

*“A thriving
community, making
the most of our
coastline, ranges and
rural settings to
support us to grow
and prosper”*

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING Agenda

**Meeting Date Thursday 19 June
2025**

Meeting Time 9:00 am

**To be held at Chapman Valley
Administration Office, 3270 Chapman
Valley Road, Nabawa WA 6532,
Council Chambers.**

Jamie Criddle

Chief Executive Officer



SHIRE OF

Chapman Valley

love the rural life!

Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032



Snapshot

OUR VISION

"A thriving and diverse community, embracing our coastline, ranges and rural settings to support growth and prosperity, while enjoying our peaceful and quiet lifestyle."

OUR VALUES

Ethical, Honest, Integrity,
Leadership, Respectful, Trustful



COMMUNITY, HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

- 1.1 Nurture the sense of community and unity across the Shire, while supporting towns and their volunteers in local issues
- 1.2 Address identified ageing population issues
- 1.3 Strengthen our role in regional partnerships and advocacy for continuity of local services/ facilities
- 1.4 Maintain and enhance safety and security in the Shire
- 1.5 Maximise health and lifestyle outcomes through environmental and public health strategies



ECONOMY & POPULATION

- 2.1 Build population and business activity through targeted strategies
Provide support for business development and local employment
- 2.2 Embrace local tourism and regional strategies and trails
- 2.3 Ensure town planning compliments economic and business development, population retention and growth strategies
- 2.4 Develop marketing plan to promote Chapman Valley as place to live, invest, work or visit



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 Preserve and protect the natural environment and address environmental risks as they arise
- 3.2 Maintain the rural identity of the Shire
- 3.3 Build the green canopy of the Shire's town areas
- 3.4 Address weed and vermin control
- 3.5 Fire mitigation and control



PHYSICAL & DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- 4.1 Develop, manage, and maintain built infrastructure
- 4.2 Manage and maintain roads, drainage, and other essential infrastructure assets
- 4.3 Aspire to robust communication and digital infrastructure in the Shire through strong partnerships and alliances
- 4.4 Advocate for improved power networks
- 4.5 Advocate for improved water security within the Shire



GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

- 5.1 Ensure governance and administration systems, policies and processes are current and relevant
- 5.2 Be accountable and transparent while managing human and physical resources effectively
- 5.3 Make informed decisions within resources and areas of responsibility
- 5.4 Ensure robust processes and guidelines for development

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Chapman Valley would like to respectfully acknowledge the Naaguja peoples who are the traditional owners and first people of the land on which we stand.

We would like to pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Naaguja peoples.

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1 Declaration of Opening & Announcements of Visitors

The President will welcome elected members, staff and visitors to the council meeting and declaring the meeting open.

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2 Announcements from the Presiding Member

3 Record of Attendance

3.1 Attendees

The following are anticipated to attend the council meeting:

Elected Members

Cr Nicole Batten (President)

Cr Trevor Royce (Deputy President)

Cr Philip Blakeway

Cr Elizabeth Elliott-Lockhart

Cr Catherine Low

Cr Emma Rodney

Officers

Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer

Simon Lancaster, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Dianne Raymond, Manager Finance & Corporate Services

Corrine Smith, Minute Taker

Visitors

3.2 Apologies

3.3 Previously Approved Leave of Absence (By Resolution of Council)

Nil

4 Public Question Time

4.1 Response to Previous Public Questions on Notice***

Nil

4.2 Public Question Time

**Local Government Act 1995
SHIRE OF CHAPMAN VALLEY
Standing Orders Local Law 2016
Part 6 - Public participation**

6.6 Procedures for question time for the public

Procedures for question time for the public are dealt with in the Regulations.

6.7 Other procedures for question time for the public

(1) A member of the public who raises a question during question time, is to state his or her name and address.

(2) A question may be taken on notice by the Council for later response.

(3) When a question is taken on notice the CEO is to ensure that:

(a) a response is given to the member of the public in writing; and

(b) a summary of the response is included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

(4) Where a question relating to a matter in which a relevant person has an interest is directed to the relevant person, the relevant person is to:

(a) declare that he or she has an interest in the matter; and

(b) allow another person to respond to the question.

