



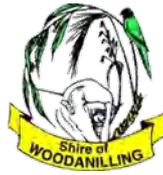
SHIRE OF WOODANILLING

**ATTACHMENT BOOKLET FOR
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

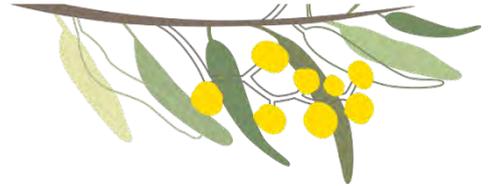
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SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL Unconfirmed Minutes 17 February 2026

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

1.1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council Members and Employees to declare any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this Agenda.

The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter be discussed.

NB: A Council member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the declared matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Act have been complied with.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality are required to be declared and recorded in the minutes of a meeting. Councillors who declare such an interest are still permitted to remain in the meeting and to participate in the discussion and voting on the particular matter. This does not lessen the obligation of declaring financial interests etc. covered under the Local Government Act.

To help with complying with the requirements of declaring Interests Affecting Impartiality the following statement is recommended to be announced by the person declaring such an interest and to be produced in the minutes.

"I (give circumstances of the interest being declared, eg: have a long standing personal friendship with the proponent). As a consequence there may be a perception that my impartiality on this matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly".

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Cr HR Thomson OAM	Shire President
Cr S Vermeulen	Deputy Shire President
Cr R Marshall	
Cr I Garstone	
Cr K Stephens	
Cr M Trimming	
Officers:	
Anika Serer	Chief Executive Officer
Ciara Whitmore	Customer Service Officer
Judy Stewart	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Leave of Absence:	
Nil.	
Apologies:	
Nil.	
Presenters/Observers:	
Hannah McLean-Stefan	Environmental Project Officer, Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone
Annabel Paulley	Secretary, Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1. PRESENTATION – WWLZ PLANNED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Hannah McLean-Stefan, Environmental Project Officer, Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone, provided a presentation to Council regarding current and planned projects and initiatives. The presentation included an overview of:

- Current grant-funded revegetation and fencing programs
- Community engagement and environmental initiatives
- Future funding opportunities and project planning

Councillors asked questions regarding project delivery and future opportunities, to which responses were provided. Council thanked Ms McLean-Stefan for her presentation.

Annabel Pauley and Hannah McLean-Stefan left the meeting at 5.21pm.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An application for Leave of Absence was received from Cr Garstone for the April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 6.1. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (OCM 493/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Vermeulen

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That Council grant Cr Garstone a Leave of Absence for the April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SHIRE PRESIDENT AND/OR DEPUTY PRESIDENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

8. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

8.1. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 16 DECEMBER 2025

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 16 DECEMBER 2025 (OCM 494/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Garstone

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

9. CONFIRMATION OF OTHER MEETING MINUTES

9.1. 4WDL VROC MEETING HELD 25 NOVEMBER 2025

That the Minutes of the 4WDL VROC Meeting held 25 November 2025 be received by Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 9.1. 4WDL VROC MEETING HELD 25 NOVEMBER 2025 (OCM 495/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

That the Minutes of the 4WDL VROC Meeting held 25 November 2025 be received by Council.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

9.2. WALGA STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 DECEMBER 2025

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council Meeting held 3 December 2025 be received by Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 9.2. WALGA STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 DECEMBER 2025 (OCM 496/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Garstone

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council Meeting held 3 December 2025 be received by Council.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil.

11. REGULATORY SERVICES

Nil.

12. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 31 DECEMBER 2025

File Reference	ADM0066
Date of Report	04 February 2026
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Brooke Dellacqua, Senior Finance Officer
Disclosure of any Interest	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 13.1.1 – List of Accounts for Payment – 31 December 2025

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the list of accounts paid, for the month ending 31 December 2025, as required under the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

BACKGROUND/COMMENT

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Clause 13 (1) schedules of all payments made through Council's bank accounts are presented to Council for inspection.

Council has delegated, to the Chief Executive Officer, the exercise of its power to make payments from the Shire's Municipal and Trust funds. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, a list of accounts paid is to be provided to Council, where such delegation is made.

The following table summarises the payments for the period by payment type, with full details of the accounts paid contained within **Attachment 13.1.1**.

Payments up to 31 December 2025

Payment Type	Account Type	Amount \$
Automatic Payment Deductions (Direct Debits & BPay.	Municipal	\$19,964.80
Cheque Payments	Municipal	\$0.00
EFT Payments #8092 to #8148	Municipal	\$240,630.87
Sub Total	Municipal	\$260,595.67
Payments	Trust	\$0.00
Payments	Reserve	\$0.00
Totals		\$260,595.67

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states:

13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.

(1) *If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —*

- (a) *the payee's name; and*
- (b) *the amount of the payment; and*
- (c) *the date of the payment; and*

- (d) *sufficient information to identify the transaction.*
- (2) *A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —*
- (a) *for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —*
- (i) *the payee’s name; and*
- (ii) *the amount of the payment; and*
- (iii) *sufficient information to identify the transaction;*
- and*
- (b) *the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.*
- (3) *A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be —*
- (a) *presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and*
- (b) *recorded in the minutes of that meeting.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer, under relevant delegation, is authorised to arrange purchase of specific items in the budget, which do not require calling tenders, providing that it is within the approved and adopted budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications that have been identified as a result of this report or recommendation.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

PILLAR 3: CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Goal 8: Accountable and compliant governance

8.1 Maintain compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

There are no community engagement implications that have been identified as a result of this report or recommendation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The risk in relation to this matter is assessed as “Medium” on the basis that if Council does not accept the payments. The risk identified would be failure to fulfil statutory regulations or compliance requirements. Shire Officers provide a full detailed listing of payments made in the timely manner.

Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Likelihood					
Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Risk Rating	Action
LOW	Monitor for continuous improvement.
MEDIUM	Comply with risk reduction measures to keep risk as low as reasonably practical.
HIGH	Review risk reduction and take additional measures to ensure risk is as low as reasonably achievable.
SEVERE	Unacceptable. Risk reduction measures must be implemented before proceeding.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the list of accounts and details of the credit card amounts, totalling \$260,595.67 paid under delegated authority in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* for the period ended 31 December 2025, as contained within **Attachment 13.1.1.**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.1. LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 31 DECEMBER 2025 (OCM 497/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That Council accepts the list of accounts and details of the credit card amounts, totalling \$260,595.67 paid under delegated authority in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* for the period ended 31 December 2025, as contained within **Attachment 13.1.1.**

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

13.2. LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 31 JANUARY 2026

File Reference	ADM0066
Date of Report	05 February 2026
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Brooke Dellacqua, Senior Finance Officer
Disclosure of any Interest	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 13.2.1 – List of Accounts for Payment – 31 January 2026

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the list of accounts paid, for the month ending 31 January 2026, as required under the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

BACKGROUND/COMMENT

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Clause 13 (1) schedules of all payments made through Council's bank accounts are presented to Council for inspection.

Council has delegated, to the Chief Executive Officer, the exercise of its power to make payments from the Shire's Municipal and Trust funds. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, a list of accounts paid is to be provided to Council, where such delegation is made.

The following table summarises the payments for the period by payment type, with full details of the accounts paid contained within **Attachment 13.2.1**.

Payments up to 31 January 2026

Payment Type	Account Type	Amount \$
Automatic Payment Deductions (Direct Debits & BPay.	Municipal	\$23,341.52
Cheque Payments	Municipal	\$0.00
EFT Payments #8092 to #8148	Municipal	\$61,470.78
Sub Total	Municipal	\$84,785.30
Payments	Trust	\$0.00
Payments	Reserve	\$0.00
Totals		\$84,785.30

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states:

13. *Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.*

(1) *If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —*

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 - (ii) *the amount of the payment; and*
 - (iii) *sufficient information to identify the transaction;*
 - and*
 - (b) *the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.*
- (3) *A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be —*
- (a) *presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and*
 - (b) *recorded in the minutes of that meeting.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer, under relevant delegation, is authorised to arrange purchase of specific items in the budget, which do not require calling tenders, providing that it is within the approved and adopted budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications that have been identified as a result of this report or recommendation.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

PILLAR 3: CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Goal 8: Accountable and compliant governance

8.1 Maintain compliance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

There are no community engagement implications that have been identified as a result of this report or recommendation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The risk in relation to this matter is assessed as “Medium” on the basis that if Council does not accept the payments. The risk identified would be failure to fulfil statutory regulations or compliance requirements. Shire Officer’s provide a full detailed listing of payments made in the timely manner.

Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Likelihood					
Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe
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Risk Rating	Action
LOW	Monitor for continuous improvement.
MEDIUM	Comply with risk reduction measures to keep risk as low as reasonably practical.
HIGH	Review risk reduction and take additional measures to ensure risk is as low as reasonably achievable.
SEVERE	Unacceptable. Risk reduction measures must be implemented before proceeding.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the list of accounts and details of the credit card amounts, totalling \$84,785.30 paid under delegated authority in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* for the period ended 31 January 2026, as contained within **Attachment 13.2.1.**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.2. LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 31 JANUARY 2026 (OCM 498/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That Council accepts the list of accounts and details of the credit card amounts, totalling \$84,785.30 paid under delegated authority in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* for the period ended 31 January 2026, as contained within **Attachment 13.2.1.**

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

13.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIODS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025 AND 31 JANUARY 2026
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File Reference	ADM0066
Date of Report	11 February 2026
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	DL Consulting
Disclosure of any Interest	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 13.3.1 – Monthly Financial Report 31 December 2025 Attachment 13.3.2 – Monthly Financial Report 31 January 2026

BRIEF SUMMARY

Due to there being no Ordinary Council Meeting in January 2026, the Monthly Financial Reports for the periods ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 are presented for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND/COMMENT

In accordance with regulation 34 of the *Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the Shire is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for approval by Council. The Monthly Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Statement of Financial Activity as at 31 January 2026 shows a closing surplus of \$1,212,634.

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires a Local Government to prepare an annual financial statement for the preceding year and other financial reports as they prescribed.

Regulation 34 (1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* as amended requires the Local Government to prepare monthly financial statements and report on actual performance against what was set out in the annual budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no Council Policy relevant to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Budget will be regularly monitored on at least a monthly basis, by the Chief Executive Officer and Financial Consultant/Accountant. Responsible Officers are also required to review their particular line items for anomalies each month, with a major review required by law, between 1 February and 28 March of each year pursuant to the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* (Regulation 33A).

Any material variances that have an impact on the outcome of the budgeted closing surplus/deficit position are detailed in the Monthly Financial Reports contained within **Attachment 13.3.1** and **Attachment 13.3.2**.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**PILLAR 3: CIVIC LEADERSHIP****Goal 8: Accountable and compliant governance**

8.1 Maintain compliance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Reporting Officers receive monthly updates to track expenditure and income and to be aware of their work commitments versus budget allocations.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The risk in relation to this matter is assessed as “Low” on the basis that if Council does not receive the Monthly Financial Reports for the month reported leading to the Shire not meeting legislative requirements on financial reporting. The risk identified would be failure to fulfil statutory regulations or compliance requirements.

Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Likelihood					
Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
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LOW	Monitor for continuous improvement.
MEDIUM	Comply with risk reduction measures to keep risk as low as reasonably practical.
HIGH	Review risk reduction and take additional measures to ensure risk is as low as reasonably achievable.
SEVERE	Unacceptable. Risk reduction measures must be implemented before proceeding.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Reports for the periods of 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026, in accordance with section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1995* as presented in **Attachment 13.3.1** and **Attachment 13.3.2**.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIODS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025 AND 31 JANUARY 2026 (OCM 499/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Vermeulen

Seconded: Cr Garstone

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Reports for the periods of 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026, in accordance with section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1995* as presented in **Attachment 13.3.1** and **Attachment 13.3.2**.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

15. OFFICE OF CEO

15.1. GREAT SOUTHERN VROC EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION

File Reference	ADM0403
Date of Report	11 February 2026
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of any Interest	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority
Attachments	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a funding model from Great Southern VROC to fund the continuation of the GSVROC Executive Officer position, which currently expires on 30 May 2026.

BACKGROUND

- The Great Southern VROC Memorandum of Understanding (2025–2029) provides for the appointment of an Executive Officer to support delivery of the VROC’s strategic objectives, including administration, meeting coordination, project delivery, stakeholder engagement and financial management.
- The Executive Officer position is currently funded through drought resilience funding and supports delivery of the Inland Great Southern Drought Resilience Plan, in addition to broader GSVROC priorities.
- The Executive Officer is engaged through the Host Local Government (Shire of Katanning) and is responsible for project implementation and reporting, secretariat support, financial administration, stakeholder engagement and grant coordination.
- Funding for the Executive Officer role was originally due to conclude in October 2025. As the position did not commence until September 2025, an extension was sought and approved. The South West Development Commission has confirmed that the funding expenditure period has been extended to 30 May 2026.
- A decision is now required regarding continuation of the Executive Officer role and funding arrangements beyond this date to avoid disruption to GSVROC operations.

At the GSVROC Executive meeting on 2nd February 2026 the GSVROC CEOs:

1. *Noted and accepted the revised Band Contribution funding model, including the corrected calculations.*
2. *Agreed to recommend to the GSVROC Ordinary Meeting on 9 February 2026 to continue with the Executive Officer position and that the preferred funding model for the GSVROC Executive Officer position be based on the Great Southern Treasures model.*
3. *Agreed that the host Shire is responsible for meeting catering costs.*
4. *Determined that funding for additional GSVROC project work will be considered and approved on a project-by-project basis.*

COMMENT

The GSVROC CEOs have agreed in principle to support continuation of the Executive Officer position, subject to confirmation of the funding approach and related arrangements by the Great Southern VROC. CEOs considered several funding options and generally supported adoption of a model aligned with the Great Southern Treasures subscription framework as the preferred approach.

Funding Model Options

To continue the Executive Officer position beyond the current drought funding period, the following funding models were considered:

Option	Description	Benefits	Risks
A: Equal Share Model	Each member Council contributes an equal amount toward the annual operating cost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple and transparent. - Easy to administer and budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May not reflect differences in Council size or capacity. - Smaller Councils may perceive contributions as disproportionate.
B: Banded Contribution Model	Contributions are based on Council classification e.g. Band 3 vs Band 4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognizes varying financial capacity. - Aligns with existing banding frameworks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires agreement on banding and contribution levels. - Potential for debate on fairness.
C: Population-Based Formula	Contributions calculated proportionally based on each Council's population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflects service demand and regional representation. - Scales contributions fairly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires accurate and updated population data. - May disadvantage larger Councils.
D: Hybrid Model (Base + Variable)	A fixed base contribution for all Councils plus a variable component based on population or banding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balances equity and simplicity. - Provides predictable minimum funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More complex to administer. - Requires consensus on formula.

Financial Implications

Indicative cost calculations for the Executive Officer services total \$53,414.56 per annum, based on current service arrangements.

Executive Officer Services		
EO Hourly Rate	\$	85.00
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Meeting Catering Costs

GSVROC CEOs agreed that catering continue to be covered by the hosting Council.

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Woodanilling entered a 4-year MOU with the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Katanning, Kent, Kojonup and Plantagenet in May 2025 to form the Great Southern Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GS VROC). At the time of signing the MOU it was indicated that financial contributions in the vicinity of \$8,000 per annum may be required to fund the executive officer position in the future, however that was provided as an estimate at the time with no formal decision required.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no policy associated with this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The various funding models indicate a contribution from the Shire of Woodanilling ranging from \$1,482.63 (model 2 – population based) up to a maximum of \$6,676.82 (model 1 – equal share). For the 2025/26 budget this would require one month (June) funding ranging from \$125 to \$560, and the full amount would need to be included in the development of the 2026/27 budget. Model 7 (based on the Great Southern Treasures contribution model), which indicates a contribution of \$3,308.87 from the Shire, is the recommended model however it is noted that all Councils need to seek their own approvals and may endorse an alternative. It is recommended the CEO is authorised to approve whichever funding contribution receives a majority from the VROC Councils to ensure a decision can be made in a timely manner.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Great Southern VROC enables the 8 Local Governments to work in partnership and leverage their collective strength to deliver a range of strategic opportunities and initiatives throughout the region. The Strategic Plan focuses on 3 pillars of Economic Viability (of our communities), Operational Efficiencies and

Climate Resilience, which complement and support the objectives of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Consultation has been undertaken firstly with the Chief Executive Officers of GSVROC, and this item was tabled at the GSVROC meeting held on 9 February 2026 for referral to member Councils.

RISK MANAGEMENT

There is a minor reputational risk to the Shire if a financial contribution is not endorsed, as an indicative value was provided prior to entering the MOU. The contribution represents value to the Shire for the collective strength and outcomes of the GSVROC.

Consequenc Likelihood	Insignifican t	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extrem e
Almost	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe
Possible	Low	Mediu	Medium	High	High
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Mediu	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Risk Rating	Action
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MEDIUM	Comply with risk reduction measures to keep risk as low as reasonably practical.
HIGH	Review risk reduction and take additional measures to ensure risk is as low as reasonably achievable.
SEVERE	Unacceptable. Risk reduction measures must be implemented before proceeding.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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3. Confirms the host Council will continue to be responsible for meeting catering costs; and
4. Notes that any additional GSVROC project work outside the core Executive Officer functions will be considered and approved on a project-by-project basis.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 15.1. GREAT SOUTHERN VROC EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION (OCM 500/02/2026)

Moved: Cr Stephens

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

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CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Garstone, Cr Trimming

Against: Nil

16. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

17. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

18. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE BY PERMISSION OF THE COUNCIL

Nil.

19. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5.31pm.

Great Southern VROC

Broomehill-Tambellup | Cranbrook | Gnowangerup | Katanning
Kent | Kojonup | Plantagenet | Woodanilling

MINUTES

Great Southern VROC Ordinary Meeting

Monday 9th February 2026

Katanning Leisure & Function Centre

Located at 4 Pemble Street, Katanning



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1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson, Kristy D'Aprile declared the meeting open and welcomed attendees at 10.05am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr Doug Barritt	Voting Member	Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup
Karen Callaghan	CEO	Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup
Cr Perin Mulcahy	Voting Member	Shire of Cranbrook
Cr Daisy Egerton-Warburton	Deputy Member	Shire of Cranbrook
Linda Gray	CEO	Shire of Cranbrook
Cr Kate O'Keeffe	Voting Member	Shire of Gnowangerup
Cr Robbie Minter OAM		Shire of Gnowangerup
David Nicholson	CEO	Shire of Gnowangerup
Cr Kristy D'Aprile	Voting Member	Shire of Katanning
Peter Klein	CEO	Shire of Katanning
Cr Kate Johnston	Voting Member	Shire of Kent
Christie Smith	CEO	Shire of Kent
Cr Michael Mathwin	Deputy Member	Shire of Kojonup
Grant Thompson	CEO	Shire of Kojonup
Cr Len Handasyde	Voting Member	Shire of Plantagenet
Julian Murphy	CEO	Shire of Plantagenet
Cr Sally Vermeulen	Voting Member	Shire of Woodanilling
Anika Serer	CEO	Shire of Woodanilling
Darren Mollenoyux	Executive Officer	Great Southern VROC

Apologies

<i>Cr Roger Bilney</i>	<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Shire of Kojonup</i>
<i>Cr Sara Robinson</i>	<i>Deputy Member</i>	<i>Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup</i>
<i>Cr Kahlia Stephens</i>	<i>Deputy Member</i>	<i>Shire of Woodanilling</i>

Guests

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Great Southern Treasures – 11.00am

Dr Lenore Lyons – Chair, Australia's South West Regional Tourism Organisation
Catrin Pickworth – CEO, Australia's South West Regional Tourism Organisation
Sophie Zalokar - Great Southern Tourism Manager (Great Southern Treasures)

There was a presentation on Great Southern Treasures, the Bloom Festival, and the Australia's South West Regional Tourism Organisation, providing an overview of Great Southern Treasure's activities and achievements.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 4.1 Minutes of the Great Southern VROC Meeting held on the 3rd November 2025 in Gnowangerup, provided at **Attachment 4**.

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Len Handasyde

Seconded: Cr Kate O’Keeffe

That the Minutes of the Great Southern VROC Meeting held on the 3rd November 2025 are received as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried
Result 8/0

- 4.2 Minutes of the Great Southern VROC Executive Meetings held on the 2nd December 2025 and 2nd February 2026 via Microsoft Teams, provided at **Attachment 4**.

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Kate Johnston

Seconded: Cr Kate O’Keeffe

That the Minutes of the Great Southern VROC Executive Meetings held on the 2nd December 2025 and 2nd February 2026 be received.

Carried
Result 8/0

5. ACTION REPORTS

Great Southern VROC Meeting - Action Report

A copy of the Great Southern VROC Meeting Action Report is presented for information at **Attachment 5.1**.

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Kate Johnston

Seconded: Cr Doug Barritt

That the Report on Meeting Actions as at 4th February 2026 be noted.

Carried
Result 8/0

Great Southern VROC Strategic Action Plan 2025-2029 – Status Report

A copy of the Great Southern VROC Strategic Action Plan - Status Report is presented for information at **Attachment 5.2**.

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Kate O’Keeffe

Seconded: Cr Doug Barritt

That the Strategic Action Plan - Status Report as at 4th February 2026 be noted.

Carried
Result 8/0

6. MATTERS FOR DECISION

6.1 Great Southern Treasures – Future Participation

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	3 rd February 2026
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	6.1a GST – 24/25 Annual Report 6.1b GST – Service Level Agreement 2023-26 6.1c GST – KPI Reporting Dashboard 2024-25 6.1d Bloom Festival Attendance Research
CONSULTATION	GSVROC CEOs Sophie Zalokar, Great Southern Treasures

SUMMARY

GSVROC members are asked to determine a collective position on the renewal of the Great Southern Treasures (GST) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the period 2026–2029.

Following the GST presentation to the Great Southern VROC on 3 November 2025, and subsequent CEO discussions held on 2 December 2025 and 2 February 2026, member Councils have provided updated positions, with several indicating reduced or discontinued participation.

The Great Southern VROC is now required to consider these positions, along with the regional, operational and financial implications, and determine whether to proceed with a new MOU and on what terms.

BACKGROUND

At the GSVROC CEOs Strategic Planning Workshop held on 2 October 2025, the impending expiry of the GST MOU was identified for future consideration.

On 3 November 2025, Sophie Zalokar delivered a presentation to the Great Southern VROC outlining GST's activities, organisational performance, and outcomes associated with the Bloom Festival. Discussion by delegates highlighted the following matters:

- Varying levels of perceived local economic benefit
- Volunteer reliance concerns (Shire of Kent)
- Questions regarding value for contribution (Shire of Katanning)
- Potential re-engagement interest (Shire of Plantagenet), contingent on member support
- Recognition that the value of GST depends on each Shire's level of engagement

The meeting resolved to seek further information and to schedule additional CEO-level discussions to support development of a coordinated regional position.

On 2 December 2025, CEOs reviewed preliminary Council feedback, economic benefit information and GST performance documentation. Member views remained mixed, with some Shires indicating non-participation, others conditional support, and some supporting renewal only if all members recommitted.

On 2 February 2026, CEOs provided updated Council positions regarding participation and financial contribution under the proposed Draft GST MOU 2026–2029. The meeting agreed to the following next steps:

1. CEOs provided their respective Shire positions regarding participation and financial commitment to the renewal of the Great Southern Treasures Draft MOU 2026 - 2029.
2. The collective regional impact is a reduction in membership contributions of \$20,000.
3. Discussions are to be held with Australia's South West regarding the implications of the reduced membership and the potential to review the scope and level of service.
4. Australia's South West will provide a presentation at the February GSVROC meeting.
5. Updated positions and relevant information are to be presented to the Great Southern VROC meeting scheduled for 9 February 2026.

Member Council's positions on financial commitment to GST MOU Renewal

SHIRE	POSITION
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup	Supportive of MOU renewal if all Shires financially recommit
Shire of Cranbrook	Supportive of MOU renewal if all Shires financially recommit
Shire of Gnowangerup	Supportive of MOU renewal if all Shires financially recommit
Shire of Katanning	Likely to remain as a member
Shire of Kent	Not remaining as a member
Shire of Kojonup	Supportive of MOU renewal if all Shires financially recommit
Shire of Plantagenet	Not currently a member and likely remain status quo
Shire of Woodanilling	Supportive of MOU renewal if no significant financial commit
Shire of Jerramungup	Not remaining as a member

COMMENT

The GSVROC Executive Officer has coordinated a presentation in liaison with Sophie Zalokar of Great Southern Treasures. The Chief Executive Officer of Australia's South West will present at the Great Southern VROC meeting on 9 February 2026 to provide member Councils with an overview of GST, its regional benefits, and the implications of the proposed MOU.

The meeting is requested to consider the presentation, along with the collective impact of individual Council positions, including implications for regional collaboration, financial sustainability and program delivery.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The collective regional impact of indicated member withdrawals by Kent & Jerramungup represents a reduction in membership contributions of \$20,000.

Section 12 of the existing MOU provides for the following annual subscription levels (exclusive of gst):

- Tier 1 Member Councils (population under 1,000): \$7,000 per annum
- Tier 2 Member Councils (population 1,000–1,900): \$13,000 per annum
- Tier 3 Member Councils (population 1,901+): \$20,000 per annum

Subscription levels are subject to review at the conclusion of the MOU term.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

This matter relates to regional collaboration, tourism development, and the efficient use of collective local government investment to achieve shared regional outcomes.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Great Southern VROC

1. Note the presentation from of Australia's South West on Great Southern Treasures at the February 2026 meeting;
2. Note the positions provided by each member Council regarding participation in the Great Southern Treasures MOU 2026–2029;
3. Engage with Australia's South West to assess the implications of reduced membership and consider any necessary adjustments to the scope and level of service, taking into account the indicated withdrawal of the Shires of Kent and Jerramungup; and
4. Determine a collective position on renewal of the Great Southern Treasures MOU for the period 2026–2029.

The recommendation varied enable the members of GST to have further discussions with Australia South West as to implications in reduced membership.

DECISION

Moved: Cr Michael Mathwin

Seconded: Cr Doug Barritt

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Carried

For:6

Against:0

The Shires of Plantagenet and Kent abstained from the vote due to not being involved

6.2 Great Southern VROC Executive Officer Position

REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Klein, Lead GSVROC CEO
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Darren Mollenoyux, Current Executive Officer – 150Square
DATE:	3 rd February 2026
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	6.2a – GSDC – Letter of Funding Agreement 6.2b – Executive Officer Services Contract
CONSULTATION	Peter Klein, GSVROC Host CEO Darren Mollenoyux, Associate at 150Square Ali Gardener, South West Development Commission GSVROC CEOs

Darren Mollenoyux left the room at 10.20am, due to a disclosure of interest

SUMMARY

This item seeks to confirm the continuation of the GSVROC Executive Officer position, including endorsement of the preferred funding model and associated arrangements beyond the current funding period.

BACKGROUND

- The Great Southern VROC Memorandum of Understanding (2025–2029) provides for the appointment of an Executive Officer to support delivery of the VROC's strategic objectives, including administration, meeting coordination, project delivery, stakeholder engagement and financial management.
- The Executive Officer position is currently funded through drought resilience funding and supports delivery of the Inland Great Southern Drought Resilience Plan, in addition to broader GSVROC priorities.
- The Executive Officer is engaged through the Host Local Government (Shire of Katanning) and is responsible for project implementation and reporting, secretariat support, financial administration, stakeholder engagement and grant coordination.
- Funding for the Executive Officer role was originally due to conclude in October 2025. As the position did not commence until September 2025, an extension was sought and approved. The South West Development Commission has confirmed that the funding expenditure period has been extended to 30 May 2026.
- A decision is now required regarding continuation of the Executive Officer role and funding arrangements beyond this date to avoid disruption to GSVROC operations.

At the GSVROC Executive meeting on the 2nd February 2026 *the GSVROC CEOs:*

1. *Noted and accepted the revised Band Contribution funding model, including the corrected calculations.*
2. *Agreed to recommend to the GSVROC Ordinary Meeting on 9 February 2026 to continue with the Executive Officer position and that the preferred funding model for the GSVROC Executive Officer position be based on the Great Southern Treasures model.*
3. *Agreed that the host Shire is responsible for meeting catering costs.*
4. *Determined that funding for additional GSVROC project work will be considered and approved on a project-by-project basis.*

COMMENT

The GSVROC CEOs have agreed in principle to support continuation of the Executive Officer position, subject to confirmation of the funding approach and related arrangements by the Great Southern VROC. CEOs considered several funding options and supported adoption of a model aligned with the Great Southern Treasures subscription framework as the preferred approach.

Funding Model Options

To continue the Executive Officer position beyond the current drought funding period, the following funding models were considered:

Option	Description	Benefits	Risks
A: Equal Share Model	Each member Council contributes an equal amount toward the annual operating cost.	- Simple and transparent. - Easy to administer and budget.	- May not reflect differences in Council size or capacity. - Smaller Councils may perceive contributions as disproportionate.
B: Banded Contribution Model	Contributions are based on Council classification e.g. Band 3 vs Band 4.	- Recognizes varying financial capacity. - Aligns with existing banding frameworks.	- Requires agreement on banding and contribution levels. - Potential for debate on fairness.
C: Population-Based Formula	Contributions calculated proportionally based on each Council's population.	- Reflects service demand and regional representation. - Scales contributions fairly.	- Requires accurate and updated population data. - May disadvantage larger Councils.
D: Hybrid Model (Base + Variable)	A fixed base contribution for all Councils plus a variable component based on population or banding.	- Balances equity and simplicity. - Provides predictable minimum funding.	- More complex to administer. - Requires consensus on formula.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Great Southern VROC MOU 2025 - 2029

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KO	\$2,000	\$8,730.06	\$10,730.06	\$2,000	\$5,733.45	\$7,733.45	3	\$9,453.90
GN	\$2,000	\$2,244.87	\$4,244.87	\$2,000	\$5,668.59	\$7,668.59	2	\$6,145.04
BHT	\$2,000	\$2,244.87	\$4,244.87	\$2,000	\$3,376.78	\$5,376.78	2	\$6,145.04
CB	\$2,000	\$2,244.87	\$4,244.87	\$2,000	\$3,532.75	\$5,532.75	2	\$6,145.04
KT	\$2,000	\$2,244.87	\$4,244.87	\$2,000	\$2,843.40	\$4,843.40	1	\$3,308.87
WO	\$2,000	\$2,244.87	\$4,244.87	\$2,000	\$1,282.16	\$3,282.16	1	\$3,308.87
	\$16,000	\$37,414.56	\$53,414.56	\$16,000	\$37,414.56	\$53,414.56		\$53,414.56

Meeting Catering Costs

GSVROC CEOs agreed that catering continue to be covered by the hosting Council.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Great Southern VROC Strategic Plan 2025-2029

Supports regional collaboration, strategic project delivery, and advocacy as outlined in the Great Southern VROC Strategic Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Great Southern VROC

1. Endorse the continuation of the GSVROC Executive Officer position beyond the current funding period ending 30 May 2026;
2. Determine the preferred duration of the continued engagement of the Executive Officer position and agree on the approach for procuring or appointing Executive Officer services for that period;
3. Approve the Great Southern Treasures funding model as the preferred approach for Member Council contributions toward the ongoing Executive Officer costs;
4. Confirm the host Council will continue to be responsible for meeting catering costs; and
5. Note that any additional GSVROC project work outside the core Executive Officer functions will be considered and approved on a project-by-project basis.

MOTION*Moved: Cr Len Handasyde**Seconded: Cr Kate O’Keeffe**That the Great Southern VROC*

- 1. Endorse the continuation of the GSVROC Executive Officer position beyond the current funding period ending 30 May 2026;*
- 2. Determine the preferred duration of the continued engagement of the Executive Officer position and agree on the approach for procuring or appointing Executive Officer services for that period;*
- 3. Approve the Great Southern Treasures funding model as the preferred approach for Member Council contributions toward the ongoing Executive Officer costs;*
- 4. Confirm the host Council will continue to be responsible for meeting catering costs; and*
- 5. Note that any additional GSVROC project work outside the core Executive Officer functions will be considered and approved on a project-by-project basis.*

Motion Lapsed

The recommendation was varied to remove point 3 to enable members to confirm their commitment in principle to contracting an Executive Officer, however defers the funding decision until after member councils have had the opportunity to determine their preferred funding approach at their Council meetings.

Subsequently point 2 of the recommendation was also removed until decision from all member Councils.

DECISION**Moved: Cr Len Handasyde****Seconded: Cr Kate O’Keeffe****That the Great Southern VROC**

- 1. Endorse the continuation of the GSVROC Executive Officer position beyond the current funding period ending 30 May 2026;**
- 2. Confirm the host Council will continue to be responsible for meeting catering costs; and**
- 3. Note that any additional GSVROC project work outside the core Executive Officer functions will be considered and approved on a project-by-project basis.**

Carried**For: 6****Shires of Plantagenet and Kent - Against: 2**

Darren Mollenoyux returned to the meeting at 10.40am.

6.3 Emergency Management Act Consolidation

REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Klien, CEO Shire of Katanning
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	3 rd February 2026
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	Nil
CONSULTATION	Sam Kennedy – Senior Policy Advisor WALGA GSVROC CEOs Darren Mollenoyux – GSVROC Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The State Government's objective to consolidate Western Australia's *Emergency Management Acts* will see the modernisation and simplification of this legislation and secondarily, the drafting process creates a unique opportunity to address the inequities identified by local governments contained within the current legislative framework.

Progress with drafting the consolidated exposure bill has stalled and brings into question the State Government's commitment to the timely consolidation of these acts and to the efficiencies and improvements this will deliver.

This paper seeks support for reprioritising emergency management act reform and to ensuring the voice of local government strongly influences reform outcomes.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, State Cabinet approved and issued instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel's Office, to draft an exposure bill to consolidate the following three emergency management acts;

- i) *Fire & Emergency Services Act 1998*,
- ii) *Fire Brigades Act 1942*, and
- iii) *Bush Fires Act 1954*

The following process was endorsed to deliver this outcome;
Emergency Services Act review



DFES was subsequently allocated the responsibility to manage & drive this process.

In August 2023, in response to a question from the Hon. Martin Aldridge, the Minister for Emergency Services Stephen Dawson replied that the exposure draft bill will be released for stakeholder consideration in early 2024. The exposure draft bill is now two years late.

DFES has provided the following recent update on their progress;

- Work on the development of an Emergency Services Exposure Draft Bill is ongoing.
- A dedicated team of six DFES officers are reviewing and refining the legislative proposal to consolidate the emergency management arrangements.
- The drafting process is legally technical, time-intensive and the practical considerations are complex. DFES is investing time and effort to produce new legislation that is fit-for-purpose for the many stakeholders involved in emergency management.
- Once finalised, the Exposure Draft Bill will be released for public comment. Until then, targeted consultation may be undertaken by DFES on discrete matters.

The item was presented and endorsed at the February 2026 Great Southern VROC Executive meeting.

COMMENT

The State Government has failed to adequately consider the consequential responsibilities of local government CEOs and officers for bush fire brigade volunteers during both the design and implementation of the existing emergency management acts and the *WHS Act 2020*.

Western Australian is the only jurisdiction in Australia where local governments hold responsibility for bush fire response, brigade administration, training and compliance. We are the only jurisdiction where the CEO and Officers are the PCBU for registered BFB and spontaneous volunteers and nowhere else in Australia are local government CEO's and Officers liable for industrial manslaughter in respect to the performance of this cohort of "workers".

The ability of local government CEOs and Officers to meet their duties of care to these workers is compromised by emergency realities and operational complexity, insufficient resourcing, lack of state guidance on how local governments should meet their PCBU responsibilities and the fact that bush fire response is inherently hazardous.

Other challenges identified by local governments in respect to existing arrangements include;

- The failure of the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) contributions to local governments to keep pace with increased compliance cost.
- Insufficient transparency associated with the distribution by DFES of Emergency Service Levies collected and remitted by local governments.
- Under resourcing of bush fire and emergency management preparations.
- The challenge of full compliance with *WHS Act* obligations and the management of spontaneous volunteers.
- Inability to transfer WHS duties to volunteers when DFES assumes operational control.

WALGA has established advocacy position "8.10 Management of Bush Fire Brigades" and this position states, amongst other things, as follows;

The State Government, through the Consolidated *Emergency Services Act* and/or other mechanism's must:

- a) Establish a clear framework to enable the transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do so; and
- b) Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Various provisions contained within the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and corresponding regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Improve local government risk management and operational efficiency.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Michael Mathwin

Seconded: Cr Kate O'Keeffe

That the Great Southern VROC endorse the following advocacy position;

- a) That the State Government urgently prioritise and expedite the consolidation of the State's emergency management legislation to address the escalating operational and risk issues arising from the current outdated framework.
- b) That the consolidated acts establish a clear framework to enable the transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do so; and
- c) That local governments at the WALGA zone level be consulted prior to release of the exposure draft bill.

Carried
For: 8
Against: 0

6.4 Street Lighting Advocacy

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE:	5 th February 2026
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	Provided under separate cover
CONSULTATION	GSVROC CEOs

SUMMARY

This item presents preliminary information gathered from member Councils regarding street lighting costs and the transition to LED lighting. The Great Southern VROC is requested to consider the information provided and determine a coordinated regional advocacy approach to support LED street lighting upgrades, including alignment with WALGA's advocacy position.

BACKGROUND

At the December 2025 GSVROC Executive Meeting, it was agreed that a consolidated advocacy position be developed to progress a coordinated regional transition to LED street lighting across the VROC.

To support this work, CEOs were requested to provide:

- street lighting costs for the previous three financial years; and
- the number or percentage of streetlights already converted to LED within their towns.

The Executive Officer has undertaken preliminary collation of the information received to date to assist in assessing financial impacts and informing a regional advocacy position.

WALGA has advised that Western Power is currently undertaking a review of its Public Lighting Asset Management Strategy. On 24 November 2025, WALGA advised that local governments are encouraged to participate in the review process to ensure the strategy is fit-for-purpose and aligned with local government objectives. WALGA further advised that a survey was distributed to CEOs within the Western Power service area in late November 2025, with responses due by 19 December 2025, to be followed by workshops in early 2026.

At the GSVROC Executive Meeting held on 2 February 2026, CEOs discussed the feedback received from member Shires regarding street lighting, noting that some information was still outstanding. The meeting agreed that the Executive Officer finalise collation of all available information and prepare a consolidated summary for consideration.

It was further agreed that the compiled findings be presented to the Great Southern VROC meeting on 9 February 2026 to support determination of a regional advocacy position for LED street lighting upgrades, including consideration of alignment with WALGA's direction.

COMMENT

This item provides the Great Southern VROC with an opportunity to:

- review the preliminary street lighting data collated from member Councils;
- determine a proposed approach for a consolidated regional advocacy position to Western Power; and
- confirm next steps, including timing and scope of engagement with Western Power and alignment with WALGA's Public Lighting Asset Management Strategy review.

Detailed financial data and supporting tables will be circulated prior to the meeting. The tables highlight the cost differences between non-LED and LED street lighting and the potential financial benefits of LED conversion.

The below tables highlight the cost difference between Non LED and LED street lighting.

Description (non-LED)	Cost / Lamp / Day
80W Mercury Vapour - M	\$0.44
125W Mercury Vapour - C	\$0.68
150W High Pressure Sodium - M	\$0.59
250W High Pressure Sodium - C	\$0.96
70W Metal Halide - C	\$0.79
150W Metal Halide - C	\$1.04
250W Metal Halide - C	\$1.24
42W CFL SE - C	\$0.49
80W Mercury Vapour - C	\$0.53
150W High Pressure Sodium - C	\$0.76

Description (LED)	Cost / Lamp / Day
16W LED - C	\$0.30
28W LED - C	\$0.33
42W LED - C	\$0.37
43W LED - C	\$0.37
70W LED - C	\$0.44
165W LED - C	\$0.71
18W LED - C	\$0.30
36W LED RG - C	\$0.35
53W LED RG - C	\$0.39
80W LED RF - C	\$0.47
20W LED RG - C	\$0.31
170W LED RF - C	\$0.72

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications for the Great Southern VROC arising from this item at this stage.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Great Southern VROC Strategic Plan 2025 - 2029

Goal: Utilise solar energy to reduce the operational costs of public facilities, including pools, sports lighting, buildings, and homes, while contributing to climate resilience.

2.3.1 Advocate for street lighting to be upgraded to LED.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Michael Mathwin

Seconded: Cr Doug Barritt

That the Great Southern VROC:

1. Note the preliminary street lighting data provided by member Councils;
2. Agree in principle with the development of a consolidated regional advocacy position supporting a more rapid transition to LED street lighting; and
3. Agree that appropriate Great Southern VROC representatives attend the WALGA workshops scheduled for February 2026, once dates are confirmed, to inform future consideration of a potential consolidated regional position.

Carried
For: 8
Against: 0

7 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR UPDATE
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7.1 GSDC and Inland Drought Projects Updates

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DATE:	4 th February 2026
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	Nil
CONSULTATION	GSVROC CEOs Ali Gardener, Senior Project Officer – GSDC

BACKGROUND

Several projects are currently being undertaken by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) that are relevant to GSVROC member Shires and aligned with components of the GSVROC Strategic Action Plan 2025–2029.

These projects include:

- Water for Future Project
- Infrastructure Audit
- Housing Strategy Project

COMMENT

This item provides an opportunity for members to receive updates and provide feedback on the progress of GSDC projects relevant to the region.

On the 15th January 2026 the Great Southern VROC Executive Officer had a meeting with Ali Gardiner from GSDC to discuss updates on projects and activities aligned with the Great Southern Drought Resilience Plan projects.

- **Water for Future Project**

The Water for Future Project is developing non-potable water strategies for each Inland Great Southern LGA, including audits of current and future water supply and demand, identification of gaps, and prioritisation of projects to enhance water security and drought resilience.

Update:

- Urbaqua have completed their comprehensive review and gap analysis, comprising of a water audit and water demand modelling for each Shire.
- Urbaqua has completed their local engagement and strategy development activities via workshops with all 8 Inland Shires in December 2025.
- Urbaqua is now collating all information and drafting the water strategies for each Shire.
- The contract with Urbaqua is highly likely to be extended to allow Urbaqua adequate time to develop quality, fit-for-purpose water plans and allow time for Shire and GSDC review.

- **Infrastructure Audit Project**

The Infrastructure Audit project will evaluate existing infrastructure across the Inland Great Southern region to support emerging industries and economic diversification.

Update:

- A Request for Quotation (RFQ) has been released to the market to engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake the audit, with submissions closing on 31 January 2026, with contract execution originally anticipated by mid-February 2026.
- The evaluation was undertaken on 4 February 2026. The GSVROC Executive Officer was requested to participate on the assessment panel, alongside Lee Sounness and Ali Gardener
- One quotation was received. Following assessment, the panel determined that the proposed fee significantly exceeded the budget. The scope of works is now being reviewed to determine appropriate next steps.

- **Inland Great Southern Grants**

Following the finalisation of the Inland Great Southern Drought Resilience Grant Program in November 2025, the following organisations have been successful in securing funding for their drought resilience projects:

- **Gilliamii Centre – ‘Resilient Country, Connected Communities: Planning for Landscape Renewal in the Inland Great Southern’**

The Gillamii Centre will hold one (1) community education event at Tambellup Community Crop to engage landholders and community members in planning for revegetation and landscape restoration, and increase understanding of the role revegetation plays in managing erosion, improving biodiversity, and restoring ecosystem health—essential elements of long-term climate resilience.

- **Gnowangerup Aboriginal Corporation – ‘Enhancing the Capacity and Connectivity of the Gnowangerup Noongar Centre’**

The Gnowangerup Aboriginal Corporation will build drought resilience capacity in the region through kitchen refurbishments at the Gnowangerup Noongar Centre, providing a functioning operations base for the Ngowanjerindj Rangers. This project will increase the community’s capacity to understand, plan and manage for drought by providing a gathering space to host communal meals, cultural events and support programs that bring people together during times of stress and enable the sharing of traditional ecological knowledge and building mutual support networks

- **Southern Dirt – ‘Summer-Proofing Our Gardens: Community Workshops for Drought Resilience’**

Southern Dirt will deliver 2-3 community workshops in the Shire of Kojonup and 1 community workshop in the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup to local communities with the tools and practical knowledge to maintain productive and sustainable gardens during challenging climate conditions, enabling better water management, reduce heat stress on gardens and to maintain productive spaces during dry periods, the project enhances local adaptation to climate extremes.

• **Housing Strategy Project**

The GSDC Housing Strategy is developing an implementation and business plan to guide local government housing initiatives and support future grant submissions.

Update:

Grant Thompson advised that the working group had progressed the project to market for the engagement of consultants to develop the strategy, with submissions closing in January 2026. The working group is now reviewing the submissions and reconsidering the scope in light of the high value of the quotes received.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Great Southern VROC Strategic Plan 2025 - 2029

1.2 **Participate in the GSDC Housing Study**

Goal: Understanding the status of infrastructure with the Inland Great Southern region and the ability for that infrastructure to service emerging industries is critical to supporting future diversification, which helps build resilience to economic shocks such as drought.

1.2.1 Undertake an analysis and business case to develop Great Southern Housing Strategy.

3.2 **Water Management**

Goal: Enhance the supply and use of non-potable water to ensure sustainability and reduce reliance on potable water resources.

3.2.1 Identify gaps in the supply of non-potable water and recommendations for addressing these gaps (e.g., recycled wastewater, stormwater harvesting).

1.3 **Participate in the GSDC Infrastructure Audit**

Goal: Understanding the status of infrastructure with the Inland Great Southern region and the ability for that infrastructure to service emerging industries is critical to supporting future diversification, which helps build resilience to economic shocks such as drought.

1.3.1 Undertake Infrastructure Audit (the Audit) and opportunity/constraint assessment for the area covered by the Inland Great Southern RDR Plan.

- the audit which will underpin the drafting of future shire or regional economic development plan/s and guide future infrastructure investment strategies.

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Cr Kate Johnston

Seconded: Cr Perin Mulcahy

That GSVROC receive the updates on the Water for Future, Infrastructure Audit and Housing Strategy projects and provide feedback on their progress.

**Carried
For: 8
Against: 0**

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability

At the December 2025 CEO Meeting, it was agreed that the Great Southern VROC would prepare a joint regional submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.

[Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability – Parliament of Australia](#)

During January 2026 the GSVROC Executive Officer prepared a draft joint Great Southern VROC submission to the inquiry, reflecting shared regional challenges and priorities relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

The submission reflects on WALGAs submission, whilst focuses on broad regional issues including funding adequacy and indexation, infrastructure backlogs, cost-shifting, GP services, housing, workforce attraction and retention challenges.

Due to the deadline for submissions being the 3rd February 2026, the GSVROC CEOs endorsed the GSVROC joint submission for the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport, at the Executive Meeting on the 2nd February 2026.

Attachments:

- 8.1 GSVROC Joint Submission to the Federal Governments Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability

10 NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

The schedule of GSVROC Ordinary Meetings Schedule is as follows:

Monday 4th May 2026 10.00am - Shire of Kent

Monday 3rd August 2026 10.00am - Shire of Kojonup

Monday 2nd November 2026 10.00am - Shire of Plantagenet

The next Great Southern VROC meeting will be held on Monday 4th May 2026 at the Shire of Kent, commencing at 10.00am

11 CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Kirsty D'Aprile thanked delegates for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12.17pm.



SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING Amended Minutes 10 February 2026

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Ray Kowald

Annabel Paulley (7.06pm)

APOLOGIES

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the 2023/2024 Annual Electors Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 as attached be confirmed to be a true and correct record.

ITEM 3.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 2023/2024 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Moved: Lesley Trimming

Seconded: Dale Douglas

That the minutes of the 2023/2024 Annual Electors Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 as attached be confirmed to be a true and correct record.

CARRIED 10/0

4. OFFICER'S REPORT

4.1. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

File Reference	ADM0017
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of any Interest	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Attachments	Attachment 4.1.1 - Shire of Woodanilling Annual Report 2024/2025

In accordance with S5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a general meeting of electors is to be held once every financial year, not more than 56 days after the local government has accepted the annual report.

Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* specifies that the matters to be discussed at the general electors meeting are, firstly, the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

At its meeting held 16 December 2025 Council resolved to accept the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2025, inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2024/2025.

Council resolved to hold the Annual Meeting of Electors on Tuesday 10 February 2026 commencing at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Annabel Pauley entered the meeting at 7.06pm.

4.1. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the Shire President's report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

ITEM 4.1. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Moved: Ray Baxter

Seconded: Colette Annice

That the Shire President's Report for the year ending 30/06/2025 be received.

CARRIED 14/0

4.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the Chief Executive Officer's report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

The CEO provided an overview of key activities during the reporting period, including:

- Commencement in May 2025 and acknowledgement of former CEO Paul Hanlon and Acting CEO Mark Hook.
- Delivery of capital works including upgrades to Robinson Road West and Oxley Road, resheeting and maintenance works on Leggoe, Gorn and Burt Roads, and ongoing road maintenance programs.
- Completion of Stage 1 of the Centenary Park upgrades and progress on Stage 2.
- Community events including the Bloom Art Exhibition and Australia Day celebrations.
- Acknowledgement of outgoing and incoming Councillors following the October elections.
- Appointment of the Executive Manager Corporate Services and continued focus on governance and compliance.
- Upcoming infrastructure works and development of a non-potable water strategy.
- Appreciation to staff, Council and community volunteers for their contributions.

ITEM 4.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**Moved: Marj Winstanley****Seconded: Damian Shackley**

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the year ended 30/06/2025 be received.

CARRIED 14/0**4.1. AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the Auditor's report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

ITEM 4.1. AUDITOR'S REPORT**Moved: Lesley Trimming****Seconded: Mike Vermeulen**

That the Auditor's Report for the year ending 30/06/2025 be received.

CARRIED 14/0**4.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2024/2025**

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statement as shown in the Shire of Woodanilling 2024/2025 Annual Report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

ITEM 4.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2024/2025**Moved: Dale Douglas****Seconded: Mike Vermeulen**

That the Financial Statements for the year ending 30/06/2025 be received.

CARRIED 8/0

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Questions from members of the public were directed to the Presiding Member in accordance with the procedure outlined prior to the commencement of the meeting.

4.1 ANNABEL PAULLEY

Annabel Paulley requested clarification regarding the Shire's current financial position, noting the Annual Report did not clearly outline the overall financial standing.

Cr Thomson advised the current budget is balanced and the Shire holds approximately \$700,000 in reserves, including plant and long service leave provisions. He stated the Shire is not in financial difficulty but must continue to manage finances carefully, particularly following rate increases of 10% over the past two years.

In response to a question regarding debt, Cr Thomson confirmed the Shire currently holds no debt.

Annabel asked whether further annual rate increases of 10% were anticipated. Cr Thomson advised this has not been determined and Council must balance competitiveness, community expectations and financial sustainability.

Annabel queried the revenue generated from the recent 10% rate increase and its allocation. Cr Thomson advised approximately \$100,000 was raised and placed into general revenue.

The CEO advised the additional revenue contributes to a range of operational areas including wages, overheads and road-related expenditure.

Annabel asked whether the Shire was progressing efforts to return responsibility for Robinson Road West to Main Roads WA and requested an update on current progress.

The Shire President advised that the Shire is preparing a business case supported by traffic data to demonstrate regional and heavy vehicle usage. It was noted that Main Roads WA is not obligated to accept transfer of the road and discussions are ongoing.

4.2 MAL BAXTER

Mal Baxter asked whether the adopted budget to June 2026 was publicly available.

The Presiding Member advised the budget is available on the Shire website and monthly financial reports within Council agendas provide ongoing financial updates. The CEO offered to provide a copy upon request.

4.3 PAULINE EDGCUMBE

Pauline Edgcumbe raised several matters:

Waste and Recycling/Landfill

Pauline noted previous concerns regarding recycling and wind-blown rubbish had been addressed and requested this be publicly communicated in the Woodanilling Wongi. She also asked about the remaining lifespan of the landfill facility. The question was taken on notice.

Health Services and Transport

Pauline raised concerns regarding access to health services and requested consideration of transport options to Katanning. The question was taken on notice.

Water Use and Oval Irrigation

Pauline expressed concern regarding year-round watering of the oval and the condition of memorial lawns. The Presiding Member advised the oval water supply is sourced from the dam and noted efforts are being made to reduce reliance on purchased water. Concerns regarding memorial lawns were acknowledged.

Weather-Sensing Irrigation

Cathi Bessell-Browne supported Pauline's comments and requested Council investigate weather-sensing irrigation technology to improve water efficiency. The Presiding Member acknowledged this as a potential improvement.

Baptist Church Grounds

Pauline asked about the Shire's commitment to maintenance at the Baptist Church. The CEO advised the Shire undertakes basic maintenance up to a capped amount, with additional works the responsibility of the Church. Further opportunities may be explored with the Bloom Festival group. The matter was noted.

Pauline raised a question regarding the allocation of funding toward town and community services, expressing concern that a significant portion of expenditure appears directed toward roads. She asked how much of the Shire's finances are allocated to the town and community, and whether this information could be presented in a more transparent and easier-to-understand format.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that monthly financial statements are publicly available and advised that no funds have been redirected from their intended purposes. The question was taken on notice.

4.4 CATHI BESSELL-BROWNE

"What is happening with complaints about dangerous overgrown conditions at crossroads, road maintenance, and missing road signage which have been reported to the Shire for over six years? What is happening to complaints and where are they going?"

The matter was taken on notice.

Cathi, on behalf of Brooke Moulden, queried why the Shire was not formally participating in meetings relating to Ausgold social impact assessments, noting potential impacts to the Woodanilling community.

The Shire President advised that while the Shire is not formally represented, it is aware of the matters and maintains communication through relevant channels.

4.5 BRIGITTE BURG

Brigitte Burg, attending her first Electors Meeting, asked whether financial documents could be made more accessible to the public.

The Presiding Member advised financial information is publicly available and paper copies may be requested from the Shire office. The CEO noted options could be explored to provide simplified summaries to assist community understanding.

MOTIONS**4.6 INDEPENDENT FORENSIC AUDIT – NOTICE OF MOTION**

A proposed motion submitted by elector Cathi Bessell-Browne for consideration at the Annual Electors Meeting.

ITEM 4.6. INDEPENDENT FORENSIC AUDIT – NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved: Cathi Bessell-Browne

Seconded: Annabel Paulley

That Council consider immediately requesting an independent forensic audit to assess past, current and future capacity of the Shire of Woodanilling to meet its statutory, regulatory and governance obligations to inform continuous improvement, financial sustainability and community confidence.

The scope of the audit should include, but not be limited to, an assessment of:

1. Alignment between community expectations, the level of services currently provided, and the Shire's financial and operational capacity, including benchmarking service levels against comparable local governments to ensure the community receives reasonable and sustainable value in return for rates and charges.
2. Capacity, transparency and governance arrangements to play an active and appropriate role in community safety planning and risk mitigation, particularly in the context of recent local events and community experiences suggesting a growing criminal element and potential risks to child safety.
3. Capacity to enforce local planning and development requirements in a consistent and transparent manner, including compliance relating to unauthorised occupation, accommodation, land use and amenity impacts.
4. Capacity to sustainably fund, maintain or transfer responsibility for assets and infrastructure, including consideration of the long-term viability of maintaining Robinson Road West versus transfer to Main Roads WA, particularly in light of the recent tragic fatality involving this road.
5. Capacity to engage with community, including public availability of accurate and timely agendas, minutes, audio recordings, registers of interests, councillor training registers, and other statutory information, and a review of Council's Community Engagement Charter to identify if it reflects regulatory requirements and best practice.
6. Council's delegations, policies and governance frameworks to ensure they have been reviewed regularly and align with contemporary best practice and legislative intent.
7. Council's compliance with interest declaration requirements, including the intent of Local Government Regulations and Best Practice Guidelines for conflicts of interest to be managed during forums and workshops, and when representing the Shire to external bodies.
8. Governance or resourcing gaps that may affect Council's ability to manage emerging risks and community concerns in a timely and lawful way.

And that the findings of the Audit be reported publicly and used to guide future decision-making, policy development and resourcing priorities including:

1. A review of the Shire's Strategic Community and Corporate Business Plan to ensure it is supported by evidence-based assumptions, includes 'Community First' in its values, recognises challenges and community needs, and is focussed on measurable outcomes and deliverables to improve liveability.
2. A review of Annual Report format and content to ensure inclusion of clear deliverables and outcomes with performance measures to demonstrate continuous improvement and progress towards increased liveability within the Shire.
3. Inform the development and implementation of Council's Long Term Financial Plan.
4. Inform development and implementation of the Shire's Public Health Plan.
5. Inform reviews of Council's Community Safety Plan, Workforce Plan and Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Mover, Cathi Bessell-Browne spoke to the motion:

“This motion is fundamentally about people. About the safety, wellbeing and future of this community, particularly children and vulnerable residents. Good governance is not an abstract concept; it directly affects whether risks are identified, whether services are delivered lawfully and sustainably, and whether the community can trust its local government to act in its best interests.

This motion is not about assigning blame to individuals. It is about acknowledging that there appears to have been a systemic governance failure that has persisted over a long period of time - across multiple Councils and several CEOs. The longevity and breadth of the issues strongly suggest structural failure rather than personal fault.

There is clear, observable evidence that core governance, transparency and compliance systems are not functioning as required. Council and committee agendas, minutes, audio recordings and attachments are not consistently available to the public online. Key statutory registers, including financial interests, councillor training and tenders, appear to be inaccurate or absent online. Audit Committee minutes are missing, recent Council meeting recordings have not been released, and it seems to be several years since Council’s Community Development or Transport and Plant Committees met.

At the same time, many of the foundational plans that underpin lawful decision-making, service delivery and financial sustainability are significantly out of date.

Strategic and Corporate Business Plans continue to be adopted and implemented in the absence of current supporting frameworks: the ICT, Workforce and Asset Management Plans do not appear to have been reviewed since 2013, the Long-Term Financial Plan since 2016, and the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan since 2017. Council delegations do not appear to have been reviewed annually, nor policies systematically reviewed, several local laws appear overdue for statutory review, and the Shire has not adopted a compliant Community Engagement Charter.

As a result, decisions are being made without all the contemporary, evidence-based frameworks to support compliance, risk management, or value for money.

Importantly, available health and wellbeing data indicates the community is not doing well. Mental health outcomes are significantly poorer than those of surrounding shires, and other indicators, including higher rates of serious illness, suggest long-standing challenges to community wellbeing. While Council is proposing to develop an in-house Public Health Plan, that alone does not address these concerns. Without an independent assessment of governance, resourcing and capacity, there is a real risk that planning occurs without the systems or capability required to deliver meaningful change.

The consequences of governance gaps are no longer theoretical. The community is experiencing emerging safety concerns, including incidents raising child safety risk, and the tragic fatality on Robinson Road West highlights the risks associated with infrastructure that the Shire may not have the capacity to sustainably maintain. It already appears that Council may not currently have sufficient financial or operational capacity to consistently enforce its planning, building and compliance laws. An independent forensic audit is essential because independence matters.

Oversight by someone external to the Shire and community is critical to ensure objectivity, impartiality and credibility, and to avoid decisions being influenced by emotion, personal relationships, or local history. Independence protects Councillors, staff and the community by ensuring findings are evidence-based, defensible and focused on systems rather than personalities.

If Council does not have the financial or operational capacity to fund independent assurance, then it has a responsibility to self-report to the WA Local Government Inspector and request an independent monitor. This pathway exists specifically for situations where capacity is constrained. Inaction is not a neutral option. Doing nothing also carries legal, financial and reputational risk - often at a much higher cost.

This motion is about transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. It seeks to restore community confidence, ensure legal compliance, and provide a clear, evidence-based foundation for future decision-making so the Shire can be safe, sustainable, and genuinely community-focused into the future.”

5 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 8:13pm.

Great Southern Country Zone Minutes

Friday, 20 February 2026

Hosted by the Shire of Plantagenet
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PRIORITISATION FRAMEWORK

How to use the Framework:

- If the majority of the factors are towards the left column, the issue is a high priority.
- If the majority of the factors are towards the middle, the issue requires action, but is not a high priority.
- If the majority of the factors are towards the right column, the issue is a low priority.

Impact on Local Government Sector Impact on Local Government sector without intervention	High	Medium	Low
Reach Number of member Local Governments affected	Sector-wide	Significant (multiple regions, Zones, or bands)	Few
Influence Capacity to influence decision makers	High	Medium	Low
Principles Alignment to core principles such as autonomy, funding, general competence	Strong	Partial	Peripheral
Clarity Policy change needed is clear and well-defined	Clear	Partial	Unclear
Decision-maker support Level of support among decision-makers (political and administrative)	High	Medium	Low
Public support Level of support among the public or other stakeholders	High	Medium	Low
Positive consequences for WALGA Prospect of positive consequences for WALGA. E.g. enhanced standing among members or leverage for other issues.	High	Medium	Low
Negative consequences for WALGA Prospect of negative consequences for WALGA for not undertaking the advocacy effort. E.g. diminished standing among members or other stakeholders.	High	Medium	Low
Partnerships Potential for partnerships with other stakeholders	Yes (3+)	Possibly (1-2)	No (0)

1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:02am.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

City of Albany

Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Terry
CEO Andrew Sharpe (non-voting)

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Cr Sara Robinson
Cr Connie Witham (observer)
CEO Karen Callaghan (non-voting)

Shire of Cranbrook

President Cr Perin Mulcahy
CEO Linda Gray (non-voting)

Shire of Denmark

President Cr Aaron Wiggins
Cr Janine Phillips

Shire of Gnowangerup

Deputy President Cr Rebecca O'Meehan
Cr Peter Callaghan (Deputy Delegate)
CEO David Nicholson (non-voting)

Shire of Jerramungup

President Cr Nathan Brown

Shire of Katanning

President Cr Kristy D'Aprile
Cr Ian Hanna
CEO Peter Klein (non-voting)

Shire of Kent

President Cr Kate Johnston
Cr Scott Crosby (**Chair**)
CEO Christie Smith (non-voting)

Shire of Kojonup

Cr Michael Mathwin
CEO Grant Thompson (non-voting)

Shire of Plantagenet

Deputy Delegate/s

President, Cr Len Handasyde (**Deputy Chair**)
Cr Joshua Leibeck
Cr Ken Clements (observer)
Cr Marie O'Dea (observer)
CEO Julian Murphy (non-voting)

Shire of Ravensthorpe

President, Cr Rachel Gibson

Shire of Woodanilling

CEO Anika Serer (non-voting)

AGENCIES

Members of Parliament

Mr Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor
Mr Scott Leary MLA, Member for Albany

WALGA

Ms Lyn Fogg, Zone Executive Officer
Mr Max Bushell, Senior Policy Advisor, Road
Safety and Infrastructure

1.3 APOLOGIES

City of Albany	Cr Craig McKinley Mayor Greg Stocks Cr Thomas Brough
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup	President Cr Doug Barritt
Shire of Cranbrook	Cr Daisy Egerton-Warburton
Shire of Denmark	CEO David King (non-voting)
Shire of Gnowangerup	President Cr Kate O'Keeffe
Shire of Jerramungup	Cr Paul Barrett CEO Martin Cuthbert (non-voting)
Shire of Katanning	Cr John Goodheart
Shire of Kojonup	President, Cr Roger Bilney
Shire of Ravensthorpe	Cr Bill Auburn Interim CEO Paul Anderson (non-voting)
Shire of Woodanilling	President Cr Russel Thomson Cr Sally Vermeulen
Members of Parliament	Hon Reece Whitby MLA; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern Mr Bevan Eatts, MLA Member for Warren- Blackwood
Great Southern Development Commission	Natasha Monks, Chief Executive Officer
Regional Development Australia – Great Southern WA Inc	Mr Simon Lyas, Director, Regional Development
Roadwise	Ms Michelle Blackhurst, Regional Road Safety Adviser

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Great Southern Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture, and community. We embrace the vast cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including the Noongar People as the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. WALGA is committed to supporting

the efforts of WA Local Governments to foster respectful partnerships and strengthen relationships with local Aboriginal communities.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Zone Delegates must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Zone Delegates and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil.

4 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

President Cr Handasyde welcomed the delegates to the Shire of Plantagenet.

4.1 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Members of Federal and State Government, representing the Zone Member Local Government Districts, are invited to provide a brief update on matters relevant to Zone Members.

Mr Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor, spoke on the following:

- Representing 49 Local Governments in the seat of O'Connor, appreciates the opportunity to speak with 12 Local Governments in this Zone.
- GP Services – Local Government advocacy
- Medicare underspend in regional locations / comparison with metropolitan spend
- Telecommunications tower infrastructure – Telstra will not be investing further. Pivoting to low orbit satellite technology.
- LGs may contact Rick's office to organise meetings during ALGA

Mr Scott Leary MLA, Member for Albany

- Appreciated opportunities to attend the Zone.
- Asked Local Governments to contact his office with any concerns – information necessary to assist Opposition in advocating for better outcomes.

5 AGENCY REPORTS

5.1 GREAT SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (GSDC)

Nil.

5.2 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA GREAT SOUTHERN WA INC (RDA-GS)

Nil.

5.3 GREAT SOUTHERN REGIONAL ROADS GROUP

Report by Cr Len Handasyde, Shire of Plantagenet

Main Roads WA has requested information of all Local Governments in the Great Southern to ascertain the level of work being undertaken on the projects in the various sections of the funding models. They indicate that so far there are no red flags for all funds to be acquitted on time and we will see how that goes. It has never been achieved in all the years I have been on Council.

There is really only one message. If a project is in trouble for whatever reason, speak up early and those funds might be able to be used elsewhere in the region. This might be in the form of extending a project or bringing a project forward.

I look forward to the April meeting of the GSRRG to see how it has all gone this year.

Hopefully we will begin to see an improvement. We should also remember that next year the new rules passed at the November meeting kick-in and those February assessments will be crucial to the outcome later in the year.

Noted

5.4 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY (DLGIRS)

Attachment No. 1 [DLGSC Update – February 2026](#)

Noted

5.5 WALGA ROADWISE

Report by Michelle Blackhurst, RoadWise Road Safety Advisor

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Len Handasyde
 Seconded: President Cr Kate Johnston

That the Minutes of the Great Southern Country Zone meeting held on 21 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

6.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

6.2 ZONE RESOLUTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS STATUS REPORTS

6.2.1 Zone Status Report

By Lyn Fogg, Zone Executive Officer

Attachment No. 2 [Zone Status Report February 2026](#)

The Status Report provides an update on Zone resolutions referred to WALGA State Council. Status Items identified as 'Completed' will be removed following this meeting. Zone Members are asked to review responses.

6.2.2 Zone Action Items Report

By Lyn Fogg, Zone Executive Officer

Attachment No. 3 [Zone Action Items Report February 2026](#)

The Action Items Report provides an update on Zone resolution for action by Zone members or the Zone Executive Officer. Action Items identified as 'Completed' in this Report will be removed following this meeting. Zone members are asked to review responses.

Moved: Deputy President Cr Rebecca O'Meehan

Seconded: President Cr Kristy D'Aprile

RESOLUTION (Items 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 combined)

That the Great Southern Country Zone NOTES the:

1. Status Report for February 2026, as detailed in Attachment No.3, and
2. Action Items Report for February 2026, as detailed in Attachment No.4.

CARRIED

7 ZONE BUSINESS

7.1 ZONE REPORTS

7.1.1 Zone Financial Report

By Mr Richard May, WALGA Finance Manager

Table 1: Statement of Income and Expenditure – period ended 31 December 2025

Great Southern Country Zone			
Statement of Income and Expenditure as at Dec 2025			
	Note	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$
Income			
Subscriptions	1	6000	6000
Other			
Total Income		6000	6000
Expenses			

Bank Fees		60	150
Meeting Costs (Catering)	2	1823	4000
Historic ATO Payment			
Total Expenses		1883	4150
Surplus/(Deficit)		4118	1850

Notes

1. Subscription fee of \$500 per Zone Member excluding GST, invoices have been sent to members in September and all received and transferred to GSCZ Bank Account
2. Aug 2025 Zone meeting catering (\$1,331.81), Nov 2025 Zone meeting catering (\$572.73) and adjustment on GST on purchase to be recovered from ATO (\$82.00)

Table 2: Balance Sheet presenting the Zone's financial position as at 30 December 2025

Great Southern Country Zone Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 2025		
Account	Note	Amount
Assets		
Bank		11,637
Debtors		
Total Assets		\$ 11,637
Liabilities		
Creditors		-
GST Payable	-	190
Unused Project Funds		-
Total Liabilities		- 190
Net Assets		\$ 11,828
Equity		
Members Funds B/F		7,710
Current year earnings		4,118
Total Equity		\$ 11,828

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Len Handasyde
 Seconded: Cr Kate Johnston

That the Great Southern Country Zone receives the Zone Financial Report for February 2026.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Zone Chairperson's Report

Cr Scott Crosby, Zone Chairperson

Cr Crosby encouraged Zone Members to attend ALGA as it provides a lobby opportunity direct to Government.

Noted

7.2 ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

7.2.1 Zone 2026/27 Strategic Priorities – Workshop*

*This item was reordered in the agenda and undertaken as a workshop following Item 11 Other Business.

BACKGROUND

At the November Zone meeting, the Secretariat requested Zone members to identify their Local Government's top 3 strategic priorities to inform the Zone's planning for the next 2-year period, which may include:

- Topics on which the Zone wishes to invite presentations from State Government agencies or other entities; and
- Topics on which the Zone wishes to prioritise advocacy on behalf of the Great Southern Country Zone members.

Zone Member Priorities

City of Albany	
Housing and critical Infrastructure (Sewer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Range Road to provide road access to expanding areas • Mercer Road Realignment to reduce residential access congestion • Utility Trunk connections to increase affordability of development • Strategic planning - preparation of the North Albany District structure plan and north McKail structure plan • Delivery of affordable lots for development at McAlpine Rise
Transport & Road Network	<p>Development of a long-term dedicated capital works program. Key Priorities for the Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement Renewal: Replace aging surfaces to meet modern load and durability standards. • Capacity Upgrades: Widen and strengthen corridors to accommodate increased freight, larger vehicles, and passenger volumes. • Safety Enhancements: Improve intersections, shoulders, and roadside infrastructure to reduce crash risk. <p>Priority Sections/Projects Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to Albany Highway including a commitment for an annual program of passing lanes • South Coast Highway – Wellstead to Esperance • Albany Ring Road – Chester Pass/Menang intersection flyover
Sustainable Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment into Innovative Solutions to be able to deal with waste streams locally either at a regional or local level

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Diverting Waste from Landfill</u>: Maximise resource recovery by increasing green waste, FOGO, and recycling diversion rates, reducing pressure on landfill sites. • <u>Developing Regional Processing Solutions</u>: Establish shared processing infrastructure for green waste, FOGO, and recyclables, ensuring local solutions for local waste streams. • <u>Reducing Environmental Impacts</u>: Cut greenhouse gas emissions and protect soil and water quality through better waste handling and resource recovery. • <u>Building Community Capacity</u>: Invest in education, innovation, and outreach to empower residents and businesses to participate actively in waste reduction. • <u>Enhancing Economic Opportunities</u>: Support the creation of regional jobs and new markets for recycled materials, mulch, and compost products. • <u>Future-Proofing Waste Infrastructure</u>: Plan and invest for long-term growth and technological change, ensuring that waste solutions remain resilient, adaptable, and compliant with regulatory requirements.
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup	
<p>Compliance burden and leadership sustainability in small rural LGs</p>	<p>Small local governments are required to meet almost identical legislative, governance, audit, planning, financial management and work health and safety obligations as large metropolitan authorities, despite having a substantially smaller workforce and revenue base. Rather than reducing red tape, the cumulative compliance burden continues to grow and consumes a disproportionate share of executive and staff capacity.</p> <p>In small organisations, this diverts limited resources away from project delivery, community outcomes, and strategic leadership. It is also increasingly undermining the sector's ability to attract and retain capable senior staff and CEOs. High personal and organisational risk, constrained remuneration settings, and limited internal support create a role that is increasingly unattractive and unsustainable. This is a structural issue that requires reform at a system level, not incremental adjustments.</p> <p>Small rural local governments also face ongoing difficulty in maintaining a full complement of capable staff across the organisation. Limited local labour markets, housing availability, remuneration constraints and workload intensity often result in prolonged vacancies and reduced organisational resilience.</p>
<p>Cost shifting and responsibility transfer without funding or policy frameworks</p>	<p>Local governments are increasingly expected to absorb responsibilities that sit more appropriately with the state or federal government, often without clear legislative frameworks or adequate funding.</p> <p>This includes growing expectations around housing supply for state government workers, emergency management responsibilities, social and community pressures, and the local impacts of the energy transition. In particular, the state government's net-zero emission by 2050 commitment has not been matched with a clear and legislated planning framework for</p>

	<p>renewable energy, leaving local governments to manage land use conflict, community concern, and assessment risk without policy certainty.</p> <p>There is a clear need for earlier, coordinated, and genuine partnership between all tiers of government before priorities are implemented at the local level.</p>
Unsustainable funding model and growing grant dependency	<p>Local government has the smallest and least flexible revenue base of any tier of government, yet community expectations and service demands continue to increase. Rate growth is constrained, Financial Assistance Grants have not kept pace with cost growth, and councils are increasingly reliant on complex and resource-intensive grant programs to deliver essential infrastructure and services.</p> <p>For small shires, the administrative burden associated with grants is significant and often disproportionate to the funding received. This model increases financial risk, delays delivery, and in some cases, entrenches inequity between metropolitan and regional communities.</p>
Shire of Cranbrook	
Renewables	<p>Can be so divisive to a community.</p> <p>Land use - relates to plantations and the impact on the Shire's rate base and delivery of services (FPC)</p>
Local essential services	<p>Relates to liveability and the attraction and retention of population in our Shire. Example - lack of accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Power changing farms to the "modular grid" with little or no consultation • Medical / health care services
Roads	<p>Important for economic development and support of current businesses.</p> <p>Future development - improved accessibility will stabilise our rate base and grow industries like tourism.</p>
Shire of Denmark	
Funding for Infrastructure Growth	<p>Denmark anticipates rapid growth over the coming decade, which presents a significant challenge for infrastructure delivery in the current construction climate. While larger developing metro suburbs can effectively implement Developer Contribution Plans to assist, these plans are impractical and ineffective for small regional local governments like ours. As a result, we require additional external funding to meet the community's needs and support sustainable growth.</p>
Sustainable Tourism Management	<p>Tourism is a cornerstone of the South Coast's economy. Managing tourism sustainably ensures the region's unique natural and cultural assets are preserved while local communities benefit equitably. Sustainable tourism management involves balancing visitor growth with environmental stewardship, infrastructure investment, and authentic local experiences. The Western Australian (WA) Government's tourism strategy, "Waves</p>

	2033,” aims to increase visitor spending in WA by 60%. This target will be achieved by increasing the average spend per visitor and boosting the number of domestic, intrastate, and international visitors. The Great Southern, a key tourism destination within WA, is already struggling with high visitor numbers, reaching the carrying capacity at several popular sites. The current mechanisms for generating revenue from tourism for Local Government are limited and ineffective. To support sustainable tourism growth, investment by the State or the development of new revenue models is essential.
Affordable Housing	The ongoing and much-discussed issue of housing affordability and availability remains a priority. This issue continues to be a significant challenge for our community, and addressing it is crucial for ensuring the well-being of our residents.
Shire of Gnowangerup	
Road Maintenance / Safety	Council is concerned about the poor condition of the Shire’s roads and feel in part this is due to the State prioritising metropolitan road work to the detriment of the regions. This is another example of cost shifting, where local government is having to bear costs that should be met by the State and is resulting in regional roads that are unsafe and causing damage to vehicles.
Waste Management – recycling / rehabilitation	The Shire has three waste facilities that have finite lives. The liability to rehabilitate each will be well beyond the financial capacity of a small local government. In addition, Council recognises the importance of recycling especially in relation to lithium batteries and see this as an opportunity to collaborate with the State and neighbouring Shires.
Releasing Land – Residential and Industrial	To help regional towns grow and alleviate the shortage of houses, Council believes the State needs to release more residential and industrial land. This will allow developers and / or future homeowners to build their own home, and businesses to be established. This will also help take some pressure off Perth metropolitan area and reduce urban sprawl.
Shire of Jerramungup	
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient, safe and sustainable transport systems are crucial for connecting communities, facilitating growth, and supporting economic activity. • Focusing on safe state road networks, it is important to note that the Great Southern region has the oldest pavement in Western Australia, far exceeding its useful life. This aging infrastructure is unable to cope with the demands of freight tasks, which is a major concern. The mixing of freight with tourist traffic further exacerbates the issue, creating safety hazards and inefficiencies. • South Coast Highway, from Wellstead to Esperance, is a priority section for the Shire of Jerramungup, requiring pavement renewal, capacity upgrades and safety enhancements. • By addressing these challenges, the South Coast region can develop a transport system that not only connects communities but also supports economic growth and sustainability.

Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National data shows that people in rural and remote areas have poorer health outcomes than those in major cities. Access to primary care, and particularly GPs, is central to this disadvantage. Across Australia, people now see a GP about 6.2 times per year on average, but the number of GPs per head of population falls as remoteness increases. For some Shires, the GP subsidy funding commitments equate to up to 16% of their total rates revenue, making it one of the largest non-core expenditure items in their budget.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South Coast region is experiencing renewed interest as a desirable place to live, work and invest. This presents both opportunities and challenges: servicing population growth requires careful planning for affordable, diverse and sustainable housing, while protecting community character and natural beauty. Collaboration is central to attracting investment, unlocking land, and building liveable communities for all. The Shire of Jerramungup views increasing housing availability as a significant priority requiring partnerships with private and public sectors. Advocating with essential service providers to improve priority utility services in line with housing growth is also important.
Shire of Katanning	
Expanding power & water supply capability , especially to service industrial opportunities	
Development of industrial & residential land	
Delivery of worker housing and short stay accommodation	
Shire of Kent	
Firefighting and WHS Obligations	<p>Local governments are increasingly exposed to inappropriate WHS obligations in the bushfire space. Treating volunteer firefighters as “workers” under the WHS Act 2020 places an unreasonable duty of care on local government CEOs, many of whom are not trained emergency management professionals.</p> <p>This responsibility represents a significant and unpriced risk, particularly for small local governments (such as Band 4 authorities). These local governments are constrained by the salary caps determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal and are therefore unable to remunerate CEOs at a level that reflects the scale of legal, personal, and operational risk being imposed.</p> <p>The result is a role where risk is materially disproportionate to remuneration and organisational capacity, creating a strong disincentive to CEO recruitment and retention in rural and regional local governments. This also diverts limited executive capacity away from core community service delivery.</p>

	There is an urgent need to reconsider the current classification of volunteer firefighters under the WHS framework and to provide clearer, practical support for CEOs and councils tasked with managing emergency response responsibilities.
Growing Pressures on LG – without the funding model to match	<p>Local governments are at the frontline of escalating pressures including housing shortages, workforce gaps, energy transition conflicts, disaster response and growing social issues. Despite having the smallest revenue base of any tier of government, local governments are increasingly expected to lead and absorb these challenges without additional funding or resources.</p> <p>The loss of flexible funding programs has left a major gap, and without appropriate funding pathways, rural communities are being left behind. Small towns are the backbone of regional Australia – once they decline, they do not return. Rural communities matter, and urgent action is needed.</p>
Red Tape, Governance Burden and the Future of LG Leadership	<p>Despite claims of reduced red tape, regulatory and compliance requirements on local governments continue to increase. At the same time, councils have been required to reduce the number of elected members, resulting in fewer councillors carrying greater workloads and responsibilities.</p> <p>This growing burden risks making elected office unattractive, particularly in small rural communities. Without reform, the sector will struggle to attract and retain capable candidates. Consideration must be given to reducing compliance duplication and exploring appropriate incentives or remuneration flexibility beyond current Salaries Tribunal constraints.</p>
Shire of Kojonup	
State & Federal Government cost shifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Medical Care costs; costs of compliance of new regulations and so-called reform. • Increases workload and local government/community cost so as to be compliant and provide basic services.
Funding of Infrastructure for growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headworks • Major community assets such as pools etc), • Need more untied Grants for large foundational capital infrastructure projects (similar to the LCRIP program).
DFES / Emergency Services Acts consolidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushfire Act is outdated and needs an update to be relevant in contemporary environment.
Shire of Plantagenet	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding availability to progress large scale projects • Headworks costs impeding private development • Time taken for Western Power to cost and design any upgrade works
Economic / Industry Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headworks costs barrier to Industry development • Time taken for Western Power to cost and design any upgrade works
Community Asset Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid increasing cost of construction has created a large funding gap.

Shire of Ravensthorpe	
Acting CEO transition – unable to provide in time for the agenda.	
Shire of Woodanilling	
Funding: fire and emergency management	Increased funding for fire and emergency management and resilience activities to reflect increasing cost
Mobile phone / communication blackspots	Mobile phone/communication since removal of 3G with significant blackspots throughout region
State/Federal funding of LG - insufficient	The increasing gap between State/Federal funding (e.g. FAGs) and the real cost of local government operations and business -seek reform of indexation method. FAGs are getting lower each year in real value whilst cost of maintenance, maintaining service levels are getting higher.
Bush Fire Brigades / WHS Act risks	The risk to CEOs being the PCBU for volunteer bush fire brigades and its consequences under the current WHS Act.

COMMENT

The Secretariat facilitated a workshop with Zone Members considering the range of priorities submitted. Workshop outcomes will be presented to the next GSCZ meeting.

Noted

7.3 MATTERS FOR ZONE NOTING AND DECISION

7.3.1 Emergency Management Act Consolidation

Shire of Katanning

BACKGROUND

In 2019, State Cabinet approved and issued instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel's Office, to draft an exposure bill to consolidate the following three emergency management acts;

- i) *Fire & Emergency Services Act 1998*,
- ii) *Fire Brigades Act 1942*, and
- iii) *Bush Fires Act 1954*

The following process was endorsed to deliver this outcome;



DFES was subsequently allocated the responsibility to manage & drive this process.

In August 2023, in response to a question from the Hon. Martin Aldridge, the Minister for Emergency Services Stephen Dawson replied that the exposure draft bill will be released for stakeholder consideration in early 2024. The exposure draft bill is now two years late.

DFES has provided the following recent update on their progress;

- Work on the development of an Emergency Services Exposure Draft Bill is ongoing.
- A dedicated team of six DFES officers are reviewing and refining the legislative proposal to consolidate the emergency management arrangements.
- The drafting process is legally technical, time-intensive and the practical considerations are complex. DFES is investing time and effort to produce new legislation that is fit-for-purpose for the many stakeholders involved in emergency management.
- Once finalised, the Exposure Draft Bill will be released for public comment. Until then, targeted consultation may be undertaken by DFES on discrete matters.

The item was presented and endorsed at the February 2026 Great Southern VROC Executive meeting.

COMMENT

The State Government has failed to adequately consider the consequential responsibilities of local government CEOs and officers for bush fire brigade volunteers during both the design and implementation of the existing emergency management acts and the *WHS Act 2020*.

Western Australian is the only jurisdiction in Australia where local governments hold responsibility for bush fire response, brigade administration, training and compliance. We are the only jurisdiction where the CEO and Officers are the PCBU for registered BFB and spontaneous volunteers and nowhere else in Australia are local government CEO's and Officers liable for industrial manslaughter in respect to the performance of this cohort of "workers".

The ability of local government CEOs and Officers to meet their duties of care to these workers is compromised by emergency realities and operational complexity, insufficient resourcing, lack of state guidance on how local governments should meet their PCBU responsibilities and the fact that bush fire response is inherently hazardous.

Other challenges identified by local governments in respect to existing arrangements include;

- The failure of the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) contributions to local governments to keep pace with increased compliance cost.
- Insufficient transparency associated with the distribution by DFES of Emergency Service Levies collected and remitted by local governments.
- Under resourcing of bush fire and emergency management preparations.
- The challenge of full compliance with *WHS Act* obligations and the management of spontaneous volunteers.
- Inability to transfer WHS duties to volunteers when DFES assumes operational control.

WALGA has established advocacy position "8.10 Management of Bush Fire Brigades" and this position states, amongst other things, as follows;

The State Government, through the Consolidated *Emergency Services Act* and/or other mechanism's must:

- a) Establish a clear framework to enable the transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do so; and
- b) Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

WALGA SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The matters raised in this item are broadly consistent with WALGA's advocacy positions, including: 8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act; and 8.10 Management of Bush Fire Brigades. Together, these advocacy positions call for a contemporary consolidated legislative framework, clear definition of stakeholder roles and responsibilities, ongoing sector engagement in the co-design of the Act and Regulations, and funding support for any new responsibilities imposed on Local Governments.

The issues highlighted about the work health and safety obligations placed on Local Government CEOs and officers, the lack of a modern legislative framework, and the operational risks created by the current system also reflect the concerns raised in WALGA's recent submission to the Statutory Review of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*. These issues further reinforce how urgent and important it is to replace the outdated *Bush Fires Act 1954*, which no longer reflects contemporary emergency management requirements or the realities faced by Local Governments.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Kristy D'Aprile

Seconded: President Cr Kate Johnston

That the Great Southern Country Zone requests WALGA, as a matter of urgency request that:

- 1. the State Government reprioritise and expedite the consolidation of the State's emergency management legislation to address the escalating operational and risk issues arising from the current outdated framework;**
- 2. the consolidated acts establish a clear framework to enable the transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do so; and**
- 3. Local Governments at the WALGA zone level be consulted prior to release of the exposure draft bill.**

CARRIED

ZONE COMMENTS

- Zone members noted high level of concern that CEO's can be personally responsible for liabilities arising from Bush Fire Brigade operations.
- Zone members noted concerns that if DFES is responsible for Bush Fire Brigade management, compliance requirements will escalate and may impair volunteer member attraction and retention.
- Variable views expressed regarding future legislative arrangements and whether all Brigades should be under DFES or there should be flexibility to enable each LG to choose if Brigades are handed over to DFES.
- Restrictions on who can be a spontaneous volunteer and how Brigades are activated may be beneficial.

Zone Members AGREED it would be beneficial to invite the WALGA Emergency Management Policy Team to present at a future Zone meeting.

7.3.2 Call for OAG Performance Audit of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA

Murchison Country Zone

BACKGROUND

In follow up to previous items and sector dissatisfaction with the arrangements the Shire of Yalgoo is calling for the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a Performance Audit of the management of DRFAWA by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

The Office of the Auditor General provides the following with respect to Performance Audits: *“Performance audits assess the efficiency and effectiveness of entity activities, services and programs. These audits can also identify instances of waste, legislative non-compliance, examples of good practice and make practical recommendations for improvement. Topics are selected by the Auditor General following an exhaustive process which may also include requests for audits from Parliament, the government or the broader community.”*

The Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (also known as the Colvin Review) provides some 47 recommendations for top down improvements of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. What these Federal reviews do not do is benchmark Western Australia's management of this process against other states or ensure that the State is acting in the best interests of both the Commonwealth and the people they serve.

An individual only has to look to media coverage and community sentiment in the aftermath of tropical cyclones, storms and bushfires to understand that this process could better serve all communities. Available information regarding Cyclone Seroja is that only 10-25% of a committed total of over \$100m made it out of government to support regional WA. This large promise and limited expenditure in the affected communities coincided with the Recovery and Resilience Department increase in staff size by approximately 1000%. Residents in the Pilbara are still uncertain about the recovery of their roads some 8 months after Cyclone Zelia and land managers have made it onto the ABC describing how difficult applications for assistance are at a time when it is easily apparent that they have been adversely affected.

It is for this reason that the Shire proposes to seek sector support calling for a performance audit of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Recovery and Resilience management of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

COMMENT

A performance audit will often result in more red tape and more defined rules for any process. With respect to DRFWA this can only be seen as a positive for the primary reasons that there is no legislation to refer to and an asymmetrical imbalance exists between what DFES Officers expect and what local governments or other agencies understand they must provide.

For a process that has been described as complex by the two previous Emergency Services Ministers it is astounding that only a handful of A4 fact sheets exist for applicants.

An example of this is funding claims being rejected due to post disaster evidence i.e. photos being taken too long after repair work has been completed. Nowhere on any published document is an arbitrary 2 year timeframe described yet according to DFES that is the window in which they class that evidence as admissible, notwithstanding the fact that the evidence clearly shows that the work has been completed which is the concern and purpose of the evidence.

Financial audits look at the responsible and compliant use of taxpayer money. It is however the opinion of the Shire of Yalgoo that a performance audit could answer just as important questions such as:

- Are the communities of Western Australia being supported in a timely manner after they have been impacted by a natural disaster?
- Is agreed funding, that is the responsibility of the State Government, reaching affected communities?
- With respect to the scale of different types disasters and different sized communities are the processes of Recovery and Resilience efficient and fit for purpose?

The Auditor General has been quoted as asking whether some government policies or procedures pass the “pub test” and once someone examines the “complexity” of the DRFAWA process they will potentially be making the same assertion.

Murchison Country Zone Resolved:

That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA and other WALGA Zones to call upon the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of Recovery and Resilience management of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia.

WALGA SECRETARIAT COMMENT

This Item was included on the State Council November 2025 Revised Agenda (Agenda Item 12 Additional Zone Resolutions) for State Council's consideration, where it was referred to the Policy Portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

The WALGA Infrastructure Policy Team considered the matter and has resolved:

WALGA advocate to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to conduct a Performance Audit of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFA WA)

The WALGA Infrastructure team is actioning this resolution, with an item to be provided to a future State Council Agenda, enabling the Zone's further consideration at that time.

Noted

7.3.3 Request to Present at Zone Meeting

HC Construction Services

WALGA was approached by HC Construction Services Pty Ltd requesting an opportunity to attend various Country Zone meetings to provide a deputation on how to navigate through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA).

HC Construction Services is a WA based company specialising in project management, consultancy and construction delivery. HC is a WALGA Preferred Supplier and has worked with several Local Governments to manage disaster relief funding claims. This includes by way of road condition video using their internally developed RF Vid Assist system.

The proposed presentation would include some tips, dos and don'ts, advice on pre disaster evidence requirements, and lessons learnt on three or four case studies where applicants have encountered problems. The presentation would also include information on how Local Governments can prepare a funding application, so they receive the maximum funding available in the event of a natural disaster.

Kolbany Yanginy – Local Government Reconciliation Resource.

WALGA and Reconciliation WA are offering a presentations to Zones on the new [Kolbang Yanginy website](#), a collaborative project between Reconciliation WA, WALGA, at State Agencies with support from Lotterywest.

The online platform is designed to support Local Governments across Western Australia to build strong relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Focusing on key themes like reconciliation, partnerships and placemaking, Kolbang Yanginy provides advice, resources, case studies and an interactive map to build capability across Local Governments.

The website also provides information about legislative, regulatory and policy requirements with respect to Aboriginal heritage and native title, with links to further information from State Agencies.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Kate Johnston

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Terry

That the Great Southern Country Zone:

1. **does not support a deputation from HC Construction Services Pty Ltd at a future Zone meeting in 2026.**
2. **does not support a deputation from Reconciliation WA/WALGA at a future Zone meeting in 2026.**

CARRIED

7.3.4 2026 Local Government Honours Awards

By Kathy Robertson, WALGA Manager Association and Corporate Governance

The Honours Program recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and officers to their respective Local Government, the Local Government sector, WALGA and the wider community.

There are five awards in the 2026 Program:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award
4. Merit Award
5. Young Achievers Award

All Local Government Elected Members and officers are eligible for nomination for each award.

Nominations are open now and will close at **5:00pm on Thursday, 2 April 2026**.

Further information about the 2026 Honours Program, including the nomination form and guidelines for preparing nominations, are available on the [WALGA website](#).

All awards will be presented later this year at the WALGA Local Government Awards event. More details about the event will be announced shortly.

For more information contact Habiba Farrag, State Council Governance Officer, on 9213 2050 or via email honours@walga.asn.au.

Noted

7.3.5 Disaster Ready Fund: Round 4 Anticipated to Open in March 2026

By Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

BACKGROUND

The Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) is the Australian Government's key funding program to support projects that reduce disaster risk and strengthen community resilience.

Round Four of the DRF is expected to open in March 2026 with approximately \$200 million available nationally. A strong focus on *construction-ready*, infrastructure-based mitigation projects with clear risk reduction benefits is expected. This is similar to Round 3 which prioritised infrastructure-based projects such as flood levees, cyclone shelters, warning systems. A list of Round 3 projects funded is available at [Disaster Ready Fund | NEMA](#)).

WALGA is providing early notice to Zones and member Local Governments to consideration of both individual and collaborative project opportunities, and pre-planning ahead of the formal announcement.

The DRF is administered by DFES, in Western Australia. Further information is available at [Disaster Resilience Grants - Department of Fire and Emergency Services](#) and by emailing DisasterResilienceGrants@dfes.wa.gov.au.

DRF Round 4 is likely to be released in March 2026, and encourage Local Governments to consider shared or individual disaster risk reduction projects

WALGA will advise the Sector when the DRF is formally announced.

Noted

7.3.6 Water Management Discussion Paper update

By Rebecca Brown, WALGA Policy Manager Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA has developed a Water Management in Western Australia Discussion Paper exploring issues for Local Governments in managing water resources.
- To inform the Discussion Paper, WALGA undertook research and direct engagement with the sector and reviewed existing Water Advocacy Positions and feedback from WALGA Zones.
- Based on this consultation, the Discussion Paper identifies water security and water efficiency as key themes.
- Feedback on the Discussion Paper will inform the development of a new water management advocacy position.
- Zones and Local Governments are encouraged to provide comments to WALGA by 12 March 2026.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This item relates to [WALGA Advocacy Positions](#) 3.1.1 Service Delivery to Aboriginal Communities, 4.3 Clearing Permits and Water Licenses and Permits, 6.10 Public Open Space (POS) and 6.14 Planning for Water.

ATTACHMENT

- [Water Management in Western Australia Discussion Paper](#)

BACKGROUND

Local Governments contribute to the management of water through strategic planning, land management, development approvals, community behaviour change and, in some cases, direct water service provision. Local Governments' role in water service provision includes drainage, water use and re-use and aspects of wastewater and sewerage services. The challenges for future water management are escalating across Western Australia due to population growth, climate change and increased competition for limited water resources.

To inform the Discussion Paper WALGA reviewed its existing Water Advocacy Positions and motions, feedback from WALGA Zones and undertook research and direct consultation with the sector. Consultation included workshops with both metropolitan and non-metropolitan Local Governments, an online session with 40 officers focused on water security and efficiency and a regionally focused session with 30 Local Government representatives exploring the barriers to being waterwise in a regional setting. In addition, WALGA conducted 14 one-on-one interviews with officers from 22 metropolitan, regional and remote Local Governments to better understand key issues. Further insights were gained through meetings with officers from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and the Water Corporation, as well as internal discussions with WALGA.

COMMENT

From consultation and research WALGA has undertaken with Local Government, two key themes consistently emerged - water security and water efficiency.

Water security relates to the reliable availability, adequate quantity and acceptable quality of water needed to support human health, economic development and environmental amenity. Issues identified include:

- **Infrastructure:** Funding to repair and upgrade aging Local Government water infrastructure including irrigation, drainage and stormwater systems and to improve reliability of State-managed assets.
- **Alternative Sources:** Diversifying water supply through non-traditional sources such as recycled water, stormwater harvesting, or desalination to support community assets.
- **Licensing:** Reforming the current water licensing system, including equity, access and regulatory enforcement.
- **Access:** Addressing barriers to equitable water access, particularly for regional and remote communities.
- **Use:** Planning for water allocation and consumption across sectors.

Water efficiency is focused on reducing unnecessary water loss through better practices, technologies and infrastructure. Issues identified include:

- **Technology:** Adopting waterwise technologies to enhance water efficiency.
- **Water Literacy and behaviour change:** Increasing water literacy within Local Government and the community to support change management and adaptation within communities.
- **Water Sensitive Urban Design:** Improving understanding to encourage the adoption of efficient technologies and design standards to reduce water consumption across public and private infrastructure.

Local Governments across Western Australia are addressing water security and efficiency through various actions across strategic infrastructure planning, innovative water management practices and community awareness. A new Water Management Advocacy Position will ensure WALGA can effectively advocate on behalf of the sector in relation to this issue. The Discussion Paper includes options to address these issues and questions for the sector relating to each of the key areas.

Feedback on the Discussion Paper will inform the development of a new water management advocacy position. All Zones and Local Governments are encouraged to provide comments to WALGA by 12 March 2026.

Noted

7.3.7 Consultation on Draft Climate Change Advocacy Position

By Rebecca Brown, WALGA Policy Manager Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA is undertaking consultation on a revised Climate Change Advocacy Position.
- This Draft was developed following initial consultation, consideration by State Council in March 2025 and feedback from the Environment Policy Team of State Council.
- Since WALGA's current Advocacy Position and Policy Statement were endorsed in 2018, there have been significant legislative, policy, technological and scientific changes.
- An updated climate change advocacy position, which complements other WALGA advocacy positions, will provide a sound basis for WALGA's advocacy.
- WALGA is seeking Council endorsed feedback by 1 May 2026.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This item is intended to replace WALGA's 2018 Climate Change [Advocacy Position](#) and [Policy Statement](#).

ATTACHMENT

The Consultation Paper is available [online](#).

BACKGROUND

Climate change, and related legislation, policy and action, have implications for many aspects of Local Governments' operations and services. More frequent and severe droughts, heatwaves, bushfires, extreme rainfall events and warming, rising sea levels are increasing the costs and complexity of delivering critical services, infrastructure and ensuring community wellbeing.

In 2018, State Council endorsed a [Climate Change Policy Statement](#) and advocacy position, following extensive sector consultation. Since this Advocacy Position was adopted there have been significant legislative, policy, technological and scientific changes, including:

- The national *Climate Change Act 2022* and the Western Australian Climate Change Bill 2023.
- The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, which expanded Western Australian Local Governments' general function to include planning for, and mitigating, the risks associated with climate change.
- The release of the Australian Government's [National Climate Risk Assessment](#) and [National Adaptation Plan](#) in 2025.
- Escalation of the transition to renewable energy, uptake of electric vehicles and energy efficiency standards under the National Construction Code.
- Climate science and projections ([international](#), [national](#) and [WA specific](#)) have also become clearer regarding the risks posed by climate change and the need for action to address the consequential impacts.

COMMENT

It is important that the WALGA climate change advocacy position is updated to reflect these changes and the consequent needs and priorities of Local Governments. An updated climate

change advocacy position, which complements other WALGA advocacy positions, will provide a sound basis for WALGA's advocacy.

Following initial consultation, consideration by State Council in March 2025 and feedback from the Environment Policy Team, WALGA has developed a revised, draft Climate Change Advocacy Position for Local Government feedback.

WALGA Environment and Waste Team members will be attending Zone meetings in April 2026 to support zone discussions on the draft Advocacy Position.

WALGA is seeking Council endorsed feedback on the draft Climate Change Advocacy Position by **COB Friday, 1 May 2026**. Feedback can be provided to environment@walga.asn.au.

Following consideration of this feedback a final draft advocacy position will be developed and provided to Zones and State Council for consideration, expected to be in July 2026.

Noted

7.3.8 Draft Renewable Energy Planning Code

By Kieran McGovern, WALGA Senior Policy Advisor, Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA Advocacy Position 6.17 Renewable Energy Facilities calls for changes to the renewable energy State planning framework to ensure it is fit for purpose to guide the ongoing development of the sector.
- The State Government has released a draft Renewable Energy Planning Code and Guidelines with the aim of establishing a consistent assessment framework, clear development standards, and improved certainty around impacts such as noise, landscape, environmental considerations, and safety.
- The Code initially focuses on wind farms but is designed to expand to other renewable technologies, requiring detailed technical reporting and encouraging (but not regulating) community benefit-sharing agreements.
- Proposed regulatory amendments would align local planning schemes with the Code and classify renewable energy projects valued at \$20 million or more as mandatory significant development, shifting decision-making authority to the WAPC.
- WALGA strongly encourages consideration of the draft Code by Zones. Local Governments should make their own submissions on the draft Code by 10 April 2026 and provide feedback to WALGA to inform our submission on behalf of the sector by 27 February 2026. Council endorsed submissions are preferred.

ATTACHMENT

- [Draft Renewable Energy Planning Code and Guidelines](#)
- [Information Sheet – Proposed Amendments to Local Planning Scheme Regulations](#)
- [Information Sheet – Proposed Amendments to Significant Development Regulations](#)
- [WALGA summary of the draft Renewable Energy Planning Code](#)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

WALGA's proposed advocacy approach is consistent with WALGA [Advocacy Positions](#):

- 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform
- 6.4 State Development Applications and Decision Making
- 6.16 Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework
- 6.17 Renewable Energy Facilities
- 6.18 Priority Agriculture.

BACKGROUND

The growth in the number, size, and complexity of renewable energy facilities across Western Australia is expected to continue as energy generation and other traditional industries decarbonise their facilities and operations. As a result, the placement and management of renewable energy facilities have become contentious issues in local communities across Western Australia.

In September 2024, WALGA's State Council endorsed three advocacy positions to address concerns related to renewable energy. Advocacy Position 6.17 Renewable Energy Facilities noted that the existing Western Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities was inadequate to address these concerns, leading to inconsistent application and approvals of renewable energy facilities across the State.

The advocacy position calls for the existing Position Statement: Renewable Energy Facilities to be elevated to a State planning policy, to provide the highest level of planning policy control and ensure the state planning framework is fit for purpose to guide the ongoing development of the sector.

On 12 December 2025, the State Government released a draft Renewable Energy Planning Code (the Code) and associated Guidelines for public consultation. The Code has been prepared to provide guidance to industry, Local Government and communities by:

- introducing a consistent development assessment framework for renewable energy infrastructure across Western Australia.
- establishing clear development standards and application requirements.
- addresses potential land use and environmental impacts, such as noise and landscape considerations.

The initial focus of the Code is on wind farms, with flexibility to expand to other renewable energy developments, including solar farms and battery energy storage systems.

The draft Code covers key planning issues such as safety, noise, shadow flicker, landscape and visual impact, natural environment, natural hazards, aviation safety, electromagnetic interference, transport, construction, and decommissioning.

Under the proposed Code, development applications must include detailed technical reports, whilst community benefit-sharing agreements are encouraged, these agreements sit outside of the planning system.

To enable implementation of the Code, regulatory amendments are proposed to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* to support incorporation of the Code into local planning schemes through Model Provisions, introduce standard land-use definitions that will apply to all local planning schemes and guide assessment of new noise-sensitive development near existing or approved wind farms.

There are also proposed reforms to the *Planning and Development (Significant Development) Regulations 2024*, which will classify renewable energy development applications valued at \$20 million or more as mandatory significant development. These projects will be assessed and determined by the WAPC under the State Significant Development Pathway (under Part 11B of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*), and Local Governments role will be to provide commentary to the development application, but final decision-making authority will rest with the WAPC.

Consultation on the draft Code and Guidelines closes 10 April 2026.

COMMENT

WALGA's has advocated for changes to the renewable energy State planning framework to ensure orderly and proper planning of renewable energy facilities and therefore welcomes the release of the draft Renewable Energy Planning Code and Guidelines by the State Government for public comment. This draft Code represents a significant step toward establishing a consistent planning framework to guide the ongoing development of renewable energy facilities across WA – providing important clarity and guidance to WA Local Governments.

The proposed amendments to classify renewable energy projects over \$20 million as 'mandatory significant development' that must be determined by WAPC does not align with WALGA's Advocacy Position 6.4 State Development Applications and Decision Making, as it has the potential to erode Local Government decision making powers and community input. WALGA's position is that Part 11B should be abolished, or, if it is retained, the cost threshold should be raised to \$50 million.

WALGA considers it is essential that the requirement for community benefits be mandated. There are several options that should be examined as potential mechanisms to mandate community benefit-sharing agreements, including (but not limited to) amendments to existing planning or energy legislation or new, standalone legislation.

There is also a lack of guidance regarding appropriate land uses in particular zones, specifically protecting rural land for agricultural purposes, instead stating that wind farms are generally compatible with agricultural land uses. WALGA's position is that regulatory amendments are required to create a model zone through the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for land identified as high quality agricultural land (noting most of this land is located in the South West region) known as the 'Priority Agriculture'.

WALGA held two online information sessions on the Code alongside the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on 5 and 9 February 2026 for Local Government officers and Elected Members respectively.

WALGA will prepare a submission to the State on behalf of the sector to ensure the draft Code delivers positive outcomes for Member Local Governments, communities and industry.

WALGA strongly encourages consideration of the draft Code by Zones. Local Governments should make their own submissions on the draft Code by 10 April 2026 and **provide feedback to WALGA to inform our submission on behalf of the sector by 27 February 2026**. Council endorsed submissions are preferred.

Submissions to WALGA via – planning@walga.asn.au

WALGA's submission will be provided to State Council by flying agenda to meet the submission deadline.

Noted

7.3.9 Elections Reform – WALGA Discussion Paper

By Lyn Fogg, Zone Executive Officer

The meeting was advised, WALGA had distributed to Mayors / Presidents and CEOs a Discussion Paper on the State Government's proposed Electoral Reform proposals:

- Four-year election cycle, full spill of all Council Member offices
- Compulsory voting.

Local Governments are encouraged to provide Council endorsed feedback to WALGA by 27 March 2026.

Feedback will inform a proposed sector wide advocacy position that will be provided for Zone review via the April State Council Agenda.

Noted

8 WALGA STATE COUNCIL BUSINESS

8.1 ZONE STATE COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Cr Scott Crosby, Zone State Councillor

Nil

8.2 STATE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

9 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which has been provided as an attachment with this Agenda and can be found via the link [here](#).

The Zone can provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation on any of the items, including the items for noting. The Zone comment will then be presented to the State Council for consideration at their meeting.

The State Council Agenda items requiring a decision of State Council are extracted for Zone consideration below.

9.1.1 Aviation Advocacy Positions

By Negar Nili, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Two new Advocacy Positions are proposed to strengthen WALGA's aviation advocacy framework and to inform WALGA's response to future inquiries and/or consultation relating to aviation.
- The aim of the new positions is to provide clearer and more contemporary guidance on:
 - the sustainability and ongoing viability of Local Government-owned regional airports; and
 - the affordability, reliability and accessibility of regional and remote air services for Western Australian communities.
- The proposed positions will assist WALGA to advocate more effectively on behalf of its Members by:

- clearly articulating the essential service role of aviation in regional, rural and remote Western Australia;
- strengthening WALGA's capacity to engage with State and Commonwealth governments on aviation policy and funding; and
- supporting Local Governments facing regulatory, financial and service-delivery challenges associated with regional aviation.
- The development of the proposed Advocacy Positions has been informed by engagement with a sample of Local Governments, which highlighted shared concerns regarding high regional airfares, service reliability, capacity constraints and the role of aviation in supporting health access, emergency response and regional economic development.
- WALGA currently has two existing aviation Advocacy Positions; however, feedback from Local Governments clarified that the inclusion of additional, targeted policy positions is essential to better reflect contemporary challenges and to strengthen support for Councils.
- The proposed positions build on existing WALGA policy and provide a stronger basis for:
 - sector advocacy;
 - engagement with State Council and Zones to seek feedback; and
 - informing WALGA's potential submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Regional Airfares.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The current [WALGA Advocacy Positions](#) relating to Aviation are positions 5.9 Aviation and 5.9.1 Airfare Pricing in Regional Western Australia. The proposed new positions would be in addition to these existing positions.

5.9 Aviation

Position Statement *The Local Government sector supports the Department of Transport's State Aviation Strategy 2020, with more focus required on non-RPT airports to ensure it is representative of all of WA, more focus on general aviation development across WA and noting that the preferred ownership and governance of Local Governments is Council Controlled Organisations. The Local Government sector advocates for a clear position on the economic benefit of airports in regional areas to be included in the future state wide Airports State Planning Policy.*

5.9.1. Airfare Pricing in Regional Western Australia

Position Statement *The Local Government sector supports:*

1. *An evidence-based assessment commissioned by the State Government to determine the degree to which market structure and other factors influence the cost of providing air services on each route, the pricing structure offered and the actual prices paid.*
2. *The State Government providing oversight of airfares ensuring transparency, encouraging partnerships between Local Governments and airline carriers to grow the market and the provision of subsidies in some situations.*

BACKGROUND

Aviation plays a critical role in Western Australia, particularly for regional, rural, and remote communities, by providing essential connectivity for access to healthcare, education, employment, and social engagement. Reliable and affordable air services are also vital to regional economic development, workforce mobility, and community resilience, especially where alternative transport options are limited.

WALGA's advocacy on aviation is underpinned by its existing policy framework, which emphasises the need for safe, reliable, and cost-effective air services across regional and remote Western Australia. These policies highlight the critical role of aviation in enabling regional connectivity, supporting service delivery, and contributing to economic development, while recognising the operational and regulatory responsibilities faced by Local Government-managed airports.

WALGA has also contributed to State-level policy development including the State Aviation Strategy 2020. This strategy supports key initiatives including regulating certain routes to support a sustainable service, the Regional Airfare Zone Cap, Regional Airports Development Scheme and regulation of closed charters in some situations. It is anticipated that the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure will review and refresh the State Aviation Strategy in 2026-27.

At the national level, WALGA engaged in consultation processes leading to the Green and White Papers on Regional Transport and Aviation, representing Local Government perspectives and regional needs.

Two recently initiated inquiries – the Productivity Commission Inquiry into the determinants of regional airfares and the Senate (Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee) Inquiry into the State of Australia's Aviation Sector and its ability to deliver reliable and affordable services to rural, regional and remote communities – provide important opportunities to review and improve policies supporting regional aviation. Both inquiries have overlapping focus areas, including affordability, government intervention, and impacts on regional communities.

To inform its responses to both inquiries, WALGA has engaged with a sample of Local Governments to understand their experiences, challenges, and priorities for regional air services. This engagement has clarified the needs of Local Governments and communities, forming the basis for developing two proposed new Advocacy Positions to support Members and advocate for improved connectivity, affordability, and service sustainability across regional Western Australia.

NEW ADVOCACY POSITIONS

Regional Airports

Position Statement *WALGA supports the sustainable operation of Local Government owned regional airports and advocates for proportionate regulatory frameworks, targeted funding, and operational guidance to ensure safe, efficient, and resilient airport infrastructure and services.*

Background Regional airports are vital for connectivity, economic development, tourism, health access, and emergency response in Western Australia. Local Governments operating regional airports face increasing regulatory and operational pressures, including aviation security requirements, compliance obligations, ageing infrastructure, and limited staffing capacity. Many Council-owned airports cover day-to-day operating costs but lack sufficient capital to fund major infrastructure renewal or security upgrades. Airports that support both community access and FIFO activity can face additional funding constraints despite their ongoing role in servicing regional communities. These challenges highlight the need for regulatory settings and funding arrangements that

reflect airport scale, risk profile, and regional operating conditions.

Regional and Remote Air Services

Position Statement *WALGA advocates for reliable, affordable, and equitable regional air services, calling for greater oversight of airline pricing practices, including transparent fare structures and equitable access to discounted and lower-cost fares, to mitigate the impacts of limited competition and dynamic pricing on regional residents, businesses, and essential travel. WALGA also promotes the continued viability of essential routes and recognises regional aviation as an essential service supporting community access, workforce mobility, and regional economic development.*

Background Regional communities rely on air services for essential travel, including access to health care, employment, education, and family connections, particularly where alternative transport options are limited. High airfares, limited availability of lower-cost seats, and opaque pricing structures reduce affordability for residents and businesses, even in markets with more than one airline. Regional air services are also vulnerable to sudden service reductions or route withdrawals, which can isolate communities and disrupt economic and social activity. These challenges underscore the importance of policy settings that support affordability, service continuity, and equitable access.

COMMENT

Engagement with a sample of Local Governments operating airports with Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) services highlighted operational, financial, and service delivery issues affecting both Council-owned airports and regional air services.

Key matters raised by Councils include:

- Airline pricing and equitable access: Complex, opaque, and highly variable fare structures; limited availability of lower-cost seats; competition does not always deliver affordable or equitable outcomes.
- Aviation security requirements: Standards designed for larger airports impose significant operational and financial burdens, with outdated equipment, regulatory ambiguities, and high upgrade costs creating compliance challenges.
- Funding and resource constraints: Many Councils operate airports with limited staff and capital; while day-to-day operating costs may be covered, major infrastructure renewal or expansion and security upgrades are often unfunded.
- Service continuity and reliability: Regional air services are fragile, with sudden route reductions or withdrawals impacting essential travel, community connectivity, and local economies.
- Coordination across governments and industry: Fragmented policy, regulatory, and funding arrangements limit Local Governments' ability to respond quickly to changes, highlighting the need for improved collaboration.
- Regional aviation as an essential service: Airports and air services underpin health access, emergency response, tourism, economic development, and social cohesion, demonstrating their broader value beyond transport alone.

Based on these issues and priorities identified through Local Government engagement, WALGA has developed the two proposed Advocacy Positions above on aviation – one focusing on regional airports and the other on regional and remote air services – to address the challenges of affordability, accessibility, operational sustainability, and service continuity for regional communities.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse two new Advocacy Positions on Aviation as follows:

1. **Regional Airports**
WALGA supports the sustainable operation of Local Government owned regional airports and advocates for proportionate regulatory frameworks, targeted funding, and operational guidance to ensure safe, efficient, and resilient airport infrastructure and services.
2. **Regional and Remote Air Services**
WALGA advocates for reliable, affordable, and equitable regional air services, calling for greater oversight of airline pricing practices, including transparent fare structures and equitable access to discounted and lower-cost fares, to mitigate the impacts of limited competition and dynamic pricing on regional residents, businesses, and essential travel. WALGA also promotes the continued viability of essential routes and recognises regional aviation as an essential service supporting community access, workforce mobility, and regional economic development.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Len Handasyde

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Terry

That the Great Southern Country Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 9.1 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

9.2 OTHER STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Zone Delegates are invited to raise for discussion, questions or decision any of the items in the State Council Agenda, including the items for noting, Policy Team and Committee Reports or the Key Activity Reports.

9.2.1 WALGA State President's Report

Attachment No. 4 [WALGA State President's Report](#)

Noted

10 EMERGING ISSUES/COLLABORATION

Nil

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Shire of Plantagenet

Standalone module grid power stations – According to the EPA, Western Power will be installing upwards of 1,000 modular grid units around the State. The Shire of Plantagenet has up to 12 units installed and raised significant concerns about bush fire risk mitigation and safety measures - Western Power not sufficiently resourcing adequate maintenance / mitigation works. The Shire noted there had been insufficient community engagement by Western Power. The Shire will bring an item to the next Zone meeting on this topic.

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup noted similar concerns with Western Power inspections, namely flagging overgrown vegetation.

Shire of Cranbrook

Forest Product Commission (FPC) rate exemption – The Shire of Cranbrook advised a significant change to the operations of the FPC through expansion of land holdings and claiming rate exemption status that FPC has not previously claimed, impacting rate revenue.

The Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils met with the Minister on this issue, highlighting the following points.

- The cessation of rates was from this Financial Year; this money has been diverted to the WA Treasury, not to Local Governments. The Alliance is seeking \$350,000 in reimbursements.
- This coming budget will be affected by this rate gap. Medical and community services are likely the first things to be cut.
- Noted FPC has expended 1/3rd of its budget for acquisition of additional land for FPC purposes, which will escalate rate revenue loss to LGs and loss of prime agricultural land.
- A request has been sent to the FPC to better understand their long-term strategy, as the strategy to purchase land may be adversely affecting the ability of farmers to compete with the State Government to purchase land.

The Shire of Cranbrook will provide an item to the next Zone meeting, to seek a resolution for WALGA advocacy on this matter.

12 NEXT ZONE MEETING

The next meeting of the Great Southern Country Zone will be held on Friday, 24 April 2026 at the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup commencing at 10:00am.

13 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:55am.

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Department of Local Government,
Industry Regulation and Safety

Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

Local Government Division Report

February 2026

Local Government Reforms

Local Government Inspector

- The Office of the Local Government Inspector (the Inspector) formally commenced operations from 1 January 2026.
- The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) has made regulations to support the functions and role of the Inspector.
- Parts 8A and 8B introduced by the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* have been proclaimed to enable these regulations to take effect from 1 January 2026.
- The Local Government Inspector (Mr Tony Brown) has new powers to investigate and intervene to ensure compliance, focussing on early intervention so issues are identified and resolved before they escalate.
- The Inspector regulations deal with:
 - new requirements for complaints handling;
 - the appointment of monitors;
 - powers of authorised officers of the Inspector; and
 - offences under the *Local Government Act 1995* that may be infringeable.
- A number of consequential amendments have also been made to other regulations as a result of these changes.
- The Regulations Working Group (RWG) provided valuable feedback in the development of these regulations that support the operational requirements of the Inspector.
- LGIRS is developing a guide to assist local governments with understanding these changes and their compliance obligations.
- For further information visit the Department's website – [Inspector Regulations](#).

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees (ARIC)

- LGIRS has made regulations to support the implementation of new requirements for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees (ARICs).
- The RWG provided valuable feedback on draft consultation regulations.
- Section 87 of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024 (WA)* has been commenced; local governments are now required to establish a committee of council to be the ARIC.
- The ARIC must have an independent chair and a deputy to the chair, to ensure a level of independence and provide impartial oversight.
- The functions of an ARIC include:
 - the review of reports related to compliance audits and systems reviews;
 - making recommendations to council on improvements where applicable;

- the review of actions a local government has taken to improve the effectiveness of its operations in accordance with its compliance obligations.

For further information, visit the Department's website – [Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees](#).

Other Reforms

- LGIRS will continue to work on developing regulations to implement other reform projects over the course of 2026, including regulations dealing with:
 - Communications Agreements;
 - Online Registers;
 - Standardised Meeting Procedures
 - Council Plans (IPR); and
 - Rates and Revenue Policy.

Reform updates

- LGIRS conducted a webinar on 17 December 2025 to explain the changes related to the commencement of the Inspector and the new requirements for ARICs.
- The webinar is available on the LGIRs website and contains an update on the status of other local government reforms – [Webinar 15:17 December 2025](#).
- The Regulations Working Group (RWG) will continue to assist with providing feedback on the various regulations reform projects.
- The IPR Working Group will continue to assist with developing regulations and supporting materials for council plans.
- Further updates on the status of local government reforms will be made ahead of implementation.
- The LG Act Reform team can be emailed directly at actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au.

Model Financial Statements (MFS)

- The sector was invited to provide feedback on the 2024-25 model financial statements and guidance materials by Friday, 6 February 2026.
- Any feedback received will be considered for the 2025-26 revisions, due for release in April 2026.

Non-Financial Asset Valuation Guidelines

- The Non-Financial Asset Valuation Guidelines have been developed and are expected to be published imminently.
- Broad communication is planned to notify the sector of their availability, including directly with WALGA.

Local Government Grants Commission

Financial Assistance Grants funding

- The total funding allocation to WA local governments for 2025-26 is \$423,375,700 (consisting of \$261,451,711 in general purpose funding and \$161,923,989 in local road funding and special projects) compared to \$400,140,692 in 2024-25. This total includes

the advance payment provided in June 2025 to local governments.

- Local governments received their first and second quarterly payments of remaining 2025-26 funds in August and November 2025. Further payments will be made in mid-February and mid-May. The grant schedule is available on the Grants Commission website.
- The Grants Commission Information Return to collect 2024-25 financial data was sent to all local governments in November 2025 and made available on the Grants Commission website. Local governments were asked to complete the document and return it by email before 31 January 2025. If your local government is yet to submit its return, please contact the Grants Commission staff to arrange an extension.
- If local governments have any other questions regarding their grant allocation, the methodology or wish to make a submission regarding the process of allocation finds, they can be directed to grants_commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au

Local Government Advisory Board

- While it is still some time away, local governments are reminded that ward and representation changes and district boundary adjustments, must be received by 31 January 2027 if they want to ensure changes are in place for 2027 local government elections.
- It is important local governments factor in if there is a need for public consultation (which needs to occur prior to submission) when considering a proposal to the Board.
- The Board kindly requests that local governments provide proposals as early as possible to allow sufficient time for implementation.
- Documents outlining the requirements and processes are available on the Advisory Board's website, or alternatively you can email advisoryboard@lgirs.wa.gov.au for guidance.

Stop Puppy Farming

- Regulations were published on 27 November 2024 for the pet shop and dog supply approval reforms.
- On 26 May 2025, only pet shops that hold a pet shop approval can sell dogs and puppies that are sourced from holders of a dog supply approval.
- Further regulation changes are being developed in relation to implementing the Stop Puppy Farming reforms.
- Queries can be directed to the team at stoppuppyfarming@lgirs.wa.gov.au.

PetsWA

- The PetsWA project is in a reset phase and LGIRS is evaluating what has been delivered to date.
- LGIRS values the sector's contribution and would appreciate the opportunity to engage further as we chart our path forward.
- Local governments will need to continue existing pet registration programs and engagement with pet owners for annual registration and renewal processes.

Cat Containment

- Work is underway to progress the necessary cat containment amendments, with a Bill anticipated to be introduced into Parliament in 2026.
- Consultation on a draft Cat Containment Bill was undertaken in January 2026 with key stakeholders.
- LGIRS is scoping the cat act review, which will commence soon.

2025 Local Government Election Commitments

- The State Government has invested \$17 million in the local government portfolio across 135 community and infrastructure projects and programs through the 2025 election commitment program.
- Over 70 of these are for local governments. LGIRS is continuing to work with local governments on the drafting and execution of the financial assistance agreements, with over \$1 million in funds disbursed to date.

