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I HEREBY APPROVE this Enterprise Agreement pursuant to section 79 of the *Fair Work Act 1994*.

This Agreement shall come into force on and from 27 February 2024 and have a nominal life extending to 30 June 2026.

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Commissioner Rogers

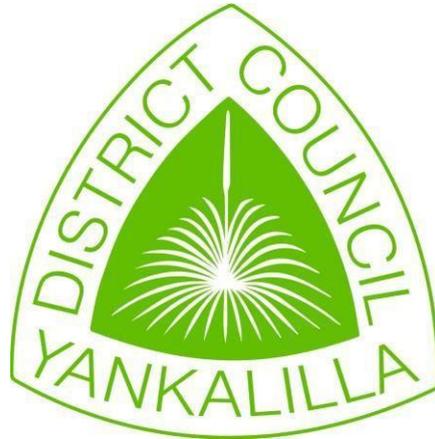
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1. APPLICATION AND OPERATION OF AGREEMENT

1.1. Preliminary

1.1.1. This document supersedes the existing certified Agreement the District Council of Yankalilla Agreement No. 11 2021.

1.2. Title

1.2.1. This Agreement shall be known as the District Council of Yankalilla AWU Enterprise Agreement No. 12, 2023.

1.3. Scope and Parties Bound

1.3.1. This Agreement shall be binding upon the District Council of Yankalilla (the Employer), and the Amalgamated AWU (SA) State Union, (the Union) its members employed by the Council and the employees whose employment is pursuant to the Local Government Employees award whose duties, responsibilities, work description or remuneration are contained within its terms.

1.4. Definitions

'Act' means the Fair Work Act 1994 (SA), as amended from time to time.

'Agreement' shall mean District Council of Yankalilla AWU Enterprise Agreement No. 12, 2023.

'Award' shall mean the Local Government Employees' Award, as amended.

'Consultation' is the sharing of information and the exchange of views between the parties and includes the genuine opportunity for employees to contribute effectively to all decision making processes, which may affect them. The objective of consultation is reaching agreed outcomes. Consultation principles will apply to organisational changes, significant effect(s) and changes pertaining to performance of work.

'Employer' shall mean the District Council of Yankalilla.

'Family' shall include any person who relies on the employee as a primary caregiver.

'Salary' shall mean total income including superannuation payment, regular overtime and shift penalties, allowances and the like. Use of vehicle shall also be taken into account.

'Significant Effect(s)' shall mean effects including termination of employment, major changes in the composition, operation or size of the workforce or skills required, the elimination or diminution of job opportunity, promotion opportunity or job tenure and the restructuring of jobs.

'Union' shall mean the Amalgamated AWU (SA) State union.

'TOIL' shall mean Time Off In Lieu, whereby an employee takes paid time off instead of being paid overtime pay.

'Workplace Representative' shall mean a union member elected by the membership from the membership appointed under the rules of the Union, whose role is to effectively represent the interests of members at the workplace.

1.5. Date and period of operation

1.5.1. This Agreement shall commence from 1/7/2023. The agreement shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years.

1.5.2. This Agreement shall remain in force from approval by the SAET until 30 June 2026.

1.5.3. This Agreement shall be reviewed and re-negotiated during the final six (6) months of the life of the Agreement.

1.6. Relationship to Parent Award

1.6.1. This Agreement shall be read in conjunction with the terms of the Local Government Employees' Award provided that where there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Award, this Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. This Agreement builds on and supersedes Enterprise Agreement No. 11, 2021.

1.7. Commitment to Collective Bargaining

1.7.1. During the life of this Agreement and in its re-negotiation, Council undertakes to bargain collectively with the parties to this Agreement in respect of employees whose terms and conditions have traditionally been covered by the Local Government Employees' Award. The terms and conditions of this Award and this Agreement shall apply to new employees as they do to current employees.

1.8. Aims and Objectives

1.8.1. The objectives of this agreement are to:

- a) enable improved service delivery to residents of the Yankalilla district
- b) enable the Council to anticipate and plan for future change
- c) enable employees to fulfil their professional work goals
- d) encourage and develop a high level of skill, innovation and excellence among employees employed at the District Council of Yankalilla through the provision of training and skills improvement programs
- e) encourage an environment in which all employees share learnings from attendance at conferences and training courses in order that everyone collectively benefits from investment in knowledge
- f) assist in bringing about an environment in which employee health and wellbeing is fostered through wellbeing programs for all
- g) ensure strict adherence to the Award, this Agreement, and all other statutory provisions
- h) develop an environment where all parties are involved in decision-making processes that concern employees
- i) provide for improved / equitable wages and conditions for employees
- j) recognise the commitment towards improved customer relations
- k) recognise the integral role of the Unions and their representatives in facilitating positive workplace change
- l) provide a working environment that is safe for all employees, ratepayers and community members who interact with its services. The Council recognises that in order to have a productive work environment it also necessary to be physically and psychologically safe, free of harassment and accessible to anyone.

2. ENTERPRISE BARGAINING TEAM

- 2.1. The Council and employees agreed that the development of the Enterprise Agreement needs to reflect the following principles:
 - 2.1.1. That the Council exists to deliver quality services to the community.
 - 2.1.2. That effective service delivery is dependent on all stakeholders of Council working as a team.
 - 2.1.3. That the Enterprise Agreement should focus on meeting the current and emerging needs of all stakeholders.
- 2.2. Given these principles, the Enterprise Agreement process involves establishing an Enterprise Bargaining Committee (EBC) that has the following terms of reference;
 - 2.2.1. The parties agree that the consultative structure for negotiating, reviewing and monitoring Enterprise Agreements and resolving concerns and/or disputes arising from the operation of the Enterprise Bargaining process is the Enterprise Bargaining Team.
 - 2.2.2. The Enterprise Bargaining Committee for this Agreement shall consist of:
 - a) 2 (two) staff representing employees employed pursuant to the Local Government Employees' Award, at least one of whom shall be an AWU member
 - b) An AWU Official, if requested by members
 - c) 2 (two) Management representatives
 - d) A representative from the Local Government Association if requested by management.
- 2.3. The role of the Enterprise Bargaining Team shall be:
 - 2.3.1. To negotiate an Enterprise Agreement acceptable to all parties.
 - 2.3.2. To reach decisions through consensus that shall operate as recommendations to the parties they represent.
 - 2.3.3. To consider reports and ideas generated by employee and employer representatives on a range of issues.
 - 2.3.4. To distribute minutes of its meetings together with regular Bulletins.
 - 2.3.5. Members of the Enterprise Bargaining Team will make themselves available to employees for the purpose of receiving and providing information.
 - 2.3.6. To review and monitor the operation and implementation of the Enterprise Agreement.
 - 2.3.7. To consider and implement agreed suggestions for continuous improvement, and to document these and record them to be taken into account for the next round of enterprise bargaining negotiations.
 - 2.3.8. To assist in resolving any disputes arising out of the operation of the Agreement.

3. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

- 3.1. All parties recognise the need to build relationships based on care, trust, mutual respect and empathy.
- 3.2. All parties recognise that participation of all parties in decision-making processes is an essential ingredient of a productive workplace and satisfied workforce.
- 3.3. All parties recognise the legitimacy of employees pursuing their industrial rights and interests without victimisation, discrimination or disadvantage.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1. Good human resource management is based on effective and continuous consultation between all parties. Effective and positive consultation is based upon a well-developed, honest and open communication strategy, which involves a systematic approach to communication.
- 4.2. To ensure good communications are developed and maintained, Council will undertake in consultation with the employees, a review of existing communication practices to ensure honest and open disclosure, accessibility and participation of all levels of the organisation and prompt dissemination of all information.
- 4.3. The Enterprise Bargaining Team shall remain the primary consultative forum during the life of this Agreement.