(5) Each member of the public with a question is entitled to ask up to 2 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their questions.

(6) Where a member of the public provides written questions then the Presiding Member may elect for the questions to be responded to as normal business correspondence.

(7) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where:

(a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the meeting at which the response was provided;

(b) the member of the public uses public question time to make a statement, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to

phrase the statement as a question; or

(c) the member of the public asks a question that is offensive or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the question in a manner that is not offensive or defamatory.

(8) A member of the public shall have two minutes to submit a question.

(9) The Council, by resolution, may agree to extend public question time.

(10) Where an answer to a question is given at a meeting, a summary of the question and the answer is to be included in the minutes.

5 Applications for Leave of Absence

6 Disclosure of Interest

Local Government Act 1995

Administration Part 5

Disclosure of financial interests and gifts Division 6

s. 5.59

Members should fill in Disclosure of Interest forms for items in which they have a financial, proximity or impartiality interest and forward these to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences.

Section 5.60A:

“a person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.”

Section 5.60B:

“a person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns –

(a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person’s land; or (b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person’s land; or (c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person’s land.”

Regulation 34C (Impartiality):

“interest means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.”

7 Presentations

Local Government Act 1995
SHIRE OF CHAPMAN VALLEY
Standing Orders Local Law 2016
Part 6 - Public participation

6.9 Deputations

- (1) Any person or group wishing to be received as a deputation by the Council is to either:
- (a) apply, before the meeting, to the CEO for approval; or
 - (b) with the approval of the Presiding Member, at the meeting, address the Council.
- (2) The CEO may either:
- (a) approve the request and invite the deputation to attend a meeting of the Council; or
 - (b) refer the request to the Council to decide by simple majority whether or not to receive the deputation.
- (3) Unless the council resolves otherwise, a deputation invited to attend a Council meeting:
- (a) is not to exceed 5 persons, only 2 of whom may address the Council, although others may respond to specific questions from Members;
 - (b) is not to address the Council for a period exceeding 10 minutes without the agreement of the Council; and,
 - (c) additional members of the deputation may be allowed to speak with the leave of the Presiding Member.
- (4) Any matter which is the subject of a deputation to the Council is not to be decided by the Council until the deputation has completed its presentation.

6.10 Petitions

- (1) A petition is to -
- (a) be addressed to the President;
 - (b) be made by electors of the district;
 - (c) state the request on each page of the petition;
 - (d) contain the name, address and signature of each elector making the request, and the date each elector signed;
 - (e) contain a summary of the reasons for the request; and
 - (f) state the name of the person to whom, and an address at which, notice to the petitioners can be given.
- (2) Upon receiving a petition, the local government is to submit the petition to the relevant officer to be included in his or her deliberations and report on the matter that is the subject of the petition, subject to subclause (3).
- (3) At any meeting, the Council is not to vote on any matter that is the subject of a petition presented to that meeting, unless:
- (a) the matter is the subject of a report included in the agenda; and

(b) the Council has considered the issues raised in the petition.

6.11 Presentations

(1) In this clause, a presentation means the acceptance of a gift or an award by the Council on behalf of the local government or the community.

(2) A presentation may be made to the Council at a meeting only with the prior approval of the CEO.

7.1 Petitions

The Council has not received any petitions at the time of writing this report.

7.2 Presentations

The Council does not anticipate any presentations at the time of writing this report.

7.3 Deputations

The Council has not received any deputations at the time of writing this report.

8 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025 be confirmed as true and accurate.

9 Items to be dealt with En Bloc

10 Officer Reports

10.1 Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10.1.1 | Road Name, Nanson |
| Department | Development Service Planning |
| Author | Simon Lancaster |
| Reference(s) | 1008.00 |
| Attachment(s) | Nil |

Voting Requirements

Simply Majority

Staff Recommendation

That Council request that the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage's Geographic Names Committee apply the name 'Wicket Road' to the unnamed road reserve that runs across Lot 11987 Chapman Valley Road, Nanson in recognition of its local informal name and the history of Lot 11987 as the Nanson cricket oval and the abandoned cricket pitch that remains onsite.

Disclosure of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 1995*, Subdivision 1 (LGA 1995) in the preparation of this report.

