

Status Report as at March 2025

Date / CMRef / Officer	Subject	Status
21/11/2017 CMRef: 82079 EMCS	That application be made to the Minister for Local Government to have the land being Lot 71 Main Street, Burracoppin re-vested in the Crown in accordance with Sections 6.64 and 6.74 of the Local Government Act 1995.	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>February 2023: EMCS has rung and emailed Minister Carey's office requesting information on the progress of the land re-vesting.</p> <p>July 2023: Minister Carey's office emailed to say that the query fell more appropriately within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Local Government and so had been forwarded on.</p> <p>September 2023: Minister Michael's office emailed outlining next steps required to be taken.</p> <p>March 2025: No further updates at this time. Not a current organisation priority.</p>
20/08/2019 CMRef: 82410 EMDS	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Consents to the creation of a Water Corporation easement over portion of Lot 100 Colin Street (Part of Avon Location 2227) as shown in attachment 12.36A, for the purposes of installation, access to and maintenance of the proposed chlorination unit which will form part of the Shire of Merredin Recycled Water Scheme , subject to;a. All costs associated with the preparation and lodgement of relevant easement documentation being borne solely by the Water Corporation;b. All costs associated with the installation, operation and maintenance of the future chlorination unit being borne solely by the Water Corporation;. All costs associated with any improvements to the land subject to the easement relating to vehicular access to the chlorination unit being borne solely by the Water Corporation.2. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal of the Council and sign the Deed of Easement documentation on behalf of the Shire of Merredin Council.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>Awaiting preparation of documentation by the Water Corporation for signing by the Shire President and CEO.</p> <p>The Shire has been advised the project is delayed and outside the 5-year construction window however Water Corp are continuing to conduct investigation works.</p> <p>March 2025: No further updates at this time.</p>

<p>21/07/2020 CMRef: 82578 EMES</p>	<p>That, within the next twelve months, the Merredin Shire Council should purchase for the Shire fleet a battery-electric (BEV or EV) passenger vehicle. This vehicle should not be additional to the vehicle fleet but should replace one passenger vehicle sold after the usual retention period of 12 months.</p>	<p>IN-PROGRESS</p> <p>June 2023: Currently the Administration has been unable to identify a vehicle within the fleet to be replaced as an EV due to operational requirements. The Administration is working with Synergy and seeking other grant opportunities to have EV chargers in town in strategic locations, which once completed may make purchasing an EV a more viable option.</p> <p>July 2023: The Shire has applied for an EV charger grant to support day-time charging at the Shire Office, which will support the logistics, and potential future purchase of this vehicle.</p> <p>September 2023: Officers are including consideration for EV's in current procurement processes, and updates will be provided to Council as this progresses.</p> <p>October 2023: Quote received, and currently being analysed.</p> <p>March 2025: No further updates at this time.</p>
<p>15/09/2020 CMRef: 82605 EMCS</p>	<p>1. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$13,619.31: Assessment A6511 Type/Zoning Residential Period Outstanding 11/8/2014 to Current Amount Outstanding \$13,619.31 Last Payment 3/9/2015</p> <p>2. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$10,023.49:</p>	<p>IN-PROGRESS</p> <p>April 2023: Land transfer documents completed and lodged for A9370 and A624. A445 settlement delayed further, expected late May early June.</p> <p>December 2023: Settlement has occurred for A445. A9370 & A624 are still in progress.</p>

