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SHIRE UPDATE 30 June 2023

Council Meeting Update – 21 June 2023

Visit <https://mingenew.wa.gov.au/minutes/> to read the latest Council meeting Minutes. Below is a list of some of the decisions from the meeting that may be of interest:

- *Adoption of Annual Budget 2023/24*

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 June 2023, Council adopted its Budget for 2023/24. The Shire is currently preparing a publication to outline what is in store for the year ahead and this will be issued out to residents in the coming week.
- *Works Report – June 2023*

The Shire's Works Manager presents a bi-monthly report to update the community on projects and activities undertaken by the Works team.
- *Property Deemed Uninhabitable*

Council has determined that a property in Ikewa Street is deemed uninhabitable and has authorised the issuing of notices to have the building suitably cleaned up and/or demolished.
- *Contribution to Mingenew CRC for Tourist Services*

The Shire has committed to providing the Mingenew CRC with financial support for the next 3 years to run tourist and information services from The Exchange.
- *EHO Services*

Whilst previously provided under an MOU with the Shire of Irwin, Council considered a proposal for Environmental Health Services to be provided direct by the consultant due to a change in arrangements with the Shire of Irwin. EHO services will be provided by Ramsay Constructions Pty Ltd for the next 12 months.
- *Delegations Register Review*

Council's Delegations Register must be reviewed at least once annually, and an updated Delegations Register was reviewed and endorsed at the meeting.
- *Wildflower Country Inc.*

After challenges in meeting a quorum to hold Committee meetings for Wildflower Country Inc, a proposal was presented for Council to consider the disbanding of this Committee. Council resolved to hold a meeting to consider all options for the future of this Committee.
- *Mingenew Town Hall*

A resolution was endorsed to investigate requirements and costs to reopen the Mingenew Town Hall as a multi-use facility and provide a report back to Council in September 2023 to consider the options.

Maintenance Grading Program and Roadworks

Shoulder grading, maintenance and repair works have recently been completed on Depot Hill Road, Allanooka Springs Road Colgate Road, Yarragadee West Road, Scroops Road, Yandanooka West Road, Mingenew South Road and Yandanooka North East Road. The Shire's maintenance grading program will be continuing over the coming months and maintenance dry grading is scheduled for Natta Road, Yandanooka-Melara Road and Yandanooka-Morawa Road, Mooriary Road, Strawberry North East Road, Burma Road and other roads as identified.

Further information on road improvements will be prepared and issued with the Budget flyer in the next week.



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New Leading Hand / Final Trim Grader Operator

The Shire is looking forward to welcoming Robert Prater to the team in mid-July as the new Leading Hand / Final Trim Grader Operator. Robert will be relocating to Mingenew with his wife, from Toodyay and has significant experience in local government on road construction and maintenance teams.

Cecil Newton Park – Lighting

We have been successful in obtaining a grant for lighting of the park from CBH. We will be placing 10 solar lights and it is expected the works will be completed in the coming week.

Strategic Community Plan Review

Following on from the Community Information Session held on Thursday, 15 June 2023, Caroline Robinson from 150Square has been reaching out to community groups and stakeholders to gain insight into the challenges they face and priorities for them going forward to help shape the development of the reviewed Plan.

If there are any community members or groups interested in providing feedback, please reach out to Caroline by emailing caroline@150square.com.au or call her on 0403 225 900.



Thanks to those who attended the Community information Session, your time and contributions are appreciated.

CBH Workforce Accommodation

The re-zoning application process has commenced for 18 (Lot 802) Nelson Pearse Street, Mingenew, to develop the property for workforce accommodation. Further information regarding the proposal may be found on the Shire's website at <https://mingenew.wa.gov.au/planning-and-development/>. Public Advertising and referrals has commenced and closes 5 July. A final report will be presented to the August Council meeting for consideration.



Tennis Clubhouse

Final concept drawings have been prepared and submitted for the new Tennis Clubhouse. The Shire is currently working with the supplier to ensure the facility will be fit-for-purpose. Selections for the internal fit-out are nearing completion and the building contracts have been signed. Construction of the building has commenced and photos of the build (to-date) are attached.



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Resource Sector Update

An industry working group meeting relating to Midwest resource activity is scheduled for 17 July to focus on transport, employment and housing. This will be the most interesting session to-date as we reinforce the living, purchasing and employing local agenda.

BEACH ENERGY

A summary of the activity being undertaken by Beach Energy is provided below, although further information can be accessed from their website at <https://www.beachenergy.com.au/asx/>.

o *Waitsia Stage 2 Update*

The Shire has been advised that this project was due to be operational by the end of 2023, but this guidance has now been withdrawn due to the Clough voluntary administration process and tight labour market in Western Australia. This has impacted construction progress at the Waitsia Gas Plant to create a range of uncertainty in outcomes. However, the Waitsia project remains strongly value accretive and a key element in Beach Energy's future growth. Once the schedule to finalise the project becomes clearer, Beach will keep the community informed.

o *Trigg 1 Drilling*

Drilling activity at the Trigg 1 well site has recently commenced. Trigg 1 was the first well in Beach energy's multiple well campaign. Drilling at Trigg 1 well reached a total depth of 4,914 metres (measured depth) on 3 June. Gas shows were present in the primary Kingia target however due to insufficient porosity and permeability gas could not be recovered.

The Trigg 1 well site will now be rehabilitated, and the rig will be moved to the second well (Trigg Northwest 1) location. After Trigg Northwest 1, Tarantula Deep 1 and Beharra Spring Deep 2 will be drilled.

o *Seismic Surveys*

With the Trigg 1 site now being plugged and abandoned and the site rehabilitated, the planned Donkey Creek 3D Seismic Survey will be postponed and will not proceed in 2024 as planned. All relevant stakeholders and landholders are being notified of this decision. However, the Skipper 3D Seismic Survey is still on track to proceed in January 2025, subject to regulatory approval.

ENERGY RESOURCES

On Friday last week, Energy Resources undertook to perforate and flare the well at North Erregulla Deep-1 (location to your south on Altona). July will see the well production tested and further updates will be provided.

Matt Fanning
Chief Executive Officer