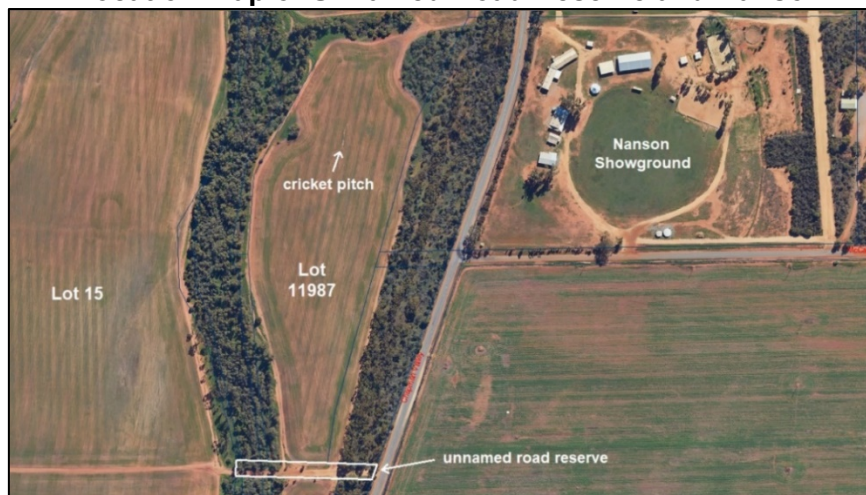
Background

The landowner that accesses their farm paddock via an unnamed road reserve and Shire staff have suggested a road name that recognises the history of the abandoned cricket pitch that still remains upon the paddock. This report recommends that Council request that the name 'Wicket Road' be applied to the unnamed road reserve by the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage's Geographic Names Committee.

Comment

The unnamed road reserve is 900m north of the Nanson townsite and 300m south of the Nanson Showground.

Figure 10.1.1.1 – Location map of Unnamed Road Reserve and Nanson Cricket Pitch



The road reserve runs west off Chapman Valley Road for a distance of 181.88m and is 3,606m² in area.

The road is formed to an unsealed track standard and runs across Lot 11987 to reach Lot 15 which are both owned by Ballycastle Pty Ltd.

Lot 11987 contains an abandoned cricket pitch and this is the basis for the commonly used name of 'Wicket Farm' for the paddock.

Figure 10.1.1.2 – Aerial photo of Unnamed Road Reserve



**Figure 10.1.1.3 – Nanson Cricket Pitch
(photo courtesy Les Everett, Abandoned Cricket Pitches)**



The Shire contacted amateur historian Mr Les Everett who has been researching Abandoned Cricket Pitches.

[Les Everett \(@abandonedcricketpitches\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

[Les Everett's epic quest to uncover Australia's 'lost' cricket pitches - ABC News](#)

Mr Everett provided the following information relating to this site.

“Nanson cricket pitch

Nanson first appeared as part of the Upper Chapman and Northampton Cricket Association in the early 1920s playing for just a few seasons.

The Nanson Cricket Club was reformed in 1932, joining the renamed Northampton-Upper Chapman Cricket Association. The Geraldton Guardian reported that a busy bee would be held on Saturday 14 October “... to put the pitch and ground in order.”

By December the team was well established, the Guardian noting: “The Nanson club players must be congratulated on the sporting way they play their matches. They have a young team and need only experience, when like Yuna, in a few seasons they may be fighting for top place.”

After WW2 Nanson was a cricket team without an association. Nanson played regular social and picnic games. Opponents included Glengarry Station, Yuna, Nabawa, Naraling, Walkaway, Railway Social Cricket Club from Geraldton and even the Nanson Tennis Club. The star Nanson player during the 1950s was Trevor Murphy.

The cricket pitch at Nanson is a significant historical and social landmark.”

Figure 10.1.1.4 – Aerial photo of Nanson Cricket Pitch



The application of the name ‘Wicket Road’ would recognise this part of Nanson’s history and is supported by the sole landowner who uses this road.

The name ‘Wicket’ is already recognised on-site by the farm sign that is at the entrance to Chapman Valley Road.