5. CHANGE MANAGEMENT/CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

- 5.1. Council and its employees agree to engage in change management and continuous improvement processes. Council and its employees believe that the process of demonstrating improvements and issues related to the implementation of change are one and the same.
- 5.2. The process also recognises the continuously changing political, economic, social and technological environment in which Council operates and the related need of the Council to continually understand and respond to these changes.
- 5.3. In doing so the Council and its employees recognise the need to be prepared to make changes to Council's strategic direction, policies and work practices to ensure that it is able to respond to these changes.
- 5.4. Council gives a commitment to engage in consultation as defined in this agreement when proposing changes to Council's methods of operation.

6. EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

6.1. General Principles

- 6.1.1. There shall be no forced redundancies during the life of this Agreement.
- 6.1.2. Any determination being made regarding redundant positions will be made by the organisation in conjunction with the Union.
- 6.1.3. The means of adjustment in those situations where organisational change results in positions being no longer required will be dealt with via natural attrition or in one of the following ways:
 - a) Redeployment to a position of the same classification level;
 - b) Redeployment to a position of lower classification level with income maintenance; or
 - c) Voluntary separation package (VSP).
- 6.1.4. In the case where organisational change results in positions no longer being required, the primary aim will be to redeploy the employee to another position within the organisation in line with the organisation's commitment to no forced redundancy. Training will be provided and / or the employee will be sent on a tertiary education course that will provide him / her with the qualification to perform in the new role. The organisation will focus on retaining the employee within Council.

6.1.5. Subject to sub-clauses 6.2.1 and 6.2.4 below, employees may apply for a voluntary separation package at any stage of the process, provided that no more than two months has elapsed in the re-deployed position.

6.1.6. Redeployment and/or VSPs shall be administered in the following ways:

6.2. Redeployment

6.2.1. It is the primary aim to re-deploy employees into a position of equal classification and status as their pre-redeployment position. Such a position must be on terms and conditions substantially similar to and, considered on an overall basis, no less favourable than the employee's pre-redeployment position. If such a position exists, or if the employee can be up-skilled at the organisation's expense to be able to perform in the new role, the employee will be redeployed into the position and will not be entitled to apply for a VSP.

6.2.2. If after examining all options, it is agreed by all of the parties that redeployment to such a position is not feasible, an employee may be redeployed into a position of lower classification level.

6.2.3. The employee's pre-redeployment salary shall be maintained until the salary of the new classification level equals the employee's pre-redeployment salary. For the first twenty-four (24) months of income maintenance the employee shall receive all incremental and agreement wage increases due under the pre-redeployment position.

6.2.4. Provided that the lower classification position (together with the income maintenance above) is on terms and conditions substantially similar to and, considered on an overall basis, no less favourable than the employee's pre-redeployment position, the employee will be redeployed into the lower classification position and will not be entitled to apply for a VSP.

6.2.5. The employee will, as a matter of priority be provided with training and education to assist the employee into the new position.

6.2.6. If the employee agrees to be redeployed to a position within the organisation that is not substantially similar to, or that, considered on an overall basis, is less favourable than their pre-redeployment position, the employee has up to two months from commencement in the redeployed position to confirm acceptance of that position. If they elect to not accept the position, the organisation shall provide training so that the employee may undertake another role.

6.3. Voluntary Separation Package

6.3.1. Should an employee apply for and be approved by the organisation (subject to clauses 6.2.1 and 6.2.4) to take a voluntary separation package, such package shall comprise:

- a) The payment of ten (10) weeks pay (based on total salary) in lieu of notice;
- b) A redundancy payment at a rate of three weeks remuneration per year of continuous service in Local Government or service with an allied State Government employer and 25% of one (1) weeks remuneration per completed month of the remainder with a maximum number of weeks payable being 104.
- c) The salary immediately prior to separation shall determine the amount of the voluntary separation package.

- d) A payment of the equivalent of 10% of annual salary for outplacement counselling to assist the employee to find alternative employment. This amount may be incorporated into the employee's redundancy pay following negotiation between the employee and the Council.
- e) Pro rata long service leave shall be paid whether or not seven (7) years of service has been attained.
- f) The employer shall apply to the Deputy Commissioner for Taxation to have the separation package paid pursuant to this Clause approved as a bona fide redundancy payment or early retirement scheme benefit under the relevant sections of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

7. JOB AND WORK RESTRUCTURE

- 7.1. Any work restructure occurring shall be based on the following:
 - 7.1.1. Work redesign shall be undertaken against a background of clearly stated and agreed objectives.
 - 7.1.2. If performance measure indicators are to be introduced they should be developed jointly by the parties.
 - 7.1.3. Relevant training in work changes shall be afforded to all employees.

8. PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

- 8.1. The current practice of all payroll deduction services for employees will be maintained for the duration of this Agreement.

9. OPERATING DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

- 9.1. Council allows for the close of its operations over the Christmas/New Year period.
- 9.2. For ease of planning Council recognises this and approves the taking of leave during this time. Such leave can be:
 - 9.2.1. Accrued RDO's;
 - 9.2.2. Annual leave
 - 9.2.3. Long Service Leave; or
 - 9.2.4. Leave Without Pay.
- 9.3. This clause does not detract from Council's ability to have any of its operations remain open on working days during this period should circumstances warrant, and if staff are required to work during this period a roster will be developed in consultation with staff.

10. UNIFORM, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND PROTECTIVE APPAREL INCLUDING PPE.

- 10.1. Council will provide all AWU staff with a uniform which complies with Council's WHS polices and all appropriate protective clothing as is required to enable employees to undertake their duties.
- 10.2. Uniforms
 - 10.2.1. Where Council requires an employee to wear a uniform, the uniform will be provided to the employee free of cost.

10.3. Protective Clothing and Apparel

10.3.1. The Council will provide each employee with protective clothing, footwear and safety apparel as considered appropriate by the WHS committee having regard for Councils duty of care to its employees and as under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) and its regulations.

10.4. Protective Apparel

10.4.1. Employees will receive up to 10 items annually (pro rata for part time or casual employees) of approved uniform and a pair of safety footwear to the value of \$240.00 (for the life of this agreement)

10.4.2. By mutual agreement between employee and employer, an additional five (5) items of uniform, not including PPE will be supplied.

10.4.3. Such clothing and footwear is to be replaced on reasonable wear and tear basis.

10.5. Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

10.5.1. All other PPE such as:

- a) Wet weather apparel (including Jacket)
- b) Sun protection
- c) Ear protection
- d) Eye protection
- e) Hand protection
- f) Safety vests
- g) Other suitable individual clothing or footwear as agreed between employee and manager.

11. TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

11.1. Council is committed to the training and development of employees.

11.2. Training needs will be identified and communicated to individual employees via Councils Professional Development Conversation (PDC) process. This is not meant to deter an employee and his or her Manager identifying training opportunities, however, at any stage throughout the year and acting upon such opportunities for the benefit of the employee and the Council.

11.3. Training will be organised and approved in accordance with Policy.

11.4. Employees will be consulted in the design of training programs, and appropriate national competency standards will be considered in the development of training and skill programs.

11.5. Training programs delivered 'in house' may be conducted by Council during times outside of ordinary hours subject to individual consent. By agreement time spent at such training will be paid at ordinary time.

11.6. On occasions where structured training cannot be reasonably held during normal working hours, up to 15 hours training per year may be conducted by Council on a Saturday or other times outside of ordinary hours. The time will be mutually agreed by the majority of employees affected, and time spent at such training shall be paid at ordinary rates of pay (i.e. single time).

11.7. Council will reimburse reasonable childcare expenses incurred by employees who would otherwise be unable to attend training.