<p>Assessment A6070 Type/Zoning General Farming/Urban Residential Period Outstanding 25/7/2016 to Current Amount Outstanding \$10,023.49 Last Payment 27/9/2015 3. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$13,464.10: Assessment A9370 Type/Zoning Vacant Residential Period Outstanding 11/8/2014 to Current Amount Outstanding \$13,464.10 Last Payment 7/11/2013 4. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$6,369.85: Assessment: A3325 Type/Zoning: Residential Period Outstanding: 27/7/2017 to Current Amount Outstanding: \$6,369.85 Last Payment: 13/4/2018 5. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$11,008.81: Assessment: A1625 Type/Zoning: Vacant Residential Period Outstanding: 29/4/2015 to Current Amount Outstanding: \$11,008.81 Last Payment: 21/11/2014 6. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$8,409.91: Assessment: A445 Type/Zoning: Residential Period Outstanding: 25/7/2016 to Current</p>	<p>January 2024: A9370 has been returned to the Shire.</p> <p>February 2024: An item relating to A9370 will be presented to Council at the February Ordinary Council Meeting.</p> <p>March 2024: A624 transfer delayed, but still progressing.</p> <p>June 2024: A624 has been transferred back to the Shire. Discussions commenced and processes recommenced to auction other properties listed.</p> <p>September 2024: Discussions with debt collection agency have occurred and plans to reauction remaining properties have commenced.</p> <p>February 2025: Auction scheduled for 18 March – Tony Maddox real estate to conduct.</p> <p>March 2025: Auction scheduled for 18 March – Tony Maddox real estate to conduct. All statutory advertising now completed.</p>
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	<p>Amount Outstanding: \$8,409.91 Last Payment: 1/4/2019 7. That, pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council proceed to sell the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for 3 or more years, and recover from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$17,957.31: Assessment A624 Type/Zoning Vacant Residential Period Outstanding 27/7/2011 to Current Amount Outstanding \$17,957.31 Last Payment 22/12/2017</p>	
<p>16/03/2021 CMRef: 82698 CEO</p>	<p>That Council instruct the Chief Executive Officer to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain a valuation from a suitably qualified registered valuer for Lot 1498 Caridi Close, Merredin; 2. Engage local real estate agents to determine the availability and value of suitable executive housing within the Merredin townsite. 3. Report to Council preliminary estimates for the construction of a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom executive home on an appropriate lot within the Merredin townsite; 4. Invite local real estate agents to submit quotations for the sale of six existing houses constructed earlier than the year 2000. The quotations are to include details of the agent's proposed marketing strategy to obtain maximum value. The addresses of the properties to remain confidential in the interim. (Note: this does not include the house currently utilised for housing "travelling players" which should be the subject of a separate report); 5. Report further on the optimum number of houses that should be held in the portfolio including how many (if any) of the houses for sale should be replaced and the process for doing so; and 6. Examine, as part of the asset management planning for the portfolio, the replacement program for the newer houses currently held and not included in the above recommendations. 7. Review Policy 2.10 Council Staff Housing and report to Council. 	<p>NOT COMMENCED</p> <p>Briefing provided to Council that all staff housing currently required and recommend this item is delayed, with further work completed in the 2022/23 year.</p> <p>July 2023: As housing is allocated to positions under recruitment / required – it is not recommended this item progress in the next six months due to operational constraints and business requirements for the existing stock.</p> <p>September 2024: 2 properties identified for potential sale, with valuations received. Further discussions to be had with tenants.</p> <p>December 2024: Have made contact with but still awaiting response from tenant. Initial request received from the other tenant confirming they would like to progress purchase of the house.</p>
<p>28/06/2022 CMRef: 82951 EMS&C</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSE the CEO or their delegate to enter into a partnership agreement with the Merredin Blue Light Unit for the provision of Blue Light events in Merredin. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>June 2023:</p>

	<p>2. NOTES The partnership in (1) above, will be to waive the fees associated with the free use of Shire facilities and non-staff resources, when the Merredin Blue Light Unit are providing agreed youth programs in Merredin within their available resources and capacity.</p> <p>3. NOTES this partnership supports a maximum of 4 events per year or 5 events per year in the years where a large fundraising event is hosted; and</p> <p>4. AUTHORISES the CEO to determine the terms of the partnership in (1) above, including the length of the partnership, the Shire resources to be allocated, and how the Shire will be recognised through the partnership with the Merredin Blue Light Unit.</p>	<p>The Administration has followed up with PCYC during April, and aims to have the agreement signed ASAP.</p> <p>December 2024: The Administration to explore the partnership with the Blue Light unit and a potential of a new MoU to be established.</p> <p>March 2025: No further responses received. Intention to have report presented to Council to note Merredin Blue Light Unit is not operational, therefore cannot progress partnership.</p>
<p>26/07/2022 CMRef: 89268 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. REQUEST that the Department of Communities purchase the Shire of Merredin's interest (both land and assets) in the Cummings Street Joint Venture project at current market value; and</p> <p>2. ALLOCATE a total of \$2500 in the 2022-23 draft budget towards associated valuation and conveyance costs.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>December 2024: Teams meeting between DoC, EMCS and CEO on 28 October to discuss finalisation of sale. Phone call from DoC received 10.12.2024 - hoping contracts will be signed in the near future.</p> <p>March 2025: Awaiting DoC to sign contract and commence the 30 day settlement process.</p>
<p>27/02/2024 CMRef: 83348 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ACCEPT the offer received for Assessment A9358, Lot 217, 19 Carrington Way, Merredin WA 6415 for a value of \$35,000;</p> <p>2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President to execute a Contract of Sale and apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the agreed contract; and</p> <p>3. INSTRUCT the CEO to transfer the profits received from the sale of the land into the Building Reserve Account GL 96733010.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>March 2024: EMCS has contacted person who made the offer and asked for a formal offer contract to be drawn up. Advised that delays have occurred and offer may not be forthcoming.</p> <p>March 2025: Applicant to be contacted to confirm whether they are intending on purchase, otherwise report recommending rescinding original motion to be tabled at a future OCM.</p>

