



SHIRE OF WOODANILLING

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT BOOKLET

FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 21 July 2026 at 5.00pm

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SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes
16 June 2026

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

The Shire President, Cr Thomson opened the meeting at 5.10pm. Cr Thomson advised that the meeting would be recorded in accordance with current requirements.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Recording of Meeting In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Members of Council and members of the gallery are advised that this meeting will be audio recorded. The recording will be made publicly available on the Shire of Woodanilling website within 14 days of the meeting taking place.

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".

Disclosure of Interest Made:

Councillor	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Cr Garstone	15.1	Impartiality	Committee member of Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone.
Chief Executive Officer – Anika Serer	15.1	Impartiality	Committee member of Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone.

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 K Stephens	
CR I Garstone	
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.	

Observers:

Mike Fitzgerald
Dale Douglas
Alex Douglas

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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

The Shire President advised that he had attended a meeting in Albany of regional Shire Presidents and the Mayor, with discussions focused on opportunities to improve efficiency in local government across the Great Southern.

8. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**8.1. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 19 MAY 2026**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 19 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 19 MAY 2026 (OCM 545/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Stephens

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 19 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

9. RECEIVAL OF OTHER MEETING MINUTES**9.1. STATE COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES HELD 7 MAY 2026**

That the Minutes of the State Council Summary held 7 May 2026 be received by Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 9.1. STATE COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES HELD 7 MAY 2026 (OCM 546/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Garstone

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That the Minutes of the State Council Summary held 7 May 2026 be received by Council.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE

Nil.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil.

12. REGULATORY SERVICES

Nil.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 31 MAY 2026

File Reference	ADM0066
Date of Report	09 June 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 May 2026

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the list of accounts paid, for the month ending 31 May 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 13.1.1.

Payments up to 31 May 2026

Payment Type	Account Type	Amount \$
Automatic Payment Deductions (Direct Debits & BPay.	Municipal	\$25,154.08
Cheque Payments	Municipal	\$0.00
EFT Payments #8181 to #8211	Municipal	\$299,801.51
Sub Total	Municipal	\$324,955.59
Payments	Trust	\$0.00
Payments	Reserve	\$0.00
Totals		\$324,955.59

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 “Minor- Moderate” 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 Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)

Shire of Woodanilling Risk Acceptance Criteria			
Risk Rank	Description	Criteria	Responsibility
Low	Acceptable	Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by routine procedures and subject to annual monitoring	Operational Manager
Moderate	Monitor	Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by specific procedures and subject to semi-annual monitoring	Operational Manager
High	Urgent Attention Required	Risk acceptable with effective controls, managed by executive management/CEO and subject to monthly monitoring	Executive Manager/CEO
Extreme	Unacceptable in most circumstances	Risk only acceptable with effective controls and all treatment plans to be explored and implemented where possible, managed by highest level of authority and subject to continuous documented monitoring	CEO/Council

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the list of accounts and details of the credit card amounts, totalling \$324,955.59 paid under delegated authority in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* for the period ended 31 May 2026, as contained within Attachment 13.1.1.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.1. LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – 31 MAY 2026 (OCM 547/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Garstone

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

That Council accepts the list of accounts and details of the credit card amounts, totalling \$324,955.59 paid under delegated authority in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 for the period ended 31 May 2026, as contained within Attachment 13.1.1.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

13.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2026

File Reference	ADM0066
Date of Report	8 June 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 13.2.1 – Monthly Financial Report 31 May 2026

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Monthly Financial Report for period ending 31 May 2026 is 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 May 2026 shows a closing surplus of \$719,524.

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 Report contained within Attachment 13.2.1.

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	Catastrophic
Likelihood		1	2	3	4	5
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)
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Shire of Woodanilling Risk Acceptance Criteria			
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Extreme	Unacceptable in most circumstances	Risk only acceptable with effective controls and all treatment plans to be explored and implemented where possible, managed by highest level of authority and subject to continuous documented monitoring	CEO/Council

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period of 31 May 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 13.2.1.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2026
(OCM 548/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Garstone

Seconded: Cr Marshall

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period of 31 May 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 13.2.1.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

13.3 COUNCIL POLICY 54 - PURCHASING POLICY - AMENDMENTS

File Reference	ADM0019
Date of Report	09 June 2026
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Judy Stewart, Executive Manager Corporate Services
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	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 13.3.1 - Policy 54 - Purchasing Policy - showing amendments

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider amendments to Council Policy 54 – Purchasing Policy (Policy) to formally recognise purchases that are exempt from Policy requirements and to provide instruction on how those exempt purchases will be dealt with to ensure due process and transparency.

BACKGROUND

Since the inception of Council's Purchasing Policy, amendments have been made to meet various legislative changes and to ensure continued relevance and value is achieved during the procurement process.

The recommended changes to Council's Purchasing Policy were discussed with councillors at the 19 May 2026 Concept Forum.

COMMENT

To rectify a lack of purchasing policy exemptions recognised within Council's Purchasing Policy, that occur within day to day operations as well as on more rare occasions, the Chief Executive Officer and author have perused various local government purchasing policies (as per Policy 88 *Policies – Process for adopting, amending or repealing*) to identify exempt purchases applicable to the Shire of Woodanilling.

The following recommended exemptions provide formal recognition of types of purchases where it is not always practicable, efficient or practical to follow standard Policy procedure:

- Fuel for internal combustion engines (including the use of a fuel or credit card)
- Reactive maintenance of plant and machinery
- Annual Subscriptions and Memberships
- Freight and Postage
- Telephone and Utilities
- Artwork
- Software support/licences/subscriptions/renewals/maintenance
- Eligible staff reimbursements
- Specialist Legal or Consultancy services
- Road making materials from a landowner
- Advertising of employment opportunities
- Pre-employment medicals and staff medical services
- Provision of temporary personnel

In addition to the above, clauses have been added to Purchasing Practices relating to various Purchase Value Thresholds within the Policy to ensure robust process is followed and transparency ensured when Policy compliance is not reasonably able to be achieved. A further clause has also been included allowing the use of similar quotation processes that, having occurred within a two-year timeframe or having involved a local supplier, are still considered financially or operationally beneficial and negate the need to seek new quotations.

Further detail pertaining to the above can be found within Attachment 13.3.1.

Other exclusions exist within r. 11 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, some of which are noted within the Policy.

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995:

2.7. Role of council

- (1) The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) The council's governing role includes the following —*
 - (b) determining the local government's policies;*

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996:

11A. Purchasing policies for local governments

- (1) A local government is to prepare or adopt, and is to implement, a purchasing policy in relation to contracts for other persons to supply goods or services where the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, \$250 000 or less or worth \$250,000 or less.*
- (2) A purchasing policy is to make provision for and in respect of the policy to be followed by the local government for, and in respect of, entering into contracts referred to in subregulation (1).*
- (3) A purchasing policy must make provision in respect of —*
 - (a) the form of quotations acceptable; and*
 - (ba) the minimum number of oral quotations and written quotations that must be obtained; and*
 - (b) the recording and retention of written information, or documents, in respect of*
 - (i) all quotations received; and*
 - (ii) all purchases made.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 54 – Purchasing Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

PILLAR 3 Civic Leadership

Key Area of Focus

Good Governance: Upholding ethical standards, clear policies, and sound financial management.

Goal 8: Accountable and compliant governance

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

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Concept Forum – 19 May 2026

Chief Executive Officer

RISK MANAGEMENT

Should Council not proceed with the Officer's Recommendation, a lack of formal recognition of purchasing policy exemptions occurs in addition to a lack of formalised process that provides a level of transparency when normal purchasing functions are not applicable or able to be met; the risk is assessed as "Low".

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts revised Council Policy 54 – *Purchasing Policy*, as presented.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.3 COUNCIL POLICY 54 - PURCHASING POLICY - AMENDMENTS (OCM 549/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Garstone

That Council adopts revised Council Policy 54 – *Purchasing Policy*, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**Moved: Cr Garstone****Seconded: Cr Marshall**

That the meeting be closed to the public at 5.18pm to consider the confidential item.

CARRIED 6 /0**For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Trimming, Cr Garstone****Against: Nil**

Dale Douglas and Alex Douglas left the meeting at 5.18pm.

13.4 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PRESIDING MEMBER AND INDEPENDENT DEPUTY OF PRESIDING MEMBER - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC)

File Reference	ADM390
Date of Report	09 June 2026
Responsible Officer	Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Judy Stewart, Executive Manager Corporate Services
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	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 13.4.1 – Excerpt s. 5.11 – s. 5.14 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> Attachment 13.4.2 – ARIC Terms of Reference – updated to include length of term for Independent Presiding Member roles – showing amendment Attachment 13.4.3 - UNDER SEPARATE COVER – 2 (two) Expressions of Interest - Independent Presiding Member/Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of ARIC

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purposes of this report are for Council to consider:

- 1) Expressions of Interest for the positions of Independent Presiding Member and Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (Committee), in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995 (Act)* as amended by the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024*; and
- 2) length of term for ARIC Independent Presiding Member roles.

BACKGROUND

The above amendment legislation, whilst in force since 6 December 2024, has transitional provisions allowing local governments until 30 June 2026 to transition to *Audit, Risk and Improvement* Committees inclusive of an Independent Presiding Member (required) and an Independent Deputy of Presiding Member (if desired).

An Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee must comprise of three (3) or more persons appointed by absolute majority by a local government. A majority of the Committee members must be Council members and may not include the Chief Executive Officer or a local government employee. Local governments may share an Independent Presiding Member or Independent Deputy of Presiding Member with another local government/s.

At its 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved to update the Terms of Reference for its Audit Committee to comply with the new legislative requirements noted above. Council also approved a meeting attendance fee of \$220 per meeting, payable to the Independent Presiding Member or

Independent Deputy of Presiding Member, and an Expression of Interest to seek submissions for the above-mentioned positions.

A call for Expressions of Interest to fill the Independent Presiding Member and Independent Deputy of Presiding Member roles was advertised locally through the Wongi newsletter, Shire website and social media posts, bulk local email and a poster at the Woodanilling General Store.

COMMENT

The introduction of Independent Presiding and Deputy of Presiding Members for ARIC provides for increased community confidence by way of transparency and may, dependent upon appointments, increase risk and/or financial management expertise within the Committee.

The appointment of an Independent Deputy of Presiding Member, whilst not required by legislation, aims to assist in ensuring that, should a meeting be required when the Independent Presiding Member is unavailable, it would not be necessary to appoint a proxy Independent Presiding Member at short notice (providing that the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member is able to attend in the Independent Presiding Member's absence). It is recommended, therefore, that the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member be appointed to act on a standby basis for those occasions when the appointed Independent Presiding Member is unable to attend a meeting (as also noted in Item 4.3 of Council's 21 April 2026 Ordinary Meeting).

Expressions of Interest were received from two independent persons, both with prior local government councillor, finance and Audit Committee experience (please see Attachment 13.4.3). Due to containing personal information, both Expressions of Interest are provided to Council on a confidential basis. Should Council wish to discuss matters relating to the confidential information contained within the attachments, Council will be required to resolve to close the meeting to members of the public in accordance with s. 5.23 (2) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (as follows):

5.23. Meetings generally open to public

- 2) *If a meeting is being held by a council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1)(b), the council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following —*
- (b) *the personal affairs of any person; and*

It is recommended that the term of appointment for the inaugural ARIC Independent Presiding Member roles be until the next ordinary local government election scheduled for October 2027 and that future appointments align with local government election cycles, as optioned in s. 5.11 (2) of the *Act*, providing for stability and consistency in governance and periodic review by the Council in office at the time. An update to the ARIC Terms of Reference to reflect the recommended length of term for the presiding member roles is shown at Attachment 13.4.2.

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995 – s. 5.11 – 5.14 – *Committees and presiding members and deputies/Part 7 s. 7.1A. Audit Committee*

Local Government Amendment Act 2024 – s. 39 – s. 5.12 replaced/s. 87 – *various amendments to s. 7 of the Act regarding audit, risk and improvement committees*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is nil difference in financial implications associated with the choosing of either candidate with regard to meeting attendance fees (set at \$220 for each Committee meeting attended by whomever is the

Independent Presiding Member at a given Committee meeting). However, a difference exists between the travel reimbursement for each candidate due to their residential addresses being different. As per the 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting item relating to this matter, an Independent Presiding or Deputy of Presiding Member can be reimbursed for actual travel and associated costs incurred, as demonstrated to the satisfaction of the local government.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

PILLAR 3

Civic Leadership

GOAL

8: Accountable and compliant governance

STRATEGIES

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

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Chief Executive Officer

RISK MANAGEMENT

Failure to comply with the amended *Local Government Act 1995* would result in non-compliance risk potentially impacting reputational damage and incurring legal consequences; risk is considered 'Low'.

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
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Shire of Woodanilling Risk Acceptance Criteria			
Risk Rank	Description	Criteria	Responsibility
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1) appointsto be the Independent Presiding Member of its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) until the 2027 local government election;
- 2) appoints.....to be the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of its ARIC until the 2027 local government election attending ARIC meetings when the Independent Presiding Member is unable to attend;
- 3) includes the length of term for the roles of Independent Presiding Member and Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of its ARIC to be aligned with local government election cycles following the 2027 local government election; and
- 4) that the Terms of Reference for the ARIC be updated with the above role terms, as presented.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 13.4 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PRESIDING MEMBER AND INDEPENDENT DEPUTY OF PRESIDING MEMBER - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) (OCM 550/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Garstone

That Council:

- 1) appoints Greg Ball to be the Independent Presiding Member of its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) until the 2027 local government election;
- 2) appoints Dale Douglas to be the Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of its ARIC until the 2027 local government election attending ARIC meetings when the Independent Presiding Member is unable to attend;
- 3) includes the length of term for the roles of Independent Presiding Member and Independent Deputy of Presiding Member of its ARIC to be aligned with local government election cycles following the 2027 local government election; and
- 4) that the Terms of Reference for the ARIC be updated with the above role terms, as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

REOPENING OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Garstone

That the meeting be reopened to the public at 5.21pm.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

Dale Douglas and Alex Douglas returned to the meeting at 5.21pm.

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

15. OFFICE OF CEO

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Anika Serer declared an interest affecting impartiality in Item 15.1 on the basis that she is a committee member of the Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone.

Cr I Garstone declared an interest affecting impartiality in Item 15.1 on the basis that he is a committee member of the Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone.

15.1. WAGIN WOODANILLING LANDCARE ZONE – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS AND VEHICLE

File Reference	ADM0105
Date of Report	8 June 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	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 15.1.1 - Request from WWLZ Attachment 15.1.2 - Extract Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes November 2023 Attachment 15.1.3 - Isuzu D-Max Valuation

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to note the change to future arrangements with Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone (WWLZ) and seek Council's approval to transfer the vehicle used by it to the organisation's ownership, noting that the purchase of the vehicle was reimbursed by WWLZ in 2024.

BACKGROUND

WWLZ has operated under a 3-way Memorandum of Understanding with the Shire of Wagin and Shire of Woodanilling since 2007. Under this agreement the Shires had respective responsibilities and financial contributions, including Wagin acting as the employing authority of WWLZ staff and financial management; and Woodanilling arranging the purchase/trade/operating cost of a vehicle on a cost-recovery basis.

Following the resignation of the Natural Reserves Coordinator in January 2025, the WWLZ went into a maintenance phase as basic functions were administered by the executive members of the committee. Planning with the WWLZ noted that the organisation's viability depended on the outcome of a large State NRM grant application.

In November 2025, the WWLZ was advised that it would receive a grant of \$449,992 to deliver a revegetation programme over three years. The grant will fund fencing and revegetation of approximately 28 sites in Wagin and Woodanilling over three years.

The organisation has also received a grant in 2026 of \$36,911 to deliver natural resource education programmes in Woodanilling.

The large grant in particular has provided a much-needed injection of funding to the organisation and enabled the employment of an Environmental Project Officer (employed direct by WWLZ) and capacity for a part time Finance and Administration Officer.

WWLZ has identified that this funding injection provides an opportunity to transition away from reliance on Shire support. The President and Secretary of the WWLZ support this proposal as it

returns ownership and management of WWLZ back to the community. In November 2025 the Shire of Wagin resolved to transition away from the current arrangement back to a community organisation, including removal from the MOU, compulsory membership on the board and fixed annual funding contributions.

In light of this, the Committee has reviewed the MOU and Constitution to streamline future arrangements and recognise reduced reliance on the Shires, with the proposal as follows:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between WWLZ, Shire of Wagin and Shire of Woodanilling to cease from 1 July 2026; and
2. The Constitution to be reviewed and reduce compulsory representation from the Shires and encourage community participation and representation.

The WWLZ vehicle was purchased by the Shire of Woodanilling in 2024, funded by the trade of WWLZ's previous vehicle and a cash difference paid by WWLZ (ie this vehicle was completely financed by WWLZ). The details of the purchase of the Isuzu D-Max, registration WO 022, are outlined in the attached extract of Council Minutes from November 2023. The vehicle is registered to the Shire, and insurance, fuel, servicing and operational costs are arranged by the Shire and then reimbursed by WWLZ. With the cessation of the MOU and to streamline arrangements, it is proposed to transfer the vehicle (and all responsibilities) to WWLZ.

In accordance with S3.58 Local Government Act (Disposal of Property), despite the vehicle being paid for by WWLZ, the transfer is considered disposal of property and subject to requirements including a valuation of the property, giving local public notice of the proposed disposition and inviting submissions to be made. Council will need to consider any submissions prior to the decision to dispose of the vehicle to WWLZ.

The vehicle is valued at \$39,212 as at June 2026 (see attached Valuation Certificate).

As part of the MOU, the Shire of Woodanilling has also contributed \$15,000 each year to WWLZ for operating costs. It is proposed that, in lieu of the formal agreement, WWLZ make a written request to the Shire each year prior to the annual budget considerations, outlining their funding request and purposes. A request of \$15,000 has been received for the 26/27 budget year.

The WWLZ Environmental Project Officer works from the Woodanilling office one day a week per average, and arrangements such as this are not expected to change.

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995 – Sect. 3.58 Disposing of Property:

(3) A local government can dispose of property other than under subsection (2) if, before agreeing to dispose of the property —

(a) it gives local public notice of the proposed disposition —

(i) describing the property concerned; and

(ii) giving details of the proposed disposition; and

(iii) inviting submissions to be made to the local government before a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not less than 2 weeks after the notice is first given;

and

(b) it considers any submissions made to it before the date specified in the notice and, if its decision is made by the council or a committee, the decision and the reasons for it are recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.

(4) The details of a proposed disposition that are required by subsection (3)(a)(ii) include —

- (a) the names of all other parties concerned; and
- (b) the consideration to be received by the local government for the disposition; and
- (c) the market value of the disposition —
 - (i) as ascertained by a valuation carried out not more than 6 months before the proposed disposition; or
 - (ii) as declared by a resolution of the local government on the basis of a valuation carried out more than 6 months before the proposed disposition that the local government believes to be a true indication of the value at the time of the proposed disposition.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Disposal of property requires a valuation, which is expected to be around \$40. This is incidental and will be included in the 26/27 budget. All other costs including transfer of registration will be payable by WWLZ.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Woodanilling Way Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035, Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-2027/28

Strategic Pillar 2: Environment

- Support Natural Resource Management Programs in the Shire

Strategic Pillar 4: Economic

- 12.1 Participate in Tourism initiatives with Great Southern Treasures and 4WDL

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

- Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone Committee

RISK MANAGEMENT

There is a low risk to the Shire if it declines to transfer the ownership of the vehicle to WWLZ as existing arrangements will continue.

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes that the Memorandum of Understanding between Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone, Shire of Wagin and Shire of Woodanilling will cease on 30 June 2026;
2. Notes the request from WWLZ for a \$15,000 financial contribution in 2026/27 and includes this in its draft budget deliberations;
3. Authorises the CEO to give local public notice of the intent to dispose of the Isuzu D-Max 24MY SX 4x2 crew cab vehicle, registration WO 022 to Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone for the sum of \$0; and
4. If no submissions are received in response to the local public notice, authorises the CEO to proceed with the disposal of the vehicle as outlined above.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 15.1. WAGIN WOODANILLING LANDCARE ZONE – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS AND VEHICLE (OCM 551/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Stephens

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

That Council:

1. Notes that the Memorandum of Understanding between Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone, Shire of Wagin and Shire of Woodanilling will cease on 30 June 2026;
2. Notes the request from WWLZ for a \$15,000 financial contribution in 2026/27 and includes this in its draft budget deliberations;
3. Authorises the CEO to give local public notice of the intent to dispose of the Isuzu D-Max 24MY SX 4x2 crew cab vehicle, registration WO 022 to Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone for the sum of \$0; and
If no submissions are received in response to the local public notice, authorises the CEO to proceed with the disposal of the vehicle as outlined above.

