

SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin
Monday, 10 March 2025
Commencing 4:30pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document	
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
EMS&C	Executive Manager Strategy & Community
EMCS	Executive Manager Corporate Services
EMDS	Executive Manager Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager Engineering Services
EO	Executive Officer
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
GO	Governance Officer
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
MCO	Media and Communications Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Manager of Projects
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan



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1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and paid her respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The President then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 4:30pm.

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2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr D Crook	President
Cr R Manning	Deputy President
Cr B Anderson	
Cr H Billing	
Cr M McKenzie	
Cr L O'Neill	
Cr M Simmonds	
Cr P Van Der Merwe	

Staff:

C Watts	CEO
L Boehme	EMCS
C Brindley-Mullen	EMS&C
M Wyatt	EO
A Bruyins	GO

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: L Carr – A/EMES, P Zenni - EMDS

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest

Cr McKenzie declared a Closely Associated Persons Interest in Item 13.1.

5. Applications of Leave of Absence

Nil

6. Petitions and Presentations

Nil

7. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

Nil

8. Matters for Which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public

13.1 Lease – Grandstand Bar and Restaurant

9. Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision

Nil

10. Officers' Reports

Nil

11. Motions of which Previous Notice has been given

Nil

12. Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given

Nil

13. Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with section 5.23 (2)(a)(b)(c)(e)(ii)(iii), of the *Local Government Act 1995* Council will go Behind Closed Doors to discuss these matters.

Council Decision

Moved: Cr Billing **Seconded:** Cr Van Der Merwe

83553 That Council move Behind Closed Doors and that Standing Orders be suspended at 4:31pm.

CARRIED 8/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Simmonds, Cr Van Der Merwe


Against: Nil

Reason

That matters related to a matter affecting a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting, and a matter that if disclosed, would reveal information that has a commercial value to a person, or information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person were to be discussed.

13.1 Lease – Grandstand Bar and Restaurant

Cr McKenzie declared a Closely Association Persons Interest in this Item and left the Chambers at 4:32pm

<h2>Community Services</h2> 	
Responsible Officer:	Codi Brindley-Mullen, EMS&C
Author:	As above
Legislation:	Local Government 1995
File Reference:	MRC/4/6
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 13.1A – Proposed Lease Attachment 13.1B – Letter Requesting Minister Approval

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr O'Neill

Seconded: Cr Van Der Merwe

That Council:

83554

1. **ENDORSES** Attachment 13.1A - Lease between the Shire of Merredin and Civic Bowling Club Merredin Inc, subject to consent from the Minister for Lands being granted;
2. **AUTHORISE** the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and apply the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Lease between the Shire of Merredin and Civic Bowling Club Merredin Inc, inclusive of any minor changes requested by the Minister for Lands;
3. **PROVIDE** conditional approval for the Civic Bowling Club Merredin Inc. to operate under the Shire of Merredin's liquor license until the transfer is complete; and
4. **NOTES** that additional funding as contained within the lease will be included within the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr O'Neill, Cr Simmonds, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

Cr McKenzie returned to the Chambers at 4:33pm.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Van Der Merwe **Seconded:** Cr Billing

83555 **That Council return from Behind Closed Doors at 4:34pm, resume Standing Orders and that the resolutions being passed in the confidential session be confirmed in open meeting.**

CARRIED 8/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Simmonds, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

14. Closure

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4:35pm.

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