<p>26/03/2024 CMRef: 83355 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSES the Shire of Merredin Responsible Authority Report forming part of Attachment 12.2B; 2. SUBMITS the endorsed Shire of Merredin Responsible Authority Report to the Development Assessment Panel Secretariat; 3. RECOMMENDS that the Regional Joint Development Assessment Panel resolves to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACCEPT that the Development Assessment Panel Application reference DAP/24/02631 is appropriate for consideration as a “Use not listed” land use and compatible with the objectives of the zoning table in accordance with Clause 3.4.2 (b) of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6; and b. APPROVE Development Assessment Panel Application reference DAP/24/02631 and accompanying plans (Attachment 12.2A) in accordance with Clause 68 of Schedule 2 (Deemed Provisions) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, and the provisions of Clause 3.4.2 (b) of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6, subject to the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The submission and approval of a dedicated Construction Management Plan, including a transport impact assessment, details showing the proposed interim and longer-term facilities including building/structure setbacks, carparking facility, landscaping/ screening etc, to the satisfaction of the local government; ii. The removal of all construction infrastructure once the facility has been completed to the satisfaction of the local government; iii. The preparation and lodgement of a Drainage Management Plan to contain all drainage on site to the satisfaction of the local government; iv. The design and location of on-site effluent systems, for the construction phase as well as the longer term, to be designed and located to the satisfaction of the local government; v. Compliance with the Bushfire Management Plan dated 14 December 2023 recommendations (including the Bushfire Risk Assessment & Management Report); and vi. Any new crossover to Robartson Road shall be located and constructed to the satisfaction of the local government. <p>Advice Notes</p> <p>1 If the development, subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term “substantially commenced” has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time.</p> <p>2 If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>
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	<p>3 The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permits must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work requiring a building permit can commence on site.</p>	
<p>30/04/2024 CMRef: 83369 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTES the outcomes of the review of the Shire of Merredin’s local laws under s3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995; and 2. NOTES proposals to amend local laws under s3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 will be presented to Council for its consideration in due course. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>June 2024: Comprehensive review of Shire of Merredin Local Laws will now be undertaken by Consultant and EMDS before being brought back to Council for its consideration later in 2024</p> <p>October 2024: Council briefed on progress of the Local Law Review</p> <p>January 2025: Agenda Item relating to Proposed Dog Amendment Local Law was presented to Council.</p> <p>March 2025: Advertising of Proposed Amendment Local Law ongoing.</p>
<p>30/04/2024 CMRef: 83370 EMES</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVES the request and includes the eastern side of Bailey Rd on the Shire of Merredin Roads Register; 2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to obtain the required permits, and construct formed dry weather only Rd - 2.2 km between Merredin – Nungarin Rd to the boundary of Lot 13170, and to invoice the person making the request for the construction costs of \$36,000 + GST; 3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to inform the adjoining land owners prior to any work being undertaken; and 4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to inform the local farmer that Council reserves the right to extend the road to Old-Nukarni Rd if future needs arise. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>December 2024: Road Centreline Design Completed Site Setout Completed Application for Vegetation Removal Permit submitted</p> <p>March 2025: Advised by Department that there is further information required to be submitted as part of their community consultation. Being actioned.</p>
<p>21/05/2024</p>	<p>That Council:</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>

