



From the CEO

September Community Update

Hi all,

Council last met on Tuesday 17th September, where they considered some key items, along with the standing items of Monthly Financial Statements and Accounts for Payment.

Leonora Pool

A donation from Minara Resources, a Glencore company, was accepted by Council. The donation will provide free entry for the 2024/2025 pool season and is a fantastic gift to the people of Leonora.

While on the subject of the pool, Shire staff are currently sourcing a heating unit to enable us to heat the pool. This could allow the pool to remain open throughout the year.

Community Grants Policy

Council also endorsed a new Grants Policy, with the annual grants scheme now broken into three categories:

- Annual preapproved grants
 - These are grants that are provided every year such as to the annual races, Blazers basketball etc, and are approved through the annual budget process. It will reduce the administration burden of some key community run groups.
- Annual community grants program
 - A continuation of the long running program. Funds are granted through an application process and are designed to support programs and initiatives that provide benefit to the community or to the Shire of Leonora objectives. Funds of \$500 to \$10,000 are available on a competitive basis, from a total pool of \$60,000.
- CEO Support Grants
 - This is a pool of funds to provide assistance for individual pursuits or small community-based events. For example, support was recently provided for several participants of Lulu Hawton's youth program to watch her recent World Title bout in Perth. It was deemed that attendance would help motivate the participants and achieve a positive community outcome. Eligibility requirements include that the recipient must be a current resident of the Shire for at least the past 6 months.



Politician visit

The Shire recently played host to Commonwealth Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Matt O'Sullivan, Rick Wilson Federal Member for O'Connor, the Hon Niel Thompson MLC and Ms Rowena Olsen liberal candidate for Kalgoorlie.

A meeting was held with Shire of Leonora, Menzies and Wiluna elected members and staff before meeting with community members.

Safe House

Progress on the Leonora Safe House continues, with the Shire now having received the keys to the property, and we are currently working through scoping in order to appoint a builder to undertake the required works.

This is a collaborative project with the Commonwealth, State and Shire, with the Department of Communities overseeing the tender process for appointing an operator.

We look forward to having more updates on this project in the coming weeks.

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Document links:

Council meeting documents

www.leonora.wa.gov.au/council-meetings