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MINUTES

Shire of Wandering Audit Committee Meeting 3 August 2023

OUR VISION

Wandering is a community of responsible, resilient and adaptable residents thriving in our scenic, economically diverse environment.

These Minutes of the meeting held 3 August 2023 are confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment. Confirmed by the Presiding Member, Cr I Turton.

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Cr Turton Presiding Member

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Date

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on today. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the Shire of Wandering, and convey our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

SHIRE OF WANDERING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 3 August 2023 – commencing at 7.15pm.

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1. Declaration of Opening / Announcements of Visitors

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.15pm.

2. Attendance / Apologies / Approved Leave of Absence

Councillors

Cr Paul Treasure (Deputy Shire President)

Cr Graeme Parsons

Cr Max Watts

Cr Sheryl Little

Staff

Alan Hart (Chief Executive Officer)

Apologies

Cr Ian Turton (Shire President)

Cr Gillian Hansen

Karl Mickle (Operations Manager)

Members of the Public

Nil

3. Election of Chair

Background

The Committee is required to elect the Chair due to the Cr Ian Turton being absent from this meeting.

Comment

The CEO will preside at the meeting until the position of chair is filled. Once a Committee Member has been elected and completed the declaration, the Committee Member is to assume the Chair.

Statutory Implications

Part 5, Division 2 of the Local Government Act deals with the Election of Presiding members and deputies

5.12. Presiding members and deputies, election of

- (1) The members of a committee are to elect a presiding member from amongst themselves in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 1 as if the references in that Schedule —
 - (a) to “office” were references to “office of presiding member”; and
 - (b) to “council” were references to “committee”; and
 - (c) to “councillors” were references to “committee members”.

- (2) The members of a committee may elect a deputy presiding member from amongst themselves but any such election is to be in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 2 as if the references in that Schedule —
 - (a) to “office” were references to “office of deputy presiding member”; and
 - (b) to “council” were references to “committee”; and
 - (c) to “councillors” were references to “committee members”; and
 - (d) to “mayor or president” were references to “presiding member”.

Nominations received from: Paul Treasure for the position of Chair.

010823 Moved: Cr Little Seconded: Cr Watts

The CEO declared Paul Treasure elected to the position of Chair.

Carried 4/0

For: Cr Treasure, Cr Little, Cr Parsons, Cr Watts

Against: Nil

4. General Business

4.1 Interim Management Report 2022/23 Year

File Reference:	14.145.14512
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Alan Hart-Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Alan Hart-Chief Executive Officer
Date:	27 July 2023
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Confidential Attachments:	Interim Management Letter

Summary:

For the committee to consider the interim management letter from the Office of the Auditor General in relation to the 2022/23 financial year.

Background:

The auditor has completed the interim audit for the Shire of Wandering and an interim management report has been prepared based on their findings. The interim management letter is presented to the audit committee for their review.

Comment:

The interim audit was undertaken in March 2023 and a number of items were identified during the audit and these are detailed in the interim management letter. Some of the items identified have been in the management letters for many years and management is working towards clearing these items from the management letter.

There are some items in the management letter that have a financial impact on the Shire and these are being costed and Council will consider them as part of the budget process in the 2024/25 financial year.

Consultation:

Council

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 Section 7.12(A).

Local Government Audit Regulations 1996 Regulation 16

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

IMPROVE OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

Goals	Strategies	Measurement
The Wandering Shire is financially sustainable	Improve accountability and transparency. Develop an investment strategy that plans for the future and provides cash backed reserves to meet operational needs Prudently manage our financial resources to ensure value for money	Rate review implemented over a staged process by 2020 Balanced budget delivered annually Annual external financial audit identifies no adverse issues Long Term Financial Plan updated annually Investment Strategy

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.

Risk Implications:

As detailed in the Interim Management Letter

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision:

020823 Moved: Cr S Little

Seconded: Cr M Watts

That the committee receive the Interim Management Letter from the Office of the Auditor General for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Carried 4/0

For: Cr Treasure, Cr Little, Cr Parsons, Cr Watts

Against: Nil

5. Closure of Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.