



SHIRE OF  
**MERREDIN**  
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

# MINUTES

## Special Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers  
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin  
Wednesday 27 November 2019  
8.00pm



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<b>Common Acronyms Used in this Document</b>	
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
CEACA	Central East Aged Care Alliance
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DCEO	Deputy CEO
EMDS	Executive Manager of Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager of Engineering Services
EMCS	Executive Manager of Corporate Services
EA	Executive Assistant to CEO
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding

**Shire of Merredin**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**8:00pm Wednesday 27 November 2019**



**1. Official Opening**

The President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 8:01pm

**2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence**

**Councillors:**

Cr JR Flockart	President
Cr MD Willis	Deputy President
Cr RA Billing	
Cr Butler	
Cr LN Boehme	
Cr MJ McKenzie	
Cr RM Manning	(via teleconference from 8:03pm)
Cr P Patroni	
Cr PM Van Der Merwe	

**Staff:**

K Bartley	Deputy CEO
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**Members of the Public:**

**Apologies:** Nil

**Approved Leave of Absence:** Nil

**Request for Attendance via Teleconference**

In accordance with Regulation 14A of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* Councillor Manning has requested attendance at this Council Meeting via telephone communication.

**Voting Requirements**

- Simple Majority                       Absolute Majority

## Councillor's Recommendation / Resolution

**Moved:** Cr Boehme

**Seconded:** Cr Van Der Merwe

**82470 That Council:**

1. Approves Councillor Manning's attendance at the November 2019 Special Council meeting via telephone communication in accordance with Regulation 14A(1) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*; and
2. Approves a residence at Windsor Lodge Como, 3 Preston Street Como WA 6152 as a suitable place for Councillor Manning's attendance in accordance with Regulation 14A(4) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0**

*8.03pm – phone contact was made with Councillor Manning who joined the meeting.*

### 3. Public Question Time

Nil

### 4. Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### 5. Applications of Leave of Absence

Nil

### 6. Petitions and Presentations

Nil

### 7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

### 8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without discussion

Nil

### 9. Matters for which the Meeting may be closed to the public

Nil

### 10. Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings

Nil

### 11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council consideration

Nil

**12. Officer's Report – Development Services**

Nil

**13. Officer's Report – Engineering Services**

Nil

**14. Officer's Reports – Corporate and Community Services**

Nil

**15. Officer's Reports - Administration**

Nil

**16. Motions of which Previous Notice has been given**

Nil

**17. Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given**

Nil

**18. Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding of by Decision**

Nil

## 19. Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with Section 5.23 of the *Local Government Act 1995* Council went behind Closed Doors to discuss a matter affecting an employee.

### Council Decision

**Moved:** Cr Patroni **Seconded:** Cr Butler

**82471** That Council move Behind Closed Doors at 8:04pm.

**CARRIED 9/0**

*8:04pm – K Bartley, DCEO left the meeting*

## 19.1 CEO Resignation

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority  Absolute Majority

### Council Decision

**Moved:** Cr Boehme **Seconded:** Cr Patroni

**82472** That Council accepts Mr Greg Powell's tender of resignation as contained in the confidential attachment 19.1A

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 19.2 Appointment of Acting CEO

### Voting Requirements

Simple Majority  Absolute Majority

### Officer's Recommendation

**Moved:** Cr McKenzie **Seconded:** Cr Butler

**82473** That Council;

1. Appoints Mrs Kellie Bartley as Acting Chief Executive Officer effective 27 November 2019 until 2 January 2020 as Council believes she is suitably qualified for the position; and
2. Appoints Mr Charlie Brown as Acting Chief Executive Officer should Mrs Kellie Bartley take any annual leave during the period from 27

**November 2019 to 2 January 2020 inclusive as council believes Mr Brown is suitably qualified for the position**

**CARRIED 9/o**

### **19.3 Governance Health Check Review**

#### **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

#### **Council Decision**

**Moved:** Cr Butler

**Seconded:** Cr Willis

**82474** That Council authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to engage Local Government Consultant Gary Martin to undertake a preliminary governance health assessment of general compliance of the organisation and the appropriateness and effectiveness of the procedures of the Shire.

**CARRIED 9/o**

#### **Council Decision**

**Moved:** Cr Boehme

**Seconded:** Cr Van Der Merwe

**82475** That Council return from Behind Closed Doors at 9:22pm.

**CARRIED 9/o**

#### **Council Decision**

**Moved:** Cr Billing

**Seconded:** Cr Boehme

**82476** Resume Standing Orders at 9:21pm

**CARRIED 9/o**

*9:25pm – K Bartley, DCEO re-entered the meeting.*

### **20. Closure**

There being no further business the President thanked those in attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm.