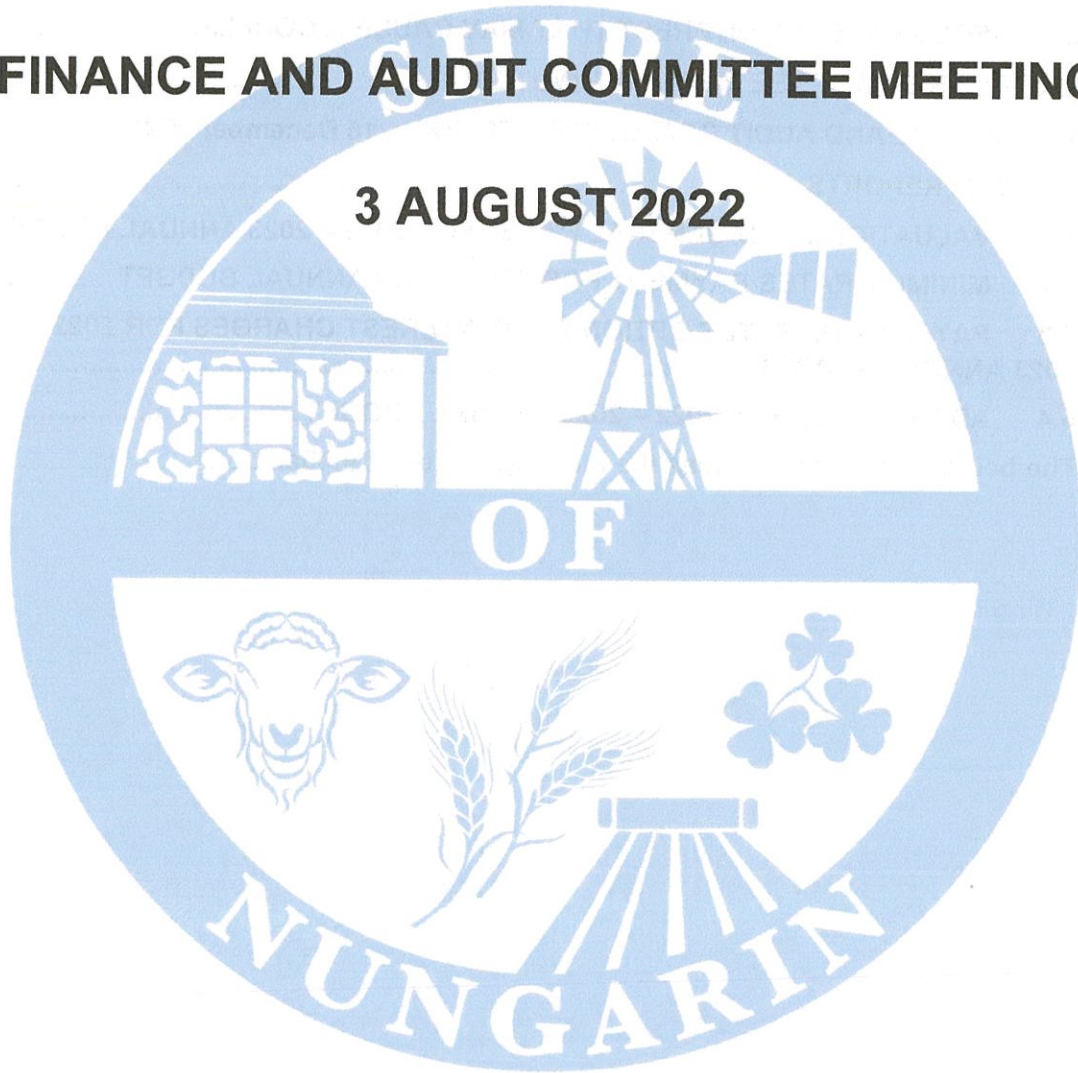




## MINUTES

# FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

3 AUGUST 2022



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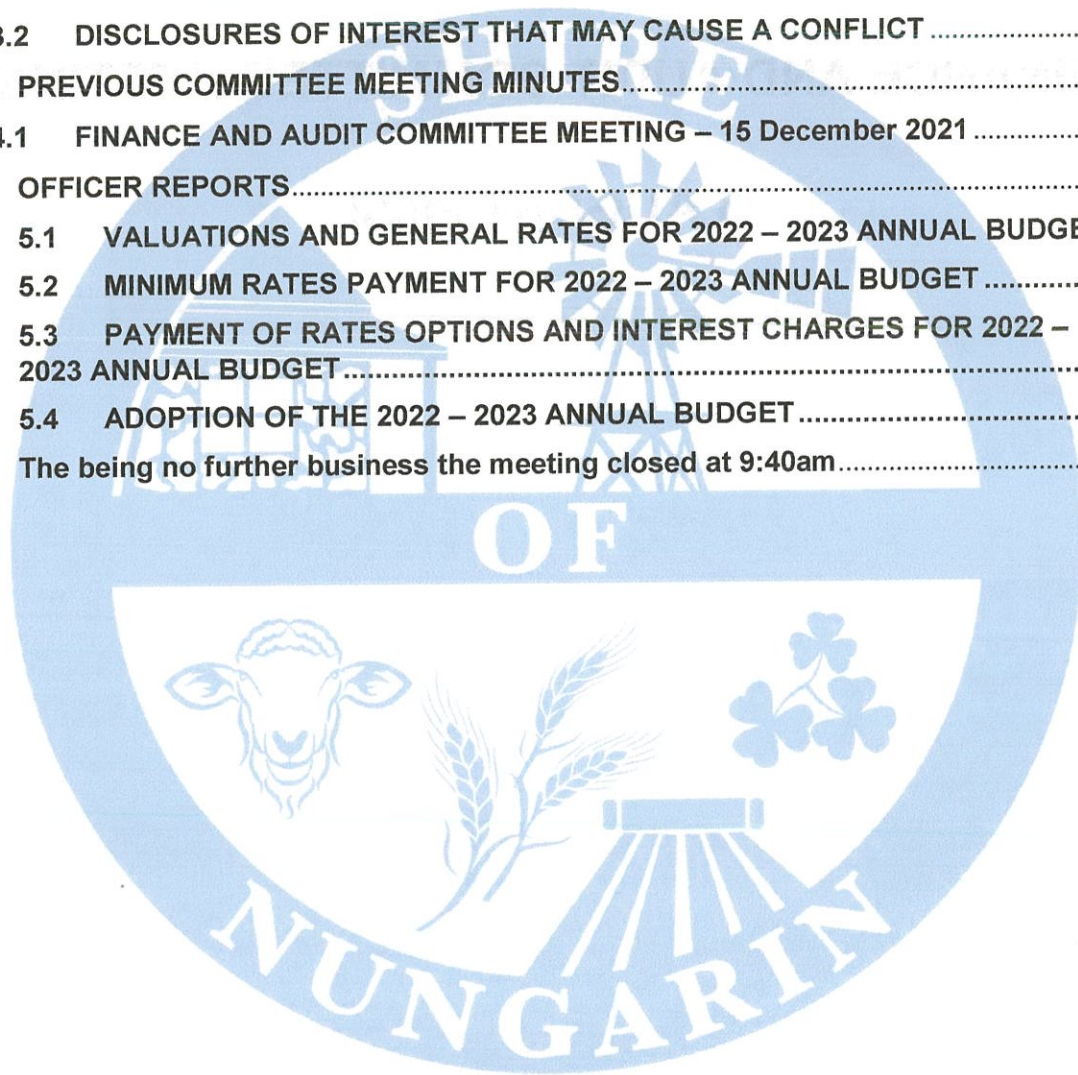
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## AGENDA

### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 9am.

#### Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility as Read

*I make this Affirmation in good faith on behalf of Councillors and Officers of the Shire of Nungarin. We collectively declare we will duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of our respective office and positions for all the people in the district according to the best of our judgment and ability.*

#### Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Njaki Njaki Nyoongar people, and recognise the contribution of Elders past, present and future.

### 2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### 2.1 ATTENDANCE

##### **Councillors**

Shire President	Cr P de Lacy
Deputy Shire President	Cr G Coumbe
Elected Member	Cr RE O'Connell
Elected Member	Cr K Dayman
Elected Member	Cr J Davis
Elected Member	Cr M Caughey

##### **Council Officers**

Chief Executive Officer	Mr L Long
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##### **Observers / Visitors**

#### 2.2 APOLOGIES

Elected Member	Cr W Lee
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### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 3.1 FINANCIAL AND PROXIMITY INTEREST

#### 3.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

**4. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**4.1 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING – 15 December 2021**

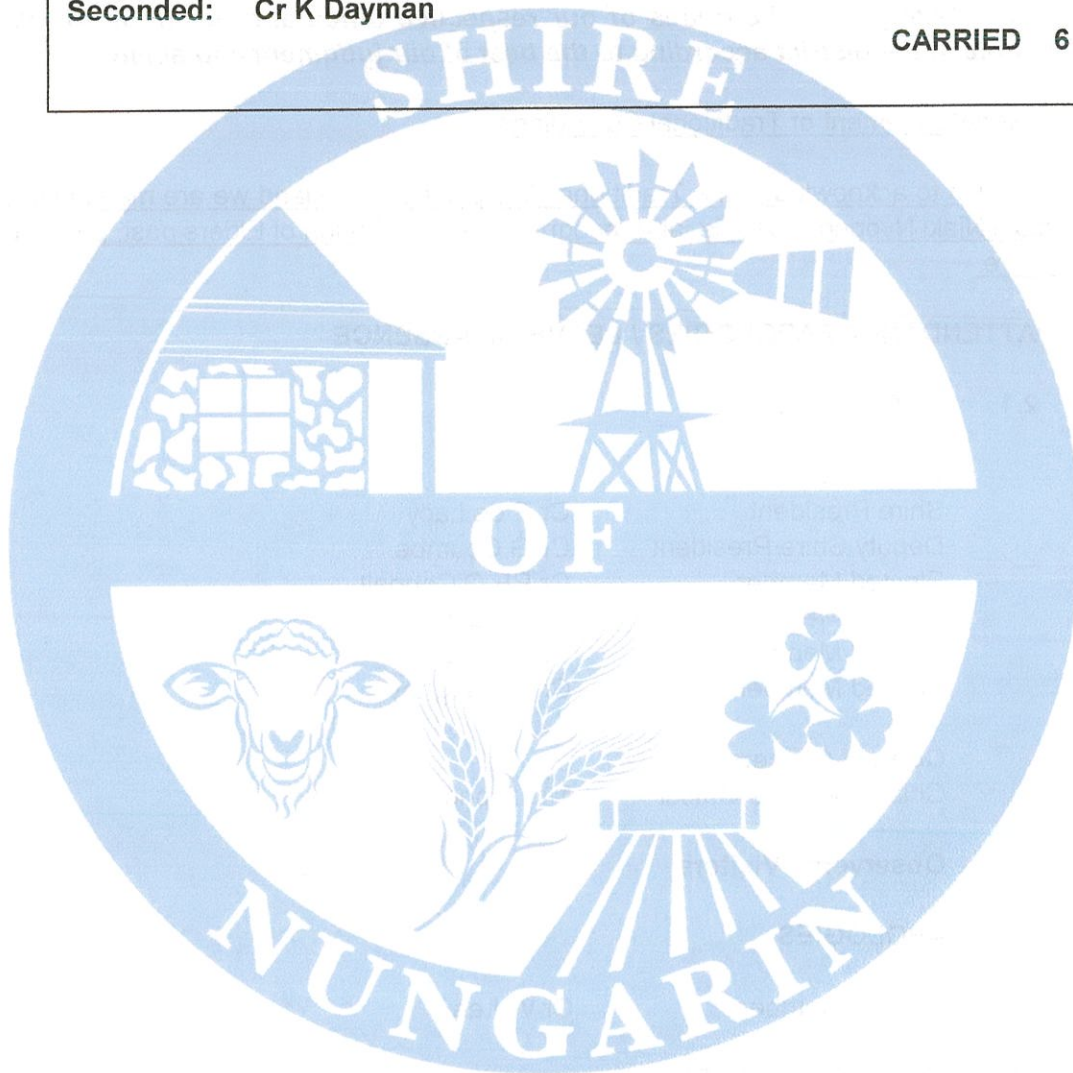
**RECOMMENDATION FAC3/07/22**

That the Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2021 be confirmed as being a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr G Coumbe

Seconded: Cr K Dayman

CARRIED 6 / 0



## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

<b>5.1 VALUATIONS AND GENERAL RATES FOR 2022 – 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	10.1.12 / 23.3.1
<b>Previous Items:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Darren Long, Finance Consultant
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachment Number</b>	5.1A – Proposed 2022 – 2023 Annual Budget

### **FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FAC4/07/22**

That the Finance and Audit Committee Recommends Council:

- Adopts the valuations, as supplied by the Valuer General's Office and records in the Rate Book, for the 2022 – 2023 financial year:

(a) Gross Rental Valuations	\$330,854
(b) Unimproved Valuations	\$32,760,700

- Imposes, pursuant to Section 6.32 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following general rates for 2022 – 2023:

(a) Gross Rental Valuation properties	\$0.13062 Rate in the dollar
(b) Unimproved Valuation properties	\$0.016938 Rate in the dollar

Moved: Cr G Coumbe

Seconded: Cr K Dayman

Absolute Majority Required

**CARRIED 6/0**

### **IN BRIEF**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the adoption of applicable valuations and the imposition of general rates on rateable property.

### **REPORT DETAIL**

Following the draft budget workshops held during July 2022, the following general rates are presented for Councils consideration.

Every year, the unimproved value (UV) of each property is reassessed by the State's Valuer Generals Office. The gross rental valuation (GRV) of each property for country local governments is reassessed by the State's Valuer Generals Office every five (5) years, with the most recent valuation occurring in June 2017.

The following valuations are currently recorded in Council's rate book:

- Unimproved Valuations (UV) - \$32,760,700, of which \$202,698 are minimum values;

- (b) Gross Rental Valuations (GRV) - \$330,854, of which \$16,930 are minimum values.

The Shire bases the determination of annual property rates payable upon the unimproved values (UV) for rural properties and the gross rental values (GRV) for non-rural properties; with the values set by the Valuer General. The Shire applies a rate in the dollar charge for each valuation category, which is multiplied against a property's valuation.

The rate in the dollar for the 2021-2022 financial year was set, for UV properties at 1.9179 cents, and for GRV properties at 12.6798 cents. This becomes the base rate in the dollar when determining the following year's rate in the dollar. When properties are revalued, the previous year's rate in the dollar is adjusted in consideration of the whether the valuation has increased or decreased. This allows for a revised base rate that would have generated the same amount of revenue using the revalued property valuations. The increase in UV valuations of 16.57% has necessitated an adjustment to the UV rate in the dollar as follows:

1. UV – from 1.9179 cents to 1.6445 cents to account for the valuation increment.

The budget proposes the following increases in rates:

- (a) GRV rate in the dollar for 2022-2023 will increase from 12.6798 cents to 13.0602 cents, equating to a 3.00% increase; and
- (b) UV rate in the dollar for 2022-2023 will increase from 1.6445 cents to 1.6938 cents, equating to a 3.00% increase.

#### **SHIRE OF NUNGARIN COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2023**

<b>Focus Area</b>	Civic Leadership
<b>Aspiration</b>	A strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnership.
<b>Objective</b>	Annually review compliance methods.

#### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Shire of Nungarin 2022/23 Annual Budget

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Section 6.32 of the *Local Government Act 1995* states

##### **6.32. Rates and service charges-**

- (1) *When adopting the annual budget, a local government*
  - (a) *in order to make up the budget deficiency, is to impose\* a general rate on rateable land within its district, which rate may be imposed either:*
    - (i) *uniformly; or*
    - (ii) *differentially; and*
  - (b) *may impose\* on rateable land within its district*
    - (i) *a specified area rate; or*
    - (ii) *a minimum payment; and*

(c) *may impose\* a service charge on land within its district.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*

(2) *Where a local government resolves to impose a rate it is required to:*

(a) *set a rate which is expressed as a rate in the dollar of the gross rental value of rateable land within its district to be rated on gross rental value; and*

(b) *set a rate which is expressed as a rate in the dollar of the unimproved value of rateable land within its district to be rated on unimproved value.*

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

**Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)**

This report forms part of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget. The 2022-2023 Annual Budget has taken into consideration the actions listed in the Corporate Business Plan, where fiscally possible.

**Social – (Quality of life to community and / or affected land owners)**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Comment</b>
High	Setting the rates is an important aspect of ensuring a budget a balanced budget can be achieved.

**CONSULTATION**

Council workshopped the draft budget at the Briefing Session held on 20 July 2022

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

This report forms part of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget and relevant information is disclosed in the Statement of Rating Information

**Workforce**

Nil

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<b>5.2 MINIMUM RATES PAYMENT FOR 2022 – 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	10.1.12 / 23.3.1
<b>Previous Item Ref:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Darren Long, Finance Consultant
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	5.2A – Proposed 2022 – 2023 Annual Budget

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FAC5/07/22**

That Council Resolves to:

1. Impose, pursuant to Section 6.32 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Minimum Rate Payment for 2022 – 2023:
  - (a) Gross Rental Valuations Properties - \$453 per rateable assessment
  - (b) Unimproved Valuations Properties - \$453 per rateable assessment

Moved: Cr M Caughey  
 Seconded: Cr K Dayman

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0**

**IN BRIEF**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the imposition of the Minimum Payment on rateable property for 2022 - 2023.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Following the draft budget workshop held July, the following minimum payments for rateable property are presented for Councils consideration.

The Minimum Payment for both UV and GRV properties is proposed to increase by 3.00% to \$453.

The proposed 2022-2023 UV Minimum Payment will be imposed on 29 UV property assessments, being 20.9% of the total UV property assessments.

The proposed 2022-2023 GRV Minimum Payment will be imposed on 24 GRV property assessments, being 33.8% of the total GRV property assessments.

**SHIRE OF NUNGARIN COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2023**

<b>Focus Area</b>	Civic Leadership
<b>Aspiration</b>	A strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnership.
<b>Objective</b>	Annually review compliance methods.

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**



## Shire of Nungarin 2021/22 Annual Budget

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

#### *Section 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995*

#### **6.35. Minimum payment**

- (1) *Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.*
- (2) *A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.*
- (3) *In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than —*
  - (a) *50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or*
  - (b) *50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6),*  
*on which a minimum payment is imposed.*
- (4) *A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of —*
  - (a) *the number of separately rated properties in the district; or*
  - (b) *the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6),*  
*unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.*
- (5) *If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.*
- (6) *For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories —*
  - (a) *to land rated on gross rental value; and*
  - (b) *to land rated on unimproved value; and*
  - (c) *to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.*

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)**

This report forms part of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget. The 2022-2023 Annual Budget has taken into consideration the actions listed in the Corporate Business Plan, where fiscally possible.

**Social – (Quality of life to community and / or affected land owners)**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Risk Level	Comment
High	Setting the minimum payment is an important aspect of preparing the Annual Budget.

**CONSULTATION**

Council workshopped the draft budget at the Briefing Session held on 20 July 2022

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

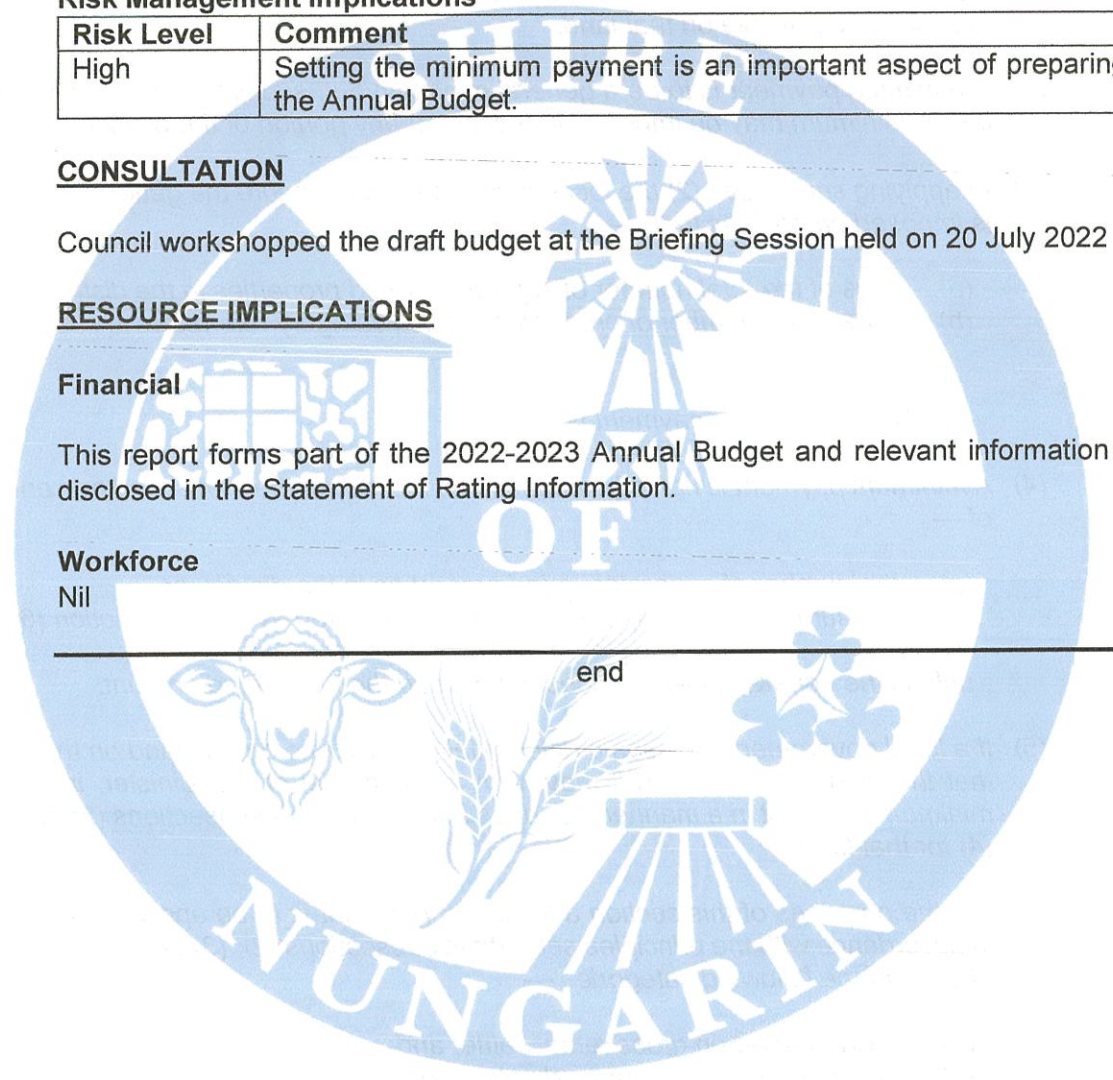
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**Workforce**

Nil

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<b>5.3 PAYMENT OF RATES OPTIONS AND INTEREST CHARGES FOR 2022 – 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	10.1.12 / 23.3.1
<b>Previous Item Ref:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Darren Long, Financial Consultant
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	Nil

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FAC6/07/22**

That Council Resolves to:

1. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, offer three payment options for rates and service charges for the 2022-2023 financial year, being:
  - (a.) Option 1 – Payment in full by a single instalment by the due date, being 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice;
  - (b.) Option 2 – Payment in two equal instalments, being
    - (i) Instalment 1 - 50% of the rates and service charges within 35 days of date of issue of the rate notice;
    - (ii) Instalment 2 - 50% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (i).
  - (c.) Option 3 - Payment in four equal instalments, being
    - (i) Instalment 1 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 35 days of date of issue of the rate notice;
    - (ii) Instalment 2 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (i);
    - (iii) Instalment 3 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (ii); and
    - (iv) Instalment 4 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (iii).
2. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose an instalment administration charge of \$5 (GST Free), which is to apply to Instalment 2 under payment option 2; and Instalment 2, 3 and 4 under payment option 3.
3. Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose an instalment interest charge of 3.00%, which is to apply to Instalment 2 under payment option 2; and Instalments 2, 3 and 4 under payment option 3.
4. Pursuant to Section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose a 7.00% rate of penalty interest on overdue rates and service charges that remain unpaid after the due date.

Moved: Cr RE O'Connell  
 Seconded: Cr J Davis

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0**

**IN BRIEF**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the:

1. Setting of options for the payment of rates and service charges for the 2022-2023 financial year;
2. Imposition of an administration fee and instalment interest charge for payments made by instalments; and
3. Imposition of a rate of interest on overdue rates and service charges for the 2022-2023 financial year.

**REPORT DETAIL****Payment options**

The Shire has traditionally offered three payment options:

- Option 1      Payment in full by the due date.
- Option 2      Payment in two equal instalments, being:
- (a) Instalment 1 - 50% of the rates and service charges within 35 days of date of issue;
  - (b) Instalment 2 - 50% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (a);
- Option 3      Payment in four equal instalments, being-
- (a) Instalment 1 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 35 days of date of issue;
  - (b) Instalment 2 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (a);
  - (c) Instalment 3 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (b); and
  - (d) Instalment 4 - 25% of the rates and service charges within 2 months of (c).

It is suggested that these payment options continue.

**Administration fee and instalment interest charge**

Section 6.45 of the Act permits Council to impose an administration charge where a payment of rate or service charge is made by instalments.

Regulations 67 and 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* limit how much can be imposed as an administration charge and as an instalment interest charge.

Traditionally the Shire has imposed an administration fee of \$5 on the second, third and fourth instalment payments.

It is suggested that a \$5 administration fee continue to apply to the second, third and fourth instalment payments.

The Shire has also previously imposed an instalment interest charge of 5.5% when option 2 or option 3 is selected by ratepayers.

Regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* limits the maximum interest component to be imposed as an instalment interest charge to 5.5%. However, the State Government passed the *Local Government Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020* on 16 April 2020. This Act provided the power to the Minister for Local Government, Heritage, Culture and the Arts to modify or suspend provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The Minister published an Order on 8 May 2020 that limited the percentage of interest charged on rates instalments to 3.0%, unless the local government has a Financial Hardship Policy in place.

As Council does not have a Financial Hardship Policy, the maximum instalment interest charge that can be applied is 3.0%.

**Accrual of interest on overdue rates or service charges**

Section 6.51 of the Act permits Council to impose an interest charge on overdue rates or service charges.

Regulation 70 of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* limits the maximum rate of interest that can be imposed on overdue rates or service charges to 11%. However, the State Government passed the *Local Government Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020* on 16 April 2020. This Act provided the power to the Minister for Local Government, Heritage, Culture and the Arts to modify or suspend provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The Minister published an Order on 8 May 2020 that limited the percentage of interest charged on late payment of rates and charges to 8.00%.

The Minister published an amendment to the COVID-19 Response Order on 1 June 2021 that Limited the percentage of interest charged on late payment of rates and charges to 7.00%

**SHIRE OF NUNGARIN COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2023**

<b>Focus Area</b>	Civic Leadership
<b>Aspiration</b>	A strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnership.
<b>Objective</b>	Annually review compliance methods.

**OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* states:

**6.45. Options for payment of rates or service charges**

- (1) A rate or service charge is ordinarily payable to a local government by a single payment but the person liable for the payment of a rate or service charge may elect to make that payment to a local government, subject to subsection (3), by:
  - (a) 4 equal or nearly equal instalments; or

- (b) *such other method of payment by instalments as is set forth in the local government's annual budget.*
- (2) *Where, during a financial year, a rate notice is given after a reassessment of rates under section 6.40 the person to whom the notice is given may pay the rate or service charge:*
- (a) *by a single payment; or*  
 (b) *by such instalments as are remaining under subsection (1)(a) or (b) for the remainder of that financial year.*
- (3) *A local government may impose an additional charge (including an amount by way of interest) where payment of a rate or service charge is made by instalments and that additional charge is, for the purpose of its recovery, taken to be a rate or service charge, as the case requires, that is due and payable.*
- (4) *Regulations may:*
- (a) *provide for the manner of making an election to pay by instalments under subsection (1) or (2); and*  
 (b) *prescribe circumstances in which payments may or may not be made by instalments; and*  
 (c) *prohibit or regulate any matters relating to payments by instalments; and*  
 (d) *provide for the time when, and manner in which, instalments are to be paid; and*  
 (e) *prescribe the maximum amount (including the maximum interest component) which may be imposed under subsection (3) by way of an additional charge; and*  
 (f) *provide for any other matter relating to the payment of rates or service charges.*

Section 6.51 provides for a local government to impose an interest charge on a rate of service charge that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable.

#### **6.51. Accrual of interest on overdue rates or service charges**

- (1) *A local government may at the time of imposing a rate or service charge resolve\* to impose interest (at the rate set in its annual budget) on:*
- (a) *a rate or service charge (or any instalment of a rate or service charge); and*  
 (b) *any costs of proceedings to recover any such charge, that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable.*

**\* Absolute majority required.**

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)**

Nil

#### **Social – (Quality of life to community and / or affected land owners)**

Nil

#### **Policy Implications**

Nil.