Figure 10.1.1.5 – Unnamed Road Reserve and Wicket farm entrance sign



It is not suggested that a street sign be installed at this intersection as it is considered preferable for the road to continue to present as a farm driveway to discourage people driving through a working farm operation and to prevent increased risk of fire and dumping.

Statutory Environment

Local governments are required to forward their suggested road names to the DPLH's Geographic Names Committee for consideration and final approval as per Section 26A of the *Land Administration Act 1997*:

"26A New subdivisions, names of roads and areas in

- (1) If a person delivers a diagram or plan of survey of a subdivision of land approved by the Planning Commission to a local government, and the proposed subdivision includes the provision of a road for use by the public, that person must also deliver to the local government the name proposed to be given to the road.*
- (2) The local government may require the person so subdividing the land -
 - (a) to propose a name for the proposed road or, if a name has already been proposed, to alter that name; and*
 - (b) to propose a name for the area the subject of the proposed subdivision, or if a name has already been proposed, to alter that name.**
- (3) If the local government approves a name proposed under subsection (1) or (2), the local government is to forward the proposal to the Minister.*
- (4) The Minister may -
 - (a) approve the proposed name; or*
 - (b) direct the local government to reconsider the proposed name, having regard to such matters as the Minister may mention in the direction; or*
 - (c) refuse to approve the proposed name.**
- (5) A person must not -
 - (a) assign a name to the area or road unless the name is first approved by the Minister;**

- (b) *alter or change a name that has been so assigned, whether initially or from time to time, to the area or road unless the Minister first approves of the alteration or change of that name.
Penalty: \$1000 and a daily penalty of \$100."*

Policy/Procedure Implications

Shire Policy CP-102-Road Names provides a Council pre-approved list of road names for application in the Shire of Chapman Valley. However, in this instance it is not recommended that Council select from its pre-approved list and instead recognise the local history of the immediate area.

Financial Implications

No Financial Implications Identified.

Strategic Implications

The recognition of notable landmarks, local identities, local flora, local heritage places and events as road names assist in promoting the Shire of Chapman Valley and its history and features rather than the application of more generic titles.

The DPLH's Geographic Names Committee are responsible for the final approval of road names and ensuring that road names are not duplicated wherever possible. The Geographic Names Committee deem under their road naming guidelines that the following are not suitable:

- names of living persons;
- first names;
- derogatory or discriminatory names;
- company or commercialised names;
- names that are duplicated or similar to existing road names within a 50km radius.

The name 'Wicket Road' would meet with all of DPLH's nomenclature criteria.

For interested Councillors further information in regards to the road naming process can be viewed at the following link to the DPLH website:

<https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/?a=46421>

Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications

COMMUNITY HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

1.1 Nurture the sense of community and unity across the Shire, while supporting towns and their volunteers in local issues.

1.1.2 Determine a whole of Shire community integration approach.

Consultation

The Shire has consulted with the landowner who is the sole user of this farm access track and also an amateur historian specialising in abandoned cricket pitches for background information.

Risk Assessment

No Risks have been Identified.

10.1.2 Grazing Leases, Nabawa

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|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Department | Development Service Planning |
| Author | Simon Lancaster |
| Reference(s) | A1981 & A2030 |
| Attachment(s) | 1. draft grazing leases [10.1.2.1 - 6 pages] |

Voting Requirements

Simply Majority

Staff Recommendation

That Council pursuant to Section 3.54 of the *Local Government Act 1995* resolve to:

- 1 Issue an agreement to licence use of Crown Reserve 27944 O'Donnell Road, Nabawa for the purpose of grazing to Earl O'Donnell with an expiry date of 30 June 2031 at an annual fee of \$200 (GST ex).
- 2 Issue an agreement to licence use of Crown Reserve 43025 Chapman Valley Road, Nabawa for the purpose of grazing formal licence to Earl O'Donnell with an expiry date of 30 June 2031 at an annual fee of \$200 (GST ex).
- 3 Both agreements shall include clause enabling either party to terminate the licence subject to 3 months notice in writing.

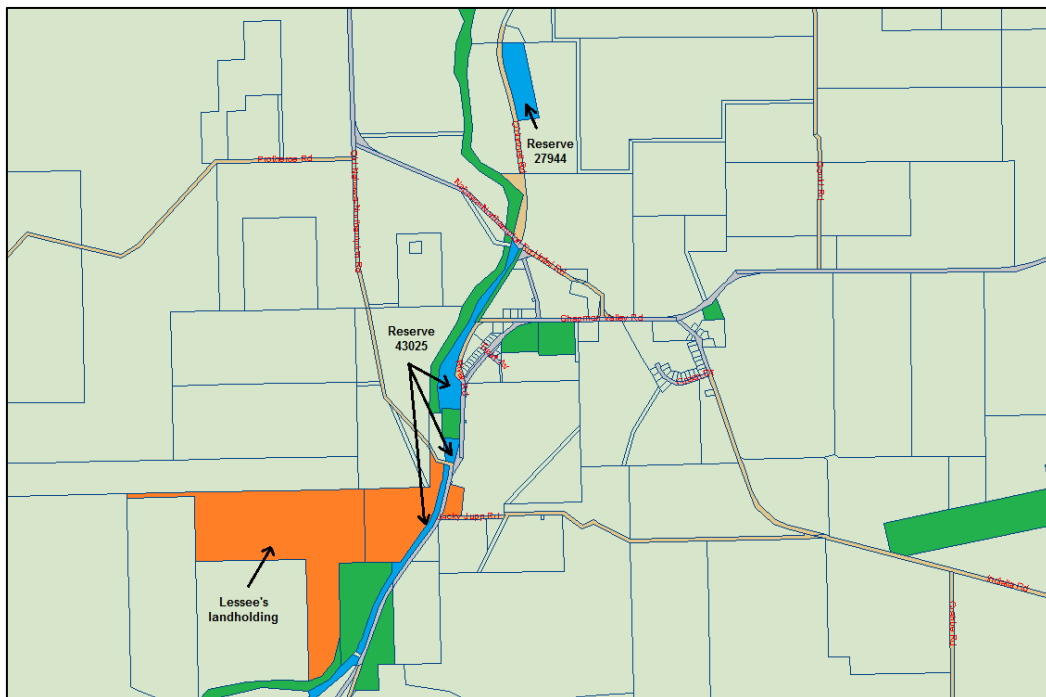
Disclosure of Interest

The applicant is an employee of the Shire of Chapman Valley.

Background

The lessee of Reserve 27944 O'Donnell Road, Nabawa and Reserve 43025 Chapman Valley Road, Nabawa (Earl O'Donnell) is seeking to continue their grazing lease agreements with Council.

Figure 10.1.2.1 – Map of Reserves 27944 & 43025, Nabawa and lessee's landholding



This report makes recommendation that new agreements be entered into with the lessee for a further 5 years with a common expiry date of 30 June 2031. It is also recommended that the previous clauses contained within each of the agreements enabling Council to terminate the lease with 3 months written notice be again included, in the event that Council identifies an alternative use for the land that it wishes to pursue.

Comment

Reserve 27944 is a vacant 5.2987ha property located 1km north of the Nabawa townsite. The reserve was created in 1966 for the purpose of 'Gravel' and has a management order issued to the Shire of Chapman Valley dating back to 1975.

Reserve 27944 has been leased to the current lessee's family since 1988 and prior to this there was an informal grazing lease arrangement with the family dating back to the 1960's firstly with WA Government Railways and then subsequently with the Shire following transfer of management in 1975. The current lease agreement is due to expire on 30 June 2026 and the lessee is seeking the extension of this lease.

The Shire does not have a requirement for Reserve 27944 at this time, however, it is recommended that it be retained as a Crown Reserve in the event that the land is required for sourcing road materials in the future, rather than Council instead advising the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage (DPLH) that it has no purpose for the land and it be disposed of onto the private market.

Figure 10.1.2.2 – Aerial Photo of Reserve 27944



Reserve 43025 is a vacant 11.5521ha property located between the Chapman River and Chapman Valley Road, to the west and south-west of the Nabawa townsite that has a management order issued to the Shire of Chapman Valley for the purpose of 'Recreation'.

