



SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA

LATE ITEM

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an ORDINARY Meeting of the Council will be held in Newman Council Chambers 10.30am, Friday 22 March 2024

Steven Harding
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

OUR VISION

A cohesive community providing an economic hub for the region linked by vibrant local centres and shared spaces – a place to live and call home

Our towns have survived fluctuations of fortune for more than a century. Resourcefulness and resilience, along with planning, will hold them in good stead throughout the 21st century. The energy of our people will ensure that the heart of the Pilbara will beat on, and will beat strong.

The Shire of East Pilbara is not just about resources - it's also about resourcefulness.

From our Indigenous people to early pastoralists and miners, and through to the present day, people have shown their capacity to not only survive but thrive in the heart of the Pilbara.

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Please be advised this Agenda may include the names of people who are deceased.



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16 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF COUNCIL

16.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

16.1.1 BHP – GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION – EAST NEWMAN REVITALISATION AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

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Chief Executive Officer

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Proposed Meeting Date: 22 March 2024

Author Disclosure of Interest: Nil

REPORT PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider accepting grant funds to the value of \$950,000.00 (excl GST) to be expended over three years for the purpose of funding the delivery of the 'East Newman Revitalisation and Sustainability Project', and making a consequential budget amendment.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, Nyiyaparli and Martu came together to sign the 'This is Our Dream Cultural Compact' and invited others to listen, follow and join their story. The Cultural Compact was a commitment to laying down new foundations to walk together in a new way with others. The East Newman Precinct Structure Plan (ENPSP) was one of the projects resulting from the Cultural Compact. The ENPSP aims to create a thriving community in East Newman by establishing key priorities that will allow for better opportunities in healthcare, housing, education and cultural wellbeing. The ENPSP specifically seeks upgrades to public open spaces and parks, and improved connections throughout the area, including;

- Upgrades to streets, ensuring safety and comfort through landscaping and increased tree canopy.
- Redeveloping streets to provide increased connection creates an opportunity for passive surveillance, reducing anti-social behaviour.
- Upgrades to community spaces like parks and streetscapes to connect the community.

In 2024, in line with ENPSP, the Shire of East Pilbara ("the Shire"), BHP Community representatives and the BHP Non Processing Infrastructure (NPI) representative created three working groups to address a variety of concerns across East Newman. The East Newman Revitalisation and Sustainability Project (ENRS) is a collective approach to fund the outcomes of two of the Revitalisation Working Group and Asset Sustainability Working Group.

This ENRS project will address revitalisation and liveability needs of the residents living in East Newman. The ENRS seeks to address needs for greening, tree planting, streetscaping, street clean-up initiatives, lighting, security and access measures. The outcomes from the project seeks to address issues to mitigate anti-social behaviour, remove or refurbish broken structures, including but not limited to bus stops, shade structures, and public art.

This ENRS project will fund the ENRS Working Group actions that fall outside of the normal maintenance scope of the Shire or BHP NPI standard work schedules. The ENRS Working Group will also update the East Newman asset register for public facing structures and establish an agreement with respect to who will take responsibility for ongoing maintenance following the completion of work.

Proposed Project Timeline:

Commencement: 01/04/2024

Completion: 31/10/2025

COMMENTS/OPTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

The Shire seeks to accept \$950,000.00 (excl GST) from BHP to action key works over 18 months (FY 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26) identified as part of the East Newman Revitalisation and Sustainability Project.

The project is expected to include increased greening and tree planting, streetscaping in East Newman, clean-up initiatives, and additional lighting and security measures. It will also improve the safety of selected thoroughfares and remove or refurbish broken

Significant investment is required to address all priorities within the ENPSP. Therefore, the initial pilot program will operate as a demonstration project, focusing on the intersection of Niminigarra Drive and Armstrong Way. Additionally, the ENRS project will target streetscapes at the beginning of Armstrong Way and extend to the alleyway between Knox Way and Armstrong Way, Newman.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Consistent with s.6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with Council's Budget Amendments Policy

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

1: Economic

- 1.1. Develop strong networks for collaboration within and across the corporate and public sectors for growing exports, with a focus on agriculture, mining services, Aboriginal business and tourism.
- 1.2. Work with local entrepreneurs, existing businesses and artists to increase their internal capacity and explore business opportunities that will reduce leakage from the local economy.

2: Social

- 2.3. Advocacy and partnerships for addressing issues impacting safety of communities, and improving information sharing and coordination.

3: Build

- 3.5. Continue to invest in public spaces, amenities and heritage protection across the Shire.
- 3.6. Continue to invest in the CCTV network across the Shire and incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

4: Natural Environment

- 4.5. Improve the standard of presentation and progressively green the towns.

5: Governance

- 5.1. Continued focus on good governance, transparency and community and stakeholder engagement in significant decisions, including place-based plans.
- 5.2. Facilitate collaboration and partnerships with industry and government in key issues for the Shire (such as transport, housing, economic development and tourism, social wellbeing, public spaces etc.).

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Reputational – Moderate

Financial – Minor

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that Council accepts the funding and amends the 2023/24 Budget, with a view to carrying over unexpended funds in 2023/24 to next year, in order to facilitate the project over the 18 month period.

Proposed Project Budget:

Account Description		2023/24
Income		
NEW	BHP Social Investment Grant – East Newman Revitalisation & Sustainability Project	\$950,000.00
Expenditure		
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the East Newman Revitalisation & Sustainability Project - Initial Phase to be completed by 31 October 2025.
2. Accepts the offer a funding grant of \$950,000 (excl GST) from BHP for the East Newman Revitalisation and Sustainability Project – Initial Phase, and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute a funding agreement with BHP on the Shire's behalf.
3. Pursuant to section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995, authorises an amendment to the Shire's 2023/24 Annual Budget to create income and expenditure accounts for the purposes of the East Newman Revitalisation and Sustainability Project as follows:

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Income		
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Expenditure		
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ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED