

## **MINUTES**

For the Council Meeting held on

Thursday 15 March, 2018

Commencing at 5 p.m.

In the Community Centre, Hopetoun.



**Shire of Ravensthorpe  
Notice of Ordinary Council Meetings**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Administration Regulation 12 (I) it, is hereby notified that as from January 2018 to December 2018, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of Ravensthorpe will be held as follows:

January 2018	No meetings scheduled	
12 February 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers- Forum	1 pm
<b>15 February 2018</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
12 March 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>15 March 2018</b>	<b>Hopetoun Community Centre</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
16 April 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>19 April 2018</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
14 May 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>17 May 2018</b>	<b>Hopetoun Community Centre</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
18 June 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>21 June 2018</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
16 July 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>19 July 2018</b>	<b>Hopetoun Community Centre</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
13 August 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers- Forum	1 pm
<b>16 August 2018</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
17 September 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>20 September 2018</b>	<b>Munglinup Recreation Centre</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
15 October 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>18 October 2018</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
12 November 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers - Forum	1 pm
<b>15 November 2018</b>	<b>Hopetoun Community Centre</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
17 December 2018	Ravensthorpe Council Chambers- Forum	1 pm
<b>20 December 2018</b>	<b>Ravensthorpe Council Chambers</b>	<b>5 pm</b>

Ratepayers and residents are welcome to attend the council meetings and participate in the Public Question time session which are held at the beginning of each Council Meeting.

**Ian Fitzgerald**  
Chief Executive Officer

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOPETOON**  
**ON 15 MARCH 2018, COMMENCING AT 5PM**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

5.00pm – The presiding person, Cr K Dunlop, declared the meeting open.

**2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES/ APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

MEMBERS: Cr Keith Dunlop (Shire President)  
Cr Julianne Belli (Deputy Shire President)  
Cr Kerry Dickinson  
Cr Ian Goldfinch  
Cr Thomas Major  
Cr Graham Richardson

STAFF: Ian Fitzgerald (Chief Executive Officer)  
Darryn Watkins (Manager Engineering Services)  
Portia Chambers (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Darren Kennedy (Manager of Corporate and Community Services)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
Cr P Smith

ABSENT: NIL

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

NIL

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

NIL

## 5. APPLICATIONS FOR, AND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

### 5.1 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr P Smith has requested leave for the Ordinary Council meeting on 15 March, 2018.

COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 5.1
Moved: Cr Dickinson	Seconded: Cr Goldfinch
Cr P Smith be granted leave for the Ordinary Council meeting 15 March 2018.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 18/18

## 6. PETITIONS/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

NIL

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 7.1 COUNCIL MEETING – 15 FEBRUARY, 2018

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 7.1
Moved: Cr Richardson	Seconded: Cr Major
That the minutes of the meeting of council held on 15 February, 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 19/18

## 8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

NIL

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS

NIL

## 10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 10.1 MANAGER OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

<b>10.1.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – 28 FEBRUARY 2018</b>
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**File Ref:**

**Applicant:**

**Location:** Not applicable

**Disclosure of Officer Interest:** None

**Date:** 7 March 2018

**Author:** Darren Kennedy – Manager Corporate & Community Services

**Authorising Officer:** Not applicable

**Attachments:** Yes – Monthly Financial Reports for February 2018

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**Summary:**

This report presents the monthly financial report for February 2018 to Council which is provided as an attachment to the agenda. The recommendation is to receive the February monthly financial report.

**Background:**

As per the Financial Management Regulation 34 each Local Government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1) (d), for that month with the following detail

- The annual budget estimates,
- The operating revenue, operating income, and all other income and expenses,
- Any significant variations between year to date income and expenditure and the relevant budget provisions to the end of the relevant reporting period,
- Identify any significant areas where activities are not in accordance with budget estimates for the relevant reporting period,
- Provide likely financial projections to 30 June for those highlighted significant variations and their effect on the end of year result,
- Include an operating statement, and
- Any other required supporting notes.

