



Minutes **Confirmed**

Ordinary Meeting of
Council

Tuesday, 16 August 2022



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MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.07pm.

The Shire President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and paid respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Shire President advised visitors of adhering to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Ravensthorpe Meeting Procedures Local Law, that it is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and requested visitors to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members:

Cr Keith Dunlop	(Shire President)
Cr Sue Leighton	(Deputy Shire President)
Cr Julia Bell	
Cr Thomas Major	
Cr Mark Mudie	

Staff:

Matthew Bird	(Chief Executive Officer)
Les Mainwaring	(Executive Manager Corporate Services)
[vacant]	(Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)
Natalie Bell	(Acting Executive Manager Development and Community)
Meredith Lee-Curtis	(Executive Assistant)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms Amy Nelson, Principal of Munglinup Primary School,
Ms Jessica Knight
Mr Peter Kirchner
Mrs Rae Kirchner
Mr Kieran Barrett
Mr Max Szulc
Mr Mark Rawlings
Ms Rachel Gibson
Mr James McCarthy-Price

APOLOGIES

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Rachel Livingston
Cr Graham Richardson

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME

Peter Kirchner – Roads

Question 1 – Taken on Notice:

Why don't the Shire of Ravensthorpe graders have a roller on the back, so that the gravel road can be rolled at the same time that it is graded?

Mr Kirchner went on to comment about the condition of the roads, that Melaleuca Rd, Munglinup is a mud slide and his road train got bogged yesterday. Mrs Rae Kirchner commented that she could only travel at 40kms/hour in 4WD low range, and still slid all over the road.

Answer 1:

Cr Mark Mudie provided a brief response, advising that Graeme Steel, previous Technical Services Manager, removed the rollers and replaced with a 'ripper' for sand blow-outs. There is only 1 roller at the Shire and a few graders. Once the grader has gone over the road, a truck with gravel fills in the holes. If this is left loose it just blows out quickly. The recent heavy rain events haven't made it easy and the Shire works crew are working really hard but can't keep up with the amount of work.

Mr Matthew Bird, CEO supported Cr Mudie's comments saying that with all the recent rains, it has been very difficult to get on top of all the works that needs doing. The Shire Works Supervisor and his roads crew are working hard, but with 1,300kms of unsealed roads in the Shire to maintain and with 4 graders, only 25kms a day can get done.

In a previous review of the Shire's road grading equipment and approach, it was determined that grader machinery be equipped with rippers rather than rollers to deliver the required road program at the time. The Shire operates 4 graders and one roller and is responsible for maintaining some 1,300 kms of unsealed road network that is utilised by a mix of local industry, community and visitors. It is an ongoing challenge to deliver and maintain high standards of road condition to all users all year round. Recent rain weather events have rendered most of our unsealed network temporarily unusable for periods of time. The Shire communicates the state of road condition to local users via its SMS notification system and via social media messaging. This messaging is done to ensure road safety for all users and includes specific messaging to heavy vehicle operators not to use these roads at these times to avoid major and additional damage to the network.

In addition, in response to Mr Kirchner's question, on Wednesday 10 August 2022 the Shire issued an SMS notice advising that all unsealed roads were closed to all heavy traffic until further notice. Additional notifications were provided maintaining the heavy vehicle closure on 10 and 11 August 2022 and further notification advising re-opening of all unsealed roads on Friday 12 August. Due to further heavy rainfall received throughout the district on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 August, notifications were communicated on 16 August advising closure

of all unsealed roads to heavy traffic and re-opening notification then advised on Thursday 18 August.

Road condition assessment and notification during major rain events can be challenging for a large district and road network the size of the Ravensthorpe shire. Officers also have to make road access decisions balancing need for community and industry essential access, timeliness and duration, damage to the road infrastructure and ultimately safety to the road users. Officers are currently reviewing the Shire's communication strategy and will include a review of road closure notifications in this process to ensure greater clarity in our messaging. Messaging also includes asking road users to exercise caution and drive to the localised conditions of the road and weather.