11.8. Guidelines for Part Time Studies Assistance are as shown in the agreement.

11.9. Higher Duties

- 11.9.1. In order to develop skills for now and the future, employees may be provided with the opportunity to perform duties at a higher level or in different work at the same level.
- 11.9.2. This clause applies to the coverage of situations whereby an employee is acting up in a higher position to cover absences or to work in a different role for an agreed period.
- 11.9.3. An employee engaged for a full day or more for duties carrying a higher rate than their ordinary classification will be paid the higher rate for all ordinary hours worked that day.
- 11.9.4. All higher duties payable and covered under this clause must be approved by the Manager Depot Operations prior to the commencement of the higher duties.
- 11.9.5. Where employees are invited to register an interest in a proposed project, vacancy or development opportunity. The allocation of duties and responsibilities must be approved by the Manager Depot Operations, based on the employee's availability and capacity to carry out the task(s) and prior to the commencement of the higher duties.
- 11.9.6. Where higher duties are able to be planned and extend for a duration greater than five (5) working days, Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be sought and include the scope of work being posted by group email inviting employees with matching skills to apply. In these situations an agreed period will be formalised pursuant to the relevant clauses in the award
- 11.9.7. Employees will be invited to register an interest in a proposed project, vacancy or development opportunity. The allocation of duties and responsibilities will be decided by Council, based on the employee's availability and capacity to carry out the task(s).
- 11.9.8. Registrations of interest will be sought by the scope of work being posted on the intranet or by group email inviting employees with matching skills to apply.

12. RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION

- 12.1. Council will ensure that the process of recruitment and selection is fair and equitable and based on good human resource management practice.
- 12.2. Before any position is advertised, a position description will be developed and the classification level assessed.
- 12.3. Council has the discretion to advertise internally and externally simultaneously.
- 12.4. Any internal applicant who meets the essential criteria shall receive an interview, and if unsuccessful shall receive feedback regarding their application and/or interview and, if requested, shall be provided with assistance and advice in developing their skills and/or application techniques to enhance future career opportunities.

13.FLEXIBLE HOURS OF WORK

13.1. Ordinary time hours

The ordinary time hours of work for employees covered by this Agreement will be an average of 76 per fortnight over relevant roster cycles.

13.2. Span of Hours

The span of work hours will be between Monday and Friday inclusive (other than for Award specified holidays) between the hours of 6.00 am and 6.00 pm (except for exemptions under the appropriate clause of the Local Government Employees' Award).

13.3. Regular Hours

Actual regular working hours are to be determined by agreement between the work group(s) and the Manager.

13.4. Overtime Hours

13.4.1 All time worked in excess of the ordinary hours of work and/or the span of hours or 8.5 hours Monday to Thursday and 8 hours Friday is paid at the rate of time and a half for the first two (2) hours and double time thereafter.

13.4.2 If a work group requests to work 76 hours over 8 days, Monday – Friday during the daylight savings period (October – March). The agreed days of work, start and finish times and any other associated terms will be documented pursuant to Clause 42 Local area Work Agreements (LAWA's).

13.4.3 Approved work for weekends and Public Holidays will be paid with the penalties stipulated within the Local Government Employees Award.

- a) Approved work occurring on Saturday morning is paid at time and half for the first 2 hours and double time thereafter. Approved work occurring on Saturday Afternoon/Night is paid at double time. All approved Saturday work has a minimum payment of 2 hours.
- b) Approved work occurring on Sunday is paid at double time with a minimum payment of 3 hours.
- c) Approved work occurring on statutory or gazetted public holidays is paid at double time and a half with a minimum payment of 3 hours.

13.5. Nine-day fortnight

13.5.1. The arrangement for a nine-day fortnight, incorporating the following features:

- a) 76 hours per fortnight to be worked Monday to Friday over 9 days of which 8 days are at 8.5 and 1 day at 8.00 hours.
- b) If a work group requests to work 76 hours over 8 days, Monday - Friday during the daylight savings period (October – March). The agreed days of work, start and finish times and any other associated terms will be documented pursuant to Clause 42 Local area Work Agreements (LAWA's).
- c) One Rostered Day Off (RDO) to be taken within each fortnight cycle - to be taken in accordance with an agreed schedule of RDOs between the Manager and employees - prepared to ensure that Council services continue to be provided at a high level on each working day of the fortnight.

13.6. TOIL Arrangement

13.6.1. The normal hours of work may by mutual agreement be changed to meet the operational needs re special projects, seasonal work, peak work periods, and urgent completion of work

13.6.2. A maximum of 40 hours of accrued ordinary time (RDO and/or TOIL) is allowed to accumulate. Accrued time is to be taken at a mutually agreed time and at the earliest possible date.

13.6.3. Accrued time must not exceed 40 hours total unless alternate arrangements have been agreed between the employee and Manager Depot Operations. Employees may be directed to take accrued time.

13.6.4. Where mutual agreement cannot be reached or as deemed appropriate, excess TOIL balances may be paid out at the appropriate award provisions.

13.6.5. The following flexible arrangements apply:

- a) To be worked within the hours 6.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday (exclusive of public holidays).
- b) 24 hours notice to work additional hours except where completing work on a given day.
- c) Where additional time is worked (including RDO's), equal time off will be taken by mutual agreement, and at the earliest possible date.
- d) The time-off in lieu (TOIL) credits will be shown fortnightly with pay advices.

13.7. Self-Directing Work Teams

The parties agree that employees will work as part of Self-Directing Work Team(s).

13.8. Call Outs

Call Outs are to be paid under the appropriate Award provision. Staff rostered on Standby will be paid an allowance of 10% of the employee's ordinary hourly rate. Standby staff will be required to adhere to the guidelines of Council's Call Out Policy.

13.9. Inclement Weather Arrangements

13.9.1. General Provisions

- 13.9.1.1. Clause 13.9 does not apply to casual Employees and Employees who are engaged through an employment agency. Such Employees may be asked to cease work at any time in accordance with clause 13.9.3 of this Agreement.
- 13.9.1.2. A Roster be provided based on voluntary expression of interest to remain on site for emergency work during an inclement weather event.

13.9.2. Inclement Weather TOIL (IWT) and Inclement Weather TOIL Credit (IWT Credit)

- a) On the 1 July of each financial year, Employees covered by this Agreement will be credited with 17 hours Inclement Weather TOIL Credit ('IWT Credit') (pro-rata for part-time Employees) for use in accordance with clause 13.9.5.1 of this Agreement.
- b) Employees who commence work after 1 July will receive the IWT Credit on pro-rata basis.
- c) The IWT Credit accrued by the Employee (pro-rata for part-time Employees) in any current financial year will not be accessible to the Employee during that financial year other than when Inclement Weather has been reported.

13.9.3. Outdoor work will cease at 37.5 degrees Celsius (as recorded at the Depot or Caravan Park (for Caravan Park employees)) and employees will be given alternative non-outdoor duties, suitable wet weather duties where available or stood down (i.e. sent home) for the remainder of the day unless working on essential or emergency services/situations.

13.9.4. When stood down, leave can be taken on the following basis.

- a) Employees to access the 17 hours IWT Credits
- b) If IWT Credits have been exhausted Employees may access other alternative leave.

13.9.5. IWT Credits.

- 13.9.5.1. An Employee shall, in consultation with their Team Leader or Manager have a zero balance by the 30 June.

14.SUPERANNUATION

14.1. In accordance with relevant legislation, choice of fund was applied from 1 July 2013 with all new employees to be provided with a standard choice form to enable them to select an eligible superannuation fund. For any employee that does not provide a choice form within an appropriate period, as determined by the employer, all contributions will be paid to HostPlus Super.