**Risk Management Implications**

Risk Level	Comment
Moderate	Inadequate financial performance could lead to the loss of potential income through interest earned from investment accounts.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

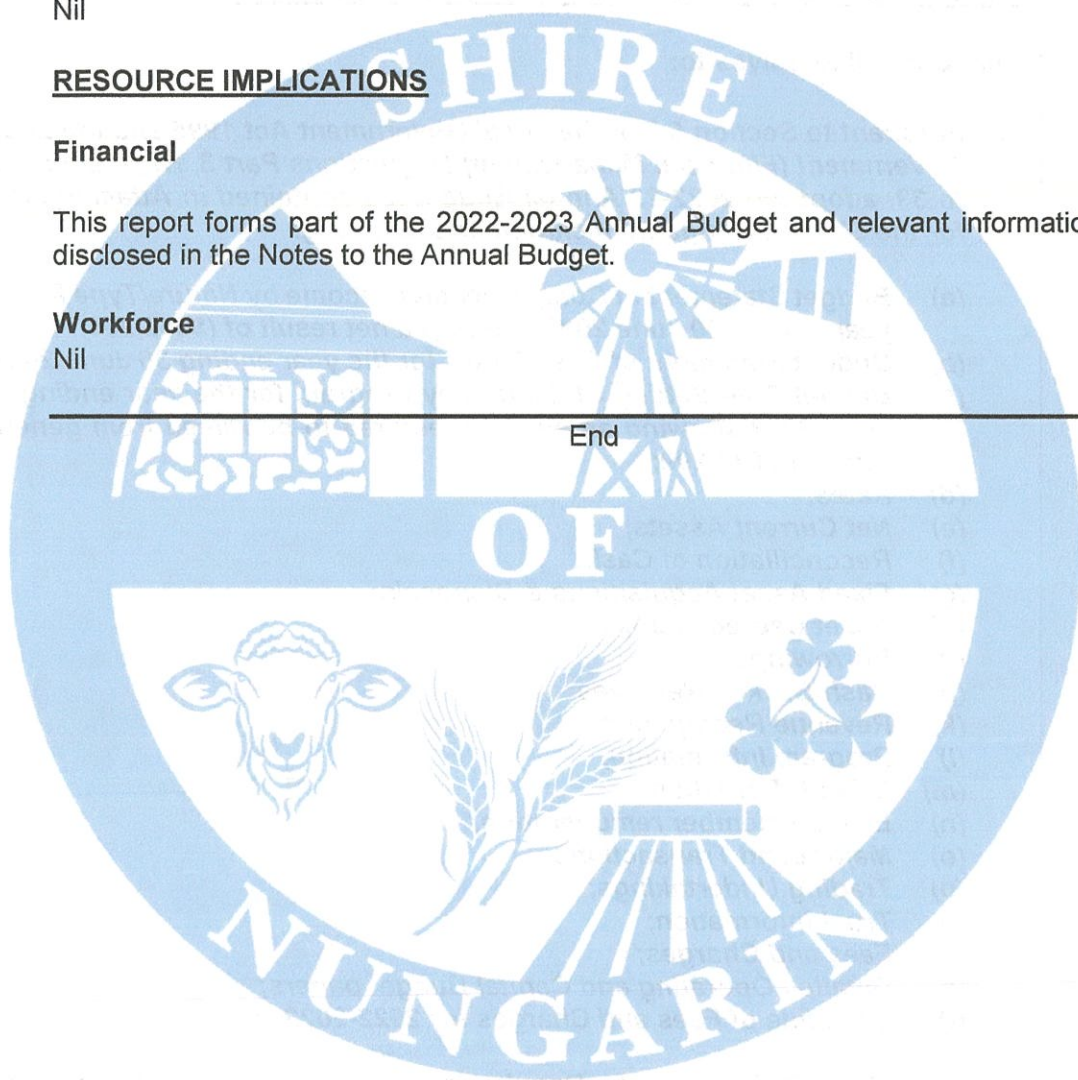
This report forms part of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget and relevant information is disclosed in the Notes to the Annual Budget.

**Workforce**

Nil

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<b>5.4 ADOPTION OF THE 2022 – 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	
<b>File Ref:</b>	10.1.12
<b>Previous Item Ref:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant:</b>	Nil
<b>Author and Title:</b>	Darren Long, Finance Consultant
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachment Number:</b>	5.4A – Draft 2022 – 2023 Annual Budget 5.4B – Draft 2022 – 2023 Fees & Charges

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FAC7/07/22**

That Council Resolves to:

1. Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations Part 3, Regulations 22 to 33, adopt the 2022-23 Annual Budget (as contained in Attachment 1) for the Shire of Nungarin, including the following:

- (a) Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature/Type for the year ending 30 June 2023 showing a net result of (\$642,256);
- (b) Budget Statement of Cash Flows for the year ending 30 June 2023;
- (c) Budget Rate Setting Statement by Program for the year ending 30 June 2023 showing an amount required to be raised from general rates of \$617,299;
- (d) Rates;
- (e) Net Current Assets;
- (f) Reconciliation of Cash;
- (g) Fixed Asset Acquisitions & Disposals;
- (h) Asset Depreciation;
- (i) Borrowings;
- (j) Cash Backed Reserves;
- (k) Revenue Recognition;
- (l) Program Information;
- (m) Other Information;
- (n) Elected member remuneration;
- (o) Major Land Transactions;
- (p) Trading Undertakings;
- (q) Trust information;
- (r) Fees and Charges;
- (s) Detailed Operating and Capital Budget papers;
- (t) Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022-2023.