Mr Bird advised that the Shire has appointed a new Executive Manager Infrastructure Services who will commence mid-September and he will be tasked with reviewing the Shire's current road management approach including appropriate plant and machinery utilisation.

Question 2 – Taken on Notice:

Why doesn't the Shire of Ravensthorpe apply for funding to bituminise more roads? Other Shires are working towards bituminising more of their roads, except Ravensthorpe.

Answer 2:

Mr Matthew Bird, CEO took the question on notice, advising that the newly appointed Executive Manager Infrastructure Services, due to commence in mid-September, will be notified to provide a response.

Mr Kieran Barrett – Exit lights and Smoke Alarms – Munglinup Community Centre

Question 1 -Taken on Notice:

When are the Exit lights and hard-wired Smoke alarms going to be installed in the Munglinup Community Centre? Mr Barrett commented that these works have been outstanding for quite some time.

Answer 1:

Ms Natalie Bell, Executive Manager Development and Community took the question on notice to investigate, as she was not aware of any outstanding works.

Ms Amy Nelson – Shire website information on events and news of the district

Question 1:

Ms Nelson queried where on the Shire's website could she find information on events and news of the district? Ms Nelson commented that the Shire website is very difficult to navigate and find what you're looking for.

Answer 1:

Cr Tom Major advised that the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun CRCs have very good information on their websites, and the RAIN Calendar of Events is also a good source of current and upcoming events.

The CEO advised that the Shire has recently appointed a Media and Communications Officer who is charged with updating the website, and will be advised to include Ms Nelson's contact details on the list of subscribers.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 19 JULY 2022

(Attachment YELLOW)

Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meeting to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Leighton, seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution: 49/22

That the Minutes and associated attachments of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Shire of Ravensthorpe held 19 July 2022 be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Motion put and CARRIED

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Cr Julia Bell advised her attendance at the Historical Society Committee meeting held Saturday 6 August which was very interesting and on Sunday 7 August attended the RAIN Small Landholder's Workshop with Nathan McQuoid.

On Thursday 11 August, Cr Bell attended as Proxy at the Coconarup Alliance Group, advising that John Tucker presented the Shire's map of the fire plan for the area and expressed his concerns for a rare orchid, should the prescribed burn go ahead.

Cr Mark Mudie advised that he attended the RAIN 20th Year Anniversary Celebration. Madelaine Norman, Jenny Chambers and Jenny Biddulph were each presented with a Life Membership.

Cr Sue Leighton advised that she attended the Sports and Recreation Master Plan Workshop in Hopetoun on Thursday 4 August. She also attended the Hopetoun CRC Meeting noting concerns for recent staff resignations.

Cr Tom Major advised that he also had attended the Sports and Recreation Master Plan Workshop in Hopetoun on Thursday 4 August, commenting that the building is very dated. Cr Major also attended the RAIN 20th Year Anniversary Celebration.

Cr Keith Dunlop, Shire President confirmed that he had attended the Sports and Recreation Master Plan Workshop in Hopetoun on Thursday 4 August, and participated in an ABC radio interview on life in Hopetoun 6 months after the February bushfires.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

10.1 PRESENTATION – HEYSCAPE TINY CABINS - Mr Joe Clarke, Operations Manager

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

11.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE

2020-2021 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND 30 JUNE 2021 AUDIT REPORT

File Reference:	FM.AU.1
Location:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	28 July 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments: <u>YELLOW</u>	1. Shire of Ravensthorpe Annual Report 2020-2021 2. Final Management Letter 30 June 2021
Previous Reference:	Nil

COUNCIL DECISION

(Committee Recommendation)

Moved by Cr Leighton, seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution: 50/22

That Council:-

- 1. ACCEPTS the 2020/2021 Annual Financial Statements and Auditors Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021; and**
- 2. SETS the 2020/2021 Annual General Meeting of Electors on Tuesday, 6 September 2022, being within 56 days of the acceptance of the 2020/21 Annual Financial Report; and**
- 3. PROVIDES the Annual Report to the Shire of Ravensthorpe Community, two (2) weeks' prior to the Annual General Meeting of Electors.**

Motion put and CARRIED

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

11.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE 2021 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN

File Reference:	GR.AU.1
Location:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Not applicable
Author:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	9 May 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments: <u>YELLOW</u>	1. Shire of Ravensthorpe Compliance Audit Return 2021 2. Audit Committee Report
Previous Reference:	Nil

COUNCIL DECISION **(Committee Recommendation)**

Moved by Cr Major, seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution: 51/22

That Council:-

- 1. ADOPTS the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021; and**
- 2. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Compliance Audit Return 2021 to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries once certified by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer.**

Motion put and CARRIED

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

12.1.2 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE PERIOD FOR THE SHIRE'S ADMINISTRATION CENTRES, CHILDCARE CENTRES AND OPERATIONS

File Reference:	CS.SP.1 and CS.SP.2
Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	10 August 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment:	Nil.
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

1. Council to consider the closure of the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Shire Administration and Operation Centres, and the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Shire Childcare Centres for the 2022 Christmas and 2023 New Year period, being from 12.30pm Thursday, 22 December 2022 to Friday, 6 January 2023 (inclusive).

BACKGROUND

2. The 2022 Christmas and 2023 New Year closure allows staff to book holidays, travel and spend time with family and friends. Traditionally this time of year sees most staff wanting to take leave and staff numbers are at a very low level.

COMMENT

3. Council has delegated the Chief Executive Officer under delegation 1.2.37 to determine the Christmas/New Year Period on condition that the CEO shall in consultation with Councillors and management set the dates of closure of facilities and services for the Christmas/New Year Period.
4. During the closure period there are three (3) public holidays (being December 26, 27 (in lieu of 25) and 2 January 2023 (in lieu of 1 January), as well as two (2) local government days which are extra holidays which staff are required to take over the Christmas closure. Staff are then to take approved leave for the additional days of closure.
5. A roster will be developed to ensure coverage is provided by Shire Senior Staff and Leading Hands who will be contactable by phone as per a roster, with one or more staff members being available in Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun at short notice. Some members of the Works staff will continue to work during the closure period in both Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun and will be available out of hours, if required.
6. The Ravensthorpe Airport will continue to operate 'business as usual' and the Shire Rangers will continue to be on duty and on-call during the Christmas/New Year closure period.

7. Fire weather warnings and harvest ban SMS's will be sent remotely by the Community Emergency Services Officer in conjunction with Fire Control Officers.
8. The Emergency Services and Police will be notified of all key personnel contact details prior to the closure period. This information will also be provided in the Information Bulletin, with the public being notified of contactable numbers via Shire communication avenues, such as the Shire's Website and Facebook page.

CONSULTATION

9. Chief Executive Officer, Executive Managers, Staff

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

10. N/A

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Nil.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance (operational) – Shire fails to gain approval and communicate closure times to the community over this period.	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	Council approve proposed closure times and the CEO to communicate to staff and the community.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

13. Nil.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

14. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.4	The Shire of Ravensthorpe is known as a good employer, and staff have the capacity and skills to deliver identified services and strategies
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
5.7	Customer service and other corporate systems are of high quality

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

15. Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Bell, seconded by Cr Leighton

Resolution: 52/22

That Council ENDORSES the Chief Executive Officer to close the Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun Shire Administration Centres, Operations and Childcare Centres from 12.30pm Thursday, 22 December 2022 to Friday, 6 January 2023 (inclusive). All Centres will reopen on Monday, 9 January 2023.

Motion put and CARRIED

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

A typographical error was corrected to the motion, that being the date of closure to read 'Thursday, 22 December 2022'.