CARRIED 6/0

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

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

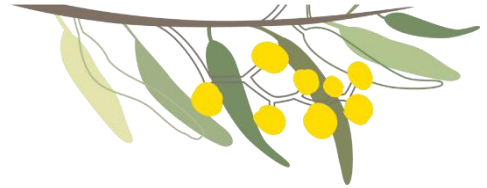
Nil.

19. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5.26pm



SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



SPECIAL MEETING
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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the meeting open at 1.43pm.

1.1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the *Local Government Act 1995 (Act)* 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 to 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 *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, e.g.: 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)

Present:

Cr HR Thomson	Shire President
Cr S Vermeulen	Deputy Shire President
Cr I Garstone	
Cr R Marshall	
Cr K Stephens	
Cr M Trimming	

Officers:

Mike FitzGerald	A/Chief Executive Officer
Judy Stewart	Executive Manager
	Corporate Services

Apologies: Nil

Observers: Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

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

Nil

8. CONFIDENTIAL OFFICER REPORTS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a Financial Interest and left the meeting at 1.45pm.

8.1 RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

File Reference	ADM0118
Date of Report	23 June 2026
Responsible Officer	Mike FitzGerald, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author/s of Report	Judy Stewart, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of any Interest	The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a Financial Interest in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Voting Requirement	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 8.1.1 – UNDER SEPARATE COVER - FitzGerald Strategies – Confidential CEO Selection Panel Report to Council regarding Recruitment and Selection of a new CEO for the Shire of Woodanilling Attachment 8.1.2 – UNDER SEPARATE COVER – Confidential Officer Recommendation Attachment 8.1.3 – UNDER SEPARATE COVER – Contract of Employment – Chief Executive Officer

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Section under the Act	This matter is to be considered behind closed doors pursuant to s.5.23(2)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> as the subject matter relates to:
Sub-clause and Reason:	“a matter affecting an employee or employees...”

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be closed to the public to consider a confidential matter relating to the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1 – BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (SCM 552/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Garstone

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be closed to the public at 1.47pm to consider a confidential matter relating to the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Against: Nil

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report is for Council to consider the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Shire of Woodanilling as recommended by recruitment agency, FitzGerald Strategies, and following the recruitment and selection process undertaken by Council's CEO Selection Panel.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations stipulate a required process to recruit a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) following the position becoming vacant.

Ms Anika Serer resigned on 30 March 2026 as Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Woodanilling, terminating her employment as of 26 June 2026.

Council, at a Special Meeting held 08 April 2026, appointed recruitment agency *FitzGerald Strategies* to undertake the recruitment process for the position of CEO for the Shire of Woodanilling and established a

CEO Selection Panel (Panel) comprising of all Councillors and Mr Mal Baxter (as the independent member) to undertake the recruitment and selection process for the new CEO.

Council, at a Special Meeting held 14 April 2026, authorised *FitzGerald Strategies* to commence advertising the position of CEO of the Shire of Woodanilling. Applications closed as of close of business Friday, 29 May 2026.

At its 19 May 2026 Ordinary Meeting, Council appointed Mr Mike FitzGerald as Acting CEO to cover the outgoing CEO's personal leave from 16 June 2026 to close of business 26 June 2026 and as Temporary CEO commencing close of business 26 June 2026 until the commencement of an incoming permanent CEO.

COMMENT

Following the close of advertising, applications for the CEO position were assessed by the Panel and four applicants shortlisted for interview.

A first round of interviews was conducted on Monday, 22 June 2026 followed by a second round of interviews for three of the four applicants on Tuesday, 23 June 2026.

Panel members scored each applicant and recommended the preferred applicant as per the *FitzGerald Strategies* report attached at 8.1.1.

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The process of CEO Recruitment is conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021 (CEO Standards).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Woodanilling – Adopted Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Confidential - as per Attachment 8.1.3.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Woodanilling Way Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035, Corporate Business Plan 2024/25 – 2027/28:

Pillar 3: Civic Leadership

Goal 7: Deliver a high standard of service for our community

Goal 8: Accountable and compliant governance

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

Goal 9: Enhance strong civic leadership

9.2 Council is supported with a resource to ensure a high level of compliance and to build capacity

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

FitzGerald Strategies

Councillors and Independent Selection Panel Member, Mr Mal Baxter

RISK MANAGEMENT

If the CEO recruitment fails to exercise due diligence in the recruitment process leading to the appointment of an unsuitable candidate, fails to establish effective Key Performance Indicators or appoint a Selection Panel and undertake the recruitment process to appoint a CEO, this would lead to uncertainty, inconsistency and lack of leadership. It is assessed that the risk is "High" as reflected below.

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the appointment of a new permanent Chief Executive Officer to the Shire of Woodanilling, as per Attachment 8.1.2:

That Council:

1. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, is satisfied that the Panel's deliberations and recommendation complies with the Shire of Woodanilling's Adopted Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination
2. By SIMPLE MAJORITY, receive the report from the meeting of the Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and Selection Panel held on January 23, 2024,
3. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY selects Signe Balodisas the Council's preferred applicant for the role of CEO and resolves to make an offer of employment, subject to a satisfactory referee check report, to Signe Balodis, for the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Shire of Woodanilling, and declares that the Council believes that Signe Balodis a suitably qualified person to be appointed to the position of CEO,
4. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, approves the proposed terms of the CEO employment contract for a period between 3 and 5 years (negotiable), to commence on Monday, 31 August 2026 or such earlier date that might be agreed to with the Council,

5. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, authorises the Shire President and Deputy Shire President, in conjunction with Mr Mike FitzGerald, to negotiate the CEO employment contract with Signe Balodis and settle on terms within the defined parameters that were advertised and set out in the information package supplied to applicants, noting that if the Preferred Applicant negotiates terms substantially different to the proposed terms (noting recommendation 7 below), the amended CEO employment contract will be provided to Council for approval before the contract is executed.
6. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, authorises the Shire President to execute the CEO employment contract, subject to Signe Balodis agreeing to enter the proposed terms of the contract other than minor amendments as per recommendation 7,
7. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, authorises the President, the Deputy President, and Mr Mike FitzGerald to make any minor changes to the CEO employment contract that may be required to finalise this matter, subject to those changes not being material to the contract and noting that any changes must ensure compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995; and
8. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, notes that, subject to the Preferred Applicant accepting the proposed terms of the CEO employment contract, Signe Balodis is appointed to the position of CEO at the Shire of Woodanilling.
9. By Absolute Majority, confirms that the employment was undertaken in accordance with the Shire's CEO Standards – LG (Admin) Regs 19FB (3), and that,
10. The CEO provide the Department of Local Government's CEO with a copy of these resolutions in accordance with LG (Admin) Reg 19FB (4).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1 RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (SCM 553/06/2026)**Moved: Cr Marshall****Seconded: Cr Trimming**

That Council endorses the appointment of a new permanent Chief Executive Officer to the Shire of Woodanilling, as per Attachment 8.1.2:

That Council -

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- 8. By ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, notes that, subject to the Preferred Applicant accepting the proposed terms of the CEO employment contract, Signe Balodis is appointed to the position of CEO at the Shire of Woodanilling.**
- 9. By Absolute Majority, confirms that the employment was undertaken in accordance with the Shire's CEO Standards – LG (Admin) Regs 19FB (3), and that,**
- 10. The CEO provide the Department of Local Government's CEO with a copy of these resolutions in accordance with LG (Admin) Reg 19FB (4).**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

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

Against: Nil

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be re-opened to the public.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1– OUT FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (SCM 554/06/2026)**Moved: Cr Trimming****Seconded: Cr Vermeulen**

That, in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be re-opened to the public at 1.52pm.

CARRIED 6/0**For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Trimming, Cr Garstone****Against: Nil**

The Acting Chief Executive Officer re-entered the meeting at 1.52pm.

The President announced that the Officer's Recommendation was carried.

9. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE BY PERMISSION OF THE COUNCIL

Nil

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1.53pm.

Great Southern Country Zone Minutes

Friday, 19 June 2026

Hosted by the Shire of Cranbrook
Cranbrook Sporting Club
67 King St, Cranbrook

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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

Zone Chair, Cr Scott Crosby opened the meeting at 9:02am.

Shire of Cranbrook President, Cr Perin Mulcahy welcomed Delegates and guests to the Shire.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	2 Voting Delegates from each Member Local Government
City of Albany	Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Terry CEO Andrew Sharpe (non-voting)
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup	President Cr Doug Barritt CEO Karen Callaghan (non-voting)
Shire of Cranbrook	President Cr Perin Mulcahy Cr Daisy Egerton-Warburton CEO Linda Gray (non-voting)
Shire of Denmark	President Cr Aaron Wiggins Cr Janine Phillips CEO David King (non-voting)
Shire of Gnowangerup	Deputy President Cr Rebecca O'Meehan Cr Mick Creagh (observer) CEO David Nicholson (non-voting)
Shire of Jerramungup	Cr Paul Barrett CEO Martin Cuthbert (non-voting)
Shire of Katanning	President Cr Kristy D'Aprile Cr Ian Hannah CEO Peter Klein (non-voting)
Shire of Kent	President Cr Kate Johnston Cr Scott Crosby (Chair) CEO Christie Smith (non-voting)
Shire of Kojonup	President Cr Roger Bilney Cr Michael Mathwin CEO Grant Thompson (non-voting)
Shire of Plantagenet	President Cr Len Handasyde Cr Joshua Leibeck CEO Julian Murphy (non-voting)
Shire of Ravensthorpe	President Cr Rachel Gibson CEO Nicole O'Neill (non-voting)

Shire of Woodanilling	President Cr Russel Thomson Cr Sally Vermeulen
GUESTS	
Guest Speaker Department of Fire and Emergency Services	Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM, Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner
Members of Parliament	Hon Reece Whitby MLA; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern
WALGA	Mayor Mark Irwin, WALGA President Mr Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer Ms Lyn Fogg, Governance Specialist Ms Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance Ms Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

1.3 APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

City of Albany	Cr Craig McKinley
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup	Cr Sara Robinson
Shire of Gnowangerup	President Cr Kate O'Keeffe
Shire of Jerramungup	President Cr Nathan Brown
Shire of Ravensthorpe	Cr Bill Auburn
Shire of Woodanilling	CEO Anika Serer

GUESTS

Agencies

Great Southern Development Commission	Ms Natasha Monks, Chief Executive Officer
Regional Development Australia – Great Southern WA Inc	Mr Simon Lyas, Director, Regional Development

Members of Parliament

Mr Scott Leary MLA, Member for Albany
Mr Peter Rundle, MLA, Member for Roe
Mr Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor
Hon Sandra Carr MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Mr Bevan Eatts, MLA Member for Warren-Blackwood

WALGA

Ms Michelle Blackhurst, Regional Road Safety Adviser

3 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.

4 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.

5 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

5.1 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.

Hon Reece Whitby MLA; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern provided a presentation to the Zone on current initiatives and policies in the region including in relation to road safety, fuel security and Seven Cities.

Item 8.5 was brought forward on the Agenda.

8.5 WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Attachment No. 5 [WALGA President's Report](#)

WALGA President Mayor Mark Irwin presented the President's Report.

Noted

Item 5.2 was presented later in the meeting, after item 7.2.2.

5.2 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM, addressed Zone Members' concerns with the proposed Consolidated Emergency Services Act and management responsibility of Bush Fire Brigades.

6 AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 GREAT SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (GSDC)

Ms Natasha Monks, Chief Executive Officer was an apology.

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

Mr Simon Lyas, Director, Regional Development was an apology.

6.3 GREAT SOUTHERN REGIONAL ROADS GROUP

Cr Len Handasyde, Shire of Plantagenet provided a verbal report to the Zone.

Noted

6.4 LGIRS LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION REPORT

Attachment No 1 [LGIRS Local Government Division Report - June 2026](#)

The June 2026 report from the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) Local Government Division is enclosed as an attachment.

Noted

6.5 WALGA ROADWISE

Ms Michelle Blackhurst, RoadWise Road Safety Advisor was an apology.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2026

The Minutes of the Great Southern Country Zone meeting held on 24 April 2026 have previously been circulated to Delegates.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Len Handasyde
Seconded: President Cr Kate Johnston

That the Minutes of the Great Southern Country Zone meeting held on 24 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

7.2 ZONE RESOLUTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS STATUS REPORTS

7.2.1 Zone Status Report

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

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

7.2.2 Zone Action Items Report

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

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

RESOLUTION (Items 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 combined)

Moved: President Cr Kate Johnston

Seconded: Cr Rebecca O'Meehan

That the Great Southern Country Zone NOTES the:

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

CARRIED

8 ZONE BUSINESS

8.1 ZONE REPORTS

8.1.1 Zone Financial Report for 11 months ending 31 May 2026

By Ms Nilpa Shah-Smith, WALGA Finance Manager

NOTE: All amounts are excluding GST unless otherwise specified

Financial statements for the Zone have been prepared on an accrual basis and include an income statement and a balance sheet.

Table 1: Statement of Income and Expenditure – period ended 31 May 2026

Great Southern Country Zone Statement of Income and Expenditure 01 July 2025 to 31 May 2026			
	Note	Actual \$	Budget \$
Income			
Subscriptions	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Other			

Total Income		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Expenses			
Bank Fees		\$ 110.00	\$ 150.00
Meeting Costs (Catering)	2	\$ 3,674.40	\$ 4,000.00
Total Expenses		\$ 3,784.40	\$ 4,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ 2,215.60	\$ 1,850.00

Notes

1. Subscription fee of \$500 per Zone Member excluding GST, invoices were sent to Members in September and all received and transferred to GSCZ Bank Account
2. August 2025 Zone meeting catering (\$1,331.81) , November 2025 Zone meeting catering (\$572.73), February 2026 Zone meeting catering (\$811.82), April 2026 Zone meeting catering (\$1,040.00)

Table 2: Balance Sheet presenting the Zone's financial position as at 31 May 2026

Great Southern Country Zone Balance Sheet as at 31 May 26		
	Note	Amount
Assets		
Bank		\$9,599.60
Debtors		
Total Assets		\$9,599.60
Liabilities		
Creditors		\$ -
GST Payable\ (Receivable)		-\$327.00
Total Liabilities		-\$327.00
Net Assets		\$9,926.60
Equity		
Members Funds B/F		\$7,710.00
Current year earnings		\$2,215.60
Total Equity		\$ 9,925.60

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Len Handasyde
 Seconded: President Cr Doug Barritt

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

CARRIED

8.1.2 Zone Budget 2026/2027

By Kathy Robertson, Zone Executive Officer

The Zone's expected closing balance as at 30 June 2026 is \$8,915.60.

The Zone's actual expenses in 2025/2026 were limited to catering (\$4,674.40) and bank fees (\$120).

Proposed Budget Allocations:

Meeting Costs (Catering): The Zone expended approximately \$935 on catering for each meeting in 2025/2026. It is proposed to budget \$1,000 for catering each meeting in 2026/2027.

Zone Subscription Fees: It is recommended to leave the 2026/2027 subscription fee the same as last financial year: \$500 per Member Local Government. However, it is open to the Zone to adopt another subscription fee.

Consultant Fees: The Zone is considering engaging a consultant to assist with work on the cost-shifting issue (see [Agenda item 7.2.2](#) below). If the Zone decides to progress with this work, the cost will be separately invoiced to each Local Government Member.

The following 2026/2027 budget is proposed:

	Budget 2025-2026 \$	Forecast* 2025-2026 \$	Budget 2026-2027 \$
Income			
Subscriptions ¹	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Other			
Total Income	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Expenses			
Bank Fees	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Meeting Costs (Catering)	\$4,000.00	\$4,674.40	\$5,000.00 ²
Total Expenses	\$4,150.00	\$4,794.40	\$5,120.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,850.00	\$1,205.60	\$880.00
Estimated brought forward Balance 1 July	\$7,710.00	\$7,710.00	\$8,915.60
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,850.00	\$1,205.60	\$880.00
Estimated Balance 30 June	\$9,560.00	\$8,915.60	\$9,795.60

* Actuals up to 31 May and forecast for the month of June

¹ Assume annual subscriptions remain the same, \$500 per Member Local Government

² \$1,000 budgeted for each meeting

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Terry
Seconded: President Cr Kate Johnston

That the Great Southern Country Zone, endorses:

1. An Annual Subscription Fee of \$500 per Zone Member Local Government for 2026/2027; and
2. The 2026/2027 Zone Budget as shown.

CARRIED

8.1.3 Zone Chair's Report

Cr Scott Crosby, Zone Chair

Cr Crosby thanked outgoing Zone Executive Officer Lyn Fogg for her work for the Zone over the last 4 years.

8.2 ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

8.2.1 Zone Strategic Priorities

BACKGROUND

Zone Members participated in a workshop at the February 2026 Zone meeting to consider the Zone's strategic priorities. The workshop outcomes were presented to the Zone at the April meeting, including a ranking of priorities based on Member voting at the workshop.

Ranking	Priority	Votes
1.	Cost shifting and responsibility transfer without funding or policy frameworks	21
2.	Firefighting / Funding / OHS Obligations / BF Act outdated	14
3.	Transport and road network	13
4.	Residential and industrial development	11
5.	Funding for infrastructure growth/renewal	8
6.	Sustainable waste management	4
7.	Waste management – recycling/rehabilitation	3
8.	Local essential services / health	3
9.	Unsustainable funding model and growing grant dependency	3
10.	Mobile phone / communication blackspots	1
11.	Road maintenance safety / transport	1
12.	Renewables	1
13.	Sustainable tourism management	0
14.	Red tape, governance burden and the future of LG leadership	0

By agreement of the Zone, each of the top four strategic priorities will be presented for further consideration and action at future Zone meetings, as below.

April 2026 (last meeting)	PRIORITY 1: Cost shifting and responsibility transfer
June 2026 (this meeting)	PRIORITY 2: Firefighting / Funding / OHS Obligations / BF Act outdated
August 2026	PRIORITY 3: Transport and road network
November 2026	PRIORITY 4: Residential and industrial development

The Zone considered Priority 1 at the last meeting. An update on the actions coming out of that discussion is provided below in [Agenda item 7.2.2](#).

COMMENT

For consideration at this meeting is Priority 2: **Firefighting / Funding / OHS Obligations / BF Act outdated**.

Firefighting / Funding/ WHS Obligations / BF Act outdated		VOTES	14
Comments: Kent / Kojonup / Woodanilling		Workshop comments	
LGs 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 LG CEOs, many of whom are not trained emergency management professionals. This responsibility represents a significant and unpriced risk, particularly for small LGs (Band 4 LGs). These LGs are constrained by 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. 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.		• Bushfire risk mitigation funding • ESL – Greater transparency • Increase ESL (LGGS) to better meet cost incurred by LGs • Private vehicle fire gear – obligations for own staff – WHS Vs Shire rules • Long term funding for fire prevention • ESL funding to be administered by independent body (take fox out of hen house) • BFB volunteers not deemed workers (remove industrial manslaughter risk held exclusively with LG CEOs) • Incentivise licencing /stamp duty concession – purchase of heavy equipment used to fight fires (graders, rippers, speed tiller etc) • More concession farmer response vehicles.	
• Bushfire Act is outdated and needs an update to be relevant in contemporary environment. • Emergency Services consolidated Act – priority			
• Increased funding for fire and emergency management and resilience activities to reflect increasing cost • The risk to CEOs being the PCBU for volunteer bush fire brigades and its consequences under the current WHS Act.			

The following [WALGA Advocacy Positions](#) are relevant to this topic:

8.1 Emergency Management Principles

1. *The State Government bears fundamental responsibility for emergency management and has the role of providing strategic guidance, support and services for emergency management activities in Western Australia.*
2. *The State Government should provide financial and resourcing support as necessary to enable Local Governments to adequately deliver their extensive emergency management roles and responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Framework.*
3. *The Local Government Sector should be engaged as a partner in policy and legislative reviews that impact Local Government emergency management roles and responsibilities.*

8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management

Local Government should be empowered to discharge its emergency management responsibilities through sustainable grant funding models that support a shared responsibility and all hazards approach to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from natural disasters. A sustainable grant funding model for Local Government emergency management:

- 1. empowers Local Governments to undertake proactive approaches to preparedness, prevention, response and recovery;*
- 2. supports the resilience of local communities through capacity-building activities and programs;*
- 3. is responsive to the variations in Local Government resourcing and context;*
- 4. develops the skills, capacity and capability of the emergency management workforce; and*
- 5. is consistent, flexible, timely, accessible, scalable, strategic and the guidance provided is comprehensive.*

8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act

- 1. The Association advocates for the development of a Consolidated Emergency Services Act to provide a comprehensive and contemporary legislative framework to support the effective delivery of emergency services in Western Australia. The Legislation should clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all emergency management stakeholders including Local Government.*
- 2. The Local Government sector seeks ongoing engagement in the scoping and co-design of the Act and associated Regulations and supporting materials such as Guidelines and fact sheets.*
- 3. The Association advocates for DFES to undertake a full costing analysis of the new Act and to provide to Local Government details of the cost implications prior to the release of any Exposure Draft Bill.*
- 4. Any new or increased responsibilities placed on Local Government by the Consolidated Emergency Services Act must be accompanied by funding and resource support to enable Local Governments to adequately discharge those responsibilities.*
- 5. The Association recognises that in addition to the Consolidated Emergency Services Act, the Regulations and other supporting materials that are developed to support it provide a key resource for Local Governments in understanding and discharging their legislative obligations.*

8.7 Emergency Services Levy

- 1. Local Government request the implementation of the recommendations from the 2017 Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) Review of the Emergency Services Levy, which supported increased transparency and accountability in the administration and distribution of the ESL through:*
 - a) Expansion of the ESL to fund Local Government emergency management activities across prevention, preparedness and response;*
 - b) Administration of the ESL by an independent organisation that is funded through consolidated revenue, with regular independent reviews of expenditure and assessment of the effectiveness of ESL funding expenditure to support prevention, preparedness and response activities;*
 - c) The ESL administration fee should recompense Local Governments for the complete cost of administering the ESL;*
 - d) Public disclosure of the allocation and expenditure of the ESL;*

- e) *Public disclosure by the State Government on the progress of implementation of each of the ERA Review recommendations; and*
 - f) *A review of the role, responsibilities and reporting arrangements of the Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) Program.*
2. *Local Government advocates that the ESL should be collected by the State Government, but failing that, the administration fee should recompense Local Governments for the complete cost of administering the ESL.*

8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme

Local Government supports:

1. *A full, independent review of the LGGS to investigate and analyse how ESL funds are allocated to Local Government via the LGGS;*
2. *A redesign of the LGGS to remove the ineligible and eligible list and create a sustainable, modern, equitable grants program that funds Local Government emergency management activities across prevention, preparedness and response;*
3. *An audit of existing buildings, facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES) to inform the preparation of a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan and to guide future funding requests; and*
4. *in the interim, an immediate increase in the quantum of State Government funding to enable the provision of funding of operating and capital grant applications in full, to provide all resources necessary for the safe and efficient operation of Local Government Bushfire Brigades, in accordance with obligations of the Work Health and Safety 2020 legislation.*

8.10 Management of Bush Fire Brigades

1. *Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a critical role in helping to protect their local communities. Local knowledge and skills are integral to bushfire management in Western Australia.*
2. *Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:*
 - a) *Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires;*
 - b) *Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and*
 - c) *Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy.*
3. *The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism's must:*
 - a) *Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do;*
 - b) *Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) 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);*
 - c) *Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire*

Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and

- d) *Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.*
4. *As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.*

In addition, the following has been provided for Zone Delegates information:

- WALGA [2026-27 State Budget Submission](#) included advocacy to –
 - Boost funding for emergency services volunteers
 - Invest in Local Government Bushfire mitigation
 - Invest in reducing disaster risk
- WALGA's [State Election Priorities 2025](#) includes relevant advocacy for Emergency Services Funding and Consolidated Emergency Services Act.
- WALGA Submission to Worksafe Statutory Review of WHS Act 2020 (Attached with Agenda)
- Local Government Safety Obligations to Bushfire Volunteers (LGISWA) (Attached with Agenda)

The Zone may wish to discuss options for advancing advocacy on Firefighting / Funding / OHS Obligations / BF Act outdated.

The Zone AGREED to defer consideration of this item to the next Zone meeting

8.2.2 Zone Strategic Priority 1: Cost shifting and responsibility transfer without funding or policy frameworks

BACKGROUND

At the April 2026 meeting, the Zone discussed Strategic Priority 1: Cost shifting and responsibility transfer without funding or policy frameworks (as identified at the February 2026 strategic planning workshop).

At that meeting, the Zone agreed to:

1. *Write to all WALGA Zones advising of the GSCZ's position on cost shifting and responsibility for transfer without funding or policy frameworks and seeking their support for WALGA advocacy.*
2. *Request that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services provide a senior officer to speak on the status of the proposed Consolidated Emergency Services Act, including proposals for optional or alternative arrangements for management responsibility of Bush Fire Brigades.*
3. *Liaise with the Central Country Zone to request:*
 - a. *A copy of the consultant brief they used to engage a consultant to prepare a report on cost shifting to Local Government.*
 - b. *Details of the costs incurred by the Central Country Zone for this consultancy.*
4. *Request Zone CEOs to provide the Zone Secretariat with examples of cost shifting to Local Government, including \$value and resourcing impact details where possible.*

5. *Request the Zone Secretariat prepare an item for consideration at the June Zone meeting, detailing the options for the Zone to fund and facilitate a consultancy to prepare a report on cost shifting to Local Governments.*

COMMENT

An update on each of the agreed actions is provided below:

Action 1

A letter was sent to all WALGA Zones from Zone Chair, Cr Scott Crosby on 20 May. A copy of that letter is attached.

At the time of writing one response has been received from the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone (Action 1a - Letter Attached). Peel and South West Country Zones have the item on their June Agendas for discussion.

Action 2

DFES Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM is attending to speak to the Zone at this meeting. (see [Agenda item 4.2](#)).

Action 3

In early 2024, the Central Country Zone initiated a piece of work to gather data from Zone Members relating to examples of cost shifting where State and Commonwealth services are now being provided by Local Governments. This had been a major topic of discussion and concern for the Zone, as Members believed that cost shifts (such as providing housing, doctors, aged care, etc.) and increasing compliance requirements were placing undue pressure on Local Government resources in the region.

To capture this data, a survey was distributed to all 15 Central Country Zone Local Governments asking for:

- Examples of cost shifting, where State and Commonwealth services are now being provided by Local Governments and the cost of providing these services.
- Examples of current compliance requirements and the cost involved.

From the survey responses, the Zone was able to calculate the average impost of cost shifting across the 12 respondent Local Governments as a percentage of rate income. A similar calculation was done for rate income spent on areas considered compliance items.

Based on the above, the Zone engaged an independent consultant (Caroline Robinson and Darren Mollenoyux of 150Square) to more thoroughly review the survey responses, focusing on the top cost shifting and compliance costs identified by respondent Local Governments. The brief for the consultants was to analyse cost shifting, compliance costs, and under-recovery of statutory fees across Local Governments in the Zone. The goal of the work was to determine financial impacts and inform advocacy efforts for more sustainable Local Government funding.

The work of 150Square included data review, direct engagement with all Local Governments in the Zone, conducting an additional survey to collect more information, attending Zone and Executive Committee meetings, and ultimately providing the final report. In total, the costs incurred for this work was **\$7,500 incl. GST**.

The Zone Secretariat have reached out to Caroline at 150Square to discuss potentially engaging her for the Great Southern Country Zone's proposed work. Caroline confirmed she would be able to complete the work for the Zone, but suggested a different approach

to that used for the Central Country Zone. As Great Southern is comprised of a mixture of Bands 1, 3 and 4 Local Governments with a range of different experiences with cost-shifting (while Central Country is all Band 4 Local Governments, except one Band 3), a consolidated report for the region would be difficult. Instead, the report could present particular case studies from the Zone.

Action 4

The Zone Secretariat wrote to all CEOs asking them to provide examples of cost shifting to their Local Government, including a monetary value and resourcing impact details where possible. Responses were received from 9 Local Governments. A summary of the responses received is included below. A report detailing each response in full is included as an attachment – [Attachment 4](#).

The overall message emerging from the Zone Member examples is clear and consistent: **Local Governments in the Great Southern region are carrying responsibilities that properly belong to State or Commonwealth governments, and the financial burden is growing unsustainably.** The most common themes are:

Theme	Why it dominates
Emergency services & bushfire management	High cost, high risk, universal burden
Health services / GP support	Major rural service gap, expensive, growing
Roads & transport infrastructure	Large networks + freight loads + underfunding
Tourism & regional facilities	State-driven demand, local-funded impacts

Action 5

If the Zone were to engage a consultant to prepare a report on the imposts of cost shifting on Local Governments in the region, the cost of the work could be split between Zone Members equally or on the basis of size. Using the same overall process and scope of work as the Central Country Zone with 150Square, the Zone can expect a similar cost of \$7,500 incl. GST for the work.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Kate Johnston

Seconded: President Cr Roger Bilney

That the Great Southern Country Zone:

- 1. Provide in principle approval for the Zone Executive Officer to engage a consultant to prepare a report on the imposts of cost shifting on Local Governments in the region.**
- 2. Instruct the Zone Executive Officer to request a quote from 150Square to complete the work on cost shifting.**
- 3. Appoint the following Zone Members to a Working Group to provide input into the process going forward:**
 - Cr Aaron Wiggins**
 - Cr Kristy D'Aprile**
 - Cr Rebecca O'Meehan**
 - Cr Kate Johnston**
 - Cr Scott Crosby**

CARRIED

9 WALGA STATE COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Great Southern Country Zone State Council representative Cr Scott Crosby provided an update on State Council activities since the last Zone meeting.

Noted

9.2 STATE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

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.

9.2.1 Climate Change Advocacy Position

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A new climate change Advocacy Position is proposed to replace the position endorsed by State Council in 2018.
- WALGA released a Consultation Paper and draft Climate Change Advocacy Position in January 2026 for Council endorsed feedback by 1 May 2026.
- 39 Council endorsed submissions and two officer level comments were received:
 - 18 (44%) supported the draft Position.
 - 18 (44%) supported the draft Position with comments and/or proposed changes.
 - four (10%) did not support the draft Position and proposed an alternative.
 - one (2%) did not support the Advocacy Position.
- The draft Advocacy Position has been refined in response to the feedback received, noting that the majority of submissions either supported the draft position in its entirety or supported with comment and/or amendment:
 - "to meet the needs of their communities" has been added to Point 1 to better reflect Local Government context.
 - Point 2b has been revised to:
 - Include explicit reference to increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements and align with language in the *Local Government Act* (mitigation, rather than emissions reduction).
 - Be clear that Local Government must be provided with the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and legislative requirements.
- At its meeting on 25 May 2026, the Environment Policy Team considered this item and recommended that State Council replace the current Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with the new Advocacy Position.

ATTACHMENT

- [Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Report](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

- **Influence:** Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government and lead policy development for the Local Government sector.
- **Support:** Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the [Climate Change Policy Statement](#) and **current** Advocacy Position 4.1 Climate Change as follows:

Local Government acknowledges:

1. *The science is clear: Climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause.*
2. *Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth's ecosystems.*
3. *Urgent action is required to reduce emissions, and to adapt to the impacts from climate change that are now unavoidable.*
4. *A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations.*

Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.

Local Government is calling for:

1. *Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government.*
2. *Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs.*

be **replaced** with (changes following consultation underlined):

1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to addressing, climate change to meet the needs of their communities.*
2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:*
 - a. *provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.*
 - b. *ensure that Local Government has the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements to plan for, mitigate and adapt to climate impacts.*

BACKGROUND

In 2018, State Council endorsed a [Climate Change Policy Statement](#) and Advocacy Position, following extensive sector consultation. Since this 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.
- Increased legislative responsibilities, including the *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, which expanded Western Australian Local Governments' general function under Part 3 s3.1(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1995*:
 - a. To promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district;

- b. To plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change; and
- c. In making decisions, to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations
- 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.

Work commenced on the review of the current position in 2024. An updated draft position was considered at the March 2025 State Council meeting, with the position referred back to the Environment Policy Team for further development. In January 2026, WALGA released a Consultation Paper and draft Advocacy Position, with Council endorsed feedback requested by 1 May 2026.

COMMENT

Responses were received from 41 Local Governments, 39 Council endorsed submissions and two officer level comments (Karratha and Melville):

- 18 (44%) supported the draft Advocacy Position:
 - Metropolitan: Joondalup, Stirling, Bayswater, Kalamunda, Bassendean, Canning, Cockburn, Melville, Rockingham, Cambridge, Subiaco and Serpentine Jarrahdale.
 - Regional: Harvey, Victoria Plains, Gnowangerup, Kalgoorlie Boulder, Ngaanyatjaraku and Karratha.
- 18 (44%) were supported with comment and/or proposed changes:
 - 7 sought minor wording refinements or small additions:
 - Metropolitan: Belmont, Gosnells and Kwinana.
 - Regional: Dumbleyung, West Arthur, York and Mingenew.
 - 11 proposed more substantial amendments:
 - Metropolitan: Mundaring, Armadale, Victoria Park, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Perth and Vincent.
 - Regional: Augusta Margaret River, Busselton, Kent and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- Four (10%) did not support the draft Advocacy Position and proposed an alternative position:
 - Regional: Waroona (alternative position). Quairading, Wagin and Cue provided the Central Country Zone position.
- One (2%) did not support the draft Advocacy Position and did not provide an alternative:
 - Regional: Collie.

Responses were received from Local Governments across all Metropolitan Zones and from all but two Country Zones.

Across both metropolitan and regional submissions, Local Governments emphasised that the roles and responsibilities of each level of government in climate change mitigation and adaptation remain unclear, while legislative obligations placed on Local Governments have expanded without a sustainable funding model to support implementation. Small, rural and remote Local Governments raised concerns about their communities' heightened exposure to heat, extreme weather and infrastructure failure, combined with limited local capacity and resources to respond effectively.

The draft Advocacy Position has been refined in response to the feedback received, noting that the majority of submissions either supported the draft position in its entirety or supported with comment and/or amendment:

- *"to meet the needs of their communities"* has been added to Point 1 to better reflect Local Government context.
- Point 2b has been revised to:
 - Include explicit reference to increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements and align with language in the Local Government Act (mitigation, rather than emissions reduction).
 - Be clear that Local Government must be provided with the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and legislative requirements.

The Position has been kept high level, noting that many of the specific matters raised in the feedback are included in other WALGA Advocacy Positions (or will be incorporated when these positions are reviewed) and/or will inform WALGA's more detailed climate advocacy.

A [Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Report](#) providing a summary of feedback received and rationale for the changes to the position is attached.

At its meeting on 25 May 2026, the Environment Policy Team considered this item and recommended that State Council replace the existing Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with the new Climate Change Advocacy Position.

RECOMMENDATION

That State Council replace the Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with a new Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows:

1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to addressing, climate change to meet the needs of their communities.*
2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:*
 - a. *Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.*
 - b. *Ensure that Local Government has the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements to plan for, mitigate and adapt to climate impacts.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Terry

Seconded: President Cr Perin Mulcahy

That the Great Southern Country Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.1 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

9.2.2 Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position

By Coralie Claudio, A/Manager Planning and Building

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In November 2025, the State Government [announced](#) it would commence the preparation of Improvement Plans and Improvement Schemes for ten train station precincts across the Perth metropolitan region.
- A new Train Station Precinct Advocacy Position is proposed, which identifies the need for collaborative, place-based, and infrastructure-led precinct planning that enables housing delivery while respecting local planning frameworks and maintaining community confidence, supported by strong State Government coordination and funding.
- The position is intended to support timely and direct engagement with the State Government on sector priorities for current and future State-led train station precincts.
- The draft position has been informed by a review of Council resolutions and feedback from Local Governments, including those associated with the initial ten identified train station precincts.
- The Environment Policy Team endorsed the position at its meeting on 18 May 2026.

ATTACHMENT

- [Rationale New Advocacy Position: Train Station Precincts](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

- **Influence** – Lead advocacy on issues that are important to Local Government, including coordinated precinct planning and housing delivery.
- **Support** – Anticipate, understand, and respond to Member needs, ensuring Local Governments are effectively engaged in State-led precinct planning processes.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the **new** Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position be **endorsed**.

This draft position is consistent with, and builds upon, Advocacy Position 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform:

1. *The Local Government sector supports an efficient and effective planning system guided by legislation, policy, and processes that:*
 - a. *facilitates the creation of sustainable and liveable communities and places;*
 - b. *has a focus on strategic planning that delivers on long-term objectives and outcomes that balance social, environmental, cultural, and economic interests;*
 - c. *is easy to understand, accessible and transparent;*
 - d. *recognises the diversity of Western Australia and ensures that local environment, context, communities and character are appropriately reflected in planning frameworks and decision making;*
 - e. *ensures decisions are made by the level of government closest to and most impacted by a planning proposal; and*
 - f. *establishes consistent planning frameworks and streamlines planning processes where there is a demonstrated benefit in doing so.*
2. *Reforms to the planning system should:*
 - a. *be guided by the above principles;*
 - b. *deliver community benefit;*

- c. promote system efficiency, including through the use of technology;*
- d. be evidence-based and informed by robust, transparent data;*
- e. proceed at an appropriate pace to enable effective implementation;*
- f. be informed by engagement with the community; and be amended only with WALGA involvement and consultation with Local Government.*

BACKGROUND

Planning around train stations, including the establishment of local planning frameworks and the determination of development applications, has historically been the responsibility of Local Governments.

In November 2025, the State Government announced it was commencing the establishment of Improvement Plans and Schemes around ten train station precincts across the Perth metropolitan region to streamline planning and development and facilitate housing development. Through this process, the State would become responsible for setting planning frameworks, including elements such as height and zoning, and determining development applications.

The ten station precincts, involving 14 directly affected Local Governments, are listed below:

- Ballajura (City of Swan);
- Bassendean (Town of Bassendean);
- Carlisle/Oats Street (Town of Victoria Park);
- Claisebrook (City of Perth and City of Vincent);
- Cottesloe (Town of Cottesloe and Shire of Peppermint Grove);
- Glendalough (City of Vincent and City of Stirling);
- Morley (City of Bayswater);
- Mosman Park (Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove);
- Redcliffe (City of Belmont); and
- Swanbourne (Town of Claremont, City of Nedlands and Town of Cottesloe).

Improvement Plans and Schemes for the Ballajura and Redcliffe stations were already underway prior to this announcement. Importantly, the announcement noted these were only the first stations, indicating additional state-led station precincts may be identified in the future.

At its December 2025 meeting, State Council resolved that:

- 1. State Council request WALGA to prepare an Advocacy Position in consultation with Members, regarding the transport and planning principles required to ensure quality outcomes in the newly announced "Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes" in Metropolitan Perth and regional stations if included.*
- 2. The Advocacy Position will include transport and place-making outcomes on both government controlled and private land that maximise liveability and use of the public transport network.*

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To inform the development of the Advocacy Position, WALGA sought feedback from Local Governments associated with the initial ten station precincts, including collecting and reviewing relevant Council reports and resolutions from ten Local Governments.

The draft position supports a coordinated approach to station precinct planning and makes the following key recommendations to support effective development and implementation of Improvement Plans and Schemes:

- Promote housing density, diversity and delivery while ensuring place-responsive and transit-oriented development outcomes.
- Recognise the State Government's critical role in coordination and investment, including redevelopment of underutilised State land.
- Call for recognition of existing and progressing local planning frameworks and meaningful engagement with Local Governments and communities.
- Support a strategic, evidence-based and transparent approach to identifying and delivering future State-led station precincts.

The draft advocacy position was circulated to the sector for feedback over a two-week period until 7 May. WALGA received 22 responses, all from metropolitan Local Governments, including nine of the 14 Local Governments directly affected by the initial ten identified train station precincts.

COMMENT

This Advocacy Position is intended to enable WALGA to make timely and direct representations to the State Government on the sector's priorities for State-led train station precincts.

The proposed new Advocacy Position will complement WALGA's planning Advocacy Position, 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform, which notes that planning frameworks and decision-making should reflect local environment, context, communities and character, and that decisions should be made by the level of government closest to and most impacted by a planning proposal.

The draft position has been informed by a review of relevant Council resolutions and Local Government officer input, including feedback from WALGA's Planning Advisory Group.

The draft advocacy position was refined following sector consultation to emphasise that a planning framework alone will not deliver on-the-ground outcomes. Instead, it highlights the substantial scale of State Government collaboration, coordination and funding required to enable and accelerate precinct delivery, including a stronger focus on the redevelopment of underutilised State Government land.

The position was also refined to avoid blanket support for all State Improvement Plans and Schemes, instead clarifying the circumstances in which State-led planning may be appropriate for future station precincts.

The Environment Policy Team recommended that State Council endorse the position at its meeting on 18 May 2026.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Train Station Precincts

1. *Local Government supports a coordinated approach to the planning and development of train station precincts that is transport-orientated, place responsive and provides for increased housing density and diversity.*
2. *In developing Train Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes the State Government should:*
 - a. *Respect, acknowledge and build on existing and progressing local planning frameworks.*
 - b. *Ensure effective collaboration, partnerships and coordination across Government agencies and with Local Government.*
 - c. *Prioritise redevelopment of State-owned land to deliver optimal housing and mixed-use outcomes.*
 - d. *Undertake meaningful and ongoing community engagement.*
 - e. *Directly fund and/or implement funding mechanisms to deliver public realm and infrastructure requirements.*
3. *Decisions on any future State-led train station precincts must be evidence-based, transparent and made in consultation with Local Government.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Terry

Seconded: President Cr Kate Johnston

That the Great Southern Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.2 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

9.2.3 Submission on the Cat Act Review

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste and Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On 13 February 2026 the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) opened consultation on the second statutory review of the *Cat Act 2011* (the Cat Act).
- All elements of the Cat Act are under review, including registration, enforcement/ compliance, sterilisation, microchipping, breeding and limits on the number of cats.
- WALGA used current Advocacy Positions, previous submissions, a webinar with the sector and opportunity to comment on a draft submission to gather feedback.
- The submission identifies that reform to the legislation is required, in relation to:
 - Consolidation of the Cat Act and *Dog Act 1976*;
 - Stronger provisions for consistent non-compliance;
 - Clear definitions for owned and unowned cats;
 - Development of a Model Cat Local Law;

- A limit on the number of cats; and
- Lowering the age of sterilisation.
- Consultation by LGIRS closes at 5:00pm on Monday, 31 August 2026.
- A joint meeting of the Governance and Environment Policy Teams on 25 May 2026 recommended that State Council endorse the submission.

ATTACHMENT

- [Submission on the Review of the *Cat Act 2011*](#) (and included below)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

- **Influence:** Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government and lead policy development for the Local Government sector.
- **Support:** Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This submission has been developed based on current WALGA [Advocacy Positions](#):

- 2.12.1 Review of the *Cat Act 2011* and *Dog Act 1976*; and
- 2.12.2 Dog and Cat Management.

And previous submissions and positions on the legislation.

BACKGROUND

On 13 February 2026, the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) opened [consultation](#) on the review of the *Cat Act 2011* (the Cat Act), the second statutory review of the legislation. The previous review was undertaken in 2019. The Cat Act provides for the control and management of cats and aims to promote and encourage the responsible ownership of cats, and for related matters.

As articulated in the Second Reading Speech, the Cat Act was introduced with the aim to reduce the number of stray cats being euthanised each year, encourage responsible cat ownership and provide for better management of the unwanted impacts of cats on the community and environment.

The submission provides recommendations on provisions in the Cat Act and identifies some of the issues Local Governments experience with implementing the legislation. WALGA used current Advocacy Positions, previous submissions, a webinar with the sector and opportunity to comment on a draft submission to gather feedback.

The webinar, held on 26 March 2026, had 61 registrations from Local Government. Feedback was received, and incorporated, on the draft submission.

The submission was considered, and is recommended to State Council for endorsement, by a joint meeting of the Governance and Environment Policy Teams on 25 May 2026.

COMMENT

In this submission WALGA has identified several areas where reform to the legislation is required, including:

- Consolidation of the Cat Act and *Dog Act 1976*;
- Stronger provisions for consistent non-compliance;
- Clear definitions for owned and unowned cats;
- Development of a Model Cat Local Law;
- A limit on the number of cats; and

- Lowering the age of sterilisation.

In drafting the submission, WALGA has also identified implementation challenges for the sector in particular low registration rates for cats, the lack of a centralised database for registration and limited resourcing.

Cat containment is out of scope of this submission, as the State Government is progressing the [Cat Amendment \(Local Laws\) Bill 2026](#) to enable Local Governments to make cat containment Local Laws. WALGA is engaging separately with the sector on this matter.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the submission on the Review of *Cat Act 2011*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rebecca O'Meehan
Seconded: President Cr Len Handasyde

That the Great Southern Country Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.3 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

9.3 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.

9.3.1 WALGA 2025 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Findings – State Council Agenda Item 10.1

The 2025 WALGA Local Government Emergency Management Survey, undertaken in partnership with Edith Cowan University (ECU), highlights ongoing resource, workforce and funding pressures across the Local Government sector, including rising emergency management expectations, structural funding challenges, grant access difficulties, and increasing staffing and capacity constraints.

An additional confidential attachment was available for Zone Delegates.

Noted

9.4 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS – APRIL ROUND

At the April Zone meeting, Delegates discussed the visibility of resolutions from other Zones around the state. All Additional Zone Resolutions are listed at the end of State Council Minutes, available on the [WALGA website](#).

To assist Zone Delegates, all resolutions from the previous round of Zone meetings requesting action from WALGA or State Council will be listed in future Great Southern Country Zone Agendas.

The following list includes all Additional Zone Resolutions from the April 2026 round of Zone meetings. State Council resolved that all these resolutions be referred to the relevant WALGA Portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Rating of Social and Affordable Housing

That the East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to:

1. obtain legal advice as to whether the provision of affordable housing is likely to fall within the meaning of the relief of poverty for the purposes of section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act*. If not, obtain legal advice as to whether the minority provision of social housing within a mixed social/affordable housing development alters the position;
2. seek interest of like-minded Local Governments to identify and fund a suitable test case through the SAT and potentially Supreme Court; and
3. advocate to the State Government to agree to require all Community Housing Providers fund the payment of Local Government rates for affordable housing.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

That the East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to:

1. Launch a public advocacy campaign, as a matter of priority, requesting the State Government restart the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) for the 2026/27 financial year; and
2. The campaign should showcase the benefits of the CSRFF and the reliance the Local Government sector has on this funding.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Urgent Advocacy: Forest Products Commission (FPC) "Rates-Equivalent" Payments Diverted to State Treasury – Immediate Local Government Budget Impacts (2025/26)

That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to advocate as a matter of urgency, prior to the Local Government Budget cycle, to the State Government (including the Treasurer, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Forestry) to:

1. Establish a formal cross-portfolio arrangement (Treasury/Local Government/Forestry, with WALGA and affected Local Governments) to:
 - a. confirm a transparent method for calculating and timing the rates-equivalent amounts under the current legislative settings; and
 - b. implement an agreed mechanism to allocate and remit the rates-equivalent payments to the impacted Local Governments from 2026/27 onward.
2. Provide impacted Local Governments with certainty and forward estimates regarding:
 - a. the FPC's land acquisition / plantation expansion trajectory; and

- b. modelling of the projected financial impact on affected rating bases, so Councils can undertake responsible long-term financial planning.
- 3. (If required) Progress options for policy and/or legislative amendment to ensure ongoing equity and financial sustainability for communities hosting FPC freehold landholdings, including ensuring outcomes that do not unfairly transfer costs to remaining ratepayers.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Ministerial Decision to Allow Heavier Loads on Local Government Roads

That the Central Country Zone:

- 1. Writes to the Minister for Transport to express concern about this decision.
- 2. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS permit on Local Government roads.
- 3. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with Local Governments or WALGA.
- 4. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on:
 - a. risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for Local Government roads,
 - b. compliance and enforcement arrangements,
 - c. duration and process for revocation of the upgrade,
 - d. opt-out options for Local Government roads, and
 - e. additional funding support for impacted Local Government road assets.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Forest Products Commission (FPC) Rates Equivalent Payments – Treasury Remittance Uncertainty and Local Government Budget Impact

That the Great Southern Country Zone request WALGA to advocate, as a matter of urgency, to the Western Australian Treasurer, Minister for Forestry and Minister for Local Government to:

- 1. Establish, prior to the finalisation of 2026/27 Local Government budgets, a clear, transparent, and ongoing mechanism for the calculation, remittance, and payment of those rates-equivalent amounts to affected Local Governments for 2026/27 and future financial years.
- 2. Work with WALGA and affected Local Governments to develop and implement a fair and sustainable long-term solution, including policy and legislative reform if required, to ensure Local Governments are not financially disadvantaged by future Forest Products Commission land acquisitions.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

RAV Network Accredited Mass Management Scheme (Level 3) – Ministerial Decision Enabling Heavier Loads on Selected Local Roads

That the Great Southern Country Zone:

- 1. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS Level 3 on Local Government roads.
- 2. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with Local Governments or WALGA.
- 3. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on:
 - a. risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for Local Government roads,
 - b. compliance and enforcement arrangements,

- c. duration and process for revocation of the upgrade,
 - d. opt-out options for Local Government roads,
 - e. when the intervention will cease to apply; and
 - f. additional funding support for impacted Local Government road assets.
4. Requests GSCZ Secretariat write to the Minister for Transport expressing the Zone's concerns and requesting clarification as detailed in parts 2 and 3 above.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE (Advocacy Portfolio)

WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review

That the WALGA Murchison Country Zone:

1. Notes the Murchison Executive Group's 'WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review' report.
2. Recognises the importance of a strong and structured partnership between the Western Australian State Government and the Local Government sector.
3. Requests WALGA State Council to undertake a review of successful Local–State Government partnership models operating in other Australian jurisdictions, including the Queensland 'Equal Partners in Government' agreement.
4. Advocates for the development of a comparable partnership framework in Western Australia that recognises Local Government as an equal partner in governance and establishes clear mechanisms for consultation, collaboration and regional input into State policy and legislative reform

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Building Surveyor Qualifications

That WALGA engage with the relevant Ministers to ensure future qualification pathways are established to support individuals to train and obtain registration, at minimum, as a Level 2 Building Surveyor with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries in Western Australia.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Advocacy for Increased State Government Funding for the Targeted Underground Power Program (TUPP)

That the North Metropolitan Zone support, and subsequently WALGA State Council, strengthen and expand the advocacy position on underground power to advocate for increased State Government funding for the TUPP initiative and even spread of the initiative throughout the Perth Metropolitan area.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services / Policy / Infrastructure Portfolios)

WALGA Bulk Procurement – Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellite Connectivity for Volunteer Bushfire Vehicles

That the Northern Country Zone:

1. Request WALGA to investigate and scope a sector wide procurement solution, through the Preferred Supplier Program, for Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite connectivity for Volunteer Bush Fire Vehicles, including but not limited to:
 - Starlink Mini hardware and associated business/government grade data plans (e.g. Local Priority plans); and
 - Integrated “vehicle as a node” platforms such as HyphaONE Mini that combine LEO satellite, 4G/5G, Wi Fi and mesh networking in a single emergency services ready unit.
2. Request WALGA to consult with DFES, Local Governments and relevant emergency services stakeholders to:

- Define standard technical, installation and cyber security requirements for LEO satellite equipment on volunteer bush fire appliances; and
 - Identify preferred commercial models for ongoing user fees (for example, pooled data plans, fleet wide contracts or regional cost sharing arrangements).
3. Request WALGA to report back to Zones and State Council with options and recommendations, including indicative pricing, contract structures and implementation pathways, to enable interested Local Governments to access LEO satellite solutions for their Volunteer Bush Fire Vehicles via the Preferred Supplier Program and, where appropriate, to utilise the \$20,000 BGU one off grant funding being administered by DFES.
 4. Request WALGA to advocate to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and relevant partners for the ongoing operational costs of Starlink services to be funded on a continuing basis through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Request for Fertiliser

That the South Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA directly engage with Minister Jarvis regarding supply of fertiliser for Local Government across WA and requests increased communication regarding ongoing fertiliser supply.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Advocacy Portfolio)

The Establishment of Mayors, Presidents and Councillors Association

That WALGA provides a report to State Council containing a business case for the establishment of a subsidiary WALGA Elected Members Association for Western Australian Mayors, Presidents and Councillors.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Advocacy Portfolio)

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (WA) 2026 Determination

That the South East Metropolitan Zone request that, with respect to the *2026 Local Government CEO and Elected Council Member Determination*, WALGA:

1. conducts consultation with the Local Government sector and subsequently presents a report to State Council advocating for changes to the Elected Council Member ICT Allowance in the 2027 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determination including, but not restricted to the following:
 - a. that the annual \$3,500 ICT allowance be significantly increased;
 - b. that where ICT equipment is supplied to Elected Council Members by the Local Government, that *the allowance is not to be reduced by the cost of the supplied ICT equipment.*
2. Writes to the Chair of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal objecting to the generalisations made in paragraphs 46 and 47 of the *2026 Local Government CEO and Elected Council Member Determination preamble* and advises that, contrary to the comments contained in the Tribunal's determination, the role of Mayors and President (particularly in Band 1 and 2 Councils) is commensurate with full-time employment, and that the "work value" of elected council members is often equivalent to or exceeds that of Members of Parliament.
3. Seeks a meeting with the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Chair to articulate in person the matters outlined in 1 and 2.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Social Cohesion Grants Program

That the South East Metropolitan Zone recommends that WALGA advocate to the State Government to establish a Social Cohesion Grants Program.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

CSRFF And Playon WA Funding – Lack of Clarity on Future Rounds

That the South West Country Zone:

1. notes the current lack of clarity regarding the timing and structure of future Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund and Club Night Lights Program funding rounds; and
2. requests WALGA to advocate to the State Government for the provision of clear and timely information on future funding programs, including anticipated timelines, program structure and any proposed changes to funding criteria, to support effective Local Government planning and delivery of community sporting infrastructure.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Management of Water Corporation Bridges on Local Government Roads

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to advocate to the WA State Government to develop a strategic solution to the asset management of Water Corporation bridges on state and Local Government roads by:

1. acknowledging the significant inadequacy of the current asset management and investment prioritisation associated with Water Corporation bridge assets; and
2. requesting that the State Government establish a dedicated funding program for an urgent bridge renewal program to address community safety and access risks.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Forest Products Commission (FPC) Rates Equivalent Payments – Treasury remittance uncertainty and Local Government budget impacts

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to advocate, as a matter of urgency, to the Western Australian Treasurer, Minister for Forestry and Minister for Local Government to:

- a. provide urgent written confirmation that the rates-equivalent payments made by the Forest Products Commission to the State under section 43 of the *Forest Products Act 2000* will be remitted in full to the affected Local Governments;
- b. establish, prior to the finalisation of 2026/27 Local Government budgets, a clear, transparent, and ongoing mechanism for the calculation, remittance, and payment of those rates-equivalent amounts to affected Local Governments for 2026/27 and future financial years; and
- c. Work with WALGA and affected Local Governments to develop and implement a fair and sustainable long-term solution, including policy and legislative reform if required, to ensure Local Governments are not financially disadvantaged by future Forest Products Commission land acquisitions.

Noted

9.5 WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Attachment No. 5 [WALGA President's Report](#)

WALGA President, Mayor Mark Irwin, presented the President's Report earlier in the meeting, after item 4.1.

10 EMERGING ISSUES/COLLABORATION

Nil.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

12 NEXT ZONE MEETING

The next meeting of the Great Southern Country Zone will be held on Friday, 21 August 2026 at the Shire of Gnowangerup commencing at 10:00am.

13 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:03pm.

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Local Government Division Report

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Local Government Reforms

Local Government Inspector

- The Local Government Inspector (the Inspector) formally commenced operations from 1 January 2026.
- The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) also commenced regulations to support the functions and role of the Inspector at this time.
- 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 were also made to other regulations as a result of these changes.
- For further information visit the Department's website – [Inspector Regulations](#).

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees (ARIC)

- New requirements for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees (ARICs) took effect on 1 January 2026.
- 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; and
 - conducting a 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](#).



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Other Reforms

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

Reform updates

- Updates on the status of local government reforms will be made well ahead of implementation to provide local governments with an appropriate lead-in time.
- Regarding local government local laws and the proposed Standardised Meeting Procedures Regulations, local governments are encouraged to continue to make local law changes where required for practical or operational purposes.
- Once the Regulations are finalised, they will apply uniformly across the sector and will override any inconsistent provisions in existing local laws.
- Local Governments whose local law was due for review in 2024 prior to the passage of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024*, are reminded that they have until 7 December 2026 to review their local law by this date or it will lapse.
- The LG Act Reform team can be emailed directly at actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au.

Model Financial Statements (MFS)

- The updated model financial statements and guidelines were published on LGIRS website on 14 May 2026. There was an issue with access to one of the templates, which has now been resolved.



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Non-Financial Asset Valuation Guidelines

- The [Non-Financial Asset Valuation Guidelines](#) were published on 5 March 2026.
- An LG Alert was published on 1 April 2026, alerting the sector to the publication with an invitation to attend an online presentation providing a summary on the guidelines.
- 99 internal and external stakeholders attended the webinar held on 14 April 2026.

Differential Rates

- Local governments are reminded to ensure applications seeking Ministerial approval are complete and include all required supporting information and any other evidence necessary. Early engagement and complete supporting documentation will assist in timely assessment.
- An LG Alert will be issued to provide guidance to the local government sector, supporting the submission of complete applications and facilitating more streamlined assessment and timely decision making.

Local Government Financial Indicators

- Following the recent publication of the 2023-24 financial year Local Government Financial Indicators, LGIRS are seeking to upload the 2024-25 financial year data to the MyCouncil website.
- LGIRS would like to thank those local governments that validated their workbooks by 30 May 2026. A total of 96 workbooks were received, with 44 workbooks outstanding. LGIRS will finalise the outstanding workbooks by advising, as data validation was not confirmed by the local government, their audited financial statements will be used by LGIRS to validate the data. Grants for Renewal of Assets data was not included as LGIRS does not have access to these records.

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 three quarterly payments of remaining 2025-26 funds in August and November 2025 and February 2026. The final payment will be made in mid-May. The grant schedule is available on the Grants Commission website.
- The Federal Budget was released in May 2026 and has indicated a bring forward payment of 80% of the 2026-27 FA Grants will be paid in the 2025-26 financial year.
- Local governments should note that the bring forward payments are based on 2025-26 data and do not reflect the latest updates in the Grants Commission's calculations. As such the payment does not represent 80% of an individual local government's FA Grant.



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- If local governments have any other questions regarding their grant allocation, the methodology or wish to make a submission regarding the process of fund allocation, they can be directed to grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au.

Local Government Advisory Board

- All local governments have been sent a reminder that ward and representation changes and district boundary adjustments, must be received by 31 January 2027 if a local government wants to ensure changes are in place for 2027 local government elections.
- It is important for local governments to factor in whether there is a need for public consultation (which needs to occur prior to submission) when considering a proposal to the Board.
- The Board 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.

Child Safeguarding Project

- LGIRS has continued delivery of an initial series of in person workshops focused on capability uplift in child safeguarding practice within a local government context.
- A further two workshops were hosted on 13 May and 15 May 2026 targeted to metropolitan local governments. A further 2 workshops are scheduled for delivery prior to 30 June, with several workshops planned for delivery prior to June 30 requiring deferral due to a range of factors impacting regional travel.
- The Local Government Child Safety Network Project Reference Group are working to produce a series of animated scenarios tailored to reflect real-life child safeguarding situations within local government contexts. Scenarios will be utilised in ongoing engagement activity.
- LGIRS continue work with the Ombudsman Western Australia as they develop their Scheme of independent oversight for organisations engaged in child related work who will be mandated to implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

Stop Puppy Farming

- On 26 May 2025, only pet shops that hold 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.



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PetsWA

- The PetsWA project is in a reset phase, with Government considering the options for the future of the project.
- Local governments will need to continue existing pet registration programs and engagement with pet owners for annual registration and renewal processes.

Cat Containment

- The Cat Amendment (Local Laws) Bill 2026 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly in February 2026.
- The Bill provides for the power for local governments to make local laws in relation to cat containment. It is awaiting debate and passage through Parliament.
- The [Cat Act Review](#) has also now commenced, with submissions closing on 5 pm, Monday 31 August 2026.

Off-Road Vehicles

- The State Government is progressing key reforms arising from the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Amendment Act 2025*, which was assented to on 22 August 2025.
- The reform program will deliver the following milestones:
 - proclamation of the remaining sections of the ORV Amendment Act;
 - commencement of the ORV Amendment Regulations to give effect to the relevant provisions of the ORV Amendment Act;
 - deployment of DoTDirect system upgrades to enable all ORV transactions, including registration, renewal, and transfers.
- The State Government is targeting the availability of all online transactions in DoTDirect prior to the 2026 annual renewal period.
- Local governments with projects approved under the \$4.8 million Off-road Vehicle Areas Grants Program continue to receive scheduled payments in line with project milestones and funding agreements.
- This includes development of new ORVAs and upgrades to existing areas.
- A second round of the ORVA Grants Program, with a total funding allocation of \$2 million, opened on 28 May 2026.
- Applications will close on 31 August 2026.
- In this second round of funding, eligibility has been expanded to encourage partnerships between local governments, other WA State Government agencies, and incorporated associations.
- Successful projects are expected to be delivered between 1 January 2027 and 31 December 2028.



