2, Division 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, be adopted.**
- 6. The CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel shall disband upon the date that Council makes the appointment to the office of Chief Executive Officer.**
- 7. CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel members and/or all parties that have access to Applicant information, to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to the first item of business.**

11.4. Koorda Community Grants Program (CGP) Policy

Governance and Compliance		
Date	20 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Lana Foote, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Author	As above	
Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Purpose of Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	Draft F - Grants - Community Grants Program Policy Draft - Community Grants Program Application Form	

Background:

In accordance with Section 2.7(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is to determine the Shire's policies. The development and management of Council policy is an ongoing process.

It is important that Council policies are kept up to date and are reviewed on a regular basis under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer. If any changes or amendments are required these are brought to Council for endorsement.

Staff, in consultation with the Policy Review Committee, are conducting a major review of the Shires Policy Manual and propose improvements for Council's consideration. This report presents the changes within the policy manual.

Comment:

The Policy Committee met on 18 October 2023, prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting and undertook reviews on multiple policies and recommended;

"That Council,

1. *Notes any minor changes recommended to the attached draft policies by the Policy Review Committee, and*
2. *Adopts the following policies, as amended;*
 - (a) *F - Grants - Community Grants Program*
 - (b) *G - Appointment of an Acting Chief Executive Officer*
 - (c) *G - Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management*
 - (d) *G - Council Meeting System*
 - (e) *W - Asset Management"*

Due to major changes taking place within Policy "F - Grants - Community Grants Program," the ACEO, prior to Council consideration, amended the officer recommendation to defer the adoption of Policy "F - Grants - Community Grants Program," to allow Council to review and consider the changes recommended at the Policy Review Committee Meeting.

The updates have now been made to the policy, as per recommendations from the Policy Review Committee, and are presented for Council consideration.

Consultation:

Policy Review Committee

Statutory Implications:

Local Government Act 1995, Part 2, Division 2 'Role of Council'

2.7. Role of council

- (1) The council –
 - (a) governs the local government's affairs; and
 - (b) is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to –
 - (a) oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and
 - (b) determine the local government's policies.

Policy Implications:

The Policy Manual will be updated accordingly, should Council resolve to adopt the Officer's Recommendations.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022

- 1.1.3 - Facilitate and support events that promote the region and deliver a positive economic impact.
- 1.2.2 - Develop and implement a Community Grants Program.
- 1.2.3 - Make available a list of current grant opportunities to local businesses, clubs and community groups.
- 4.1 - Open and Transparent Leadership

Financial Implications:

A Budget allocation of \$10,000 was included in the 2023/2024 Shire of Koorda Budget for the inaugural round of the Koorda Community Grants Program (CGP).

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority


Officer Recommendation

That Council by Absolute Majority;

- 1. Adopts "F - Grants - Community Grants Program" policy, as attached; and**
- 2. Directs the ACEO to commence advertising of the Koorda Community Grants Program.**

12. OFFICER'S REPORTS – WORKS & ASSETS

12.1. Heavy Vehicle Route Determinations

Works and Assets		 Shire of Koorda <small>Drive in, stay awhile</small>
Date	20 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Lana Foote, Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Author	As above	
Legislation	<i>Road Traffic Act 1974; Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014</i>	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Purpose of Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	Email from Main Roads RAV 7 Request for Support	

Background:

Over the past years, the Council have considered multiple applications submitted to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) requesting an amendment to the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) route determinations on Shire of Koorda roads.

As per point 2 and 3 of RES:060419 from the April 2019 Council meeting, it was resolved;

- *Any application in excess of RAV 4 to be referred to Council for consideration*
- *The Shire does not support RAV 9*

Due to multiple requests to amend the RAV ratings on Shire Roads, Council requested an assessment be undertaken by MRWA HVS on multiple roads. It was envisaged that following the assessment, Council would strategically consider the future RAV ratings on the assessed roads, with regard to future economic benefit, road user safety, road formation suitability and increased future maintenance requirements that may be a direct result of any increase to the RAV ratings.

Assessments were completed on the below roads with regard to their suitability to RAV 7;

Cadoux Koorda,
Koorda Kulja,
Koorda Mollerin,
Burakin Wialki,
Kalannie Kulja,
Stockyard,
Felgate,
Warren (Gravel),
Kulja Central (Gravel),
Martin(Gravel),
Scotsman, (Gravel),
Commonwealth (Gravel), and
East Boundary (Gravel).

The Acting CEO and Works Supervisor are meeting with MRWA on Monday prior to this Meeting to receive a briefing on the road assessment outcome report which will be summarised to Council prior to consideration of this item.

In addition to this, an application has been referred to the Shire for the following local roads to be assessed for RAV 7 status:

Road No.	Road Name	From Location (SLK)	To Location (SLK)	Current Network	Requested Network
4110030	Graves Road	Kalannie Kulja Rd (0.00)	Martin Rd (0.124)	Tandem Drive Network 4	Tandem Drive Network 7
4110020	Kulja Mollerin Road	Koorda Kulja (4.95)	Commonwealth Rd (14.73)	Tandem Drive Network 4	Tandem Drive Network 7

Comment:

The Main Roads RAV Network Access Strategy is aimed at establishing and maintaining a Strategic Road Freight Network (SRFN). The SRFN consists of roads, agreed on by Main Roads and Local Government, which carry the bulk of freight vehicles. When considering access decisions, Local Governments should be mindful of network wide considerations relating to efficiency, connectivity, sustainability, asset protection, public safety and public amenity. Where a more appropriate route is available, linking to the SRFN, it is reasonable to propose alternative routes to the applicant via the response to Main Roads WA. Approvals for RAV access outside of the SRFN should generally be limited to where access is required to a particular origin and/or destination or loading and unloading locations.

It is recommended that Council determine per assessed road, whether to accept or decline the RAV 7 rating.

With regard to the application received by MRWA for Graves Road & Kulja Mollerin Road, comments are sought relating to road condition, planning conflicts, development issues etc. that may be impacted by adding the above roads onto the RAV 7 network.

Consultation:

Darren West, Works Supervisor
Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Services

Statutory Implications:

The Road Traffic Act 1974 and the Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014 govern the use of heavy vehicles on roads within Western Australia and define items such as compliance notices, exemptions, permits and notices for heavy restricted access vehicles. These regulations also contain provisions for mass and loading, load restraints, vehicle modifications and vehicle maintenance.

The Land Administration Act 1997 Section 55 and Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.53(2) gives the Shire of Koorda management responsibility for roads within its boundaries.

Policy Implications:

At this time, no policy exists to assist Council with assessing applications to operate Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) on Local Government Roads. It is anticipated a Policy will be included for consideration during the Policy Review/Update process.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022

2.3.2 - Maintain an efficient, safe and quality local road network.

Financial Implications:

There are no immediate financial implications, however a change in RAV Network Ratings has the potential to reduce the life of the road and increase the maintenance requirements of the road. The whole of life estimates for these roads may be altered by a change in the RAV Network rating.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

For Council Consideration.

13. Closure