12.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

12.2.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 JULY 2022

File Reference:

Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Senior Finance Officer
Authorising Officer	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Date:	5 August 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment: RED	Monthly Financial Reports for July 2022
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

1. In accordance with the *Local Government Financial Management Regulations (1996)*, Regulation 34, a local government is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for approval by Council.

BACKGROUND

2. Council is requested to review the July 2022 Monthly Financial Reports.

COMMENT

3. The July 2022 Monthly Financial Reports are presented for review.

CONSULTATION

4. Executive Team

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

5. Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 apply.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. All expenditure has been approved via adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Budget, or resulting from a Council Motion for a budget amendment.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

8. The following risks have been identified as part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational – That Council does not receive the financial activity statements as required by S6.4 of the LG Act 1995.	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	That Council receives the financial activity statements as required by legislation.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

9. Nil.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

10. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.5	The value of community owned assets is maintained
5.5.1	Assets renewals and upgrades are funded to the level required to maintain asset value and agreed service levels
5.5.2	Projects are well-planned planned and delivered on time and on budget, with effective and thorough risk management and reporting
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
5.6.1	Financial management and reporting systems are able to deliver on all administrative and management functions (including reporting), and long-term financial planning requirements

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

11. Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Mudie, seconded by Cr Major

Resolution 53/22

That Council RECEIVES the 31 July 2022 Monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion put and CARRIED

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

12.2 CORPORATE SERVICES

12.2.2 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT PAYMENTS – JULY 2022

File Reference:	GR.ME.8
Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Author:	Finance Officer
Authorising Officer	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Date:	5 August 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments: <u>RED</u>	(a) Schedule of Payments to 31 July 2022 (b) Credit Card Transactions to 01 July 2022 (c) Creditors List of Accounts Paid July 2022
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

- Period 01/07/2022 – 31/07/2022

(a) Schedule of Payments to 31 July 2022

Month	Cheques	EFT Pymts	Direct Debits	Credit Card	Trust	Total Creditors	Payroll
Jul	9,412	1,344,302	67,653	5,967	0	1,427,333	309,447
Aug					0	0	
Sep					0	0	
Oct					0	0	
Nov					0	0	
Dec					0	0	
Jan					0	0	
Feb					0	0	
Mar					0	0	
Apr					0	0	
May					0	0	
Jun					0	0	
Total	9,412	1,344,302	67,653	5,967	0	1,427,333	309,447
21/22	109,610	11,455,728	1,217,128	101,107	0	12,883,572	4,057,812
20/21	219,357	8,442,181	965,406	135,103	0	9,762,047	3,790,863
19/20	197,977	8,450,678	997,212	102,791	6,319	9,754,977	3,174,082
18/19	147,967	21,298,438	1,329,904	70,241	13,590	22,860,140	2,219,053
17/18	327,905	18,507,404	209,587	65,010	317,445	19,427,351	2,601,283

COMMENT

3. 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 costings and the amounts shown have been paid.

CONSULTATION

4. Senior Finance Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

5. Regulation 13 (1) – (3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This item discloses Council’s expenditure from Trust and Municipal funds which have been paid under delegated authority.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

8. The following risks have been identified as part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational – That Council does not receive the list of payments.	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	That Council receives the list of payments as required by legislation.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

9. Nil.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

10. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024

Outcome 1: Economy - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.2	The right resources and infrastructure are in place to support local commerce and industry

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
5.7	Customer service and other corporate systems are of high quality

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

11. Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Leighton, seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution 54/22

That Council ACCEPTS, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, payment of accounts for the month of July 2022.

Motion put and CARRIED

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

12 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil.