Reserve 43025 has been leased to the current lessee's family since 1994, prior to the lease there was an unofficial arrangement made between the lessee and the Shire for the use and maintenance dating back to the 1970's. The current lease agreement is due to expire on 30 June 2026 and the lessee is seeking the extension of this lease.

The Shire does not have an immediate requirement for Reserve 43205, however, the land has been identified as part of a future walking/riding trail linking the townsites of Nabawa and Nanson. It is therefore recommended that any agreement over the land maintain the current clause providing Council with the ability to terminate the lease should it wish to pursue this long term strategic recreational/tourism project.

Figure 10.1.2.3 – Aerial Photo of Reserve 43025



Draft lease agreements for Reserves 27944 & 43025 have been provided as **separate Attachment 10.1.2** for Council's consideration, and these have been based upon the clauses contained within the previous lease agreements.

Statutory Environment

Council may under Section 3.54 of the *Local Government Act 1995* issue a licence for the private use of Crown land under its control in the interest of controlling and managing that land.

Reserve 27944 is zoned 'Public Purposes' under the Shire of Chapman Valley Local Planning Scheme No.3. Table 1 of the Scheme lists the objectives for this zone as being:

"to provide for a range of essential physical and community infrastructure".

Reserve 43025 is zoned 'Public Open Space' under the Shire of Chapman Valley Local Planning Scheme No.3. Table 1 of the Scheme lists the objectives for this zone as being:

- *To set aside areas for public open space, particularly those established under the Planning and Development Act 2005 s. 152.*
- *To provide for a range of active and passive recreation uses such as recreation buildings and courts and associated car parking and drainage."*

In the absence of an identified timeframe or budget allocation for an alternative Shire use of the land, the entering into temporary leases with power to terminate is considered an appropriate action for Reserves 27944 & 43025.

Policy/Procedure Implications

No Policy or Management Procedure affected.

Financial Implications

Budgetary Implications

Council may wish to retain the annual lease fee at \$200 or increase it to a new amount e.g. \$250 per annum (GST ex).

Council has generally maintained a supportive position to leasing Crown Reserves, where they are not identified for its own immediate requirement, as otherwise the Shire would be required to undertake maintenance upon them (e.g. firebreaks, slashing/mowing, weed control, fencing repairs and general maintenance) which would require mobilising of staff, equipment and financial resources. It has been previously considered by Council that these resources could be better utilised elsewhere and that leasing the property is a more appropriate means of management. Although the reserves have only been leased at relatively low rates it has been considered that these leases have reduced costs to Council.

Council most recently resolved at its 18 August 2021 meeting:

“That Council pursuant to Section 3.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 resolve to:

- 1 Issue an agreement to licence use of Crown Reserve 27944 O’Donnell Road, Nabawa for the purpose of grazing to Earl O’Donnell with an expiry date of 30 June 2026 at an annual fee of \$200 (GST ex).*
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- 3 Both agreements shall include clause enabling either party to terminate the licence subject to 3 months notice in writing.*

Strategic Implications

The Shire’s Strategic Community Plan has the following objective and accompanying strategy:

2.3 - Embrace local tourism and regional strategies and trails

Strategy 2.3.3 - Seek opportunities to establish more recreational trails in the Shire for local population and visitors.

| Strategies & Actions | Timeline | Responsibility | 2022 Status | Desired Status |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Determine potential trail sites and carry out feasibility studies that include types of users, costs and environmental risks. | Short | CEO, DCEO & Regional Partners | Reviews of potential sites and feasibility studies to be considered such as Moresby Range and Coronation Beach. | More trails established and promoted to community and visitors |

In 1995 the Mid West Trails Group (which comprised representatives from the City of Geraldton, Shire of Greenough, Shire of Chapman Valley and Shire of Northampton) undertook a Feasibility Study into the creation of trails along the former Geraldton-

Northampton and Geraldton-Yuna rail alignments. The Feasibility Study was completed in 1999 and tabled at the 23 March 1999 Council meeting.

The Shire of Chapman Valley Corporate Business Plan that was adopted by Council at its 19 June 2013 meeting, and reviewed by Council at its 16 March 2016 meeting, listed amongst its 'Future Priorities for Consideration' the following:

“Development of a walking and riding trail along the old railway line between the Moresby Range and Yuna to provide a recreational and tourism feature and to highlight the tourism attractions of the Chapman Valley, Nabawa and Nanson”

Reserve 43025 would form part of this walk/riding trail alignment.