- 14.2. The amount of the employer superannuation contribution will be:
- 14.2.1. For each employee who is making "Salarylink Contributions" to HostPlus Super:
- a) 3% of the employee's salary; and
 - b) Any additional contributions which the employer is required to pay in respect of the employee pursuant to the Trust Deed of HostPlus Super as advised by the Trustee from time to time to finance the Salarylink benefit for the employee; and
 - c) Any additional superannuation contributions which the employer agrees to pay in respect of the employee.
- 14.3. "Salarylink Contributions" has the meaning given to that term under the Trust Deed of HostPlus Super.
- 14.3.1. For each other employee:
- a) (contributions which the employer must pay to a superannuation fund in respect of the employee in order to avoid becoming liable for a shortfall in respect of the employee under the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992; and
 - b) any additional superannuation contributions which the employer agrees to pay in respect of the employee.
- 14.4. Salary Sacrificing
- 14.4.1. An Employee may elect to vary the amount of salary sacrifice paid to an eligible superannuation fund on a prospective basis at any time during the life of this Agreement. The arrangements made may only apply to future salary arrangements and cannot be retrospective.
- 14.4.2. The employee's salary referred to in this Agreement shall be the pre-sacrificed salary. The parties, however, agree that the net salary paid to an employee will be reduced by any amount salary sacrificed to superannuation.
- 14.4.3. During the term of this Agreement, the Employer may introduce salary sacrifice arrangements for employees to lease vehicles and other goods allowed by the Australian Taxation Office.

15.ALLOWANCES

- 15.1. It is agreed between the parties that where a driver's licence is required to undertake work duties (motor vehicle licence or heavy vehicle licence) and it is outlined as a job requirement in the job description for the position, Council will pay an allowance covering the licence costs.
- 15.2. Membership fees for professional associations shall be paid where membership:
- 15.2.1. is stated in the approved job description as essential; or
 - 15.2.2. is required in order to undertake a role; or
 - 15.2.3. payment is approved by the CEO

16.PERSONAL / CARERS / MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE

- 16.1. Council recognises the need for some flexibility in the management of and the taking of personal leave. This is especially desirable in providing leave for employees to attend to responsibilities of a personal nature.
- 16.2. An employee may be permitted up to ten (10) days per annum from the employees personal / carer's leave entitlement for family or personal needs. The yearly entitlement is based on an employee's ordinary hours of work.

- 16.3. The leave is ten (10) days for full-time employees, and pro-rata for part-time employees. This can be calculated as 1/26 of an employee's ordinary hours of work in a year.
- 16.4. Wherever possible, leave under clause 16.2 shall be sought and approved prior to the actual taking of leave. When that is not possible, the employee will notify the relevant Manager of his or her absence within an hour of the normal start time where practicable.
- 16.5. Medical evidence is always required if more than two sick days are taken consecutively. Five (5) single days of sick leave but no more than two in a row, may be taken each year without evidence. Any extra time taken after this requires appropriate medical evidence such as a medical certificate from a Doctor, Dentist, Physiotherapist, Chiropractor or other medical practitioner. A Statutory Declaration may be used when accessing personal leave.
- 16.6. At any time, Managers may request satisfactory evidence to be provided for sick leave taken.
- 16.6.1. Where personal / carer's leave is taken for mental health purposes, the employee:
- a) must notify their manager of taking the mental health day, but are not required to provide their manager with any specific details or justification or get pre-approval; and
 - b) must be taken as full days (not part or half days) and must stand alone.
 - c) does not require a sick certificate.
- 16.6.2. Sick and carer's leave accumulates when an employee is on paid leave, such as:
- a) paid annual leave
 - b) paid sick and carer's leave
 - c) paid family and domestic violence leave
 - d) community service leave including jury duty
 - e) long service leave.
- 16.6.3. Sick and carer's leave does not accumulate when the employee is on:
- a) unpaid annual leave
 - b) unpaid sick or carer's leave
 - c) unpaid parental leave
 - d) unpaid family and domestic violence leave.
- 16.7. Management in 2021 have committed to allocate \$10,000 each financial year towards mental wellbeing programs for all Council staff. This amount will be increased each year for CPI (Adelaide CPI comparison March to March).
- 16.8. Nothing in this clause shall diminish the rights under Clause 7.4 of the Local Government Employees' SA Award nor prevent the Chief Executive Officer from granting special or annual leave for an employee in circumstances of exceptional need.

17. BEREAVEMENT & COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

17.1. Compassionate Leave

- 17.1.1. An employee (other than a casual employee) is entitled to up to four (4) days leave per occasion without the loss of pay when a member of the employee's immediate family (or significant person in the employees' life) dies, or contracts or develops a life-threatening illness or injury.

17.1.2. Employees don't accumulate compassionate leave. Compassionate leave is a separate entitlement to sick and carer's leave entitlement. Employees can take compassionate leave any time they need it.

17.1.3. If an employee is already on another type of leave (for example, annual leave) and needs to take compassionate leave, with approval of the CEO they can use compassionate leave instead of the other leave.

18.ANNUAL LEAVE

18.1. Annual Leave is intended to allow staff vacation, rest and recreation. Annual leave must be taken in accordance with Council policy, unless prior written approval to defer the taking of the leave is obtained from the Chief Executive Officer. In the event of an employee not complying, the Council has the right to require the employee to take leave forthwith.

18.2. Annual leave loading shall be paid to all employees on the first payday of December. Any employee, who has not accrued a full twelve-month entitlement, shall be paid pro-rata leave loading.

19.LONG SERVICE LEAVE

19.1. Long Services Leave will be administered in accordance with the *Long Service Leave At 1987 (SA)*, including the 'cashing out' provisions.

19.2. Where an employee's contracted weekly hours or classification is reduced then long service leave entitlement accrued prior to the change shall be preserved at those weekly hours and classification level.

19.3. Pro-rata Long Service Leave may be taken at a time mutually convenient between Council and the employee concerned after seven (7) years' service.

20.PURCHASED LEAVE

20.1. By mutual agreement, Purchased Leave is where employees have a period of up to four (4) weeks which is funded by salary deductions spread evenly over the financial year. This allows employees to continue to receive pay during the period of Purchased Leave.

20.2. Applications for Purchased Leave must be made to the Chief Executive Officer or Nominee by 31 May each year thereafter.

20.3. Purchased leave can only be taken in whole week blocks.

20.4. Purchased leave must be utilised in the financial year in which it is purchased, or alternatively, be paid out at the end of the financial year at the classification at which it was purchased.

20.5. Purchased leave will count as continuous service as it is with other leave types except for Leave Without Pay.

20.6. An employee's fortnightly deductions will remain unchanged if they elect to be part of a purchased leave scheme.

20.7. Where an employee/employer requests cancellation of the purchased leave before the leave is taken due to exceptional circumstances and this is agreed, the necessary adjustment to salary will be paid as a lump sum.

- 20.8. Where the employee ceases paid employment during the year in which the purchased leave has been approved, reconciliation will occur to ensure that all the monies owing to the employee or Council are accounted for and an appropriate recovery or payment is made.
- 20.9. Purchased leave will only occur when requested by the employee. A request will not be automatically granted, depending on the requirements of Council. There is no right of appeal for denied purchased leave.

21. PARENTAL LEAVE

- 21.1. On completion of twelve (12) months continuous service, Eligible Full-time and Part-time Employees will receive Council Paid Parental Leave to the child bearer of a maximum of ten (10) weeks at the Employee's Ordinary Work Hour rate.
- 21.2. On completion of twelve (12) months continuous service, on the birth or adoption of a child, eligible full-time and part-time Employees may receive up to 2 weeks Council Paid Partner Leave weeks at the Employee's Ordinary Work Hour rate.
- 21.3. Parental Leave, including Council Paid Parental Leave for the adoption of a child is only applicable for the adoption of children up to 5 years of age.
- 21.4. Employees are required to provide a minimum of ten (10) weeks' notice prior to the expected birth/adoption date.
- 21.5. In the case of the birth of a child, a medical certificate must be provided to Council. In the case of the adoption of a child a Statutory Declaration must be provided to Council. Employees are entitled to return to the position held immediately before taking parental leave or position of similar classification.
- 21.6. Any amount of Council Paid Parental leave which an Employee is eligible to receive pursuant to this Agreement will be reduced by the amount of any other entitlement to paid Parental Leave the Employee is entitled to receive pursuant to state or federal legislation (including, but not limited to, the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 as amended from time to time), or any relevant industrial instrument whether the Employee claims for such entitlements or not. (For example, an Employee who is eligible for 10 weeks of Council Paid Parental Leave and who is also eligible for any Government Paid Parental Leave which is expected to be paid by the Council, will be entitled to the monetary difference (if any) between the amount the Employee is entitled to receive by way of Government Paid Parental Leave, and the amount the Employee is entitled to receive pursuant the Council Paid Parental Leave entitlement.)
- 21.7. If any paid Parental Leave entitlement under legislation is more generous than the Council Paid Parental Leave entitlement, Council will not be required to make any payment to the Employee.