LGIRS Contacts

LG Support and Engagement Includes MyCouncil queries	lghotline@lgirs.wa.gov.au
Statutory Approvals (Differential rates, budget and audit extensions)	legislation@lgirs.wa.gov.au
LG Policy and Legislation	LGpolicy@lgirs.wa.gov.au
Stop Puppy Farming	stoppuppyfarming@lgirs.wa.gov.au
Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants	Grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au
LG accounting or financial enquiries	LG.accounting@lgirs.wa.gov.au
LG Act Reform	actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au
LG Advisory Board	advisoryboard@lgirs.wa.gov.au
Off-Road Vehicles	orv@lgirs.wa.gov.au

ATTACHMENT 3

Attachment 2: Zone Status Report – February 2026

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Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 8.3.3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 – Review	That the WALGA State Council advocate for the State Government to comprehensively review the <i>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960</i> to achieve at least, the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. broaden the Act's scope and establish contemporary provisions addressing all modern interfaces between landowners, local governments and the public, 2. establish penalties to create a meaningful disincentive for landowner non-compliance with provisions of the Act, and 3. enable a local government to impose penalties against livestock owners who consistently allow their livestock to stray and create a nuisance, without the need to first create a local law or initiate a prosecution. 	This item will be referred to the Governance Policy Team for consideration. The Zone will be informed of the outcome.	February 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager Member Services kmartin@walga.asn.au 9213 2051
21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 8.3.4 Work Health and Safety Act 2020 – Statutory Review	That WALGA State Council advocate for the introduction of relevant amendments to the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2020</i> so that Bush Fire Brigade volunteers are not deemed as a Local Government "Worker" (as defined in the WHS Act).	<p>The WALGA submission to the Statutory Review of the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2020</i> was submitted to WorkSafe on 12 December 2025.</p> <p>The draft submission was endorsed by the Governance and People and Place Policy Teams at a joint meeting on 1 December 2025.</p> <p>The draft submission was endorsed by State Council by Flying Minute on 10 December 2025, RESOLUTION 256.FM/2025.</p> <p>The submission was submitted to WorkSafe on 12 December 2025.</p> <p>The comments provided by Great Southern VROC were considered in the final submission, however, as the majority of members endorsed the Submission, the recommendation proposed to remove bush fire brigade volunteers from the definition of "worker" under the Act was not adopted.</p> <p>WALGA does not have an advocacy position on amending the WHS Act 2020 to exclude Bush Fire Brigade volunteers from being considered Local Government "workers" under the Act. This would have implications for bushfire protections provided through LGIS and for the over 18,000 Local Government BFB volunteers across the State.</p>	February 2026	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039

ATTACHMENT 3

5 March 2025 State Council Agenda Item 8.1 Climate Change Advocacy Position	The Zone's motion to support the recommendation was defeated and the following comment was noted: <i>The majority of Zone Delegates noted their Local Governments did not have adopted positions on climate change and those delegates considered they did not have a basis by which they could support the proposed WALGA advocacy position.</i>	WA WALGA has been working on an updated Draft Advocacy Position for consideration by Local Government. The Draft Advocacy Position, and accompanying Background Paper, will be released for a 12-week period to provide feedback. COMPLETE	February 2026	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039
3 December 2025 State Council Agenda Item 8.2 2026 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members	That the Great Southern Country Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.2 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above <u>and request WALGA emphasise inequity in regional and remote allowances in its final submission.</u>	SECRETARIAT COMMENT WALGA recognises that there is a perception amongst Members that the Regional/Isolation Allowance is applied inconsistently between Councils, creating confusion and uncertainty in the Local Government sector. The rationale for boundaries between eligible and ineligible Local Governments is unclear, as is the amount of the Allowance for neighbouring or otherwise very similar Local Governments. This has been emphasised in previous WALGA submissions, but can also be included in this submission. This would go towards supporting WALGA's calls for a full review of the Allowance. State Council Resolution That State Council endorse the submission to the 2026 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members, with the following additions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A new recommendation that the Regional/Isolation Allowance be reviewed in full, noting that the application of the Allowance is inequal and inconsistent.2. A new recommendation that an appropriate fee be set for the deputy to the presiding member of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees to attend meetings.3. A new recommendation that the travel costs incurred while driving a privately owned or leased vehicle be calculated at the same rate contained in the <i>Public Service Award 1992</i> to bring it in parity with the public sector.4. The percentage values in recommendations 1 and 2 of the submission be amended from 3% to 4%.5. Include a work-value argument regarding Elected Member remuneration to strengthen the case for an increase to Elected Member fees and allowances and to refer the request to reclassify Elected Members as not volunteers to the relevant Policy Team. RESOLUTION 073.5/2025 CARRIED	February 2026	Rachel Horton, Executive Manager Advocacy rhorton@walga.asn.au 9213 2038

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Great Southern Country Zone – ACTION ITEMS				
ZONE MEETING DATE / ITEM	ZONE RESOLUTION	ZONE RESPONSE	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
2025, 11 April Item 7.2.1 Zone Strategic Priorities	<p>The Great Southern Country Zone:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advocates for the Minister for Great Southern to attend meetings of the Zone and if the Minister agrees to attend, then at the first meeting attended the Zone Secretariat is to coordinate with Zone members a presentation at that meeting on the Zone's Strategic Priorities for discussion with the Minister. Writes to responsible Ministers advocating for the Zone's Strategic Priorities. <p>NOTE: Secretariate to send GSCZ's Regional Education submission to the Minister for Education.</p>	<p>Action deferred until after Minister attends June Zone meeting.</p> <p>August 2025: Minister's office has remained in contact with the WALGA Secretariat and has been advised of the Zone's 2025 meeting schedule. The Secretariat will advise the Minister's office of the 2026 meeting schedule, once determined by the Zone.</p> <p>November 2026: Minister Whitby's office has advised that he will attend the June, August and November Zone meetings for 2026.</p>	Ongoing	Lyn Fogg, Zone Executive Officer

Attachment 4: WALGA President's Report – February 2026

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President's Report

March 2026

Introduction

As I put pen to paper for my last report as WALGA President, I pause and reflect on what has been an exhaustive but incredibly rewarding four years in the role. It is an extraordinary privilege to represent the State's 139 Local Governments and one that I have never taken for granted. In preparing these reports, I have often reflected that they never adequately capture the scope and relentless nature of the role. However, the work has never bothered me given the opportunity to leverage outcomes that benefit our entire State – something that I have relished so much.

I'd like to thank every one of the Elected Members and Officers that I have engaged with – not just as your President but as WALGA Deputy President and State Councillor. You do amazing work, often under trying conditions and with very little recognition of your efforts. Know that I see this and appreciate everything you do. I will continue to champion Local Government and the importance of what you do well after I step away from this role. Local Government is often derided and the target of critics. For those of us who live and love the institution of Local Government, we know the importance of what we do, as do our communities. I look forward to seeing the sector continue to thrive as we face new and exciting challenges together.

Political Engagement

WALGA's political engagement activities have moderated in the past two months as Parliament rose for the year, with efforts focused on reviewing and refining the Association's strategic approach for 2026.

Since the last State Council meeting, WALGA has met with Hon Julie Freeman MLC to discuss key sector issues relevant to her portfolios of Road Safety and Arts and Culture.

Further meetings have been held with Hon Merredith Hammat MLA, Minister for Health and Mental Health, and Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing and Works; and Health Infrastructure.

In response to the current political environment, WALGA has refreshed its political engagement strategies for 2026, prioritising the maintenance of strong relationships with key Ministers while also strengthening engagement with influential backbenchers and Opposition spokespeople.

A key priority for the first quarter of 2026 is to brief decision-makers on WALGA's State Budget Submission.

Federal Budget Submission

The Federal Assistant Treasurer has recently invited submissions for the 2026–27 Budget. Each year, ALGA prepares a national submission on behalf of the Local Government sector. WALGA has provided a complementary submission seeking commitments to address several priority issues of particular importance to Western Australian Local Governments, including:

- Additional ongoing, formula-based targeted funding streams for Local Governments to provide certainty and enable effective planning for community needs
- A Commonwealth funding contribution to match the Western Australian Government commitment to apply proven road safety countermeasures on 1,474km of regional roads, representing the prioritised sections of the proposed Regional Road Safety Program.
- A dedicated Coastal Hazard Adaptation program to support Local Governments in managing coastal risks.
- Funding support to address the gaps in the Long-Term Cycle Network
- Dedicated mitigation and resilience funding for councils across Australia build their capacity and capability to respond to emergencies in our communities.
- Support for rural and remote Local Governments in Western Australia to offset the costs of providing essential primary healthcare services until long-term funding and workforce solutions are established.

WALGA's submission has been provided to all WA Members of Federal Parliament to highlight these priority initiatives.

Media Engagement

As the authoritative voice for Western Australian Local Government, WALGA continues to engage proactively with the media to advocate on behalf of our Members to drive better outcomes for Local Governments and their communities.

Since the last report, I have undertaken a number of media interviews to promote WALGA's 2026-27 State Budget Submission. This has included an interview with ABC Radio's Geraldine Mellet on the Mornings Program highlighting WALGA's Emergency Management funding requests and 6PR's Russell Collett about important measures to boost and protect WA's tree canopy.

WALGA commentary has been featured in The Sunday Times on several occasions including calls for funding to grow WA's tree canopy and stop the spread of the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer, calls for an independent organisation to undertake a broad review of rating exemptions, and the important measures required to assist Local Governments deliver more active transport infrastructure, interventions, and supporting initiatives around schools.

Urban Greening Strategy

Following sustained WALGA advocacy it was pleasing that the State Government has finally released the long awaited Urban Greening Strategy for Perth and Peel. While the Strategy does not deliver on all of WALGA's priorities – notably effective measures to reduce tree loss on private land – it does align with WALGA's 30% by 2040 target. Much more will be required to reach this target and WALGA has been clear on the sector's continued commitment to increasing tree canopy in urban areas across the State.

WALGA Training

The 2026 WALGA Training Calendar is now available on the WALGA website, offering a comprehensive range of professional development opportunities for Elected Members and officers across the sector.

I particularly encourage Members to engage with the Council Member Essentials (CME) program, which all newly elected members are required to undertake in the first 12 months of being elected. For the first time since the training was introduced, those who were re-elected last year may also be required to complete the CME unless one of the exemptions in the Regulations applies.

The legislative amendments that came into effect on 1 January 2026 introduced a new requirement for Elected Members to provide a declaration to the CEO that they have either passed the CME assessments or were exempt from the requirement to do so within one month of the completion deadline. The CEO must now also notify the Local Government Inspector if an Elected Member fails to do so.

In closing

It is with both a sense of pride and a tinge of sadness that I sign off this report as my final one as your President. I am proud that I leave WALGA in a position where it is respected and valued by its members and stakeholders. This has been achieved by the outstanding leadership of our CEO, Nick Sloan, and the commitment of every single member of the WALGA team who endeavour at all times to support our members. The WALGA team truly is amazing.

I will never forget what a privilege it has been to serve you, and I will treasure the memories.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Deputy President, Paul Kelly for his unwavering support and to Nick Sloan for not only supporting me, but for his friendship.

For every kind word, smile and handshake offered to me during my tenure, I thank you, it has been welcomed and very much appreciated.



President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP
WALGA President

President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 3 December 2025 and scheduled before 4 March 2026 are as follows:

State and Commonwealth Government Relations

- National Emergency Management Ministers Meeting
- Hon Paul Papalia MLA, Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services'; Defence Industries; Veterans; Racing and Gaming
- Australian Government Black Spot – WA Consultative Panel Meeting
- Hon Meredith Hammat MLA, Minister for Health, Mental Health

Zone Meetings

- Northern Country Zone
- Kimberley Zone
- North Metropolitan Zone
- East Metropolitan Zone
- South West Country Zone

Local Government Relations

- **State Council Meetings**
 - State Council Meeting, 3 December
 - Strategic Forum, 3 December
 - Corporate Governance Charter Workshop
 - State Council Information Forum, 4 February
 - Local Government House Trust
 - Finance and Services Committee
- **ALGA**
 - Board meeting, 11 September
 - Board Strategic Planning Sessions, 11-12 February
- **LGIS**
 - Internal Audit Workshop
 - JLT Management Committee Meeting
 - Risk and Compliance Meeting
 - Board Meeting, 30 January
- The Role of Mayors and Presidents
- WALGA Wrap 2025
- Shire of Augusta Margaret River, President Julia Jean Rice and CEO, Andrea Selvey
- Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting
- City of Joondalup Mayor Daniel Kingston and CEO, James Pearson
- A WALGA Cheers
- WALGA Certificate 3 Virtual Graduation

GREAT SOUTHERN SPORT AND RECREATION GROUP MINUTES

Thursday 26th February 2026

Kojonup Sporting Complex

Meeting opened: 10:50am **Chairperson:** Cr Kerryn Mickle**Attendance:**

Attendee:	Organisation:	Attendee:	Organisation:
Cr Kate Johnston	Shire of Kent	Warren Sheard	Shire of Plantagenet
Cr Peter Callaghan	Shire of Gnowangerup	Nicole Selesnew	Shire of Plantagenet
Rob Westerberg	Shire of Denmark	Penny Wells	Shire of Gnowangerup
Laura Middleton	Shire of Denmark	Stacey Smith	Shire of Kojonup
Jenny Cristenelli	Shire of Cranbrook	Cr Connie Witham	Shire of Broomehill Tambellup
Judith Want	City of Albany	Pam Hul	Shire of Broomehill Tambellup
Kirsty Flugge	Shire of Katanning	Cr Ian Garstone	Shire of Woodanilling
Stuart Drummond	Shire of Gnowangerup	Anthony Middleton	Shire of Plantagenet
Mel Eastough	CITS	Charmaine Wisewould	Shire of Jerramungup
Cr Paul Totino	Shire of Katanning	Kylie Severin	CITS
Cr Ian Clarke	City of Albany	Cr Kerryn Mickle	Shire of Kojonup
Julia Scriven	CITS	Cr Cherilyne Michael	Shire of Kojonup
Cr Kim Tyrer	Shire of Plantagenet	Boyd Rae	Active Farmers
Mitch Green	City of Albany	Simon Barras	City of Albany
Apologies			
Cr Craig Dewar	Shire of Broomehill Tambellup	David Nicholson	Shire of Gnowangerup
Grant Thompson	Shire of Kojonup	Charmaine Wisewould	Shire of Jerramungup
Cr Lauren Lehman	Shire of Cranbrook	Martin Cuthbert	Shire of Jerramungup
Christie Smith	Shire of Kent	Cr Neil Foreman	Shire of Jerramungup

1. Introductions

Round table introductions

Previous Minutes: Accepted as true and accurate.**2. Presentation – Active Farmers****Presenter:** Boyd Rae**Overview:** Addressing a regional need through active recreation in the Great Southern**5. Local Government project tracking**

- See attached
- Shire of Kent
- City of Albany
 - o Tennis Centre Stage 2 – progressing; RFQ issued for lighting.
 - o Albany Golf Club reticulation project – completed.
 - o Centennial Park Oval B – LED upgrade; Focus WA consultant audit completed.
 - o Sport & Recreation Strategy – draft report in design phase; high-level strategic priorities identified.
 - o Albany Whaling Station Dual-Use Trail – concept plan to extend trail from Albany to the Whaling Station.
 - o Heritage Trail – underway, expected to open mid-late 2026.
- Shire of Katanning
 - o Country Club Tennis Courts – completed, with significant contribution from local businesses.
 - o Club Development – ongoing.
 - o 24/7 Gym – in planning phase.

- Upgrade to top oval facilities – two ablution blocks purchased.
- Harmony Festival – whole-of-community celebration.
- Winter/Summer sport transition – busy period.
- Shire of Gnowangerup
 - Cricket nets – completed.
 - Wild Gravel event – Tourism WA funding secured; awaiting CITS events funding.
 - Expanding events including “Untamed” night event.
 - Opportunities for surrounding towns to participate and benefit.
 - Youth precinct – progressing.
 - Youth Development Officer – engaged to support youth not currently involved in organised sports.
- Shire of Denmark
 - Berridge Park – design and construct awarded to Convict; stakeholder consultation with skate and arts communities. Construction stage – expected to commence in August.
 - Turner Road – awaiting outcome of clearing permit.
 - Surf Club precinct – completed; disability access pending.
 - Peaceful Bay – outdoor gym installation
 - Future-proofing – ongoing work on green space and court space needs.
- Shire of Plantagenet
 - Wilson Park precinct – currently out to tender.
 - Swimming pool redevelopment – detailed design phase; preparing tender for construction.
 - Frost Park / Sounness Park Master Plan – nearing completion.
- Shire of Woodanilling
 - Centenary Park – new play equipment installed.
 - Bloom Festival – Woodanilling hosting the festival opening.
- Shire of Broomehill Tambellup
 - Youth facilities – quotes for building works obtained.
 - Tambellup lighting – quotes received; costs currently prohibitive.
 - Tambellup tennis lighting – progressing.
 - Trails – interpretation drafts prepared; May Carter engaged to complete work.
 - Ten-year footpath plan – includes integration of trails.
 - Water supply – dams nearly dry in Broomehill and Tambellup; working with DWER.
 - Water strategy – under development.
- Shire of Cranbrook
 - Town heritage trail – progressing.
 - Bowling green – completed; shelter installation next.
 - Cranbrook Show – focus on programs for young farmers.
 - Youth Week – activities planned.
 - Skate park – design review underway for 2026/27.
 - Seniors gym group – successful.
- Shire of Kojonup
 - Hockey lights – scheduled for upgrade.
 - Community screen – to be installed.
 - Seasonal sporting transition – ongoing.
 - Cricket nets – upgraded by local club.
 - Races – successful event.

6. General Business

Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport – Mel Eastough

- Encouraged LGs to progress with planning in preparation for possible future funding rounds
- Active Regional Communities funding currently open – up to \$5000
- Staff updates – Alyssa Tollec finishing with CITS
- Regional club development plan being developed – JS will contact LGs to confirm club development needs

Actions summary

#	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Distribute Kidsport promotional material to LGs	JS

Next meeting: 30th July 2026 - Shire of Plantagenet

Closed: 12:10pm

Local Emergency Management Committee

Combined;

Shire of Katanning



Shire of Woodanilling



**Minutes of Meeting, held on
Wednesday 04 March 2026 at the
Shire of Katanning Council Chambers,
Austral Terrace Katanning**

Partner Local Governments, Supporting Agencies, Committee and Community delegates are invited to attend the combined Local Emergency Management Committee meeting as noted above.

Provisions for remote attendance through MS Teams can be made available on request.

Local Emergency Management Committee

MINUTES

Date 04 March 2026
Location Shire of Katanning Council Chambers
Time 2:00pm
Videoconference link: Available on Request

39. *Functions of local emergency management committees*
- (a) *to advise and assist the local government in ensuring that local emergency management arrangements are established for its district.*
 - (b) *to liaise with public authorities and persons in the development, review and testing of local emergency management arrangements; and*
 - (c) *to carry out other emergency management activities as directed by the SEMC or prescribed by the regulations.*

The hosting Local Government CEO or delegate shall preside over the meeting.

1. Opening and Welcome

The presiding member declared the meeting open at 2:05pm.

"I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today."

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

- Anika Serer – CEO Shire of Woodanilling
- Cindy Pearce – CESM Shire of Katanning / Woodanilling
- Kristy D'Aprile – Shire President, Shire of Katanning
- Graham Barnes – General Manager, Shire of Katanning
- John Paul Collins – DPIRD
- Keira Van Der Wal – Katanning Primary School
- Tony Pedlow – Water Corp
- Anthony Caracatsanis – Katanning Police
- Derek Jones – Emergency Management Consultant
- Sue McDougall – CWA
- Roy Parsons – DFES (MS Teams)

Apologies:

- Tina Jones - Dept of Health
- Mitch Davies – DBCA
- Ethan Gracomel – DBCA
- Cr Marshall – Shire of Woodanilling
- Hanna Wilson – Shire of Woodanilling
- Kelly Trinne – Regional Coordinator, Great Southern

Minute Taker: Taryn Human, Shire of Katanning

3. Disclosure of Interests

Identify real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest experienced by any member in relation to the items on the agenda. These should be declared now and if possible, raised with the chairperson prior to the meeting to determine the appropriate way to manage the conflict.

4. Guest Presentations

Risk Register Workshop – Derek Jones

5. Confirmation of the minutes

That the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2025 in Woodanilling be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Moved: Cindy Pearce

Seconded: Kristy D'Aprile

6. Review of Action list and business arising

Item	Owner	Status
Bushfire Mitigation Program	Peter Klein	WALGA have decided not to continue with the position leaving Katg BHT and Koj without a BRMC to spend funding allocation.
Exercise – Flood event.	Lynda Elms and Cindy Pearce	A desktop will be facilitated for next year 2026 (May)
STAND Project	Cindy Pearce	Waiting to hear when this will be implemented. – Katanning Shire

		Office / Woodanilling Sports Pavilion.
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7. Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence In

- Katanning Senior Highschool request for the LEMC Contact and Resources List – CESM
- Recovery Coordinator Training – Shire of Kent - Nyabing (funded by AWARE Funding) – CESM
- Telstra Outage Hopetoun area 24/2

7.2 Correspondence Out

- Minutes from the previous meeting held on 10 December 2025 circulated. - CESM
- Correspondence in relation to the Risk Register Workshop – Derek Jones - CESM
- Contact and Resources List forwarded to the Katanning Senior Highschool - CESM
- Notice of Meeting and Agenda items for this meeting - CESM
- Kelly Trinne – Communities Report – see attached - CESM
- Main Roads Notification – road closure – section of the Albany Hwy and South Coast Hwy 22/1 - CESM
- Earthquake Flyer During and After information to Shires for circulation through social media - CESM
- Email to committee in relation to the Telstra Outage in the Hopetoun area 24/02 CESM
- Feedback required from DFES Planning Policy Department in relation to proposed **Bushfire Place of Last Resort**. Local CESM made a submission with information being forwarded to CEOs to make a submission.
- ROAC Upper Great Southern, received Contact and Resources List as per request previous meeting. CESM

7.3 Information tabled.

8. Review of LEMC membership and contact list updates

Updates are invited from attendees and agencies.

- Nil.

9. Local Emergency Management (standing items)

9.1 Post Incident Reports – discussion and note any outcomes to be actioned.

9.2 Post Exercise Reports – discussion and note any outcomes to be actioned.

Nil.

9.3 Exercise – discuss objectives (what needs to be achieved) and dates.

Nil.

9.4 Review Local Emergency Management Arrangements – updates as required

Nil.

9.5 Risk management update – monitor and review, emerging risks, mitigation.

Nil.

9.6 Review LEMC Business Plan – Plan needs to be implemented over the 2 Local Governments.

- **A plan has been sourced though need to run it past the DEMA before bringing it to the LEMC for feedback and endorsement.**

10. Agenda Items

- Engage with Ausgold in relation to what they require from our local emergency services and what services they will have in place. This was discussed at a meeting with Ausgold approx 7 years ago. CESM

11. Agency/Member Reports

Members to consider:

1. *What is your current capability for managing incidents/responses? (do you have enough trained and/or experienced people, resources)*
2. *What is your capacity (such as volunteer numbers) and resources looking like for the future? Do you have a volunteer recruitment strategy?*
3. *Are there any new or emerging risks which might impact on your organisation (changes to legislation, seasonal outlooks, new industrial developments)*
4. *Do you have any exercises planned? Can other agencies attend to participate or observe?*
5. *If you have had any incidents or exercises what were the lessons identified – are any of these common to other organisations?*
6. *Thinking about your community/ies, how well prepared are they to respond to your hazard/emergency*
7. *What community engagement activities have you carried out / have planned*
8. *How resilient do you think your community is for your hazards and what could be done to improve community resilience?*

12. General Business

- John Paul – Report Attached.
- Cindy Pearce

The mitigation work through MAF funding to reduce the fuel loading on the block corner Blantyre and Bokerup Street has been completed. With some positive feedback from the local community to the contractor engaged to complete the works.

The Local Government Grant submission has been completed and will be submitted for both Shires in March. Katanning are requesting reimbursement for the overspend to upgrade the Central Brigade station. Woodanilling are requesting Capital funding for 1 new

appliance station (single bay shed) at Kenmare and 1 new station (single bay shed) at Woodanilling Central to replace the current appliance housing that is located within the shire depot. Woodanilling have also applied again this year for an additional appliance for the western side of the shire due to the infrastructure in the area.

Some of you may be aware, I handed in my resignation earlier last month and I finish up at the end of April, once fire season has finished. I would like to thank you all for your support over the past 15 years and wish you all the best in the future. A few stats on the role – currently the longest serving CESM in the State and have worked under 19 CEOs and covered 5 Local Governments.

- Anthony Caracatsanis
Officer in charge Dave Costello will commence in April 2026.
- Anika Serer
Recruitment for Cindy's position has commenced, and appreciation was extended to Cindy Pearce for her 15 years of dedicated service. She will be greatly missed.
- Kristy D'Aprile
Cindy was thanked for her service to the Shire and wished all the best for the future.

Risk Register Workshop

- Presentation attached.

13. Next Meeting

LEMC calendar

Proposed calendar dates for LEMC 2025

Date	Activity	Venue	Comment
February 2025 – March 2025	LEMC Meeting	Katanning	
May 2025	LEMC Meeting	Woodanilling	13 May 2026
September 2025	LEMC Meeting	Katanning	
December 2025	LEMC Meeting	Woodanilling	

14. Meeting Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 2:20pm, with attendees to participate in a discussion exercise to follow.

SHIRES OF KATANNING & WOODANILLING

RISK TREATMENT WORKSHOP – MARCH 2026

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- Previous workshops have risk undertaken assessments for Shires of Katanning and/or Woodanilling
- Workshop identified six main hazards for each local government
- 2024 saw shire investigate hazards and risks – Katanning (Fire) and Woodanilling (Storms)

Katanning	Woodanilling
Fire	0/14
Storm	21/16
Flood	0/39
Heatwave	8/9
Animal and Pest Disease	6/7
Earthquake	0/14

SEVERE WEATHER

Severe Weather – Floods, Storms and Cyclones

- A riverine flood occurs when water levels rise over the top of riverbanks due to excessive rain from weather systems producing widespread heavy rainfall. The flooding of rivers, creeks, lakes and basins following heavy rainfall is the most common form of flooding in WA.
- Flash flooding, is generally defined as flooding occurring within approximately six hours of rain, usually from relatively short intense bursts of rainfall (e.g. thunderstorms) and is characterised by rapid rises in water-levels.

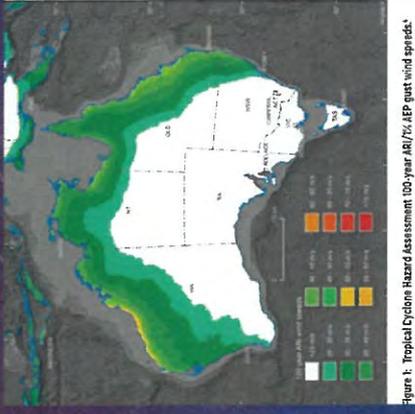


Figure 1: Topical Cyclone Hazard Assessment 100-year ARI/TCLEP gust wind speeds

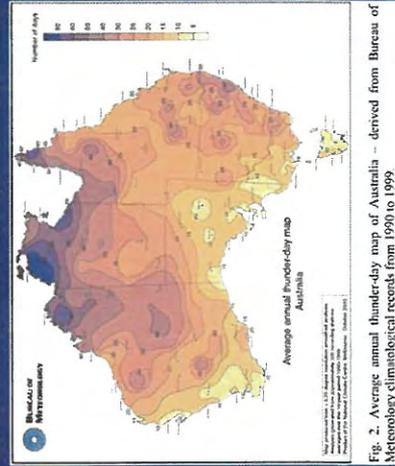


Fig. 2. Average annual thunder-day map of Australia – derived from Bureau of Meteorology climatological records from 1990 to 1999.

Warning Level	Avg Wind - Threshold	Gust - Threshold
Damaging Winds	63kmh	90kmh
Destructive Winds	89kmh	125kmh
Thunderstorms		
Severe		90kmh
Very Dangerous		125kmh

SEVERE WEATHER

Wind Speeds

2025 – Katanning Research Station

Highest Gust 76kmh Aug

Albany 81km July

Avg All Gusts 65kmh

Albany 69km

Daily Rainfall Records - Kojonup

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL
High Max (°C)	44.2	43.2	38.6	36.1	32.2	22.8	21.5	24.6	27.6	33.2	38.8	40.1	44.2
Low Max (°C)	16.4	15.4	13.9	10.6	9.0	8.0	7.4	7.8	7.8	9.0	9.8	15.3	7.4
High Min (°C)	25.5	25.2	22.8	22.8	18.6	13.8	12.8	12.5	13.2	18.6	23.3	22.0	25.5
Low Min (°C)	4.0	3.9	2.4	2.2	-3.5	-2.5	-2.6	-1.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.0	2.2	-3.5
High Rain (mm)	113.6	92.7	69.9	78.0	81.2	57.7	46.5	47.2	34.6	44.7	48.8	59.7	113.6

Jan 21 – 1982
 Feb 17 – 1955
 Mar 5 – 1956
 April 2 – 2005

SEVERE WEATHER

LEMA/Local Role

Building codes

Resilience

Evacuation Centre identification

Local drainage networks

ISG



ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASE

- an “Emergency Animal Disease” – (e.g. Foot and Mouth Disease or Avian Influenza)
- an “Emergency Plant Pest” –Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) for Australia – (e.g. Karnal Bunt or Khapra Beetle)
- a “Declared Pest” – as defined in the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007. An endemic animal or plant pest or disease that is occurring in such a fulminate form that an emergency response is required to ensure that it does not become a large-scale epidemic within Western Australia



ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASE

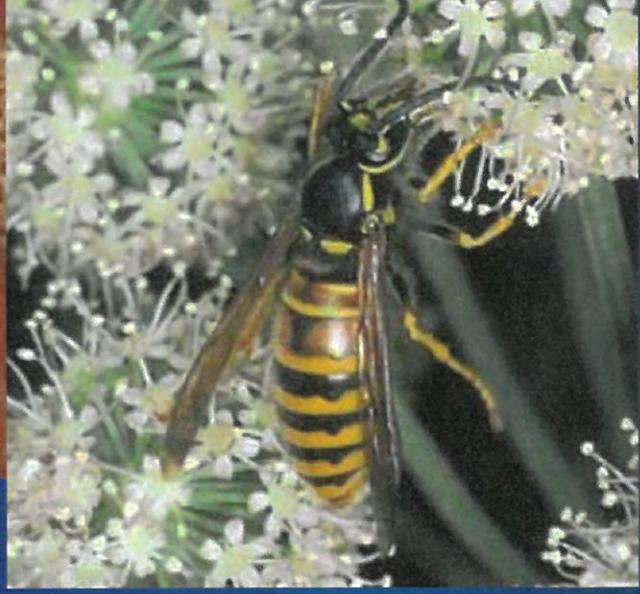
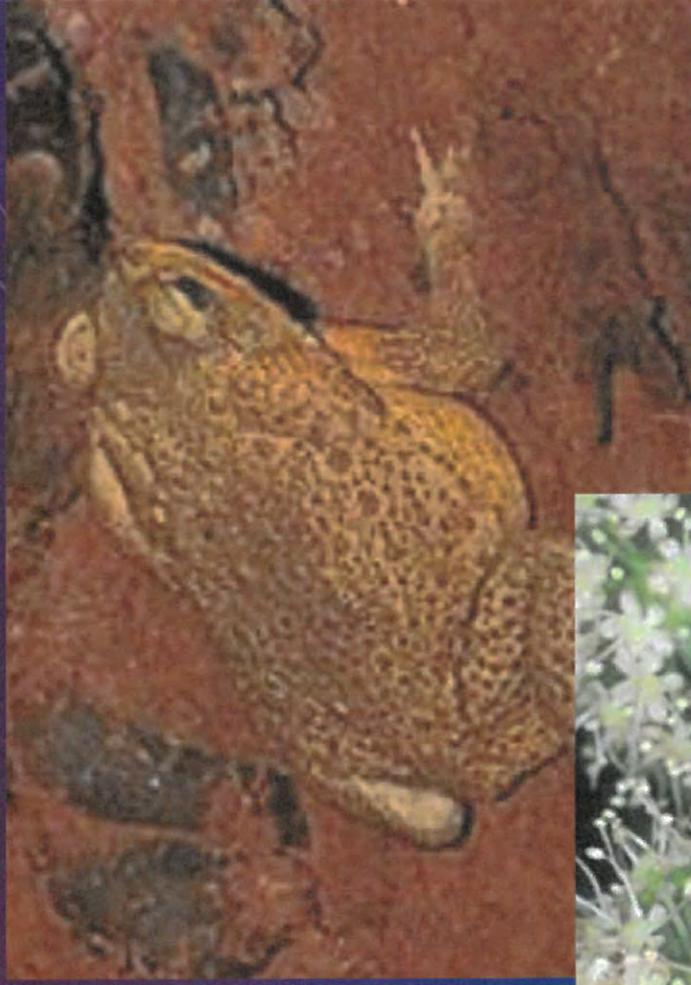
Current Status

- 2 incidents @ Active Status
- 9 incidents @ Look and Report Status
- 1 incidents @ Advice Status

Educate – Prevent - Eradicate – Containment - Educate

LEMA/Local Role

- Identify local risk level
- Resource List
- ICC/FCP Identified
- ISG if required



HEATWAVE

A heatwave is a period of abnormally and uncomfortably hot weather, that is unusual for the location and which could impact on human health, infrastructure and services

- is protracted and forecast to occur for longer than 3 days at a level of extreme (EHF)
- requires a significant coordinated response



Know your warnings this

heatwave season

Low intensity heatwave

- Most frequent during summer
- Most people can cope during these heatwaves
- We don't issue warnings for this heatwave category

Severe heatwave

- Less frequent
- Likely to be more challenging for vulnerable people e.g. the elderly and people with health conditions
- We issue warnings for this heatwave category

Extreme heatwave

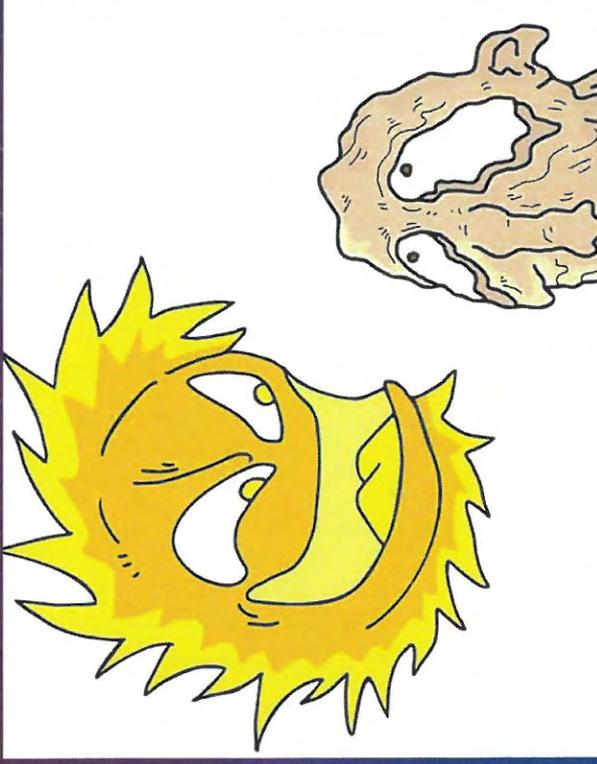
- Rare
- People who don't take precautions to keep cool are at risk
- Take extra precautions if you work or exercise outdoors
- We issue warnings for this heatwave category

HEATWAVE

BOM – Dept of Health – Allied Agencies

LEMA/Local Role

- Identify local risk level
- Pre-plan for 6-day event
- Workforce - staff fatigue and/or increased demand for care
- Emergency Services ability to respond
- Public utilities
- Local resilience – impact on community groups
- National Warning System in place for Heatwave
- ISG if required



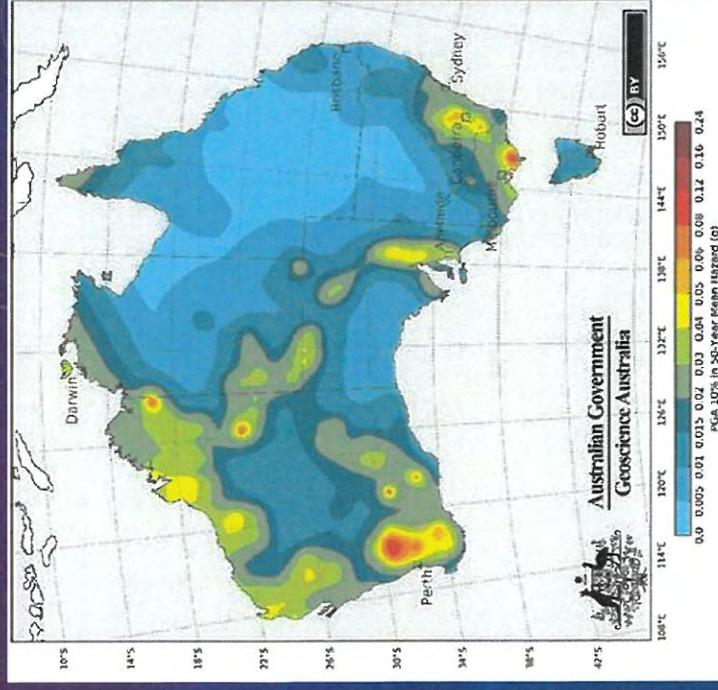
EARTHQUAKE

A sudden release of energy resulting in ground shaking.

Western Australia sits in middle of a plate – but our earthquakes generally, the result of plate movements.

Less common and don't follow patterns.

Geoscience mapped 10% chance of significant event in next 50years.



EARTHQUAKE

Broome (off shore) – 2019 – magnitude 6.6

Meckering – 1968 – magnitude 6.5

Cadoux – 1979 – magnitude 6.1 - \$3.8m damage

Lake Muir – 2018 – magnitude 5.7

Gnowangerup – 2023 – magnitude 5.2

Kalgoorlie – 2010 – magnitude 5.0

Gnowangerup – 2023 – magnitude 5.2 – house destroyed

3.0 – Light – Often felt, little damage (130,000)

5.0 – Strong – possible damage (1,300)

7.0 – Great – Serious damage (10-20)



ALL HAZARDS - TODAY

Local Area

- What currently happens?
- Rate effectiveness of each
- Rate application of each
- What else could/can/should be done?

Katanning	Woodanilling
Fire	Fire
5/11	0/14
Storm	Storm
8/10	21/16
Flood	Flood
0/15	0/39
Heatwave	Heatwave
3/3	8/9
Animal and Pest Disease	Animal and Plant Disease
5/6	6/7
Earthquake	Earthquake
0/14	0/14

SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

- Digest information provided
- Formulate report
- Report provided to LEMC via Cindy Pearce
- Includes recommendations for future



Emergency Relief and Support

LEMC REPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION

3rd Quarter 2025 - 2026

Regional Emergency Relief and Support contact

Activation of Emergency Relief and Support (ERS) services is via
Communities Emergency Operations Coordinator (EOC)
M: 0418 943 835 and Email: emergencyservices@communities.wa.gov.au

Regional Coordinator	Kelly Trinne – 0432 831 689 kelly.trinne@communities.wa.gov.au
Regional Officer	Jo Spadaccini – 0429 102 614 jo.spadaccini@communities.wa.gov.au
Regional Manager	Mark Schorer – 0429 108 226 mark.schorer@communities.wa.gov.au

Region specific update

Emergency Food - Go Bags

- In mid-2025 ERS introduced an exciting new Go Bags initiative — designed to enhance comfort, dignity, and practical support for people displaced during emergencies.

🌿 Go Bags introduced included:

- 📦 Personal Requisites/Hygiene Go Bags
- 🛏 Sleeping/Bedding Go Bags

- In addition, a new range of Emergency Food Go Bags have been implemented to complement the existing range of Go Bags, ensuring rapid deployment and coordinated support across the State during emergency events.

🌿 What is inside an Emergency Food Go Bag

- 2 x Main Meals
- 1 x Single Serve Noodles
- 1 x Single Serve Rice
- 1 x Breakfast Muesli
- 4 x Energy Bars
- 2 x Flameless Heater Bags
- 2 x Cutlery Sets
- 1 x Coffee

- 1 x Tea
- 3 x Sugar
- 3 x Creamer
- 1 x Hydration Drink
- 1 x Hot Chocolate

Prepositioning of Emergency Relief and Support Supplies

- ERS Regional Coordinators are working with Local Governments across the State to assess the need to preposition small quantities of ERS emergency relief and support supplies at Evacuation Centre facilities.
- Prepositioning of supplies will assist Local Government staff to support evacuees during the initial states of emergency events.

Emergency Relief and Support update

State Recovery Changes

- The Department of Communities has new roles and responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Arrangements for Recovery, following the changes endorsed by SEMC on 4 December 2025.
- To support implementation of these new roles, Communities is actively working with local governments, the Community Services Sector and relevant government agencies to understand the new State Recovery roles and responsibilities to support the delivery of local led recovery programs.
- Communities will participate in Local Government recovery planning and activities to ensure services are tailored to the needs and strengths of the community.
- Communities can provide support through a range of activities under the State Support Plan, either directly or in collaboration with State and Local partners, to deliver practical assistance, wellbeing services, and social supports.
- Communities ERS approach to recovery support considers the psychosocial impacts, complexity, and context of any hazard, ensuring assistance is tailored accordingly along with information and referral services to connect impacted individuals with appropriate assistance and resources.

Evacuation Centres

- The SEMC has the WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guideline open for Feedback until 20 February 2026. You can submit your comments through <https://engagewaem.com.au/evacuation-guideline>
- The review of community evacuation guidelines has highlighted the need for greater clarity on how evacuation centres are identified, activated, and managed.
- Communities responsibility is to maintain a register of endorsed community facilities and ensure they are ready to be activated. In collaboration with local government,

Communities reviews facilities regularly and manages service delivery within the centre once activated.

- During an emergency event, the Hazard Management Agency engages with Local Government and Communities to assess the risks of and activate an evacuation centre.
- As a suggestion for the LEMC, Communities and the Local Government can review and confirm the register of endorsed facilities before the onset of each high threat season, to ensure they meet the needs of all Hazard Management Agencies.

High threat Season

- ERS is actively supporting communities during this high-threat season by assisting with evacuation centres, providing immediate accommodation, and coordinating early recovery planning in alignment with Local Government.
- ERS has commenced supporting community evacuations with the new Go Bags, with positive feedback received to date, noting the hygiene packs are popular to support people to freshen up, and the air bed, pillow and sleeping bag has been a welcome take home pack.

Reminder to all Hazard Management Agencies / Controlling Agencies

- To activate the State Support Plan - Emergency Relief and Support and the Communities team - please call 0418 943 835. All ISG, IMT and other meeting invites can be sent to emergencyservices@communities.wa.gov.au email box.

Response October to January

Activations

ERS were activated for and responded to twenty-two (22) incidents as below:

- Four (4) Single House Fires
- Eleven (11) Bushfires
- Five (5) Complex Bushfires
- Two (2) Cyclones

October 2025 - One (1) Incident

- 16/10/2025 AP East Pilbara Complex Fire

November 2025 - Two (2) Incidents

- 4/11/2025 Tammin Bushfire Cunderdin - Nov 25
- 30/11/2025 Single House Fire

December 2025 - Eleven (11) Incidents

- 01/12/2025 Single House Fire
- 10/12/2025 Single House Fire

- 11/12/2025 Kenwick Bushfire
- 11/12/2025 Upper Swan Bushfire
- 15/12/2025 Eneabba Complex
- 15/12/2025 Gingin Complex Fire
- 15/12/2025 Nambeelup Bushfire
- 16/12/2025 Mindarabin Bushfire
- 25/12/2025 Boddington Bushfire
- 30/12/2025 Wellesley Bushfire
- 29/12/2025 Tropical Cyclone Hayley

January 2026 – Eight (8) Incidents

- 1/01/2026 Kalamunda Bushfire
- 2/01/2026 Boya Bushfire
- 2/01/2026 Single House Fire
- 7/01/2026 High Wycombe Bushfire
- 19/01/2026 South Coast (Lake King Newdegate) Complex Fires
- 21/01/2026 Collie Bushfire
- 22/01/2026 Boddington complex Fires
- 23/01/2026 Tropical Cyclone Luana

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
January to March 2026**

STATE NEWS

The last meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) was held 4th December 2025. The next meeting is the 12 March 2026. SEMC Communiqués can be found [here](#).

Local Emergency Management Arrangements Improvement Project

The new templates for the LEMA Improvement Project are going to the next SEMC Meeting for approval. Watch this space!

2026-2029 Comprehensive Framework Review

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) has initiated a comprehensive review of the State Emergency Management Policy, Plan, Procedure and Glossary (EM Framework) to ensure that it remains effective, adaptable, and fit-for-purpose in addressing current and emerging risks.

In December 2025, SEMC adopted five principles and identified four focus areas for the review designed to guide review scope and decisions, as well as ensure the review remains responsive to sector needs while targeting systemic gaps and opportunities for improvement.

Review Principles:

- make the framework simplified and functional
- clarify roles and responsibilities
- be outcomes-focused
- integrate preparedness and assurance
- remain agile and forward-looking

Review Focus Areas:

- Incorporation of systemic risk and resilience in framework
- Integrated preparedness and assurance framework
- Local capacity and community resilience
- EM roles and responsibilities review

Four sector-wide workshops with emergency management agencies have been completed to refine the problem statement, outcomes, and scope for each focus area and to shape next steps for project planning. The workshop outcomes will inform a high-level project plan, which will outline focus area scopes, the overall program approach, and resourcing requirements, and will be submitted to SEMC in March 2026 for endorsement.

Comprehensive Review Schedule of State EM Documents

The following State EM documents and projects are currently accepting feedback:

- **Local Government EM Knowledge Hub – closes 27 March 2026.**
- WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guideline – initial consultation closes 20 February 2026.

The following State EM document consultation period has closed and is currently pending endorsement from SEMC subcommittees before progressing to SEMC for approval:

- SHP - HAZMAT (Annex B - SPRED)



The following State EM documents are due to commence comprehensive review in 2026 for a 2027 SEMC approval.

- Green highlights – comprehensive review likely to commence in the second half of 2026, meaning broad consultation will likely not commence until early 2027.
- SHP – Cyber Security and Hostile Act are due for broad consultation before June 2026.
- Remaining plans will likely commence broad consultation sometime in 2026.

WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Arrangements – initial feedback open until 20 Feb 2026	SHP – Collapse
SHP – Nuclear Powered Warship (NPW)	SHP – Maritime Environmental Emergencies (MEE)
SHP – Cyber Security	SHP – Tsunami
SHP – Hostile Act	SSP – Freight and Resupply
SHP – Animal and Plant Biosecurity	SSP – Emergency Public Information
SHP – Earthquake	WA Managing Exercises Guidelines (due likely to be pushed back to 2027)
Impact Statement Guide	Local Recovery Guidelines
Communicating in Recovery Guideline (will form part of SSP – Emergency Public Information review)	SHP – Heatwave
SHP – Terrorist Act	Traffic Management in Emergencies Guideline
District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) Handbook	Comprehensive review of the State EM Framework (State EM Policy, Plan, Procedure and Glossary)

Updated plans can be found on the SEMC website, along with a summary of amendments.

DISTRICT NEWS

The last Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee meeting was held on the 22nd October 2025 the next meeting will be held on the 18 March 2026.

Training Opportunities

WALGA Local Recovery Coordinator Training - Nyabing, Shire of Kent

Face-to-face training at [The Nyabing Community Hub](#), 18 Richmond St, Nyabing WA 6341:

Recovery Coordinators Course in Local Government – Day 1

Monday, 23 March 2026 | 9:00am–4:30pm

Recovery Coordinators Course in Local Government – Day 2

Tuesday, 24 March 2026 | 9:00am–4:30pm

If any local governments/organisation wishes to send additional attendees, please contact me directly at 0436 668 242 or via ryan.sutherland@dfes.wa.gov.au to ensure availability.

NOTE: under the revised Recovery Framework Local Governments must ensure the preparation and maintenance of LEMA includes the identification and training of a Local Recovery Coordinator(s). More than one LRC can be identified.

For further information about this course: [WALGA Recovery Coordinators course](#)



Community Preparedness

Summer Safety – Fire, Heat and Community Care

This February, we're focusing on Summer Safety – Fire, Heat and Community Care. February can be the hottest month of the year, and with prolonged heat comes fatigue, complacency, and an increased risk of fast-moving bushfires.

By staying vigilant and supporting one another, we can help protect families, neighbours, and communities.

Heatwave

For more information about preparing for and managing in extreme heat, visit [HealthyWA](#) and you can also find many fact sheets here [Extreme heat and heatwave resources for the community](#)

Know the signs of heat-related illness and act fast



Dehydration

Feeling thirsty, a dry mouth, and darker urine.



Treatment

Rest in a cool area, remove excess clothing and drink water.



Heat stress

Pale skin, excess sweating or no sweating, and dark urine.



Treatment

Lie in cool area and remove excess clothing. Apply wet cloths, cold water or wrapped icepacks to the skin (armpits and groin) and drink water. Call triple zero (000) if symptoms do not improve in 30 minutes.



Heat stroke

Confusion, incoherent speech, abnormal walking, seizures or coma.



Heat stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency. Immediately call triple zero (000).

TeleRedi

West Australians are also urged to register for TeleRedi – a free welfare check service delivered by the Department of Health in partnership with the [Australian Red Cross \(external site\)](#).

Registered participants who may be at higher risk during officially declared heatwaves receive regular check-in calls from trained Australian Red Cross volunteers. If a call goes unanswered or a person appears unwell or distressed, an escalation process is activated to support their safety and wellbeing.

TeleRedi is important for:

- people living alone
- older people
- people living with disability or managing chronic health conditions



- people recovering from illness or injury
- individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Carers of vulnerable people are also encouraged to register for the service.

Registration is simple, via [Microsoft Forms \(external site\)](#) or by phone – 1800 188 071.

For more information about TeleRedi, visit the [Australian Red Cross website \(external site\)](#).

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

AWARE

The annual AWARE competitive grant program aims to enhance West Australia's emergency management arrangements by investing in capacity building and preparedness activities at a local level. Only Western Australian local governments are eligible to apply for AWARE grants. Local governments are encouraged to collaborate and submit joint applications. To be eligible, activities must address at least one or more of the following four criteria:

- further the emergency risk management process
- facilitate capability-based exercises
- assist in reviewing Local Emergency Management Arrangements
- deliver emergency management training, events or forums

The opening dates for this year's round are yet to be finalised and will be published on our website once confirmed. In the meantime, local governments are encouraged to review the AWARE Guidelines and associated program documentation to familiarise themselves with the application requirements.

DRF ROUND FOUR

The Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) is the Australian Government's flagship disaster resilience and risk reduction initiative, which will deliver up to \$200 million of Commonwealth funding annually from 1 July 2023 to establish a comprehensive set of disaster resilience and mitigation projects across Australia, in partnership with Australian state, territory and local governments. The intended outcome of the program is communities that are better informed, more resilient, and less exposed to future natural disaster risks and impacts in the long term, across the built, social, natural and economic domains.

The **Fourth round of DRF is expected to open in late March 2026**, with information and associated documentation to be published on the Disaster Ready Fund section of our website once available. To be eligible for DRF, the primary focus of the proposed project must be on how it will increase the understanding of natural disaster impacts, build resilience to future natural disasters, and/or reduce natural disaster risk, in line with the DRF objectives.

The Commonwealth has provided overarching feedback on Round Three applications. This information is available here: <https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/drf-round-three-feedback-and-opportunities-for-improvement-from-nema>.

To be considered for funding, project proposals must satisfy the grant amount, project duration, and co-contribution requirements, meet the eligibility criteria, address all the assessment criteria, and provide the required evidence as set out in the respective round Guidelines.

LOCAL NEWS

Optus Emergency Response Information – in an emergency if Optus services are impacted call the following numbers:

0434 679 690 and 0448 114 039 - Primary & Backup. Also on a satellite service 0410795298 if terrestrial networks are inoperative.



Emergency Waste Management Plan Template

WALGA has been working with DFES and Local Government, to develop a Template Emergency Waste Management Plan.

There have been a range of situations in Western Australia where recovery efforts have been hampered by challenges associated with emergency waste management. Ineffective emergency waste management has the potential to significantly delay recovery efforts, present a considerable risk to human health and the environment and increase the costs of recovery.

The Plan provides a way for Local Governments to explore, at a high level, the likely types of waste that could be generated from an event and consequent considerations and management options.

- [Emergency Waste Management Plan Template - Editable Word Doc](#)
- [Emergency Waste Management Plan Template - with example \(PDF\)](#)
- [Waste Calculator](#)

For more information and case studies visit:

<https://walga.asn.au/policy-and-advocacy/our-policy-areas/waste/programs/better-practice/emergency-management>

Responding to a potential outbreak of high pathogenic H5 avian influenza

DPIRD is leading the WA cross-agency Biosecurity Special Officers Group (BSOG) developing a joint approach on. In 2024, BSOG developed [FAQs for H5 avian influenza](#) that set out carcass disposal responsibilities as follows:

Who is responsible for the disposal of dead wild birds during an outbreak?

During an outbreak, where dead wild birds do not pose a risk to human health, they may be left where they are to minimise the potential risk of spreading the disease further. The relevant landowners or government authority will manage safe disposal of dead birds on public land where they are considered to present a risk. On private properties, subject to council local laws, owners will be able to dispose of dead birds by placing them in plastic bags in their red bin. Care should be taken to wear disposable gloves and to wash hands thoroughly after handling the dead bird.

It is up to each individual LGA to decide on how they would dispose of dead birds / wildlife as per their local situation. Homeowners within the LGA will need guidance on where to dispose of dead birds if the LGA does not approve of disposal of bagged birds in the red bin.

In the circumstance where commercial poultry are affected, DPIRD will regulate the property and provide instructions on disposal at the time of the incident.

Your WALGA representative on the BSOG committee is Rebecca Brown (rbrown@walga.asn.au) if you would like further guidance on how other LGAs in WA are preparing for wild bird disposal should an outbreak occur.

WALGA is hosting an H5 Bird Flu update webinar for local government on Wednesday, 18 March from 10:00-11:00am – see details below. [click here to register.](#)

Complied by: Vivienne Gardiner, viv.gardiner@dfes.wa.gov.au
District Emergency Management Advisor Great Southern DFES

LEMC & DEMC report – 1st Quarter 2025/2026

DPIRD's On-Call Coordinator Duty Phone

If needing to activate the State Support Plan: Animal Welfare in Emergencies or require assistance in the DPIRD support role of another Hazard Management Agency's incident, the contact number is **08 9368 3132**.

DPIRD's role in emergency management

- DPIRD is the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for animal and plant pests and disease incursions. Refer to the [State Hazard Plan: Animal and Plant Biosecurity](#) for information on DPIRD's legislated roles and responsibilities.
- DPIRD is the executor of the State Support Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies. This includes livestock, horses, and companion animals. Refer to the [State Support Plan: Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#) for information on DPIRD's legislated roles and responsibilities.
- DPIRD may from time to time provide support to other agencies where requested. This includes administering some components of the [Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA](#).

Emergency Management Directorate

Learning & Development

DPIRD EM Preparedness Team are working through the emergency management training program for the 2025/2026 calendar year.

Following SEMC endorsement (March 2025) of the revised State Support Plan of Animal Welfare in Emergencies (SSP-AWIE) – DPIRD has commenced planning an exercise to test the SSP-AWIE arrangements in accordance with State Emergency Management Policy. The Exercise will be a Desktop format and will be held in Oct 2025.

Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Preparedness

DPIRD has recently conducted a number of internal workshops focused on EAD preparedness across the preparedness, response and recovery phases to build awareness and capacity.

New Director

DPIRD's Emergency Management Directorate (EMD) has a new Director, Scott Beaton. Scott was DPIRD's Director of Work, Health, Safety & Wellbeing and has a background and experience in emergency management.

Current Vacancies

The EM Directorate has gone through a significant restructure. DPRD is currently advertising two new positions being Assistant Director, Emergency Preparedness and Assistant Director, Emergency Coordination.

Additionally, DPIRD will be advertising shortly a Learning and Development Coordinator position which has recently become vacant due to a resignation.

National alerts and investigations

Avian Influenza

CURRENT STATUS in WA: Absent – no known detections

Responses to outbreaks of H7 high pathogenic avian influenza are currently underway in Victoria, New South Wales, and the ACT. Note that this is not the H5 strain currently causing concern globally. DPIRD is monitoring the situation and undertaking preparedness

activities. Also, DPIRD is providing personnel and resources to support jurisdictions with confirmed outbreaks. Poultry producers and owners are encouraged to view our [avian influenza page](#) for information on preparedness and detection.

Tomato brown rugose fruit virus

CURRENT STATUS IN WA: Absent – no known detections

A highly contagious plant virus affecting tomatoes, capsicums, and chillies. It has been detected in South Australia in August 2024. It presents a significant risk to growers and the industry if established. No known detections in Western Australia currently. Industry and backyard growers are encouraged to recognise and report signs and symptoms of the virus if found. Information is available on our [tomato brown rugose fruit virus page](#).

Animal Welfare in Emergencies

DPIRD is the executor of the State Support Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (AWiE). Please note the following important notices regarding AWiE for district and local representatives:

- Please refer to DPIRD's [animal welfare](#) section of our website for resources, support, and contacts. Local governments can reach out to our Incident and Emergency Management Branch if they require advice and support for the development of their PAWE (contact emergencymanagement@dpiird.wa.gov.au).
- DPIRD's Incident and Emergency Management Branch is undertaking preparedness and response activities where activated under the [State Support Plan - Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#).
- DPIRD is working with the SEMC to finalise responses to feedback on the proposed improvements to the [State Support Plan - Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#). The review is scheduled to be finalised in late 2025.

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DPIRD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Emergency Coordination Overview	
Reporting Period:	1 st Quarter 25-26
Emergency Activations and Declarations	
Emergency Declarations	Nil

Incident Coordination Overview				
Animal and Plant Based Biosecurity ¹				
Incident Title	Location	Date	Incident Level ²	
African Black Sugar Ant	Perth Metro	Since Jan 2020	Level 1	
Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer	Perth Metro	Since Sep 2021	Level 2	
Carpet Sea Squirt	Perth Metro	Since Jan 2023	Level 1	
Red Dwarf Honeybee	Pilbara Region	Since Jul 2023	Level 2	
Queensland Fruit Fly	Perth Metro	Since Nov 2024	Level 2	
Starling	Great Southern	Since Nov 2024	Level 1	
Support to Animal Welfare in Emergencies ³				
Incident Title	Region	Date	HMA	Details
Nil				
Support to Natural Hazards				
Incident Title	Region	Date	HMA	Details

DPIRD Emergency Coordinator Comments and Outlook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPIRD continues to manage three level 2 incidents. The Browsing Ant incident that was being managed has now achieved eradication. DPIRD Biosecurity and Emergency Management is monitoring the developing situation in Victoria related to High Pathogen Avian Influenza Outbreaks.

¹ Regarding a "Declared Pest", an incident is only listed where a formal Incident Management Team has been established.

² Incident levels as per section 5.1.5 of the State Emergency Management Plan

³ Only when the State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies has been activated.

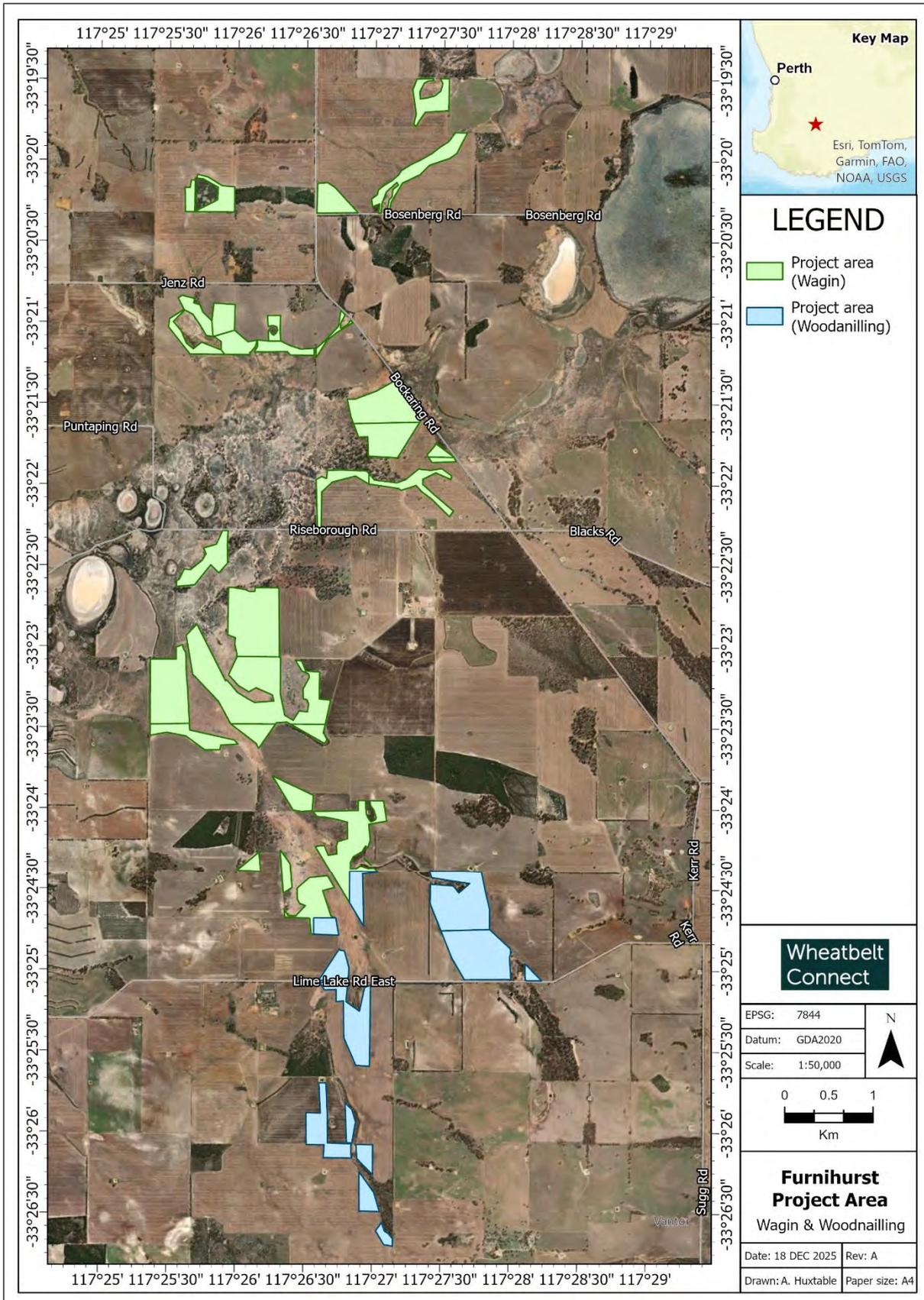


Figure 2: Local Location Plan



Development Application

Shire of Woodanilling

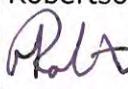
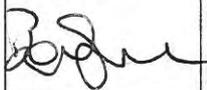
Furnihurst Carbon Project 2026

19-February-2026

Wheatbelt Connect

A joint venture between



REV	Date	Issue Reason	Prepared	Checked	Approved
a	21/01/2026	Review	Mark Robertson 	Liz Green 	
0	20/02/2026	Use	Mark Robertson 	Beren Spencer - Grayling 	Jamie Carle 

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1 Introduction

INPEX New Energy Business Australia Pty Ltd (INEBA), as Operator of the Wheatbelt Connect project (Wheatbelt Connect), proposes to undertake a planting project that will extend native vegetation on the Furnihurst property in the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling.