**Comment:**

To provide timely financial information to the Council this report is based on the 2017/2018 Budget adopted by Council on 17 August 2017 and budget review adopted February 2018. The report contains the budget amounts, actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month. It shows the material differences between the draft budget and actual amounts where they are not associated to timing differences for the purpose of keeping Council abreast of the current financial position.

**Consultation:**

Council Financial Records

Senior Finance Officer

**Statutory Obligations:**

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 require that financial activity statement reports are provided each month reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for that month.

The report is to be presented at either the next ordinary meeting after the end of the month, or if not prepared in time to the next ordinary meeting after that meeting.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Budget / Financial Implications:**

As detailed within the attachments

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Risk:**

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting Statutory Compliance	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Failure to meet Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 10.1.1
Moved: Cr Belli	Seconded: Cr Richardson
That Council receive the Monthly Financial Reports for the period ending 28 February 2018 in accordance with Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 20/18



**10.1.2 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT PAYMENTS – FEBRUARY 2018****File Ref:****Applicant:** Not applicable**Location:** Not applicable**Disclosure of Officer Interest:** None**Date:** 28 February, 2018**Author:** Stacey Howard – Senior Finance Officer**Authorising Officer:** Darren Kennedy – Manager of Corporate and  
Community Services**Attachments:** Schedule of Payments to 28 February, 2018  
Credit Card Transactions to 02 February, 2018**Summary:**

This item presents the schedule of payments for Council approval in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**Background:****28 February 2018**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>VOUCHERS</b>	<b>AMOUNTS</b>
<b>Municipal Account</b>	EFTs	EFT8153-EFT8261 Direct Debit	<b>\$1,870,135.68</b>
	Municipal Fund Cheques	000246 - 000255	<b>\$29,956.49</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	Dates	14/02/2018 28/02/2018	<b>\$175,924.37</b>
<b>Superannuation</b>		Direct Debit	<b>\$22,888.45</b>
<b>Bank Fees</b>			<b>\$478.72</b>
<b>Shire Credit Card Facility</b>	Westpac VISA	02/01/2018 – 02/02/2018	<b>\$2,374.06</b>
<b>Municipal Account Total</b>			<b>\$2,101,757.77</b>
<b>Trust Account Payments</b>	EFTs	EFT8275	<b>\$61,295.45</b>
	Cheques		<b>\$NIL</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$2,163,053.22</b>

**Comment:**

This schedule of accounts as presented, submitted to each member of the Council, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices which are submitted herewith and which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to prices computation, and costing's and the amounts shown have been paid.

**Consultation:**

N/A

**Statutory Obligations:****Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996****13. Lists of accounts**

(1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared

- (a) the payee's name;
- (b) the amount of the payment;
- (c) the date of the payment; and
- (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

(2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —

- (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
  - (i) the payee's name;
  - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
  - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
- (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.

(3) A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be —

- (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
- (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Budget / Financial Implications:**

This item address Council's expenditure from Trust and Municipal funds which have been paid under delegated authority.

**Strategic Implications:**

N/A

**Risk:**

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting Statutory Compliance	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Failure to meet Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 10.1.2
Moved: Cr Dickinson	Seconded: Cr Belli
That pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, the payment of accounts for the month of February 2018, be noted.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 21/18

**10.2      MANAGER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

NIL

### 10.3 MANAGER OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

<b>10.3.1 TENDERS- WANDRRA ROAD REPAIRS- RFT 14/2017, 15/2017, 16/2017, 17/2017, 18/2017, 19/2017</b>
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**File Ref:**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Location:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Disclosure of Officer Interest:</b>	None
<b>Date:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018
<b>Author:</b>	Darryn Watkins - Manager Engineering Services
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	Ian Fitzgerald – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Opus Tender Evaluation Report

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**Summary:**

A series of tenders have been called for works packages for repairs to the shires road network as a result of the February 2017 flood event. The event has been declared a natural disaster which has triggered funding that being WANDRRA AGRN 743.

The tender submissions for the advertised works packages 14 to 19 have been assessed by Council's engineering consultant's against the criteria outlined in the tender documentation and a report on the tender evaluation prepared for Council consideration.

**Background:**

The flood event of February 2017 severely impacted some 90 local governments including the Shire of Ravensthorpe. The event was declared a natural disaster and as such is eligible for disaster relief funding under WANDRRA.