22. FAMILY VIOLENCE LEAVE

- 22.1. Council recognises that employees sometimes face situations of violence or abuse in their personal life that may affect their attendance or performance at work. Therefore, Council is committed to providing support to staff that experience family violence.
- 22.2. Council accepts the definition of Family Violence as stipulated in the *Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009 (SA)*, including physical, sexual, emotional, psychological or economic abuse.

22.3. General Measures

- 22.3.1. Proof of family violence may be required and can be in the form an agreed document issued by the Police Service, a Court, a Doctor, District nurse, a Family Violence Support Service or Lawyer. A signed statutory declaration can also be offered as proof.
- 22.3.2. All personal information concerning family violence will be kept confidential in line with the Employer's Policy and relevant legislation. No information will be kept on an employee's personnel file without their express written permission.
- 22.3.3. No adverse action will be taken against an employee if their attendance or performance at work suffers as a result of experiencing family violence.
- 22.3.4. Council will endeavour to provide a Council contact who will be trained in family violence and privacy issues for example training in family violence risk assessment and risk management (DV contact). Council will advertise the name of the contact within the workplace.
- 22.3.5. An employee experiencing family violence may raise the issue with their immediate supervisor or the DV contact. The supervisor may seek advice from Human Resources if the employee chooses not to see the DV contact.
- 22.3.6. Where requested by an employee, the DV contact will liaise with the Employee's supervisor on the employee's behalf and will make a recommendation on the most appropriate form of support to provide in accordance with sub clauses 22.4.1 and 22.4.2
- 22.3.7. Council will develop guidelines to supplement this clause and which details the appropriate action to be taken in the event that an employee reports family violence.

22.4. Leave

- 22.4.1. An employee experiencing family violence will have access to 20 days per year of paid special leave for medical appointments, legal proceedings and other activities related to family violence. This leave will be in addition to existing leave entitlements and may be taken as consecutive or single days or as a fraction of a day and can be taken without prior approval.
- 22.4.2. An employee who supports a person experiencing family violence may take personal leave to accompany them to court, to hospital, or to mind children.

22.5. Individual Support

- 22.5.1. In order to provide support to an employee experiencing family violence and to provide a safe work environment to all employees, the Employer will approve any reasonable request from an employee experiencing family violence for:
 - a) changes to their span of hours or pattern or hours and/or shift patterns;
 - b) job redesign or changes to duties;
 - c) relocation to suitable employment within the workplace;
 - d) a change to their telephone number or email address to avoid harassing contact;
 - e) any other appropriate measure including those available under existing provisions for family friendly and flexible work arrangements.

22.5.2. An employee experiencing family violence will be referred to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and/or other local resources. The EAP shall include professionals trained specifically in family violence.

22.5.3. An employee that discloses to HR or their supervisor that they are experience family violence will be given a resource pack of information regarding support services.

23.CULTURAL LEAVE

23.1. Council recognises the importance of enabling and encouraging employees to attend and participate in cultural and ceremonial activities. Such activities are essential to the continuation and promotion of cultures.

23.2. Council will support employees to meet their cultural and/or ceremonial obligations in the workplace.

23.3. Where absence from the workplace is required to fulfil cultural and/or ceremonial obligations (for example, attendance at a particular event), employees will be entitled to Paid Cultural and Ceremonial Leave up to a maximum of five days per calendar year, as well as entitled to Unpaid Cultural and Ceremonial Leave up to a maximum of 5 (five) additional days per calendar year. Such leave, whether paid or unpaid, will not be unreasonably withheld by Council.

23.4. Where the above paid and unpaid leave entitlements have been exhausted, and other appropriate leave options have also been exhausted, employees will be entitled to apply for further Leave Without Pay. Such leave will not be unreasonably withheld by Council. In deciding whether or not to grant such leave, Council will take into account fairness, the employee's years of service, the operational requirements of the organisation, the nature of the cultural and/or ceremonial obligation(s), and the abovementioned importance of enabling and encouraging employees to attend and participate in cultural and ceremonial activities.

23.5. Cultural and/or ceremonial obligations may include attendance at NAIDOC Week events.

23.6. Where an employee has other paid leave available, they may choose to use that leave in preference for the unpaid leave entitlements referred to above.

24.EMERGENCY SERVICES LEAVE

24.1. Council is committed to the safety and security of the community by supporting staff who are voluntary members of emergency services organisations within the district.

24.2. An employee who is a voluntary member of the Country Fire Service, the State Emergency Service, SA Ambulance Service or other emergency service, may be granted special leave without deduction of pay for up to five (5) days to attend a local fire or emergency.

25.VOLUNTEERING LEAVE

25.1. In recognition of Council's commitment to community wellbeing and engagement, employees are entitled to one day of special paid leave per financial year to enable them to participate in volunteering within the District Council of Yankalilla community. Employees may participate in existing programs and activities run by Council or community organisations. The volunteering leave must be approved prior to the event and should not significantly impact on operations.

26. JURY SERVICE LEAVE

- 26.1. Employees are entitled to paid leave for the period of jury service, or to attend a Court or Commission as a witness. Such leave shall include necessary travel.
- 26.2. Employees must forfeit and reimburse to Council all jury service or witness "allowance", to be paid at the ordinary rate other than the payment made for daily incidentals.

27. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 27.1. An employee is entitled to be paid the hours that an employee would normally work for any statutory or gazetted public holiday.
- 27.2. If a Public Holiday falls on a scheduled RDO the next scheduled work day after the Public Holiday shall be taken as an RDO.

28. REVIEW OF AGREEMENT

- 28.1. During the term of this Agreement there shall be a process of review undertaken by the Enterprise Bargaining Team in full consultation with employer and all employees on a needs basis.
- 28.2. The Parties commit to commence negotiations on a further agreement not less than six months prior to the expiration of this Agreement.
- 28.3. In the event that the parties have not reached agreement by the nominal expiry date of this Agreement, the parties will continue to observe the provisions of this Agreement.

29. DISCIPLINE AND PERFORMANCE ISSUES

- 29.1. The employer will apply the established principles of procedural fairness (Principles) in dealing with matters of employee performance and misconduct.
- 29.2. The Principles include (but are not limited to):
 - 29.2.1. A proper and objective investigation of the issues at hand; and
 - 29.2.2. The employee being made aware of the full details of the allegations in writing so that they are able to respond to the allegations at least 48 hours prior to a response being required; and
 - 29.2.3. The right of an employee to be represented by a person of their choice, including by the union, when responding to allegations; and
 - 29.2.4. The employer taking into account the responses of the employee when deciding what action should be taken based on the seriousness of the allegations at hand and any mitigating factors.
- 29.3. In responding to allegations the employee will be provided with copies of material that the employer intends to rely upon to decide the matter and the employee will be allowed to gather (with the consent of Council) and present material to the Council to defend themselves.
- 29.4. In matters not involving serious misconduct or negligence, disciplinary action will generally follow these steps;
 - 29.4.1. Formal verbal counselling
 - 29.4.2. Formal first written warning
 - 29.4.3. Final written warning
 - 29.4.4. Termination of employment

- 29.5. Where counselling or a warning is issued in accordance with sub-clause 29.4, Council will explain;
- 29.5.1. The standards to be met by the employee; and
- 29.5.2. any assistance that may be provided to the employee to achieve the desired outcome; and
- 29.5.3. a reasonable timeframe within which those standards are expected to be achieved.
- 29.6. Where the allegation is upheld and involves serious misconduct or gross negligence, the steps in 29.4 shall not apply, in which the case the employer may proceed directly to termination of employment (or may decide to issue a final warning where there are mitigating circumstances).