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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	lgpolicy@lgirs.wa.gov.au
Local Government Child Safeguarding Project	csproject@lgirs.wa.gov.au
Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants	Grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au
LG accounting or financial enquiries	L.G.accounting@lgirs.wa.gov.au
LG Act Reform	actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au
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ATTACHMENT 2: Zone Status Report - June 2026

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Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
24 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item 7.3.4 RAV Network Accredited Mass Management Scheme (Level 3) – Ministerial Decision Enabling Heavier Loads on Selected Local Roads	That the Great Southern Country Zone: 5. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS Level 3 on Local Government roads. 6. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with Local Governments or WALGA. 7. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on: g. risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for Local Government roads, h. compliance and enforcement arrangements, i. duration and process for revocation of the upgrade, j. opt-out options for Local Government roads, k. when the intervention will cease to apply; and l. additional funding support for impacted Local Government road assets. 8. Requests GSCZ Secretariat write to the Minister for Transport expressing the Zone's concerns and requesting clarification as detailed in parts 2 and 3 above.	Local Government delegates to the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) communicated the concerns raised regarding short and medium term risks arising from the decision to allow more heavier vehicles to access the local road network, without the controls purported to be in place with accredited vehicle operators. Main Roads confirmed that this was a Ministerial decision and to date there is no process in place to review the benefits and the impacts. Delegates were advised that compliance and enforcement activities continue to be undertaken.	June 2026	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
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: 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.	April 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager Member Services kmartin@walga.asn.au 9213 2051

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24 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item 7.3.3 Forest Products Commission (FPC) Rates Equivalent Payments – Treasury Remittance Uncertainty and Local Government Budget Impact	That the Great Southern Country Zone request WALGA to advocate, as a matter of urgency, to the Western Australian Treasurer, Minister for Forestry and Minister for Local Government to: 3. Establish, prior to the finalisation of 2026/27 Local Government budgets, a clear, transparent, and ongoing mechanism for the calculation, remittance, and payment of those rates-equivalent amounts to affected Local Governments for 2026/27 and future financial years. 4. Work with WALGA and affected Local Governments to develop and implement a fair and sustainable long-term solution, including policy and legislative reform if required, to ensure Local Governments are not financially disadvantaged by future Forest Products Commission land acquisitions.	This item will be referred to the Governance Policy Team for consideration. The Zone will be informed of the outcome.	June 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au
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ATTACHMENT 3: Zone Action Items - June 2026

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Great Southern Country Zone – ACTION ITEMS				
ZONE MEETING DATE / ITEM	ZONE RESOLUTION	ZONE RESPONSE	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
11 April 2025 Item 7.2.1 Zone Strategic Priorities	The Great Southern Country Zone: - 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. NOTE: Secretariate to send GSCZ's Regional Education submission to the Minister for Education.	Action deferred until after Minister attends June Zone meeting. 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. November 2025: Minister Whitby's office has advised that he will attend the June, August and November Zone meetings for 2026. June 2026: Minister Whitby is attending the June Zone meeting and has been provided with the Zone's Strategic Priorities to provide an update since last attending a Zone meeting in June 2025.	COMPLETE	Zone Executive Officer
24 April 2026 Item 6.2.2 Zone Status Report	Zone Status Report – April 2026 The Zone secretariat was requested to follow up with the People and Place Policy Team for feedback as to why the Zone's position (proposed by Shire of Katanning at the Zone meeting on 20 February 2026) regarding Emergency Management Act Consolidation was not taken up as part of WALGA's advocacy.	The People and Place Policy team noted the GSCZ resolution and response at its 19 March meeting. The Zone's request is generally aligned with WALGA's existing advocacy. WALGA is revising its EM advocacy this year, and updates will be proposed to strengthen the wording around our CES Act and related positions. In particular, <i>We acknowledge that there are escalating operational risks arising from the outdated framework and the State Government needs to reprioritise and expedite the consolidation of the State's EM legislation to address.</i>	COMPLETE	Zone Executive Officer

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ZONE MEETING DATE / ITEM	ZONE RESOLUTION	ZONE RESPONSE	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
		WALGA Policy Manager, Emergency Management, Ms Rachel Armstrong will be at the June Zone meeting and can talk further about WALGA's work in this space. WALGA's current advocacy related to the CES Act are positions <i>8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act</i> and <i>8.10 Management of Bush Fire Brigades</i>. Please refer to Agenda item 7.2.1 for the positions in full, or via the WALGA website.		
24 April 2026 Item 7.2.1 Zone Strategic Priorities Workshop Outcomes	It was AGREED for the Great Southern Country Zone to: 1. Write to all WALGA Zones advising of the GSCZ's position on cost shifting and responsibility for transfer without funding or policy frameworks and seeking their support for WALGA advocacy. 2. Request that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services provide a senior officer* to speak on the status of the proposed Consolidated Emergency Services Act, including proposals for optional or alternative arrangements for management responsibility of Bush Fire Brigades. 3. Liaise with the Central Country Zone to request: a. A copy of the consultant brief they used to engage a consultant to prepare a report on cost shifting to Local Government. b. Details of the costs incurred by the Central Country Zone for this consultancy. 4. Request Zone CEOs to provide the Zone Secretariat with examples of cost shifting to Local Government, including \$value and resourcing impact details where possible. 5. Request the Zone Secretariat prepare an item for consideration at the June Zone meeting, detailing the options for the Zone to fund and facilitate a	Please refer to Agenda item 7.2.2 for an update and recommendation for future action.	COMPLETE	Zone Executive Officer

Great Southern Country Zone – ACTION ITEMS				
ZONE MEETING DATE / ITEM	ZONE RESOLUTION	ZONE RESPONSE	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
	consultancy to prepare a report on cost shifting to Local Governments.			
24 April 2026 Item 7.3.4 Late Item – RAV Network Accredited Mass Management Scheme (Level 3) - Ministerial Decision Enabling Heavier Loads on Selected Local Roads	That the Great Southern Country Zone: 1. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS Level 3 on local government roads. 2. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with Local Governments or WALGA. 3. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on: m. risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for local government roads, n. compliance and enforcement arrangements, o. duration and process for revocation of the upgrade, p. opt-out options for local government roads, q. when the intervention will cease to apply; and r. additional funding support for impacted local government road assets. 4. Requests the Zone Secretariat to write to the Minister for Transport expressing the Zone's concerns and requesting clarification as detailed in parts 2 and 3 above.	Point 2 was referred to State Council. All future updates on this request will be provided in the Zone Status Report. In relation to point 4, a letter was sent to the Minister of Transport. A copy of the letter is attached with the Agenda. Any response received will be provided back to the Zone.	COMPLETE	Zone Executive Officer

ATTACHMENT 4: GSCZ Cost Shifting Examples

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Local Government	Example	CEO
Albany	One of the most significant areas of cost shifting for the City of Albany is the breadth of regional-scale services delivered at a local government level, often without commensurate State or Commonwealth funding. Key examples include: Health Services (Primary Care Support) While not a formal service provider, the City is increasingly drawn into advocacy, coordination, and support for primary health services (e.g. after-hours GP access), particularly where funding gaps emerge and directly impact the local community. This reflects a broader systemic issue where access to primary care is a Commonwealth responsibility, yet local governments are left managing the consequences of service gaps. National Anzac Centre (National Asset Funded Locally) The City owns and operates the National Anzac Centre, a facility of national significance. Despite its national importance, it is largely reliant on entry fees and local ratepayers for operational and renewal costs, creating an equity issue where the Albany community effectively subsidises a national asset. Road Network (Scale and Maintenance Burden) The City manages a road network of more than 1,600km across a large geographic area (~4,300km²). The ongoing cost of maintaining this regional-scale infrastructure is substantial and not fully matched by external funding, despite its importance to freight, tourism and regional connectivity. Construction costs have escalated rapidly, particularly post Covid and recently due to the fuel crisis. Waste Management and Landfill The City is responsible for landfill management, closure obligations, and long-term environmental compliance. These responsibilities continue to expand in cost and regulatory complexity, without proportional funding support from other levels of government.	Mr Andrew Sharpe

	Regional Airport The Albany Regional Airport is critical infrastructure for the Great Southern, supporting emergency services, health access, and economic activity. However, the ongoing operational and capital costs are largely borne by the City, despite delivering a regional and State-level benefit. It is acknowledged that the current \$40M enhancement project will be supported with a funding contribution from both the Federal and State Governments. Emergency Services / Bushfire Management The City supports 16 bushfire brigades with over 800 volunteers. While supported by DFES, the full cost of operating, equipping, and managing these brigades is not covered, resulting in a significant ongoing financial and administrative burden on the City. Arts, Culture and Recreation The City funds and operates significant regional facilities and services, including: • Albany Entertainment Centre (approx. \$500k annual contribution to the State Government) • Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre • Libraries, events, and cultural programming These facilities serve a much broader regional population but are largely funded through local rates. Education and Economic Infrastructure The City has invested in infrastructure to support tertiary education (e.g. UWA and the Great Southern Universities Centre), which are critical to regional workforce retention but fall outside core local government responsibilities. Coastal and Environmental Management The City manages extensive coastline assets, including beach maintenance, erosion response and environmental clean-up (including whale carcass removals). These are State responsibilities in many respects but require immediate local response and significant funding. The issue of coastal protection and sea level rise are a national issue and should not be the sole responsibility of Local Government. Community Safety (Policing Support) Investment in CCTV and public safety infrastructure continues to grow as the City supports policing outcomes, despite law enforcement being a State responsibility. Significant Difference in Service Delivery – Regional vs Metropolitan LGAs	
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	Regional local governments such as the City of Albany are required to deliver a significantly broader and more complex range of services compared to metropolitan councils. This includes: • Maintaining large and dispersed road networks servicing freight, agriculture and tourism, compared to compact metropolitan networks. • Delivering and subsidising regional-level infrastructure (airport, cultural assets, leisure facilities) that service an entire region, not just the local rate base. • Supporting or backfilling essential services gaps (health, emergency services, education infrastructure) that would not typically fall within local government responsibility • Managing extensive environmental and coastal assets, often with higher exposure to natural events and limited external resourcing • Operating with a smaller rate base and lower revenue capacity, despite a higher per capita cost of service delivery • Providing greater community services coverage (recreation, arts, events, libraries) due to the absence of alternative providers in regional areas In contrast, metropolitan local governments benefit from: • Higher population density and broader rate bases • More compact service areas and infrastructure networks • Greater access to State-delivered services (health, transport, emergency services) • Less requirement to fund or operate regionally significant assets This creates a structural inequity where regional communities face higher service costs, yet rely on smaller local revenue bases, reinforcing the ongoing issue of cost shifting. Summary The City of Albany delivers a wide range of regional and national-level services that extend beyond traditional local government responsibilities. These services are essential to community wellbeing and economic sustainability; however, the financial burden increasingly falls on local ratepayers without corresponding funding or policy frameworks from other levels of government.	
Cranbrook	We are not too badly off being only a small local government but have had to push back on some costs we were incurring via State Government. For example	Ms Linda Grey

	We have maintained the Highway Truck Bay set up on Albany/Great Southern Highways with cleaning, maintenance etc for the last five years with no contribution by Mainroads even though the build came through Mainroads and Road Safety. The funding was a total cost of \$300,000. We pushed back when the agreement came up and they now pay a fair share of the costs. (It was a struggle though). Development WA has twelve blocks of land that are well located (on town sewerage) but of course, a request for the land to come on the market was met with advice that the Shire had to pay for the development. Or alternatively put in for a grant through the Regional Development Assistance Program. We bring a doctor to Frankland River and Cranbrook regularly, but the costs are minimal, and we do advise of these costs through the Grant Return. We run a 0 to 4 program for children and organise specialists (speech and OT) so that children are school ready. It was all Shire funded – not sure how the Shire got involved in this space, but it has been running for nearly 12 years. The last two years have been funded by Amity Health. Regarding illegal land clearing – we reported illegal land clearing in a State Government Reserve where they had knocked down trees that had Carnaby Cockatoo nesting boxes secured, and the complaint came back to us to be dealt with! We had an example recently where DWER knocked back a lamb feedlot because of environmental concerns and then sent the report to us to implement! More engagement by DWER in the local government space would be a bonus – they seem to be still missing in action.	
Denmark	Denmark-specific examples below. Tourism Impacts Tourism is an example of cost shifting where the State's visitor economy policies actively grow intrastate visitation and support tourism businesses, but the servicing and impact costs fall to Local Government. Denmark regularly accommodates peak visitor numbers more than double our resident population, driving direct operational and asset costs across roads and car parks, waste and litter, public toilets, foreshore/reserve infrastructure, ranger/compliance and visitor safety. However, rates are tied to a small resident rate base and generic state and federal grants do not reflect temporary population loads, and there is	Mr David King

	no practical mechanism for Council to recover these costs from non-ratepayers. The result is a structural mismatch—State benefit and policy intent, local financial burden. Health Services - Youth mental health / youth support Youth mental health and youth support are fundamentally State responsibilities (delivered through State service systems and contracting); however, the Shire is increasingly required to contribute direct cash funding to keep a minimum local service operating. The Shire provides an annual cash contribution to support delivery of the local youth support service, yet service capacity still does not meet community demand, and young people continue to experience limited access compared with metropolitan service coverage. Emergency Services As per Andrew's comments.	
Gnowangerup	1. GP services. The Shire of Gnowangerup has engaged an external organization to provide GP services to the community. This costs \$250k pa cash, plus the provision of a house, motor vehicle and medical practice. In total this costs the Shire approximately \$400k pa. The cost of a GP is a State / Federal responsibility and while there is an allocation within the FA Grant (\$100k pa) this falls well short of the full cost. The GP also provides support to the District Hospital which otherwise would only have nursing staff. 2. Community Emergency Safety Manager (CESM). The Shire participates in DFES CESM arrangement which requires cost sharing. This can range from a 50/50 split through to 70/30, the higher amount is borne by the local government and this can be up to \$60k pa. The CESM role is a DFES position, cost of which should be covered by DFES. The CESM is DFES trained, wears a DFES uniform, and drives a vehicle kitted out to DFES specifications. 3. Emergency management. Emergency management within Western Australia has progressively evolved into a highly complex operational, governance, and compliance function involving all levels of government. Cost increases are seen in having to have dedicated roles to emergency management which includes administrative roles and front-line roles (CESM and BFRM). For the Shire of Gnowangerup these costs are	Mr David Nicholson

	approximately \$150k pa. See attached paper which provides details and commentary. 4. State Government Housing. The Shire of Gnowangerup has been requested by GROH to provide housing for eight state government employees. While GROH have advised they will pay a premium rent for this accommodation they have also advised they are unable to contribute towards the upfront capital costs, which in the instance are approximately \$8.0m. The Shire has a shortage of teachers, and nurses are primarily agency staff working DIDO and living on-site at the hospital. 5. Major arterial roads. The Shire is responsible for a number of roads that are major transport routes. These include Tie Line Road and the Gnowangerup-Tambellup Road. The volume of traffic that use these roads means they should be maintained by Main Roads. 6. CCTV. The Shire has a number of CCTV cameras in Gnowangerup that were funded via a grant. However, the ongoing maintenance, upgrades and ultimate replacement is a Shire cost. WAPOL is the sole user of these cameras. 7. Public Health Plan (PHP). Local governments are required to have a PHP that supports the States PHP. This must cover things like community health and wellness, drug use, obesity and infectious diseases. These requirements overestimate the resources available to a small local government which means at best you make minor inroads over an extended period. This is to the detriment of the community. 8. Data collection. A cost that has become embedded and hidden is the collection of data for other tiers of government. For example, responding to ABS average weekly earnings surveys, and PSC annual collection of staff statistics. The cost incurred includes record keeping (now made more complex under PRIS) and data entry into proprietary systems. 9. National Principles for Child Safety - Strengthening child safety. Recently developed legislation following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse imposes child safety standards that must be implemented by local	
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	governments. There is no argument that child safety is vitally important, the point is, the cost to comply with the new requirements should be offset through an increase in operating grants. 10. WHS Act 2020. The WHS Act requires appropriately trained staff in safety. This is a five-day courses that is currently only available in Perth. This means that in addition to a staff member's wages and course fees, the Shire must cover transportation and accommodation.	
Jerramungup	Very similar to other Councils such as Health/Doctors, Roads, Emergency Management, Coastal Infrastructure, Tourism, GROH Housing 1. Primary Health Care and Medical Services The Shire of Jerramungup has invested significant resources over many years to attract and retain General Practitioners and maintain access to primary health care services within the district. This has included the provision and maintenance of medical facilities, housing, vehicles, cash component of over \$200,000 per year and other support measures aimed at ensuring ongoing access to medical services for local residents. The provision of primary health care is fundamentally a Commonwealth and State Government responsibility. However, rural local governments increasingly find themselves funding infrastructure, accommodation and support services to prevent the loss of local medical services. Without local government intervention, many small communities would be at risk of losing access to resident doctors, resulting in increased health inequity for regional residents and additional pressure on regional hospitals and emergency services. 2. Regional Road Network and Freight Infrastructure The Shire maintains an extensive road network that supports agriculture, freight transport, tourism and regional connectivity. A significant proportion of road usage is generated by heavy vehicles associated with grain transport, livestock movements and regional freight tasks that extend well beyond the Shire boundaries.	Mr Martin Cuthbert