The project's identification in the 'Future Priority' section of the Corporate Business Plan, reflected its status as a long-term strategic visionary item and not a project that had been identified for funding, or given a specific timeframe to pursue its development.

The long-term strategic goal was for the creation of a walking/hiking/riding trail along the former Geraldton-Yuna railway alignment. The trail could ultimately be promoted as a recreational and tourism asset for the Shire of Chapman Valley, with the opportunity to showcase it through promotional material and events e.g. mountain bike race, competitive marathon, hike for charity etc. Landowners along the trail may be encouraged to develop farm stay chalet or nature based camping that might cater for hikers/riders along the trail (with it passing in vicinity to several potential tourism nodes including the Moresby Range, Nukara, Nanson, Naaguja Farm, Nabawa, Naraling and Yuna) along with other tourism related ventures e.g. galleries, eating places, function facilities, experiential uses, Monsignor Hawes Trail, Wildflower trails etc.

The identification of this project as a long-term strategic goal recognised that whilst the former Geraldton-Yuna railway alignment is already under public ownership as Crown Reserve, it would take a significant capital cost to fence and construct the track and an ongoing maintenance cost.

It was also recognised that during the planning stage there will be a significant level of landowner consultation required as much of the alignment appears on-ground to form part of farmers' paddocks and has been farmed as such for many years. This would require not only the alignment to be re-surveyed for certain sections, but extensive consultation work to be done to allay landowners' fears about what issues the trail may present to them in terms of fire risk, litter, theft, invasive species etc. brought about by the creation and use of the track.

It was also noted that some sections of the former alignment were in close proximity to farmer's residences and sheds and to address concerns over security, privacy and amenity it may be reasonable to consider realigning the trail in certain areas to provide improved separation.

The project, being such a large undertaking, would not be achievable without external funding assistance (e.g. Department of Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport, and Lotterywest amongst others) and through other potential sources if interpretive signage formed part of the trail (e.g. Aboriginal heritage, European heritage, railway heritage, flora, fauna).

The more recent Corporate Business Plan 2022-2025, instead identified working with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions to develop trails in the Moresby Range Conservation Park (which is along the proposed Geraldton-Yuna rail trail alignment

but located closer to Geraldton) as a more achievable short-medium term goal for Council to pursue.

Strategic Community Plan/Corporate Business Plan Implications

ECONOMY & POPULATION

2.3 Embrace local tourism & regional strategies and trails.

2.3.3 Seek opportunities to establish more recreational trails in the Shire for local population and visitors.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

3.4 Manage the impact of waste, water, weed and vermin control on the environment.

3.4.2 Address weed and vermin control.

Consultation

Council previously received an enquiry from the landowner of the adjoining 1.7053ha Lot 451 Old Nabawa-Northampton Road as to whether Council would be supportive of their purchasing the 2.5617ha area of Crown Land that is immediately east of their property, which included portion of Reserve 43025. Council resolved at its 18 May 2016 meeting as follows:

“That Council thank the applicant for their enquiry and advise that it does not support the disposal of Reserve 31509 and Part 43025 Chapman Valley Road, Nabawa and their amalgamation into Lot 451 Old Nabawa-Northampton Road for the following reasons:

- 1 Reserve 31509 is used by the Shire and Main Roads WA for the storage of road materials.*
- 2 Reserve 31509 is listed within the Shire of Chapman Valley Heritage Inventory as being important to the heritage of the locality.*
- 3 The Chapman Valley Historical Society are currently preparing a funding application seeking to install interpretative signage at the Nanson Railway Bridge, the Nanson Weighbridge and the Nabawa Weighbridge (which is upon Reserve 31509).*
- 4 The Shire of Chapman Valley Corporate Business Plan 2016-2019 lists the “development of a walking and riding trail along the old railway line between the Moresby Range and Yuna to provide a recreational and tourism feature and to highlight the tourism attractions of the Chapman Valley, Nabawa and Nanson” as a future priority for consideration and the disposal of Reserve 31509 and part 43025 would remove a section of the currently intact (as Crown Reserve) former railway corridor and prevent its future development for trail purposes.*
- 5 Reserve 43025 has a current lease over the land that is not due to expire until 2021.*
- 6 The subject area is considered flood prone and its retention as Crown Land would prevent the establishment of private structures in this area.”*

It is considered that both Reserves 27944 and 43205 should be continued to be leased and remain as Crown Land rather than recommended to the DPLH for disposal into private ownership.

Previous leases, and the draft proposed leases, for both Reserves 27944 and 43205 contain clauses enabling the Shire to extinguish the leases with 3 months notices, and these could be triggered in the event that a wider civic or community use was pursued by Council e.g. extraction of road material in the case of Reserve 27944 or the development of a walking/riding trail in the case of Reserve 43205.

Risk Assessment

A Minor Property Risk of Level 2 - Likely resulting in localised damage rectified by routine internal procedures.

10.2 Manager of Finance & Corporate Services

Nil

10.3 Chief Executive Officer

Nil

11 Elected Members Motions

Local Government Act 1995
SHIRE OF CHAPMAN VALLEY
Standing Orders Local Law 2016

Part 5 - Business of a meeting

5.3 Motions of which previous notice has been given

- (1) Unless the Act, Regulations or this local law otherwise provide, a Member may raise at a meeting such business as he or she considers appropriate, in the form of a motion, of which notice has been given in writing to the CEO and which has been included on the agenda.
- (2) A notice of motion under subclause (1) is to be given at least 10 clear working days before the meeting at which the motion is moved.
- (3) A notice of motion is to relate to the good governance of the district.
- (4) The CEO -
- (a) may, with the concurrence of the President, may exclude from the notice paper any notice of motion deemed to be, or likely to involve, a breach of any of this local law or any other written law;
- (b) will inform Members on each occasion that a notice has been excluded and the reasons for that exclusion;
- (c) may, after consultation with the Member where this is practicable, make such amendments to the form but not the substance as will bring the notice of motion into due form; and
- (d) may provide to the Council relevant and material facts and circumstances pertaining to the notice of motion on such matters as policy, budget and law.
- (5) A motion of which notice has been given is to lapse unless:
- (a) the Member who gave notice of it, or some other Member authorised by the originating Member in writing, moves the motion when called on; or
- (b) the Council on a motion agrees to defer consideration of the motion to a later stage or date.
- (6) If a notice of motion is given and lapses under subclause (5), notice of a motion in the same terms or to the same effect is not to be given again for at least 3 months from the date of such lapse.

The Council has not received any notice of motion from an elected member at the time of writing this report.

12 New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by Decision of the Meeting

Local Government Act 1995
SHIRE OF CHAPMAN VALLEY
Standing Orders Local Law 2016

Part 5 - Business of a meeting

5.4 New business of an urgent nature

- (1) In cases of extreme urgency or other special circumstances, matters may, on a motion

by the Presiding Member that is carried by the meeting, be raised without notice and decided by the meeting.

(2) In subclause (1), 'cases of extreme urgency or other special circumstances' means matters that have arisen after the preparation of the agenda that are considered by the Presiding Member to be of such importance and urgency that they are unable to be dealt with administratively by the local government and must be considered and dealt with by the Council before the next meeting.

13 Announcements by Presiding Member Without Discussion

14 Matters for which Meeting to be Closed to Members of the Public

Local Government Act 1995

Administration Part 5

Council meetings, committees and their meetings and electors'

meetings Division 2

s. 5.23

The council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following —

- (a) a matter affecting an employee or employees; and
- (b) the personal affairs of any person; and
- (c) a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting; and
- (d) legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting; and
- (e) a matter that if disclosed, would reveal —
 - (i) a trade secret; or
 - (ii) information that has a commercial value to a person; or
 - (iii) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the trade secret or information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government; and
- (f) a matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to —
 - (i) impair the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law; or
 - (ii) endanger the security of the local government's property; or
 - (iii) prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public

safety; and

(g) information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23(1a) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971; and

(h) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(3) A decision to close a meeting or part of a meeting and the reason for.

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15 Closure