30. DISPUTE SETTLING PROCEDURE

- 30.1. The procedures below are established in order to minimise the effects of industrial disputes and are entered into by the parties as a measure and commitment to this effect without limiting the rights of any party. At all stages of the procedures, the parties to the dispute will endeavour to resolve the matter promptly, and will endeavour to have work proceed without stoppage or the imposition of bans, limitations or restrictions (except where justified on the grounds of occupational health and safety), and no party shall be prejudiced as to the final settlement by the continuance of work in accordance with this clause.
- 30.2. Stages of dispute settlement
- 1) The employee and/or the Workplace Representative will contact the Supervisor and attempt to settle the matter at that level, or where appropriate the Supervisor will contact the employee and/or the Job Representative.
 - 2) If the dispute is not settled at Stage 1, the employee and the Job Representative will meet with the Supervisor and his/her Manager.
 - 3) If the dispute is not settled at Stage 2, the employee, Job Representative and Union Organiser will meet with the Supervisor/Manager and CEO.
 - 4) If the dispute is not settled at Stage 3, the State Secretary of the Union will be advised. If Council considers it appropriate, additional assistance may be sought from the LGA in order to settle the matter.
 - 5) If the dispute is not settled at Stage 4, either party may refer the matter to the South Australian Employment Tribunal, or its successor, for conciliation and/ or arbitration.
- 30.3. Every effort will be made to ensure that the process contained in Stages 1,2 and 3 above will be completed within five (5) working days.

31. INCOME PROTECTION

- 31.1. The Council will provide Group Personal Accident and Illness Insurance through Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) for all employees covered by this Agreement.

32. JOURNEY ACCIDENTS

- 32.1. The Council undertakes to provide all employees with extended journey accident insurance through Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) to cover them on all journeys.
- 32.2. The insurance will provide cover for employees suffering bodily injury whilst engaged in a journey associated with work and training.

33. RESOURCE SHARING

- 33.1. Council and employees express an ongoing commitment to the concept of resource sharing with other organisations and Local Government bodies in an endeavour to maximise the efficient utilisation of human, financial and material resources of the Council in all areas of service and operation.
- 33.2. In relation to Resource Sharing/secondment of officers and staff to other Councils, if variations in pay rates, hours of work or conditions exist between Council Enterprise Bargaining Agreements, these are to be negotiated with all parties prior to the commencement of these other duties.
- 33.3. No employee shall suffer any reduction in remuneration or benefits, either actual or accrued as a result of resource sharing as relates to this Agreement.

34. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 34.1. All employees of the District Council of Yankalilla shall be ensured a safe working environment at all times.
- 34.2. The employer and the Union shall give full co-operation to the achievement of high standards of Workplace Health and Safety.
- 34.3. The parties recognise safety education and safety programs shall be fundamental in achieving this objective. On all of the employer's projects there shall be strict compliance to all relevant Workplace Health and Safety guidelines so as to provide and maintain a safe working environment.
- 34.4. The Council will continue to provide employees the opportunity to participate voluntarily in the annual Corporate Health/LGA Workers' Compensation Scheme corporate health and wellbeing programs.

35. PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

- 35.1. Any employee employed on less than a full-time basis may be engaged as a permanent part-time employee.
- 35.2. Where a permanent part-time employee agrees to work more than their contracted hours, such hours shall be paid at the ordinary rate provided that:
 - 35.2.1. No more than 38 hours are worked within any one week and
 - 35.2.2. The additional hours are worked within the normal span of hours prescribed in this agreement.
- 35.3. All work performed in excess of 38 hours per week or outside the span of hours shall be paid in accordance with Clause 6.3 of the Local Government Employees' SA Award (Overtime).
- 35.4. The employee shall be given a minimum of 24 hours notice (where practical) of the requirement to work additional hours and shall be engaged for no less than one additional hour or in situations where the officer is required to work on an additional day the term of engagement shall be no less than 3 hours.

- 35.5. Entitlements (sick, annual and long service leave) are calculated on a pro rata basis in accordance with hours worked. Adjustments to all entitlements to be made proportionate to the additional hours worked over the officer's contractual hours of duty.

36.VOLUNTEERS

- 36.1. The parties recognise the important role performed by local community volunteers through the giving of their own time to assist in the provision of appropriate Council and/or community services. The parties recognise the considerable benefits to the local community from volunteers working in roles that are suitable and supportive of paid employees. The use of volunteers will not displace the work of paid employees.
- 36.2. With this in mind the parties agree to the following provisions involving the current and future work of volunteers:
- 36.2.1. The arrangements in place at the date of this Agreement regarding the use of volunteers in Council programs will continue.
- 36.2.2. Where the use of volunteers is being considered in relation to new Council programs management undertakes to consult with paid employees within the work area in relation to the role and work of such volunteers.
- 36.3. Employees under such circumstances may decide to consult their Union regarding the matter.

37.EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE

- 37.1. As part of the commitment to the provision of a safe, healthy and harmonious working environment Council will provide staff with access to professional, independent and confidential counselling services at no cost to the employee. A self-referral service will be available for easy access by all employees.

38.SALARY SACRIFICE

- 38.1. Subject to the following conditions, an employee may apply to the employer to salary sacrifice any part of their salary to make additional contributions to HostPlus Super:
- 38.1.1. The employee's gross salary for all purposes, including but not limited to superannuation, annual leave and long service leave shall be pre- sacrificing salary.
- 38.1.2. Any such arrangement shall be by mutual agreement between each individual employee and the employer, provided that approval by the employer shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 38.1.3. The application shall be in writing on the relevant form provided by Payroll and shall detail the percentage of salary to be salary sacrificed together with a statement that the 'cash' component is adequate for their ongoing living expenses.
- 38.1.4. The arrangements made may only apply to future salary arrangements and cannot be retrospective.
- 38.1.5. The individual agreement to salary sacrifice may be rescinded by the employee provided a full pay period of prior notice in writing is given to Payroll officers.

- 38.1.6. The employee shall bear the responsibility and costs associated with taxation and any other matters in respect of the salary sacrifice arrangements. This means that contributions made to HostPlus Super will be adjusted (at the employee's cost) to take account of taxation payable in relation to those contributions.
- 38.1.7. Salary sacrifice contributions will be treated as employer contributions and are likely to be preserved.
- 38.1.8. The employee accepts that if they enter into a salary sacrifice arrangement pursuant to this clause, the employee's take home pay will be less than that provided for in Appendix C.
- 38.2. During the life of this Agreement, the employer may introduce salary sacrifice arrangements for employees to lease vehicles and other goods allowed by the Australian Taxation Office.

39. WORKPLACE REPRESENTATIVES

- 39.1. The employer will, upon written advice from the Union, recognise employees who have been elected as workplace delegates.
- 39.2. Workplace delegates will be recognised by the employer in any process described in this Agreement as involving the Union.
- 39.3. A pool of 10 paid days per annum across the employer's operation shall be allocated by the employer for the purposes of elected union delegates attending sanctioned trade union training courses. A minimum of four weeks' notice of such training shall be provided to the employer by the Union for such training, and the employer shall not unreasonably withhold its consent for a delegate to attend such training.