Once the event was declared a natural disaster the process of assessing and recording each area of damage was required along with a cost estimate for the road repairs. All this documentation is presented to Main Roads WA for the assessment and subsequent approval. The first six packages awarded to contractors have been completed with the second lot of six works packages awarded are well underway.

**Comment:**

The evaluation report from Opus International Consultants is attached which details the tender process, submissions received and recommendation's for award.

**Consultation:**

Chief Executive Officer  
OPUS Consultants

**Statutory Obligations:**

Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Budget / Financial Implications:**

Council will be required to fund the repair works and then through a complex time consuming process claim the funds back through Main Roads WA.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION		ITEM 10.3.1
Moved: Cr Dickinson		Seconded: Cr Richardson
That Council awards the tenders as outlined below:		
	Recommended Contractor	Price (Inc GST)
14/2017	WCP Civil Pty Ltd	\$1,016,102.88
15/2017	BCP Contractors Pty Ltd	\$739,621.62
16/2017	BCP Contractors Pty Ltd	\$507,371.54
17/2017	Palmer Civil Construction	\$993,874.20
18/2017	ACH Contractors Pty Ltd	\$730,351.60
19/2017	BCP Contractors Pty Ltd	\$239,000.75
Carried: 6/0		Res: 22/18

## 10.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 10.4.1 SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE STANDING ORDERS LOCAL LAW 2018

**File Ref:**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Ravensthorpe
<b>Location:</b>	Shire of Ravensthorpe
<b>Disclosure of Officer Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	27 February 2018
<b>Author:</b>	Ian Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	N/A
<b>Attachments:</b>	Draft Standing Orders Local Law 2018

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#### Summary

This item seeks Council support to commence the process to make a new local law (Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018) under and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995.

#### Background

Council has requested that the current Standing Orders local law be reviewed and updated. A copy of the current local law was given to all Councillors in December and then a draft new version was presented to the February Council Forum and no comments have been received.

#### Comment:

Meetings of Council and its committees have been regulated by the existing local law - Standing Orders Local Law 2010. Following a training session held on meeting procedures and practices it was agreed to revise the current local law.

Standing Orders local laws are made under the Local Government Act 1995 and will provide continuity and security for meeting standards.

The existing Standing Orders Local Laws 2010 have been in effect for a period of time and were amended in 2011 to correct a few anomalies. It was following the meeting procedures training course it was agreed a revised and modernised version was to be developed. Given this and other changes, a comprehensive review of the existing Standing Orders Local Law proposes to repeal the existing local law and introduce the new Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018.

Local governments are increasingly adopting local laws to assist with their operations and procedures and to reflect modern meeting practice.



The proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018 presented to Council for consideration is based on the Shire of Collie Standing Orders Local Law 2017. Given the referred to local laws have recently been adopted, it is expected that the proposed local law is likely to meet the expectations of the Joint Standing Committee.

The proposed local law includes a total rewrite of the existing Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2010.

Proposed Timetable:

<b>Task</b>	<b>LGA Section</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Report to Council</b> for approval to advertise proposed new Local Law	3.12(2)	March 2018
<b>Give Statewide and local public notice</b> and make copies available to the general public	3.12(3) & 3(a)	March 2018
<b>Provide a copy of the proposed local law and the notice to the Minister</b> for Standing Orders and the <b>Minister</b> for Local Government	3.12(3)(b)	March 2018
<b>Closing date for submissions</b> to be received (not less than 6 weeks)	3.12(4)	May 2018
<b>Consider submissions and report back to Council</b> to determine whether to make a Local Law (absolute majority required) – repeal existing local law at this time.	3.12(4)	May 2018
<b>Publish Local Law in Government Gazette</b> and <b>forward a copy to the Minister</b> for Standing Orders and the <b>Minister</b> for Local Government	3.12(5)	August/September 2018
<b>Give Statewide and local public notice</b> advising that the new law has been made, the title, the purpose and effect and make copies available to the general public	3.12(6)	August/September 2018
<i>Note: Dates are a guide only</i>		

**Consultation:**

Councillors

**Statutory Obligations:**

Section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 refers to the procedure for making local laws. Council may make local laws in accordance with Part 3 of the Local Government Act 1995 and in so doing, all local laws are then to be reviewed within eight years of their commencement date.