CMRef: 83396 EMDS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADOPTS Amendment No 8 (Omnibus amendment) to the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6; 2. SUBMITS the endorsed Omnibus amendment to the Environmental Protection Authority for environmental clearance (s 81 Planning and Development Act 2005); and 3. SUBMITS the endorsed Omnibus amendment to the WA Planning Commission for approval to advertise. 	
21/05/2024 CMRef: 83397 EMDS	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADOPTS the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy 2024; and 2. SUBMITS the endorsed Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy 2024 to the WA Planning Commission for approval to advertise. 	COMPLETED
30/07/2024 CMRef: 83421 EMES	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SUPPORT in principle the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station to be located at Lot 203 (22-24) Bates Street, Merredin, as per Attachment 13.1A; and 2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Letter of Authorisation on behalf of the Shire of Merredin to provide in principle support for the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station to be located at Lot 203 (22-24) Bates Street, Merredin, as per Attachment 13.1A. 3. AUTHORISE the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Licence agreement between the Shire of Merredin (Licensor) and Tesla (Licensee), for the installation and operation of an Electrical Vehicle Charging Station in Merredin. 	COMPLETED
30/07/2024 CMRef: 83426 EMS&C	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENDORSES Attachment 14.5A Pioneers' Pathway Memorandum of Understanding 2024 – 2027, including a financial contribution of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$3,500 for 2024 – 2025, b. \$4,000 for 2025 – 2026, c. \$4,500 for 2026 - 2027; 2. NOTES the review of the Strategic Operational Plan 2024 – 2027 as per Attachment 14.5B; and 3. GRANTS the Chief Executive Officer delegated authority to execute this Memorandum of Understanding. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>September 2024: Pioneers Pathways have been notified of Council Outcome.</p> <p>December 2024: Contact made with Pioneers Pathways who have confirmed that the MoU has not been finalised yet.</p> <p>March 2025: Pioneers Pathway have placed the Signing of the MoU on hold.</p>
22/10/2024 CMRef: 83475 CEO	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MEETS for Ordinary Council Meetings at 4.00pm according to the dates as shown in Attachment 15.2A; 	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>March 2025:</p>

	<p>2. HOLDS confidential agenda briefing sessions at 5.30pm, and prior to the Monthly Ordinary Meetings commencing at 2.00 pm as per the dates shown in Attachment 15.2A;</p> <p>3. HOLDS an Audit Committee Meeting before the Ordinary Council Meetings in February, May, August and November at 1:30pm; and</p> <p>4. NOTES that the Administration will seek nominations for an independent chairperson for the Audit Committee / Audit Risk and Improvement Committee once amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 are confirmed.</p>	An EOI has gone out seeking nominations of an independent chairperson and deputy chairperson.																									
26/11/2024 CMRef 83484 EMDS	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. ENDORSES the commencement of the process of review of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan as shown in Attachments 12.1B;</p> <p>2. GIVES public notice of the commencement of the review, seeking public submissions; and</p> <p>3. NOTES that a further report on the outcomes of the public consultation process together with a Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (2025-2030), will be submitted for Council consideration at a future ordinary council meeting.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>DAIP Consultation Process being formulated in conjunction with Shire Media Officer</p> <p>March 2025: Public consultation process has now closed with 15 submissions from the public being received as well as information provided at a DAIP Focus Group workshop. These comments will be presented to Council shortly.</p>																									
26/11/2024 CMRef 83488 EMES	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. APPROVES completing the proposed sealing works for St Mary's School carpark and Margaret Lane and Hopkins Lane inside CEACA retirement village under the current Shire of Merredin Annual Sealing Contract;</p> <p>2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to issue invoices to St Mary's School and CEACA for the proposed works, with no works to commence until such time as payment is received;</p> <p>3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to include \$200 (inc GST) on each agencies invoice to recover internal costs incurred by the Administration to organise the proposed work; and</p> <p>4. ENDORSES the proposed amendments to the 2024/25 budget to reflect the increase in External Works expenditure and income accounts, as listed in the table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account # (Current) (Amended)</th> <th>Account Name</th> <th>24-25 Budget</th> <th>Additional (Income) / Expenses</th> <th>24-25 Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Account</td> <td>External Works - Expenses</td> <td>\$0</td> <td>\$42,098.10</td> <td>\$42,098.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Account</td> <td>External Works - Income</td> <td>\$0</td> <td>(\$42,098.10)</td> <td>(\$42,098.10)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3040220</td> <td>Other Governance – Fees and Charges - Income</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td>(\$363.64)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(\$363.64)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Account # (Current) (Amended)	Account Name	24-25 Budget	Additional (Income) / Expenses	24-25 Budget	New Account	External Works - Expenses	\$0	\$42,098.10	\$42,098.10	New Account	External Works - Income	\$0	(\$42,098.10)	(\$42,098.10)	3040220	Other Governance – Fees and Charges - Income	0		(\$363.64)					(\$363.64)	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>December 2024: Work is planned for February 2025.</p> <p>March 2025: Advice received from CEACA that they no longer intend to proceed. St Marys carpark to be sealed when contractors are next in town.</p>
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26/11/2024 CMRef 83499 CEO	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. DELEGATES the Chief Executive Officer to commence negotiating a lease for the operation and management of the Grandstand Bar and Restaurant with the Merredin Civic Bowling Club;</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>March 2025:</p>																									