Wheatbelt Connect is a joint venture between INPEX, ANZ and Qantas (refer to www.wheatbeltconnect.com.au). Wheatbelt Connect aims to achieve sustainable land use through the integration of revegetation into broadacre farming systems in the Western Australian Wheatbelt for the creation of carbon credits.

Australia's strategy to achieve net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 includes mandatory reductions for specific industry sectors. While emissions reduction remains the priority, it is not currently feasible to directly eliminate all emissions. Carbon credits therefore play an important role in meeting reduction targets.

Wheatbelt Connect proposes to generate Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) through growing native trees. Carbon credits created from tree planting projects follow methodologies developed by recognised research organisations, including CSIRO, using long-term field data and established calculation frameworks. These projects are subject to oversight by the Commonwealth Government's Clean Energy Regulator (CER), which requires that regular and independent audits of projects are conducted and that audit reports are made available to the CER prior to the issuance of carbon credits. Planting native species also contributes to broader ecological and biodiversity outcomes.

This proposed planting is different from typical forestry plantations as the trees will be planted at a much lower density, in this case 500 stems per hectare, compared to densities that often exceed 1,000 stems per hectare in plantation forestry. The proposed area for this project comprises poorer quality soils that will result in reduced growth rates and consequently present a lower fire risk. Fire management measures outlined in this document are consistent with the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (WA) and recommendations for mallee plantings.

This Development Application relates to the Shire of Woodanilling but covers the full project to provide context for assessment. The area within the Shire of Woodanilling comprises ~146 ha that is delineated by colour coding in the following diagrams:

Figure 1: Regional Location Plan Page 4

Figure 2: Local Location Plan Page 5

Wheatbelt Connect aims to achieve sustainable land use through the integration of strategic revegetation into broadacre farming systems in the Western Australian Wheatbelt. The key objectives of this proposed planting project are to:

1. Establish a native vegetation carbon project across approximately 560 ha, ~146ha in the Shire of Woodanilling, of a total of over 8,000 hectares currently being managed for farming by Ben Ball, representing ~7% of the area. The actual area will depend on site conditions at the time of project execution.
2. Register the project under the Federal Government's Emissions Reduction Fund to allow the planting to deliver carbon abatement in the form of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) over a minimum 25-year period.
3. Ensure the plantings are maintained for at least the permanence period of the registered project to achieve a minimum of 20% canopy cover and 2 m of height at maturity.

4. Allow for the reintroduction of livestock grazing to the planted areas, at the landowner's discretion, once the seedlings have reached sufficient maturity (approximately 3-4 years).

Co-benefits of the project include:

1. Protect and provide for the continuation of agricultural production on land with higher agricultural value through the provision of supplemental income from carbon farming.
2. Contribute towards achieving local and regional biodiversity objectives.
3. Help to alleviate localised salinisation of soils through the reintroduction of salt tolerant trees.

Furnihurst is a property owned by Gregory Robert Ball and Wagin Furnihurst Pty Ltd and is primarily used for cropping and livestock grazing. INEBA has executed leases with the landholders and will manage the planting on behalf of the Wheatbelt Connect Joint Venture.

As the activity will change the land use from agriculture to agroforestry, it is understood that a Development Consent will be required under the *Shire of Woodanilling Local Planning Scheme No 1*.

The following supporting information is included with this application:

- The Shire's Development Application form (refer **Appendix A** of this report).
- Land Title Information (refer **Appendix B** of this report)
- Part 1 Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015 (Deemed Provisions) clause 67(2) (refer **Appendix C** of this report).
- Bushfire Management Plan (refer **Appendix D** of this report).

1.1 Development Application details

Proposed Development:	Agroforestry (Tree Farm) for carbon sequestration
Type of Approval Sought:	Development Approval – Permitted use (Tree Farm)
Site Address:	1046 Riseborough Road, Lime Lake, 6315
Site Area:	~146 ha (including firebreaks) in the Shire of Woodanilling
Owner details:	Gregory Robert Ball Wagin Furnihurst Pty Ltd
Applicant Details:	INPEX New Energy Business Australia Pty Ltd (INEBA)

1.2 Planning Instrument details

Planning Scheme:	<i>Shire of Woodanilling Local Planning Scheme No. 1</i>
Zone:	Regional Rural
State Planning Policy:	SPP 3.7: Planning in Bushfire prone areas Area, vulnerable land use with potential hazards SPP 2.5: Rural planning
Strategic framework:	N/A

2 Site Details

2.1 Site description and existing land use

The Furnihurst Carbon Project 2026 will be implemented across a number of planting areas on lots within the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling, located approximately 13 Km North of Woodanilling and approximately 7 km east of Wagin (Fig. 1).

Individual plots shown below are indicative and may alter based on conditions encountered at the time of project execution.

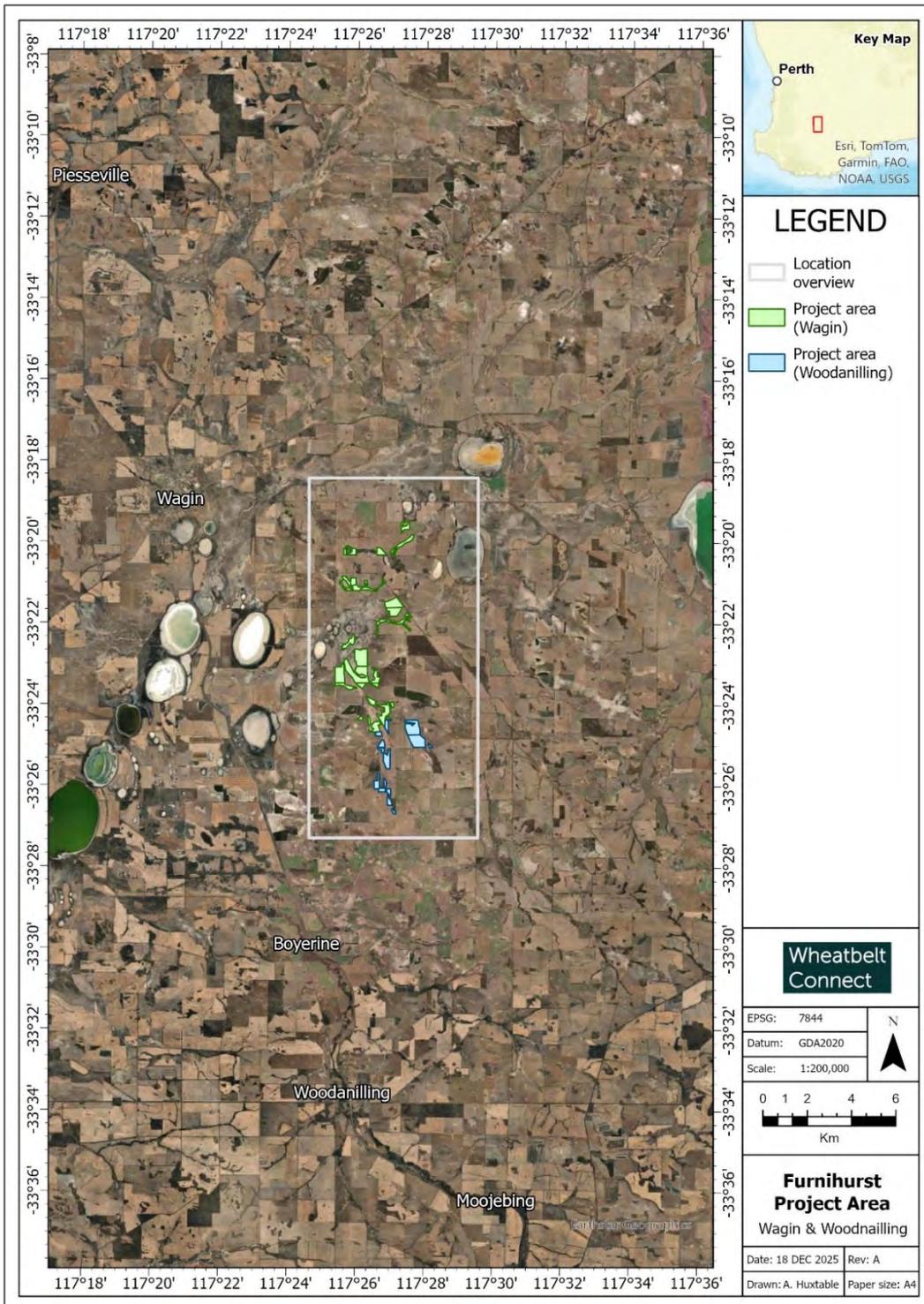


Figure 1: Regional Location Plan

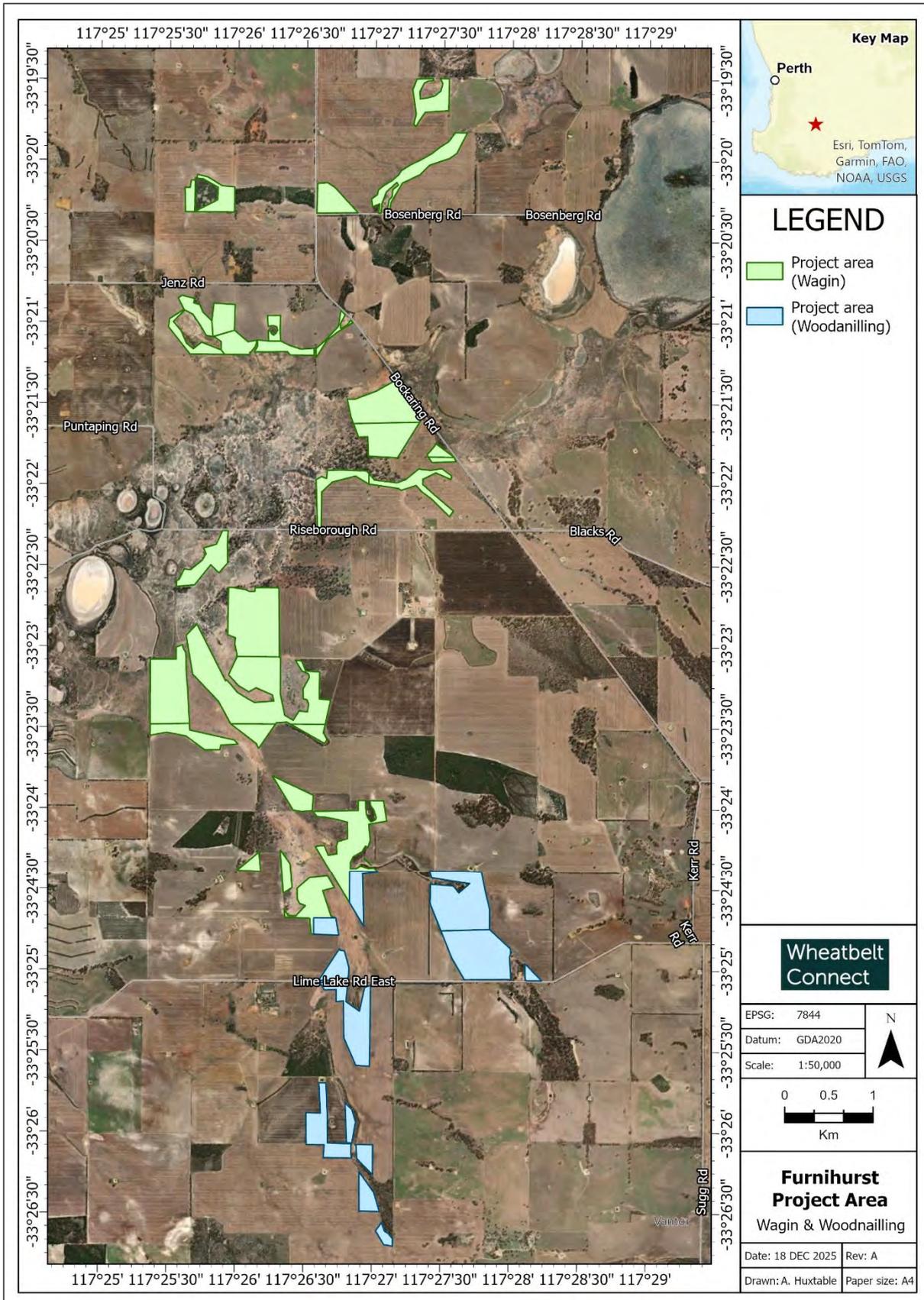


Figure 2: Local Location Plan

The proposed development area consists of planting on areas across 13 lots at 1046 Riseborough Road, Lime Lake, WA, 6315 (farm homestead) (Fig. 2). The property is located within the Shire of Woodanilling Regional Rural Zone and is currently used for cropping and livestock grazing. The proposed areas of tree planting represent marginal lands that are suboptimal for cropping and grazing activities and would benefit from a land use change to native vegetation.

The project areas are spread across an area that encompasses the following major soil-landscape Systems (Fig. 3):

- East Katanning System
- Whinbin System
- Noring System
- Colbinine System

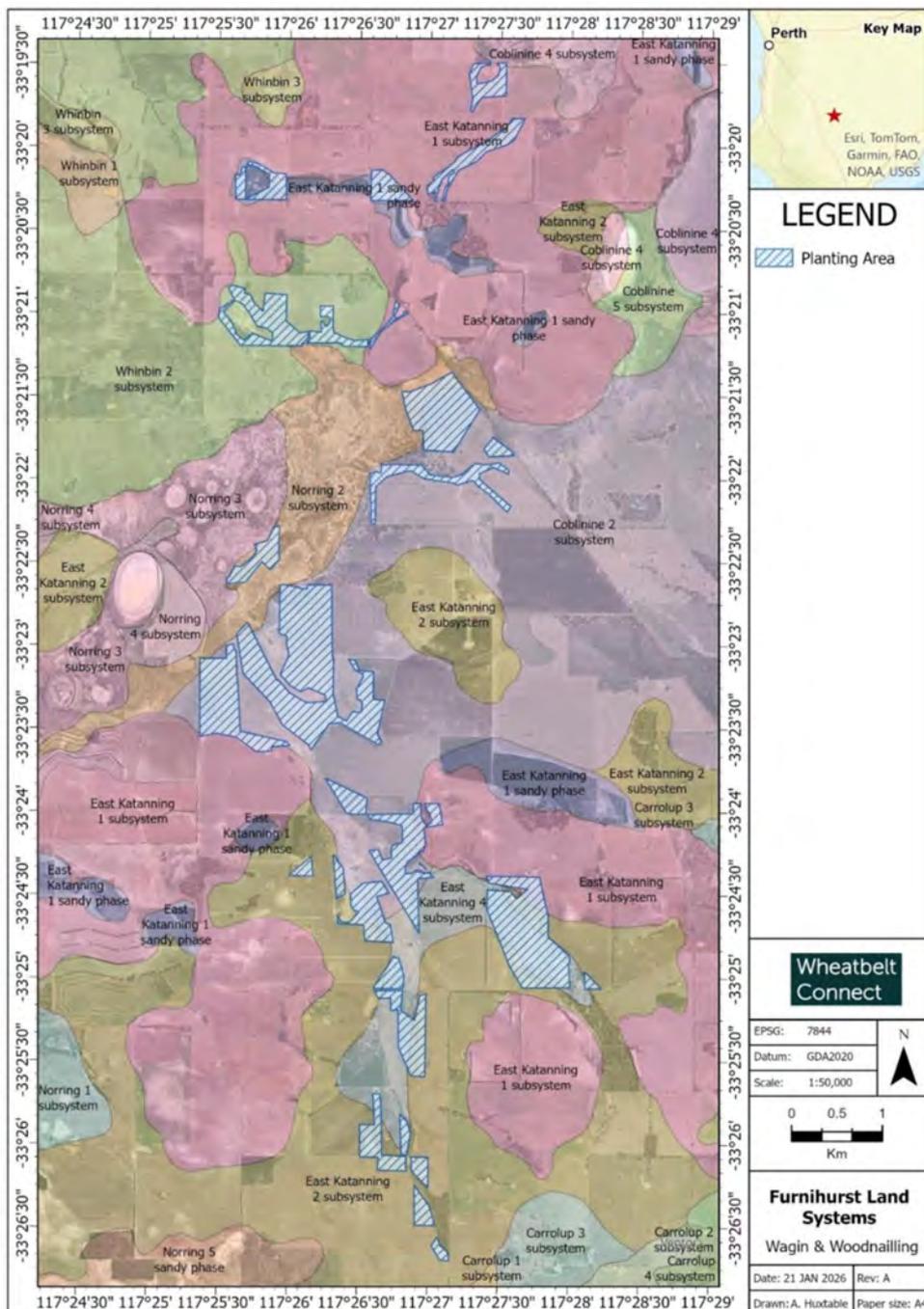


Figure 3: Landscape Systems

Approximately 48% of the planting area falls within the Cobline System. Lying within the Southwestern Zone of Ancient Drainage, this System is characterised by broad valley floors, with few lakes. The prevailing soils in this region are saline wet soils, alkaline grey shallow duplex soils and grey deep sandy duplex soils. The prevailing vegetation in this system is Salmon Gum-Wandoo woodland, Mallee scrub and samphire flats

Approximately 33% of the planting area falls within the East Katanning System. This System lies within the South-western Zone of Ancient Drainage and is characterised by gently undulating to undulating rises. Soils typically consist of sandy gravels, grey sandy duplex soils and alkaline grey sandy duplex, often with hard setting surfaces. The dominant vegetation in the East Katanning system is Wandoo-Sheoak woodland and mallee.

Approximately 11% of the planting area falls within the Norring System. This System lies in the southern Zone of Rejuvenated Drainage and is characterised by broad valley floors with many lakes and lunettes. Soils in this system tend to be saline wet soil, grey deep sandy duplex and salt lake soil. The predominant vegetation is Wandoo-Sheoak-Salmon Gum woodland, Tea-Tree scrub and samphire flats.

Approximately 7% of the planting area falls within the Whinbin System. This System lies within the southern Zone of Rejuvenated Drainage and is characterised by undulating rises. Soils typically consist of grey sandy duplex (mostly deep), sandy gravel and alkaline red shallow loamy duplex soil types. The predominant vegetation is Wandoo-Sheoak woodland.

3 Proposed Development Details

Individual plots shown below are indicative and may alter based on conditions encountered at the time of project execution

3.1 Key activities

Figures 4 – 7 below show a whole of project overview and the planting Cells that are fully or partially within the Shire of Woodanilling (Cells 28 - 38)

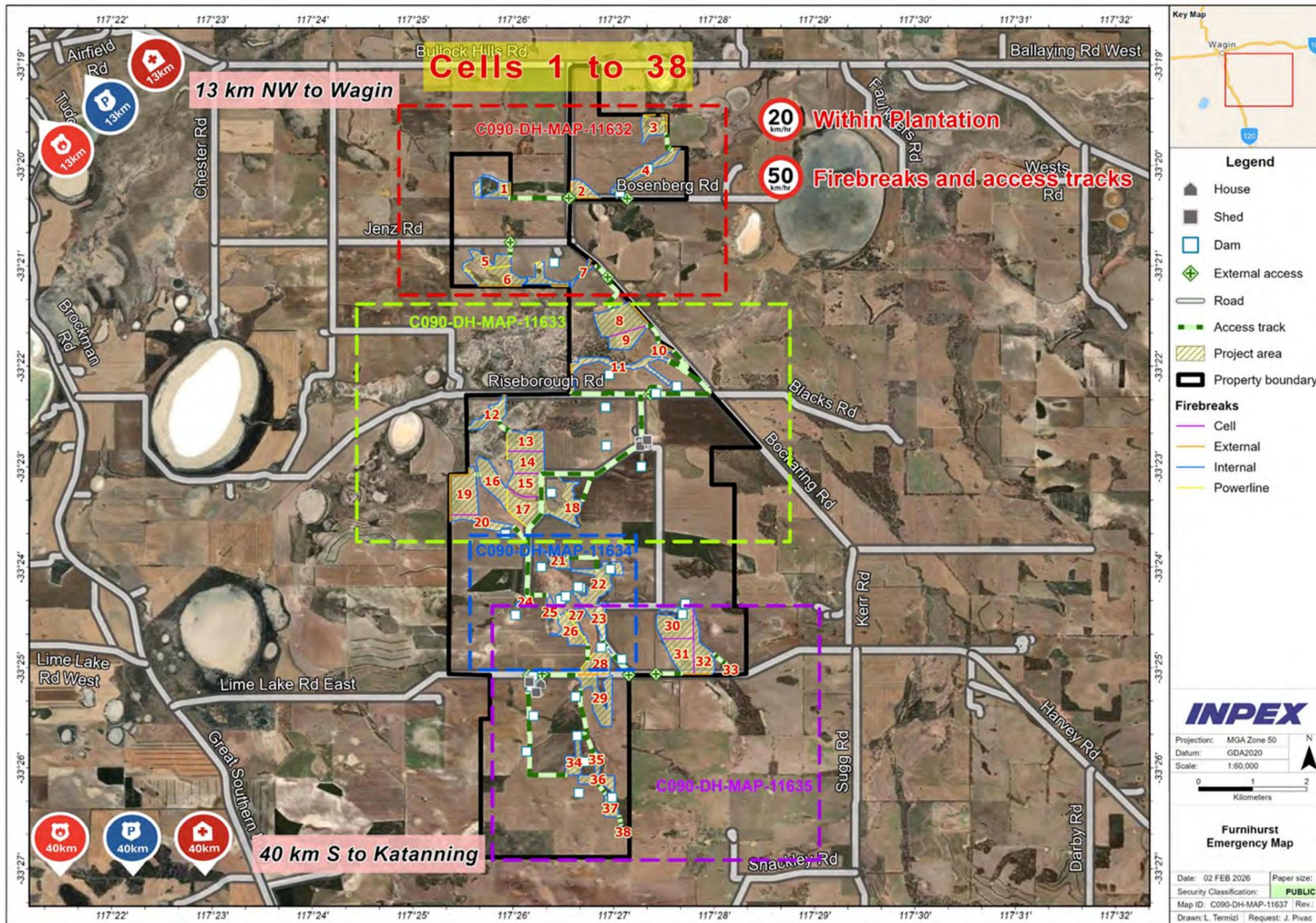
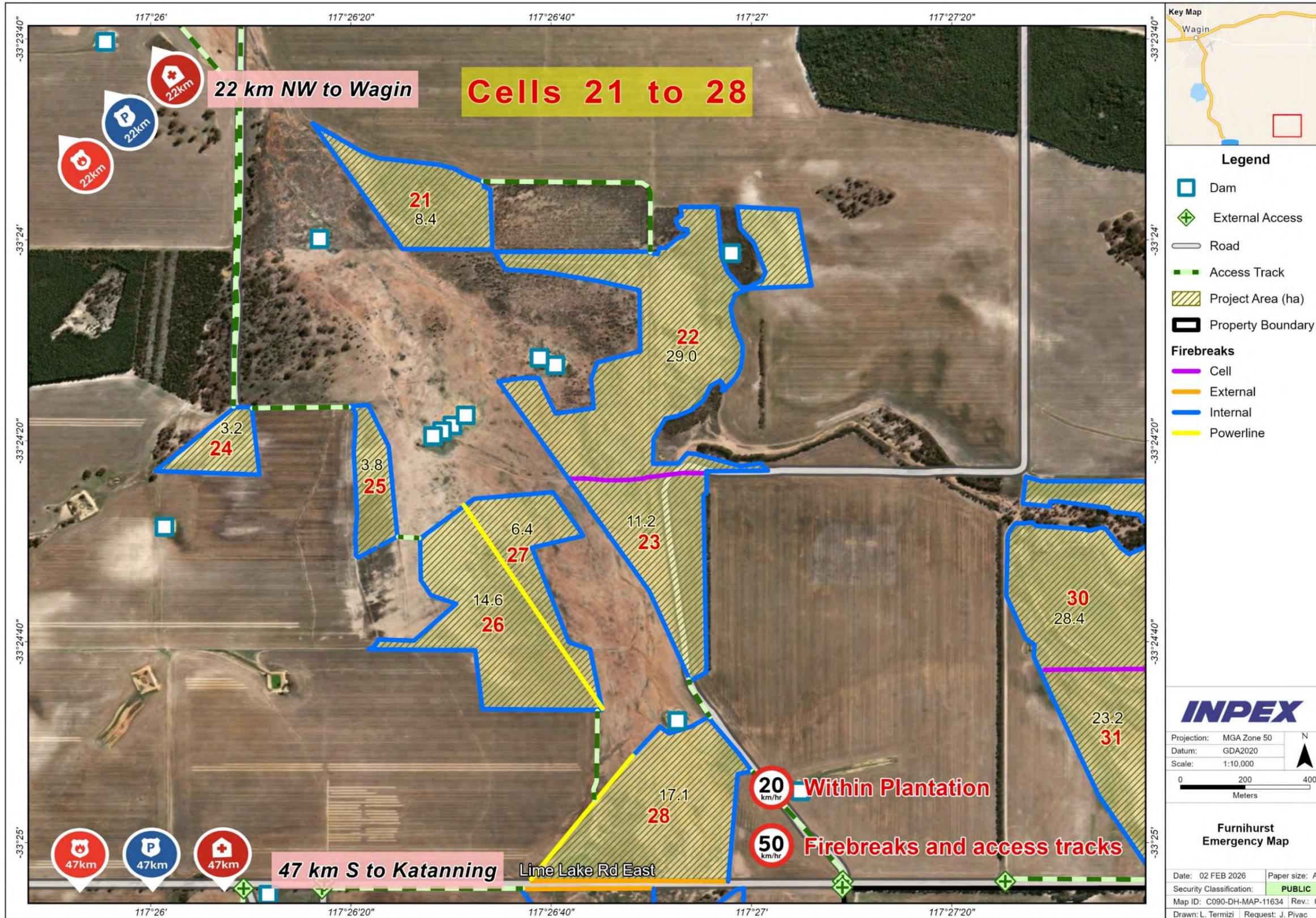


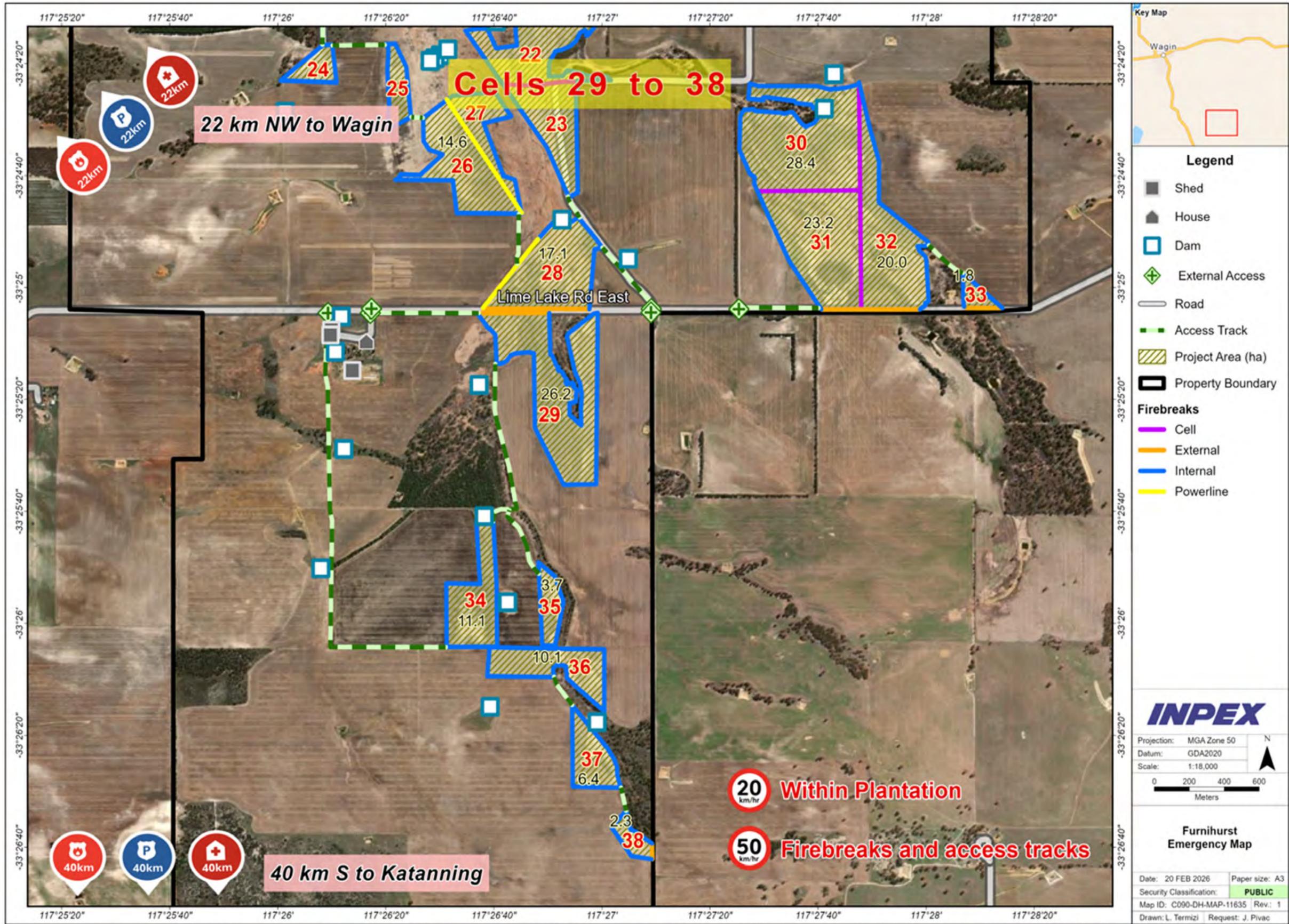
Figure 4: Indicative Project Development Area - Overview



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Figure 5: Indicative Project Development Area - Cells 21 – 28

(Cell 28 is in the Shire of Woodanilling)



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Figure 6: Indicative Project Development Area - Cells 29 - 38

The proposed plantings will be undertaken using the Reforestation by Environmental or Mallee Method that is approved by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for the creation of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs). The key tasks involved in establishing the planting areas are as follows:

- In autumn 2026, the site will be ripped and mounded with rip lines configured approximately every 6 metres on average.
- A knockdown herbicide (such as glyphosate) and a pre-emergent herbicide (such as simazine) may be applied prior to the planting area for weed control, as required.
- The site will be hand planted at a density of approximately 500 stems per hectare, dependent on landscape position, following significant rain events.
- The site will be monitored approximately every three months following planting for the first year, then annually or as required (spring assessment is essential for firebreak assessments/requirements). A key objective of field inspections will be to note any disturbance events, such as drought deaths, and to determine weed and pest control requirements.
- If the need is identified, post planting weed control using selective herbicides may be implemented to control late germinating weeds (e.g. Annual Ryegrass).
- Infill planting will be conducted in 2027, if required, to achieve a survival rate to meet the requirements of the method.

All activities associated with this proposal will be undertaken on existing cleared areas, there will be no clearing of remnant vegetation.

No additional infrastructure is proposed to be installed other than possible farm fencing where control of livestock is required, which will be the responsibility of the landowner.

The provisional species list includes:

- *Eucalyptus angustissima*
- *E. quaerenda*
- *E. sargentii sub onesis*
- *E. myriadena*
- *E. orthostemon*
- *E. loxophleba sub. loxophleba*

3.2 Continuation of existing agricultural activities

Grazing sheep or other livestock will be possible, at the landowner's discretion, once the trees are assessed by Wheatbelt Connect as being sufficiently mature to withstand grazing. This will typically involve short term or rotational grazing approaches in the spring to early summer period when weeds are actively growing. Due care will be exercised to prevent overgrazing and erosion risk.

Grazing is generally expected to occur from approximately three – four years after planting.

As well as providing income for the landowner, grazing has other important benefits including:

- Reducing the weed burden.
- Reducing fuel loads and hence fire risk (see the Bushfire Management Plan **Appendix D**).

- Reduced lower foliage of the trees, which may improve access in the rare event of required fire suppression.

Our approach to grazing is guided by sustainable land management practices that aid to balance livestock production with environmental conservation.

Monitoring and adaptive management practices will be used to assess grazing impacts, vegetation response and ecological indicators. This will enable the project team to make informed decisions and adjust grazing strategies, as needed, to meet shared land use objectives.

4 Planning Assessment

4.1 Local Planning Framework

4.1.1 Planning Matters

Deemed Provisions – *Part 1 Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015 (Deemed Provisions) clause 67(2)* establishes matters to be considered by the Shire when contemplating the merits of the proposed development. Appendix C provides a review of cl67 matters to be considered by Local Government.

4.1.2 Local Planning Scheme

The Furnihurst property is located within the Regional Rural zone within the Shire of Woodanilling and is subject to the provisions of *Shire of Woodanilling Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (LPS1)*. The Scheme establishes matters to be considered by the Shire when contemplating the merits of the proposed development.

Tree Farm is listed as a permitted use in LPS1 and can, therefore be approved if it meets the requirements of the Scheme. This proposal is consistent with the aims of the Regional Rural zone of the Scheme:

To provide for a range of rural pursuits such as broadacre and diversified farming which are compatible with the capability of the land and retain the rural character and amenity of the locality. Specific objectives are as follows:

- *to ensure the continuation of broadacre farming as the principal land use in the District and encourage, where appropriate, the retention and expansion of agricultural activities;*
- *to protect the potential of agricultural land for primary production and to preserve the landscape and character of the rural areas;*
 - This proposal will impact a small amount of the total area of the property (approximately 7% of the total farming area). The proposed planting areas represent marginal lands that are suboptimal for agriculture.
 - The reintroduction of sheep grazing will be possible, at the discretion of the landowner, when the trees are mature enough to withstand grazing pressure to continue agricultural use of the planted area.
- *to consider other non-rural uses where they can be shown to be of benefit to the District and not detrimental to the natural resources or the environment;*
 - This project will enhance the natural environment through the planting of native vegetation and potential employment opportunities in the region.
- *to provide for a range of rural pursuits such as broadacre and diversified farming which are compatible with the capability of the land and retain the rural amenity and character of the locality;*
 - The project will not impact on the rural amenity or character of the property. It will involve the planting of native trees, at relatively low density, of sub-optimal farming land.
- *to provide for a range of commercial and light industrial land uses that are appropriately located and will not cause land conflicts or adverse impacts on the amenity and character of the zone;*
 - N/A

- *to prevent the fragmentation of broadacre farming properties through the process of subdivision;*
 - There will be no requirements for subdivision as a result of the project.
- *to protect broadacre agricultural land from land degradation and any further loss of biodiversity by:*
 - i. minimising the clearing of remnant vegetation on public and private lands;*
 - ii. encouraging the retention and protection of existing remnant vegetation;*
 - iii. encouraging the development and protection of corridors of native vegetation;*
 - iv. encouraging the development of environmentally acceptable surface and subsurface drainage;*
 - v. encouraging the rehabilitation of salt affected land;*
 - vi. controlling the introduction and spread of alien species of flora and fauna;*
 - vii. encouraging soil conservation through the application of cultural vegetational land management measures.*
 - No clearing or disturbance of native vegetation will be undertaken as a result of this project.
 - The project will result in an increase in local biodiversity through the planting of native vegetation and create habitat for native animals.
 - Remnant vegetation in the area will be enhanced through the planting of native tree species.
 - The reintroduction of trees into the landscape will help to alleviate the salinity and to reduce the spread of salinity in the project area.
 - Expand and join areas of native vegetation around the natural salt lake system contained within the property.

4.1.3 Local Planning Strategy

The Shire of Woodanilling does not currently have a Local Planning Strategy.

The project is consistent with the Shire of Woodanilling Planning Policies.

4.2 State Planning Framework

4.2.1 State Planning Policy 3.7 – Bushfire

SPP 3.7 and the accompanying guidelines direct how land uses must address bushfire risk management requirements.

INEBA has a Bushfire Management Plan for the Furnihurst Carbon Project 2026 (Appendix D). This Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) constitutes a documented reference for the prevention and management of unplanned fire in the project areas at Furnihurst. It details how Wheatbelt Connect will manage fire risks and integrate with the landowner's property scale fire management plan. The BMP provides the basis for ensuring compliance with the Shire of Woodanilling bushfire management requirements.

The BMP will be reviewed annually prior to the fire season and may be updated at other times as appropriate (e.g. if key contact details change).

4.2.2 State Planning Policy 2.5 – Rural Planning

SPP 2.5 recognises the need to protect the State’s primary production and natural resource assets, ensuring the agricultural interests of the state and food security are not adversely affected.

Part 4.4(c) of SPP 2.5 states that, broadly speaking, planning decisions should be guided by the need to provide economic opportunities for rural communities and to protect the State’s primary production and natural resource assets.

The proposal is small-scale and low impact, supporting activities associated with, and complementary to the existing primary production land uses at Furnihurst, which is consistent with SPP 2.5.

4.2.3 State Planning Policy 3.5 – Historic Heritage Conservation

A search of the State Aboriginal Heritage Register has been undertaken. No Aboriginal sites have been registered or identified within areas of the project activities.

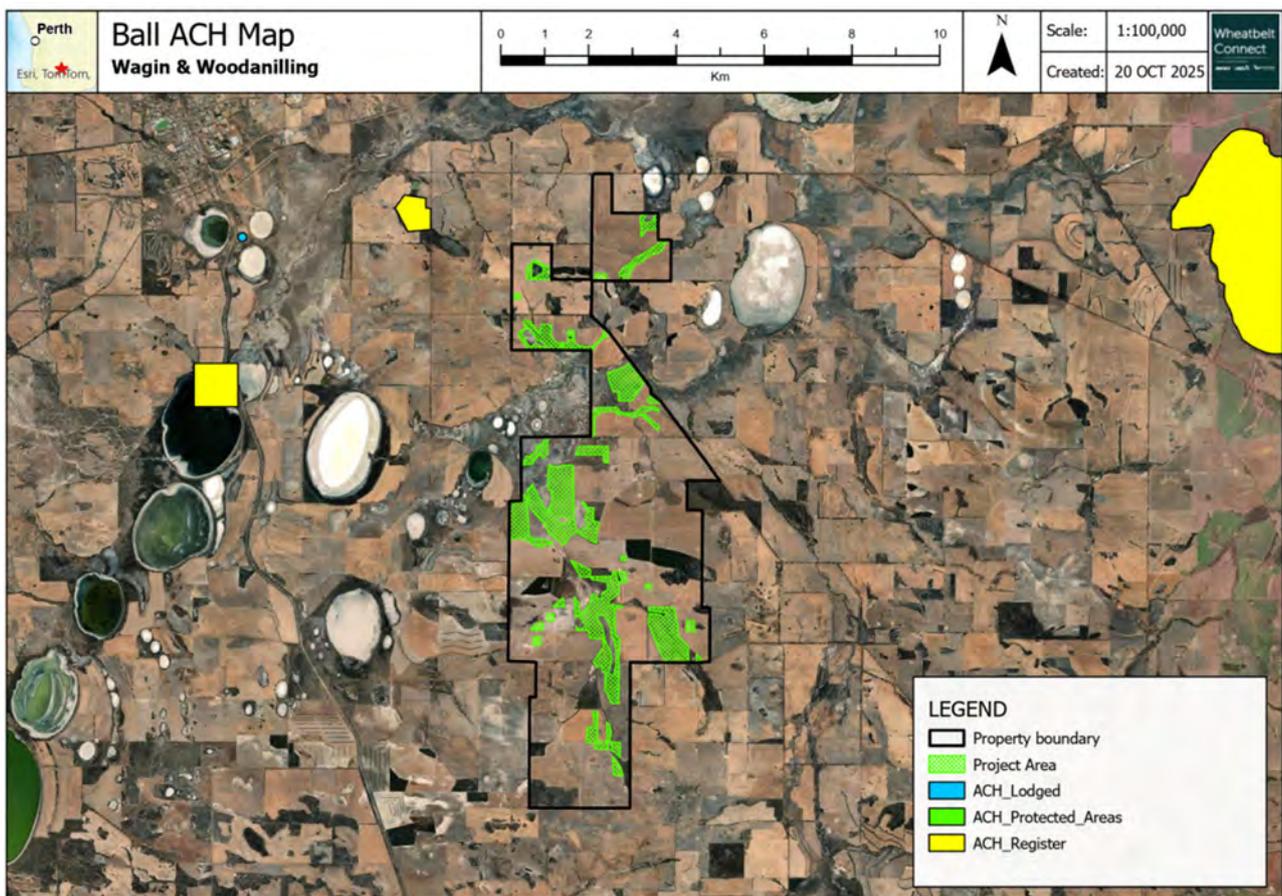


Figure 7: Aboriginal Heritage Search

5 Conclusion

The project proponent is seeking development approval of Agroforestry for a native carbon planting, on the subject sites in the Regional Rural zone within the *Shire of Woodanilling Local Planning Scheme No 1*. The proposed plantings will provide additional income for the landholder on marginal and suboptimal farming land; and it will also provide the potential for local employment during the establishment phase.

The portion of the property impacted by this proposal is approximately 7 per cent (inclusive of fire breaks) of over 8,000 ha managed by Ben Ball for farming (across the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling) and will not adversely impact the agricultural nature of the property.

In addition, it will also:

- Help to protect marginal land from degradation by reducing wind and water erosion and providing protection from salinisation.
- Bring biodiversity benefits through utilisation of native species that will also attract native animal species.

Wheatbelt Connect will seek to use local contractors, where possible, for land preparation and planting to provide benefits to the local community and local businesses. Some discussions have already commenced in relation to this.

For the reasons outlined in this report, our view is that the proposed development is suitable for the site and is consistent with the state and local planning frameworks and satisfies the requirements for approval. Should any further clarification or information be required please contact Mark Robertson on 0407 089 731 or by email at mark.robertson@inpex.com.au.

Appendix A

Shire of Woodanilling Development Application Form



APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
Application for Development Approval

OWNER DETAILS		
Name: Wagin Furnihurst Pty Ltd; Gregory Robert Ball		
ABN (if applicable): [REDACTED]		
Address: [REDACTED]		
Work No:	Home:	Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]		
Contact person for correspondence: [REDACTED]		
Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 21/01/26	
Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 21/01/26	
The signature of the owner(s) is required on all applications. This application will not proceed without that signature. For the purposes of signing this application an owner includes the persons referred to in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Schedule 2 clause 62(2).		
APPLICANT DETAILS (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER)		
Name: INPEX New Energy Business Australia Pty Ltd		
Address: Level 22, 100 Saint Georges Terrace, Perth, WA, 6000		
Work No: [REDACTED]	Home No:	Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]		
Contact person for correspondence:		
The information and plans provided with this application may be made available by the local government for public viewing in connection with the application.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 02/12/2025	
PROPERTY DETAILS		
Lot No: See attached table	House/Street No:	Location No:
Diagram or Plan No:	Certificate of Title Vol. No:	Folio:
Title encumbrances (e.g. easements, restrictive covenants):		
Street name: 1046 Riseborough Road		Suburb: Lime Lake
Nearest street intersection: Bockaring Road		

Property Details

Lot	Plan	Volume	Folio	Owner	Encumbrances
12349	146204	1902	796	Wagin Furnihurst Pty Ltd	M011214
12357	201779	2075	796	Gregory Robert Ball	F853465



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	
Nature of development:	<input type="checkbox"/> Works <input type="checkbox"/> Use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Works and Use
Is an exemption from development claimed for part of the development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Works <input type="checkbox"/> Use
Description of proposed works and/or land use: Agroforestry - Planting of native trees to generate Australian Carbon Credit Units	
Description of exemption claimed (if relevant):	
Nature of any existing buildings and/or land use: Agriculture - Cropping and grazing	
Approximate cost of proposed development: \$180,000	
Estimated time of completion: 30 September 2026	

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Acceptance Officer's initials:	Date received:
Local government reference No:	

GENERAL INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

The Shire of Woodanilling Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (LPS1) requires appropriate information to accompany every application for development approval. This checklist sets out the minimum required information for an application to be considered complete.

All applications should include enough information to enable Shire staff to ensure compliance with LPS1 and Local Planning Policies. Variations to R-Codes will require performance criteria to be addressed.

If the proposal is required to be advertised or notified in accordance with LPS1, the application will attract an additional fee. You will be advised of this requirement and invoiced in accordance with the Shire's Fees and Charges prior to any advertising taking place.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

- Application form fully completed and signed by all landowners where applicable.
- Cover letter providing details of proposed development (as described above).
- Planning Fee - due on lodgement – please contact 08 9823 1506 for advice regarding fees payable).
- Copy of current Certificate of Title.



PO BOX 99
WOODANILLING WA 6316

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shire@woodanilling.wa.gov.au
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Appendix B

Land Titles

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



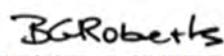
TITLE NUMBER

Volume Folio

1902 796

RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
UNDER THE TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1893

The person described in the first schedule is the registered proprietor of an estate in fee simple in the land described below subject to the reservations, conditions and depth limit contained in the original grant (if a grant issued) and to the limitations, interests, encumbrances and notifications shown in the second schedule.




REGISTRAR OF TITLES

LAND DESCRIPTION:

LOT 12349 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 146204

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR:
(FIRST SCHEDULE)

WAGIN FURNIHURST PTY LTD OF 33 TUDHOE STREET, WAGIN
(A E612269) REGISTERED 21/5/1991

LIMITATIONS, INTERESTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND NOTIFICATIONS:
(SECOND SCHEDULE)

1. F853465 MORTGAGE TO NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD REGISTERED 12/4/1995.

Warning: A current search of the sketch of the land should be obtained where detail of position, dimensions or area of the lot is required. Lot as described in the land description may be a lot or location.

-----END OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE-----

STATEMENTS:

The statements set out below are not intended to be nor should they be relied on as substitutes for inspection of the land and the relevant documents or for local government, legal, surveying or other professional advice.

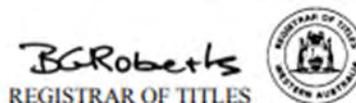
SKETCH OF LAND:	1902-796 (12349/DP146204)
PREVIOUS TITLE:	1339-214
PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS:	NO STREET ADDRESS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY:	SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



TITLE NUMBER	
Volume	Folio
2075	378

**RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
UNDER THE TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1893**

The person described in the first schedule is the registered proprietor of an estate in fee simple in the land described below subject to the reservations, conditions and depth limit contained in the original grant (if a grant issued) and to the limitations, interests, encumbrances and notifications shown in the second schedule.



LAND DESCRIPTION:

LOT 12357 ON DEPOSITED PLAN 201779

**REGISTERED PROPRIETOR:
(FIRST SCHEDULE)**

GREGORY ROBERT BALL OF POST OFFICE BOX 27, WAGIN

(T G177437) REGISTERED 15/5/1996

**LIMITATIONS, INTERESTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND NOTIFICATIONS:
(SECOND SCHEDULE)**

1. G177440 MORTGAGE TO NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD REGISTERED 15/5/1996.
2. H550825 PROFIT A' PRENDRE. CERTAIN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 40 YEARS FROM AND INCLUDING 1.1.2000. REGISTERED 14/9/2000.

Warning: A current search of the sketch of the land should be obtained where detail of position, dimensions or area of the lot is required. Lot as described in the land description may be a lot or location.

-----END OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE-----

STATEMENTS:

The statements set out below are not intended to be nor should they be relied on as substitutes for inspection of the land and the relevant documents or for local government, legal, surveying or other professional advice.

SKETCH OF LAND: 2075-378 (12357/DP201779)
 PREVIOUS TITLE: 1293-886
 PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS: 568 LIME LAKE RD EAST, CARTMETICUP.
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY: SHIRE OF WOODANILLING

Appendix C

Deemed Provisions – Clause 67 Matters to be considered by Local Government

Deemed Provisions – Clause 67 Planning and Development Local Planning Scheme Regulations (2015) - Matters to be considered by local government.

Land Use		Addressed	
a)	The aims and provisions of Shire of Woodanilling Local Planning Scheme No. 1 and any other local planning scheme in effect.	Yes	No
Comment: The development of Agroforestry (Tree Farming) is a permitted use in the Regional Rural Zone of the Shire of Woodanilling LPS1.			
b)	The requirements of orderly and proper planning including any proposed local planning scheme or amendment to this Scheme that has been advertised under the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 or any other proposed planning instrument, that the local government is seriously considering adopting of approving.	Yes	No
Comment: The proposed land use and development is considered to be generally consistent with the LPS. The zoning of the subject site will remain Regional Rural.			
c)	Any approved State Planning Policy (SPP)	Yes	No
Comment: The proposal is consistent with relevant State planning policies, including SPP 2.5, 3.7 and 3.5 as discussed in further detail in Part 4.2 of the report.			
d)	Any environmental protection on policy approved under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 31 (d).	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
e)	Any policy of the Commission.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
f)	Any policy of the State.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
g)	Any local planning policy for the Scheme area.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
h)	Any structure plan, activity centre plan or local development plan that relates to the development.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
i)	Any report of the review of the local planning scheme that has been published under the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
j)	In the case of land reserved under this Scheme, the objectives for the reserve and the additional and permitted uses identified in this Scheme for the reserve.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
k)	The built heritage conservation of any place that is of cultural significance.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			
l)	The effect of the proposal on the cultural heritage significance of the area in which the development is located.	Yes	No
Comment: N/A			

m)	The compatibility of the development with its setting including the relationship of the development to development on adjoining land or on other land in the locality including, but not limited to, the likely effect of the height, bulk, scale, orientation, and appearance of the development.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: No buildings will be constructed as a result of this proposal. The project will not clear additional vegetation and will enhance existing remnant vegetation through planting using natural species.</p>			
n)	The amenity of the locality including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental impacts of the development. 2. The character of the locality. 3. Social impacts of the development. 	Yes	No
<p>Comment: The project will restore areas of historical clearing through planting of native species.</p>			
o)	The likely effect of the development on the natural environment or water resources and any means that are proposed to protect or to mitigate impacts on the natural environment or the water resource.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: All activities will be undertaken on land that has been previously cleared and will not impact areas of existing natural vegetation. It will not impact on water courses or areas of natural water. Planting adjacent to natural wet areas or areas prone to inundation may have a beneficial effect through establishment of native vegetation.</p>			
p)	Whether adequate provision has been made for the landscaping of the land to which the application relates and whether any trees or other vegetation on the land should be preserved	Yes	No
<p>Comment: Revegetation using mixed species that are local to the area. The subject areas are cleared and have no current natural vegetation.</p>			
q)	the suitability of the land for the development taking into account the possible risk of flooding, tidal inundation, subsidence, landslip, bushfire, soil erosion, land degradation or any other risk.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: A Bushfire Management Plan has been prepared and is included in Appendix D to this application. The site is a modified rural landscape previously used for cropping/grazing activities, no additional erosion or land degradation will result from development. The planting associated with this project will protect the areas from erosion and degradation.</p>			
r)	The suitability of the land for the development, taking into account, the possible risk to human health or safety.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: The main risk associated with the development is bushfires. A Bushfire Management Plan has been prepared and is included in Appendix D of this application. Safety management plans will be developed for planting activities.</p>			
s)	The adequacy of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed means of access to and egress from the site; and 2. Arrangements for the loading, unloading, manoeuvring, and parking of vehicles. 	Yes	No
<p>Comment: N/A</p>			

t)	The amount of traffic likely to be generated by the development, particularly in relation to the capacity of the road system in the locality and the probable effect on traffic flow and safety.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: Traffic volumes will be minimal other than a very short period during the planting activities which will have small volume of traffic for delivery of seedlings and access by planting teams. The vehicles will predominantly be light vehicles, and the volume of this traffic will not impact the general flow or safety of traffic in the area.</p>			
u)	The availability and adequacy for the development of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public transport services; 2. Public utility services; 3. Storage, management and collection of waste; 4. Access for pedestrians and cyclists (including end of trip storage, toilet and shower facilities); and 5. Access by older people and people with disability. 	Yes	No
<p>Comment: N/A</p>			
v)	The potential loss of any community service or benefit resulting from the development other than potential loss that may result from economic competition between new and existing businesses.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: N/A</p>			
w)	The history of the site where the development is to be located.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: No Aboriginal Heritage has been identified on the proposed project areas. The area has been historically utilised for agriculture (cropping/grazing)</p>			
x)	The impact of the development on the community as a whole notwithstanding the impact of the development on particular individuals.	Yes	No
<p>Comment: No community impact is anticipated as a result of this project. It may create employment and business opportunities.</p>			

Appendix D

Bushfire Management Plan – Furnihurst Carbon Project 2025

Furnihurst Carbon Project
Bushfire Management Plan

20 February 2026

Wheatbelt Connect

A joint venture between



REV	Date	Issue Reason	Prepared	Checked	Approved
a	19/12/2025	Review	Alexandra Huxtable <i>Alexandra Huxtable</i>	Beren Spencer <i>Beren Spencer</i>	
0	20/02/2026	Use	Beren Spencer <i>Beren Spencer</i>	Liz Green <i>Liz Green</i>	Mark Robertson <i>Mark Robertson</i>

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1 Purpose and Scope

This Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) has been developed for application to the proposed Wheatbelt Connect revegetation project at Furnihurst, within the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling, Western Australia (hereafter referred to as the Furnihurst Carbon Project).

The BMP:

- describes measures for the prevention and management of unplanned fire in the proposed revegetation areas at Furnihurst.
- details how Wheatbelt Connect will manage fire risks and integrate with the landowner's property-scale fire management plan.
- provides the basis for ensuring compliance with the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling's bushfire management requirements.

In developing this BMP, the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling have been consulted with respect to the broader Development Application process.

The BMP will be reviewed annually prior to the start of the fire season, 1st October, as specified in the Shire of Wagin's fire notices and 19th September, as specified in the Shire of Woodanilling's fire notices, and may be updated at other times as appropriate (e.g. if key contact details or other circumstances change).

State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire (SPP 3.7) has also been considered in the development of this BMP. SPP 3.7 became operational on 18 November 2024, along with the Planning for Bushfire Guidelines (the Guidelines). The policy seeks to implement effective, risk-based land use planning and development which, in the first instance, avoids the bushfire risk but, where unavoidable, manages and/or mitigates the risk to people, property and infrastructure to an acceptable level. The policy also aims to achieve a balance between bushfire risk mitigation and conservation measures. SPP 3.7 and the accompanying Guidelines provide a framework for preparing Bushfire Management Plans for lands in designated bushfire prone areas.

2 Site Details

2.1 Property description

Property details for Furnihurst are summarised in Table 1 (overleaf).

The Furnihurst Carbon Project is located within the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling, approximately 5 km east of Wagin and approximately 7.5 km northeast of the Boyerine (Fig. 1).

The proposed planting areas are located on broad valley floors, alluvial plains and undulating low hills. The soils are typically deep or shallow sandy duplex and sandy gravel duplex or shallow sands. There are some areas of saline wet soils within and around the planting area.

The property has a long history of broadacre farming land use and has previously been heavily cleared. Most of the proposed revegetation area is located on low productivity land that is mainly unsuitable for cropping due to the presence of shallow/saline soil profiles.

Remnant vegetation in the valley landscape unit is mostly confined to road reserves and small strips and blocks amongst farm paddocks. It predominantly comprises of Samphire flats, mallee woodlands, and Salmon gum-Wandoo-Sheoak woodlands. Salt affected areas constitute natural low fuel/firebreak zones.

Nearby conservation areas occur on adjacent granitic uplands including Bockaring Nature Reserve (R9648) approximately 2.5 km to the east, Parkeyerring Nature Reserve (R10733) 6.5 km to the west, Casuarina Nature Reserve 4 km to the northwest (R2085-2088), King Rock Nature Reserve (R9377) approximately 2.5 km to the southeast, Gundaring Lake Nature Reserve (R24373) approximately 3.5 km to the northeast and Dumbleyung Lake Nature Reserve (R26664) approximately 12.5 km to the east.

The proposed revegetation areas are all in existing cleared and fenced paddocks, variably affected by waterlogging and salinity and with a history of cropping and sheep grazing.

Table 1: Property Details

Site Address:	Furnihurst - 1046 Riseborough Road, LIME LAKE 6315; and 568 Lime Lake Road East, CARTMETICUP 6316						
Site Area:	Shire	Lot	Deposited plan	Volume	Folio		
	Wagin	12295	P146205	1339	215		
	Wagin	12299	P146202	1339	215		
	Wagin	1	D031340	1651	299		
	Wagin	10043	P141395	2075	360		
	Woodanilling	12357	P201779	2075	378		
	Wagin	4909	P113241	1276	604		
	Wagin	2565	P113250	1276	605		
	Woodanilling	12349	P146204	1902	796		
	Wagin	10	P233158	4075	883		
	Wagin	12					
	Wagin	3173	P113432				
	Wagin	3724	P113431				
	Wagin	4267	P137103				
	Wagin	5	P233158				
	Wagin	7649	P127984				
Owner details:	Gregory Robert Ball Wagin Furnihurst Pty Ltd.						
Manager Details:	INPEX New Energy Business Australia Pty Ltd (INEBA)						

2.2 Location Plans

This section contains the following maps:

- Regional project location (Figure 1)
- Local project location (Figure 2)

Individual plots shown below are indicative and may alter based on conditions encountered at the time of project execution. Total project area is ~560 ha.