40. RIGHT OF ENTRY

- 40.1. The employer and the Union shall observe right of entry into the employer's workplace in accordance with the provisions of the Act, or at other such times as agreed in writing between the CEO and the Union concerned. For the purpose of this clause, 'in writing' may include e-mail.

41. NO FURTHER CLAIMS

- 41.1. The Union undertakes that during the period of operation of the Agreement there shall be no further general salary or wage increase sought, or granted, except for those provided under the terms of this Agreement.
- 41.2. This Agreement shall not preclude increases granted by a National Wage Case for economic adjustment purposes from being accessed by those covered by this Agreement. Such Wage Case Decisions must clearly determine that any such increases are in addition to Enterprise Bargaining increases.

42. LOCAL AREA WORK AGREEMENT (LAWAs)

- 42.1. Local Area Work Agreements (LAWAs) may be used to address the specific needs required to ensure work areas are competitive and or improved customer service is provided.
- 42.2. LAWAs may be developed or reviewed as a result of service improvement initiatives during the life of the Agreement and will have a lapsing date of no later than expiration of this Agreement.

- 42.3. The process for establishing LAWAs will be as follows:
- 42.3.1. Management will meet with the relevant work area to discuss options for LAWA.
 - 42.3.2. Terms of the Agreement will be negotiated with affected employees and a draft LAWA will be presented by management to the Work Area and the ASU and AWU for consideration.
 - 42.3.3. The parties undertake that the terms of any LAWA agreed must meet the No Disadvantage Test of the Commission.
 - 42.3.4. Agreement will be by majority vote of employees in the work area. All employees will be given the opportunity to vote even if they are absent at the time of the vote.
 - 42.3.5. Confirmation of the Agreement will be made by letter to all affected employees from the Chief Executive.
 - 42.3.6. Thereafter the LAWA will operate as part of this Agreement. The terms of the LAWA will prevail over the terms of this Agreement to the extent of any inconsistency.

43. WAGE INCREASES

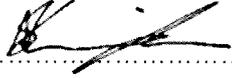
- 43.1. First Payment
- 43.1.1. For the financial year 2023/24 Employees shall be paid a wage increase of 7% from the date of signing this Agreement (backdated to 1/7/2023), from the first pay period commencing on or after 1/7/2023, and the percentage wage increase only will be applied to the wage rates provided for under the District Council of Yankalilla AWU Enterprise Agreement No: 12, of 2023.
- 43.2. Second Payment
- 43.2.1. For the financial year 2024/25 A further wage increase of 4.0% or CPI whichever is greater will be paid from the first pay period on or after 1/7/2024, and applied to the wage rates provided for under the District Council of Yankalilla AWU Enterprise Agreement No: 12, 2023.
- 43.3. Third Payment
- 43.3.1. For the financial year 2025/26 A further wage increase of 3.5% or CPI whichever is greater will be paid from the first pay period on or after 1/7/2025, and applied to the wage rates provided for under the District Council of Yankalilla AWU Enterprise Agreement No: 12, 2023.
- 43.4. The new wages rates are set out in Appendix C.

44. CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

- 44.1. Entry level for employees covered under this agreement is at Grade 5, Step 1 unless the award dictates a higher classification. Some flexibility has been identified to utilise casual employment on lower grades for short term and/or defined works. This flexibility is not intended for ongoing regular Council works.
- 44.2. Employees who enter at Grade 5 will progress to Grade 6 upon completion of a relevant Certificate iii (as a minimum) or upon completion of three years' experience on the job and demonstrated competence (as defined) in their relevant work area.
- 44.3. All other classification criteria for this agreement is pursuant to the Award.
- 44.4. The defined work area competencies will be developed with Employees, Supervisors and Manager.

45. SIGNATORIES

Signed for and on behalf of the District Council of Yankalilla by

Chief Executive Officer 

Witness 

On this 8th day of February 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the AWU (S.A) state Union. By

Acting
Branch Secretary 

Witness 

On this 13th day of February 2024

APPENDIX A: REDEPLOYMENT AND RETRAINING GUIDELINES

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council shall endeavour to provide ongoing employment in accordance with the Change Management Clause of this Agreement to any employee whose position is found to be excess to requirements and who wishes to remain in the Councils employ.

1.2 The employee will be consulted, with the aim of reaching agreement on the acceptability of a position to the individual, prior to redeployment to that position.

1.3 To facilitate redeployment, employees will:

- a) Have assistance in the form of career counselling and the provision of financial advice as appropriate;
- b) Be encouraged to apply for vacant positions at any level provided they meet the selection criteria for the vacant position to the reasonable satisfaction of the appropriate Manager and it is consistent with their skills and experience.

1.4 At all times employees are to be treated with respect and dignity and any redeployment option must be treated as a high priority and give due regard to the personal situation of the employee.

1.5 Notwithstanding the contents of these guidelines the employer will endeavour to ensure that in all instances the best person for the job will be appointed.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to enable the Council to redeploy people to meet the employer's needs in a fair and consistent manner.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 All Managers are responsible for the effective implementation and administration of this policy.

3.2 The Enterprise Bargaining Team is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this policy.

3.3 The employee is responsible to genuinely consider all reasonable redeployment options and locations.

4. MANAGEMENT OF REDEPLOYMENT

In accordance with the Change Management Clause of this Agreement, appropriate consultation will occur prior to the introduction of change.

4.1 When an employee occupies a position which is declared surplus to requirements the appropriate supervisor shall:

- a) immediately advise the Chief Executive Officer;
- b) retain responsibility for the welfare of the employee until redeployment;
- c) give the employee written confirmation of the proposed change to their employment conditions. It is noted that the Employment Security Clause 13 sets out salary maintenance provisions;

- d) meet with the employee on a regular basis (at intervals to be agreed between the employee and supervisor) to discuss options or developments and to outline the process and assistance available to them.

4.2 The overriding priority in redeployment is to place the employee in a position (full/part time) that is on terms and conditions substantially similar to, and considered, on an overall basis, no less favourable than, the employee's pre-redeployment position. To facilitate this, the following options will be considered:

- a) Same job type
- b) Same work level
- c) Similar job type or work level (same\$), minor skill difference that can be learnt in 3-6 months
- d) Different job type*
- e) Different work level

*Employee will be required to undertake appropriate training and skill development.

4.3 The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for coordinating the redeployment program. This will include:

- a) advising re-deployed of appropriate job opportunities;
- b) arrange a skill survey for each redeployed;
- c) providing appropriate support and counselling as required;
- d) ensuring re-deployed are properly informed of their employment status;
- e) ensuring the appropriate Union is consulted;
- f) ensuring identified training needs are satisfied.

4.4 The Manager of the area to which the employee is to be re-deployed is responsible for:

- a) supporting employees redeployed to their Department;
- b) arranging for employees redeployed to their department to be properly inducted into the local work environment paying particular attention to occupational health, safety and welfare issues;
- c) arranging appropriate training for employees who have been re-deployed to their department; and
- d) preparing ongoing feedback on performance and development;
- e) ensuring temporary redeployed are provided with all necessary support to enable them to properly undertake the temporary assignment.

5. EMPLOYEES REQUIRING REDEPLOYMENT

5.1 Employees requiring redeployment will be given information, support and opportunity by their managers to fulfil the following responsibilities:

- a) to fully inform themselves of the various options available;
- b) to actively and positively seek an approved position compatible with their skills;
- c) to seriously consider any positions offered by the employer;
- d) to undertake training which is considered necessary to enable them to carry out the duties of the position to which they are redeployed.

6. TRAINING

6.1 Training and development programs will be developed to meet an individual employee's needs and the employer's operational requirements. The training or retraining of an employee to enable redeployment to an identified position should be given priority over normal operational training except where such training is for safety reasons.

7. TEMPORARY PLACEMENT

7.1 Where an approved position is not readily available, excess employees may be seconded or temporarily transferred to another job. This could include assisting with short term placements to meet customer services. Placements of this nature should be seen as opportunities to enhance future work prospects and may require some additional training.