	<p>2. NOTES that negotiations will be structured around the provisions (operational, physical and financial) as listed within this report; and</p> <p>3. NOTES that the finalised version of the lease will be returned at a later Ordinary Council Meeting, which will include provisions for transfer of the Liquor License.</p>	Special Council Meeting held 10 March to approve lease with MCBC. Lease now signed.
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83511 EMCS	<p>That Council ENDORSE the following recommendation from the Audit Committee Meeting held 29 November 2024 being;</p> <p>1. Item 6.1: That Council ENDORSE the Auditor’s Opinion Package, including Audited Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2024, Audit Opinion, Transmittal Letter to CEO, and Management Response – Shire of Merredin from the Office of the Auditor General for the 2023/24 financial year, once received.</p>	COMPLETED
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83512 CEO	<p>That Council ENDORSE the following recommendations from the Audit Committee Meeting held 17 December 2024 being;</p> <p>1. Item 6.1: That Council ADOPT the Shire of Merredin Annual Report 2023/24 (Attachment 6.1A), subject to design amendments, and AUTHORISE the CEO to approve any minor changes that may be required before the document is finalised for publishing and RESOLVES to hold its Annual General Meeting of Electors on Tuesday 4 February 2025, commencing at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers.</p> <p>2. Item 6.2: That Council NOTE the change of name of the Committee from the Audit Committee to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.</p>	COMPLETED
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83513 EMDS	<p>That Council;</p> <p>1. ENDORSES Amendment No 8 (Omnibus amendment as attached) to the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6;</p> <p>2. RESOLVES to advertise the Omnibus Amendment for a period of at least 60 days in accordance with the Deemed Provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015;</p> <p>3. ENDORSES the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy 2024 (as attached); and</p> <p>4. RESOLVES to advertise the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy 2024 for a period of 60 days in accordance with the Deemed Provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>January 2025: Statutory advertising process has commenced, public submission period closes 24 February 2025. Following which report will be presented to Council for its consideration.</p> <p>March 2025: No further updates at this time.</p>
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83514 EMDS	<p>That Council</p> <p>1. GRANTS development approval in accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, for proposed variation to the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) approval granted on 18 April 2024 (DAP Ref: 24/02631), for the Battery Energy Storage System in Robartson Road, Merredin, as outlined in Attachment 12.2A, subject to the following conditions;</p> <p>a) If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 4 years from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term “substantially commenced” has the</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>January 2025: Development approval has been granted, awaiting submission of Construction Management and Drainage Management Plan.</p> <p>March 2025:</p>