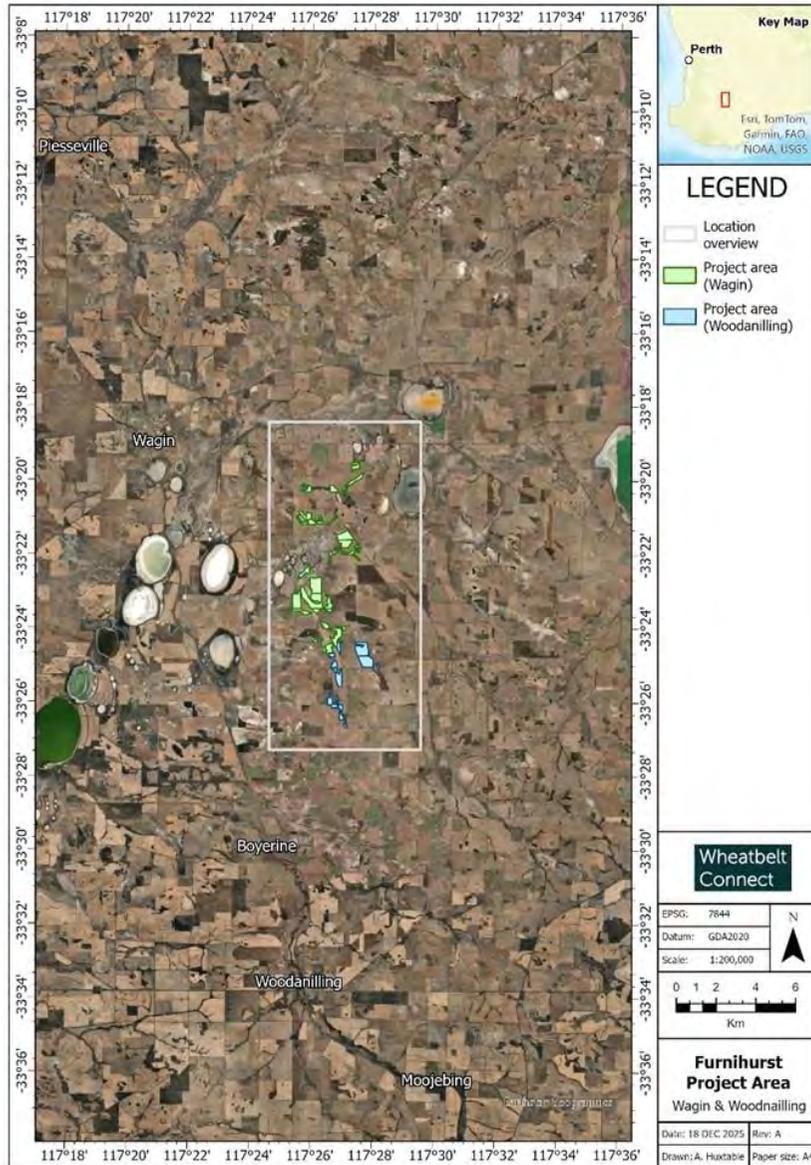


Figure 1: Regional project location

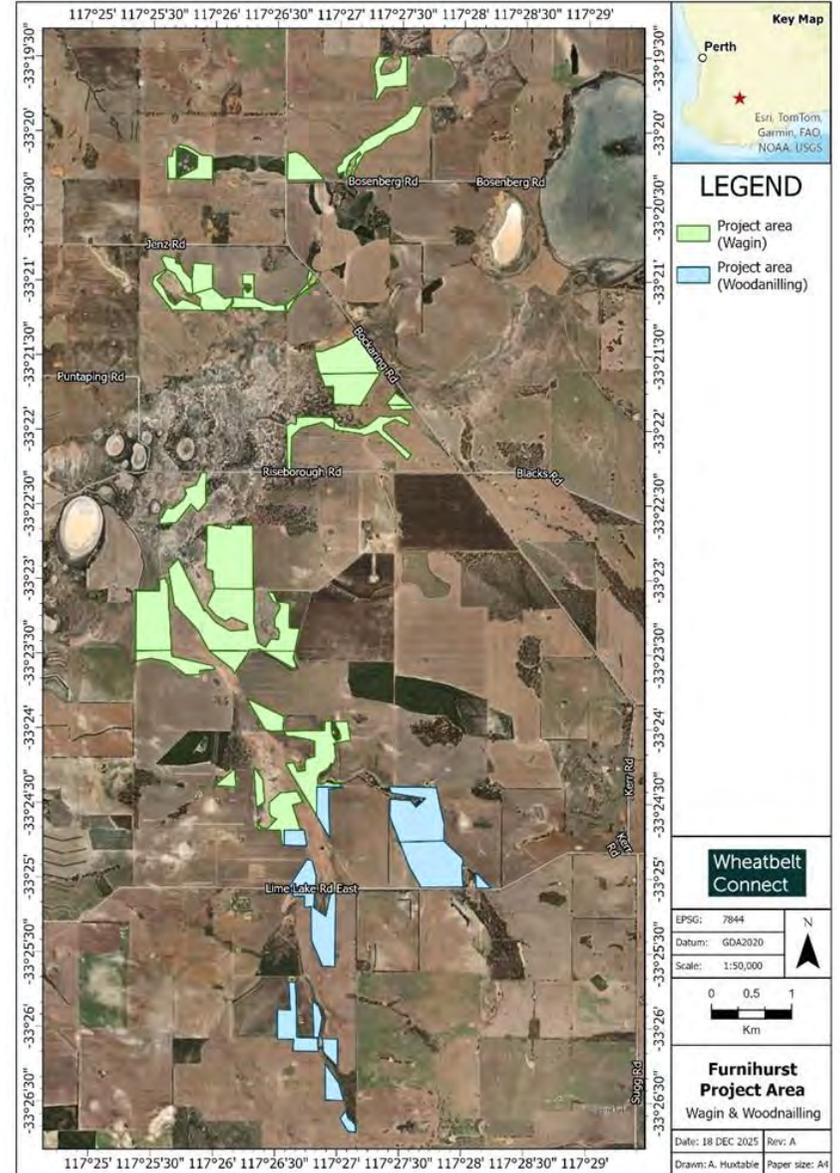


Figure 2: Local project location with access road

3 Contact Details

The Contact Details for the Wheatbelt Connect Project Team, Emergency Services, Local Bushfire Contacts, and Neighbour Contacts are contained in Appendix 4. Laminated copies of these details will be installed in information tubing affixed to posts at selected property entry points.

4 Fire Risk Management

4.1 Ignitions Risks

The main ignition risks within or proximal to the proposed revegetation areas are:

- Lightning strikes.
- Operation of agricultural vehicles and machinery on the property, i.e. vehicle movement across paddocks, vehicle refuelling etc.
- Escaped fires on adjacent or nearby lands (this could include direct passage of the fire front or ember attack).
- Accidental ignitions (e.g. damaged powerlines, hot work tools, cigarette butts).
- Intentionally lit – arson.

4.2 Risk Mitigation

Key approaches to mitigating these risks include:

- Planting layouts will include strategic fire breaks for access and minimising planting block sizes in accordance with section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act (1954)*, and/or Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling's requirements.
- Maintaining a network of vehicle access tracks across the property.
- Maintaining suitably accessible water storage for firefighting on the property.
- Monitoring of fuel loads and strategic reduction of fuel loads as required, using methods such as grazing, slashing or controlled burns, in accordance with Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling's requirements.
- Refuelling of vehicles will only be permitted at designated refuelling points on the property.
- Avoidance of vehicle access during Extreme or Catastrophic fire risk conditions, including compliance with Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling's Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans.
- All workers visiting the property must assess bushfire risks prior to accessing the property. This may include reviewing the district fire danger rating at: <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/fire-danger-ratings?view=map> as well as subscribing to the Shire of Woodanilling's Harvest Ban alerts through contacting shire@woodanilling.gov.au and the Shire of Wagin's Harvest Ban Information System free SMS service available at: <https://www.wagin.wa.gov.au/harvest-ban.aspx>

4.3 Seasonal Fuel Load and Firebreak Assessment

Prior to the commencement of the summer fire season (which runs from 1st of October to 30th of April as specified in the Shire of Wagin's notices and, 19th September to 15th April as specified in the Shire of Woodanilling's notices), an assessment of fire breaks and fuel loads within the Furnihurst Carbon Project will be completed. Remedial actions to achieve an acceptable level of fire risk and meet Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling's fire break

requirements, and/or agreed fire break requirements, will be identified and implemented as necessary.

4.4 Vehicle Access

Vehicle access to the property will be facilitated via dedicated access tracks. Access will be restricted to minimise risks, and vehicles will be required to meet minimum requirements appropriate to the risks i.e. carry fire extinguishers; appropriate communications; and emergency maps detailing tracks, muster locations and water points.

Laneways and access to water supplies in the area will be maintained.

4.5 Fire Maps

Property Emergency Maps have been prepared (see Appendix 3) showcasing access points, tracks, water points, firebreaks, key infrastructure and operational layout. This map will be reviewed once the Furnihurst Carbon Project has been established, prior to the 2026/27 bushfire season and periodically thereafter as part of regular review of this BMP. Individual cells and area estimates shown are indicative and may alter based on conditions encountered at the time of project execution.

The Emergency Maps will be provided to the necessary emergency services (e.g. local bushfire brigades). Copies of the Emergency Maps and Emergency Contacts (A3 laminated) will be installed in information tubing affixed to posts at selected property entry points.

4.6 Firebreaks

4.6.1 Firebreak dimensions

Wheatbelt Connect has reviewed the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling's firebreak requirements applicable to the Furnihurst Carbon Project. The proposed firebreak widths for this project are guided by information contained within the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection, with some variations proposed due to the nature of the planting (refer to Appendices 1 & 2). The proposed firebreak dimensions are based on the low stocking density of 500 mallee stems per hectare (compared to 1,500 stems per hectare within the guidelines) and the location of the plantings, which are located on low-lying valley flats subject to varying degrees of salinisation and waterlogging, which will moderate growth rates. Our proposed firebreak dimensions are as follows:

- 3-metre-wide fire break surrounding the perimeter of planted trees internal to the property
- 6-metre-wide fire break where the perimeter of the planted trees adjoins the property external boundary
- 7-metre either side of the powerline
- 6-metre-wide firebreak between compartment areas (i.e. contiguous planting blocks)
 - Compartment areas and location of cell fire breaks are indicative. Finalised compartment areas will be less than 30 hectares.

4.6.1.1 Initial Firebreak dimensions

Based on expected fuel loads within the plantation, Wheatbelt Connect will employ a two-stage implementation of the plantation firebreaks. Initially, when the trees are small, the fuel loads within the plantations will not exceed the fuel loads of the surrounding agricultural land, as such

we will implement 3-metre firebreaks along all boundaries and cells breaks. When the fuel loads exceed 10 tonnes per hectare, 6-metre firebreaks will be established. At Furnihurst, based on modelled growth rates, it is anticipated this will occur at between approximately 13 to 17 years of age. Refer to Appendices 1 & 2 for further information regarding fuel loads and proposed firebreak requirements.

4.6.2 Firebreak Maintenance

Firebreaks within and bordering the Furnihurst Carbon Project will be maintained by Wheatbelt Connect. Firebreaks on parts of the property outside the planting areas will be maintained by the property manager or their delegate. All firebreaks must be maintained in accordance with the agreement with the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling.

- Annually, on or before the date specified by the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling, Wheatbelt Connect shall comply with the directives outlined in section 4.6.1 (above). Firebreaks intended to provide access for firefighting and aim to reduce the outbreak, spread and extension of a bushfire. Firebreaks shall be maintained until the end of the bushfire season as specified by the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling under section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.
- Firebreaks for all planting areas shall comply with requirements contained in the *DFES Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (2011)* except where a deviation has been agreed with the Shires, as appropriate for the nature of the specific planting area.

4.7 Fire Detection, Reporting and Initial Response

The Wheatbelt Connect Team, the landowner, neighbours, and the existing Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling brigades will undertake fire detection. **In the event of unplanned fire or loss of control of a planned fire, Emergency WA is the initial contact (dial 000).**

Emergency WA will notify the appropriate Chief Fire Control Officer or nominated delegate from the Shire of Wagin and/or the Shire of Woodanilling. The Chief Fire Control Officer/s will liaise with Emergency WA for coordination of the initial suppression.

If a major bushfire develops, other firefighting organisations may become involved in the fire suppression action e.g. Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) in the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

4.8 Post-Emergency Fire Management

Once initial fire suppression is completed, responsibility to manage the fire and any related mop-up duties will generally be handed back to the plantation manager / landowner. Assistance may be provided by brigades as required; however, shire volunteers and staff are not expected to monitor the property once the fire is under control.

4.9 Water Points and Fire Equipment

Firefighting water supplies on Furnihurst are shown in the Emergency Response Map (Appendix 3) and include the following:

- Extensive water tank and dam network throughout the property maintained and operated by the property manager.

Equipment for fire and fuel load suppression activities located on the property is summarised in Appendix 4. A list of this equipment will be provided to the Shires of Wagin and Woodanilling prior to the commencement of the fire season.

4.10 Fuel load management with livestock

As part of the integrated agriculture approach of the plantation, it is possible that livestock may be introduced to the Furnihurst Carbon Project when the trees are approximately 3 years old, or when they are sufficiently mature to withstand grazing. Besides controlling weeds, the grazing will have the beneficial effect of reducing fire fuel loads and improving vehicle access within the planting.

4.11 Training

Wheatbelt Connect team members involved in Bushfire response shall have undertaken suitable training to ensure competency to undertake this role. This training will be reviewed periodically and will include training provided by DFES.

Appendix 1 – Comparison of firebreak width and fuel load

Summary of firebreak width and fuel load comparisons among various plantation and agricultural species common to the Wheatbelt of Western Australia to demonstrate the appropriateness of proposed mallee firebreak widths

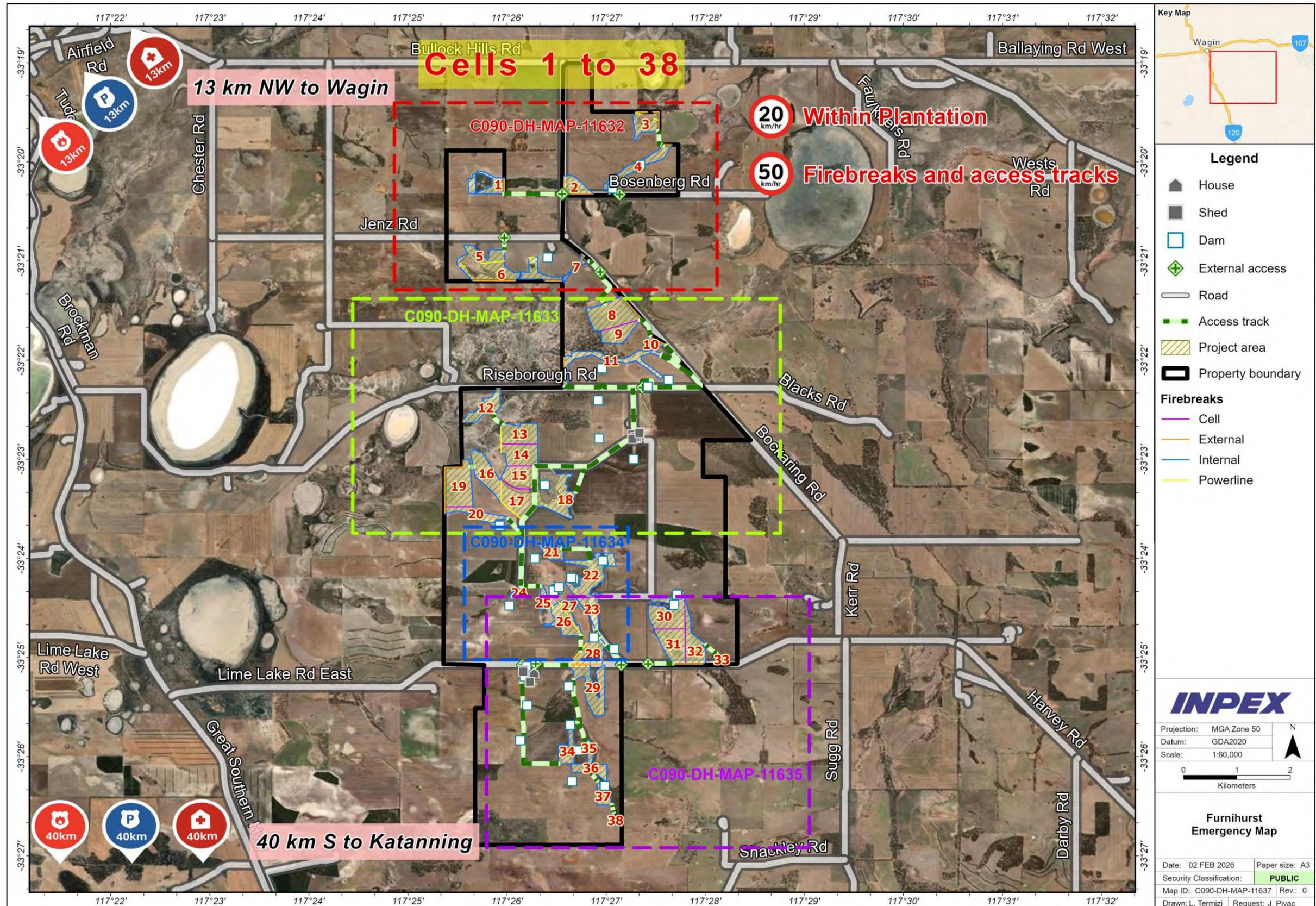
Fuel Type	Stocking Rate (stems per hectare)	Fuel Description	External Horizontal Firebreak Requirements
Blue Gum¹	1000-1250	Up to 4-years: Vulnerable to grass fires. Fuel loads up to 4 t/ha 4-6 years: Fuel load up to 5 t/ha. Increase in forest litter and bark 7+ years: continuous fuel cover, up to 8 t/ha, increase in heavy fuels and bark streamers 10+ years: Fuel load exceeds 8 t/ha, with increase in heavy 'trash' fuels	15 m
Pine¹	1500	Up to 4-years: Fuel loads can be up to 5 t/ha. Vulnerable to grass fires. 3-6 years: Increase in forest litter bark and needles 7-8 years: continuous fuel cover, fuel load up to 8t/ha, increase in heavy fuels 12-18 years: 17-26 t/ha fuel loads	15 m
Mallee (up to 40% canopy cover)¹	1500	Up to 2-years: Fuel loads up to 5 t/ha. Vulnerable to grass fires 3-6 years: depends on location, grass and some leaf litter, up to 5 t/ha 6-10 years: May exceed 10 t/ha but is acceptable for 20-40% of area to be more than 8t/ha	10 m
Mallee (up to 20% canopy cover)¹	<1500	Up to 2-years: Fuel loads up to 5 t/ha, vulnerable to grass fires 3-6 years: based on location, grass and some litter, up to 5 t/ha 6-10 years: may exceed 10 t/ha but is acceptable for 20-40% of area to be more than 8 t/ha	3 m
Our Proposal (Mallee)^{1&2}	500	Years 0-5: Fuel loads are expected to be less than 3 t/ha Years 6-10: Fuel loads are expected to be less than 10 t/ha Years 15-25: Fuel loads may exceed 10t/ha with higher ACCU areas having a higher fuel load Fuel loads and corresponding requirements will be reviewed, and best management will be applied	3 m until 10 t/ha fuel load is reached at approximately 10-years of age and then 6 m external firebreak widths will be established
Wheat^{3, 4}	N/A	Annual ~7.24 t/ha of highly combustible material. This estimate is for an average wheat crop in H4 (2.90 tonnes grain/ha), in the high rainfall zone (450 – 750mm)	Less than or equal to 3 m
References			
¹ Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (FESA, 2022) https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/guidelines-for-plantation-fire-protection			
² Reforestation by Environmental or Mallee Plantings FullCAM Guidelines (2024) https://www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/fullcam-guidelines-reforestation-environmental-mallee-plantings-2024-method.pdf			
³ Planfarm Benchmarks (Averages for region M4 from 2019-2023)			
⁴ Comparing the Grain Yields and Other Properties of Old and New Wheat Cultivars https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4395/13/8/2090			

Appendix 2 - Projected fuel loads of proposed mallee planting at Furnihurst Carbon Project

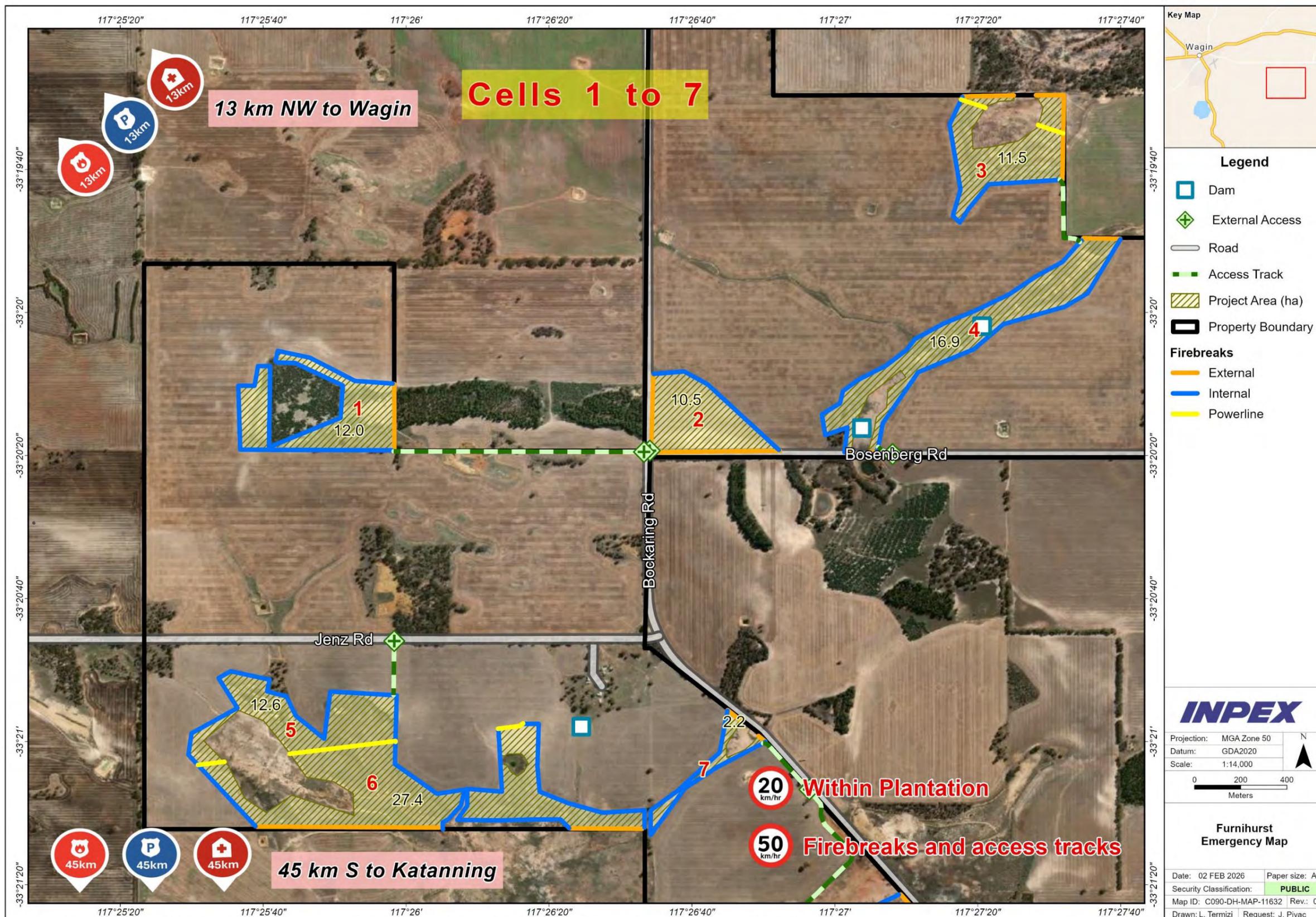
Summary of modelled growth rates based on FullCAM mallee plantings (4.8 to 7.2 CO₂e/ha) and corresponding fine fuel loads, which have been calculated as specified by FESA using this calculation: Fine Fuel Load (t/ha) = Debris ((tonne carbon / ha) × 2) × 0.80.

Years	Fuel Load (tonnes/ha)		
	Anticipated annualised growth rates (CO ₂ e/ha)		
	Low (4.8)	Medium (5.9)	High (7.2)
5	1.13	1.37	1.68
10	5.16	6.30	7.72
15	9.34	11.41	14.01
20	12.86	15.71	19.29
25	15.59	19.05	23.40

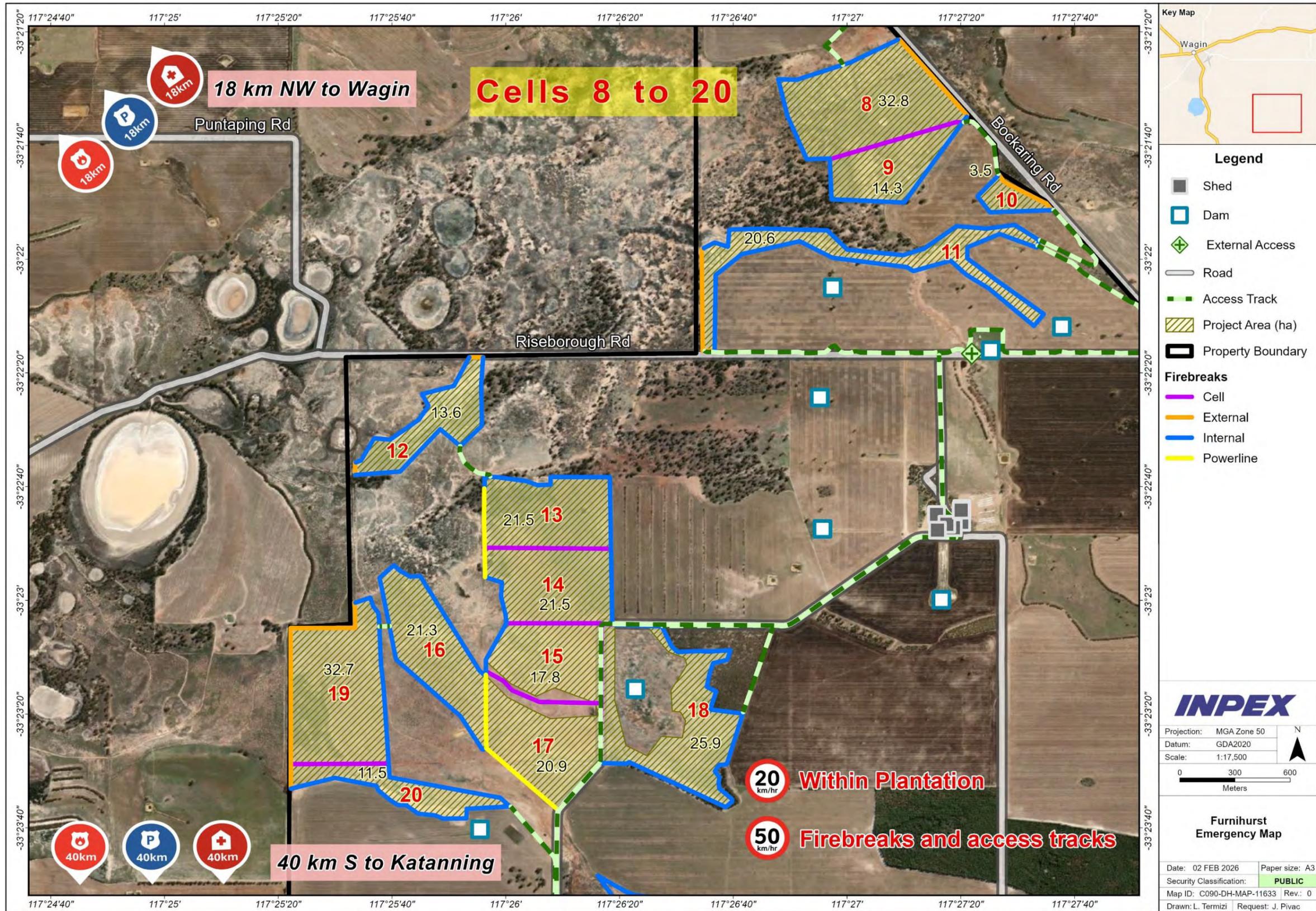
Appendix 3 – Indicative Furnihurst Emergency Response Maps



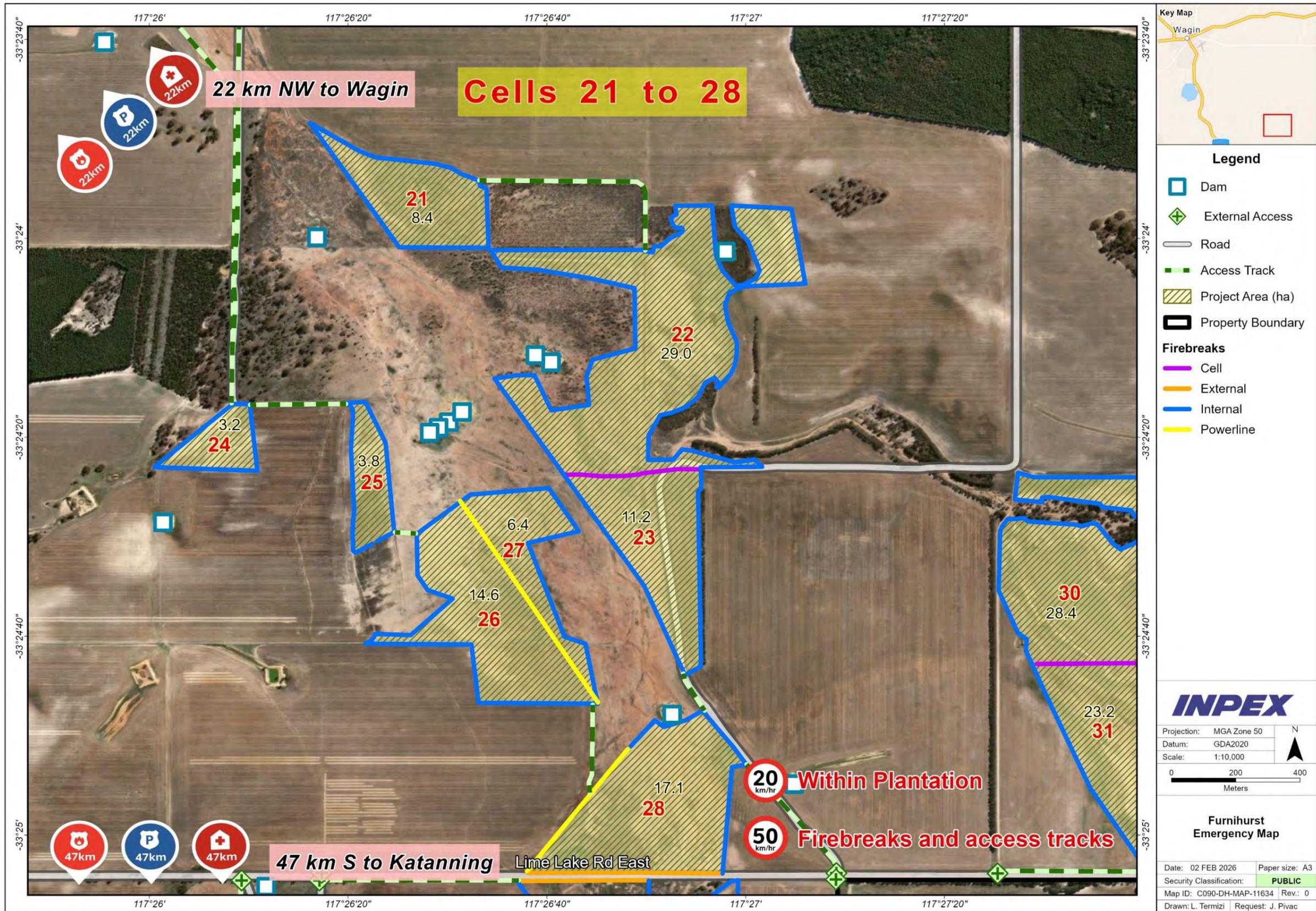
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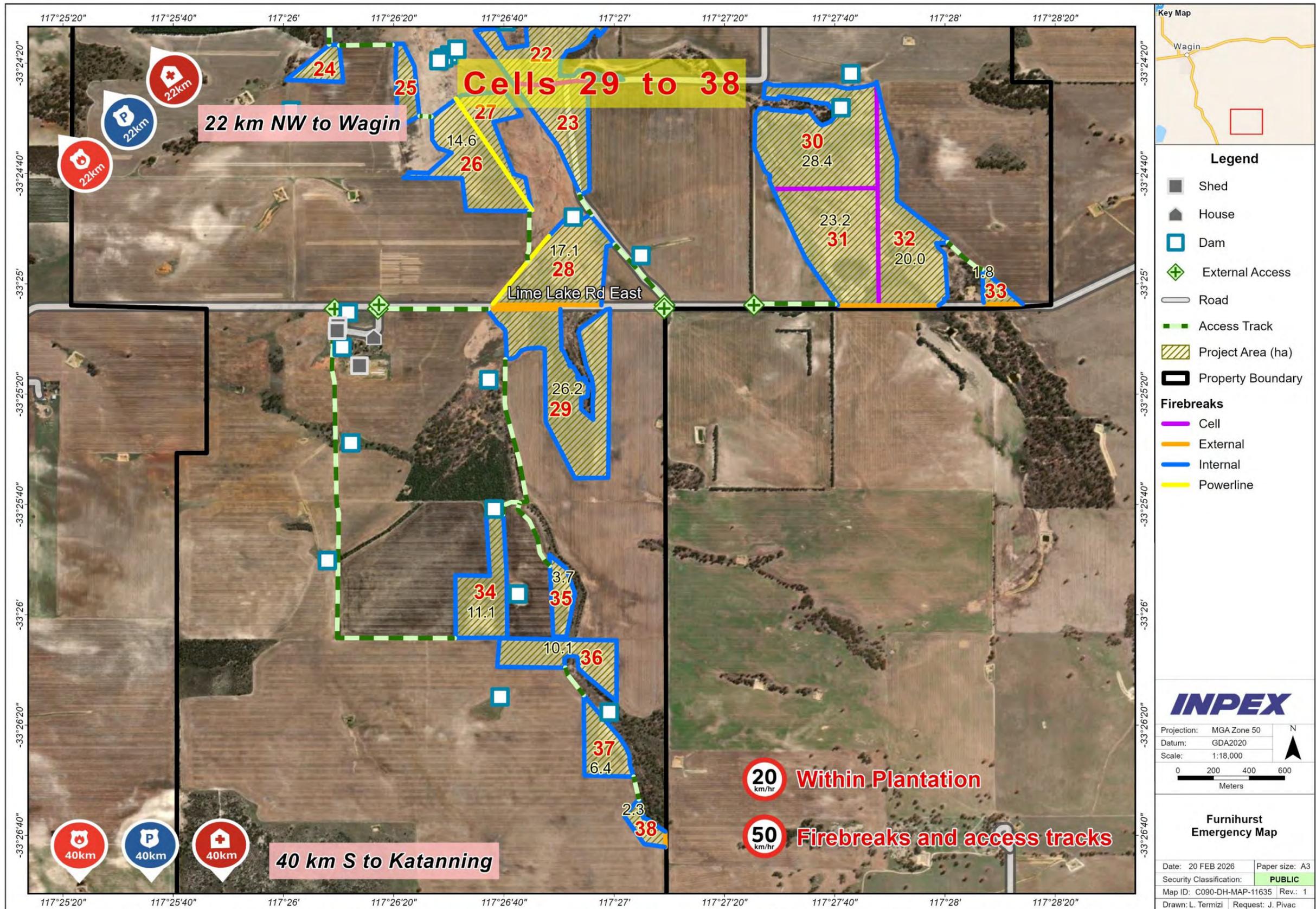
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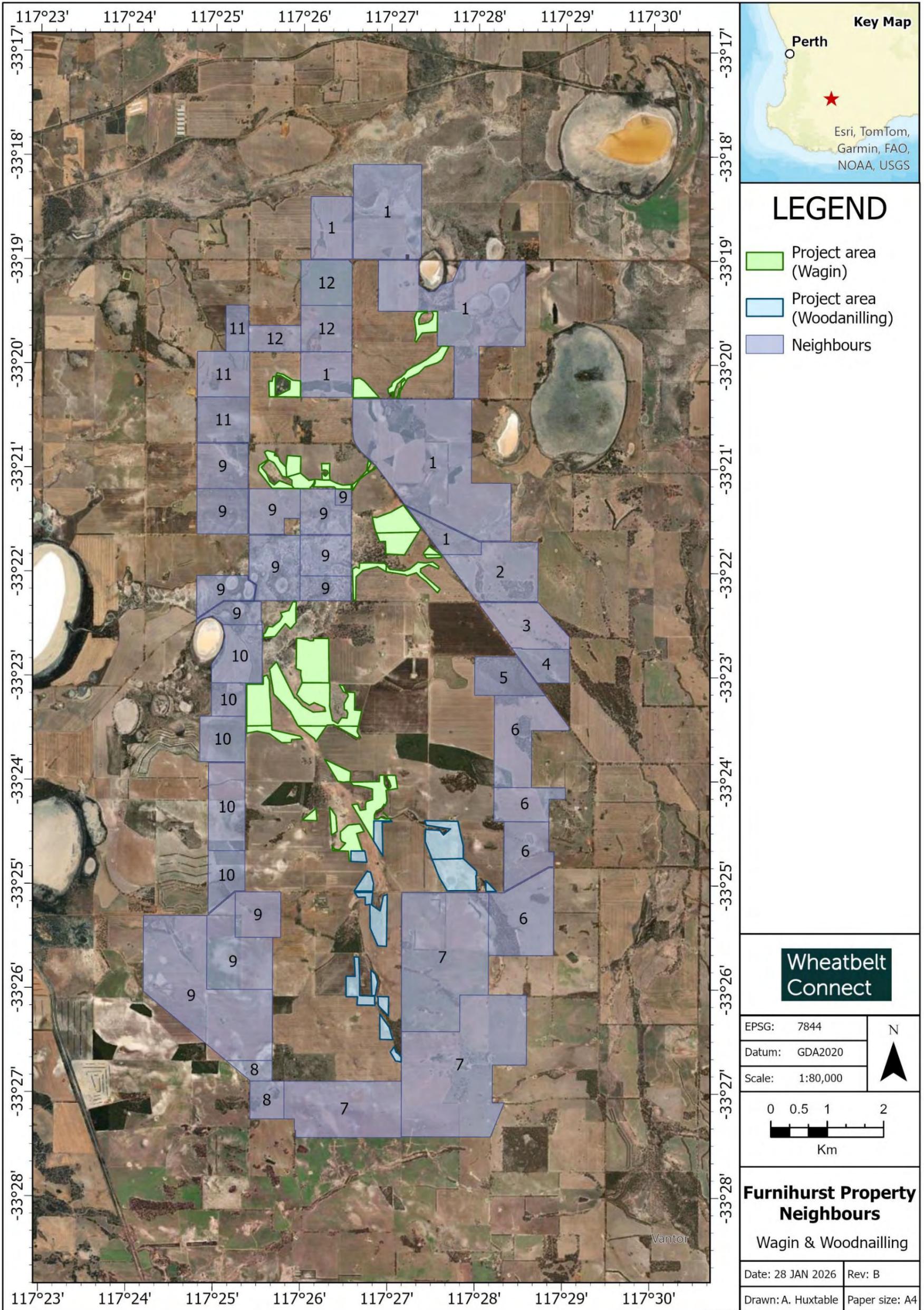
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Appendix 4 – Contact Details

Wheatbelt Connect Contact Details

Wheatbelt Connect representatives and the landowner of the property will be the primary contacts for bushfire related matters. Contact Details below:

Plantation Management	Murray Crane	+61 429 376 689	murray.crane@INPEX.com.au
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Land Coordinator	Sam Harma	+61 428 820 499	sam.harma@INPEX.com.au
INPEX – New Energy Business, Level 22, 100 St Georges Tce, Perth WA 6000			

Local Emergency Agencies

Agency	Contact	Agency	Contact
For all Emergencies	000	State Emergency Service (SES)	13 25 00
Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)	13 33 37	Emergency WA	emergency.wa.gov.au
DFES Great Southern District	08 6832 3110	Bushfire IO	bushfire.io
Wagin District Hospital	(08) 9642 1888	Bureau of Meteorology	bom.gov.au/wa/index.shtml
Wagin Police Station	(08) 9852 0000	Parks and Wildlife Service	dpaw.wa.gov.au
Katanning Health Service	(08) 9821 6222	Main Roads WA	13 81 38
Katanning Police Station	(08) 9821 3800	Western Power	13 13 51

Fire contact details - Shire of Wagin, 2 Arthur Road WAGIN WA 6315

Agency	Phone	Contact Person
Shire of Wagin	0438 611 126	Chief Fire Control Officer – Xavier White
Shire of Wagin	0409 102 704	Deputy Fire Control Officer – Wade Brockway
Shire of Wagin	0427 611 503	Lime Lake locality - Phil Ward

Fire contact details – Shire of Woodanilling, 3316 Robinson Road WOODANILLING WA 6316

Agency	Phone	Contact Person
Shire of Woodanilling	0428 123 374	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Evan Hall
Shire of Woodanilling	0428 611 987	Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer – Lachlan Patterson
Shire of Woodanilling	0427 228 070	FCO/Captain Cartmeticup Brigade – Wayne Shackley

Local Contacts

Landholder Contact Details

Ben Ball
1046 Riseborough Road, LIME LAKE 6315; and 568 Lime Lake Road East, CARTMETICUP 6316
Mobile +61 427211178
ben@reballagriculture.com

On-farm firefighting equipment

Available on-site or on local associated property within the business.

- Two light tanker units
- One trailer unit
- One front end loader
- Offset Discs

Owner: Ben Ball

Neighbour Contact Details

Contact details for neighboring properties are shown below and their locations in relation to the Furnihurst Carbon Project.

Property Number	Landowner	Address	Contact Person/s	Phone number
1	TBA	315 Blacks Road, GUNDARING 6315	TBA	TBA
2	TBA		TBA	TBA
3	TBA		TBA	TBA
4	TBA	315 Blacks Road, GUNDARING 6315	TBA	TBA
5	TBA		TBA	TBA
6	TBA	384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park WA 6101	TBA	TBA
7	TBA	108 Kerr Road, CARTMETICUP 6316	TBA	TBA
8	TBA	431 Shackley Road, Cartmeticup 6316	TBA	TBA
9	TBA	24987 Great Southern Highway, BOYERINE 6316	TBA	TBA
10	TBA	439 Puntaping Road, WAGIN 6315	TBA	TBA
11	TBA	601 Brockman Road, LIME LAKE 6315	TBA	TBA
12	TBA	103 Puntaping Road, WAGIN 6315	TBA	TBA

Note: These details will be provided in the updated BMP prior to the bushfire season and included in the hard copy available at the plantation entrances.

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Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Comment – Furnihurst Carbon Project

Proposed Variations outline in the Bushfire Management Plan:

1. Regardless of the density of plantings, this is still a plantation and the current firebreak requirements should be adhered to. Allowing double standards now has the potential to open a can of worms in the future should there be future applications with differing planting densities. I would recommend sticking to a 'keep it simple' principal for ease of future monitoring and inspections.
2. The inspections of fire breaks into the future for projects like these will impose more work on volunteers, particularly if there are variations and timelines in place for changes.
3. A proposed 6m for a fire break by Wheatbelt Connect to an external boundary is far too short for a tree planting. Most farmers will appreciate that once the trees grow, the space between the trees and the fence diminishes significantly and in lots of cases, trees end up needing pruning away from the fence. If this is the case then there will not be sufficient space for fire unit access between the fence and the boundary trees.

In summary, the proposed fire breaks do not meet our current requirements for Plantations: <https://www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au/documents/21332/2025-2026-firebreak-notice> and the proposed variation is not supported. If the proposal is amended to comply then there are no objections.

This fact sheet clarifies the planning arrangements for tree farms, as set out in *State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural Planning (SPP 2.5)* and the *Rural Planning Guidelines*. It provides information about the planning issues relevant to tree farming, for application by local governments and other decision-makers.

What is a tree farm?

The Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (the Regulations) defines tree farms as *“land used for commercial tree production where trees are planted in blocks of more than one hectare, including land in respect of which a carbon right is registered under the Carbon Rights Act 2003, section 5”*.

This definition is applied in local planning schemes as they are reviewed and updated. Schemes that have not been updated may still include historic definitions such as ‘plantation’ or ‘agroforestry’. However, the intent is for a single land use definition, that caters for tree farms for harvesting for timber products and/or in sequestration of carbon, as the land use planning considerations are similar.

Planning context

Where are the current tree farms?

In September 2021 the State Government announced a \$350 million investment over 10 years to bolster the State’s softwood plantation estate. This was estimated to require an additional 33,000 ha of land for pine trees to support the forestry industry, and provide timber products to the construction industry, while also contributing to carbon capture and storage.

In WA, existing pine tree farms are mostly in the Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Nannup and Margaret River areas. They currently represent approximately 30% of harvestable tree farming, with blue gums comprising 70%. Blue gum plantations make up approximately 160,000 ha with two thirds of plantations planted in the Plantagenet and Albany areas.

Where are the most suitable locations for pine tree farms?

The most suitable location for new pine tree farms is on land with rainfall generally exceeding 600mm and within an approximate 150km radius to the timber processing hub in the Shire of Dardanup.

What are the land use planning considerations with tree farms?

Growing of trees for timber is similar to other crops, however there are some planning issues associated with tree farming that may require further assessment and management, if relevant. As set out in SPP 2.5, these include:

- **Bushfire risk** - tree farms may establish a bushfire risk where not occurring before. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has published guidelines to assist in the management of bushfire risk for tree farms. Any development conditions to manage bushfire risk should accord with these guidelines.
- **Environmental and economic issues, including planting thresholds** - the location of tree farms relative to environmental and/or biodiversity assets, and management of potential impacts (eg wildling spread). So too, ensuring there is a balanced supply of rural land for other economic activity can be addressed in local planning strategies.
- **Water availability and recharge** - potential impacts on groundwater and surface water systems may need to be considered.
- **Visual landscape impacts** - local governments may identify rural prominent landscapes to exclude tree farms for visual reasons. While the converse

may occur, these areas can be identified in keeping with the Western Australian Planning Commission's (WAPC) Visual Landscape [planning manual](#).

- **Transport impacts** - where tree farming involves harvesting, local governments may need to make arrangements with developers for road and/or intersection upgrades to manage potential haulage impacts.
- **Separation from sensitive land uses** - local governments may establish buffers to exclude tree farming around these land uses eg. electrical substations or transmission lines.

Interpretation of SPP 2.5 Policy measures

SPP 2.5 sets out seven key policy positions to facilitate a co-ordinated approach to tree farms in WA. For the purpose of clarifying the WAPC's position, the intent of each policy statement is explained below:

1. *tree farming is supported and encouraged on rural land as a means of diversifying rural economies and providing economic and environmental benefit* - this means the WAPC supports tree farms in rural areas and will implement this approach in assessment of local planning strategies and schemes;
2. *tree farming should generally not occur on priority agricultural land* - generally, land that is identified for horticultural or food production purposes;
3. *tree farming should generally be a permitted use on rural land, except where development of a tree farm would create an extreme or unacceptable bushfire risk or when responding to specific*

local circumstances as identified in a strategy or scheme - this means that tree farms should be a 'P', 'D' or 'A' (permitted or discretionary) uses in local planning schemes, with the local planning strategies and schemes providing additional guidance (as required) to address local planning issues listed below in this fact sheet;

4. *local governments should manage the location, extent and application requirements for tree farming in their communities through local planning strategies, schemes and/or local planning policies* - this means that local governments should use their local planning frameworks to regulate tree farming in their municipality, in keeping with the intent of SPP 2.5, which is to support and encourage tree farms;
5. *in planning for tree farming, local government considerations should include but are not limited to, potential bushfire risk, environmental and economic factors, water availability and recharge, visual landscape impacts, transport impacts of tree farming (where harvesting is proposed), planting thresholds, appropriate buffers, and location relative to conservation estates and sensitive land uses* - this means that local governments should consider tree farms in the context of other existing and proposed land uses in their municipality, and set planning controls as required, based on demonstrated evidence that the control is needed;
6. *where tree farm proposals are integrated with farm management for the purpose of natural resource management and occupy no more than 10 per cent of the farm, the proposal should not require local government development approval* - this means that local governments may consider

exemptions for integrated tree farms, related to natural resource management, due to their minimal impact and environmental benefit; and

7. *the establishment of tree farms does not warrant the creation of new or smaller rural lots* - this means that future subdivision of rural land is not warranted based on a tree farm proposal or development.

While the above policy measures relate to all tree farm species and types in Western Australia, **Map 1** shows the main focus area of tree farming in the State.

Do tree farms have an impact on agricultural communities?

The Australian economy has been forced to adjust structurally over time, which has seen ongoing change in the agricultural sector. Research by Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) in 2001 and 2007 highlights the impacts of globalised economic rationalism on family farms and subsequent issues of their declining viability, leading to farm amalgamation, reduced labour hire and the contraction of local economies.

Tree farms are part of the ever changing agricultural sector. But they are not the underlying cause of the population or economic changes.

For local governments where pine tree farms are likely to be developed, population change data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Census 2001 to 2021), indicates that the general trend is for increasing or stable population figures, and the 'family' makeup of households has remained steady at around 70%. Family composition or population has not significantly declined in the last 20 years.

Can a local government seek to prohibit or mandate what percentage of a lot can be used for tree farming?

WAPC policy is that tree farms should be supported and encouraged on rural land. Therefore, any local planning strategies or schemes seeking to prohibit or severely restrict tree farming would not be in keeping with State policy.

Some local governments have local planning policies expressing a preference for tree farms to occupy a percentage of the overall land area eg. 10% or 30% of a lot or property. However, if a land use is capable of being approved in a local planning scheme, and a development application has addressed relevant scheme requirements, it may not be open to a local government to prevent a landowner from using the landholding for an approvable land use. Any local planning policy seeking to prohibit or restrict the extent of tree farms would need to have a planning reason for taking such an approach.

In the absence of this, limiting the ability of a landowner to use their land as zoned, may be unreasonable. Local planning policies that refer to a percentage a tree farm cover may also conflict with a local planning scheme, which would render the local planning policy as having no effect. Should a local government refuse a development application for a tree farm, this decision can be reviewed by the State Administrative Tribunal. Such a review provides an independent test of the effectiveness of the WAPC's policy, and its application at a local level.

Local planning approaches

Examples of local planning approaches are included in this section.

Local planning strategy and tree farms:

Local governments may include information about tree farms in their local planning strategies. This could consider:

- the location and extent of existing tree farms;
- analysis of available rural land to support tree farms relative to other rural land uses;
- areas where tree farms may provide environmental benefits such as use of less productive farm land and addressing land degradation such as soil erosion or salinity; and
- areas where tree farms might be unsuitable eg. priority agriculture land, bushfire buffers to sensitive land uses or visual landscape protection.

Local planning scheme and tree farms:

The Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 requires local planning schemes to use the model definition for tree farm.

In keeping with SPP 2.5, the permissibility of tree farms use in schemes would need to be a 'P' (permitted), 'D' (discretionary) or 'A' (discretionary subject to advertising). For small scale plantings, related to natural resource management, it may be appropriate to exempt tree farms from requiring development approval, as is recommended in SPP 2.5.

The various local planning framework mechanisms to control tree farms can include:

- permissibility in the zoning table, including for rural and priority agricultural land;
- use of Special Control Areas to identify suitable areas, or exclusion areas in and around townsites or areas where viewsheds may be protected;
- exemptions from seeking development approval; or
- local planning policy guidance on discretion, where tree farms are a 'D' or 'A' use, regarding management of bushfire risk, visual landscape amenity or road haulage impacts.

Additional resources

Plantation Management and Industry overview:

- *Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia*, Forest Industries Federation of WA (FIFWA). (2014). [Code of practice for timber plantations in Western Australia \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)
- *Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection*, DFES 2022. (in preparation).
- *Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection*, DFES 2011. (current at time of publication). [Guidelines Plantation Fire Prctn 2011 P.indd \(website-files.com\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)
- *Plantation fire management and protection*. Plantation information series. Forest Products Commission - Western Australia (2020). [Plantation-fire-management-and-protection.pdf \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

- *Western Australia Plantations: the Missing Piece of the Puzzle*, Forest Industries Federation of WA (FIFWA), (2016).
<https://www.forestindustries.com.au/uploads/1/2/3/2/123273289/fifwa-wa-plantations-missing-piece-of-the-puzzle-2016-min.pdf>

Structural change and socio-economic impact:

- *Drivers of Structural Change in Australian Agriculture*, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Commonwealth of Australia. Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (2007).
[07-057.pdf \(agrifutures.com.au\)](https://www.agrifutures.com.au/07-057.pdf)
- *Rural restructuring, policy change and uneven development in the Central Wheatbelt of Western Australia*, School of Social Sciences and Asian Languages, Curtin University of Technology. Tonts, M.A. (1998).
[Rural restructuring, policy change and uneven development in the central wheatbelt of Western Australia \(curtin.edu.au\)](https://www.curtin.edu.au/rural-restructuring-policy-change-and-uneven-development-in-the-central-wheatbelt-of-western-australia)
- *Socio-Economic Impacts of Farm Forestry*, Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation. Tonts, M. A., Campbell, C. and Black, A. (2001).
[01-045.pdf \(agrifutures.com.au\)](https://www.agrifutures.com.au/01-045.pdf)
- *Socio-Economic Impacts of Plantation Forestry in the Great Southern Region (WA)*, Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation, Australian Government, (2005).
[Pn04.4007 great southern region \(WA\).pdf \(fwpa.com.au\)](https://www.fwpa.com.au/Pn04.4007%20great%20southern%20region%20(WA).pdf)

Local Government example local planning policies:

- Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup: road haulage impacts, bushfire protection, water quality impact of works and visual landscape amenity (exclude term 'agroforestry')
[LPP 9 3 Private Tree Plantations Agroforestry.pdf \(donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.donnybrook-balingup.wa.gov.au/LPP_9_3_Private_Tree_Plantations_Agroforestry.pdf)
- Shire of Plantagenet: special control areas surrounding townsites for full or partial exclusion; bushfire, amenity and environmental impacts.
[Microsoft Word - Policy 15 - Commercial Plantations.doc \(plantagenet.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Policy%2015%20-%20Commercial%20Plantations.doc)
- Shire Bridgetown-Greenbushes: plantation management plan, minimum application content, example conditions and approval renewal guidance.
[Microsoft Word - 08 - Policy Manual - Town Planning \(bridgetown.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/Microsoft%20Word%20-%2008%20-%20Policy%20Manual%20-%20Town%20Planning)

67. Consideration of application by local government

- (1) Development approval cannot be granted on an application for approval of —
- (a) development that is a class X use in relation to the zone in which the development is located, unless —
 - (i) the development relates to land that is being used for a non-conforming use; and
 - (ii) the local government considers that the proposed use of the land would be less detrimental than the non-conforming use;
 - or
 - (b) development that otherwise does not comply with a requirement of this Scheme, unless —
 - (i) this Scheme gives the local government discretion to waive or vary the requirement or to grant development approval despite non-compliance with the requirement; or
 - (ii) the development is permitted under a provision of this Scheme in relation to non-conforming uses.
- (2) In considering an application for development approval (other than an application on which approval cannot be granted under subclause (1)), the local government is to have due regard to the following matters to the extent that, in the opinion of the local government, those matters are relevant to the development the subject of the application —
- (a) the aims and provisions of this Scheme and any other local planning scheme operating within the Scheme area;
 - (b) the requirements of orderly and proper planning including any proposed local planning scheme or amendment to this Scheme that has been advertised under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* or any other proposed planning instrument that the local government is seriously considering adopting or approving;
 - (c) any approved State planning policy;
 - (d) any environmental protection policy approved under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* section 31(d);
 - (e) any policy of the Commission;
 - (f) any policy of the State;
 - (fa) any local planning strategy for this Scheme endorsed by the Commission;
 - (g) any local planning policy for the Scheme area;
 - (h) any structure plan or local development plan that relates to the development;
 - (i) any report of the review of the local planning scheme that has been published under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*;
 - (j) in the case of land reserved under this Scheme, the objectives for the reserve and the additional and permitted uses identified in this Scheme for the reserve;
 - (k) the built heritage conservation of any place that is of cultural significance;
 - (l) the effect of the proposal on the cultural heritage significance of the area in which the development is located;
 - (m) the compatibility of the development with its setting, including —
 - (i) the compatibility of the development with the desired future character of its setting; and

- (ii) the relationship of the development to development on adjoining land or on other land in the locality including, but not limited to, the likely effect of the height, bulk, scale, orientation and appearance of the development;
 - (n) the amenity of the locality including the following —
 - (i) environmental impacts of the development;
 - (ii) the character of the locality;
 - (iii) social impacts of the development;
 - (o) the likely effect of the development on the natural environment or water resources and any means that are proposed to protect or to mitigate impacts on the natural environment or the water resource;
 - (p) whether adequate provision has been made for the landscaping of the land to which the application relates and whether any trees or other vegetation on the land should be preserved;
 - (q) the suitability of the land for the development taking into account the possible risk of flooding, tidal inundation, subsidence, landslip, bush fire, soil erosion, land degradation or any other risk;
 - (r) the suitability of the land for the development taking into account the possible risk to human health or safety;
 - (s) the adequacy of —
 - (i) the proposed means of access to and egress from the site; and
 - (ii) arrangements for the loading, unloading, manoeuvring and parking of vehicles;
 - (t) the amount of traffic likely to be generated by the development, particularly in relation to the capacity of the road system in the locality and the probable effect on traffic flow and safety;
 - (u) the availability and adequacy for the development of the following —
 - (i) public transport services;
 - (ii) public utility services;
 - (iii) storage, management and collection of waste;
 - (iv) access for pedestrians and cyclists (including end of trip storage, toilet and shower facilities);
 - (v) access by older people and people with disability;
 - (v) the potential loss of any community service or benefit resulting from the development other than potential loss that may result from economic competition between new and existing businesses;
 - (w) the history of the site where the development is to be located;
 - (x) the impact of the development on the community as a whole notwithstanding the impact of the development on particular individuals;
 - (y) any submissions received on the application;
 - (za) the comments or submissions received from any authority consulted under clause 66;
 - (zb) any other planning consideration the local government considers appropriate.
- (3) Subclause (1) has effect despite the zoning table for this Scheme.

[Clause 67 amended: SL 2020/252 r. 74.]