The process of adopting or amending a local law is set out in s3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 and is summarised in Table 1 below with further information provided following the table.

In addition, Regulation 3 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 provides that:

“For the purpose of section 3.12, the person presiding at a Council meeting is to give notice of the purpose and effect of a local law by ensuring that —

- (a) the purpose and effect of the proposed local law is included in the agenda for that meeting; and
- (b) the minutes of the meeting of the council include the purpose and effect of the proposed local law.”

The following fulfils the requirement defined in Regulation 3:

NOTICE of purpose and effect of the proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018;

Notes the purpose of the proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018 is to provide rules and guidelines which apply to the conduct of meetings of the Council and its committees and to meetings of electors,

Notes the effect of the proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018 is that these Standing Orders will result in –

- a) better decision making by the Council and its committees;
- b) the orderly conduct of meetings dealing with Council business
- c) the more efficient and effective use of time at meetings

Section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995 deals with the procedure for making local laws –

- (1) In making a local law a local government is to follow the procedure described in this section, in the sequence in which it is described.
- (2) At a Council meeting the person presiding is to give notice to the meeting of the purpose and effect of the proposed local law in the prescribed manner.
- (3) The local government is to —
  - (a) give Statewide public notice stating that —

(i) the local government proposes to make a local law the purpose and effect of which is summarised in the notice; and

(ii) a copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and

submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given; and,

(b) as soon as the notice is given, give a copy of the proposed local law and a copy of the notice to the Minister and, if another Minister administers the Act under which the local law is proposed to be made, to that other Minister; and

(c) provide a copy of the proposed local law, in accordance with the notice, to any person requesting it.

(3a) A notice under subsection (3) is also to be published and exhibited as if it were a local public notice.

(4) After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and may make the local law\* as proposed or make a local law\* that is not significantly different from what was proposed. \* Absolute majority required.

(5) After making the local law, the local government is to publish it in the Gazette and give a copy of it to the Minister and, if another Minister administers the Act under which the local law is proposed to be made, to that other Minister.

(6) After the local law has been published in the Gazette the local government is to give local public notice —

(a) stating the title of the local law; and

(b) summarising the purpose and effect of the local law (specifying the day on which it comes into operation); and

(c) advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or obtained from the local government's office.

(7) The Minister may give directions to local governments requiring them to provide to the Parliament copies of local laws they have made and any explanatory or other material relating to them.

(8) In this section —

making in relation to a local law, includes making a local law to amend the text of, or repeal, a local law.

Of relevance is s3.12(4), where a local law initially proposed is significantly different, section 3.13 applies and in this case the major amendments proposed are considered to enact section 3.13.

Section 3.13 Procedure where significant change in proposal –

If during the procedure for making a proposed local law the local government decides to make a local law that would be significantly different from what it first proposed, the local government is to recommence the procedure.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Budget / Financial Implication**

The process will require expenditure on advertising and once approved gazettal with an overall cost estimated at \$3,000 which is provided for in the 2017/18 budget.

**Strategic Implications:**

Theme 4. Civic Leadership - provision of responsible, accountable, representative and efficient governance.

- a) Corporate Governance and Accountability - 4.2.1 High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance.
- b) Responsible and responsive leadership - 4.3.1 Quality, effective and responsive representation.

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 10.4.1
Moved: Cr Richardson	Seconded: Cr Goldfinch
That Council by Absolute Majority:	
1. approves for the making of the proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018, as detailed in the attachment, in accordance with section 3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995;	
2. approves for the proposed local law to be advertised in accordance with section 1.8 of the Local Government Act 1995; and,	
a) to make copies of the proposed local law available to the general public with a submission period being open for a minimum of 6 weeks;	
b) to send copies of the proposed law to the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Standing Orders,	
3. Notes the purpose of the proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018 is to provide rules and guidelines which apply to the conduct of meetings of the Council and its committees and to meetings of electors,	
4. Notes the effect of the proposed Shire of Ravensthorpe Standing Orders Local Law 2018 is that these Standing Orders will result in –	
a) better decision making by the Council and its committees;	
b) the orderly conduct of meetings dealing with Council business	
c) the more efficient and effective use of time at meetings	
Carried by absolute majority: 6/0	Res: 23/18