2. That Council Pursuant to Regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts the following as the materiality threshold for 2022-2023:

- (a) \$5,000 or 10%, whichever is the greater.

Moved: Cr K Dayman

Seconded: Cr RE O'Connell

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0



## **IN BRIEF**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and adopt the 2022 – 2023 Annual Budget.

## **REPORT DETAIL**

The draft budget has been prepared in accordance with the presentations made to Councillors at workshops held during July 2022. The following draft Annual Budget is presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

The 2021-2022 Annual Budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations Part 3, Regulations 22 to 33*.

The 2022-2023 Annual Budget comprises the following information-

1. Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income By Nature/Type for the Year Ending 30 June 2023;
2. Budget Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ending 30 June 2023;
3. Budget Rate Setting Statement by Program for the Year Ending 30 June 2023;
4. Notes to the Budget;
5. Detailed Operating & Non-Operating Statements; and
6. Schedule of Fees and Charges 2022-2023.

### ***Budget Highlights***

#### **Governance**

An allocation of \$19,000 has be set aside in the budget to review and update Integrated Planning documents, including Asset Management Plans and Long-Term Financial Plan.

#### **Community Amenities**

An allocation of \$12,854 has be set aside in the budget for NRM projects. These costs will be offset by Landcare grant funding of \$12,854 held as restricted cash.

#### **Recreation & Culture**

An allocation of \$25,000 has be set aside in the budget for turf renovation works to the tennis courts.

#### **Transport**

An allocation of \$400,423 has been set aside for road maintenance.

#### **Economic Services**

An allocation of \$40,540 has be set aside in the budget for the control of noxious weeds/pest plants. These costs will be offset by a grant of \$40,540.

#### **Reserve Funds**

\$234,068 has been set aside for Transfer to the Plant Reserve to assist fund future plant purchases.

\$37,000 has been set aside for Transfer to the Computer Equipment/Software Reserve to assist fund future replacement of the computer system.

\$184,200 has been set aside for Transfer to the Building Reserve to assist fund future building renewal/replacement works.

\$15,000 has been set aside in the budget to replace chambers desk.

\$40,000 has been set aside in the budget to refurbish the bathroom at Lot 186 Danberrin Road.

\$14,671 has been set aside in the budget to complete the construction of the Bushfire Brigade building, which is funded from ESL grants.

\$100,000 has be set aside in the budget for renewal works to the Post Office building, with funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Provision has been made in the budget for renewal works to the Museum of \$50,000, with funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

\$306,000 has been set aside for the replacement of heavy plant and light vehicles.

\$335,814 will be spent on Danberrin Road, with \$223,876 of grant funding coming from the Regional Road Group funding pool.

Provision has been made in the budget for \$194,009 of Roads to Recovery projects, with \$194,009 of grant funding coming from the Commonwealth Government.

\$75,943 will be spent on Councils own road construction projects.

Provision has been made in the budget for \$430,000 of Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network project works on the Nungarin North Road, with \$401,000 of grant funding coming from the State Government.

Provision has been made in the budget for \$25,000 for upgrade works to Radcliffe Park.

Provision has been made in the budget for \$12,000 to refurbish the filter at the swimming pool.

\$61,652 has been set aside for streetscape works, with funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

\$250,000 has been set aside for extension and upgrade works to the caravan park, with funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

#### **OTHER STRATEGIC LINKS**

Nil

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act (1995)* s.6.2. (1) states that each Local Government is to prepare an annual budget prior to 31 August, unless an extension from the Minister is granted.

**SUSTAINABILITY AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

**Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)**

This draft budget has been developed based on sound financial management and accountability principles and is considered to support activities that drive a sustainable economic outcome for the community.

**Social – (Quality of life to community and / or affected land owners)**

The draft budget contains financial resourcing for a wide range of programs that deliver important community services to the Nungarin Shire residents. It is based on the principles of maintaining all services that are presently available to the community with an increased focus on efficiency.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Risk Level	Comment
High	To ensure the continued operations, it is imperative for the Council to consider and adopt the budget.

**CONSULTATION**

Council workshopped the draft budget at the Briefing Session held on 20 July 2022

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial**

The budget is presented as a balanced budget. The draft 2022 – 2023 lists all matters of an operational and capital nature, together with income sources and supporting information.

**Workforce**

The budget includes an additional full time Labourer / Plant Operator.

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**6. CLOSURE**

The being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40am.

  
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 Presiding Member

15.07.2022  
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 Date