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Attachment 13.1.1

Transaction ID	Date	Name	Description	Amount
Municipal Account				
EFT Payments				
EFT8181	06/02/2026	Shire of Lake Grace	Reimbursement- 4WDL Dinner on 22/9/2025 at Pirate Life, Perth	\$379.33
EFT8182	06/02/2026	The Trophy Shop Albany	3 x Awards for 2026 Australia Day- 165mm Black glass shield including postage	\$150.85
EFT8183	06/02/2026	Sea Breeze Ice Creams	Supplied Icecreams and Sno Cones- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$760.00
EFT8184	06/02/2026	Greenfields Technical Services	Principal Civil Engineer- Scope and prepare RFQ documentation, provide support and advice to Shire, assist with RFQ process and evaluate submissions. Civil Engineer- input RFQ documentation, review and draft evaluation workbook and report- Robinson Road West & Oxley. 1/8/2025 to 30/11/2025	\$6,583.50
EFT8185	06/02/2026	Larissa's Face Painting	4.5 hours of Face Painting- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$300.00
EFT8186	06/02/2026	PCS	Printer Access for WWLZ Officer- changed name, EMCS having issues with SynergySoft Add-ins, checked password and re enter, Accessed EMCS via remote session and looked at server outlook. EA couldnt login remotely. Monthly Monitoring Fee- January 2026	\$255.00
EFT8187	06/02/2026	Kojonup Agricultural Supplies	1 x Stihl Basic Helmet, 3x Stihl Autocut C26-2, 2x Stihl Cord CF3 Pro 345m, 1 x Stihl Chain Tungsten Carbide - Shire Depot	\$592.01
EFT8188	06/02/2026	Albany Best Office Systems	Photocopier Count- 20/12/2025 to 20/1/2026, 1053 copies of B/W & 924 copies of Colour	\$177.72
EFT8189	06/02/2026	Great Southern Waste Disposal	Removal of household rubbish- 2/11/2025 to 26/12/2025, Removal of recycling rubbish- 5th & 19th December 2025	\$3,746.96
EFT8190	13/02/2026	Pingarning Pty Ltd/ Prompt Safety Solutions	Quarterly WHS Visit- Toolbox Meeting, SWMS Topic Review, In-house training- January 2026	\$1,210.00
EFT8191	13/02/2026	Great Southern Fuel Supplies	Statement- January 2026	\$7,185.19
EFT8192	13/02/2026	Goodyear Autocare Wagin	Supply and Fit 2 x Maxxis 235/75r15 AT781 ATS tyres- WO 029	\$570.00
EFT8193	13/02/2026	Katanning Hardware	2 x 10pk Stainless Discs Bore (125mm x 1mm x 22mm) - Cenetary Park	\$39.90
EFT8194	24/02/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	Ranger Services- 23rd & 28th January 2026	\$418.00
EFT8195	24/02/2026	The Woody Shop	Fuel & Groceries- December 2025 & January 2026	\$625.54
EFT8196	24/02/2026	Greenfields Technical Services	Principal Civil Engineer- (9hrs @ \$190.00 per hour), Site inspections with dozer contractor, liasie with Shire for gravel cartgage and pushing, planning of quantities and resources - 1/12/2025 to 21/1/2026- Robinson Road West	\$3,553.00
EFT8197	24/02/2026	Connect Technology Australia	Update radio firmware and added the system to Connect cloud management for remote access and support, Update VoIP phone firmware and applied necessary security patches, Connected CCTV Switch to Admin LAN in both admin and depot, Removed outdated radio equipment from admin area, Troubleshoot network issues with CCTV, resolve power disconnection at depot, Reconfigure radio at Rec Centre to restore camera functionality, Extended admin internet to Rec Centre for future use	\$4,625.13
EFT8198	24/02/2026	Winston Brothers Acoustic	Music and Entertainment- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$600.00
EFT8199	24/02/2026	ATO	BAS- January 2026	\$7,581.00
EFT8200	24/02/2026	Katanning Stock & Trading	2 x Flexi hose, 2 x 38mm flushpipes, 1 x conetile- Cenetary Park	\$32.20

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EFT8201	24/02/2026 Shire of Katanning	CESM Cost Sharing- 1/10/2025 to 31/12/2025	\$4,143.70
EFT8202	24/02/2026 PCS	Review and revise wording on Business Continuity Plan for EMCS, Internet issues at Shire Office, Starlink router offline, link 0 on edgerouter is down, replaced the starlink router with the one at 3340 Robinson Road, Put the router in bypass mode to stop it broadcasting a wireless network	\$340.00
EFT8203	24/02/2026 Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd	3,600m2 of 7mm dry racking aggregate- Robinson Road West	\$8,250.00
EFT8204	26/02/2026 Edge Planning & Property	Planning Services (2.75hrs @ \$147.00 per hour)- January 2026	\$444.67
EFT8205	26/02/2026 BGL Solutions	Mow Oval and Small Lawns at Rec Centre complex fortnightly- February 2026	\$4,406.02
EFT8206	26/02/2026 Harcher Distributors SouthWest	100 x 240L Bin Liners- Depot	\$43.30
EFT8207	26/02/2026 Western Australian Electoral Commission	Local Government Election Service- 18th October 2025	\$12,785.54
EFT8208	26/02/2026 Moduplay Group Pty Ltd	Supply and Install F-2123 Kita Playgroud- Cenetary Park	\$85,987.00
EFT8209	26/02/2026 Marlene Shackley	Bond Refund- Pavilion & Town Hall- Friday 20th February 2026	\$635.00
EFT8210	26/02/2026 Goodyear Autocare Wagin	Puncture Repair- WO 859	\$60.00
EFT8211	26/02/2026 PCS	Upgrade SynergySoft to V11.1.497- WDN & play accounts, Replace SynergySoft msi, rebuild system after upgrade	\$255.00

EFT Total Payments **\$156,735.56**

Cheque Payments

Total Cheque Payments **\$0.00**

Direct Debit Payments

DD6456.1	15/02/2026 Connect Technology Australia	Landline Distribution- Call Charges 28/12/2025 to 27/1/2026, Mobile Access Fee- 28/1/2026 to 27/1/2026	\$433.95
DD6456.2	14/02/2026 Message4U Pty Ltd	SMS Messaging Outbound-5462 units-1/1/2026 to 31/1/2026, Monthly Access Fee- 1/2/2026 to 28/2/2026	\$565.10
DD6456.3	02/02/2026 Telstra Limited	2025 WA South Western Directory- 11th Instalment	\$19.53
DD6457.1	03/02/2026 NAB - Credit Card	Statement- January 2026	\$3,078.48
DD6459.1	04/02/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$924.35
DD6459.2	04/02/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6459.3	04/02/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.83
DD6459.4	04/02/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$427.52
DD6459.5	04/02/2026 Australian Super	Payroll deductions	\$472.84
DD6459.6	04/02/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$166.97
DD6459.7	04/02/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.38
DD6459.8	04/02/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$187.89
DD6467.1	11/02/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$924.35
DD6467.2	11/02/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6467.3	11/02/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.83
DD6467.4	11/02/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$485.59
DD6467.5	11/02/2026 Australian Super	Payroll deductions	\$472.84
DD6467.6	11/02/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$168.42
DD6467.7	11/02/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.38
DD6467.8	11/02/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$187.89
DD6470.1	25/02/2026 Synergy	Power Usage- 25/12/2025 to 24/1/2026- Street Lighting	\$696.61
DD6471.1	15/02/2026 3E Advantage Pty Limited	Ricoh IMP3500 MFP Photocopier Rental- February 2026	\$165.00
DD6471.2	15/02/2026 ClickSuper	Transaction & Facility Fee- January 2026	\$13.86
DD6476.1	18/02/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$925.16

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DD6476.2	18/02/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6476.3	18/02/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.83
DD6476.4	18/02/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$485.59
DD6476.5	18/02/2026 Australian Super	Payroll deductions	\$472.84
DD6476.6	18/02/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$166.97
DD6476.7	18/02/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$190.13
DD6476.8	18/02/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$187.89
DD6484.1	25/02/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$930.71
DD6484.2	25/02/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6484.3	25/02/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.83
DD6484.4	25/02/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$508.77
DD6484.5	25/02/2026 Australian Super	Payroll deductions	\$472.84
DD6484.6	25/02/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$166.97
DD6484.7	25/02/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.38
DD6484.8	25/02/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$187.89
DD6495.1	13/02/2026 Telstra Limited	Mobile Distribution- Call Charges to 24/1/2026, Service & Equipment Charges- 25/1/2026 to 24/2/2026- CEO, EMCS, LH	\$469.87

Total Direct Debit Payments **\$18,508.20**

Municipal Account List of Payments Total **\$175,243.76**

Credit Card Details - DD6457.1

Date	Name	Description	
02/01/2026	Adobe	Subscription- 31/12/2026 to 30/1/2026	\$265.96
19/01/2026	Starlink	Subscription- 16/1/2026 to 16/2/2026, Shire Office, Council Chambers & Depot	\$139.00
20/01/2026	Woolworths	Refreshments- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$956.02
22/01/2026	Woolworths	Refreshments- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$6.50
27/01/2026	Kowalds News and Glasshouse	Stationery- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$15.05
27/01/2026	Woolworths	Sunscreen- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$51.50
27/01/2026	Johns Bakery	Refreshments- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$180.00
27/01/2026	Starlink	Subscription- 25/1/2026 to 25/2/2026, 3327 Robinson Road	\$139.00
27/01/2026	Starlink	Subscription- 25/1/2026 to 25/2/2026, 3340 Robinson Road	\$139.00
28/01/2026	JB Quality Meats	Refreshments- 2026 Australia Day Event	\$841.95
28/01/2026	SEEK	Job Advertisement- Executive Assistant Position	\$335.50
28/01/2026	NAB	Credit Card Fee- January 2026	\$9.00

Credit Card TOTAL on DD6457.1 **\$3,078.48**

Great Southern Fuel Supplies- EFT8191

Date	Name	Description	
14/01/2026	Great Southen Fuel- Inv D2242054 (Raised on Purchase Order)	Bulk Fuel Diesel-1900 litres @ \$1.42842 ex GST	\$2,985.40
30/01/2026	Great Southern Fuel- Inv D2243176 (Raised on Purchase Order)	Bulk Fuel Diesel-2400 litres @ \$1.47021 ex GST	\$3,881.35
31/01/2026	Fuel Card Purchases	Fuel Card Purchases- WO 022, WO 018	\$318.44

Great Southern Fuel Supplies TOTAL on EFT8191 **\$7,185.19**

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CERTIFICATE OF Chief Executive Officer

This schedule of accounts to be passed for payment, covering vouchers as above which was submitted to each member of Council has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices which are submitted herewith and which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to the prices, computations, and costings and the amounts shown are due for payment.

Signed by



Anika Serer
Chief Executive Officer



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PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Prepared by: Darren Long (Finance Consultant)

Reviewed by: Anika Serer (CEO)

BASIS OF PREPARATION

REPORT PURPOSE

This report is prepared to meet the requirements of Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 34 . Note: The Statements and accompanying notes are prepared based on all transactions recorded at the time of preparation and may vary due to transactions being processed for the reporting period after the date of preparation.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

This statement comprises a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. Material accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this statement are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the report has also been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All Funds through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in this statement. In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated. All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the statement. The Shire currently holds no monies in its Trust Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable

from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

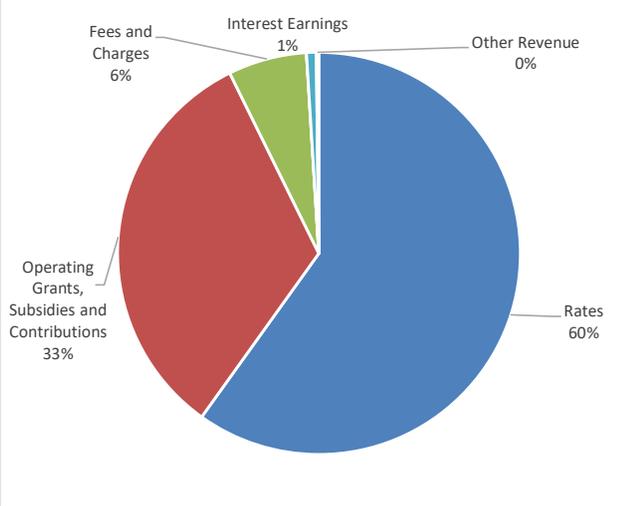
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All figures shown in this statement are rounded to the nearest dollar.

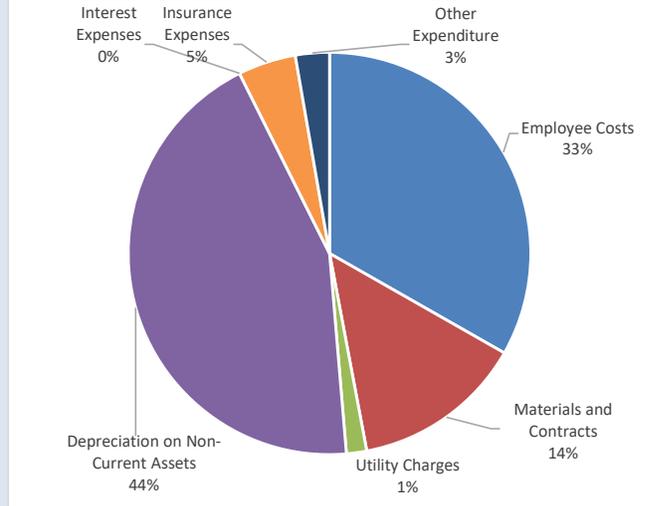
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SUMMARY GRAPHS

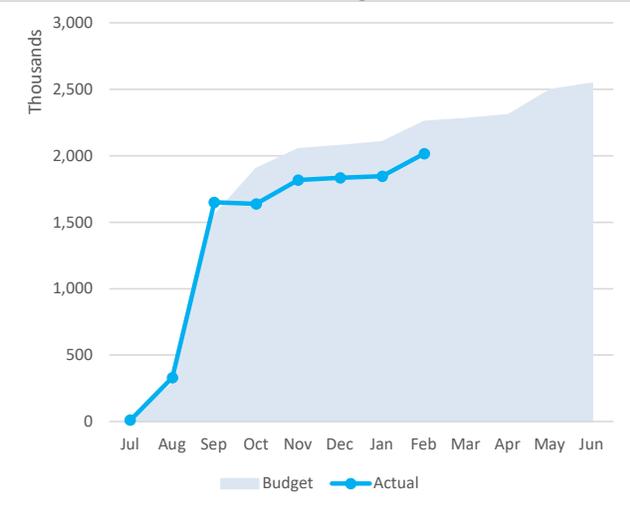
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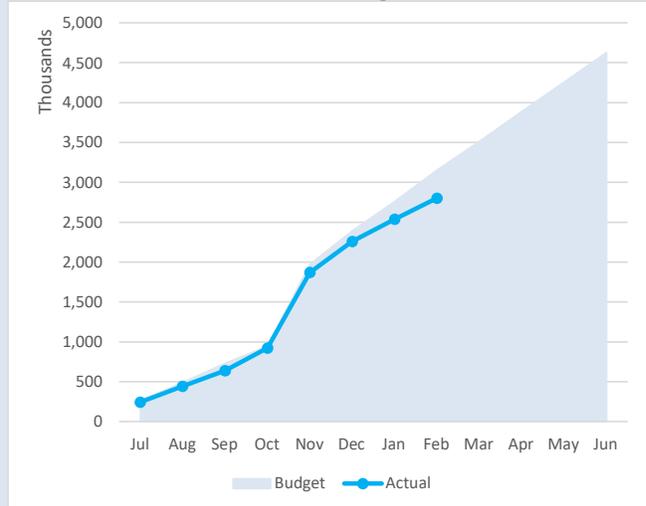
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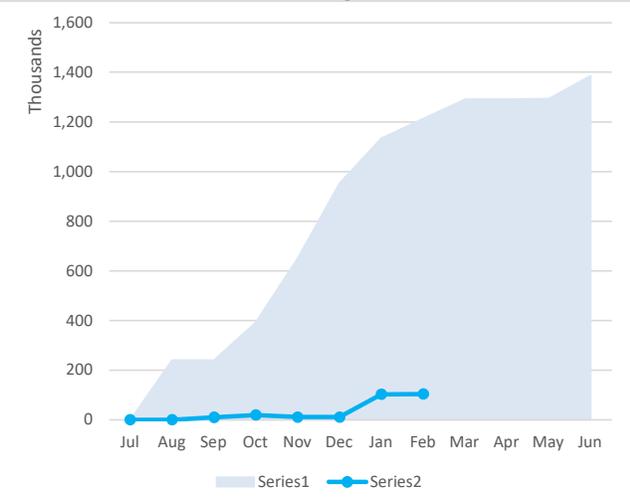
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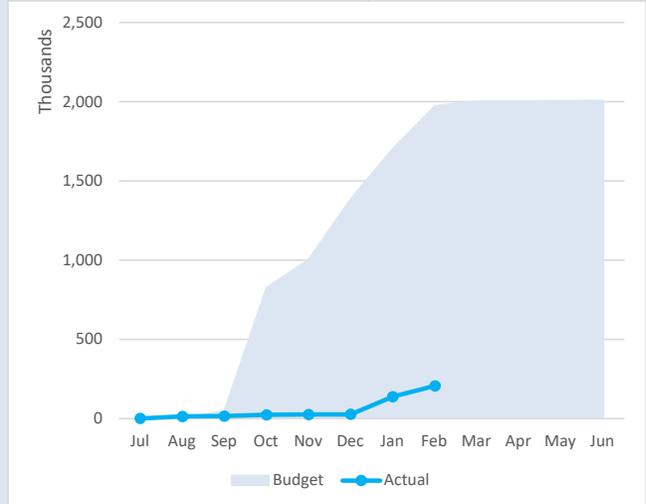
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CAPITAL REVENUE - Budget-v-YTD Actual



CAPITAL EXPENSES - Budget-v-YTD Actual



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STATUTORY REPORTING PROGRAMS

The local governments operations as disclosed in these financial statements encompass the following service orientated activities/programs.

	ACTIVITIES
<p>GOVERNANCE</p> <p>To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.</p>	Administration and operation of facilities and services to members of the Council. Other costs that relate to the tasks of assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which are which are not directly related to specific shire services.
<p>GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING</p> <p>To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.</p>	Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.
<p>LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY</p> <p>To provide services to help ensure a safer community.</p>	Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention, emergency services and animal control.
<p>HEALTH</p> <p>To provide an operational framework for good community health.</p>	Food and water quality, pest control, immunisation services, child health services and health education.
<p>EDUCATION AND WELFARE</p> <p>To meet the needs of the community in these areas.</p>	Management and support for families, children, youth and the aged within the community by providing Youth, Aged and Family Centres, Home and Community Aged Care Programs and assistance to schools.
<p>HOUSING</p> <p>To help ensure adequate housing.</p>	Provision of residential housing for council staff. Provision of housing for aged persons, low income families, government and semi government employees.
<p>COMMUNITY AMENITIES</p> <p>Provide services required by the community.</p>	Rubbish collection services and disposal of waste, stormwater drainage, protection of the environment, town planning and regional development and other community amenities (cemeteries and public toilets).
<p>RECREATION AND CULTURE</p> <p>To establish and manage efficiently infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.</p>	Public halls, recreation and aquatic centres, parks and reserves, libraries, heritage and culture.
<p>TRANSPORT</p> <p>To provide effective and efficient transport services to the community.</p>	Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, bridges, street cleaning and lighting, road verges, streetscaping and depot maintenance.
<p>ECONOMIC SERVICES</p> <p>To help promote the Shire and its economic wellbeing.</p>	The regulation and provision of tourism, area promotion, building control, noxious weeds, vermin control and standpipes.
<p>OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES</p> <p>To monitor and control Shire's overhead operating accounts.</p>	Private works, public works overheads, plant and equipment operations, town planning schemes and activities not reported in the above programs.

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY PROGRAM
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Attachment 13.2.1

	2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL
EXPENDITURE (Excluding Finance Costs)	\$		\$
General Purpose Funding	(41,005)	(24,382)	(19,964)
Governance	(283,101)	(203,161)	(220,302)
Law, Order, Public Safety	(165,223)	(120,564)	(102,175)
Health	(57,403)	(40,221)	(29,993)
Education and Welfare	(98,259)	(71,579)	(52,799)
Housing	(100,235)	(72,848)	(43,286)
Community Amenities	(292,563)	(198,794)	(149,678)
Recreation and Culture	(333,517)	(231,262)	(247,101)
Transport	(3,138,544)	(2,105,093)	(1,994,393)
Economic Services	(118,301)	(82,586)	(35,033)
Other Property and Services	(2,031)	(4,394)	90,786
Operating Expenses	(4,630,182)	(3,154,884)	(2,803,938)
REVENUE			
General Purpose Funding	2,017,739	1,883,980	1,650,118
Governance	9,605	9,600	8,582
Law, Order, Public Safety	38,645	22,198	23,667
Health	318	318	436
Education and Welfare	61,980	41,304	43,174
Housing	17,640	11,752	12,445
Community Amenities	67,660	64,871	64,601
Recreation and Culture	4,190	4,001	19,985
Transport	237,575	197,826	118,896
Economic Services	71,560	9,110	6,564
Other Property & Services	18,344	12,577	68,081
Operating Revenue	2,545,256	2,257,537	2,016,548
Sub-Total	(2,084,926)	(897,347)	(787,390)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE			
Community Amenities	160,426	0	103,878
Transport	920,000	958,147	0
Total Non-Operating Revenue	1,080,426	958,147	103,878
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON SALE OF ASSETS			
Governance Profit	0	0	0
Governance Loss	0	0	0
Total Profit/(Loss)	0		0
NET RESULT	(1,004,500)	60,800	(683,512)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	0		0
Total Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(1,004,500)	60,800	(683,512)

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NATURE OR TYPE DESCRIPTIONS

REVENUE

RATES

All rates levied under the Local Government Act 1995. Includes general, differential, specific area rates, minimum rates, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts offered. Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears and service charges.

GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of non-current assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments. Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

FEES AND CHARGEES

Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

SERVICE CHARGES

Service charges imposed under Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995. Regulation 54 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 identifies these as television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Exclude rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

INTEREST REVENUE

Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

OTHER REVENUE / INCOME

Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

EXPENSES

EMPLOYEE COSTS

All costs associate with the employment of person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences, safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.

MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses, advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology, rental or lease expenditures.

UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, ETC.)

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

INSURANCE

All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

FINANCE COSTS

Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

OTHER EXPENDITURE

Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY NATURE & TYPE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026

	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL
Expenses			
Employee Costs	(1,413,538)	(927,681)	(932,198)
Materials and Contracts	(891,460)	(626,528)	(386,527)
Utility Charges	(143,745)	(96,513)	(45,438)
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets	(1,826,361)	(1,217,363)	(1,233,138)
Interest Expenses	0	0	0
Insurance Expenses	(130,324)	(130,335)	(130,271)
Other Expenditure	(224,754)	(156,464)	(76,366)
Operating Expenses	(4,630,182)	(3,154,884)	(2,803,938)
Revenue			
Rates	1,208,737	1,208,737	1,207,942
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	982,772	837,531	661,486
Fees and Charges	316,082	187,163	127,002
Interest Earnings	28,660	16,770	15,699
Other Revenue	9,005	7,336	4,420
Operating Revenue	2,545,256	2,257,537	2,016,548
Sub-total	(2,084,926)	(897,347)	(787,390)
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	958,147	103,878
Profit on Asset Disposals	0	0	0
Loss on Asset Disposals	0	0	0
Non-Operating Revenue	1,080,426	958,147	103,878
Net Result	(1,004,500)	60,800	(683,512)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes on revaluation of non-current assets	0	0	0
Total Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(1,004,500)	60,800	(683,512)

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY NATURE/TYPE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026

	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD BUDGET (a)	2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL (b)	VARIANCE \$ (b)-(a)	VARIANCE % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var ▲▼
OPERATING REVENUE						
Rates other than General Rates	\$ (31,381)	\$ (31,381)	\$ (32,177)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	982,772	837,531	661,486	(176,045)	(21.02%)	▼
Fees and Charges	316,082	187,163	127,002	(60,161)	(32.14%)	▼
Interest Earnings	28,660	16,770	15,699	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Other Revenue	9,005	7,336	4,420	Within Threshold	(39.75%)	
Profit on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	Within Threshold	0%	
	1,305,138	1,017,419	776,430			
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
Employee Costs	(1,413,538)	(927,681)	(932,198)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Materials and Contracts	(891,460)	(626,528)	(386,527)	240,001	38.31%	
Utility Charges	(143,745)	(96,513)	(45,438)	51,075	52.92%	
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets	(1,826,361)	(1,217,363)	(1,233,138)	(15,775)	Within Threshold	
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	Within Threshold	0%	
Insurance Expenses	(130,324)	(130,335)	(130,271)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Other Expenditure	(224,754)	(156,464)	(76,366)	80,098	51.19%	
Loss on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	Within Threshold	0.00%	
	(4,630,182)	(3,154,884)	(2,803,938)			
Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(3,325,044)	(2,137,465)	(2,027,508)			
ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Profit/ on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0%	
(Loss) on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0%	
Depreciation Written Back	1,826,361	1,217,363	1,233,138	15,775	Within Threshold	
	1,826,361	1,217,363	1,233,138			
<i>Sub Total</i>	(1,498,683)	(920,102)	(794,370)			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from investing activities						
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	(15,000)	0	15,000	100.00%	
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	(255,000)	0	255,000	100.00%	
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,514,404)	(91,409)	1,422,995	93.96%	
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(39,000)	(3,503)	35,497	91.02%	
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(142,374)	(103,878)	38,496	27.04%	
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	75,000	0	(75,000)	(100.00%)	▼
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	958,147	103,878	(854,269)	(89.16%)	▼
Amount Attributable to Investing Activities	(840,352)	(932,631)	(94,912)			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from financing activities						
Transfer to Reserves	(11,850)	(7,904)	(7,119)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Inflows from financing activities						
Transfer from Reserves	230,767	180,000	0	(180,000)	(100.00%)	▼
Amount Attributable to Financing Activities	218,917	172,096	(7,119)			
Plus Rounding						
Sub Total	(2,120,118)	(1,680,637)	(896,401)			
FUNDING FROM						
Estimated Opening Surplus at 1 July	880,000	880,000	847,189	(32,811)	Within Threshold	
Closing Surplus/(Deficit) at Reporting Date	0	439,481	1,190,907			
Total Deficiency to be funded from Rates	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,119)			
AMOUNT RAISED FROM RATES	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,119			

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	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD BUDGET (a)	2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL (b)	VARIANCE \$ (b)-(a)	VARIANCE % (b)-(a)/(a)	VAR ▲▼
OPERATING REVENUE						
General Purpose Funding	\$ 777,621	\$ 643,862	\$ 409,998	(233,864)	(36%)	▼
Governance	9,605	9,600	8,582	Within Threshold	(11%)	
Law, Order Public Safety	38,645	22,198	23,667	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Health	318	318	436	Within Threshold	(37%)	
Education and Welfare	61,980	41,304	43,174	Within Threshold	Within % Threshold	
Housing	17,640	11,752	12,445	Within Threshold	Within % Threshold	
Community Amenities	67,660	64,871	64,601	Within Threshold	Within % Threshold	
Recreation and Culture	4,190	4,001	19,985	15,984	400%	▲
Transport	237,575	197,826	118,897	(78,929)	(40%)	▼
Economic Services	71,560	9,110	6,564	Within Threshold	(28%)	
Other Property and Services	18,344	12,577	68,081	55,504	441%	▲
	1,305,138	1,017,419	776,430			
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
General Purpose Funding	(41,005)	(24,382)	(19,963)	Within Threshold	18%	
Governance	(283,101)	(203,161)	(220,302)	(17,141)	Within Threshold	
Law, Order, Public Safety	(165,223)	(120,564)	(102,175)	18,389	15%	
Health	(57,403)	(40,221)	(29,993)	10,228	25%	
Education and Welfare	(98,259)	(71,579)	(52,799)	18,780	26%	
Housing	(100,235)	(72,848)	(43,286)	29,562	41%	
Community Amenities	(292,563)	(198,794)	(149,679)	49,115	25%	
Recreation and Culture	(333,517)	(231,262)	(247,101)	(15,839)	Within Threshold	
Transport	(3,138,544)	(2,105,093)	(1,994,393)	110,700	Within % Threshold	
Economic Services	(118,301)	(82,586)	(35,033)	47,553	58%	
Other Property & Services	(2,031)	(4,394)	90,786	95,180	2166%	
	(4,630,182)	(3,154,884)	(2,803,938)			
Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(3,325,044)	(2,137,465)	(2,027,508)			
ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Loss on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0		
Profit/(Loss) on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0%	
Depreciation Written Back	1,826,361	1,217,363	1,233,138	15,775	Within % Threshold	
Total Items Excluded from Operating Activities	1,826,361	1,217,363	1,233,138			
Net Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(1,498,683)	(920,102)	(794,370)			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from investing activities						
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	(15,000)	0	15,000	100%	
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	(255,000)	0	255,000	100%	
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,514,404)	(91,409)	1,422,995	94%	
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(39,000)	(3,503)	35,497	91%	
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(142,374)	(103,878)	38,496	27%	
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Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	75,000	0	(75,000)	(100%)	▼
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SUMMARY OF CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026

	ACTUAL YTD	30/06/2025
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at bank and on Hand	1,870,242	1,226,407
Restricted Cash - Bonds & Deposits	0	0
Restricted Cash Reserves	1,133,465	1,126,346
Trade Receivables	138,977	134,466
Contract Assets	0	147,277
Self Supporting Loan	0	0
Prepayments	0	30,950
Stock on Hand	7,300	8,197
Total Current Assets	3,149,983	2,673,643
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade Creditors	(65,740)	(149,980)
Rates paid in advance	0	0
Bonds and Deposits	(37,204)	(10,582)
Accrued Interest on Loans	0	0
Accrued Expense	(43,964)	0
ATO Liabilities	(21,159)	(18,124)
Contract Liability	(570,557)	(434,435)
Loan Liability	0	0
Provisions	(124,136)	(124,136)
Total Current Liabilities	(862,761)	(737,257)
Sub-Total	2,287,223	1,936,386
Adjustments		
LESS Cash Backed Reserves	(1,133,465)	(1,126,346)
LESS Self Supporting Loan	0	0
ADD: Current Loan Liability	0	0
ADD: LS Leave provision	37,149	37,149
Rounding	0	0
Net Current Position	1,190,907	847,189

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

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For the Shire of Woodanilling, material variances are to be reported when exceeding 10%, and a minimum of \$5,000.

REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
<u>Operating Revenue</u>						
Operating Grants & Contributions	837,531	661,486	(176,045)	-21%	TIMING	Increase in General Purpose Grant \$58k, Increase in Local Road Grant \$23k, Decrease in Grant Commission- Special \$ 314k, Increase in Workers Compensation Reimbursement Income \$56k.
Fees & Charges	187,163	127,002	(60,161)	-32%	TIMING	Increase in Recreation & Sport Fees \$14k, Decrease in Transport Licensing Clearing Revenue \$76k.

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REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
Operating Expenses						
Materials & Contracts	(626,528)	(386,527)	240,001	38%	TIMING	Decrease in Members Admin Allocations \$16k, Decrease in Expenses for 4WDL VROC \$6k, Decrease in Consulting & Relief Staff \$46k, Increase in Computer Equipment Maint \$9k, Increase in Administration Costs Recovered \$144k, Decrease in Expenses Relating to Other Law, Order & Public Safety \$10k, Decrease in Well Aged Housing expenses \$16k, Decrease in Maintenance 3340 Robinson Road \$8k, Decrease in Maintenance 3347 Robinson Road \$7k, Decrease in Private Housing Rental Expenses \$11k, Decrease in Tip Maintenance Costs \$12k, Decrease in Town Planning expenses \$13k, Decrease in Other Recreation Admin allocations \$6k, Increase in Maintenance - Parks & Reserves \$8k, Increase in Maintenance - Oval & Buildings \$5k, Decrease in Expenses Relating to Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depot \$43k, Decrease in Maintenance - Muni Fund Roads \$ 21k, Decrease in Shire Depot Expenses \$7k, Decrease in Tourism & Area Promotion Expenses \$7k, Decrease in Overheads Allocated to Works \$90k, Decrease in Works Crew Staff Training \$7k, Decrease in Fuel & Oils \$25k, Decrease in Tyres \$9k, Decrease in Parts & Repairs \$40k, Decrease in Blades & Tynes \$6k, Decrease in Minor Equipment Purchases \$5k, Increase in Plant Operation Costs Allocated to Works \$89k, Increase in Plant Depreciation Costs Allocated to Works \$8k.
Utility Charges	(96,513)	(45,438)	51,075	53%	TIMING	Decrease in Oval Water expenses \$11k, Decrease in Standpipes water expenses \$39k.
Depreciation on Assets	(1,217,363)	(1,233,138)	(15,775)	Within Threshold	TIMING	Increase in Depreciation Relating to Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depot Maintenance \$33k, Decrease in Plant Operations Depreciation \$18k.

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REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
Other Expenses	(156,464)	(76,366)	80,098	51%	TIMING	Decrease in Members Donation expenses \$6k, Increase in Admin Fringe Benefit Tax \$10k, Decrease in Transport Licensing Payments \$75k, Increase in Expenses Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion \$7k.

Investing Activities

Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	0	255,000	100%	TIMING	Plant purchases not yet occurred.
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,514,404)	(91,409)	1422995	94%	TIMING	Decrease in Robinson West Reconstruct 500m \$481k, Decrease in Robinson West Reconstruct 380m \$195k, Decrease in RRG - Oxley Road \$197k, Decrease in R2R - Darby Road \$80k, Decrease in R2R - Onslow Road \$70k, Decrease in R2R - Church Road \$30k, Decrease in RTR - Douglas Road \$16k, Decrease in R2R - Robinson West Rd Edge Repairs \$40k, Decrease in Bridges Construction \$314k.
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(3,503)	35,497	91%	TIMING	Decrease in DWER Dam Project \$35k.
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(103,878)	38,496	27%	TIMING	Decrease in Playground project \$38k.
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	0	(75,000)	-100%	TIMING	Trade-in of existing plant has not yet occurred.
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies for the Development of Assets	958,147	103,878	(854,269)	-89%	TIMING	Decrease in Lotterywest grant funding \$18k, Decrease in Regional Road Group Grant \$600k, Decrease in Roads to Recovery Grant \$238k.

Financing Activities

Transfer from Reserves	180000	0	-180000	-100%	TIMING	Reserve transfer for plant purchases not yet occurred.
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SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026

	2024-2025 ACTUAL \$	2025-2026 ACTUAL \$	Variance \$
Current assets			
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,226,407	1,870,242	643,834
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents - Reserves	1,126,346	1,133,465	7,119
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents - Other	0	0	0
Trade and other receivables	164,576	138,137	(26,439)
Contract Assets	147,277	0	(147,277)
Inventories	8,197	7,300	(897)
Other Assets	840	840	0
Total current assets	2,673,643	3,149,983	476,340
Non-current assets			
WALGA LG House Unit Trust	39,810	39,810	0
Deferred Rates	20,817	20,817	0
Land	522,000	522,000	0
Buildings	6,545,848	6,455,214	(90,635)
Furniture & Equipment	93,878	86,009	(7,869)
Plant & Equipment	463,038	414,024	(49,014)
Road Infrastructure	52,289,148	51,422,516	(866,632)
Footpath Infrastructure	156,141	140,810	(15,331)
Drainage Infrastructure	6,222,818	6,132,737	(90,081)
Parks & Ovals Infrastructure	870,904	959,182	88,278
Other infrastructure	185,281	182,217	(3,064)
Total non-current assets	67,409,683	66,375,334	(1,034,348)
Total assets	70,083,325	69,525,317	(558,009)
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	149,980	136,982	12,998
ATO Liabilities	18,124	21,159	(3,035)
Bonds & Deposits	10,582	9,927	655
Grant Liability	434,435	570,557	(136,122)
Provisions	124,136	124,136	0
Total current liabilities	737,257	862,761	(125,504)
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	0	0	0
Provisions	17,304	17,304	0
Total non-current liabilities	17,304	17,304	0
Total liabilities	754,560	880,064	(125,504)
Net assets	69,328,765	68,645,253	(683,513)
Equity			
Retained surplus	11,732,035	11,724,916	(7,119)
Net Result	0	-683,512	(683,512)
Reserve - asset revaluation	56,470,384	56,470,384	0
Reserve - Cash backed	1,126,346	1,133,465	7,119
Total equity	69,328,765	68,645,253	(683,512)

**SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2026**

	2024-2025 ACTUAL \$	2025-2026 BUDGET \$	2025-2026 ACTUAL \$
<i>Cash Flows from operating activities</i>			
Payments			
Employee Costs	(1,219,267)	(1,430,540)	(922,591)
Materials & Contracts	(935,681)	(860,510)	(413,294)
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)	(169,061)	(143,745)	(45,438)
Insurance	(115,985)	(130,324)	(130,271)
Interest Expense	0	0	0
Goods and Services Tax Paid	6,693	(163,800)	20,815
Other Expenses	(244,092)	(224,754)	(37,106)
	(2,677,393)	(2,953,673)	(1,527,885)
Receipts			
Rates	1,091,066	1,208,737	1,171,681
Operating Grants & Subsidies	785,130	982,772	955,729
Fees and Charges	363,302	316,082	126,885
Interest Earnings	48,557	28,660	15,699
Goods and Services Tax	0	187,211	0
Other	3,255	9,005	3,757
	2,291,310	2,732,467	2,273,751
<i>Net Cash flows from Operating Activities</i>	(386,083)	(221,206)	745,866
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>			
Payments			
Purchase of Buildings	(5,733)	(15,000)	0
Purchase of Plant and Equipment	(55,766)	(255,000)	0
Purchase of Furniture and Equipment	(30,335)	0	0
Purchase of Road Infrastructure Assets	(1,806,588)	(1,544,404)	(91,409)
Purchase Drainage Assets	(27,377)	(39,000)	(3,503)
Purchase of Other Infrastructure Assets	(106,168)	(142,374)	(103,878)
Purchase Solid Waste Assets	0	0	0
Receipts			
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	73,566	75,000	0
Non-Operating grants used for Development of Assets	1,513,417	793,268	103,878
<i>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</i>	(444,984)	(1,127,510)	(94,912)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(831,067)	(1,348,716)	650,954
Cash at the Beginning of Reporting Period	3,183,820	2,002,752	2,352,753
Rounding	0	0	0
Cash at the End of Reporting Period	2,352,753	654,036	3,003,707

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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Notes

	2024-2025 ACTUAL	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 ACTUAL
	\$	\$	\$
RECONCILIATION OF CASH			
Cash at Bank - unrestricted	1,225,957	120,746	1,869,792
Cash at Bank - restricted	1,126,346	1,015,808	1,133,465
Cash on Hand	450	0	450
TOTAL CASH	2,352,753	1,136,554	3,003,707
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING RESULT			
Net Result (As per Comprehensive Income Statement)	(229,429)	(1,004,500)	(683,512)
Add back Depreciation	1,828,609	1,826,361	1,233,138
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Assets	(55,336)	-	0
Adjustments to fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	0	-	0
Contributions for the Development of Assets	(1,513,417)	(793,268)	(103,878)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities			
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(367)	-	898
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	35,760	23,411	173,716
(Increase)/Decrease in Other financial assets	0	178,227	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(463,325)	(17,002)	125,504
Increase/(Decrease) in Prepayments	0	-	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Provisions	11,422	-	0
Increase/(Decrease) in other liabilities	-	(434,435)	
NET CASH FROM/(USED) IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(386,083)	(221,206)	745,866

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

COA	Description	Resp. Officer	Asset Class	Asset Invest. Type	2025/2026 Total Budget	2025/2026 YTD Budget	2025/2026 YTD Actuals	% of Annual Budget
Housing								
BC006	3327 Robinson Road Building Renewal	CEO	L&B	Renewal	15,000	15,000	0	0%
					15,000	15,000	0	
Community Amenities								
DWER1	DWER Dam Project	CEO	DRAIN	Upgrade	39,000	39,000	3,503	9%
LRC450	LRCI 4A - Woodanilling Townsite Enhancement/Playground	CEO	OTHER	Upgrade	142,374	142,374	103,878	73%
					181,374	181,374	107,381	
Transport								
RRG67	RRG - Oxley Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	200,000	200,000	2,988	1%
RRG66	Robinson Rd West - Reconstruct 500m	EMI	ROAD	Upgrade	500,000	500,000	18,673	4%
RRB66	Robinson Rd West - Reconstruct 380m	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	200,000	200,000	4,924	2%
R2R012	Darby Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	90,404	90,404	10,488	12%
R2R019	Onslow Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	70,000	70,000	0	0%
R2R021	Church road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	60,000	30,000	0	0%
R2R68	Douglas Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	70,000	70,000	54,335	78%
R2R129	Robinson West Road Edge Repairs	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	40,000	40,000	0	0%
121350	Bridge Construction	CEO	BRIDGE	Renewal	314,000	314,000	0	0%
123300	Backhoe and Utility	CEO	P&E	Renewal	255,000	255,000	0	0%
					1,799,404	1,769,404	91,409	
Total Capital Expenditure					1,995,778	1,965,778	198,790	10%

SUMMARIES:

Land & Buildings	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
Plant & Equipment	255,000	255,000	0	0.0%
Furn & Equipment	0	0	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Roads	1,230,404	1,200,404	91,409	7.4%
Infrastructure - Footpaths	0	0	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Bridges	314,000	314,000	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Drainage	39,000	39,000	3,503	9.0%
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	0	0	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Other	142,374	142,374	103,878	73.0%
	1,995,778	1,965,778	198,790	10.0%
At No Cost	0	0	0	0.0%
Asset Renewal	1,314,404	1,284,404	72,735	5.5%
New Asset	0	0	0	0.0%
Upgrading Asset	681,374	681,374	126,054	18.5%
	1,995,778	1,965,778	198,790	10.0%
Chief Executive Officer	765,374	765,374	107,381	14.0%
Executive Manager Infrastructure	1,230,404	1,200,404	91,409	7.4%
	1,995,778	1,965,778	198,790	10.0%

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STATEMENT OF CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRACT LIABILITIES
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UNSPENT CAPITAL GRANTS									
Grant Provider	Liability 1 July 2024	Increase in Liability	Liability Recorded as Revenue	Closing Liability	Adopted Budget Revenue	Amended Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual Revenue	
Community Amenities									
Dept of Water - Country Water Supply Grant	-	-	-	-	39,991	-	-	-	
Transport									
WA Local Government Grants Commission - Special Bridge Funding BR4849	314,000	-	-	314,000	-	-	-	-	
DITRDC - Roads to Recovery Funding	-	-	-	-	320,000	-	237,717	-	
Main Roads WA - RRG Funding	-	240,000	-	240,000	600,000	-	599,995	-	
Lotterywest - Playground Funding	120,435	-	(103,878)	16,557	120,435	-	120,436	103,878	
Total Unspent Capital Grants	434,435	240,000	(103,878)	570,557	1,080,426	-	958,147	103,878	
CONTRACT LIABILITIES									
Grant Provider	Liability 1 July 2024	Increase in Liability	Liability Recorded as Revenue	Closing Liability	Adopted Budget Revenue	Amended Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual Revenue	
Law, Order and Public Safety									
DFES - ESL Operating Grant	-	16,285	(16,285)	-	32,570	-	16,286	16,285	
Total Contract Liabilities	-	16,285	(16,285)	-	32,570	-	16,311	16,285	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & REVENUE	434,435	256,285	(120,163)	570,557	1,112,996	0	974,458	120,163	

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RESERVES - CASH BACKED	2025-2026 Actual Opening Balance	2025-2026 Actual Transfer to	2025-2026 Actual Transfer (from)	2025-2026 Actual Closing Balance	2025-2026 Budget Opening Balance	2025-2026 Budget Transfer to	2025-2026 Budget Transfer (from)	2025-2026 Budget Closing Balance
Staff Leave Reserve	71,826	454	0	72,280	71,758	825	0	72,583
Plant Reserve	765,164	4,836	0	770,000	765,460	8,300	(180,000)	593,760
Building Reserve	225,237	1,424	0	226,661	225,744	2,300	(50,767)	177,277
Office Equipment Reserve	40,974	259	0	41,233	40,960	170	0	41,130
Road Construction Reserve	22,446	142	0	22,588	22,424	255	0	22,679
Affordable Housing Reserve	699	4	0	703	0	0	0	0
	1,126,346	7,119	0	1,133,465	1,126,346	11,850	(230,767)	907,429

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		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES 28 FEBRUARY 2026		CURRENT YEAR 28 FEBRUARY 2026		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB						
Proceeds Sale of Assets							
005265	Proceeds On Asset Disposal P&E	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0
PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF ASSETS		(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0
Written Down Value						\$0	\$0
005270	Written Down Value - Works Plant	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Sub Total - WDV ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET		\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Total - GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$75,000
ABNORMAL ITEMS		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Sub Total - ABNORMAL ITEMS		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Total - ABNORMAL ITEMS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - OPERATING STATEMENT		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$75,000

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES 28 FEBRUARY 2026		CURRENT YEAR 28 FEBRUARY 2026		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026	
		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
RATES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
031010	Expenses Relating to Valuations & Title Searches	\$204	\$145	\$0	\$145	\$0	\$5,570
031020	Rates Write Offs	\$240	\$218	\$0	\$218	\$0	\$250
031000	Expenses Relating to Rates	\$12,858	\$10,353	\$0	\$10,353	\$0	\$18,560
Sub Total - GENERAL RATES OP EXP		\$13,302	\$10,717	\$0	\$10,717	\$0	\$24,380
OPERATING INCOME							
031200	General Rates Levied	(\$1,240,118)	(\$1,240,119)	(\$1,240,119)	\$0	(\$1,240,118)	\$0
031210	Ex-Gratia Rates Received	(\$2,364)	(\$2,524)	(\$2,524)	\$0	(\$2,364)	\$0
031220	Non Payment Penalty	(\$4,860)	(\$6,928)	(\$6,928)	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0
031230	Rates Discount Allowed	\$55,140	\$54,642	\$54,642	\$0	\$55,140	\$0
031240	Interim Rates Levied	\$0	\$1,432	\$1,432	\$0	\$0	\$0
031250	Instalment Interest Received	(\$330)	(\$753)	(\$753)	\$0	(\$330)	\$0
031260	Rates Administration Fee Received	(\$380)	(\$420)	(\$420)	\$0	(\$380)	\$0
031270	Pens Deferred Rates Interest Grant	\$0	(\$899)	(\$899)	\$0	(\$480)	\$0
031280	Other Income Relating to Rates	(\$1,095)	(\$1,783)	(\$1,783)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0
Sub Total - GENERAL RATES OP INC		(\$1,194,007)	(\$1,197,352)	(\$1,197,352)	\$0	(\$1,196,032)	\$0
Total - GENERAL RATES		(\$1,180,705)	(\$1,186,635)	(\$1,197,352)	\$10,717	(\$1,196,032)	\$24,380

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET	
		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
032000	General Purpose Funding - Admin Allocations	\$11,080	\$9,247	\$0	\$9,247	\$0	\$16,625
Sub Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING OP/EXP		\$11,080	\$9,247	\$0	\$9,247	\$0	\$16,625
OPERATING INCOME							
032010	Grants Commission General	(\$230,069)	(\$287,978)	(\$287,978)	\$0	(\$306,758)	\$0
032020	Grants Commission Grant - Roads	(\$134,324)	(\$157,670)	(\$157,670)	\$0	(\$179,099)	\$0
032030	Grants Commission Grant - Special Bridge Funding	(\$314,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$314,000)	\$0
032040	Interest on Reserve Investments	(\$6,281)	(\$7,119)	(\$7,119)	\$0	(\$11,850)	\$0
032060	LRCIP Grant funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
032080	Interest on Municipal Funds	(\$5,300)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING OP/INC		(\$689,973)	(\$452,766)	(\$452,766)	\$0	(\$821,707)	\$0
Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING		(\$678,893)	(\$443,519)	(\$452,766)	\$9,247	(\$821,707)	\$16,625
Total - GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING		(\$1,859,598)	(\$1,630,154)	(\$1,650,118)	\$19,964	(\$2,017,739)	\$41,005

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET	
		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
G/L	JOB	Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
041010	Members of Council - Conference Expenses	\$10,200	\$6,176	\$0	\$6,176	\$0	\$10,200
041020	Members of Council - Elections	\$11,300	\$11,623	\$0	\$11,623	\$0	\$11,300
041030	Members of Council - President & Deputy Allowances	\$4,150	\$4,202	\$0	\$4,202	\$0	\$8,300
041040	Members of Council - Insurance	\$2,100	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098
041050	Members of Council - Subscriptions & Publications	\$11,740	\$8,630	\$0	\$8,630	\$0	\$11,740
041070	Members of Council - Councillor Allowances	\$15,400	\$15,219	\$0	\$15,219	\$0	\$30,800
041080	Members of Council - Refreshments & Receptions	\$5,265	\$2,591	\$0	\$2,591	\$0	\$6,500
041090	Members of Council - Councillor Training	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
041100	Members of Council - Chamber Maintenance	\$1,960	\$378	\$0	\$378	\$0	\$2,000
041110	Members of Council - Expenses Related to members	\$100,924	\$83,991	\$0	\$83,991	\$0	\$151,541
041130	Members of Council - Integrated Planning & Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041140	Members of Council - Expenses Relating to 4WDL VROC	\$6,000	\$895	\$0	\$895	\$0	\$6,000
041141	Members of Council - Expenses Relating to Great Southern VROC	\$2,000	\$1,667	\$0	\$1,667	\$0	\$2,000
041150	Members of Council - Donations Expenses	\$6,622	\$850	\$0	\$850	\$0	\$6,622
041160	Members of Council - Australia Day Expenses	\$17,000	\$13,275	\$0	\$13,275	\$0	\$17,000
041170	Members - Community Events	\$2,500	\$2,876	\$0	\$2,876	\$0	\$5,000
041180	Members - Loss on Fair Value of Assets though P&L	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041400	Members of Council - Travelling	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Sub Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OP/EXP		\$203,161	\$154,470	\$0	\$154,470	\$0	\$283,101
OPERATING INCOME							
041200	Members - Contributions & Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041210	Members - Reimbursements	\$0	(\$573)	(\$573)	\$0	\$0	\$0
041250	Members - Operating Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041220	Members - Australia Day Grant Income	(\$9,600)	(\$8,000)	(\$8,000)	\$0	(\$9,600)	\$0
041230	Members - Income Relating to 4WDL VROC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041500	Initial Recognition of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OP/INC		(\$9,600)	(\$8,573)	(\$8,573)	\$0	(\$9,600)	\$0
Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL		\$193,561	\$145,898	(\$8,573)	\$154,470	(\$9,600)	\$283,101

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET	
		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
GOVERNANCE							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
042000	Expenses Relating to Administration	\$344,992	\$316,353	\$0	\$316,353	\$0	\$518,032
042010	Governance - Admin Office Maintenance	\$3,667	\$2,227	\$0	\$2,227	\$0	\$5,900
042016	Governance - Insurance	\$41,706	\$41,666	\$0	\$41,666	\$0	\$41,704
042020	Governance - Admin Office Garden Maintenance	\$3,420	\$6,085	\$0	\$6,085	\$0	\$5,148
042030	Governance - Office Equipment Maintenance	\$3,240	\$1,425	\$0	\$1,425	\$0	\$6,000
042040	Governance - Consulting & Relief Staff	\$94,440	\$48,808	\$0	\$48,808	\$0	\$113,000
042050	Governance - Advertising	\$930	\$810	\$0	\$810	\$0	\$1,000
042060	Governance - Postage & Freight	\$276	\$155	\$0	\$155	\$0	\$550
042070	Governance - Computer Equipment Maintenance	\$47,204	\$54,681	\$0	\$54,681	\$0	\$68,845
042080	Governance - Bank Charges	\$2,442	\$3,056	\$0	\$3,056	\$0	\$3,700
042090	Governance - Telephone Expenses	\$3,677	\$3,343	\$0	\$3,343	\$0	\$5,250
042110	Governance - Legal Expenses	\$1,336	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
042115	Governance - Valuation Expenses Other than Rates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
042120	Governance - Administration Staff Training	\$2,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
042121	Governance - Audit Fees	\$42,700	\$41,594	\$0	\$41,594	\$0	\$42,700
042130	Governance - Printing & Stationery	\$1,080	\$730	\$0	\$730	\$0	\$1,500
042140	Governance - FBT	\$13,625	\$9,612	\$0	\$9,612	\$0	\$25,000
042160	Governance - Staff Uniforms	\$585	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$1,500
042165	Governance - Admin Subscriptions	\$17,717	\$16,750	\$0	\$16,750	\$0	\$17,717
042170	Governance - Grants & Workshop Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
042180	Governance - Admin Costs Recovered	(\$625,987)	(\$481,613)	\$0	(\$481,613)	\$0	(\$864,546)
Sub Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL OP/EXP		\$0	\$65,832	\$0	\$65,832	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME							
042200	Governance - Reimbursements Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
042220	Governance - Photocopies & Misc Cash Sales	\$0	(\$9)	(\$9)	\$0	\$0	\$0
042703	Governance - Unders & Overs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$5)	\$0
Sub Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL OP/INC		\$0	(\$9)	(\$9)	\$0	(\$5)	\$0
Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL		\$0	\$65,823	(\$9)	\$65,832	(\$5)	\$0
Total - GOVERNANCE		\$193,561	\$211,720	(\$8,582)	\$220,302	(\$9,605)	\$283,101

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET	
		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY							
FIRE PREVENTION							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
051000	Fire Prevention - Expenses Relating to Fire Prevention	\$27,422	\$31,544	\$0	\$31,544	\$0	\$48,838
051030	Fire Prevention - Expenses in relation to MAF	\$21,836	\$18,563	\$0	\$18,563	\$0	\$21,900
051040	Fire Prevention - Other Fire Fighting Expenses	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
051050	Fire Prevention - Expenses Related to ESL	\$29,182	\$25,672	\$0	\$25,672	\$0	\$36,184
Sub Total - FIRE PREVENTION OP/EXP		\$78,690	\$75,779	\$0	\$75,779	\$0	\$107,422
OPERATING INCOME							
051200	Fire Prevention - Income Relating to MAF Projects	(\$25)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
051210	Fire Prevention - LGGS - Bushfire Grant Income	(\$16,286)	(\$16,285)	(\$16,285)	\$0	(\$32,570)	\$0
051211	Fire Prevention - DFES ESL Administration Fee Income	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0
051240	Fire Prevention - Reimbursements	\$0	(\$2,440)	(\$2,440)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - FIRE PREVENTION OP/INC		(\$20,311)	(\$22,725)	(\$22,725)	\$0	(\$36,595)	\$0
Total - FIRE PREVENTION		\$58,379	\$53,054	(\$22,725)	\$75,779	(\$36,595)	\$107,422
ANIMAL CONTROL							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
052000	Animal Control - Expenses Relating to Animal Control	\$9,042	\$9,146	\$0	\$9,146	\$0	\$13,547
Sub Total - ANIMAL CONTROL OP/EXP		\$9,042	\$9,146	\$0	\$9,146	\$0	\$13,547
OPERATING INCOME							
052200	Animal Control - Fines & Penalties	(\$336)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$500)	\$0
052210	Animal Control - Dog Registrations	(\$1,500)	(\$643)	(\$643)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0
052220	Animal Control - Cat Registrations & Infringement Income	(\$51)	(\$300)	(\$300)	\$0	(\$50)	\$0
Sub Total - ANIMAL CONTROL OP/INC		(\$1,887)	(\$943)	(\$943)	\$0	(\$2,050)	\$0
Total - ANIMAL CONTROL		\$7,155	\$8,204	(\$943)	\$9,146	(\$2,050)	\$13,547

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES 28 FEBRUARY 2026		CURRENT YEAR 28 FEBRUARY 2026		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026	
		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
053000	Other Law - Expenses Relating to Other Law, Order & Public Safety	\$32,832	\$17,249	\$0	\$17,249	\$0	\$44,254
Sub Total - OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY OP/EXP		\$32,832	\$17,249	\$0	\$17,249	\$0	\$44,254
OPERATING INCOME							
Sub Total - OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY OP /INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - OTHER LAW ORDER PUBLIC SAFETY		\$32,832	\$17,249	\$0	\$17,249	\$0	\$44,254
Total - LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY		\$98,366	\$78,507	(\$23,667)	\$102,175	(\$38,645)	\$165,223

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		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTION							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
074000	PREV SRVCS - Expenses Relating to Preventative Services	\$11,064	\$10,207	\$0	\$10,207	\$0	\$16,608
074020	PREV SRVCS - Analytical Expenses	\$445	\$377	\$0	\$377	\$0	\$445
Sub Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION OP/EXP		\$11,509	\$10,584	\$0	\$10,584	\$0	\$17,053
OPERATING INCOME							
074210	Health - Septic Tank Fees	(\$118)	(\$236)	(\$236)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0
Sub Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION OP/INC		(\$118)	(\$236)	(\$236)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0
Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION		\$11,391	\$10,348	(\$236)	\$10,584	(\$118)	\$17,053
PREVENTIVE SERVICES- PEST CONTROL							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
077000	Pest - Expenses Relating to Other Health	\$21,840	\$18,253	\$0	\$18,253	\$0	\$32,777
077010	Pest - Mosquito Control	\$5,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,480
Sub Total - PEST CONTROL OP/EXP		\$27,320	\$18,253	\$0	\$18,253	\$0	\$38,257
OPERATING INCOME							
077200	Pest - Income Relating to Other Health	(\$200)	(\$200)	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0
Sub Total - PEST CONTROL OP/INC		(\$200)	(\$200)	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0
Total - PEST CONTROL		\$27,120	\$18,053	(\$200)	\$18,253	(\$200)	\$38,257

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB						
	OTHER HEALTH						
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
076000	Other Health - Expenses Relating to Other Health	\$1,392	\$1,156	\$0	\$1,156	\$0	\$2,093
	Sub Total - OTHER HEALTH OP/EXP	\$1,392	\$1,156	\$0	\$1,156	\$0	\$2,093
	OPERATING INCOME						
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - OTHER HEALTH OP/INC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total - OTHER HEALTH	\$1,392	\$1,156	\$0	\$1,156	\$0	\$2,093
	Total - HEALTH	\$39,903	\$29,557	(\$436)	\$29,993	(\$318)	\$57,403

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			28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme			Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
AGED & DISABLED - OTHER								
OPERATING EXPENDITURE								
082000		Aged & Disabled - Allocation of Admin Overheads	\$488	\$433	\$0	\$433	\$0	\$736
084000		Aged & Disabled - Expenses Relating to the Aged	\$30,333	\$30,311	\$0	\$30,311	\$0	\$45,505
084010		Aged & Disabled - Expenses relating to Well Aged Housing	\$40,758	\$22,055	\$0	\$22,055		
084010	SGC	Salmon Gums - Common Areas					\$0	\$11,742
084010	SG1	UNIT 1 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$5,661
084010	SG2	UNIT 2 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$5,138
084010	SG3	UNIT 3 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$4,934
084010	SG4	UNIT 4 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$5,846
084010	WVC	WATTLEVILLE COMMON LAND					\$0	\$6,213
084010	WV1	UNIT 1 WATTLEVILLE					\$0	\$4,804
084010	WV2	UNIT 2 WATTLEVIEW					\$0	\$3,582
084010	WV3	UNIT 3 WATTLEVILLE					\$0	\$4,098
Sub Total - OTHER WELFARE OP/EXP			\$71,579	\$52,799	\$0	\$52,799	\$0	\$98,259
OPERATING INCOME								
084200		Aged & Disabled - Income Relating to Well Aged Housing	(\$41,304)	(\$43,174)	(\$43,174)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER WELFARE OP/INC			(\$41,304)	(\$43,174)	(\$43,174)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0
Total - OTHER WELFARE			\$30,275	\$9,625	(\$43,174)	\$52,799	(\$61,980)	\$98,259
Total - EDUCATION & WELFARE			\$30,275	\$9,625	(\$43,174)	\$52,799	(\$61,980)	\$98,259

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB						
STAFF HOUSING							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
091000	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3340 Robinson Road (EMI)	\$17,305	\$8,435	\$0	\$8,435	\$0	\$22,063
091005	Staff Housing - Administration Allocations	\$11,080	\$9,247	\$0	\$9,247	\$0	\$16,625
091110	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3347 Robinson Road (SFO)	\$11,560	\$4,739	\$0	\$4,739	\$0	\$13,778
091220	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3327 Robinson Road (CEO)	\$15,184	\$14,174	\$0	\$14,174	\$0	\$19,940
091330	Staff Housing - Maintenance 13 Cardigan Street (Other not Staff))	\$6,889	\$6,691	\$0	\$6,691	\$0	\$8,329
091225	Private Housing Rental Expense	\$10,830	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,500
Sub Total - STAFF HOUSING OP/EXP		\$72,848	\$43,286	\$0	\$43,286	\$0	\$100,235
OPERATING INCOME							
091200	Staff Housing - Income 3340 Robinson Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
091210	Staff Housing - Income 3347 Robinson Road	(\$5,200)	(\$5,250)	(\$5,250)	\$0	(\$7,800)	\$0
091230	Staff Housing - Income 13 Cardigan Street	(\$5,888)	(\$6,800)	(\$6,800)	\$0	(\$8,840)	\$0
091500	Staff Housing - Staff Housing Reimbursements - Utilities	(\$664)	(\$395)	(\$395)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0
Sub Total - STAFF HOUSING OP/INC		(\$11,752)	(\$12,445)	(\$12,445)	\$0	(\$17,640)	\$0
Total - STAFF HOUSING		\$61,096	\$30,842	(\$12,445)	\$43,286	(\$17,640)	\$100,235
Total - HOUSING		\$61,096	\$30,842	(\$12,445)	\$43,286	(\$17,640)	\$100,235

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G/L	JOB						
SANITATION - HOUSEHOLD REFUSE							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
100000	Sanitation Household - Expenses Relating to Refuse Collection	\$34,895	\$29,360	\$0	\$29,360	\$0	\$52,276
100010	Sanitation Household - Expenses Relating to Recycling	\$14,792	\$11,866	\$0	\$11,866	\$0	\$22,200
100020	Sanitation Household - Tip Maintenance Costs	\$71,624	\$53,756	\$0	\$53,756	\$0	\$100,972
Sub Total - SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE OP/EXP		\$121,311	\$94,982	\$0	\$94,982	\$0	\$175,448
OPERATING INCOME							
100200	Sanitation Household - Income Relating to Tip - Refuse & Recycling	(\$60,725)	(\$61,029)	(\$61,029)	\$0	(\$60,725)	\$0
Sub Total - SANITATION H/HOLD REFUSE OP/INC		(\$60,725)	(\$61,029)	(\$61,029)	\$0	(\$60,725)	\$0
Total - SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE		\$60,586	\$33,953	(\$61,029)	\$94,982	(\$60,725)	\$175,448
SANITATION OTHER							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
101000	Sanitation Other - Expenses Relating to Commercial Refuse Collection	\$2,768	\$2,736	\$0	\$2,736	\$0	\$4,159
Sub Total - SANITATION OTHER OP/EXP		\$2,768	\$2,736	\$0	\$2,736	\$0	\$4,159
OPERATING INCOME							
Sub Total - SANITATION OTHER OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - SANITATION OTHER		\$2,768	\$2,736	\$0	\$2,736	\$0	\$4,159

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G/L	JOB						
PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
106000	Protect Env - Expenses Relating to Protection of the Environment	\$1,424	\$1,204	\$0	\$1,204	\$0	\$2,137
106010	Protect Env - Expenses Relating to WWLZ	\$2,122	\$866	\$0	\$866	\$0	\$4,085
106011	Protection of Environment - Depreciation	\$2,176	\$2,391	\$0	\$2,391	\$0	\$3,263
106020	Protect Env - Council Contribution to WWLZ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OP/EXP		\$5,722	\$4,461	\$0	\$4,461	\$0	\$9,485
OPERATING INCOME							
106220	Protect Env - Reimbursements WWLZ	(\$2,720)	(\$1,553)	(\$1,553)	\$0	(\$4,085)	\$0
Sub Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OP/INC		(\$2,720)	(\$1,553)	(\$1,553)	\$0	(\$4,085)	\$0
Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT		\$3,002	\$2,908	(\$1,553)	\$4,461	(\$4,085)	\$9,485
TOWN PLANNING & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
104000	Town Planning - Allocation of Admin Overheads	\$24,492	\$10,644	\$0	\$10,644	\$0	\$36,490
Sub Total - TOWN PLAN & REG DEV OP/EXP		\$24,492	\$10,644	\$0	\$10,644	\$0	\$36,490
OPERATING INCOME							
104200	Town Planning - Town Planning Application Fee	(\$676)	(\$1,536)	(\$1,536)	\$0	(\$1,350)	\$0
Sub Total - TOWN PLAN & REG DEV OP/INC		(\$676)	(\$1,536)	(\$1,536)	\$0	(\$1,350)	\$0
Total - TOWN PLANNING & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$23,816	\$9,108	(\$1,536)	\$10,644	(\$1,350)	\$36,490