7.2 Where possible temporary placements should be of a reasonable duration, not exceeding 4 weeks.

7.3 Managers will monitor all temporary placement arrangements to ensure that the employee's needs and the Council's customer service needs are being met.

8. PROCEDURE

8.1 The employer will maintain a register of employees declared surplus and:

- a) ensure a skill survey is conducted for each redeployed;
- b) advise each employee of potential vacancies;
- c) ensure identified training needs are satisfied;
- d) ensure all re-deployed are fully informed of these guidelines.

APPENDIX B: PART-TIME STUDIES ASSISTANCE POLICY

The District Council of Yankalilla recognises the importance of trained and skilled staff in achieving its corporate goals. The Training and Development Policy provides a framework which supports organisational learning and personal development. The Part-time Studies Assistance Policy is an additional mechanism for developing employees and provides some support in the form of fee reimbursement or study leave to facilitate that development. Employees may take either option - leave or fee reimbursement, but not both.

Contract employees may apply for part-time studies assistance provided the length of the contract exceeds 12 months. The final approval is at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

1. Application to Undertake Study

1.1 Counselling

An employee who is interested in undertaking part-time studies should discuss the course of study and the relationships to their work situation with the Manager.

The Manager, along with the employee and working in conjunction with the Human Resource Officer, would consider such issues as:

- a) the relationship of the proposed study to the Business Plan
- b) the demands of the study program, at a personal and work-related level
- c) any pre-requisites for entry into the study program.

1.2 Application

Employees, who after counselling, wish to make a formal application to undertake a study program, should complete the appropriate application form (obtainable from the Human Resources).

There are two forms from which to choose, depending on whether the application is for study allowance or study leave (Application for Part-time Study Leave Form or Part-time Study Allowance). Relevant material, for example course content, should be attached to the form to support the application. All documentation should be forwarded to the relevant Manager for consideration.

In assessing the application, the Manager will take into account the following:

- a) the application has been lodged prior to the commencement of the academic year
- b) the employee's present position and future career directions.
- c) Whether the course results in the achievement or offering of a formal qualification (e.g. Certificate, Diploma or Degree level qualification) or award from an approved post-secondary or tertiary institution (e.g. relevant technical or trade courses).
- d) The employee having received counselling before enrolling in the course, in relation to the commitment required to complete the course in a reasonable timeframe.
- e) The employees conduct, and performance is satisfactory.

2. Assistance Provided

2.1 Reimbursement of Fees -- Study Allowance

The Manager can authorise Study Allowance in accordance with the following conditions:

- a) Study Allowance will be only paid to staff pursuing approved study courses outside working hours where no paid study leave has been granted.
- b) Study Allowance reimbursement shall be for 2/3rds of the total cost of fees, including lecture/tuition fees, compulsory union/general service fees and HECS.
- c) reimbursement of fees shall be on a successful completion of units at the end of each academic term/ semester.
- d) all amounts claimed must be supported by official and original receipts and an academic transcript.
- e) to qualify for Study Allowance, a person must be an employee of the District Council of Yankalilla at the time the examination results are published.
- f) a person newly employed will be eligible for Study Allowance for that part of the fees relating to the period during which the employee has been in the employ of the District Council of Yankalilla, providing that agreement to do so has been reached prior to commencement of employment
- g) documentary evidence of those subjects of an approved course passed during the year or semester must be supplied to the Manager. These will be forwarded to the Human Resource Officer for inclusion in the employee's personal file.
- h) where an employee is awarded a scholarship or assistance under another scheme, the study allowance will be limited to that amount not covered by the scholarship or scheme.

2.2 Text and Reference Books

Up to \$200 per annum may be reimbursed for text/reference books.

2.3 Paid Leave

- a) Employees are to attend courses in their own time wherever possible. In instances when scheduled lectures/tutorials are in working hours, paid leave of up to 5 hours per week including travelling time, may be granted for attendance at lectures, tutorials and practicals, provided the course is approved and authorised by the relevant Manager.
- b) Paid leave will not be granted for repeat subjects unless the relevant Manager believes that extenuating circumstances existed which caused or largely contributed to the failure. Leave without pay and leave on a make-up basis may be granted by the Chief Executive. A formal written application will be required to undertake this option.
- c) Where examinations are held during working hours, then leave to attend the examination will be with pay.

3. General

- a) Managers need to closely monitor the progress of approved employees on an ongoing basis, and in particular, at the conclusion of each academic year/semester when examination results are available.
- b) All employees undertaking subsidised study should provide documentary evidence of their examination results to their Manager. This documentation will be forwarded to Human Resources for inclusion on the employee's personal file.
- c) Employees will only be able to seek the Study Allowance or Study Leave for one degree or post graduate course. Extraordinary circumstances should be referred in writing to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration.

APPENDIX C: TABLE OF WAGES

Classification		1/07/2022	1/07/2023	1/07/2024	1/07/2025
Grade			7%	4.0%	3.5%
Grade 1	1	\$1,052.08	\$1,125.72	\$1,170.75	\$1,211.73
	2	\$1,066.97	\$1,141.66	\$1,187.32	\$1,228.88
	3	\$1,081.51	\$1,157.22	\$1,203.51	\$1,245.63
Grade 2	1	\$1,098.86	\$1,175.78	\$1,222.81	\$1,265.61
	2	\$1,113.65	\$1,191.61	\$1,239.27	\$1,282.65
	3	\$1,128.27	\$1,207.25	\$1,255.54	\$1,299.49
Grade 3	1	\$1,146.68	\$1,226.95	\$1,276.03	\$1,320.69
	2	\$1,161.56	\$1,242.87	\$1,292.59	\$1,337.83
	3	\$1,176.08	\$1,258.41	\$1,308.75	\$1,354.55
Grade 4	1	\$1,204.44	\$1,288.75	\$1,340.30	\$1,387.21
	2	\$1,219.29	\$1,304.64	\$1,356.82	\$1,404.31
	3	\$1,233.92	\$1,320.30	\$1,373.11	\$1,421.17
Grade 5	1	\$1,244.07	\$1,331.15	\$1,384.40	\$1,432.85
	2	\$1,258.88	\$1,347.01	\$1,400.89	\$1,449.92
	3	\$1,273.47	\$1,362.61	\$1,417.12	\$1,466.72
Grade 6	1	\$1,277.86	\$1,367.31	\$1,422.00	\$1,471.77
	2	\$1,292.69	\$1,383.18	\$1,438.50	\$1,488.85
	3	\$1,307.31	\$1,398.82	\$1,454.77	\$1,505.69
	4		\$1,412.81	\$1,469.32	\$1,520.75
Grade 7	1	\$1,324.74	\$1,417.47	\$1,474.17	\$1,525.76
	2	\$1,339.71	\$1,433.49	\$1,490.83	\$1,543.01
	3	\$1,354.44	\$1,449.26	\$1,507.23	\$1,559.98
	4		\$1,463.75	\$1,522.30	\$1,575.58
Grade 8	1	\$1,369.63	\$1,465.50	\$1,524.13	\$1,577.47
	2	\$1,384.83	\$1,481.77	\$1,541.04	\$1,594.98
	3	\$1,399.65	\$1,497.63	\$1,557.53	\$1,612.05
	4		\$1,512.60	\$1,573.11	\$1,628.17
Grade 9	1	\$1,513.37	\$1,619.31	\$1,684.08	\$1,743.02
	2	\$1,553.80	\$1,662.56	\$1,729.07	\$1,789.58
	3		\$1,679.19	\$1,746.36	\$1,807.48
Grade 10	1	\$1,610.29	\$1,723.02	\$1,791.94	\$1,854.65
	2		\$1,740.25	\$1,809.86	\$1,873.20