	While roads are critical to State and national economic productivity, funding available to local governments does not keep pace with increasing construction costs, asset renewal requirements and damage caused by heavier freight movements. This creates a substantial financial burden on local ratepayers. 3. Regional Airport Infrastructure The Shire owns and operates the Jerramungup and Bremer Bay Airstrips, which provide critical infrastructure for Royal Flying Doctor Service operations and Bushfire response aircraft (water bombers). While these services provide significant regional and State-wide benefits, the ongoing maintenance, compliance, capital renewal and operational costs are largely borne by the Shire and its ratepayers. The airport serves a critical role in public safety and emergency response and should attract greater State and Commonwealth funding support commensurate with its broader public benefit. 4. Emergency Management and Bushfire Services The Shire carries substantial responsibilities for emergency management, including: - Bush Fire Brigade administration and support; - Volunteer recruitment and management; - Emergency Management Committee administration; - Bushfire mitigation activities; - Firebreak inspections and enforcement; - Emergency response coordination; - Recovery operations following emergencies; and - Maintenance of firefighting infrastructure and water supplies. Whilst supported by the Emergency Services Levy and DFES programs, local governments continue to absorb significant administrative, operational and compliance costs associated with emergency management functions.	
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	These obligations continue to expand through legislative and regulatory reforms without corresponding increases in funding or staffing support. 5. Tourism Infrastructure and Visitor Servicing The Shire maintains and renews infrastructure that supports a substantial tourism industry, including: Roads providing access to tourist destinations; Public toilets; Caravan and camping facilities; Coastal and recreational infrastructure; Visitor information and signage; Waste management and litter collection; and Public open space maintenance. Tourism delivers significant economic benefits to Western Australia and is actively promoted by State Government agencies. However, the direct servicing costs associated with visitors are largely borne by local governments despite visitors contributing little to local government revenue. This creates a structural funding imbalance whereby local ratepayers subsidise infrastructure and services used by a much larger transient population. 6. Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) The Shire continues to experience challenges associated with the provision and availability of housing for essential workers, including State Government employees. As is the case in many regional communities, local government is increasingly expected to facilitate, develop or provide housing solutions to support the delivery of essential government services such as health, education, policing and emergency services. The cost of developing and maintaining housing stock is substantial and often falls outside the traditional role of local government. However, without intervention, recruitment and retention of essential workers becomes increasingly difficult.	
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	Housing required for the delivery of State Government services should be supported through expanded Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) programs and dedicated State funding mechanisms rather than reliance on local government resources. The Shire supports further work by the Great Southern Country Zone and WALGA to quantify the financial impact of cost shifting and advocate for sustainable funding arrangements that properly recognise the role regional local governments play in supporting health, emergency management, transport, tourism and essential workforce accommodation.	
Katanning	Aerodrome Services Katanning has a sealed runway that essentially services the RFDS. We are a regional hub and the RFDS has about four flights in and out of Katanning every week to support critical cases. These cases however, are drawn from the region, not just Katanning. Recently, an RFDS plane arriving at Katanning struck a kangaroo and to secure this essential service, we've been given the ultimatum that we must mobilise a staff member, irrespective of the time of day, to confirm there is no wildlife on or near the runway. This comes at a cost of about \$45,000/year and severely disrupts our day-to-day operations. In addition, a recent engineering audit by a CASA contractor has recommended the partial reconstruction & full resealing of just one of our runways and our contracted QS has estimated this will cost about \$750k. Health is a State/Federal responsibility and greater support to maintain regional aerodromes by governments is required. Housing The Katanning Shire leases some of its homes to key government workers because there are insufficient GROH homes available in Katanning. It shouldn't be up to the local government to provide accommodation for government workers and therefore more State Government investment in GROH and key worker housing in Katanning is required. Roads The shire of Katanning is responsible for the upkeep of about 800km of sealed & unsealed roads. It is beyond our means to maintain these roads to the standard demanded by our community via rate revenue and although the State & Federal Governments contribute to our	Mr Peter Klein

	maintenance effort, more funds are required if we are to avoid the catastrophic long-term failure of this infrastructure. Bush Fire Brigade Responsibility As the employer of BFB volunteers, local government CEOs are ultimately responsible for volunteers while on duty including when the incident is controlled by DFES and when our volunteers respond to fires outside of our Shire. As the employer, local government CEOs are exposed to industrial manslaughter risk. Industrial manslaughter is a criminal offence that occurs when a death is proved to have occurred due to the CEO failing their duty of care. Fighting a fire is inherently risky, every year accidents occur on the fire ground so as the employer, the duty of care that we legally owe those volunteers, is a high. Yet as CEOs we are not employed for our knowledge of bushfire response or emergency management. Regional local government CEOs are generally time and staff resource poor and our ability and the ability of our staff to do justice to the duty of care we owe to the volunteers is compromised by the challenge of delivering our other core functions. We literally run out of available bandwidth both our own and our staff. The responsibility for bushfire brigade volunteers should rest elsewhere. It should rest with the organisation that employs firefighters and emergency management professionals. The organisation that has a sole focus on these matters and who is not distracted in delivery of their duty of care by a hundred other priorities that change daily. This duty of care should be provided by the State Government via DFES, as occurs in every other state jurisdiction in Australia. Bushfire Brigade Costs The Bushfire Brigade service provided by local governments should be provided on a cost neutral basis. That is, the Emergency Services Levy should be set so that the cost of managing these brigades is cost neutral to the Council. Unfortunately, this is not the case as bushfire brigade management requires our own source funding to meet our contribution to providing bushfire brigade management, radios for fire control and accommodation facilities. The	
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	Katanning Shire's direct cost of providing bushfire and emergency management services represents about \$150k/annum. CCTV The Shire of Katanning owns and operates a CCTV network that is used every day by the WA Police. We have recently contracted an IT organisation to deliver an asset management plan for our CCTV network and this has recommended a plan worth about \$500k over the next four years. This is well beyond our means and we alternatively believe the State should be at least directly responsible for providing and maintaining the surveillance cameras required by WA Police to enable them to provide the safety service the community expects of them.	
Kent	1. Emergency Services Levy (ESL) Administration Local governments are responsible for issuing the levy on rates notices; collecting payments; debt recovery; handling ratepayer enquiries; administering concessions and instalments; absorbing administration costs The funds are then forwarded to Department of Fire and Emergency Services and councils effectively become an unpaid collection agency for the State Local governments also continue to heavily subsidise: • volunteer bushfire brigades • brigade sheds • firefighting water supplies • appliances • PPE • training logistics • fuel and maintenance 2. Bushfire Management Obligations Local governments carry substantial statutory bushfire responsibilities, including: • firebreak inspections • notices and enforcement • volunteer brigade support • bushfire mitigation • emergency coordination • local recovery operations	Ms Christie Smith

	For Shires like Kent huge land areas; dispersed populations; reliance on volunteers and limited staffing means compliance and emergency management costs consume a disproportionate share of operating budgets. 3. State Road Freight Task on Local Roads Heavy agricultural freight, oversized vehicles and increasingly higher mass limits are pushed onto local government roads, yet: • many roads were never designed for these loads • renewal funding does not match deterioration • local governments are responsible for maintenance and safety risks For the Shire of Kent this means a very large, unsealed road network used for harvest traffic, freight routes servicing agriculture etc creates ongoing unfunded liabilities. 4. Planning and Development Compliance The State planning system increasingly requires local governments to administer: • development assessment • compliance monitoring • heritage considerations • environmental referrals • advertising processes • SAT matters However: • statutory timeframes remain strict • specialist planners are expensive • State agencies often have far greater resources than small councils Small local governments frequently subsidise planning services from general rates revenue because fee income does not cover actual costs.	
Ravensthorpe	One of the ones that jumps out is the provision of Health Services. The Shire of Ravensthorpe currently provides budget support for Doctors and 2 Surgeries is \$290,618 (Direct Cash support to Doctors is \$223,368). We also provide 5 Daw Street 3/1 @ \$18,720pa and we have also just provided 11 days transit accommodation 3/2 for the doctor @ \$1,463 = so another \$20,000 for accommodation.	Ms Nicole O'Neill

	Many rural, remote and very remote local governments are spending significant amounts of ratepayer funds to attract and retain doctors to their communities. This includes providing cash incentives, housing, vehicles, medical facilities, and ongoing operational support. While these efforts are often essential to keep services accessible, local government should not be carrying the cost of primary health care. It is a Commonwealth responsibility The Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance was formed in Western Australia in late 2024 by six founding local governments. These councils collectively represent around 8,000 residents in the Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions and contribute more than \$1.48m annually to attract and retain GPs, for some this is up to 16% of their annual rates income. The Alliance was formed to address the growing challenge of funding general practice and primary healthcare services in thin markets.	
Plantagenet	Similar to above and additionally, some of our specific examples below: • Club Development Officer / Every Club Program – constant winding back of funding in this program. This is loss this year of \$11,300, but Katanning, Denmark and Albany had staff so would be a lot more; • CCTV expectations about Number Plate Recognition only / WAPOL access to CCTV systems with no contributions; • Self-Supporting Loan requirements for ESL capital building construction – This coming budget is \$1.5m for 2 fire sheds and \$2,554,365 for SES facility.	Mr Julian Murphy

ATTACHMENT 5: WALGA President's Report - July 2026

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President's Report

July 2026

Political Engagement

Since assuming the role of WALGA President, I have prioritised engagement with political representatives across key portfolios relevant to the sector. These discussions have been an important opportunity to reinforce WALGA's commitment to working constructively with the State and Australian Governments to achieve better outcomes for local communities and have been well received.

I have recently met with the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister and Shadow Minister for Local Government, as well as Ministers and Shadow Ministers across critical portfolios, including planning and housing, regional development, emergency management and community services. At the Commonwealth level, I have had the opportunity to meet with both the Minister and Shadow Assistant Minister for Local Government. These discussions have been important in understanding policy priorities for the Local Government portfolio post the Federal budget being handed down.

State and Federal Budgets

WA Treasurer Rita Saffioti handed down the State Budget on 8 May 2026. The Budget focusses on addressing key pressures facing the community, with key announcements related to major investments to boost housing supply and affordability, enhance health infrastructure, respond to fuel supply challenges, and ease cost-of-living pressures.

WALGA attended the State Budget Industry Briefing to gain early access to the Budget and distributed a member update that evening highlighting the key initiatives relevant to Local Governments.

WALGA also provided members with a timely briefing outlining key initiatives in the Federal Budget.

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 continued to highlight the important work that Local Governments deliver to their communities across media interviews with The West Australian, 6PR, ABC Radio, TV and WA Today.

We have 139 Local Governments across the State, largely delivering outstanding services for their local communities. I have been focussed on ensuring this message is being carried in my public comments.

Given recent interest, I have also made comments to [WA Today](#), regarding investment into the management of the polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB).

We will continue to work with the State Government to ensure that Local Government and key stakeholders are equipped to appropriately manage the impact of the PSHB.

Local Government Planning Performance

The 2024–25 Local Government Planning Performance Monitoring Project data released by WALGA in June shows that Local Governments continue to deliver strong planning and building outcomes, despite increased demand.

Across 52 participating Local Governments, representing 92 per cent of Western Australia's population, almost 74,000 applications were determined in 2024–25, a 17 per cent increase on the previous year, with 85 per cent processed within statutory timeframes. This included more than 21,500 development applications, with 98 per cent of these approved under delegated authority. All Local Governments are encouraged to participate in the Project.

Emergency Management Survey

WALGA has released the [2025 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Snapshot](#). Completed by 100 Local Governments across Western Australia, the survey results highlight the sector's continued commitment to strengthening emergency management capability. The findings show that around 90 per cent of Local Governments have maintained or increased investment in this area, while continuing to respond to growing and more complex demands.

Bushfire remains a key focus, with 91 per cent of respondents identifying it as a top hazard. The Survey also confirms the value of established programs such as the Community Emergency Services Manager initiative in supporting capability at the local level. The results reinforce the diverse operating environments across the State and will inform WALGA's ongoing advocacy to ensure Local Governments are supported to build safer and more resilient communities.

Emergency Management Forum

On 26 May, WALGA delivered its Emergency Management Forum, which brought together more than 150 Local Government leaders, emergency management experts and practitioners from across Western Australia. Held under the theme 'One State, Many Realities', the Forum provided an opportunity for the sector to come together to share insights, discuss challenges and consider future directions. Discussions highlighted the growing complexity of disasters, the need to strengthen system capacity, and the importance of community-led resilience. Emerging tools and approaches were also explored to support better outcomes for Local Governments and their communities.

The strong attendance and engagement reflects the sector's ongoing commitment to improving emergency management capability across the State. I would like to thank all speakers, attendees and exhibitors for their valuable contribution to the success of the event. WALGA will continue to support Local Governments in building safer and more resilient communities across Western Australia.

Fuel Security

WALGA continues to be actively engaged in the State's coordinated response to fuel supply issues. WALGA has been meeting regularly with Mr Rob Cossart, the Fuel Security State Controller, as well holding CEO roundtables to provide the opportunity for information sharing and practical feedback regarding fuel availability and impacts. Through ALGA I have also participated in roundtable discussions with the Hon Kirsty McBain MP Minister for Emergency Management, Regional Development, Local Government and Territories regarding impacts on the sector. These discussions and WALGA advocacy has been informed by data provided by the sector on its fuel usage and criticality of fuel dependent activities.

On 1 May, WALGA hosted a webinar on the Road Transport Contractual Chain Order (RTCCO) to over 200 viewers. The presentation provided information to Local Governments on the impact of the RTCCO and guidance on how they can respond.

The Fair Work Commission held a one-month review of the Order at the end of May. WALGA provided Western Australian insights which were included in ALGA's submission highlighting the significant uncertainty and implementation challenges facing Local Government.

WALGA will continue to provide updates to the sector as the situation evolves.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Irwin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Irwin
WALGA President

President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 7 May 2026 and scheduled before 1 July 2026 are as follows:

State and Commonwealth Government Relations

- Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management; Minister for Regional Development; Local Government and Territories of Australia
- Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack
- Mr Jamie Chaffey MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
- Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier; Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Economic Diversification
- Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation
- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
- Hon Paul Papalia MLA, Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Defence Industries; Veterans; Racing and Gaming
- Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure X2
- Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Creative Industries; Heritage; Industrial Relations; Aged Care and Seniors; Women
- Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West
- Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
- Hon Jessica Stojkovski MLA, Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport; Peel
- Mr Shane Love MLA, Leader of the Nationals WA; Shadow Minister for Regional Development; Mines and Petroleum; Electoral Affairs
- Mr Tom French MP, Member for Moore
- Department of Housing and Works
 - Director General, Leon Mclvor

Local Government Relations

- **State Council Meetings**
 - Zone Chair Induction
 - Finance and Services Committee Budget Workshop
 - Information Forum
 - CEO Performance Review
 - Local Government House Trust Board of Management
 - Finance and Services Committee Meeting
- **ALGA**
 - Roundtable with Minister McBain
 - Board Meeting, 21 May
 - Board NGA Briefing
 - Australian Council of Local Governments
 - National General Assembly 23-25 June
 - National General Assembly Gala Dinner

- **LGIS**
 - Board Meeting, 29 May
- City of Bayswater, Mayor Filomena Piffareti & CEO Jeremy Edwards
- Shire of West Arthur
- Shire of Woodanilling
- Reconciliation WA
- Municipal Waste Advisory Committee June Meeting
- City of Fremantle, Mayor Ben Lawver and CEO Glen Dougall

Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations

- Labor Leaders Forum Lunch with Minister Swinbourn
- WALGA Emergency Management Forum
- Reconciliation WA, National Reconciliation Week Breakfast
- Trails WA App Launch
- Leadership Matters Breakfast with Basil Zempilas
- Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund Board Meeting
- WALGA Local Government Awards
- UDIA WA Industry Breakfast with the Deputy Premier
- WALGA National General Assembly Delegate Sundowner

Zone Meetings

- North Metropolitan Zone
- Pilbara Country Zone
- Goldfields Esperance Country Zone
- Great Southern Country Zone

State Council Summary Minutes 1 July 2026

Ordinary meeting no. 3 of 2026 of the
Western Australian Local Government
Association State Council held at
ONE70, LV3, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville
at 4:15pm.

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1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5:02pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Members	WALGA President - Chair WALGA Deputy President Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	Mark Irwin AM Chris Antonio Phillip Blight Helen Sadler Paul Kelly Paige McNeil Cate McCullough Matthew Niikkula Laurene Bonza Stephen Strange Scott Crosby Chris Mitchell JP Les Price Suzanne Migdale Rob Paparde (<i>Deputy</i>) Eman Seif JP Elizabeth Sudlow Mike Walmsley Audra Smith Patrick Hall Terresa Lynes Robert Schmidt Karen Wheatland Chontelle Stone (<i>Deputy</i>) Donelle Buegge
Ex Officio	Deputy Lord Mayor – City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA President	Cr David Goncalves Mr Anthony Vuleta
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer Executive Manager Member Services Executive Manager Infrastructure Executive Manager Policy A/Executive Manager Advocacy Chief Financial Officer Manager Association and Corporate Governance Policy Manager Environment and Waste A/Policy Manager Planning and Building State Council Governance Officer	Nick Sloan Kirsty Martin Ian Duncan Nicole Matthews Eli Gould Rick Murray Kathy Robertson Rebecca Brown Coralie Claudio Habiba Farrag
Observers	Avon Midland Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone	Lincoln Stewart (<i>Deputy</i>) Liam Gobbert (<i>Deputy</i>)

1.3 APOLOGIES

Members	North Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone	Lewis Hutton Barry Winmar
Ex Officio	The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth	Lord Mayor, Bruce Reynolds
Secretariat	Executive Manager Advocacy	Rachel Horton

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WALGA acknowledges the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including Boorloo (Perth), on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where WALGA is located and we acknowledge and pay respect 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

4 MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 MAY 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [7 May 2026](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 MAY 2026

Nil.

4.2 FLYING MINUTE – SELECTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING – 7 APRIL 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – Selection Committee Special Meeting – 7 April 2026](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – SELECTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING – 7 APRIL 2026

Nil.

4.3 FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL BIOSECURITY RESPONSE AGREEMENT (NEBRA)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – WALGA Submission on the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement \(NEBRA\)](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL BIOSECURITY RESPONSE AGREEMENT (NEBRA)

Nil.

4.4 FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – WALGA Submission on the Exposure Draft of the National Environmental Standard for Matters of National Environmental Significance](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

Nil.

4.5 FLYING MINUTE – STATE HAZARD PLAN HOSTILE ACT – WALGA DRAFT SUBMISSION

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – State Hazard Plan Hostile Act - WALGA Draft Submission](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.5.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – STATE HAZARD PLAN HOSTILE ACT – WALGA DRAFT SUBMISSION

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

- Helen Sadler declared an interest in item 8.2 - Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position, as a Councillor from an affected Local Government.
- Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a member of the LGISWA Board.
- Chris Antonio declared an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a member of the LGISWA Board.
- Donelle Buegge declared an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a Councillor from the same Local Government as the nominee.
- Robert Schmidt an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a Councillor from a Local Government where the nominee previously was employed.

Karen Wheatland joined the meeting.

6 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

Deputy Lord Mayor David Goncalves provided the report to the meeting.

6.2 LG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Mr Anthony Vuleta, President, LG Professionals WA, provided the report to the meeting.

7 EMERGING ISSUES

Notification of emerging issues must be provided to the Chair no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Nil.

8 MATTERS FOR DECISION

8.1 CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Matthew Niikkula

Seconded: Teresa Lynes

That State Council replace the Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with a new Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows:

- 1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to addressing, climate change to meet the needs of their communities.***
- 2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:***
 - a. *Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.***
 - b. *Ensure that Local Government has the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements to plan for, mitigate and adapt to climate impacts.***

RESOLUTION 034.3/2026

CARRIED

8.2 TRAIN STATION PRECINCTS ADVOCACY POSITION

By Coralie Claudio, A/Manager Planning and Building

Anthony Vuleta left the meeting and did not return.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chontelle Stone

Seconded: Robert Schmidt

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Train Station Precincts

- 1. *Local Government supports a coordinated approach to the planning and development of train station precincts that is transport orientated, place responsive and provides for increased housing density and diversity.***
- 2. *In developing Train Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes the State Government must:***
 - a. *Give comprehensive and genuine consideration to existing and progressing local planning frameworks, ensuring effective integration and alignment with broader local planning instruments and community infrastructure planning.***
 - b. *Ensure effective collaboration, partnerships and coordination across Government agencies and with Local Government.***
 - c. *Where appropriate, prioritise redevelopment of State-owned land to deliver optimal housing and mixed-use outcomes.***
 - d. *Undertake meaningful and ongoing community engagement.***
 - e. *Directly fund and/or implement funding mechanisms to deliver public realm and infrastructure requirements.***
- 3. *Decisions on future State-led train station precincts must be evidence-based, transparent, made in consultation with Local Government, and give due consideration to Local Government requests for State-led train station precinct planning.***

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cate McCullough

Seconded: Paige McNeil

To make the following amendments to point 2c:

- **Remove the words "where appropriate"; and**
- **Add at the end of the sentence *"excluding Bush Forever sites, environmental reserves and other protected sites."***

RESOLUTION 035.3/2026

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Train Station Precincts

1. *Local Government supports a coordinated approach to the planning and development of train station precincts that is transport orientated, place responsive and provides for increased housing density and diversity.*
2. *In developing Train Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes the State Government must:*
 - a. *Give comprehensive and genuine consideration to existing and progressing local planning frameworks, ensuring effective integration and alignment with broader local planning instruments and community infrastructure planning.*
 - b. *Ensure effective collaboration, partnerships and coordination across Government agencies and with Local Government.*
 - c. *Prioritise redevelopment of State-owned land to deliver optimal housing and mixed-use outcomes excluding Bush Forever sites, environmental reserves and other protected sites.*
 - d. *Undertake meaningful and ongoing community engagement.*
 - e. *Directly fund and/or implement funding mechanisms to deliver public realm and infrastructure requirements.*
3. *Decisions on future State-led train station precincts must be evidence-based, transparent, made in consultation with Local Government, and give due consideration to Local Government requests for State-led train station precinct planning.*

RESOLUTION 036.3/2026

CARRIED

8.3 SUBMISSION ON THE CAT ACT REVIEW

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste and Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Karen Wheatland

Seconded: Chontelle Stone

That State Council endorse the submission on the Review of *Cat Act 2011*.

RESOLUTION 037.3/2026

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

8.4 STATE COUNCIL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CHARTER AND STATE COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS REVIEW AND UPDATE

By Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 1

Moved: Helen Sadler
Seconded: Karen Wheatland

That State Council endorse the updated Corporate Governance Charter and Code of Conduct, with the following additional amendments:

- 1. Delete section 14.2.4 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) and all references to MWAC in the Corporate Governance Charter, in recognition that it has been wound up, effective 30 June 2026.**
- 2. Remove the names of the Advisory Groups (formerly Policy Teams) from the Corporate Governance Charter to allow for flexibility.**

RESOLUTION 038.3/2026

CARRIED

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 2

Moved: Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Robert Schmidt

That State Council endorse the updated State Council Standing Orders, with the following additional amendments:

- 1. Include the power for individual State Councillors to have their dissention on a particular vote recorded in the Minutes (a power previously contained in the Corporate Governance Charter).**
- 2. Include a new requirement to record the President's casting vote in the Minutes.**
- 3. Remove the word "motion" from section 13.**

RESOLUTION 039.3/2026

CARRIED BY SPECIAL MAJORITY

Rebecca Brown and Coralie Claudio left the meeting and did not return.