	<p>meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time;</p> <p>b) The submission and approval of a dedicated Construction Management Plan (CMP), including a transport impact assessment, details showing the proposed interim and longer-term facilities including building/structure setbacks, carparking facility, landscaping / screening etc, to the satisfaction of the local government;</p> <p>c) The removal of all construction infrastructure once the facility has been completed to the satisfaction of the local government;</p> <p>d) The preparation and lodgement of a Drainage Management Plan (DMP) to contain all drainage on site to the satisfaction of the local government;</p> <p>e) The design and location of on-site effluent systems for the construction phase as well as the longer term to be designed and located to the satisfaction of the local government;</p> <p>f) Compliance with the Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) dated 14 December 2023 recommendations (including the Bushfire Risk Assessment & Management Report);</p> <p>g) Any new crossover to Robartson Road shall be located and constructed to the satisfaction of the local government; and</p> <p>2. ADVISES the Development Assessment Panel of Council’s determination on this matter.</p> <p>Advice Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination. • The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permits must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any work requiring a building permit can commence on site. 	<p>Construction Management Plan and Drainage Management Plan have been submitted for assessment by Shire officers.</p>
<p>17/12/2024 CMRef: 83515 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council ADVISES the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) that it has no objection to the proposed subdivision of Lot 25266 Goldfields Road, Merredin (WAPC Application No: 201013) resulting in the creation of two new lots, proposed Lot 1 (6.53ha) and proposed Lot 2 (603.07ha) Goldfields Road, Merredin, as identified in Attachment 12.3A, subject to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the proposed boundaries not encroaching upon any existing structures or onsite effluent disposal facilities, and; 2. all new lots being connected to a constructed road via crossovers to the satisfaction of the Shire of Merredin. 	<p>COMPLETED</p>
<p>17/12/2024 CMRef: 83516 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RECEIVE the Statements of Financial Activity and Investment Report for the period ending 30 November 2024 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996; and 	<p>COMPLETED</p>

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<p>17/12/2024 CMRef: 83521 EMES</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RECEIVES the Recommendation Report included as Attachment 19.1A – Confidential Recommendation Report RFQ10 2024-25 Crooks Rd – Asphalt Surfacing; APPROVES the recommendations as contained within Section 7 of the Confidential Report included as Attachment 19.1A; and AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Contract between the Shire of Merredin and SuperCivil PTY LTD up to a total value of \$504,809 + GST, plus variations as listed in the Financial Implications section of this report. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>March 2025: Council has endorsed the RFQ recommendations re: Award of Contract – RFQ10 2024-25 Crooks Rd – Asphalt Surfacing. The resultant contract is to be raised and endorsed by CEO.</p> <p>Project update: The Shire is now waiting on DWER vegetation clearances for the critical path, earth stabilisation works to commence. This RFQ is dependent on completion of RFQ13-2024-25 - Crooks Rd – Stabilisation</p>																																																

		prior to commencement. Nil estimated date for completion of RFQ10.
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83522 CEO	That Council: 1. NOTES the outcomes of the Chief Executive Officer Probation Performance Review undertaken in November 2024 with the Chief Executive Officer being assessed as 'Meeting Expectations'; 2. NOTES that as per acceptance of this report that the Chief Executive Officer has successfully completed the six month probation period; 3. COMPLY as per Division 3 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations Schedule 2 clause 19, that the Shire President formally notify in writing the Chief Executive Officer of the results of this performance review; 4. ADOPTS the performance criteria metrics for the 2025 Key Performance Indicators as listed in the Chief Executive Officer Probation Performance Review; and 5. SCHEDULES the next review of the Chief Executive Officers performance for consideration by Council no later than August 2025, noting that the Key Performance Indicators are based on an eight month assessment period.	COMPLETED
17/12/2024 CMRef: 83523 EMCS	That Council APPROVES the transfer of up to \$41,804.91 from the Cummings Street Units Reserve account (196738010) to cover the agreed expenses, as outlined within the report, that will be incurred prior to settlement occurring.	IN PROGRESS January 2025: Transfer will not be completed until final figure is confirmed during settlement process. March 2025: No further updates at this time.
28/01/2025 CMRef: 83528 EMDS	That Council: 1. GIVE local public notice in accordance with sections 3.12(3)(a) and (3A) of the Local Government Act 1995, stating that: a. It is proposed to make a Shire of Merredin Dogs Amendment Local Law, and a summary of its purpose and effect; b. Copies of the proposed local law may be inspected at the Shire offices during normal opening hours; c. Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Shire within a period of not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given; 2. SENDS a copy of the proposed local law to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Local Government in accordance with s3.12(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, as soon as the notice is given; 3. SUPPLY a copy of the proposed local law to any person requesting it in accordance with s3.12(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995;	IN PROGRESS February 2025: Public notice being placed in the Phoenix on 14 February 2025, allowing for 42 plus days public advertising process. Correspondence from CEO will be sent to the Director General of Department of Local Government on 14 February 2025, advising of Council resolution on the matter. March 2025: Advertising in progress.