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
105000	Other Community Amenities - Expenses Relating to Other Community Arr	\$34,457	\$30,604	\$0	\$30,604	\$0	\$51,712
105020	Other Community Amenities - Maintenance - Cemetery	\$6,160	\$5,098	\$0	\$5,098	\$0	\$9,306
105030	Other Community Amenities - Maintenance - Grave Digging	\$2,704	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,060
105060	Other Community Amenities - Depreciation Other infrastructure	\$698	\$767	\$0	\$767	\$0	\$1,050
Sub Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES OP/EXP		\$44,019	\$36,470	\$0	\$36,470	\$0	\$66,128
OPERATING INCOME							
105200	Other Community Amenities - Income Relating to Cemetery	(\$750)	(\$483)	(\$483)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0
105201	Non-Operating Grants & subsidies	(\$120,436)	(\$103,878)	(\$103,878)	\$0	(\$120,435)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES OP/INC		(\$121,186)	(\$104,361)	(\$104,361)	\$0	(\$121,935)	\$0
Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES		(\$77,167)	(\$67,891)	(\$104,361)	\$36,470	(\$121,935)	\$66,128
STORMWATER DRAINAGE							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
102000	Stormwater Drainage - Expenses Relating to Urban Stormwater Drainage	\$482	\$385	\$0	\$385	\$0	\$853
Sub Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE OP/EXP		\$482	\$385	\$0	\$385	\$0	\$853
OPERATING INCOME							
102200	Stormwater Drainage - Income Relating to Urban Stormwater Drainage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0
Sub Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0
Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE		\$482	\$385	\$0	\$385	(\$39,991)	\$853
Total - COMMUNITY AMENITIES		\$13,487	(\$18,800)	(\$168,479)	\$149,678	(\$228,086)	\$292,563

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
PUBLIC HALL & CIVIC CENTRES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
110000	Expenses Relating to Town Halls & Civic Centres	\$42,083	\$38,839	\$0	\$38,839	\$0	\$57,620
Sub Total - PUBLIC HALLS & CIVIC CENTRES OP/EXP		\$42,083	\$38,839	\$0	\$38,839	\$0	\$57,620
OPERATING INCOME							
110200	Public Halls - Income Relating to Town Hall & Other Civic Centres	(\$341)	(\$444)	(\$444)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0
Sub Total - PUBLIC HALLS & CIVIC CENTRES OP/INC		(\$341)	(\$444)	(\$444)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0
Total - PUBLIC HALL & CIVIC CENTRES		\$41,742	\$38,395	(\$444)	\$38,839	(\$340)	\$57,620
OTHER RECREATION & SPORT							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
113000	Other Recreation - Expenses Relating to Other Recreation & Sport	\$65,439	\$61,639	\$0	\$61,639	\$0	\$95,795
113010	Other Recreation - Maintenance - Parks & Reserves	\$17,212	\$33,427	\$0	\$33,427	\$0	\$25,563
113020	Other Recreation-Maintenance-Oval & Building	\$73,727	\$73,862	\$0	\$73,862	\$0	\$107,308
113030	Other Recreation - Maintenance - Golf Club	\$7,186	\$9,379	\$0	\$9,379	\$0	\$8,782
113040	Other Recreation - Depreciation - Buildings	\$1,864	\$1,862	\$0	\$1,862	\$0	\$2,795
113050	Other Recreation - Depreciation - Parks	\$10,507	\$10,499	\$0	\$10,499	\$0	\$15,765
Sub Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT OP/EXP		\$175,935	\$190,669	\$0	\$190,669	\$0	\$256,008
OPERATING INCOME							
113200	Other Recreation - Income Relating to Other Recreation & Sport	(\$1,235)	(\$15,387)	(\$15,387)	\$0	(\$1,300)	\$0
113201	Income - Golf Club Rental	\$0	(\$950)	(\$950)	\$0	\$0	\$0
113202	Income - Other Recreation & Sport Reimbursements	\$0	(\$3,204)	(\$3,204)	\$0	\$0	\$0
113210	Other Sport & Recreation Fees & Charges Income	(\$2,395)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,520)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT OP/INC		(\$3,630)	(\$19,541)	(\$19,541)	\$0	(\$3,820)	\$0
Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT		\$172,305	\$171,128	(\$19,541)	\$190,669	(\$3,820)	\$256,008

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G/L	JOB						
SWIMMING AREAS & BEACHES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
111000	Swim Areas - Expenses Relating to Queerearrup Lake	\$3,678	\$9,670	\$0	\$9,670	\$0	\$4,910
111010	Swim Areas - Depreciation	\$1,920	\$1,918		\$1,918	\$0	\$2,880
Sub Total - SWIMMING AREAS OP/EXP		\$5,598	\$11,587	\$0	\$11,587	\$0	\$7,790
OPERATING INCOME							
Sub Total - SWIMMING AREAS OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - SWIMMING AREAS & BEACHES		\$5,598	\$11,587	\$0	\$11,587	\$0	\$7,790
LIBRARIES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
114000	Library - Administration Allocations	\$2,776	\$1,839	\$0	\$1,839	\$0	\$3,666
Sub Total - LIBRARIES OP/EXP		\$2,776	\$1,839	\$0	\$1,839	\$0	\$3,666
OPERATING INCOME							
Sub Total - LIBRARIES OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - LIBRARIES		\$2,776	\$1,839	\$0	\$1,839	\$0	\$3,666

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OTHER CULTURE							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
115000	Other Culture - Expenses Relating to Other Culture	\$2,780	\$2,220	\$0	\$2,220	\$0	\$5,293
115100	Other Culture - Expenses Relating to War Memorial	\$944	\$801	\$0	\$801	\$0	\$1,420
115101	Other Culture - Depreciation	\$1,064	\$1,061	\$0	\$1,061	\$0	\$1,595
115102	Other Culture - Depreciation - Buildings	\$82	\$84	\$0	\$84	\$0	\$125
Sub Total - OTHER CULTURE OP/EXP		\$4,870	\$4,167	\$0	\$4,167	\$0	\$8,433
OPERATING INCOME							
115220	Other Culture - Sale of History Books & DVD's	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER CULTURE OP/INC		(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0
Total - OTHER CULTURE		\$4,840	\$4,167	\$0	\$4,167	(\$30)	\$8,433
Total - RECREATION AND CULTURE		\$227,261	\$227,116	(\$19,985)	\$247,101	(\$4,190)	\$333,517

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		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
STREETS, RD, BRIDGES, DEPOT - CONSTRUCTION							
OPERATING INCOME							
122240	Transport - Regional Road Group Grants	(\$599,995)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$600,000)	\$0
122229	Transport - Commodity Route Grants	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
122270	Transport - Roads to Recovery Grant	(\$237,717)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$320,000)	\$0
122220	Transport - Grant - LCRI	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - ST,RDS,BRIDGES,DEPOT - CONST OP/INC		(\$837,711)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0
Total - ST,RDS,BRIDGES,DEPOT - CONST		(\$837,711)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0
STREETS,ROADS, BRIDGES, DEPOTS - MAINTENANCE							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
122000	Transport - Expenses Relating to Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depot Maintenance	\$1,313,548	\$1,300,037	\$0	\$1,300,037	\$0	\$1,970,824
122010	Transport - Street Lighting	\$5,480	\$5,042	\$0	\$5,042	\$0	\$8,220
122020	Transport - Maintenance - Direct Grants	\$9,336	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,000
122030	Transport - Maintenance - Muni Fund Roads	\$644,912	\$666,556	\$0	\$666,556	\$0	\$956,116
122040	Transport - Expenses relating to the Shire Depot	\$38,985	\$18,466	\$0	\$18,466	\$0	\$55,963
122050	Transport - Maintenance - Footpaths	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200
122060	Transport - Maintenance - Traffic Signs	\$3,300	\$101	\$0	\$101	\$0	\$3,700
122061	Transport - Rural Street Address Expenses	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60
122070	Transport - Maintenance - Bridges	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Sub Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS OP/EXP		\$2,024,821	\$1,990,202	\$0	\$1,990,202	\$0	\$3,018,083
OPERATING INCOME							
122230	Transport - Grant - RRG Direct	(\$118,300)	(\$116,067)	(\$116,067)	\$0	(\$118,300)	\$0
122261	Transport - Rural Street Address Income	(\$110)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$110)	\$0
Sub Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS OP/INC		(\$118,410)	(\$116,067)	(\$116,067)	\$0	(\$118,410)	\$0
Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS		\$1,906,411	\$1,874,135	(\$116,067)	\$1,990,202	(\$118,410)	\$3,018,083

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TRANSPORT LICENSING							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
125000	Transport - Expenses Relating to Transport Licensing	\$4,192	\$3,516	\$0	\$3,516	\$0	\$6,296
125010	Transport - Licensing Payments	\$76,080	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0	\$114,165
Sub Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING OP/EXP		\$80,272	\$4,191	\$0	\$4,191	\$0	\$120,461
OPERATING INCOME							
125200	Transport - Income Relating to Transport Licensing	(\$3,336)	(\$2,829)	(\$2,829)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0
125210	Transport - Licensing Receipts	(\$76,080)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$114,165)	\$0
Sub Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING OP/INC		(\$79,416)	(\$2,829)	(\$2,829)	\$0	(\$119,165)	\$0
Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING		\$856	\$1,362	(\$2,829)	\$4,191	(\$119,165)	\$120,461
ROAD PLANT PURCHASES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
123410	Loss on Disposal of Road Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
123411	Road Plant Purchases Minor Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - ROAD PLANT OP/EXP		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME							
123401	Profit on Disposal of Road Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - ROAD PLANT OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - ROAD PLANT		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - TRANSPORT		\$1,069,556	\$1,875,497	(\$118,896)	\$1,994,393	(\$1,157,575)	\$3,138,544

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB						
RURAL SERVICES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
131000	Rural Srvcs - Administration Allocations	\$1,816	\$1,541	\$0	\$1,541	\$0	\$2,728
Sub Total - RURAL SERVICES OP/EXP		\$1,816	\$1,541	\$0	\$1,541	\$0	\$2,728
OPERATING INCOME							
Sub Total - RURAL SERVICES OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - RURAL SERVICES		\$1,816	\$1,541	\$0	\$1,541	\$0	\$2,728
TOURISM AND AREA PROMOTION							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
132000	Tourism - Expenses Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion	\$12,158	\$11,284	\$0	\$11,284	\$0	\$14,691
132020	Tourism - Expenses relating to Woody Wongi	\$1,722	\$824	\$0	\$824	\$0	\$1,850
Sub Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION OP/EXP		\$13,880	\$12,108	\$0	\$12,108	\$0	\$16,541
OPERATING INCOME							
132220	Tourism - Income relating to Woody Wongi	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0
Sub Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION OP/INC		(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0
Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION		\$13,850	\$12,108	\$0	\$12,108	(\$30)	\$16,541

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		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB						
BUILDING CONTROL							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
133000	Building - Expenses Relating to Building Control	\$17,536	\$13,447	\$0	\$13,447	\$0	\$26,310
Sub Total - BUILDING CONTROL OP/EXP		\$17,536	\$13,447	\$0	\$13,447	\$0	\$26,310
BUILDING CONTROL OP/INC							
133210	Building - Building Permit Application Fee	(\$850)	(\$3,213)	(\$3,213)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0
133220	Building - Building Services Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133221	Building - Building Services Levy Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133230	Building - Building Construction Industry Training Fund (BCITF)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133231	Building - BCITF Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - BUILDING CONTROL OP/INC		(\$850)	(\$3,213)	(\$3,213)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0
Total - BUILDING CONTROL		\$16,686	\$10,235	(\$3,213)	\$13,447	(\$1,000)	\$26,310
OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
135000	Other Economic - Expenses Relating to Economic Services	\$4,496	\$3,757	\$0	\$3,757	\$0	\$6,742
135010	Other Economic - Expenses Relating to Standpipes	\$44,858	\$3,402	\$0	\$3,402	\$0	\$65,980
135020	Other Economic - Depreciation	\$0	\$779		\$779	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES OP/EXP		\$49,354	\$7,937	\$0	\$7,937	\$0	\$72,722
OPERATING INCOME							
135015	Other Economic - Income Relating to Pool Inspections	(\$530)	(\$526)	(\$526)	\$0	(\$530)	\$0
135210	Other Economic - Income Relating to Standpipes	(\$7,700)	(\$2,825)	(\$2,825)	\$0	(\$70,000)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES OP/INC		(\$8,230)	(\$3,351)	(\$3,351)	\$0	(\$70,530)	\$0
Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES		\$41,124	\$4,586	(\$3,351)	\$7,937	(\$70,530)	\$72,722
Total - ECONOMIC SERVICES		\$73,476	\$28,470	(\$6,564)	\$35,033	(\$71,560)	\$118,301

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		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
PRIVATE WORKS							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
141000	Private Works - Expenses	\$1,586	\$271	\$0	\$271	\$0	\$2,031
Sub Total - PRIVATE WORKS OP/EXP		\$1,586	\$271	\$0	\$271	\$0	\$2,031
OPERATING INCOME							
141010	Private Works - Fees & Charges	(\$1,073)	(\$396)	(\$396)	\$0	(\$1,084)	\$0
Sub Total - PRIVATE WORKS OP/INC		(\$1,073)	(\$396)	(\$396)	\$0	(\$1,084)	\$0
Total - PRIVATE WORKS		\$513	(\$125)	(\$396)	\$271	(\$1,084)	\$2,031
PUBLIC WORKS OVERHEADS							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
143000	Public Works - Expenses Relating to Public Works Overheads	\$22,096	\$18,391	\$0	\$18,391	\$0	\$33,151
143005	Public Works - Supervision Salaries	\$85,872	\$70,354	\$0	\$70,354	\$0	\$128,857
143011	Public Works - Superannuation	\$58,440	\$68,085	\$0	\$68,085	\$0	\$87,700
143012	Public Works - Unallocated Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
143020	Public Works - Public Holidays, Annual & Long Service Leave	\$55,282	\$72,556	\$0	\$72,556	\$0	\$108,396
143030	Public Works - Protective Clothing	\$5,340	\$3,052	\$0	\$3,052	\$0	\$8,900
143070	Public Works - Works Crew Staff Training	\$14,364	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,940
143080	Public Works - Workers Compensation Insurance	\$34,020	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020
143090	Public Works - Expenses Relating to Occ Safety & Health	\$5,968	\$9,860	\$0	\$9,860	\$0	\$9,945
143050	Less: Allocation of Public Works Overheads	(\$289,824)	(\$379,829)	\$0	(\$379,829)	\$0	(\$434,909)
Sub Total - PUBLIC WORKS O/HEADS OP/EXP		(\$8,442)	(\$103,510)	\$0	(\$103,510)	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME							
143200	FBT Reimbursements - Public Works Overheads	(\$1,040)	(\$1,050)	(\$1,050)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0
143210	Public Works - Workers Compensation Reimbursements	\$0	(\$56,490)	(\$56,490)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - PUBLIC WORKS O/HEADS OP/INC		(\$1,040)	(\$57,540)	(\$57,540)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0
Total - PUBLIC WORKS OVERHEADS		(\$9,482)	(\$161,050)	(\$57,540)	(\$103,510)	(\$1,560)	\$0

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		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
144000	Plant Operation - Insurances	\$11,785	\$11,752	\$0	\$11,752	\$0	\$11,785
144010	Plant Operation - Fuels & Oils	\$80,400	\$55,787	\$0	\$55,787	\$0	\$120,000
144020	Plant Operation - Tyres & Tubes	\$13,336	\$4,468	\$0	\$4,468	\$0	\$20,000
144030	Plant Operation - Parts & Repairs	\$67,000	\$27,656	\$0	\$27,656	\$0	\$100,000
144040	Plant Operation - Blades & Tynes	\$8,000	\$2,240	\$0	\$2,240	\$0	\$8,000
144050	Minor Equipment Purchases	\$6,000	\$869	\$0	\$869	\$0	\$7,500
144060	Plant Operation - Repairs - Wages	\$4,000	\$6,315	\$0	\$6,315	\$0	\$6,000
144070	Plant Operation - Licences	\$8,500	\$6,421	\$0	\$6,421	\$0	\$8,500
144080	Plant Operation - Depreciation	\$60,989	\$42,690	\$0	\$42,690	\$0	\$91,500
144100	Plant Operation - Less Depreciation Allocated	(\$60,976)	(\$52,761)	\$0	(\$52,761)	\$0	(\$91,500)
144090	Plant Operation - Less Allocated to Works/SRVCS	(\$187,784)	(\$99,032)	\$0	(\$99,032)	\$0	(\$281,785)
Sub Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS OP/EXP		\$11,250	\$6,406	\$0	\$6,406	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME							
144004	Plant Operating Reimbursement Income	\$0	(\$977)	(\$977)	\$0	\$0	\$0
144005	Plant Operation - Diesel Fuel Rebate	(\$10,464)	(\$8,671)	(\$8,671)	\$0	(\$15,700)	\$0
144006	Insurance Refunds on Motor Vehicle Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS OP/INC		(\$10,464)	(\$9,648)	(\$9,648)	\$0	(\$15,700)	\$0
Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS		\$786	(\$3,243)	(\$9,648)	\$6,406	(\$15,700)	\$0
MATERIALS AND STOCK							
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
OPERATING INCOME							
145210	Sale of Stock or Scrap	\$0	(\$496)	(\$496)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK OP/INC		\$0	(\$496)	(\$496)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK		\$0	(\$496)	(\$496)	\$0	\$0	\$0

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				28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme				Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
SALARIES AND WAGES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
147000	Gross Salaries & Wages			\$873,664	\$841,533	\$0	\$841,533	\$0	\$1,311,026
147010	Less Salaries & Wages Allocated			(\$873,664)	(\$835,486)	\$0	(\$835,486)	\$0	(\$1,311,026)
Sub Total - SALARIES AND WAGES OP/EXP				\$0	\$6,047	\$0	\$6,047	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME									
Sub Total - SALARIES AND WAGES OP/INC				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - SALARIES AND WAGES				\$0	\$6,047	\$0	\$6,047	\$0	\$0
Total - OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES				(\$8,183)	(\$158,867)	(\$68,081)	(\$90,786)	(\$18,344)	\$2,031

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		28 FEBRUARY 2026		28 FEBRUARY 2026		2025-2026	
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVES							
EXPENDITURE							
	Transfer to Affordable Housing Reserve	\$0	\$4	\$0	\$4	\$0	\$0
007152	Transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve	\$5,536	\$4,836	\$0	\$4,836	\$0	\$8,300
007162	Transfer to Building Reserve	\$1,536	\$1,424	\$0	\$1,424	\$0	\$2,300
	Transfer to Town Development Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007182	Transfer to Office Equipment Reserve	\$112	\$259	\$0	\$259	\$0	\$170
	Transfer to Road Construction Reserve	\$168	\$142	\$0	\$142	\$0	\$255
	Transfer to Staff Leave Reserve	\$552	\$454	\$0	\$454	\$0	\$825
Sub Total - TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNCIL FUNDS		\$7,904	\$7,119	\$0	\$7,119	\$0	\$11,850
INCOME							
007166	Transfer from Affordable Housing Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007151	Transfer from Plant Replacement Reserve	(\$180,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$180,000)	\$0
007161	Transfer from Building Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,767)	\$0
Sub Total - TRANSFER FROM RESERVE FUNDS		(\$180,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$230,767)	\$0
Total - FUND TRANSFER		(\$172,096)	\$7,119	\$0	\$7,119	(\$230,767)	\$11,850
	000000 (Surplus) / Deficit - Carried Forward	(\$880,000)	(\$847,189)	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0
	000000 adjust to rates levied					\$0	
Sub Total - SURPLUS C/FWD		(\$880,000)	(\$847,189)	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0
Total - SURPLUS		(\$880,000)	(\$847,189)	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0

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		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED FROM BUDGET							
	000000 Depreciation Written Back	(\$1,217,363)	(\$1,233,138)	\$0	(\$1,233,138)	\$0	(\$1,826,361)
	000000 Book Value of Assets Sold Written Back	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)
	00000 Profit on Sale of Asset Written Back	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	00000 Loss on Sale of Asset Written Back	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	000000 LG House Unit Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	000000 Movement in LSL Reserve (Added Back)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	000000 Movement in Non-Current Leave Provisions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - ITEMS EXCLUDED	(\$1,292,363)	(\$1,233,138)	\$0	(\$1,233,138)	\$0	(\$1,901,361)
	Total - OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED	(\$1,292,363)	(\$1,233,138)	\$0	(\$1,233,138)	\$0	(\$1,901,361)

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			Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB							
BUILDINGS								
HOUSING - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
091310		Purchase Land & Buildings - Capital						
091310	BC005	3347 Robinson Road Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
091310	BC006	3327 Robinson Road Capital	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS			\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Total - HOUSING			\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Total - BUILDINGS			\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000

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G/L	JOB						
		PLANT AND EQUIPMENT					
		TRANSPORT - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
123300		Purchase Plant & Equipment - CAPITAL	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 \$255,000
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000
		Total - TRANSPORT	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000
		Total - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000

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			Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB							
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE								
ROAD CONSTRUCTION - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
121310		Road Construction - Regional Road Group						
121310	RRG66	Robinson West Reconstruct 500m	\$500,000	\$18,673	\$0	\$18,673	\$0	\$500,000
121310	RRB66	Robinson West Reconstruct 380m	\$200,000	\$4,924	\$0	\$4,924	\$0	\$200,000
121310	RRG67	RRG - Oxley Road	\$200,000	\$2,988	\$0	\$2,988	\$0	\$200,000
121320	x	Road Construction - Roads to Recovery						
121320	R2R012	R2R - Darby Road	\$90,404	\$10,488	\$0	\$10,488	\$0	\$90,404
121320	R2R019	R2R - Onslow Road	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000
121320	R2R021	R2R - Church Road	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
121320	R2R68	RTR - Douglas Road	\$70,000	\$54,335	\$0	\$54,335	\$0	\$70,000
121320	R2R129	R2R - Robinson West Rd Edge Repairs	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
121350		Bridges Construction	\$314,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$314,000
Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS			\$1,514,404	\$91,409	\$0	\$91,409	\$0	\$1,544,404
Total - ROADS			\$1,514,404	\$91,409	\$0	\$91,409	\$0	\$1,544,404
Total - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS ROAD RESERVES			\$1,514,404	\$91,409	\$0	\$91,409	\$0	\$1,544,404

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB						
DRAINAGE							
102300	Purchase Drainage Infrastructure - Capital						
102300	DWER1 Dwer Dam Project	\$39,000	\$3,503	\$0	\$3,503	\$0	\$39,000
Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS		\$39,000	\$3,503	\$0	\$3,503	\$0	\$39,000
Total - TRANSPORT - DRAINAGE		\$39,000	\$3,503	\$0	\$3,503	\$0	\$39,000
Total - DRAINAGE ASSETS		\$39,000	\$3,503	\$0	\$3,503	\$0	\$39,000
INFRASTRUCTURE - PARKS & OVALS							
COMMUNITY AMENITIES							
105040	LRC450 LRCI 4A - Woodanilling Townsite Enhancement/Playground	\$142,374	\$103,878	\$0	\$103,878	\$0	\$142,374
Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS		\$142,374	\$103,878	\$0	\$103,878	\$0	\$142,374
Total - COMMUNITY AMENITIES		\$142,374	\$103,878	\$0	\$103,878	\$0	\$142,374
Total - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS - OTHER		\$142,374	\$103,878	\$0	\$103,878	\$0	\$142,374
GRAND TOTALS		(\$439,481)	(\$1,190,906)	(\$2,967,615)	\$1,776,708	(\$4,811,449)	\$4,811,449



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FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD BUDGET (a)	2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL (b)	PROJECTION TO 30 JUNE 2026	PROJECTION VARIANCES FAVOURABLE	UNFAVOURABLE
OPERATING REVENUE	\$	\$	\$			
Rates other than General Rates	(31,381)	(31,381)	(32,134)	(32,190)	0	(809)
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	982,772	694,586	509,885	1,151,157	168,385	0
Fees and Charges	316,082	154,244	99,515	204,987	0	(111,096)
Interest Earnings	28,660	12,297	13,045	18,749	0	(9,911)
Other Revenue	9,005	6,502	4,404	9,000	0	(5)
Profit on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1,305,138	836,248	594,715	1,351,703	168,385	(121,821)
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
Employee Costs	(1,413,538)	(675,214)	(755,824)	(1,402,801)	10,737	0
Materials and Contracts	(891,460)	(466,344)	(360,192)	(955,374)	0	(63,914)
Utility Charges	(143,745)	(72,289)	(40,691)	(152,155)	0	(8,410)
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets	(1,826,361)	(913,091)	(934,491)	(1,830,871)	0	(4,510)
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance Expenses	(130,324)	(130,305)	(130,271)	(130,304)	20	0
Other Expenditure	(224,754)	(132,140)	(69,769)	(102,691)	122,063	0
Loss on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(4,630,182)	(2,389,383)	(2,291,238)	(4,574,196)	132,820	(76,834)
Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(3,325,044)	(1,553,135)	(1,696,523)	(3,222,493)	301,205	(198,654)
ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Movement in Employee Benefits (Non-current)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in Current LSL (Added Back)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in Deferred Pensioners (Non-current)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement in LG House Unit Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profit/ on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Loss) on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation Written Back	1,826,361	913,091	934,491	1,830,871	4,510	0
	1,826,361	913,091	934,491	1,830,871	4,510	0
<i>Sub Total</i>	(1,498,683)	(640,044)	(762,032)	(1,391,622)	305,715	(198,654)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from investing activities						
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	0	0	(15,000)	0	0
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	(255,000)	0	(255,000)	0	0
Purchase Furniture and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,015,404)	(6,015)	(1,569,404)	0	(25,000)
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(39,000)	(3,200)	(39,000)	0	0
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(71,187)	(11,299)	(142,374)	0	0
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	75,000	0	74,000	0	(1,000)
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	698,466	11,299	1,080,426	0	0
Amount Attributable to Investing Activities	(840,352)	(607,125)	(9,215)	(866,352)	0	(26,000)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from financing activities						
Transfer to Reserves	(11,850)	(5,928)	(6,154)	(11,100)	750	0
Inflows from financing activities						
Transfer from Reserves	230,767	180,000	0	230,767	0	0
Amount Attributable to Financing Activities	218,917	174,072	(6,154)	219,667	750	0
Plus Rounding						
Sub Total	(2,120,118)	(1,073,097)	(777,402)	(2,038,307)	306,465	(224,654)
FUNDING FROM						
Estimated Opening Surplus at 1 July	880,000	880,000	847,189	847,189	0	(32,811)
Closing Surplus/(Deficit) at Reporting Date	0	1,047,021	1,309,907	49,000	49,000	0
Total Deficiency to be funded from Rates	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,119)	(1,240,118)	0	0
AMOUNT RAISED FROM RATES	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,119	1,240,118	0	0

PROJECTED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

49,000

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	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	30 JUNE 2026
	C/FWD	BUDGET	YTD	PROJECTION
CURRENT ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash	1,226,407	86,425	2,002,522	135,425
Restricted Cash	1,126,346	917,611	1,132,500	917,611
Accounts Receivable	134,466	107,593	193,631	107,593
Contract Assets	147,277	0	0	0
Self Supporting Loan	0	0	0	0
Prepayments	30,950	0	0	0
Inventories	8,197	13,217	11,367	13,217
Other Assets	0	840	0	840
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,673,643	1,125,686	3,340,021	1,174,686
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	(149,980)	(135,974)	(54,361)	(135,974)
Bonds and deposits	(10,582)	(10,182)	(23,945)	(10,182)
ATO Liabilities	(18,124)		(25,173)	
Contract Liabilities	(434,435)	0	(663,183)	0
Accrued Expenses	0	0	(43,964)	0
Employee Provisions	(124,136)	(124,136)	(124,136)	(124,136)
Current Borrowings	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	(737,257)	(270,292)	(934,763)	(270,292)
SUB-TOTAL	1,936,386	855,394	2,405,258	904,394
LESS				
Restricted Cash at Bank - Reserves	(1,126,346)	(907,429)	(1,132,500)	(907,429)
Self Supporting Loans	0	0	0	0
Land held for Resale	0	0	0	0
Current Borrowings Repayments	0	0	0	0
Employee Benefit Provisions	37,149	52,035	37,149	52,035
SUB-TOTAL	(1,089,197)	(855,394)	(1,095,351)	(855,394)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	847,189	0	1,309,907	49,000

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	2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	PROJECTION	PROJECTION VARIANCES	
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BUDGET (a)	YTD ACTUAL (b)	TO 30 JUNE 2026	FAVOURABLE	UNFAVOURABLE
OPERATING REVENUE	\$	\$	\$			
General Purpose Funding	777,621	517,715	258,260	875,335	109,876	(12,162)
Governance	9,605	0	8,581	10,582	982	(5)
Law, Order Public Safety	38,645	13,971	23,143	40,239	2,410	(816)
Health	318	94	0	318	0	0
Education and Welfare	61,980	30,978	30,165	61,980	0	0
Housing	17,640	8,814	9,081	16,980	0	(660)
Community Amenities	67,660	64,191	62,185	66,320	272	(1,612)
Recreation and Culture	4,190	3,892	12,209	19,888	17,298	(1,600)
Transport	237,575	177,972	118,613	121,057	0	(116,518)
Economic Services	71,560	8,920	6,160	63,743	2,213	(10,030)
Other Property and Services	18,344	9,701	66,318	75,261	57,963	(1,047)
	1,305,138	836,248	594,715	1,351,703	191,014	(144,450)
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
General Purpose Funding	(41,005)	(18,520)	(15,207)	(41,005)	0	0
Governance	(283,101)	(146,543)	(192,852)	(288,546)	23,681	(29,126)
Law, Order, Public Safety	(165,223)	(94,727)	(87,823)	(169,173)	2,050	(6,000)
Health	(57,403)	(31,647)	(21,853)	(57,335)	68	0
Education and Welfare	(98,259)	(57,602)	(44,174)	(104,477)	254	(6,472)
Housing	(100,235)	(55,431)	(37,017)	(112,368)	0	(12,133)
Community Amenities	(292,563)	(151,714)	(114,690)	(305,726)	4,100	(17,263)
Recreation and Culture	(333,517)	(176,502)	(202,684)	(413,305)	69	(79,857)
Transport	(3,138,544)	(1,569,696)	(1,579,847)	(2,961,812)	181,706	(4,974)
Economic Services	(118,301)	(64,810)	(28,592)	(119,711)	0	(1,410)
Other Property & Services	(2,031)	(22,191)	33,501	(738)	60,854	(59,560)
	(4,630,182)	(2,389,383)	(2,291,238)	(4,574,196)	272,782	(216,795)
Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(3,325,044)	(1,553,135)	(1,696,523)	(3,222,493)	463,796	(361,245)
ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Loss on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profit/(Loss) on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation Written Back	1,826,361	913,091	934,491	1,830,871	4,510	0
Total Items Excluded from Operating Activities	1,826,361	913,091	934,491	1,830,871	4,510	0
Net Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(1,498,683)	(640,044)	(762,032)	(1,391,622)	468,306	(361,245)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from investing activities						
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	0	0	(15,000)	0	0
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	(255,000)	0	(255,000)	0	0
Purchase Furniture and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,015,404)	(6,015)	(1,569,404)	0	(25,000)
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(39,000)	(3,200)	(39,000)	0	0
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(71,187)	(11,299)	(142,374)	0	0
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	75,000	0	74,000	0	(1,000)
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	698,466	11,299	1,080,426	0	0
Amount Attributable to Investing Activities	(840,352)	(607,125)	(9,215)	(866,352)	0	(26,000)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Outflows from financing activities						
Transfer to Reserves	(11,850)	(5,928)	(6,154)	(11,100)	870	(120)
Inflows from financing activities						
Transfer from Reserves	230,767	180,000	0	230,767	870	0
Amount Attributable to Financing Activities	218,917	174,072	(6,154)	219,667	870	(120)
Sub Total	(2,120,118)	(1,073,097)	(777,402)	(2,038,307)	469,176	(387,365)
FUNDING FROM						
Estimated Opening Surplus at 1 July	880,000	880,000	847,189	847,189	0	(32,811)
Closing Surplus/(Deficit) at Reporting Date	0	1,047,021	1,309,907	49,000	49,000	0
Total Deficiency to be funded from Rates	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,119)	(1,240,118)	0	(32,811)
AMOUNT RAISED FROM RATES	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,119	1,240,118	0	0
	0.00	0	0.00			
				PROJECTED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		49,000

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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,673,643	1,125,686	3,340,021	1,174,686
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Employee Benefit Provisions	37,149	52,035	37,149	52,035
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SUB-TOTAL	(1,089,197)	(855,394)	(1,095,351)	(855,394)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	847,189	0	1,309,907	49,000

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
Proceeds Sale of Assets										
005265	Proceeds On Asset Disposal P&E	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0	(\$74,000)	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	Decrease in trade-in on asset sale
	PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF ASSETS	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0	(\$74,000)	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	
Written Down Value										
005270	Written Down Value - Works Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	
	Sub Total - WDV ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	
	Total - GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$75,000	(\$74,000)	\$75,000	\$0	\$1,000	
ABNORMAL ITEMS										
				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
	Sub Total - ABNORMAL ITEMS			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
	Total - ABNORMAL ITEMS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Total - OPERATING STATEMENT	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$75,000	(\$74,000)	\$75,000	\$0	\$1,000	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
RATES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
031010	Expenses Relating to Valuations & Title Searches	\$0	\$48	\$0	\$5,570	\$0	\$5,570	\$0	\$0	
031020	Rates Write Offs	\$0	\$178	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	
031000	Expenses Relating to Rates	\$0	\$8,008	\$0	\$18,560	\$0	\$18,560	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - GENERAL RATES OP EXP		\$0	\$8,234	\$0	\$24,380	\$0	\$24,380	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
031200	General Rates Levied	(\$1,240,119)	\$0	(\$1,240,118)	\$0	(\$1,240,118)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
031210	Ex-Gratia Rates Received	(\$2,524)	\$0	(\$2,364)	\$0	(\$2,524)	\$0	(\$160)	\$0	Increase in Exgratia rates
031220	Non Payment Penalty	(\$5,248)	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
031230	Rates Discount Allowed	\$54,642	\$0	\$55,140	\$0	\$54,642	\$0	(\$498)	\$0	Decrease in rates concession claimed
031240	Interim Rates Levied	\$1,412	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,412	\$0	\$0	\$1,412	Decrease in interim rates raised
031250	Instalment Interest Received	(\$743)	\$0	(\$330)	\$0	(\$750)	\$0	(\$420)	\$0	Increase in Rates Instalment Interest charged
031260	Rates Administration Fee Received	(\$405)	\$0	(\$380)	\$0	(\$420)	\$0	(\$40)	\$0	Increase in Rates Admin Fees charged
031270	Pens Deferred Rates Interest Grant	(\$899)	\$0	(\$480)	\$0	(\$899)	\$0	(\$419)	\$0	Increase in Deferred Pensioner Interest
031280	Other Income Relating to Rates	(\$1,241)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	\$0	\$0	rebate received
Sub Total - GENERAL RATES OP INC		(\$1,195,126)	\$0	(\$1,196,032)	\$0	(\$1,196,157)	\$0	(\$1,537)	\$1,412	
Total - GENERAL RATES		(\$1,195,126)	\$8,234	(\$1,196,032)	\$24,380	(\$1,196,157)	\$24,380	(\$1,537)	\$1,412	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
032000	General Purpose Funding - Admin Allocations	\$0	\$6,972	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING OP/EXP		\$0	\$6,972	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
032010	Grants Commission General	(\$191,985)	\$0	(\$306,758)	\$0	(\$383,970)	\$0	(\$77,212)	\$0	Increase in General Purpose Grant allocation
032020	Grants Commission Grant - Roads	(\$105,113)	\$0	(\$179,099)	\$0	(\$210,226)	\$0	(\$31,127)	\$0	Increase in Local Road Grant allocation
032030	Grants Commission Grant - Special Bridge Funding	\$0	\$0	(\$314,000)	\$0	(\$314,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
032040	Interest on Reserve Investments	(\$6,154)	\$0	(\$11,850)	\$0	(\$11,100)	\$0	\$0	\$750	Decrease in interest on Reserve accounts due to decrease in interest rates
032080	Interest on Municipal Funds	\$0	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	Decrease in interest due to reduction in funds available for investment
Sub Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING OP/INC		(\$303,252)	\$0	(\$821,707)	\$0	(\$919,296)	\$0	(\$108,339)	\$10,750	
Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING		(\$303,252)	\$6,972	(\$821,707)	\$16,625	(\$919,296)	\$16,625	(\$108,339)	\$10,750	
Total - GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING		(\$1,498,378)	\$15,207	(\$2,017,739)	\$41,005	(\$2,115,453)	\$41,005	(\$109,876)	\$12,162	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
041010	Members of Council - Conference Expenses	\$0	\$6,176	\$0	\$10,200	\$0	\$6,176	(\$4,024)		\$0 Decrease in conference expenses
041020	Members of Council - Elections	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,300	\$0	\$12,125	\$0	\$825	Increase in election expenses
041030	Members of Council - President & Deputy Allowances	\$0	\$4,202	\$0	\$8,300	\$0	\$8,404	\$0	\$104	Increase in allowed paid
041040	Members of Council - Insurance	\$0	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098	\$0	\$0	
041050	Members of Council - Subscriptions & Publications	\$0	\$8,630	\$0	\$11,740	\$0	\$9,620	(\$2,120)	\$0	Decrease in WALGA Subscriptions
041070	Members of Council - Councillor Allowances	\$0	\$15,219	\$0	\$30,800	\$0	\$30,855	\$0	\$55	
041080	Members of Council - Refreshments & Receptions	\$0	\$1,508	\$0	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	
041090	Members of Council - Councillor Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	
041100	Members of Council - Chamber Maintenance	\$0	\$198	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	
041110	Members of Council - Expenses Related to members	\$0	\$63,006	\$0	\$151,541	\$0	\$152,222	\$0	\$681	
041130	Members of Council - Integrated Planning & Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
041140	Members of Council - Expenses Relating to 4WDL VROC	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	
041141	Members of Council - Expenses Relating to Great Southern VROC	\$0	\$1,667	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$8,000	Increase in contribution to GS VROC
041150	Members of Council - Donations Expenses	\$0	\$850	\$0	\$6,622	\$0	\$6,622	\$0	\$0	
041160	Members of Council - Australia Day Expenses	\$0	\$4,464	\$0	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	
041170	Members - Community Events	\$0	\$2,876	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$6,924	\$0	\$1,924	Increase in wages and overheads
041180	Members - Loss on Fair Value of Assets though P&L	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
041400	Members of Council - Travelling	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OP/EXP		\$0	\$111,443	\$0	\$283,101	\$0	\$288,546	(\$6,144)	\$11,589	
OPERATING INCOME										
041200	Members - Contributions & Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
041210	Members - Reimbursements	(\$573)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$573)	\$0	(\$573)	\$0	Increase in member reimbursements
041250	Members - Operating Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
041220	Members - Australia Day Grant Income	(\$8,000)	\$0	(\$9,600)	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0	(\$400)	\$0	Increase in Australia Day grant
041230	Members - Income Relating to 4WDL VROC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OP/INC		(\$8,573)	\$0	(\$9,600)	\$0	(\$10,573)	\$0	(\$973)	\$0	
Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL		(\$8,573)	\$111,443	(\$9,600)	\$283,101	(\$10,573)	\$288,546	(\$7,117)	\$11,589	

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET		AMENDED BUDGET		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		31 DECEMBER 2025		2025-2026		30 JUNE 2026		POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
G/L	JOB	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure			
GOVERNANCE										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
042000	Expenses Relating to Administration	\$0	\$230,932	\$0	\$518,032	\$0	\$522,679	\$0		Increase in salaries and superannuation expenses \$4,647
042010	Governance - Admin Office Maintenance	\$0	\$1,417	\$0	\$5,900	\$0	\$7,137	\$0		Decrease in security expenses, Increase for air conditioner replacement \$1,237
042016	Governance - Insurance	\$0	\$41,666	\$0	\$41,704	\$0	\$41,666	(\$38)		Decrease in property insurance \$0
042020	Governance - Admin Office Garden Maintenance	\$0	\$3,361	\$0	\$5,148	\$0	\$5,148	\$0		\$0
042030	Governance - Office Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$1,328	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0		\$0
042040	Governance - Consulting & Relief Staff	\$0	\$47,703	\$0	\$113,000	\$0	\$113,000	\$0		\$0
042050	Governance - Advertising	\$0	\$505	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0		\$2,000 Increase in advertising for recruitment
042060	Governance - Postage & Freight	\$0	\$155	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$550	\$0		\$0
042070	Governance - Computer Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$48,688	\$0	\$68,845	\$0	\$71,526	\$0		\$2,681 Increase for replacement laptops
042080	Governance - Bank Charges	\$0	\$2,476	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$4,952	\$0		\$1,252 Increase in bank fees
042090	Governance - Telephone Expenses	\$0	\$2,984	\$0	\$5,250	\$0	\$5,970	\$0		\$720 Increase in telephone expenses
042110	Governance - Legal Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0		\$0
042115	Governance - Valuation Expenses Other than Rates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
042120	Governance - Administration Staff Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0		\$5,000 Increase in staff training expenses
042121	Governance - Audit Fees	\$0	\$41,594	\$0	\$42,700	\$0	\$41,594	(\$1,106)		Decrease in LRCI audit fees \$0
042130	Governance - Printing & Stationery	\$0	\$730	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0		\$0
042140	Governance - FBT	\$0	\$4,292	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0		\$0
042160	Governance - Staff Uniforms	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0		\$0
042165	Governance - Admin Subscriptions	\$0	\$16,575	\$0	\$17,717	\$0	\$16,877	(\$840)		Decrease in Council connect subscription \$0
042170	Governance - Grants & Workshop Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
042180	Governance - Admin Costs Recovered	\$0	(\$363,147)	\$0	(\$864,546)	\$0	(\$880,099)	(\$15,553)		Decrease in admin expenses allocated to other programs \$0
Sub Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL OP/EXP		\$0	\$81,408	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$17,537)		\$17,537
OPERATING INCOME										
042200	Governance - Reimbursements Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
042220	Governance - Photocopies & Misc Cash Sales	(\$9)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9)	\$0	(\$9)		\$0
042703	Governance - Unders & Overs	\$1	\$0	(\$5)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$5
Sub Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL OP/INC		(\$8)	\$0	(\$5)	\$0	(\$9)	\$0	(\$9)		\$5
Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL		(\$8)	\$81,408	(\$5)	\$0	(\$9)	\$0	(\$17,546)		\$17,542
Total - GOVERNANCE		(\$8,581)	\$192,851	(\$9,605)	\$283,101	(\$10,582)	\$288,546	(\$24,663)		\$29,131

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY										
FIRE PREVENTION										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
051000	Fire Prevention - Expenses Relating to Fire Prevention	\$0	\$24,590	\$0	\$48,838	\$0	\$54,838	\$0	\$6,000	Increase in electricity expenses and SMS messages
051030	Fire Prevention - Expenses in relation to MAF	\$0	\$18,563	\$0	\$21,900	\$0	\$21,900	\$0	\$0	
051040	Fire Prevention - Other Fire Fighting Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	
051050	Fire Prevention - Expenses Related to ESL	\$0	\$24,688	\$0	\$36,184	\$0	\$34,134	(\$2,050)	\$0	Decrease in electricity expense.
Sub Total - FIRE PREVENTION OP/EXP		\$0	\$67,841	\$0	\$107,422	\$0	\$111,372	(\$2,050)	\$6,000	
OPERATING INCOME										
051200	Fire Prevention - Income Relating to MAF Projects	\$0	\$0	(\$25)	\$0	(\$25)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
051210	Fire Prevention - LGGGS - Bushfire Grant Income	(\$16,238)	\$0	(\$32,570)	\$0	(\$32,504)	\$0	\$0	\$66	Decrease in ESL operating grant
051211	Fire Prevention - DFES ESL Administration Fee Income	(\$4,000)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
051240	Fire Prevention - Reimbursements	(\$2,062)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,160)	\$0	(\$2,160)	\$0	Increase in reimbursement income
Sub Total - FIRE PREVENTION OP/INC		(\$22,300)	\$0	(\$36,595)	\$0	(\$38,689)	\$0	(\$2,160)	\$66	
Total - FIRE PREVENTION		(\$22,300)	\$67,841	(\$36,595)	\$107,422	(\$38,689)	\$111,372	(\$4,210)	\$6,066	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
ANIMAL CONTROL										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
052000	Animal Control - Expenses Relating to Animal Control	\$0	\$6,725	\$0	\$13,547	\$0	\$13,547	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - ANIMAL CONTROL OP/EXP		\$0	\$6,725	\$0	\$13,547	\$0	\$13,547	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
052200	Animal Control - Fines & Penalties	\$0	\$0	(\$500)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$500 Decrease in fines issued
052210	Animal Control - Dog Registrations	(\$543)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	(\$1,250)	\$0	\$0		\$250 Decrease in dog registrations
052220	Animal Control - Cat Registrations & Infringement Income	(\$300)	\$0	(\$50)	\$0	(\$300)	\$0	(\$250)		\$0 Increase in cat registrations
Sub Total - ANIMAL CONTROL OP/INC		(\$843)	\$0	(\$2,050)	\$0	(\$1,550)	\$0	(\$250)		\$750
Total - ANIMAL CONTROL		(\$843)	\$6,725	(\$2,050)	\$13,547	(\$1,550)	\$13,547	(\$250)		\$750

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
053000	Other Law - Expenses Relating to Other Law, Order & Public Safety	\$0	\$13,257	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY OP/EXP		\$0	\$13,257	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
Sub Total - OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY OP /INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - OTHER LAW ORDER PUBLIC SAFETY		\$0	\$13,257	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$0	
Total - LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY		(\$23,143)	\$87,823	(\$38,645)	\$165,223	(\$40,239)	\$169,173	(\$4,460)	\$6,816	

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
G/L	JOB									
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTION										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
074000	PREV SRVCS - Expenses Relating to Preventative Services	\$0	\$6,841	\$0	\$16,608	\$0	\$16,608	\$0	\$0	
074020	PREV SRVCS - Analytical Expenses	\$0	\$377	\$0	\$445	\$0	\$377	(\$68)	\$0	\$0 Decrease in analytical expenses
Sub Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION OP/EXP		\$0	\$7,218	\$0	\$17,053	\$0	\$16,985	(\$68)	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
074210	Health - Septic Tank Fees	\$0	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION OP/INC		\$0	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION		\$0	\$7,218	(\$118)	\$17,053	(\$118)	\$16,985	(\$68)	\$0	
PREVENTIVE SERVICES- PEST CONTROL										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
077000	Pest - Expenses Relating to Other Health	\$0	\$13,763	\$0	\$32,777	\$0	\$32,777	\$0	\$0	
077010	Pest - Mosquito Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,480	\$0	\$5,480	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - PEST CONTROL OP/EXP		\$0	\$13,763	\$0	\$38,257	\$0	\$38,257	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
077200	Pest - Income Relating to Other Health	\$0	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - PEST CONTROL OP/INC		\$0	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - PEST CONTROL		\$0	\$13,763	(\$200)	\$38,257	(\$200)	\$38,257	\$0	\$0	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
OTHER HEALTH										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
076000	Other Health - Expenses Relating to Other Health	\$0	\$872	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - OTHER HEALTH OP/EXP		\$0	\$872	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Sub Total - OTHER HEALTH OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - OTHER HEALTH		\$0	\$872	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$0	
Total - HEALTH		\$0	\$21,853	(\$318)	\$57,403	(\$318)	\$57,335	(\$68)	\$0	

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G/L		JOB	CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET		AMENDED BUDGET		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
			31 DECEMBER 2025		2025-2026		30 JUNE 2026		POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme			Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure			
AGED & DISABLED - OTHER											
OPERATING EXPENDITURE											
082000			\$0	\$327	\$0	\$736	\$0	\$736	\$0	\$0	
084000			\$0	\$22,951	\$0	\$45,505	\$0	\$45,900	\$0	\$395	
084010			\$0	\$20,896							
084010	SGC				\$0	\$11,742	\$0	\$11,742	\$0	\$0	
084010	SG1	UNIT 1 Salmon Gums			\$0	\$5,661	\$0	\$5,478	(\$183)		\$0 Decrease in insurance and ESL charge Increase in electricity expenses. Decrease in ESL charge.
084010	SG2	UNIT 2 Salmon Gums			\$0	\$5,138	\$0	\$5,165	\$0	\$27	Increase in wages overheads, pest control expenses, electricity, water. Decrease in insurance and ESL charge
084010	SG3	UNIT 3 Salmon Gums			\$0	\$4,934	\$0	\$5,949	\$0	\$1,015	Increase in wages and overheads
084010	SG4	UNIT 4 Salmon Gums			\$0	\$5,846	\$0	\$8,400	\$0	\$2,554	Increase in wages, overheads and plant costs.
084010	WVC	WATTLEVILLE COMMON LAND			\$0	\$6,213	\$0	\$7,253	\$0	\$1,040	Decease in insurance
084010	WV1	UNIT 1 WATTLEVILLE			\$0	\$4,804	\$0	\$4,733	(\$71)	\$0	Increase in wages, overheads and plant costs.
084010	WV2	UNIT 2 WATTLEVIEW			\$0	\$3,582	\$0	\$4,636	\$0	\$1,054	Increase in wages, overheads and plant costs.
084010	WV3	UNIT 3 WATTLEVILLE			\$0	\$4,098	\$0	\$4,485	\$0	\$387	
Sub Total - OTHER WELFARE OP/EXP			\$0	\$44,174	\$0	\$98,259	\$0	\$104,477	(\$254)	\$6,472	
OPERATING INCOME											
084200			(\$30,165)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - OTHER WELFARE OP/INC			(\$30,165)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - OTHER WELFARE			(\$30,165)	\$44,174	(\$61,980)	\$98,259	(\$61,980)	\$104,477	(\$254)	\$6,472	
Total - EDUCATION & WELFARE			(\$30,165)	\$44,174	(\$61,980)	\$98,259	(\$61,980)	\$104,477	(\$254)	\$6,472	

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
G/L	JOB									
STAFF HOUSING										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
091000	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3340 Robinson Road (EMI)	\$0	\$7,380	\$0	\$22,063	\$0	\$22,063	\$0	\$0	
091005	Staff Housing - Administration Allocations	\$0	\$6,972	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$0	
091110	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3347 Robinson Road (SFO)	\$0	\$3,794	\$0	\$13,778	\$0	\$13,999	\$0	\$221	Increase in wages and overheads
091220	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3327 Robinson Road (CEO)	\$0	\$12,490	\$0	\$19,940	\$0	\$27,886	\$0	\$7,946	Increase for electrical repairs, replace fence, new hot water system, increase in electricity expenses.
091330	Staff Housing - Maintenance 13 Cardigan Street (Other not Staff)	\$0	\$6,382	\$0	\$8,329	\$0	\$12,295	\$0	\$3,966	Increase in wages and overheads, and material expense
091225	Private Housing Rental Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,500	\$0	\$19,500			
Sub Total - STAFF HOUSING OP/EXP		\$0	\$37,017	\$0	\$100,235	\$0	\$112,368	\$0	\$12,133	
OPERATING INCOME										
091200	Staff Housing - Income 3340 Robinson Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
091210	Staff Housing - Income 3347 Robinson Road	(\$4,050)	\$0	(\$7,800)	\$0	(\$7,800)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
091230	Staff Housing - Income 13 Cardigan Street	(\$4,760)	\$0	(\$8,840)	\$0	(\$8,840)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
091500	Staff Housing - Staff Housing Reimbursements - Utilities	(\$271)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	\$0	\$660	Decrease in water reimbursements
Sub Total - STAFF HOUSING OP/INC		(\$9,081)	\$0	(\$17,640)	\$0	(\$16,980)	\$0	\$0	\$660	
Total - STAFF HOUSING		(\$9,081)	\$37,017	(\$17,640)	\$100,235	(\$16,980)	\$112,368	\$0	\$12,793	
Total - HOUSING		(\$9,081)	\$37,017	(\$17,640)	\$100,235	(\$16,980)	\$112,368	\$0	\$12,793	

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								Income	Expenditure	Income
SANITATION - HOUSEHOLD REFUSE										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
100000	Sanitation Household - Expenses Relating to Refuse Collection	\$0	\$21,617	\$0	\$52,276	\$0	\$50,576	(\$1,700)		\$0 Decrease in contract refuse bin collection expenses
100010	Sanitation Household - Expenses Relating to Recycling	\$0	\$7,911	\$0	\$22,200	\$0	\$19,800	(\$2,400)		\$0 Decrease in contract recycling bin collection expenses
100020	Sanitation Household - Tip Maintenance Costs	\$0	\$43,456	\$0	\$100,972	\$0	\$100,972	\$0		\$0
Sub Total - SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE OP/EXP		\$0	\$72,984	\$0	\$175,448	\$0	\$171,348	(\$4,100)		\$0
OPERATING INCOME										
100200	Sanitation Household - Income Relating to Tip - Refuse & Recycling	(\$60,002)	\$0	(\$60,725)	\$0	(\$60,997)	\$0	(\$272)		\$0 Increase in bin collection fees
Sub Total - SANITATION H/HOLD REFUSE OP/INC		(\$60,002)	\$0	(\$60,725)	\$0	(\$60,997)	\$0	(\$272)		\$0
Total - SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE		(\$60,002)	\$72,984	(\$60,725)	\$175,448	(\$60,997)	\$171,348	(\$4,372)		\$0
SANITATION OTHER										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
101000	Sanitation Other - Expenses Relating to Commercial Refuse Collection	\$0	\$2,090	\$0	\$4,159	\$0	\$4,159	\$0		\$0
Sub Total - SANITATION OTHER OP/EXP		\$0	\$2,090	\$0	\$4,159	\$0	\$4,159	\$0		\$0
OPERATING INCOME										
Sub Total - SANITATION OTHER OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total - SANITATION OTHER		\$0	\$2,090	\$0	\$4,159	\$0	\$4,159	\$0		\$0

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								Income	Expenditure	Income
PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
106000	Protect Env - Expenses Relating to Protection of the Environment	\$0	\$908	\$0	\$2,137	\$0	\$2,137	\$0	\$0	
106010	Protect Env - Expenses Relating to WWLZ	\$0	\$759	\$0	\$4,085	\$0	\$4,135	\$0	\$50	Increase in wages
106011	Protection of Environment - Depreciation	\$0	\$1,810	\$0	\$3,263		\$3,263	\$0	\$0	
106020	Protect Env - Council Contribution to WWLZ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	Increase in contribution to WWLZ
Sub Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OP/EXP		\$0	\$3,477	\$0	\$9,485	\$0	\$24,535	\$0	\$15,050	
OPERATING INCOME										
106220	Protect Env - Reimbursements WWLZ	(\$860)	\$0	(\$4,085)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$0	\$85	
Sub Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OP/INC		(\$860)	\$0	(\$4,085)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$0	\$85	
Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT		(\$860)	\$3,477	(\$4,085)	\$9,485	(\$4,000)	\$24,535	\$0	\$15,135	
TOWN PLANNING & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
104000	Town Planning - Allocation of Admin Overheads	\$0	\$8,892	\$0	\$36,490	\$0	\$36,490	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - TOWN PLAN & REG DEV OP/EXP		\$0	\$8,892	\$0	\$36,490	\$0	\$36,490	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
104200	Town Planning - Town Planning Application Fee	(\$960)	\$0	(\$1,350)	\$0	(\$960)	\$0	\$0	\$390	Decrease in planning fees
Sub Total - TOWN PLAN & REG DEV OP/INC		(\$960)	\$0	(\$1,350)	\$0	(\$960)	\$0	\$0	\$390	
Total - TOWN PLANNING & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT		(\$960)	\$8,892	(\$1,350)	\$36,490	(\$960)	\$36,490	\$0	\$390	

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								Income	Expenditure	Income
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
105000	Other Community Amenities - Expenses Relating to Other Community A	\$0	\$23,102	\$0	\$51,712	\$0	\$53,032	\$0	\$1,320	Increase in non-cash asset depreciation
105020	Other Community Amenities - Maintenance - Cemetery	\$0	\$3,274	\$0	\$9,306	\$0	\$10,149	\$0	\$843	Increase in non-cash asset depreciation
105030	Other Community Amenities - Maintenance - Grave Digging	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,060	\$0	\$4,060	\$0	\$0	
105060	Other Community Amenities - Depreciation Other infrastructure	\$0	\$581	\$0	\$1,050	\$0	\$1,100	\$0	\$50	Increase in non-cash asset depreciation
Sub Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES OP/EXP		\$0	\$26,957	\$0	\$66,128	\$0	\$68,341	\$0	\$2,213	
OPERATING INCOME										
105200	Other Community Amenities - Income Relating to Cemetery	(\$363)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	(\$363)	\$0	\$0	\$1,137	Decrease in cemetery fees
105201	Non-Operating Grants & subsidies	(\$11,299)	\$0	(\$120,435)	\$0	(\$120,435)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES OP/INC		(\$11,662)	\$0	(\$121,935)	\$0	(\$120,798)	\$0	\$0	\$1,137	
Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES		(\$11,662)	\$26,957	(\$121,935)	\$66,128	(\$120,798)	\$68,341	\$0	\$3,350	
STORMWATER DRAINAGE										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
102000	Stormwater Drainage - Expenses Relating to Urban Stormwater Drainage	\$0	\$291	\$0	\$853	\$0	\$853	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE OP/EXP		\$0	\$291	\$0	\$853	\$0	\$853	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
102200	Stormwater Drainage - Income Relating to Urban Stormwater Drainage	\$0	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE OP/INC		\$0	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE		\$0	\$291	(\$39,991)	\$853	(\$39,991)	\$853	\$0	\$0	
Total - COMMUNITY AMENITIES		(\$73,484)	\$114,690	(\$228,086)	\$292,563	(\$226,746)	\$305,726	(\$4,372)	\$18,875	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
PUBLIC HALL & CIVIC CENTRES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
110000	Expenses Relating to Town Halls & Civic Centres	\$0	\$32,232	\$0	\$57,620	\$0	\$62,279	\$0		Increase in wages and overheads, Increase in electricity, decrease in water \$4,659 and insurance.
Sub Total - PUBLIC HALLS & CIVIC CENTRES OP/EXP		\$0	\$32,232	\$0	\$57,620	\$0	\$62,279	\$0	\$4,659	
OPERATING INCOME										
110200	Public Halls - Income Relating to Town Hall & Other Civic Centres	(\$222)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - PUBLIC HALLS & CIVIC CENTRES OP/INC		(\$222)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - PUBLIC HALL & CIVIC CENTRES		(\$222)	\$32,232	(\$340)	\$57,620	(\$340)	\$62,279	\$0	\$4,659	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
OTHER RECREATION & SPORT										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
113000	Other Recreation - Expenses Relating to Other Recreation & Sport	\$0	\$48,206	\$0	\$95,795	\$0	\$97,711	\$0	\$1,916	Increase in insurance premium
113010	Other Recreation - Maintenance - Parks & Reserves	\$0	\$29,160	\$0	\$25,563	\$0	\$45,313	\$0	\$19,750	Increase in wages, overheads and plant costs. Decrease in electricity and water expenses
113020	Other Recreation-Maintenance-Oval & Building	\$0	\$61,317	\$0	\$107,308	\$0	\$136,296	\$0	\$28,988	Increase in wages, overheads and plant costs. Increase in electrical repairs, contract mowing. Decrease in electricity expenses.
113030	Other Recreation - Maintenance - Golf Club		\$8,773	\$0	\$8,782	\$0	\$19,780	\$0	\$10,998	Increase in wages and overheads. Increase in plumbing repairs and electricity.
113040	Other Recreation - Depreciation - Buildings	\$0	\$1,410	\$0	\$2,795	\$0	\$2,820	\$0	\$25	
113050	Other Recreation - Depreciation - Parks	\$0	\$7,950	\$0	\$15,765	\$0	\$15,900	\$0	\$135	
Sub Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT OP/EXP		\$0	\$156,816	\$0	\$256,008	\$0	\$317,820	\$0	\$61,812	
OPERATING INCOME										
113200	Other Recreation - Income Relating to Other Recreation & Sport	(\$7,852)	\$0	(\$1,300)	\$0	(\$15,398)	\$0	(\$14,098)	\$0	Increase in contribution for oval maintenance
113201	Income - Golf Club Rental	(\$950)	\$0	(\$2,520)	\$0	(\$950)	\$0	\$0	\$1,570	Decrease in golf club house rental
113202	Income - Other Recreation & Sport Reimbursements	(\$3,185)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$3,200)	\$0	(\$3,200)	\$0	Increase in reimbursements for electricity
113210	Other Sport & Recreation Fees & Charges Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT OP/INC		(\$11,987)	\$0	(\$3,820)	\$0	(\$19,548)	\$0	(\$17,298)	\$1,570	
Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT		(\$11,987)	\$156,816	(\$3,820)	\$256,008	(\$19,548)	\$317,820	(\$17,298)	\$63,382	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
SWIMMING AREAS & BEACHES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
111000	Swim Areas - Expenses Relating to Queerearrup Lake	\$0	\$7,536	\$0	\$4,910	\$0	\$18,296	\$0	\$13,386	Increase in wages and overheads. Increase in contractor expense for replacement BBQ.
111010	Swim Areas - Depreciation		\$1,452	\$0	\$2,880	\$0	\$2,880	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - SWIMMING AREAS OP/EXP		\$0	\$8,988	\$0	\$7,790	\$0	\$21,176	\$0	\$13,386	
OPERATING INCOME										
Sub Total - SWIMMING AREAS OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - SWIMMING AREAS & BEACHES		\$0	\$8,988	\$0	\$7,790	\$0	\$21,176	\$0	\$13,386	
LIBRARIES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
114000	Library - Administration Allocations	\$0	\$1,421	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - LIBRARIES OP/EXP		\$0	\$1,421	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
Sub Total - LIBRARIES OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - LIBRARIES		\$0	\$1,421	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$0	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
OTHER CULTURE										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
115000	Other Culture - Expenses Relating to Other Culture	\$0	\$1,841	\$0	\$5,293	\$0	\$5,224	(\$69)		\$0 Decrease in insurance
115100	Other Culture - Expenses Relating to War Memorial	\$0	\$517	\$0	\$1,420	\$0	\$1,420	\$0		\$0
115101	Other Culture - Depreciation	\$0	\$804	\$0	\$1,595	\$0	\$1,595	\$0		\$0
115102	Other Culture - Depreciation - Buildings	\$0	\$64	\$0	\$125	\$0	\$125	\$0		\$0
Sub Total - OTHER CULTURE OP/EXP		\$0	\$3,226	\$0	\$8,433	\$0	\$8,364	(\$69)		\$0
OPERATING INCOME										
115220	Other Culture - Sale of History Books & DVD's	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$30
Sub Total - OTHER CULTURE OP/INC		\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$30
Total - OTHER CULTURE		\$0	\$3,226	(\$30)	\$8,433	\$0	\$8,364	(\$69)		\$30
Total - RECREATION AND CULTURE		(\$12,209)	\$202,683	(\$4,190)	\$333,517	(\$19,888)	\$413,305	(\$17,367)		\$81,457