David Goncalves left the meeting and did not return.

Chontelle Stone left the meeting and did not return.

8.5 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 17 JUNE 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Paul Kelly
Seconded: Cate McCullough

That State Council:

- 1. Endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 17 June 2026.**
- 2. Endorse the WALGA Budget 2026-27, being for the year ended 30 June 2027 as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee.**

RESOLUTION 040.3/2026

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

8.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST MINUTES – 17 JUNE 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio
Seconded: Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council endorse the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust Board of Management meeting held on 17 June 2026.

RESOLUTION 041.3/2026

CARRIED

8.7 SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 15 JUNE 2026

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zones Governance Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio
Seconded: Les Price

That State Council endorse the recommendations contained in the 15 June 2026 Selection Committee Minutes.

RESOLUTION 042.3/2026

CARRIED

8.8 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT 2025-26 – CONFIDENTIAL

All WALGA staff left the meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Robert Schmidt

That State Council:

- 1. Note the appraisal of Mr Nick Sloan Chief Executive Officer has been completed for the period of July 2025 to June 2026.**
- 2. Endorse the findings of the 2025-26 Annual Performance Review Report as presented by Price Consulting.**
- 3. Endorse the recommendations on Page 5 of the Summary Report to Council on Employment Contract Terms to be distributed via email by WALGA's Manager People and Culture, Lauren Mathison.**
- 4. Endorse the proposed CEO's Performance Criteria for the 2026-2027 period, as per Attachment 1 within the Summary Report to Council, to be distributed via email by WALGA's Manager People and Culture, Lauren Mathison.**

RESOLUTION 043.3/2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Patrick Hall left the meeting and did not return.

All WALGA staff returned to the meeting.

8.9 LGISWA BOARD MINUTES INCLUDING ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHEME MANAGER REMUNERATION, TRUSTEE FEES, AND CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS – CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio

Seconded: Helen Sadler

That State Council:

1. Note the Minutes of the LGISWA Board meeting held on 29 May 2026;
2. Approves, in line with the recommendation of the LGISWA Board, a 3.4% increase to the remuneration of the Scheme Manager for 2026-27;
3. Approves a corresponding 3.4% increase to WALGA's Trustee fee for the LGISWA Scheme for 2026-27;
4. Notes and approves the June 2026 projection of WALGA's cash flows over the next 12 months; and
5. Notes that WALGA is continuing to engage with JLT in relation to the Scheme Management Agreement.

RESOLUTION 044.3/2026

CARRIED

8.10 LGISWA BOARD APPOINTMENTS – CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

Chris Antonio declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.

Paul Kelly declared an interest in this item, left the meeting and did not return.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Stephen Strange

Seconded: Matthew Niikkula

That State Council re-appoint Mr Ben Rose as the Non-Metropolitan Officer Director on the LGISWA Board for a further three-year term, concluding on 1 July 2029.

RESOLUTION 045.3/2026

CARRIED

Chris Antonio returned to the meeting.

9 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paige McNeil left the meeting.

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Stephen Strange

NOTED

9.2 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Phillip Blight

Paige McNeil returned to the meeting.

NOTED

9.3 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Member, Scott Crosby

NOTED

9.4 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Les Price

NOTED

9.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

Presented by Chair, Karen Wheatland

NOTED

Matthew Niikkula left the meeting and did not return.

10 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

10.1 WALGA 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY FINDINGS

By Sam Kennedy, Senior Policy Advisor - Emergency Management

NOTED

10.2 PLANNING AND BUILDING PERFORMANCE MONITORING PROJECT

By Kieran McGovern, Acting Senior Policy Advisor Planning

NOTED

10.3 WALGA BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE

By Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

NOTED

10.4 FLYING MINUTES ENDORSED BY STATE COUNCIL

NOTED

11 ORGANISATION REPORTS

11.1 KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

11.1.1 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

By Rachel Horton, Executive Manager Advocacy

NOTED

11.1.2 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

NOTED

11.1.3 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO

By Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager Member Services

NOTED

11.1.4 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, POLICY PORTFOLIO

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

NOTED

11.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOTED

11.3 CEO'S REPORT

NOTED

12 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Robert Schmidt
Seconded: Laurene Bonza

That the additional Zone resolutions from the June 2026 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the relevant portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 046.3/2026

CARRIED

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio and Member Services Portfolio)

Cost Shifting to Local Government – Great Southern Country Zone Advocacy

That the Avon-Midland Country Zone support the Great Southern Country Zone's request that WALGA advocate on behalf of the sector to both State and Federal Governments on the impact of cost shifting onto Local Governments. Advocacy to:

1. Raise awareness of the cumulative financial and operational impacts of cost shifting;
2. Promote fair and transparent funding arrangements aligned with responsibilities;
3. Ensure Local Governments are not disproportionately burdened with functions beyond their core role; and
4. Reinforce the need for proper policy frameworks, particularly in emerging areas such as renewable energy and climate transition.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Water Corporation – Vegetation Maintenance of Scheme Pipelines and Regional Infrastructure Advocacy

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to:

1. Note concerns relating to vegetation encroachment and apparent lack of maintenance surrounding sections of Water Corporation regional scheme pipeline infrastructure; and
2. Advocate to the Water Corporation, State Government, Minister for Water and Shadow Minister for Water for improved vegetation management, corridor maintenance and preservation of regional scheme pipeline infrastructure assets servicing rural and regional communities, as a matter of urgency.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Major Land Transaction Provisions – Regional Workforce Housing Projects

That the Central Country Zone:

1. Supports advocacy to the Minister for Local Government and to the Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works seeking a review of the Major Land Transaction exemption provisions contained within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* as they relate to Local Government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose.
2. Requests WALGA State Council investigate and advocate for regulatory amendments which recognise workforce housing projects delivered by Local Governments to support essential services, workforce attraction and workforce retention in regional Western Australia.
3. Requests WALGA engage with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety and relevant State Government agencies to identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers impacting delivery of Local Government workforce housing projects.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Advocacy for Public Health Plans

That the Central Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to develop an advocacy position consistent with the State Government's Public Health Plan regarding advertising of unhealthy food and beverages, alcohol, smoking, e-cigarettes, and gambling products or services.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Councillor Use of Social Media and Applicability of the State Records Act 2000

That the East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to form a draft advocacy position for the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety to provide a clear, practical, and workable procedure that doesn't impose unreasonable administrative burdens on either Local Governments or individual Council Members.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Request for Inland, Centrally Located, Wind-Rated Evacuation Centre for Midwest Residents

That WALGA advocate and requests that the relevant authorities undertake:

1. A feasibility assessment for site selection and design.
2. Community consultation across affected Midwest towns.
3. Budget allocation for planning and construction.
4. Integration of the centre into the region's disaster resilience and climate adaptation framework.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Train and Passive Rail Crossing Lighting

That WALGA through the State Council;

1. Call on the State Government to urgently amend the WA Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2024 to mandate that all rail operators install and maintain high-visibility flashing beacon lighting and continuous illumination along the full length of trains, including all rolling stock.
2. Call on the State Government to commit to a time-bound, fully funded program to address the estimated 491 passive rail crossings that remain without adequate safety controls. The continued existence of such crossings—many lacking both active

warning systems and basic lighting—represents an unacceptable and avoidable public safety risk.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Greater State Government Regulation for Massage Premises

That the North Metropolitan Zone request that WALGA State Council:

1. Acknowledges the model land use definition of “Shop” under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* is very broad and does not provide sufficient clarity to deter non-legitimate massage premises within activity centres and areas frequented by the general public; and
2. Advocate for greater State Government regulation for massage premises in Western Australia to ensure businesses operating in activity centres and areas frequented by the general public provide legitimate massage services and are not associated with provision of sexual services.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Support for WALGA Advocacy Position 2.13 – Abandoned Shopping Trolleys (Advocacy for State Legislative Reform)

That the South East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to:

1. Escalate its advocacy for State Government legislative reform to give Councils greater capacity to regulate and manage the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys including:
 - a. Mandate trolley containment systems: Require retailers operating above a defined threshold (e.g. 20+ trolleys) to install and maintain approved containment systems such as wheel-lock technology or equivalent solutions;
 - b. Strengthen penalty mechanisms: Introduce modified penalties that represent a realistic economic imperative for retailers to comply with containment requirements;
 - c. Provide adequate head of power: Amend the *Local Government Act 1995* or introduce stand-alone legislation that enables Local Governments to create dedicated shopping trolley containment Local Laws with enforceable provisions;
 - d. Facilitate cost recovery: Enable Local Governments to recover costs associated with the collection, impoundment, and disposal of abandoned trolleys from the retailers responsible, with fee structures that reflect true operational costs.
2. Hold a forum of interested Local Governments to discuss the issues of abandoned shopping trolleys and options and opportunities to proactively manage them.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Psychosocial Hazards for Elected Members

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to:

1. Establish a working group to discuss this issue and get feedback as to what the next steps could be (i.e. training options);
2. Following this working group, prepare a survey to send to all Elected Members to collect data regarding this issue; and
3. Explore other options for addressing this matter, such as Employee Assistance Programs and legal mechanisms, such as restraining orders and access to the State Protection Unit.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be a Regional meeting, hosted by the Central Metropolitan Zone in the City of Perth, on Wednesday, 2 September 2026.

14 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:53pm.

Great Southern VROC

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

MINUTES

Great Southern VROC Executive Meeting

Thursday 9th July 2026

Held at the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup



GREAT SOUTHERN VOLUNTEER REGION OF COUNCILS

Minutes for the Executive Meeting
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MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Declaration of opening of meeting by Chairperson, Peter Klein

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Karen Callaghan	CEO	Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup
Linda Gray	CEO	Shire of Cranbrook
David Nicholson	CEO	Shire of Gnowangerup
Peter Klein	CEO	Shire of Katanning
Christie Smith	CEO	Shire of Kent
Grant Thompson	CEO	Shire of Kojonup
Darren Mollenoyux	Executive Officer	Great Southern VROC

Apologies

Mike Fitzgerald	Temporary CEO	Shire of Woodanilling
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Guests

3. PRESENTATIONS

- Great Southern Development Commission
Lee Sounness, Acting Deputy CEO / Director Regional Development
Ali Gardner, A/Principal Regional Development Officer, GSDC

Ali and Lee presented the revised scope of works for the Regional Infrastructure Audit Project. The presentation outlined the proposed project methodology, deliverables and funding arrangements, followed by discussion with Member Council CEOs on the revised project scope, co-contributions and RFQ approach.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 4.1 Minutes of the Great Southern VROC Executive Meeting held on the 30th March 2026 via Microsoft Teams, provided at **Attachment 4**.

RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

Moved: Karen Callaghan

Seconded: Grant Thompson

That the Minutes of the Great Southern VROC Executive Meeting held on the 30th March 2026 are received as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

Great Southern Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils

Meeting Action Report as at 30 June 2026

DATE	ITEM	DECISION / ACTION	WHO	STATUS
May 2025	Live Sheep Export Ban	Great Southern VROC opposes the Federal Government's decision to end the live export of sheep by sea from 1 May 2028 and that we will continue to advocate in the best interests of our communities.	All Councils	Delegates travelled to Canberra to attend ALGA conference and to meet with politicians to advocate for the industry.
		That representatives of Great Southern local governments meet with the Transition Advocate Dr Chris Rodwell to highlight how losing the live sheep export trade will impact on our communities and to seek assurance that meaningful support will be provided under the Federal Government's Transition Package.	P Klein	Dr Rodwell attended a meeting of VROC representatives in Katanning on to explain transition package objectives and outline potential industry opportunities.
May 2025	Dr Chris Rodwell meeting - actions	The following matters raised during today's meeting are to be followed up.		
		1. Engage Rural West to understand their plans and how local governments (or VROC) can support their ambitions for the Great Southern region.	Cr K D'Aprile	Rural West invited to update VROC on how Councils can support.
		2. Transition Advocate to provide feedback on the application process for the Community Grant Program.	Dr Rodwell	Community grant guidelines are not yet released.
		3. The meeting was concerned the co-design process excluded industry participants & exposes the program to criticism. The Transition Advocate to consider how a more inclusive process can be implemented from here to improve engagement.	Dr Rodwell	No feedback offered or yet requested.
		4. The Transition Advocate to advise if an in-person report by Austrade/MLA on the success of the marketing effort funded by the transition program could be reported to this local government group/Great Southern region.	Dr Rodwell	No feedback offered or yet requested.
August 2025	Ban of Live Sheep Exports by Sea - Presentations	a) Darren Spencer – President WA Shearing Contractors Association b) Keryn Mickel - Rural-west Financial Counselling c) ALGA Conference, Canberra Plantagenet advised that they had met with the Minister Assisting the Agriculture Minister Senator the Hon Anthony Chisolm during their visit to Canberra. During the meeting Cr Handasyde explained they had proposed the concept of accessing transition funding to support the establishment of a fee for service abattoir. A follow-up meeting was proposed by Senator Chisolm but a meeting date has not yet been set.		Brief discussion at November 2025 meeting with the following noted: - A meeting was held with Senator Chisholm, Minister Assisting the Federal Agriculture Minister, regarding funding for a contract abattoir. - Several Local Governments reported strong interest in funding available to support feedlot establishment. Do GSVROC CEOs wish to retain the Ban on Live Sheep Exports by Sea actions in the ongoing status reports?

August 2025	Housing Project	The GSDC Housing Strategy has been finalised and the project is now progressing to the next stage. The Kojonup Shire, which has been appointed as host shire for the next stage provided an update.	G Thompspon	Update May 2026 Meeting The Expression of Interest has been reviewed, the project scope refined, and the GSDC is finalising the appointment and contract of the preferred consultant.
November 2025	Great Southern Treasures MOU Renewal	That the GSVROC note the presentation from Sophie Zalokar and subsequent discussion on the Great Southern Treasures, and that the matter be listed for further consideration at the next Great Southern VROC meeting. Individual Shires to consider their position and level of commitment regarding the Great Southern Treasures MOU renewal during November 2025. A GSVROC CEOs meeting (including the Shire of Jerramungup) to be held prior to the February 2026 GSVROC meeting to discuss commitment to the GST MOU renewal and formulate a recommendation for the February 2026 meeting. Further information, including the economic benefits to each community, to be obtained from Sophie Zalokar. The CEO of South West Regional Tourism Organisation, Catrin Pickworth, to be invited to the GSVROC CEOs meeting to contribute to the discussion on the GST MOU.	GSVROC EO GSVROC CEOs GSVROC EO GSVROC EO	Noted and listed in the February 2026 agenda for consideration. Email sent to CEOs as reminder to present to individual Councils. CEOs provided update, which is provided for February 2026 Meeting. Meeting held on the 2nd December 2025, with update on outcomes provided in this agenda. Follow up meeting of CEOs was held on 2nd February 2026, where CEOs made a recommendation to the GSVROC Meeting. South West Regional Tourism Chair Dr Lenore Lyons and CEO Catrin Pickworth will be presenting at the GSVROC meeting on the 9th February 2026 Meeting.
9 February 2026		That the Great Southern VROC 1. Note the presentation from Australia's South West on Great Southern Treasures at the meeting on the 9 February 2026; 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.	GST Member CEOs	GST Member CEOs met with the GST Board following the GSVROC Meeting to discuss next steps and options. The Shire of Katanning has advised that they will not be participating under the new proposed services model. GSVROC CEOs will be holding a meeting on the 30 April 2026 to discuss future regional tourism approach / marketing options for GSVROC member Shires.
30 March 2026		Outcomes from GSVROC CEO Meeting Catrin Pickworth – CEO, Australia's South West Regional Tourism Organisation is preparing revised costings for the delivery of the 2026 Bloom Festival and the service delivery approach and associated costs for Great Southern Treasures, following the reduction in membership.		

4 May 2026		GST CEOs Meeting with Australia SouthWest The participating local governments reviewed the ongoing service agreement arrangements with ASW and agreed that the existing service agreement would not be renewed beyond 30 June 2026.		Agenda item provided in the 9 July 2026 CEO meeting regarding ASW's proposed 2026 Bloom Festival delivery approach, and future tourism promotion collaboration through GSVROC.
9 February 2026	Street Lighting Advocacy	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.	GSVROC EO & Peter Klein	Awaiting update from WALGA as to information session and approach to advocacy for street lighting conversion to LED.
4 May 2026	Withdrawal of GSVROC Membership – Shire of Plantagenet	That the Great Southern VROC Notes and accepts the correspondence received from the Shire of Plantagenet on 25 February 2026 advising of its withdrawal from the Great Southern Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils effective 1 July 2026	GSVROC EO	The GSVROC MOU updated to reflect the withdrawal of the Shire of Plantagenet, with all associated membership and governance provisions amended accordingly.
4 May 2026	GSVROC Executive Officer	That the Great Southern VROC Committee: 1. Confirms the continuation of the Great Southern VROC Executive Officer position beyond the current funding period 30 June 2026; 2. Endorses an Equal Share Annual Operating Contribution model, with each remaining Member Council contributing approximately \$7,631 per annum (subject to final confirmation); 3. Approves the continuation of the Executive Officer service arrangement from 1 July 2026, subject to finalisation of contractual terms for a period of 12 months; and 4. Authorises the Host Local Government to progress the necessary contractual and administrative arrangements to give effect to this decision.	GSVROC EO & Peter Klein	Annual operating contribution details were provided to Member Council CEOs for inclusion in their 2026/27 budgets. GSDC funding for the Executive Officer position has since been extended until 30 November 2026, resulting in a reduced annual contribution from Member Councils.