	<p>4. PRESENT the results of the public consultation to Council for consideration of any submissions received at a future meeting; and</p> <p>5. GIVE local public notice in accordance with s31(2B) and s31(3A) of the Dog Act 1976 of areas where dogs are prohibited and where dogs may be exercised off leash as listed below: Places where dogs are prohibited absolutely from entering or being in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a public building, unless permitted by a sign; b) a theatre or picture gardens; c) all premises or vehicles registered as food business premises or food vehicles under the Food Act 2008 except for a portion of a food business premises that may be used for alfresco dining providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. there is no evidence of a present risk of unsafe or unsuitable food being sold; ii. the owner or occupier of the premises permits the dog to be present; and iii. the dog must be on a leash at all times no longer than 2.0m and held by a person capable of controlling it; d) a public swimming pool; e) Apex Park, Danjoo Waabininy Boodja, Barrack Street, Merredin; and f) All playing surfaces at the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre, with the exception of events authorised by the Chief Executive Officer. <p>Places which are dog exercise areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Merredin Peak Reserve, except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. land which has been set apart as a children's playground; ii. an area being used for sporting or other activities, as permitted by the local government, during the times of such use; or iii. a car park; and b) Merredin Dog Park located on the corner of Coronation and Bates Streets. 	
<p>28/01/2025 CMRef: 83529 EMDS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to extend the existing lease agreements in place between the Shire of Merredin and the Merredin Community Resource Centre for the use of the premises located on Lot 200 Barrack Street Merredin from their nominal expiry date of 28 February 2025 until 30 June 2025, applying a pro rata lease fee based on the current lease arrangements; and 2. INSTRUCTS the Chief Executive Officer to prepare new lease agreements for the use of the premises located at Lot 200 Barrack Street, Merredin by the Merredin Community Resource Centre, for consideration and Council approval. 	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>February 2025: Exchange of Correspondence between Shire and CRC relating to agreement to temporarily extend existing leases has been finalised. Awaiting input from Council with respect to new lease agreement rental arrangements in order to finalise the preparation of new lease documentation for Council consideration.</p> <p>March 2025: Initial meeting with CRC to commence lease discussions.</p>

28/01/2025
 CMRef: 83530
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That Council:

- RECEIVE the Statements of Financial Activity and Investment Report for the period ending 31 December 2024 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;
- AMENDS the Shire of Merredin 2024/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges as per the table below:

GL	Description	Unit	GST	Total inc GST	GST	Comments
3110335	Hire - Community (Maximum 6 Adults or 8 Children: Under 12 Years)	Per hour	\$5.11	\$56.20	Y	
3110335	Hire - Commercial (Maximum 6 Adults or 8 Children: Under 12 Years)	Per hour	\$6.90	\$75.90	Y	
3110335	20 Use Pass – Adult (18+) (Half Hour Sessions) (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per half hour	\$8.84	\$97.20	Y	
3110335	20 Use Pass – Senior/ Concession/ Child 6-17 (Half Hour Sessions) (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per half hour	\$5.11	\$56.20	Y	
3110335	20 Use Pass – Adult (18+) (Hour Sessions) (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per hour	\$17.68	\$194.50	Y	
3110335	20 Use Pass – Senior/ Concession/ Child 6-17 (Hour Sessions) (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per hour	\$10.21	\$112.30	Y	
3110335	Single User Fee Adult (18+) - (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per half hour	\$0.71	\$7.80	Y	
3110335	Single User Fee Senior/ Concession/ Child 6-17 - (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per half hour	\$0.37	\$4.10	Y	
3110335	Single User Fee Adult (18+) - (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per hour	\$1.33	\$14.60	Y	
3110335	Single User Fee Senior/ Concession/ Child 6-17 - (Shared Use - Maximum of 4 People)	Per hour	\$1.65	\$7.20	Y	
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March 2025:
 Updated Fees and Charges advertised 30.01.2025 on website, social media and notice board. Newsletter sent out 03.02.2025.