**10.4.2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL PURCHASING POLICY – F6****File Ref:**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Location:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Disclosure of Officer Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
<b>Author:</b>	Ian Fitzgerald – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Attachments:</b>	Draft Purchasing Policy

**Summary:**

The purpose of this item is to review the purchasing policy as previously discussed with Council as the first stage of establishing a local prequalified supplier panel. The proposed policy is based on a template provided by the WA Local Government Association.

**Background:**

The current policy meets statutory requirements but does not specifically reference the establishment of local supply panels which is a new requirement under the Tender Regulations.

The policy was previously reviewed in February 2017.

**Comment:**

Council has a panel of local prequalified suppliers which was adopted for a maximum term of 5 years and is due to terminate in October 2018. To enable a new panel to be established the current regulations require Council/s Purchasing Policy to include provision for such a panel to be created. Council's existing policy does not include this provision in the correct format.

The draft policy presented for Council's consideration and adoption is based on a model purchasing policy provided by the WA Local Government Association.

The majority of the remaining information in the draft policy has been copied from Council's adopted purchasing policy.

The specific reference to a Panel of Prequalified Suppliers is copied below:

*In accordance with Regulation 24AC of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, a Panel of Pre-qualified Suppliers ("Panel") may be created where most of the following factors apply:*

- *the Shire determines that a range of similar goods and services are required to be purchased on a continuing and regular basis;*
- *there are numerous potential suppliers in the local and regional procurement-related market sector(s) that satisfy the test of 'value for money';*
- *the purchasing activity under the intended Panel is assessed as being of a low to medium risk;*
- *the Panel will streamline and will improve procurement processes; and*
- *the Shire has the capability to establish, manage the risks and achieve the benefits expected of the proposed Panel.*

*The Shire will endeavour to ensure that Panels will not be created unless most of the above factors are firmly and quantifiably established.*

Once the new policy is adopted by Council the administration will begin working with the WA Local Government Association to create a new local prequalified suppliers panel but with a reduced scope to the existing panel – removing such areas as architecture, painters and builders.

The proposed policy was presented separately to Councillors in December and again in February and there has been no comment received.

#### **Consultation:**

Senior staff

WA Local Government Association

#### **Statutory Obligations**

Whilst adopted policies are not legally binding, they are in place to assist / guide Councillors and staff when determining purchasing practices. There is a need to follow the tender regulations (Functions and General Regulations 1996) in creating a prequalified supplier panel.

#### **Policy Implications:**

New Purchasing Policy presented for Council's consideration and adoption.

#### **Budget / Financial Implications**

The purchasing policy helps guide purchases made by staff on items required to deliver services and facilities to the community and within the annual budget framework adopted by Council.

**Strategic Implications:**

Theme 4 - Civic Leadership

Corporate Governance and Accountability

4.2.1 High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance.

**Risk:**

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting Statutory Compliance and/or purchasing standards	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Failure to meet Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

**Sustainability Implications**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 10.4.2
Moved: Cr Goldfinch	Seconded: Cr Belli
That Council adopts the revised Purchasing Policy – F6 as presented.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 24/18



**10.4.3 CULHAM INLET CAUSEWAY – REPLACEMENT DESIGN****File Ref:**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Location:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Disclosure of Officer Interest:</b>	None
<b>Date:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
<b>Author:</b>	Ian Fitzgerald – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Attachments:</b>	Yes – Consultants Report and recommended design

**Summary:**

Council received a presentation on potential design options for the replacement of the Culham Inlet crossing from a representative of OPUS, Council's consulting engineers, at the December Council meeting. It was agreed, in-principle, during those discussions that option was the preferred design – a combination of 2 banks of culverts and a floodway/spillway.

Following that presentation staff have been working with Main Roads WA and Office of Emergency Management to ascertain if the cost of constructing Council's preferred design option would be covered by the natural disaster relief funding (WANDRRA).