12 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.4 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY

12.4.1 POLICY: G16: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY

File Reference:

Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Acting Executive Manager Development and Community
Author:	Acting Executive Manager Development and Community
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	10 August 2022
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment: <u>BLUE</u>	Policy G16: Community Engagement Policy and Strategy
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

1. For Council to consider the draft Policy: Community Engagement to be incorporated into the Shire of Ravensthorpe Council Policy Manual.

BACKGROUND

2. The Shire of Ravensthorpe acknowledge the importance of local government in building strong and trusting relationships with the community by operating in a transparent and accountable way, to make fair and equitable decisions that reflect the needs of the community.
3. The Policy sets the guiding framework for engagement, outlines how we will conduct engagement, and what our roles and responsibilities are. Community Engagement is a planned process for working with the community to shape the decisions or actions of Council in relation to a problem, opportunity or outcome. The role of engagement in activities undertaken enables community feedback and input into Councils projects, initiatives, and services for decision-making purposes.
4. The guiding principles of this policy are to build relationships, acknowledge that community members have a right to be involved, to build the capacity and opportunity for stakeholders, and to engage with our community with clarity.
5. A Community Engagement Strategy will sit underneath this policy and will provide more in-depth information about how and when the community will be informed and can be involved in projects.

COMMENT

6. The Community Engagement Policy is applicable in instances where consultation aims to target those in the community relevant to the project as well as the broader community where relevant.
7. The objectives of this policy are to:
 - ensure the community has an opportunity to participate in decision making processes that impact them.
 - reinforce Council's commitment to community accountability and transparent decision

- making through the 'Community Engagement Strategy'.
- outline when and how Council will undertake community engagement.
- ensure that all Shire Council employees, Councillors, volunteers, consultants and contractors understand their roles and responsibilities in relation to community engagement.

CONSULTATION

- This Policy has been proposed by the Chief Executive Officer to assist with the development of transparent governance and informed decision making and outline how the community can contribute to the consultation process.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- Local Government Act 1995*
- International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Core Values, Public Participation Spectrum, Code of Ethics and Quality Assurance Standard.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Performance (operational); The lack of clear guidelines to Shire officers in the correct handling of engagement strategies and guidelines can lead to poor Shire performance and reputation	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Council and staff training Preparing a comprehensive Strategy and Guidelines.
Reputation; Poor implementation and lack of community understanding of the public's role in the participation process increases lack of trust in decision making.	Possible	Moderate	Low	Shire led education of stakeholder groups and community members in the participation process

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

- Council may decide not to approve as presented in whole or in part.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

- This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2030 and Strategic Community Plan

Outcome 1: Economy - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.1	To grow business and employment
1.2	The right resources and infrastructure are in place to support local commerce and industry

Outcome 2: Community - This is a safe and family-friendly community where people of all ages have access to services and facilities, and there is plenty to blow your socks off

Item	Objectives and Strategies
2.1	Social services and facilities are designed and delivered in a way that fits community needs and aspirations
2.2	Community Groups function well with strong volunteer effort and feel supported by the community
2.4	People have access to attractive community facilities, activities and events which support activity and health, community involvement and enjoyment of life

Outcome 3: Built Environment - The built environment is accessible, honours history and provides for the economic and social needs of residents, industry and visitors

Item	Objectives and Strategies
3.2	New development is of a high quality and contributes positively to the character and appearance of the town

Outcome 4: Natural Environment - Our unique world class biosphere is valued and protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations

Item	Objectives and Strategies
4.3	The Shire's valued natural areas and systems are protected and enhanced

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.1	The Shire's community is engaged and involved
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.7	Customer service and other corporate systems are of high quality

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

14. Absolute Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Bell, seconded by Cr Leighton

Resolution: 55/22

That Council, BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY:

- ADOPTS the proposed Community Engagement Policy and Strategy as presented.**

Motion put and CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

(5/0)

Crs Livingston and Richardson were absent for the vote.

13 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

14 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil.

15 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

16 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of 20 September 2022.



Signed by the Shire President: _____

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

Date: 20 September 2022