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<p>28/01/2025 CMRef: 83533 EMCS</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. SELL the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for three or more years pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, and RECOVER from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$31,798.90; and Assessment A5518 Type/Zoning Residential - Townsite Period Outstanding 01/07/2012 to Current Amount Outstanding \$31,798.90 Last Payment 05/02/2018</p> <p>2. SELL the property listed hereunder which has rates in arrears for three or more years pursuant to Section 6.64(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, and RECOVER from the proceeds of sale the outstanding balance which totals \$35,202.91. Assessment A5519</p>	<p>IN PROGRESS</p> <p>February 2025: Awaiting instruction from debt collection agency prior to commencing advertising.</p> <p>March 2025: Form 4 documents sent to owner and advertising completed. Debt collection agency will pay for advertising and have removed previous charges from these two accounts. Owner has contacted the Shire to say that he</p>

	Type/Zoning Residential - Townsite Period Outstanding 01/07/2012 to Current Amount Outstanding \$35,202.91 Last Payment 05/02/2018	will not be making any payments toward either property.
17/02/2025 CMRef: 83543 EMCS/CEO	That Council ENDORSE the following recommendations from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 17 February 2025 being; 1. Item 6.1: That Council NOTES the Risk and Regulation Action Plan, as tabled to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee; 2. Item 6.2: That Council Receives the 2024 Compliance Audit Return, ADOPTS the 2024 Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 as contained in Attachment 6.2A, and AUTHORISES the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the joint certification and submit the completed 2024 Compliance Audit Return, and any additional information explaining or quantifying the compliance audit, to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2025; and 3. Item 6.3: That Council ADOPTS the updated "Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference" as shown in Attachment 6.3A.	COMPLETED March 2025: The Compliance Audit Return has been submitted to the Department.
17/02/2025 CMRef: 83544 EMDS	That Council: 1. GIVE local public notice in accordance with section 3.12(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995, stating that: a) It is proposed to make a Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law, and a summary of its purpose and effect; b) Copies of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at the Shire of Merredin's offices during normal opening hours; c) Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Shire of Merredin within a period of not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given; 2. SENDS a copy of the proposed local law to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, in accordance with s3.12(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, as soon as the notice is given; 3. SUPPLY a copy of the proposed local law to any person requesting it in accordance with s3.12(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995; and 4. PRESENT the results of the public consultation to Council for consideration of any submissions received at a future meeting.	IN PROGRESS March 2025: Awaiting next addition of the Phoenix for inclusion of public advertising advert.
17/02/2025 CMRef: 83545 EMDS	That Council ADVISES the Western Australian Planning Commission that it has no objection to the proposed subdivision of Lots 50 and 104 South Ave (York-Merredin Rd), Merredin (WAPC Application No: 201283), resulting in the creation of three new lots, proposed Lot 110 (8.5ha), proposed Lot 111 (9ha) and proposed Lot 112 (0.39ha) as outlined in Attachment 12.2A, subject to the following;	COMPLETED March 2025: Advice provided by email to WAPC confirming Council resolution on the matter.

	<p>1. Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6 provisions relating to subdivision and development of land within the Rural Residential zone (clause 4.11 of the Scheme refers);</p> <p>2. All proposed Lots to be connected to a dedicated road reserve that may require legal agreements with Water Corporation for access across the Water Supply Reserve 54429;</p> <p>3. Access easements to be located and constructed to the satisfaction of the local government;</p> <p>4. Compliance with the Bushfire Management Plan; and</p> <p>5. The Applicant is advised that the Shire does not intend to undertake any upgrade works to O'Connor Street as part of this subdivision application.</p>																																											
17/02/2025 CMRef: 83547 EMS&C	<p>That Council:</p> <p>1. ADOPTS Policy 5.13 – Cummins Theatre – Purchased Shows with changes as presented in Attachment 14.2B; and</p> <p>2. ADOPTS Policy 6.4 – Camping on Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre Grounds with changes as presented in Attachment 14.2D.</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>March 2025: The updated policies have been put in the Policy Manual and the Policy Manual has been put on the website.</p>																																										
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17/02/2025 CMRef: 83551 EMCS	That Council: 1. ACCEPT Offer 1 received for Assessment A2164, Lot 81, Jackson Way, Merredin WA 6415 for the amount of the offer received; 2. DECLINE Offer 2 received for Assessment A2164, Lot 81, Jackson Way, Merredin WA 6415 for the amount of the offer received; 3. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President to execute a Contract of Sale and apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal; and 4. TRANSFER profit received into a reserve once settlement has occurred and final figures are known.	IN PROGRESS March 2025: Correspondence sent in relation to Offer 1 and Offer 2. Contract of Sale signed Monday 10 March 2025.