Advice has recently been received confirming the design will be acceptable and meet the WANDRRA guidelines.

Council is now requested to formally nominate option 2 in the attached report as their preferred design for the replacement Culham Inlet crossing.

**Background:**

The previous causeway was damaged during the winter of 2016 which lead to its closure and a temporary access built and opened December 2016. The flood event of February totally destroyed both the temporary access and the damaged original structure.

With approval of Main Roads WA and Office of Emergency Management a new temporary access into the Fitzgerald River National Park was constructed and opened late August 2017 – in time for the annual wildflower festival. This construction work was funded via the disaster relief funding program (WANDRRA).

**Comment:**

The flood event of February 2017 caused massive damage to both public and private infrastructure across the entire shire. The initial focus was on getting people access to a safe

road network and then access into the Fitzgerald River National Park understanding the importance of this access to our tourism industry and therefore our small local business community.

Whilst work on developing tenders and contracts for the various of the road network have been taking place considerable work has also been undertaken on trying to understand the significance of the flood event in terms of river flows – now estimated to have been a 1 in 300 year event. It was necessary for this work to be undertaken so that engineers could begin the process of designing a structure that would be most likely to survive an event of a similar magnitude.

In December 2017 a lead engineer from OPUS presented a report to Council outlining 3 options for a replacement structure to be built across the Culham Inlet to provide the vital access into the Fitzgerald River National Park.

The 3 options presented were:

- a) Reinstatement of the previous design and culvert location – estimated cost \$4.3m
- b) Construction of 2 banks of culverts with an associated causeway/floodway – estimated cost \$5.3m
- c) Construction of a 80metre concrete bridge – estimated cost \$9m

OPUS recommended option 2 and the general feeling of Council was that this was the preferred replacement structure.

Since December staff have been working to ascertain what structure would be acceptable and therefore funding provided for under the disaster relief funding arrangements understanding that the guidelines only provide funding for replacement on a like-for-like basis – no improvement or betterment funding is permitted. There is a provision in the guidelines that provides for new construction whether it be roads, culverts or bridges to “current engineering standards” acknowledging that over time standards change.

It is on the basis of this provision that staff have been working to ensure funding will be provided for construction of the recommended and Council’s preferred option – Option 2. Should this level of funding not be provided there would be a shortfall of \$2 – 3m which Council would have been responsible for finding – either from government or self-funding.

Advice has recently been received, in writing, that Option 2 would be eligible for full funding under the disaster relief funding arrangements on the basis that Main Roads WA and the Office of Emergency Management are satisfied that such a structure would be replacing the previous structure with something similar but built to current engineering standards.

This is a major win for the Shire of Ravensthorpe and our community. The new structure will give security of access into the park and at minimal cost to the community other than staff time.

Now that the assurance of funding has been secured it is appropriate for Council to formally resolve their support for Option 2 as being the preferred design of the replacement access causeway into the park. OPUS will begin work on developing the necessary detailed drawings and specifications for the structure with input from Main Roads WA. It is the intention that this work will be completed in time to allow for tenders to be called in July or August with a view the construction could be completed during the summer of 2018/19.

This has been a very difficult and time consuming process but with the support and goodwill of others a positive outcome has been reached. The support of our local members of parliament and Minister Alannah MacTiernan in achieving this outcome should be also noted.

**Consultation:**

Main Roads WA

Office of Emergency Management

OPUS

**Statutory Obligations:**

The cost of the recommended structure is such that Council will be required to call formal tenders for the construction – once all the required drawings and technical specifications have been agreed.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Budget / Financial Implications:**

The cost of constructing the new Culham Inlet causeway will be fully covered by the disaster relief funding arrangements – WANDRRA, based on proceeding with option 2 in the report presented to Council.