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
STREETS, RD, BRIDGES, DEPOT - CONSTRUCTION										
OPERATING INCOME										
122240	Transport - Regional Road Group Grants	\$0	\$0	(\$600,000)	\$0	(\$600,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
122229	Transport - Commodity Route Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
122270	Transport - Roads to Recovery Grant	\$0	\$0	(\$320,000)	\$0	(\$320,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - ST,RDS,BRIDGES,DEPOT - CONST OP/INC		\$0	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - ST,RDS,BRIDGES,DEPOT - CONST		\$0	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STREETS,ROADS, BRIDGES, DEPOTS - MAINTENANCE										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
122000	Transport - Expenses Relating to Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depot Mair	\$0	\$985,004	\$0	\$1,970,824	\$0	\$1,975,798	\$0	\$4,974	Decrease in wages and overheads
122010	Transport - Street Lighting	\$0	\$3,796	\$0	\$8,220	\$0	\$7,700	(\$520)	\$0	Decrease in street lighting expenses
122020	Transport - Maintenance - Direct Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$3,750	(\$10,250)	\$0	Decrease in wages, overheads and plant costs
122030	Transport - Maintenance - Muni Fund Roads	\$0	\$572,270	\$0	\$956,116	\$0	\$921,361	(\$34,755)	\$0	Increase in wages and overheads. Decrease in plant costs. Increase in consultant expenses.
122040	Transport - Expenses relating to the Shire Depot	\$0	\$15,350	\$0	\$55,963	\$0	\$33,277	(\$22,686)	\$0	Decrease in wages and overheads. Decrease in materials expense and insurance.
122050	Transport - Maintenance - Footpaths	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200	\$0	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	
122060	Transport - Maintenance - Traffic Signs	\$0	\$101	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$0	
122061	Transport - Rural Street Address Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$55	(\$5)	\$0	
122070	Transport - Maintenance - Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS OP/EXP		\$0	\$1,576,520	\$0	\$3,018,083	\$0	\$2,954,841	(\$68,216)	\$4,974	
OPERATING INCOME										
122230	Transport - Grant - RRG Direct	(\$116,067)	\$0	(\$118,300)	\$0	(\$116,057)	\$0	\$0	\$2,243	Decrease in MRWA maintenance grant
122261	Transport - Rural Street Address Income	\$0	\$0	(\$110)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110	Decrease in Rural Street Address income
Sub Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS OP/INC		(\$116,067)	\$0	(\$118,410)	\$0	(\$116,057)	\$0	\$0	\$2,353	
Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS		(\$116,067)	\$1,576,520	(\$118,410)	\$3,018,083	(\$116,057)	\$2,954,841	(\$68,216)	\$7,327	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
TRANSPORT LICENSING										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
125000	Transport - Expenses Relating to Transport Licensing	\$0	\$2,651	\$0	\$6,296	\$0	\$6,296	\$0	\$0	Decrease in licensing payments as now recorded in balance sheet.
125010	Transport - Licensing Payments	\$0	\$675	\$0	\$114,165	\$0	\$675	(\$113,490)	\$0	
Sub Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING OP/EXP		\$0	\$3,326	\$0	\$120,461	\$0	\$6,971	(\$113,490)	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
125200	Transport - Income Relating to Transport Licensing	(\$2,545)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	Decrease in licensing receipts as now recorded in balance sheet.
125210	Transport - Licensing Receipts	\$0	\$0	(\$114,165)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$114,165	
Sub Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING OP/INC		(\$2,545)	\$0	(\$119,165)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$0	\$114,165	
Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING		(\$2,545)	\$3,326	(\$119,165)	\$120,461	(\$5,000)	\$6,971	(\$113,490)	\$114,165	
ROAD PLANT PURCHASES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
123410	Loss on Disposal of Road Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
123411	Road Plant Purchases Minor Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - ROAD PLANT OP/EXP		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
123401	Profit on Disposal of Road Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - ROAD PLANT OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - ROAD PLANT		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - TRANSPORT		(\$118,612)	\$1,579,846	(\$1,157,575)	\$3,138,544	(\$1,041,057)	\$2,961,812	(\$181,706)	\$121,492	

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								Income	Expenditure	Income
RURAL SERVICES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
131000	Rural Svcs - Administration Allocations	\$0	\$1,162	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$0	
	Sub Total - RURAL SERVICES OP/EXP	\$0	\$1,162	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
	Sub Total - RURAL SERVICES OP/INC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Total - RURAL SERVICES	\$0	\$1,162	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$0	
TOURISM AND AREA PROMOTION										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
132000	Tourism - Expenses Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion	\$0	\$10,241	\$0	\$14,691	\$0	\$14,691	\$0	\$0	
132020	Tourism - Expenses relating to Woody Wongi	\$0	\$760	\$0	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850	\$0	\$0	
	Sub Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION OP/EXP	\$0	\$11,001	\$0	\$16,541	\$0	\$16,541	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
132220	Tourism - Income relating to Woody Wongi	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30	Decrease in subscription receipts for Woody Wongi.
	Sub Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION OP/INC	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30	
	Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION	\$0	\$11,001	(\$30)	\$16,541	\$0	\$16,541	\$0	\$30	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
BUILDING CONTROL										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
133000	Building - Expenses Relating to Building Control	\$0	\$10,297	\$0	\$26,310	\$0	\$26,310	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - BUILDING CONTROL OP/EXP		\$0	\$10,297	\$0	\$26,310	\$0	\$26,310	\$0	\$0	
BUILDING CONTROL OP/INC										
133210	Building - Building Permit Application Fee	(\$3,213)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	(\$3,213)	\$0	(\$2,213)		\$0 Increase in building permit fees
133220	Building - Building Services Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133221	Building - Building Services Levy Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133230	Building - Building Construction Industry Training Fund (BCITF)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133231	Building - BCITF Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - BUILDING CONTROL OP/INC		(\$3,213)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	(\$3,213)	\$0	(\$2,213)		\$0
Total - BUILDING CONTROL		(\$3,213)	\$10,297	(\$1,000)	\$26,310	(\$3,213)	\$26,310	(\$2,213)		\$0
OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
135000	Other Economic - Expenses Relating to Economic Services	\$0	\$2,833	\$0	\$6,742	\$0	\$6,742	\$0	\$0	
135010	Other Economic - Expenses Relating to Standpipes	\$0	\$2,710	\$0	\$65,980	\$0	\$66,210	\$0	\$230	Increase in wages and overheads
135020	Other Economic - Depreciation		\$590	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,180	\$0	\$1,180	
Sub Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES OP/EXP		\$0	\$6,132	\$0	\$72,722	\$0	\$74,132	\$0	\$1,410	
OPERATING INCOME										
135015	Other Economic - Income Relating to Pool Inspections	(\$526)	\$0	(\$530)	\$0	(\$530)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
135210	Other Economic - Income Relating to Standpipes	(\$2,422)	\$0	(\$70,000)	\$0	(\$60,000)	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	Decrease in sale of water income
Sub Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES OP/INC		(\$2,948)	\$0	(\$70,530)	\$0	(\$60,530)	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	
Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES		(\$2,948)	\$6,132	(\$70,530)	\$72,722	(\$60,530)	\$74,132	\$0	\$11,410	
Total - ECONOMIC SERVICES		(\$6,160)	\$28,592	(\$71,560)	\$118,301	(\$63,743)	\$119,711	(\$2,213)	\$11,440	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
PRIVATE WORKS										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
141000	Private Works - Expenses	\$0	\$271	\$0	\$2,031	\$0	\$738	(\$1,294)		\$0 Decrease in wages and overheads
Sub Total - PRIVATE WORKS OP/EXP		\$0	\$271	\$0	\$2,031	\$0	\$738	(\$1,294)		\$0
OPERATING INCOME										
141010	Private Works - Fees & Charges	(\$396)	\$0	(\$1,084)	\$0	(\$738)	\$0	\$0		\$347 Decrease in private works fees
Sub Total - PRIVATE WORKS OP/INC		(\$396)	\$0	(\$1,084)	\$0	(\$738)	\$0	\$0		\$347
Total - PRIVATE WORKS		(\$396)	\$271	(\$1,084)	\$2,031	(\$738)	\$738	(\$1,294)		\$347

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
PUBLIC WORKS OVERHEADS										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
143000	Public Works - Expenses Relating to Public Works Overheads	\$0	\$14,245	\$0	\$33,151	\$0	\$33,151	\$0	\$0	
143005	Public Works - Supervision Salaries	\$0	\$70,354	\$0	\$128,857	\$0	\$106,266	(\$22,591)	\$0	Decrease in Works Supervisor Salary
143011	Public Works - Superannuation	\$0	\$55,762	\$0	\$87,700	\$0	\$93,114	\$0	\$5,414	Increase in superannuation expenses
143012	Public Works - Unallocated Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
143020	Public Works - Public Holidays, Annual & Long Service Leave	\$0	\$52,462	\$0	\$108,396	\$0	\$108,396	\$0	\$0	
143030	Public Works - Protective Clothing	\$0	\$3,052	\$0	\$8,900	\$0	\$8,900	\$0	\$0	
143070	Public Works - Works Crew Staff Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,940	\$0	\$17,500	(\$6,440)	\$0	Decrease in contractor expenses
143080	Public Works - Workers Compensation Insurance	\$0	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020	\$0	\$0	
143090	Public Works - Expenses Relating to Occ Safety & Health	\$0	\$6,194	\$0	\$9,945	\$0	\$16,420	\$0	\$6,475	Increase in contractor expenses
143050	Less: Allocation of Public Works Overheads	\$0	(\$303,888)	\$0	(\$434,909)	\$0	(\$417,767)	\$0	\$17,142	Decreases in overheads allocated to projects
Sub Total - PUBLIC WORKS O/HEADS OP/EXP		\$0	(\$67,799)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$29,031)	\$29,031	
OPERATING INCOME										
143200	FBT Reimbursements - Public Works Overheads	(\$810)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
143210	Public Works - Workers Compensation Reimbursements	(\$56,490)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$56,490)	\$0	(\$56,490)	\$0	Increase in workers compensation reimbursements
Sub Total - PUBLIC WORKS O/HEADS OP/INC		(\$57,300)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$58,050)	\$0	(\$56,490)	\$0	
Total - PUBLIC WORKS OVERHEADS		(\$57,300)	(\$67,799)	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$58,050)	\$0	(\$85,521)	\$29,031	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
144000	Plant Operation - Insurances	\$0	\$11,752	\$0	\$11,785	\$0	\$11,785	\$0	\$0	
144010	Plant Operation - Fuels & Oils	\$0	\$43,263	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	Decrease in fuel purchases
144020	Plant Operation - Tyres & Tubes	\$0	\$3,479	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$15,000	(\$5,000)	\$0	Decrease in tyre purchases
144030	Plant Operation - Parts & Repairs	\$0	\$26,926	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	
144040	Plant Operation - Blades & Tynes	\$0	\$2,240	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$5,000	(\$3,000)	\$0	Decrease in grader blade expenses
144050	Minor Equipment Purchases	\$0	\$869	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	
144060	Plant Operation - Repairs - Wages	\$0	\$3,940	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$10,250	\$0	\$4,250	Increase in wages
144070	Plant Operation - Licences	\$0	\$6,421	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	
144080	Plant Operation - Depreciation	\$0	\$32,834	\$0	\$91,500	\$0	\$91,500	\$0	\$0	
144100	Plant Operation - Less Depreciation Allocated	\$0	(\$35,259)	\$0	(\$91,500)	\$0	(\$91,500)	\$0	\$0	
144090	Plant Operation - Less Allocated to Works/SRVCS	\$0	(\$68,486)	\$0	(\$281,785)	\$0	(\$278,035)	\$0	\$3,750	Decrease in plant costs allocated to projects
Sub Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS OP/EXP		\$0	\$27,980	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$8,000)	\$8,000	
OPERATING INCOME										
144004	Plant Operating Reimbursement Income	(\$977)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$977)	\$0	(\$977)	\$0	Increase in insurance reimbursements
144005	Plant Operation - Diesel Fuel Rebate	(\$7,148)	\$0	(\$15,700)	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0	\$700	Decrease in diesel fuel rebate
Sub Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS OP/INC		(\$8,125)	\$0	(\$15,700)	\$0	(\$15,977)	\$0	(\$977)	\$700	
Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS		(\$8,125)	\$27,980	(\$15,700)	\$0	(\$15,977)	\$0	(\$8,977)	\$8,700	
MATERIALS AND STOCK										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
Sub Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK OP/EXP		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
OPERATING INCOME										
145210	Sale of Stock or Scrap	(\$496)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$496)	\$0	(\$496)	\$0	Increase in sale of scrap income
Sub Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK OP/INC		(\$496)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$496)	\$0	(\$496)	\$0	
Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK		(\$496)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$496)	\$0	(\$496)	\$0	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
SALARIES AND WAGES										
OPERATING EXPENDITURE										
147000	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$0	\$664,606	\$0	\$1,311,026	\$0	\$1,288,497	(\$22,529)		\$0 Decrease in gross salaries and wages paid
147010	Less Salaries & Wages Allocated	\$0	(\$658,559)	\$0	(\$1,311,026)	\$0	(\$1,288,497)	\$0	\$22,529	Decrease in salaries and wages allocated
Sub Total - SALARIES AND WAGES OP/EXP		\$0	\$6,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$22,529)	\$22,529	
OPERATING INCOME										
Sub Total - SALARIES AND WAGES OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total - SALARIES AND WAGES		\$0	\$6,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$22,529)	\$22,529	
Total - OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES		(\$66,318)	(\$33,501)	(\$18,344)	\$2,031	(\$75,261)	\$738	(\$118,817)	\$60,607	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVES										
EXPENDITURE										
		\$0	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
007152	Transfer to Affordable Housing Reserve	\$0	\$4,181	\$0	\$8,300	\$0	\$8,050	(\$250)	\$0	\$0 Decrease in interest transferred to Reserve
007162	Transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve	\$0	\$1,231	\$0	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,100	(\$200)	\$0	\$0 Decrease in interest transferred to Reserve
	Transfer to Building Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Transfer to Town Development Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007182	Transfer to Office Equipment Reserve	\$0	\$224	\$0	\$170	\$0	\$290	\$0	\$120	Increase in interest transferred to Reserve
	Transfer to Road Construction Reserve	\$0	\$123	\$0	\$255	\$0	\$185	(\$70)	\$0	\$0
	Transfer to Staff Leave Reserve	\$0	\$392	\$0	\$825	\$0	\$475	(\$350)	\$0	\$0 Decrease in interest transferred to Reserve
	Sub Total - TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNCIL FUNDS	\$0	\$6,154	\$0	\$11,850	\$0	\$11,100	(\$870)	\$120	
INCOME										
007166	Transfer from Affordable Housing Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007151	Transfer from Plant Replacement Reserve	\$0	\$0	(\$180,000)	\$0	(\$180,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007161	Transfer from Building Reserve	\$0	\$0	(\$50,767)	\$0	(\$50,767)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - TRANSFER FROM RESERVE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	(\$230,767)	\$0	(\$230,767)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Total - FUND TRANSFER	\$0	\$6,154	(\$230,767)	\$11,850	(\$230,767)	\$11,100	(\$870)	\$120	
	000000 (Surplus) / Deficit - Carried Forward	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0	(\$847,189)	\$0	\$0	\$32,811	Decrease in closing surplus due to audit adjustments
	000000 adjust to rates levied			\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - SURPLUS C/FWD	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0	(\$847,189)	\$0	\$0	\$32,811	
	Total - SURPLUS	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0	(\$847,189)	\$0	\$0	\$32,811	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE			
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED FROM BUDGET											
	000000	Depreciation Written Back	\$0	(\$934,491)	\$0	(\$1,826,361)	\$0	(\$1,830,871)	(\$4,510)		\$0
	000000	Book Value of Assets Sold Written Back	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0		\$0
	000000	Profit on Sale of Asset Written Back	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	000000	Loss on Sale of Asset Written Back	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	000000	LG House Unit Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	000000	Movement in LSL Reserve (Added Back)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
	000000	Movement in Non-Current Leave Provisions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Sub Total - ITEMS EXCLUDED			\$0	(\$934,491)	\$0	(\$1,901,361)	\$0	(\$1,905,871)	(\$4,510)		\$0
Total - OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED			\$0	(\$934,491)	\$0	(\$1,901,361)	\$0	(\$1,905,871)	(\$4,510)		\$0

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
BUILDINGS										
HOUSING - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE										
091310		Purchase Land & Buildings - Capital								
091310	BC006	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	
Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	
Total - HOUSING		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	
Total - BUILDINGS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	

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		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT										
TRANSPORT - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE										
123300	Purchase Plant & Equipment - CAPITAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	
	Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	
	Total - TRANSPORT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	
	Total - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme			CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE		
			Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT
G/L	JOB										
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE											
ROAD CONSTRUCTION - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE											
121310		Road Construction - Regional Road Group									
121310	RRG66	Robinson West Reconstruct 500m	\$0	\$6,015	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$525,000	\$0	\$25,000	Increase in contractot expense for line marking
121310	RRB66	Robinson West Reconstruct 380m	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$0	\$0	
121310	RRG67	RRG - Oxley Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	
121320	x	Road Construction - Roads to Recovery									
121320	R2R012	R2R - Darby Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,404		\$90,404	\$0	\$0	
121320	R2R019	R2R - Onslow Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000		\$70,000	\$0	\$0	
121320	R2R021	R2R - Church Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000		\$60,000	\$0	\$0	
121320	R2R68	RTR - Douglas Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	
121320	R2R129	R2R - Robinson West Rd Edge Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	
121350		Bridges Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$314,000	\$0	\$314,000	\$0	\$0	
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$0	\$6,015	\$0	\$1,544,404	\$0	\$1,569,404	\$0	\$25,000	
		Total - ROADS	\$0	\$6,015	\$0	\$1,544,404	\$0	\$1,569,404	\$0	\$25,000	
		Total - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS ROAD RESERVES	\$0	\$6,015	\$0	\$1,544,404	\$0	\$1,569,404	\$0	\$25,000	

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G/L JOB		CURRENT YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2025		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026		PROJECTED VARIANCE			
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	POSITIVE OUTCOME	NEGATIVE OUTCOME	COMMENT	
DRAINAGE											
102300		Purchase Drainage Infrastructure - Capital									
102300	DWER1	\$0	\$3,200	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$0		
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS		\$0	\$3,200	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$0
		Total - TRANSPORT - DRAINAGE		\$0	\$3,200	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$0
		Total - DRAINAGE ASSETS		\$0	\$3,200	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$0
INFRASTRUCTURE - PARKS & OVALS											
COMMUNITY AMENITIES											
105040	LRC450	\$0	\$11,299	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$0		
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS		\$0	\$11,299	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$0
		Total - COMMUNITY AMENITIES		\$0	\$11,299	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$0
		Total - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS - OTHER		\$0	\$11,299	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTALS		(\$2,693,321)	\$1,383,414	(\$4,811,449)	\$4,811,449	(\$4,824,203)	\$4,775,203	(\$469,176)	\$420,176		

Schedule 1 — Model code of conduct

[r. 3]

Division 1 — Preliminary provisions

POLICY NO: 15 - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

1. Citation

This is the Shire of Woodanilling Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

2. Terms used

(1) In this code —

Act means the *Local Government Act 1995*;

candidate means a candidate for election as a council member;

complaint means a complaint made under clause 11(1);

publish includes to publish on a social media platform.

(2) Other terms used in this code that are also used in the Act have the same meaning as they have in the Act, unless the contrary intention appears.

Division 2 — General principles

3. Overview of Division

This Division sets out general principles to guide the behaviour of council members, committee members and candidates.

4. Personal integrity

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate should —

- (a) act with reasonable care and diligence; and
- (b) act with honesty and integrity; and
- (c) act lawfully; and
- (d) identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest; and
- (e) avoid damage to the reputation of the local government.

(2) A council member or committee member should —

- (a) act in accordance with the trust placed in council members and committee members; and
- (b) participate in decision-making in an honest, fair, impartial and timely manner; and
- (c) actively seek out and engage in training and development opportunities to improve the performance of their role; and
- (d) attend and participate in briefings, workshops and training sessions provided or arranged by the local government in relation to the performance of their role.

5. Relationship with others

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate should —

- (a) treat others with respect, courtesy and fairness; and
- (b) respect and value diversity in the community.

(2) A council member or committee member should maintain and contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment.

6. Accountability

A council member or committee member should —

- (a) base decisions on relevant and factually correct information; and

- (b) make decisions on merit, in the public interest and in accordance with statutory obligations and principles of good governance and procedural fairness; and
- (c) read all agenda papers given to them in relation to council or committee meetings; and
- (d) be open and accountable to, and represent, the community in the district.

Division 3 — Behaviour

7. Overview of Division

This Division sets out —

- (a) requirements relating to the behaviour of council members, committee members and candidates; and
- (b) the mechanism for dealing with alleged breaches of those requirements.

8. Personal integrity

- (1) A council member, committee member or candidate —
 - (a) must ensure that their use of social media and other forms of communication complies with this code; and
 - (b) must only publish material that is factually correct.
- (2) A council member or committee member —
 - (a) must not be impaired by alcohol or drugs in the performance of their official duties; and
 - (b) must comply with all policies, procedures and resolutions of the local government.

9. Relationship with others

A council member, committee member or candidate —

- (a) must not bully or harass another person in any way; and
- (b) must deal with the media in a positive and appropriate manner and in accordance with any relevant policy of the local government; and
- (c) must not use offensive or derogatory language when referring to another person; and
- (d) must not disparage the character of another council member, committee member or candidate or a local government employee in connection with the performance of their official duties; and
- (e) must not impute dishonest or unethical motives to another council member, committee member or candidate or a local government employee in connection with the performance of their official duties.

10. Council or committee meetings

When attending a council or committee meeting, a council member, committee member or candidate —

- (a) must not act in an abusive or threatening manner towards another person; and
- (b) must not make a statement that the member or candidate knows, or could reasonably be expected to know, is false or misleading; and
- (c) must not repeatedly disrupt the meeting; and
- (d) must comply with any requirements of a local law of the local government relating to the procedures and conduct of council or committee meetings; and
- (e) must comply with any direction given by the person presiding at the meeting; and
- (f) must immediately cease to engage in any conduct that has been ruled out of order by the person presiding at the meeting.

11. Complaint about alleged breach

- (1) A person may make a complaint, in accordance with subclause (2), alleging a breach of a requirement set out in this Division.
- (2) A complaint must be made —
 - (a) in writing in the form approved by the local government; and
 - (b) to a person authorised under subclause (3); and
 - (c) within 1 month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.

- (3) The local government must, in writing, authorise 1 or more persons to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints.
- (4) A complaint must be dealt with under clauses 12 to 15 unless —
- (a) the complaint is referred to the Inspector in accordance with subclause (5); and
 - (b) the Inspector refers the complaint to be dealt with under Part 8A Division 5 of the Act.

Note for this subclause:

See section 5.105(1) of the Act.

- (5) If the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* regulation 3A applies to a complaint, a person authorised under subclause (3) must refer the complaint to the Inspector under section 5.105(3) of the Act.
- (6) A complaint must also be dealt with under clauses 12 to 15 if the Inspector refers the complaint to the local government under the *Local Government (Local Government Inspector) Regulations 2025* regulation 6.

[Clause 11 amended: SL 2025/208 r. 43.]

12. Dealing with complaint

- (1) After considering a complaint, the local government must, unless it dismisses the complaint under clause 13 or the complaint is withdrawn under clause 14(1), make a finding as to whether the alleged breach the subject of the complaint has occurred.

Note for this subclause:

See also clause 14A in relation to the appointment of a monitor to assist the local government to deal with matters raised by a complaint.

- (2) Before making a finding in relation to the complaint, the local government must give the person to whom the complaint relates a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
- (3) A finding that the alleged breach has occurred must be based on evidence from which it may be concluded that it is more likely that the breach occurred than that it did not occur.
- (4) If the local government makes a finding that the alleged breach has occurred, the local government may —
- (a) take no further action; or
 - (b) prepare and implement a plan to address the behaviour of the person to whom the complaint relates.
- (5) When preparing a plan under subclause (4)(b), the local government must consult with the person to whom the complaint relates.
- (6) A plan under subclause (4)(b) may include a requirement for the person to whom the complaint relates to do 1 or more of the following —
- (a) engage in mediation;
 - (b) undertake counselling;
 - (c) undertake training;
 - (d) take other action the local government considers appropriate.
- (7) If the local government makes a finding in relation to the complaint, the local government must give the complainant, and the person to whom the complaint relates, written notice of —
- (a) its finding and the reasons for its finding; and
 - (b) if its finding is that the alleged breach has occurred — its decision under subclause (4).

[Clause 12 amended: SL 2025/208 r. 44.]

13. Dismissal of complaint

- (1) The local government must dismiss a complaint if it is satisfied that —
 - (a) the behaviour to which the complaint relates occurred at a council or committee meeting; and
 - (b) either —
 - (i) the behaviour was dealt with by the person presiding at the meeting; or
 - (ii) the person responsible for the behaviour has taken remedial action in accordance with a local law of the local government that deals with meeting procedures.
- (2) If the local government dismisses a complaint, the local government must give the complainant, and the person to whom the complaint relates, written notice of its decision and the reasons for its decision.

14. Withdrawal of complaint

- (1) A complainant may withdraw their complaint at any time before the local government makes a finding in relation to the complaint.
- (2) The withdrawal of a complaint must be —
 - (a) in writing; and
 - (b) given to a person authorised under clause 11(3).

14A. Appointment of monitor

- (1) The Inspector may appoint a monitor for the local government to assist the local government to deal with matters raised by a complaint.
- (2) If the Inspector appoints a monitor —
 - (a) the Inspector may direct the local government to defer further dealing with the complaint until the monitor reports to the Inspector on the outcome of the monitoring assignment; and
 - (b) the local government must comply with the direction.

[Clause 14A inserted: SL 2025/208 r. 45.]

14B. Performance of local government's functions under cl. 12 and 13

- (1) The local government's functions under clauses 12 and 13 must be performed by the council.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), the council may, by resolution carried with an absolute majority of the council, authorise a committee of the council comprising council members only to perform a function for and on behalf of the local government.
- (3) Despite subclause (1), the council may, by resolution carried with an absolute majority of the council, authorise a person who is none of the following to perform a function for and on behalf of the local government —
 - (a) a member of the council of any local government;
 - (b) a member of the governing body of any regional subsidiary;
 - (c) an employee of any local government or regional subsidiary;
 - (d) an employee of WALGA or the Local Government Professionals Australia (WA);
 - (e) a member of the governing body of, or an employee of, a body corporate the activities of which are, wholly or partly, advocating or otherwise acting for, or on behalf of, 1 or more of the following —
 - (i) local governments;
 - (ii) members of councils;
 - (iii) employees of local governments.
- (4) A resolution made under subclause (3) must include the following —
 - (a) a statement to the effect that the council is satisfied that the person being authorised is suitably qualified and experienced to perform the function;
 - (b) an explanation as to why the council is satisfied as referred to in paragraph (a);
 - (c) a statement to the effect that the council is satisfied that the person being authorised is impartial and has no close association with any member of the council or any employee of the local government.

- (5) Nothing in this clause prevents an employee of the local government from providing, in relation to the performance of a function, any advice or other assistance to the council, a committee authorised under subclause (2) or a person authorised under subclause (3).

[Clause 14B inserted: SL 2025/208 r. 45.]

15. Other provisions about complaints

- (1) A complaint about an alleged breach by a candidate cannot be dealt with by the local government unless the candidate has been elected as a council member.
- (2) The procedure for dealing with complaints may be determined by the local government to the extent that it is not provided for in this Division.
- (3) Clauses 14A and 14B do not apply in relation to a complaint made before 1 January 2026.

Note for this clause:

See also section 5.105(4) and (5) of the Act for restrictions on the activities of a person who makes a complaint or who is alleged to have breached a requirement set out in this Division.

[Clause 15 amended: SL 2025/208 r. 46.]

Division 4 — Rules of conduct

Notes for this Division:

1. Under section 8A.3(1) of the Act, a council member commits a conduct breach if the council member contravenes a rule of conduct. Section 8A.3(2) of the Act extends this to the contravention of a rule of conduct that occurred when the council member was a candidate.
2. A conduct breach is dealt with under Part 8A Division 5 of the Act.

[Notes inserted: SL 2025/208 r. 47.]

16. Overview of Division

- (1) This Division sets out rules of conduct for council members and candidates.
- (2) A reference in this Division to a council member includes a council member when acting as a committee member.

17. Misuse of local government resources

- (1) In this clause —
electoral purpose means the purpose of persuading electors to vote in a particular way at an election, referendum or other poll held under the Act, the *Electoral Act 1907* or the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*;
resources of a local government includes —
- (a) local government property; and
 - (b) services provided, or paid for, by a local government.
- (2) A council member must not, directly or indirectly, use the resources of a local government for an electoral purpose or other purpose unless authorised under the Act, or by the local government or the CEO, to use the resources for that purpose.

18. Securing personal advantage or disadvantaging others

- (1) A council member must not make improper use of their office —
- (a) to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for the council member or any other person; or
 - (b) to cause detriment to the local government or any other person.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to conduct that contravenes section 5.93 of the Act or *The Criminal Code* section 83.

19. Prohibition against involvement in administration

- (1) A council member must not undertake a task that contributes to the administration of the local government unless authorised by the local government or the CEO to undertake that task.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to anything that a council member does as part of the deliberations at a council or committee meeting.

20. Relationship with local government employees

- (1) In this clause —
local government employee means a person —
- (a) employed by a local government under section 5.36(1) of the Act; or
 - (b) engaged by a local government under a contract for services.
- (2) A council member or candidate must not —
- (a) direct or attempt to direct a local government employee to do or not to do anything in their capacity as a local government employee; or
 - (b) attempt to influence, by means of a threat or the promise of a reward, the conduct of a local government employee in their capacity as a local government employee; or
 - (c) act in an abusive or threatening manner towards a local government employee.
- (3) Subclause (2)(a) does not apply to anything that a council member does as part of the deliberations at a council or committee meeting.
- (4) If a council member or candidate, in their capacity as a council member or candidate, is attending a council or committee meeting or other organised event (for example, a briefing or workshop), the council member or candidate must not orally, in writing or by any other means —
- (a) make a statement that a local government employee is incompetent or dishonest; or
 - (b) use an offensive or objectionable expression when referring to a local government employee.
- (5) Subclause (4)(a) does not apply to conduct that is unlawful under *The Criminal Code* Chapter XXXV.

21. Disclosure of information

- (1) In this clause —
closed meeting —
- (a) means a part of a council or committee meeting that is closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2), (3) or (4) of the Act; and
 - (b) includes a council or committee meeting held before 1 January 2026, or a part of a council or committee meeting held before 1 January 2026, that was closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2) of the Act as in force before 1 January 2026;

confidential document means a document marked by the CEO, or by a person authorised by the CEO, to clearly show that the information in the document is not to be disclosed;

document includes a part of a document;

non-confidential document means a document that is not a confidential document.

- (2) A council member must not disclose information that the council member —
- (a) derived from a confidential document; or
 - (b) acquired at a closed meeting other than information derived from a non-confidential document.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not prevent a council member from disclosing information —
- (a) at a closed meeting; or
 - (b) to the extent specified by the council and subject to such other conditions as the council determines; or
 - (c) that is already in the public domain; or
 - (d) to an officer of the Department; or
 - (e) to the Minister; or
 - (f) to a legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining legal advice; or
 - (g) if the disclosure is required or permitted by law.

[Clause 21 amended: SL 2025/208 r. 48.]

22. Disclosure of interests

- (1) In this clause —
interest —

- (a) means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest; and
 - (b) includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.
- (2) A council member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting attended by the council member must disclose the nature of the interest —
- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or
 - (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply to an interest referred to in section 5.60 of the Act.
- (4) Subclause (2) does not apply if a council member fails to disclose an interest because the council member did not know —
- (a) that they had an interest in the matter; or
 - (b) that the matter in which they had an interest would be discussed at the meeting and the council member disclosed the interest as soon as possible after the discussion began.
- (5) If, under subclause (2)(a), a council member discloses an interest in a written notice given to the CEO before a meeting, then —
- (a) before the meeting the CEO must cause the notice to be given to the person who is to preside at the meeting; and
 - (b) at the meeting the person presiding must bring the notice and its contents to the attention of the persons present immediately before any matter to which the disclosure relates is discussed.
- (6) Subclause (7) applies in relation to an interest if —
- (a) under subclause (2)(b) or (4)(b) the interest is disclosed at a meeting; or
 - (b) under subclause (5)(b) notice of the interest is brought to the attention of the persons present at a meeting.
- (7) The nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

23. Compliance with plan requirement

If a plan under clause 12(4)(b) in relation to a council member includes a requirement referred to in clause 12(6), the council member must comply with the requirement.

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE		POLICY NO: 118
DATE ADOPTED: /2026		DATE LAST REVIEWED:
LEGAL (PARENT): Local Government Act 1995		LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY): Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:		DELEGATION NO.

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Information Sessions
OBJECTIVE:	<p>To ensure that Councillor Information Sessions provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the opportunity for Councillors to gain clarification and be better informed when participating in Council decision making processes; a forum for two-way communication between Councillors and key officers/consultants on Council related matters; an inclusive opportunity for community members to receive the same information on agenda items being provided to Councillors across a range of relevant topics; and to provide appropriate structure and guidelines for the conduct of Information Sessions. <p>The objective of this policy is not intended to apply to Councillor engagement with community groups or members on matters where there is no proposed agenda item or matter currently before, or anticipated to come before, Council.</p>

DEFINITIONS

Act means the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Closed Briefing Session refers to a non-statutory meeting held by Council to ask questions, receive presentations and seek clarity on matters that are on, or likely to be on, the agenda for the next ordinary Council meeting and that are closed to the public under s. 5.23 (2) of the *Act*.

Information Session refers to Open or Closed Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings and Concept Forums.

Officer Report refers to a report presented to Council by an officer of the Shire, which includes professional advice and a recommendation, from which a Council decision is sought at an Ordinary Council Meeting.

Open Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review refers to a non-statutory meeting held by Council to ask questions, receive presentations and seek clarity on matters that are on, or likely to be on, the agenda for the next ordinary Council meeting and that are NOT closed to the public under s. 5.23 (2) of the *Act*.

Regulations means the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021.

Concept Forum refers to a non-statutory meeting held by Council, and closed to the public, to provide input and guidance on the development of matters that have a strategic impact and/or relate to the delivery of the Strategic Community Plan, excluding any matter that is on an upcoming Council meeting agenda.

Legislative and Strategic Context

Legislative:

- Local Government Act 1995 – s. 5.23 (2) – Meetings generally open to the public
- Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021
- State Records Act 2000

Strategic:

- Corporate Business Plan Actions
 - Pillar 3/Goal 8 – Accountable and Compliant Governance
 - 8.1 Maintain compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations
 - Pillar 3/Goal 9 – Enhance Strong Civic Leadership
 - 9.2 Council is supported with a resource to ensure high level of compliance and to build capacity

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Policies:

- 15 – Code of Conduct – Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates
- 56 – Record Keeping
- 104 – Elected Member training

Other:

- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Shire of Woodanilling Record Keeping Plan

POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Woodanilling will be guided by the (previously titled) Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Operational Guideline Number 05, acknowledging that many local governments need to be provided with the freedom and opportunity to discuss issues outside of a formal, debate-structured meeting format.

Information Sessions will generally be held on the same day as an Ordinary Council Meeting (and Special Council Meeting, if necessary), unless advertised otherwise. An agenda/program for Open Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings will be published at the same time as the Ordinary or Special Council Meeting agenda, on the Shire of Woodanilling website – www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au.

Confidentiality

Open Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings are open to all Councillors and, generally, to all members of the public; however, matters of a confidential nature included, or to be included, in an upcoming Council agenda or Council Committee agenda will be discussed Behind Closed Doors in accordance with s. 5.23 (2) of the *Act*.

Concept Forums are generally closed to the public to facilitate open discussion of preliminary ideas and concepts by Councillors but may be open to the public where the Shire President or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) believe it would be beneficial to Council.

GUIDELINES

Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings

The following guidelines apply to ensure openness and accountability is safeguarded:

- Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings are to be held prior to Ordinary Council Meetings (or Special Council Meetings, if necessary) with additional sessions as required and called by Council or the Shire President, or as convened by the CEO in liaison with the Shire President.
- Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings are to be chaired by the Shire President or the Deputy President in the President's absence. If neither the President nor Deputy President are in attendance, a Councillor will be chosen by those Councillors present.
- The CEO is responsible for the administration of the Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings in terms of Officer attendance, convening sessions and notice of items to be discussed at each session.
- All Councillor or Officer questions must be through the Chair and are to be, or likely to be, related to an upcoming Council agenda; there is to be no free-flowing discussion or debate of subject matter between Councillors.
- Councillors and Officers must disclose conflicts of interest in matters to be discussed in Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings. Interests must be disclosed at the start of the Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings and in accordance with the provisions of the *Act* as they apply to Ordinary Council Meetings (OCM) and Special Council Meetings (SCM). Persons disclosing a financial or proximity interest must not participate in that part of the meeting relating to their interest and must leave the room. Interests affecting impartiality should also be disclosed and dealt with in accordance with the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021. Given the sometimes-unpredictable nature of discussions, it is possible that discussions may occur with respect to an issue or issues not specifically included on the list of matters for discussion. This means that participants may not necessarily be aware prior to the discussion taking place that they will need to

disclose an interest on a particular matter. Under these circumstances, a person with an interest in a matter raised “ad hoc” during a Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meeting must disclose that interest at the time the subject matter that is the conflict of interest is raised and before further discussion commences.

- The Presiding Member may invite elected members to introduce matters that they have been dealing with on behalf of Council or relevant ideas they would like to be discussed.
- There must be no implication of debate or collective or collaborative decisions being made or implied at Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings nor any agreement on movers, seconders, or amendments to Officer Recommendations.
- Pre-Meeting Agenda Review should only be used for clarification purposes or to address urgent business or new information coming to hand since an OCM or SCM agenda was published.
- Notice of Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings will be given by email invitation to Councillors and will include a list of topics or a program. Councillors wishing to have an item included in the list or on a program are to advise the CEO and the Shire President via email at the earliest opportunity. The public will be informed of items which will be discussed in these meetings via the Shire of Woodanilling’s official website.
- Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings provide an opportunity to view presentations etc. Where these meetings are open to the public, the Shire President may permit a person to provide a presentation to Council or answer questions.
- Site visits during Briefing Sessions, that relate to planning applications before Council, should be attended by all Councillors, the CEO, relevant Officers/Consultants and the applicant. For practical (and on occasion, confidentiality) reasons, members of the public will not be able to attend.
- The nature of development (and other) issues means that Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings must be conducted with strict adherence to the rules outlined within this Policy, including maintaining confidentiality (s. 5.23 (2) of the Act). Development issues are often discussed in Briefing Sessions due to the importance of elected members being fully informed on the matter at hand. There should be no debate between elected members; the session should primarily involve information being given by the relevant Officer/Consultant/other parties with any questions from the floor being directed through the Chair in order that all elected members are privy to the same information. Additionally, elected members should be wary of involvement in the lead-up process to Council resolving a development matter if they are likely to be subjected to information from a developer or a developer’s associated parties, as this may be interpreted as reducing the independence of a Councillor.
- When members of the public are present, any questions from members of the public are at the discretion of the Presiding Member. If there are any public questions that members of the public wish to be recorded in the minutes of the next or relevant OCM or SCM will be required to be asked at that Ordinary or Special Council Meeting.
- No formal minutes are required to be taken; however, the CEO will note items of discussion and record conflict of interest disclosures and the items effecting those disclosures and cause the record to be kept in accordance with the Shire’s Record Keeping Plan.
- Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings will not be live streamed or recorded unless there are special circumstances, as determined at the Shire President and CEO’s discretion.

Concept Forums

Concept Forums are coordinated by the CEO in conjunction with the Shire President and are generally closed to the public unless it is considered beneficial to Council that members of the public be invited to attend.

Conduct and Responsibilities

- Elected Members are required to act in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations, Shire of Woodanilling Policy 15 – *Code of Conduct for Members, Committee Members and Candidates*, and other relevant policies.
- Employees are required to act in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations, the Shire of Woodanilling *Code of Conduct for Employees*, and other relevant policies.
- Members of the public are required to extend due courtesy and respect to the Council, Presiding Member, Officers, Consultants and other members of the public in attendance at Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review meetings.

- If an elected member becomes aware of a potential problem with a matter to be addressed at an upcoming meeting (statutory or otherwise) it is advantageous for an Officer, CEO, or Council to be made aware of the problem as soon as possible in order to undertake action to address it, rather than waiting until a Briefing Session/Pre-Meeting Agenda Review to raise the problem.

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE		POLICY NO: 117
DATE ADOPTED: /2026		DATE LAST REVIEWED:

LEGAL (PARENT): <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY): Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996
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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:	DELEGATION NO.
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ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Recording of Council Meetings
OBJECTIVE:	To engage the Shire of Woodanilling community by ensuring open and transparent government, improved accessibility to Council decision making, and outlining the way recording of Council meetings will be managed to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

DEFINITIONS

Absolute Privilege means an absolute defence to an otherwise defamatory statement because of the context in which the statement was made.

Act means the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Behind Closed Doors means where a meeting is closed to the public in accordance with s. 5.23 (2) of the Act.

Inappropriate includes any comments considered to be libellous, slanderous, defamatory, not in keeping with applicable Codes of Conduct or acceptable community standards.

Meeting means any recorded meetings of Council or a Committee of the Council, convened as per s. 5.3 of the Act.

Member means an elected member.

Record means any record of information however recorded.

Recording means any recording made by an electronic device capable of recording audio.

Regulations means the Local Government (Administrations) Regulations 1996.

LEGISLATIVE AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Legislative:

- *Local Government Act 1995* – s. 5.23A (2) - Electronic broadcasting and video or audio recording of council meetings
- Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Part 2A – Electronic broadcasting and video or audio recording of council meetings

Strategic:

- Corporate Business Plan Actions
Pillar 3/Goal 8 – Accountable and Compliant Governance
8.1 Maintain compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations
Pillar 3/Goal 9 – Enhance Strong Civic Leadership
9.2 Council is supported with a resource to ensure high level of compliance and to build capacity

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Policies:

- 15 – Code of Conduct – Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates
- 21 – Council Meetings
- 56 – Record Keeping
- 110 – Information Technology

Other:

- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Shire of Woodanilling Recordkeeping Plan

POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Woodanilling will comply with Part 2A of the Regulations (s. 5.23A of the *Act*) – *Electronic broadcasting and video or audio recording of Council meetings* by recording and retaining (in accordance with the *State Records Act 2000*) audio of all Council meetings, as required by Class 4 local governments, and making these recordings publicly available.

Recording

- Audio recordings will be made of Council meetings by Shire officers. No person is to use any electronic, visual or audio device or instrument to record the proceedings of Council without the written permission of the Council.
- Members of the public will be advised that an audio recording of the meeting will be made via a notice on the public entrance door to the Council Chambers (or wherever a Council meeting may be held if at any other address than 3316 Robinson Road, Woodanilling). Any member of the public who attends a Council meeting accepts that their audio, if any, may be captured during the Council meeting.
- In accordance with the requirements for Class 4 local governments, the recording of Council meetings will be made available on the Shire's website at the time the unconfirmed minutes are published, excluding those matters considered Behind Closed Doors (confidential).
- The Shire will make every reasonable effort to ensure the recording is available. However, should any technical difficulties arise, the recording may not be available (advice of such will be provided in accordance with r. 14I of the Regulations).
- Copying or distribution of any part of the recording is not permitted. The Shire reserves all rights in relation to its copyright. Audio contained in a recording must not be altered, reproduced or republished without the written permission of the Shire.

Behind Closed Doors

- Recordings of meetings closed for consideration of matters under s. 5.23 of the *Act* is permitted for minute taking purposes but will not be released to the public or made available on the Shire's website.
- The recording of the meeting will continue if the meeting goes Behind Closed Doors but may be paused/stopped if the meeting is adjourned and recording restarted when the meeting is recommenced. The full recording will be kept in accordance with retention and disposal requirements under the Regulations and the *State Records Act 2000*.
- Confidential recordings may be released, if requested, to the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (Department of Local Government), the Police or the Court.

Electronic and Remote Attendance

Audio participation is the acceptable minimum standard for Council members attending meetings remotely.

Record Keeping

- The official record of the meeting will be the written minutes kept in accordance with the *Act* and Regulations.
- All recordings will be retained for at least five (5) years in accordance with retention and disposal requirements under the Regulations, *State Records Act 2000*, and the Shire of Woodanilling Recordkeeping Plan (whichever is the longer period).

Conduct and Responsibilities

- Elected Members are required to act in accordance with the *Act* and relevant regulations, the Shire of Woodanilling Policy 15 – *Code of Conduct – Members, Committee Members and Candidates*, and other relevant policies.
- Employees are required to act in accordance with the *Act* and relevant regulations, the Shire of Woodanilling *Code of Conduct for Employees*, and other relevant policies.
- Members of the public are required to extend due courtesy and respect to the Council, Presiding Member, employees, and other members of the public in attendance.

- Attendance at Council meetings does not provide any elected member, employee or member of the public with absolute privilege. Regulations (as stated below) provide local government with protection from liability for defamation in relation to broadcasts of Council meetings but do not protect individuals from defamation in relation to behaviour or statements made.
- Opinions expressed or statements made by persons and captured within an audio recording during a meeting are the opinions or statements of those individual persons and not necessarily the opinions or statements of the Shire or endorsed by the Shire.

Liability and Defamation

- Under s. 9.57A of the *Act* and r. 14K of the Regulations, the Shire is not liable for an action of defamation in relation to a matter published on its official website as part of a recording of Council proceedings.
- Under s. 9.56 of the *Act*, Elected Members and Employees are not liable to defamation for any statements made in good faith.
- Further defences under the *Defamation Act 2005* may also be applicable.
- As a general principle, the Shire will not edit recordings of meetings. This is to ensure open and transparent government. The onus is on those in attendance at the meeting to ensure that their conduct, content and language are appropriate for the audience. The Presiding Member is responsible for maintaining the orderly proceedings of the meeting.
- Following any meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, in concurrence with the Presiding Member, may mute/exclude all or part of any meeting recording considered inappropriate to be published. This may include, but is not limited to, content that may:
 - Breach the privacy of an individual
 - Disclose confidential or privileged information
 - Concern public safety or security
 - Be offensive, abusive or discriminatory; or
 - Constitute hate speech.

The muting/excluding of any part of the meeting recording must be reported and confirmed to the Council at the next available Ordinary Council Meeting, whereby Council may revoke or change the decision to mute/exclude.

Disclaimer

The Council minutes provide the definitive record of Council's resolutions. Opinions and statements made during an audio recorded Council meeting should not be relied upon or acted upon until official notification has been provided by the Shire.

Electoral Reform Discussion Paper

1. Background

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this discussion paper is to request Council-endorsed Local Government feedback to inform WALGA's advocacy on Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government, specifically:

- full spill elections every 4 years; and
- compulsory voting at Local Government elections

These options have been raised in statements by the Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, but no formal proposals have yet been provided for consultation. While WALGA has relevant advocacy positions (discussed further below), the purpose of this discussion paper is to undertake early sector engagement to ensure WALGA's positions reflect the sector's current views and enable timely, well-informed and effective engagement with the anticipated State Government reform proposals.

1.2. WALGA existing advocacy positions

1.2.1. Elections

WALGA has established advocacy positions reflecting the sector's support of voluntary voting and elections of half the offices on Council every two years. These advocacy positions are provided in Appendix 1.

In late 2024 WALGA conducted a review of its Elections Advocacy Positions to ensure they reflected the sector's contemporary view.

Local Government responses at that time indicated strong (98%) support for half spills every two years, which was reflected in the adopted Advocacy Position [2.5.16 Elections](#).

While voluntary voting was supported by an overall majority of responses (74%), compulsory voting was supported by a majority (64%) of metropolitan respondents and a majority (61%) of Class 1 and 2 respondents.

State Council requested that the WALGA secretariat undertake further investigation of the implications of compulsory and voluntary participation in Local Government elections before reporting back to State Council.

In the interim, Advocacy Position [2.5.15 Participation in Local Government Elections](#) was retained, expressing support for voluntary voting with a note that further work was being undertaken.

This investigation was ongoing when the Minister for Local Government raised the prospect of further Local Government election reform.

A State by State comparison of electoral statistics is provided in Appendix 2.

1.2.2. Election costs

In 2024, WALGA conducted a review of five Local Government biennial election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government elections. The review demonstrated significant cost increases and concerns about the lack of transparency in costings provided by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC).

In September 2024, State Council adopted Advocacy Position [2.5.18 Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023](#), calling for an independent audit of the WAEC's cost allocation methods and the introduction of Service Level Agreements to ensure transparency of costing methodology.

Cost implications are a relevant consideration in assessing the appropriateness of any proposed electoral reform. However, the current lack of transparency in costing methodology makes it impossible to confidently forecast cost impacts.

This discussion paper seeks to identify the factors associated with each reform proposal that may affect election costs. This is further complicated by the interaction of possible reform options and external economic factors.

WALGA has requested that the Department of Local Government, Regulation and Industry Safety (LGIRS) and the Western Australian Electoral Commission, undertake modelling to identify the cost implications of any proposed reforms.

A comparison of available electoral costs data, State by State, is included as Table 4 in Appendix 2.

WALGA has contacted other Local Government associations to ask if they have experienced changes in costs associated with [compulsory four-year, all-in all-out](#), local government elections. As this has been the approach in most jurisdictions for some time, responses were largely unable to address changes in cost.

2. Election Frequency

Current situation

Western Australia holds biennial elections, with half of the offices on Council elected every two years for four-year terms. All other Australian jurisdictions hold full spill elections every four years (four-year terms).

Considerations

Considerations include:

- Voter participation and fatigue
- Continuity, knowledge retention and mentorship for new Council Members
- Stable whole-of-Council mandate and collective accountability
- Capacity for candidate recruitment
- Administrative requirements
- Extraordinary vacancies and backfilling
- Timing and transitional arrangements

Re-election rates

WALGA has analysed the composition of Councils following the last two Local Government elections in other Australian jurisdictions, all of which have full spill elections. A comparison of available data on re-election rates is included as Table 2 in Appendix 2.

This data suggests that on average, re-elected Council Members make up between 47% and 57% of Council following full spill elections.

By comparing over 700 consecutive ordinary election results, the review identified nine occasions when the membership of Council following an ordinary election was 100% different from the Council following the previous ordinary election. However, four of these local governments held mid-term extraordinary elections, meaning the changes in membership occurred over two or more elections within a four-year period.

Costs

In one respect, a change to a four-year cycle would reduce costs by reducing the number of elections. However, the cost of each election may increase. The WAEC uses the number of vacancies to inform quotations for the conduct of elections. Full spill elections would double the number of vacancies, with possible increased costs associated with printing and postage and increased staffing for the count.

WALGA cannot definitively determine an overall cost impact to Local Government without the requisite cost-modelling from the WAEC. WALGA has requested that the WAEC provide this modelling to LGIRS. The cost impact of a change in election frequency may also vary between Local Governments.

Questions

1. Does your Local Government support half spill elections every two years or full spill elections every four years?
2. What are the key considerations informing this view?
3. If full spill elections every four years were introduced, what transitional arrangements and consequential amendments may be required?
4. Any other comments?

3. Compulsory or Voluntary Voting

Current situation

Voting in Local Government elections is voluntary in Western Australia and South Australia. All other Australian jurisdictions have compulsory voting.

Considerations

Considerations include:

- Voter participation and democratic legitimacy
- Voter engagement, awareness and/or fatigue
- Administrative and enforcement requirements
- Application to owner and occupier rolls

Participation rates

A comparison of available participation data is included as Table 3 in Appendix 1.

Costs

The WAEC uses expected participation rates to inform quotations for the conduct of elections. It is likely that an increased participation rate would increase election costs through higher reply-paid charges and increased staffing for the count. However, in-person elections become more cost effective than postal elections at higher participation rates.

WALGA cannot definitively determine an overall cost impact to Local Government without the requisite cost-modelling from the WAEC. WALGA has requested that the WAEC provide this modelling to LGIRS. The cost impact of compulsory voting may also be different for each Local Government depending on their current participation rates and methods for holding elections, and whether these would change significantly.

Tasmania implemented compulsory voting in Local Government elections in 2022. Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT) advised that this resulted in reasonably significant cost increases. The Tasmanian Electoral Commission reported a \$9.32 per elector cost for the first compulsory Local Government elections in 2022, a 35% increase from \$6.92 in 2018. An analysis of the factors contributing to this increase is not available and it may be challenging to draw direct comparisons between Tasmania and WA.

It is likely that the cost impact of compulsory voting would be moderated if elections also transition to a 4 yearly cycle.

Questions

5. Does your Local Government support compulsory voting or voluntary voting in Local Government elections?
6. If the frequency of Local Government elections were changed to every 4 years, would your Local Government support compulsory or voluntary voting?
7. What are the key considerations informing this view?
8. Any other comments?

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Appendix 1- WALGA Elections Advocacy Positions

2.5.15 Participation in Local Government Elections

Position Statement	<p>The Local Government sector supports voluntary participation in Local Government elections.</p> <p><i>Noting that State Council at its 6 December 2024 State Council meeting resolved that the WALGA Secretariat further investigate implications of compulsory and voluntary participation in Local Government elections and report back to State Council.</i></p>
Background	<p>Voluntary participation in Local Government elections is a long-established position of the Local Government sector, and was confirmed as a result of sector feedback received during the Local Government reform process.</p>
State Council Resolution	<p>December 2024 - 090.5/2024</p> <p>February 2022 – 312.1/2022</p> <p>December 2020 – 142.6/2020</p> <p>March 2019 – 06.3/2019</p> <p>December 2017 – 121.6/2017</p> <p>October 2008 – 427.5/2008</p>
Supporting Documents	<p>Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act</p> <p>WALGA submission: Local Government Reform Proposal (February 2022)</p>

2.5.16 Elections

Position Statement	<p>The Local Government sector supports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors serve four-year terms with elections every two years and half of the Council positions spilled at each election. 2. First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for Local Government elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections. 3. First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for internal Council elections.
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4. Councils holding elections by means of in-person, postal and/or electronic voting.
5. Current legislative provisions of Mayor/President of Class 1 and Class 2 Local Governments being directly elected by the community and Class 3 and Class 4 Local Governments determining whether its Mayor or President is elected by the Council or by the community.

Background

The sector positions on Local Government elections have been long-established. This was confirmed as a result of sector feedback received during the Local Government reform process.

Following the 2023 Local Government Elections where legislative reforms to Local Government elections processes were first implemented, sector wide consultation was conducted on key elements of the elections advocacy positions to determine if they accurately reflected the sector's contemporary view.

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December 2024 - 091.5/2024

February 2022 – 312.1/2022

December 2020 – 142.6/2020

March 2019 – 06.3/2019

December 2017 – 121.6/2017

October 2008 – 427.5/2008

2.5.18 Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023

Position Statement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government:

1. For an independent Local Government election audit, focusing on the Western Australia Electoral Commission's (WAEC) service delivery and cost allocation methods and costing applications used, to confirm that marginal cost recovery principles are applied and that the costing program is being effectively managed.
2. For the requirement for the WAEC to develop and implement Service Level Agreements with Local Governments, similar to those agreements currently used in New South Wales and Victorian Local Government elections and that includes:
 - a. transparency of costing methodology,
 - b. direct engagement with Local Governments pre and post elections, and
 - c. the roles and responsibilities of the WAEC and Local Governments in the conduct of elections.

3. For a review of the legislative framework that would allow for more than one election services provider to conduct Local Government elections.
4. For a mandated WAEC Report to Parliament specific to Local Government elections post each election cycle, outlining costs, results, voter turnout and matters for improvement both in the conduct of elections and the legislation, if relevant.

Background

A comprehensive review and analysis of five election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government election against the backdrop of legislative reforms to the Local Government electoral process in Western Australia was carried out by WALGA.

With a focus on postal elections conducted exclusively by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC), the analysis has found evidence of the rising cost and reduced service level of conducting Local Government elections in Western Australia.

Elected Member feedback, costs vs service comparisons and engagement by the sector with WALGA's governance services over the 2023 Local Government election period, are the basis for the position outlined above.

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September 2024 - 065.4/2024

Appendix 2 - Election Statistics

The data in the following tables is derived from publicly available reports issued by the respective State Electoral Commissions for the elections they conducted. The different content and format of reporting in each jurisdiction can make direct comparisons challenging.

Table 1: Comparative overview

Jurisdiction	Compulsory/optional voting	Frequency	Postal/In Person
Western Australia	Optional	Half spill every 2 years	Postal or in person
South Australia	Optional	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal.
Northern Territory	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	Postal or in person.
Queensland	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal or in person.
New South Wales	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	In person.
Victoria	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal
Tasmania	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal

Table 2: Average percentage of returning Council Members (at individual Council level)

States with full spills only. Calculated using publicly reported ordinary election results including elections conducted by private providers.

State	Most recent election year Average % of Council Members who were Council Members the previous term	Previous election year Average % of Council Members who were Council Members the previous term
Queensland	2024 47%	2021 49%
New South Wales	2024 54%	2021 49%
Victoria	2024 46%	2020 47%
South Australia	2022 57%	2018 48%
Tasmania	2022 53%	2018 54%

Table 3: Percentage of all elected candidates who were returning Council Members (at State level)

States with full spills only. Official state level percentage reported by electoral commissions for elections they conducted.

State	Most recent election year % of returning Council Members	Previous election year % of returning Council Members
Queensland	2024 43.2%	2021 46.0%
New South Wales	2021 56.8%	2016/17 (amalgamations) 60.6%
Victoria	2024 43.0%	2020 51.9%
South Australia	2022 50.0%	2018 55.3%
Tasmania	2022 46.0%	2018 48.0%

Table 4: Election participation rates

State	Election Year	Election Year	Election Year
WA	2023 31.2%	2021 30.2%	2019 29.1%
NSW	2024 84.54%	2021 (2020 postponed) 83.56%	2016/2017 (amalgamations) 2017: 79.58% 2016: 79.27%
NT	2025 <i>Official report not yet available.</i>	2021 61.3%	2017 58.5%
QLD	2024 82.31%	2020 (COVID impacted) 77.71%	2016 83.04%
SA	2022 32.9%	2018 31.6%	2014 31.99%
TAS	2022 (First election with compulsory voting) 84.79%	2018 58.72%	2014 54.58%
VIC	2024 81.46%	2020 81.47%	2016 72.15%

Table 5: Election costs

Election costs invoiced to Local Governments.

State	Election Year	Election Year	Election Year
WA	2023 <i>postal elections only</i> \$5.17 per elector 1,763,392 electors (115 districts)	2021 <i>postal elections only</i> \$4.06 per elector 1,727,712 electors (92 districts)	2019 <i>postal elections only</i> \$3.70 per elector 1,619,431 electors (86 districts)
NSW	2024 \$55.67million 5,242,086 electors (125 councils)	2021 \$46million (<i>budgeted</i>) 4,838,137 electors (122 councils)	2016/2017 2017 \$19.17 million 2.73 million electors (45 councils) 2016 \$14.11 million 1.97million electors (76 councils)
NT	2025 NA	2021 \$1,864,193 142,546 electors	2017 \$1,593,775 133,927 electors
SA	2022 \$8.93million (ex GST) \$6.93 per elector (ex GST)	2018 \$6.57million (ex GST) \$5.41 per elector (ex GST)	2014 \$4.36million (ex GST) \$3.77 per elector (ex GST)
TAS	2022 <i>voting became compulsory</i> \$9.32 per elector 410,975 electors	2018 \$6.92 per elector 356,810 electors	2014 <i>first all-in all-out</i> \$5.59 per elector 375,355 electors

Note: Data in this table is taken from reports published by the relevant Electoral Commissions. Due to differences in the ways electoral costs are apportioned, a per elector cost is only provided if it was reported. Data for QLD and VIC is not clearly discernible in Election Reports, and therefore not presented in this table.