**Strategic Implications:**

Theme 2 – thriving business and industry including tourism

2.3 Development of tourism

Theme 3 – Adequate services and infrastructure to cater for the community

3.1 Effective transport networks

Theme 4 – Civic leadership

4.1 Financial sustainability

**Risk**

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting WANDRRA Guidelines	Possible (3)	Moderate (3)	Moderate (9)	Failure to meet WANDRRA Guidelines, Financial impact on Shire	Accept Officer Recommendation

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 10.4.3

Moved: Cr Richardson Seconded: Cr Dickinson

That Council:

- a) Formally adopt Option 2, culvert and causeway design, as the preferred replacement structure for the Culham Inlet access causeway
- b) Request OPUS work with Main Roads WA to finalise drawings and specifications for the replacement structure to allow tenders to be called for the construction
- c) Acknowledge the work of OPUS, Main Roads WA, Office of Emergency Management and staff in achieving a positive outcome for the Shire of Ravensthorpe

Carried:6/0 Res: 25/18

**11. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**12. BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**

**12.1 ELECTED MEMBERS**

**12.2 OFFICERS**

COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 12.2
Moved: Cr Belli	Seconded: Cr Dickinson
That Council accept late item 12.2.1 Policy LO7 – Shark Response Policy.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 26/18

**12.2.1 COUNCIL POLICY LO7 - SHARK RESPONSE POLICY****File Ref:****Applicant:****Location:** Not applicable**Disclosure of Officer Interest:** None**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015**Author:** Darryn Watkins – Manager Engineering Services**Authorising Officer:** Ian Fitzgerald – Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Draft – Shark Response Policy

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**Summary:**

With the implementation by State Government of Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) system it became evident that the Shire of Ravensthorpe as a LGA coastal manager did not have a Shark Response Policy.

This item addresses that issue.

**Background:**

The Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) system is a coding system designed to improve emergency response times by installing signs with unique numbers at beach access points.

**Comment:**

In December 2017, the Western Australia Government launched a grants program to Local Government Authorities (LGA's) to provide financial assistance to introduce emergency response signs along beaches with public access. Regional LGA's are eligible for grants of up to \$50,000 for the implementation of the signage. To be eligible to apply for the funding assistance, the LGA's must have a "Shark Response Policy".

Once the signage is in place the Emergency Service Organisations including WA Police, DFES, and St Johns Ambulance will integrate the numbering system into their Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems.

Furthermore, the Shire of Ravensthorpe coastline extends for approximately 200 kilometres along the Southern Ocean and this policy will provide a defined uniform approach in response to shark sightings and attacks. A sample design of the signage can be seen below.



**Consultation:**

Shire staff  
 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development  
 Surf Lifesaving WA

**Statutory Obligations:**

N/A

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Budget / Financial Implications:**

In kind contribution of signage installation

**Strategic Implications:**

1. Vibrant and supportive community
2. Adequate services and infrastructure
3. Civic leadership

**Risk:**

Risk	Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Principal Risk	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Not meeting Community expectations – severe beach incident	Possible (3)	Moderate (3)	Moderate (9)	Failure to meet expectations of the community and emergency services volunteers	Accept Officer Recommendation

**Sustainability Implications:**

- **Environmental:**  
There are no known significant environmental considerations.
- **Economic:**  
There are no known significant economic considerations.
- **Social:**  
There are no known significant social considerations.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 12.2.1
Moved: Cr Richardson	Seconded: Cr Dickinson
That Council adopt Policy LO7 - Shark Response policy as presented.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 27/18

*The Shire President Cr K Dunlop presented Kay Wilson with her Senior Citizen Australia Day Award. Kay was unable to attend the award ceremony held on Australia Day.*

*Kay thanked the Shire for recognising volunteers within the shire.*

**13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 13
Moved: Cr Goldfinch	Seconded: Cr Dickinson
That Council go behind closed doors to discuss an operational matter involving the Chief Executive Officer.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 28/18

*5.18PM – The gallery, Darryn Watkins and Portia Chambers left the meeting and did not return.*

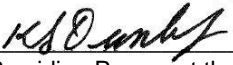
COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 13
Moved: Cr Major	Seconded: Cr Richardson
That Council come out from behind closed doors.	
Carried: 6/0	Res: 29/18

*5.33PM – Council came out from behind closed doors and closed the meeting.*



#### 14. CLOSURE OF MEETING – 5.33PM

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the 19 April 2018

Signed:   
(Presiding Person at the meeting of which the minutes were confirmed.)

Date: 19 April 2018