Great Southern Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Strategic Priorities 2025 – 2028

1. ECONOMIC VIABILITY (of our communities)							
No	Strategic Priority	Actions	Comment	Responsibility	Partners	Funding	Timeframe
1.1	UNDERTAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY						
	Goal:	1.1.1					Not a current priority
1.2	PARTICIPATE IN THE GSDC HOUSING STUDY						
	Goal: Develop and implement a regional housing implementation plan through the Great Southern Housing Strategy to address critical housing shortages across member Shires and support future grant funding opportunities.	1.2.1 Undertake an analysis and business case to develop Great Southern Housing Strategy.	Consultant to be appointed via GSDC to draft an Implementation (feasibility) Plan which will underpin future grant applications.	GSDC	GSDC	GSDC Grant + \$2k from GS Councils	Request for Quotations currently being reviewed
		1.2.2 Implement the Great Southern Housing Strategy	Approach to be determined once strategy has been developed.	GS VROC	GSDC	Funding to be sought	
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 will summarise: - existing power, water, wastewater, transport, telecommunications, industrial land infrastructure and/or services in the defined DRP area; - highlight infrastructure constraints that limit diversification opportunities; and - identify priority advocacy areas to support community resilience and economic diversification.	Consultant to be appointed via GSDC to deliver the audit which will underpin the drafting of future shire or regional economic development plan/s and guide future infrastructure investment strategies. Quotes received significantly higher than budget. Scope of Works being reviewed.	GSDC	GSDC	\$40k GSDC Grant	Project to commence January 2026 and to be finalized 30 April 2026 RFQs closed 30/01/26 RFQs assessed 4/2/26

2. OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES

No	Strategic Priority	Actions	Comment	Responsibility	Partners	Funding	Timeframe
2.1	UNDERTAKE A GAP ANALYSIS						
	Goal: Identify workforce strengths and gaps across member Shires through a skills audit and gap analysis to inform future workforce planning and collaboration.	2.1.1 Develop and distribute a skills audit survey to all Shires, collecting and analysing survey data to identify key skills, gaps, and areas of expertise within each Shire.	To be distributed to CEOs for comment prior to sending out for data collection.	GSVROC Executive Officer		Current EO Grant	November 2025
		2.1.2 Prepare a staff gap analysis report and present it to CEOs for consideration.	Implementation strategy to be determined by CEOs	GSVROC Executive Officer		Current EO Grant	January 2026
2.2	DEVELOP A PLANNING FRAMEWORK						
	Goal:	2.2.1					Not a priority
2.3	ENERGY EFFICIENCY						
	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.	Western Power is rolling out the upgrade but not prioritising regional areas.	GSVROC Executive Officer		EO Grant	Ongoing
		2.3.2 Develop RFQ Scope of Works for specialized consultants to explore opportunities to install solar and / or battery technology to member Council's public buildings.	Develop and present to CEOs for consideration.	GSVROC Executive Officer		EO Grant (for RFQ drafting)	Not a current priority
		2.3.3 Conduct energy audits of high-use facilities to identify areas for solar panel installation with sufficient battery capacity and connection.	Consultant to scope opportunities with participating shires	Consultant / Contractor		Not Funded	Not a current priority
		2.3.4 Install solar and/or battery technology to public buildings	Prepare a joint grant application.			Not Funded	Not a current priority
2.4	WASTE MANAGEMENT						
	Goal: Explore regional waste management solutions and cooperative efforts to improve waste disposal, recycling, and operational efficiency across the community.	2.4.1 Draft a scope of works to investigate opportunities for a regional (shared) landfill/s. Present to CEOs for consideration.	Conduct an audit of current waste management operations to identify inefficiencies and areas for improvement.	GSVROC Executive Officer		EO Grant	April 2026
		2.4.2 Obtain quotes from suitably qualified consultants to undertake investigations.	For use in future grant applications.	GSVROC Executive Officer		EO Grant	To be determined
		2.4.3 Undertake regional landfill options analysis	To be undertaken when funds are available to engage consultant.	Consultant		Not Funded	Pending Funding

3. CLIMATE RESILIENCE

No	Strategic Priority	Actions	Comment	Responsibility	Partners	Funding	Timeframe
3.1	DEVELOP POLICIES						
	Goal: Develop consistent policies across Great Southern VROC Shires to strengthen climate resilience, support community benefit and guide developer engagement.	3.1.1 Windfarms	Windfarm planning policies adopted by member local governments. Energy/Power access for future				Not a current priority
		3.1.2 Tree Canopy					Not a current priority
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)	GSDC has appointed Urbaqua to conduct a non-potable supply /demand audit and to identify potential solutions. Start up meeting held with follow up meetings with individual Shires to be undertaken in December 2025.	GSDC	Urbaqua	GSDC Grant	February 2026 GSDC extended timeframe to May 2026
		3.2.2 Invest as necessary, in infrastructure to capture, store, and distribute non-potable water.	To be informed by Urbaqua report.				
3.3	CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSESSMENT						
	Goal: Create a comprehensive risk register to identify and assess the climate-related risks impacting the community, enabling informed decision-making for future resilience planning and grant applications.	3.3.1 Collaborate with local stakeholders, experts, governments, and community members to identify climate risks (e.g., extreme weather events, flooding, droughts, heatwaves).					Not a current priority
		3.3.2 Develop and maintain a risk register, providing detailed descriptions, assessments, and potential mitigation actions.	A detailed risk register to inform future planning and strengthen grant applications for climate resilience projects.				Not a current priority

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 GSDC Project Updates

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DATE:	28 th June 2026
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	5.1 Infrastructure Audit RFQ Scope – CEO Feedback
CONSULTATION	Peter Klein, Host CEO Ali Gardiner, 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.

COMMENT

Ali Gardiner, A/Principal Regional Development Officer, GSDC, will attend the meeting to provide an update on current GSDC projects relevant to GSVROC, including the Infrastructure Audit Project. The item provides an opportunity for CEOs to consider progress to date, provide feedback on the Infrastructure Audit, and discuss the proposed next steps.

- **Water for Future Project**

The Water for Future Project is developing non-potable water strategies for each Inland Great Southern Local Government, 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 has completed the comprehensive water audit, demand modelling and gap analysis for each of the eight Inland Great Southern Shires.
- Local engagement and strategy development workshops have been completed with all participating Shires.
- Draft Water for the Future Strategies have been completed for the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup and Woodanilling. The Broomehill-Tambellup Strategy was presented to Council on 21 May 2026, while the remaining draft strategies have been provided to the respective Shires for review and feedback.
- Urbaqua anticipates completing the remaining draft strategies for the Shires of Katanning, Kent and Cranbrook and providing them to the respective Shires for review and feedback by the end of June 2026.

- **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:

- At the May 2026 GSVROC Meeting, the GSDC provided an update on the project, including the revised RFQ, project scope and potential co-contribution opportunities from Member Councils.
- The GSDC Board has subsequently approved an additional \$45,000 in funding for the project, bringing the total project budget to approximately \$110,000, subject to confirmation of co-contributions from participating Member Councils.
- The revised draft RFQ was circulated to all GSVROC CEOs for review and feedback, seeking input on townsites priorities, infrastructure needs, industry focus, project deliverables and Council willingness to provide a financial co-contribution to maintain the full project scope.
- The GSVROC Executive Officer has compiled feedback received from Member Councils and discussed the outcomes with Ali Gardner from GSDC.
- Ali Gardiner from the GSDC will provide a further update at this meeting, including the outcomes of Member Council feedback and the proposed next steps for progressing the Infrastructure Audit Project.

- **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:

- At the May 2026 GSVROC Meeting Grant Thompson advised that the Expression of Interest process had been completed and the project scope refined to align with the objectives of the Housing Strategy Project.
- A preferred consultant had been identified, with contract arrangements being finalised by the GSDC.

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

That the Great Southern VROC Executive:

1. Receives the project updates on the GSDC Projects on the Water for Future Project, Infrastructure Audit Project and Housing Strategy Project;
2. Considers the feedback provided by Member Council CEOs on the revised Infrastructure Audit Request for Quotation (RFQ) and determines a preferred position on the project scope, including Member Council co-contributions to support delivery of the project scope; and
3. Provides direction on the preferred approach and any further actions required to progress the Infrastructure Audit Project.

DECISION

Moved: Christie Smith

Seconded: Linda Gray

That the Great Southern VROC Executive:

1. **Receives the project updates on the Great Southern Development Commission Water for Future Project, Infrastructure Audit Project and Housing Strategy Project;**
2. **Consider the feedback provided by Member Council CEOs and the presentation from the Great Southern Development Commission on the revised scope of works for the Infrastructure Audit Project and endorse the refined proposed approach to the project scope; and**
3. **Provide in-principal support for each member Shire to contribute up to a maximum of \$2,500, if required, as a co-contribution towards the GSVROC Infrastructure Audit Project, and that the Shire of Woodanilling be advised of the in-principal commitment of the other member Shires and be provided with a further opportunity to reconsider its participation in the project.**

Carried 6/0

5.2 Operational Efficiencies – Initial Survey Results

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DATE:	28 June 2026
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	5.2 - Staff Resourcing Survey Results
CONSULTATION	Peter Klein, Host CEO GSVROC CEOs

SUMMARY

This item presents the outcomes of the Stage 1 Inter-Council Support Capacity & Priorities Survey and seeks CEO consideration of the findings to identify priority areas for future regional collaboration, resource sharing and operational efficiencies.

BACKGROUND

At the GSVROC CEOs Meeting held on 30 March 2026, CEOs endorsed a revised two-stage approach to the Operational Efficiencies – Gap Analysis Strategic Priority, following concerns that the original skills audit survey was overly detailed and focused on individual staff capabilities.

The revised approach shifted the focus to organisational capacity and opportunities for collaboration between member Councils.

Stage 1 involved the distribution of an Inter-Council Support Capacity & Priorities Survey, designed to identify:

- Areas where Councils have capacity to support other member Councils;
- Areas experiencing workforce or service delivery constraints;
- Functions that may benefit from regional collaboration, resource sharing or future investigation.

The outcomes of Stage 1 are intended to inform future discussions regarding regional service delivery opportunities and identify priority areas for more detailed investigation through Stage 2.

COMMENT

The Stage 1 Inter-Council Support Capacity & Priorities Survey has been distributed to member Councils, with responses received and consolidated into a regional overview of organisational capacity, service demand and opportunities for collaboration across the GSVROC region.

The attached survey summary report presents the consolidated findings and identifies common themes, opportunities for regional collaboration, and service areas that may warrant further investigation.

Key findings from the survey include:

- Several member Councils indicated an interest in exploring opportunities for the sharing of Ranger services.
- Four member Councils identified that they have capacity to provide support to other GSVROC member Councils in specific service areas. A summary of these opportunities is provided within the attached report.
- Six member Councils identified varying areas where additional support or specialist resources may be beneficial.
- The survey identified several service areas, including Asset Management, Rates, Final Trim Grader operation and Mechanical Services, where there is identified demand across the region but no corresponding capacity within member Councils, indicating potential regional workforce or service delivery gaps.

The purpose of this agenda item is for CEOs to consider the survey findings, discuss the identified opportunities for regional collaboration and resource sharing, and determine whether any priority service areas should progress to next stage. Stage 2 would involve targeted, function-specific information gathering to further assess resource requirements, service demand and the feasibility of collaborative service delivery models.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no direct statutory implications arising from this report.

The project supports opportunities for improved service delivery and operational efficiencies while recognising that participating Councils remain individually responsible for meeting their legislative obligations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Any future projects or collaborative initiatives identified through Stage 2 will be subject to separate consideration by participating member Councils, including any associated funding requirements.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Great Southern VROC Strategic Plan 2025 - 2029

Goal: Identify workforce strengths and gaps across member Shires through a skills audit and gap analysis to inform future workforce planning and collaboration.

- 2.1.1 Develop and distribute a skills audit survey to all Shires, collecting and analysing survey data to identify key skills, gaps, and areas of expertise within each Shire.
- 2.1.2 Prepare a staff gap analysis report and present it to CEOs for consideration.

The revised methodology adopted by CEOs focuses on organisational capability and collaboration opportunities while maintaining the intent of these strategic actions.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That GSVROC CEOs

- 1. Receive the outcomes of the Stage 1 Inter-Council Support Capacity & Priorities Survey;
- 2. Consider the identified opportunities for regional collaboration, resource sharing and operational efficiencies and a CEOs Workshop

DECISION

Moved: Karen Callaghan

Seconded: Grant Thompson

That GSVROC Executive:

- 1. Receive the outcomes of the Stage 1 Inter-Council Support Capacity & Priorities Survey;
- 2. Note the opportunities identified for regional collaboration, resource sharing and operational efficiencies arising from the survey; and
- 3. Defer further consideration of the survey outcomes to a future CEOs Workshop, to be held following the review of the GSVROC Strategic Plan at the Great Southern VROC meeting on 3 August 2026.

ACTION

The Executive Officer to prepare and facilitate a full-day GSVROC CEOs Workshop following the review of the GSVROC Strategic Plan to consider the outcomes of the review, provide dedicated time for discussion of current strategic projects and priorities, and identify future opportunities, emerging regional needs and the long-term strategic direction of GSVROC.

5.3 Regional Landfill Investigation and Waste Management Audit

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DATE:	3 July 2026
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	5.3 – RFQ for Waste Management Audit
CONSULTATION	Peter Klein, Host CEO GSVROC CEOs

SUMMARY

This item provides an update on the proposed regional Waste Management Audit and seeks CEO consideration of the consolidated CEO feedback received on the draft Request for Quotation (RFQ) and whether the project should proceed.

BACKGROUND

At the GSVROC CEOs Meeting held on 30 March 2026, CEOs continued discussions on opportunities for regional collaboration in waste management, including the potential to undertake a coordinated audit of existing waste facilities and waste management services across member Councils. The purpose of the audit is to identify operational efficiencies, financial implications, service gaps and opportunities to improve regional waste management outcomes.

The project aligns with the *Great Southern VROC Strategic Plan 2025–2029, specifically Goal 2.4 – Explore regional waste management solutions and cooperative efforts to improve waste disposal, recycling and operational efficiency across the region.*

The Executive Officer presented a draft Request for Quotation (RFQ) and Scope of Works to the CEOs at the Executive Meeting on 30 March. Following consideration of the draft documentation, CEOs resolved to further review the RFQ and provide feedback to the Executive Officer.

The feedback has now been compiled and is provided for CEO consideration to determine whether the RFQ should proceed to market, be amended, or whether an alternative approach should be pursued.

COMMENT

The Executive Officer requested feedback from member CEOs on the draft RFQ and Scope of Works following the March 2026 meeting. Responses have now been received and consolidated to identify areas of support, suggested amendments and matters requiring further consideration.

Following discussion of the feedback, CEOs are requested to determine whether to proceed with the RFQ, whether amendments to the scope or project methodology are required, or whether an alternative approach should be considered.

The consolidated feedback is provided below:

Shire of Kent I don't have any further feedback
Shire of Woodanilling No further feedback
Shire of Gnowangerup Can the RFQ for waste please include: - A discrete plan for each Shire will be part of the deliverables. This will be in addition to options for a collective position. - Can the scope include rehabilitation costs for each landfill site. - I would leave price out of the selection criteria (it's still considered as part of the assessment, just not weighted). If price is deleted, then I'd suggest skills are given a 65% weighting and resources 35%.
Shire of Kojoonup - Should this scope be broader to explore alternative waste management solutions for the region, not just landfill options. - Remove "<i>Enhanced Recycling and Technology Solutions</i>" and replace with "<i>Enhanced Alternative systems to traditional waste management - Present alternative sustainable systems that are in place globally to manage waste in an efficient and environmentally friendly manner. Provide a synopsis of the future of waste management and include the introduction of appropriate new and emerging waste management technologies.</i>"

Shire of Katanning

I would prefer to structure our approach as follows;

1. Each Shire performs a stocktake by answering the following;
 - a. Area of landfill site (including an aerial site map & tip layout).
 - b. Tonnes of waste received (itemised by general waste, green waste, builders' rubble, metal and electronic waste).
 - c. Remaining life of existing landfill pits.
 - d. Estimate the cost of constructing the next pit/s.
 - e. Provide a list of landfill plant and usage hours per year.
 - f. Provide a description of tip operations (eg opening hrs, staffing, weighbridge, if residents access the landfill face or deliver waste to skips, separation of green, metal, electronic waste and builders rubble, if landfill is compacted, if landfill is covered daily etc).
 - g. Commentary on compliance challenges.
 - h. Cost of providing the landfill service.
2. We should collate this information into a status report and use this to identify gaps & build a common understanding about our landfill challenges.
3. In the meantime, I think we should contract a waste management consultant to;
 - a) describe how a regional landfill solution works, including;
 - What infrastructure must exist at the regional facility.....provide a concept layout (noting a site is yet to be identified)
 - How a regional facility will operate (what waste will it receive, how is it delivered, staff numbers and general tasks).
 - What infrastructure each Shire will need to supply (ie describe features of transfer stations).
 - How the Shire facilities will operate (what waste will they receive, staffing needs, plant & equipment requirements).
 - b) advise if landfill closure plans need to be delivered by Shires that participate in a regional solution or if these landfills can be considered in "care & maintenance" (ie made secure but not rehabilitated, yet).
 - c) develop a business case that identifies the economic & compliance case for a regional landfill solution And which identifies the key features of a successful regional landfill solution.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no direct statutory implications arising from this report.

The proposed Waste Management Audit is intended to support member Councils in meeting their statutory responsibilities under relevant waste management and environmental legislation by identifying opportunities to improve operational efficiency, compliance and long-term service delivery.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications associated with consideration of this report.

Should CEOs resolve to proceed with the Request for Quotation, the Executive Officer will obtain quotations for consideration. Any decision to engage a consultant or commit funding will be subject to a separate report and endorsement by participating member Councils or other agreed funding arrangements.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVESGreat Southern VROC Strategic Plan 2025 - 2029

Goal: Explore regional waste management solutions and cooperative efforts to improve waste disposal, recycling, and operational efficiency across the community.

- 2.4.1 Draft a scope of works to investigate opportunities for a regional (shared) landfill/s. Present to CEOs for consideration.
- 2.4.2 Obtain quotes from suitably qualified consultants to undertake investigations.
- 2.4.3 Undertake regional landfill options analysis

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the GSVROC CEOs:

1. Consider the consolidated feedback received on the draft Request for Quotation and Scope of Works for the proposed Regional Waste Management Audit;
2. Determine whether the Request for Quotation should proceed to market, including any amendments considered necessary to the scope of works; and
3. Provide direction to the Executive Officer regarding the next steps for progressing the project.

Meeting Note:

The GSVROC Executive discussed the consolidated feedback on the draft Request for Quotation and Scope of Works for the proposed Regional Waste Management Audit. The Executive agreed that further strategic information and consideration of future waste management opportunities would be beneficial before progressing the project.

ACTION

- 1. The Executive Officer invites Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling at WALGA to provide a presentation at the next GSVROC meeting on emerging waste management initiatives, regional opportunities and future directions.**
- 2. The Executive Officer will also identify and invite other relevant industry experts to present on best practice approaches and future opportunities for regional waste management.**

5.4 Future Collaboration and Project Opportunities

REPORTING OFFICER:	Darren Mollenoyux, GSVROC Executive Officer
DATE:	3 July 2026
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	5.4a – Draft RFQ for Energy Efficiency Audit 5.4b – GSVROC Shires Policies Comparison Summary
CONSULTATION	GSVROC CEOs

SUMMARY

This item provides a progress update on regional collaboration initiatives and project opportunities being progressed through GSVROC, including consideration of recent regional discussions regarding future local government collaboration.

BACKGROUND

At the GSVROC CEOs Meeting held on 30 March 2026, CEOs identified a number of projects suitable for progression through a coordinated regional approach. The projects were informed by opportunities identified through the GSDC's Regional Drought Resilience Plan, together with additional initiatives identified by member Councils that have the potential to improve operational efficiency, strengthen regional resilience and leverage external funding opportunities.

An update on these initiatives was subsequently presented to the GSVROC Committee Meeting on 4 May 2026, with the meeting noting the projects underway and supporting the progression of regional collaboration opportunities.

Since the GSVROC meeting in May 2026, the President of the Shire of Plantagenet convened a meeting of Great Southern local government Mayors and Presidents to discuss opportunities for greater regional collaboration in service delivery, governance and resource sharing. The discussions focused on common challenges facing local governments, including workforce attraction and retention, increasing compliance obligations and sustainable service delivery, together with opportunities for shared services and inter-local government collaboration. While no formal outcomes have been received from the meeting, the discussions align with the collaborative approach being progressed through GSVROC.

COMMENT

The recent regional meeting convened by the President of the Shire of Plantagenet discussed the challenges and opportunities facing local governments across the Great Southern. Although no formal outcomes or actions have been communicated, the discussions are relevant with the objectives of GSVROC's current collaboration approaches.

The following provides an update on the collaborative projects identified at the previous meeting.

COLLABORATIONS & PROJECTS

Operational Efficiencies – Gap Analysis (Revised Approach)

The revised two-stage approach is now underway:

Stage 1 – Inter-Council Support Capacity & Priorities Survey

A high-level organisational survey has been distributed to identify where Councils have capacity to support others, areas of service demand or constraint, and priority functions for further investigation. This avoids individual staff-level data and focuses on organisational capability and collaboration opportunities.

Stage 2 – Targeted Information Requests

Subject to analysis of Stage 1 outcomes, targeted follow-up information will be sought for priority service areas to better understand resourcing, service demand and potential collaboration models, including staff sharing or joint service delivery arrangements.

The outcomes of Stage 1 will be consolidated into a regional supply–demand analysis to inform future CEO discussions and potential collaborative initiatives.

UPDATE

Feedback on stage 1 has been consolidated into a report and presented as an agenda item in the July agenda.

Energy Efficiency

Solar and battery implementation at Council buildings, including an initial coordinated approach to site inspections and identification of suitable facilities for future investment or funding opportunities.

GSVROC Strategic Priority

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

2.3.2 - Develop RFQ Scope of Works for specialized consultants to explore opportunities to install solar and / or battery technology to member Council's public buildings.

Executive Meeting Actions

- Executive Officer to develop a Scope of Works for RFQ to engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake an audit of opportunities for solar and battery installation across member Councils' public buildings. The audit is to include assessment of site suitability, design considerations, fleet and charging infrastructure capability, and broader energy efficiency opportunities.
- Scope of Works to be presented to CEOs for review and endorsement.
- If RFQ proceeds identification of available funding programs to support the audit and any subsequent implementation - such as drought funding or other applicable grant opportunities.
- Executive Officer to obtain and provide an overview of the NEWROC Microgrids Project to inform CEOs.

UPDATE

• Draft RFQ for Energy Efficiency Project

At the March 2026 GSVROC CEOs Meeting, CEOs discussed the opportunity to undertake a regional audit of solar panels and battery installation opportunities across member Councils' public buildings. While there was general support for progressing the initiative, discussion highlighted the need to further consider the scope and objectives of the proposed audit to ensure it aligns with the priorities and expectations of participating Councils.

The Executive Officer has prepared a draft RFQ and Scope of Works for consideration by CEOs. The draft RFQ has been developed as a discussion document to assist CEOs in determining the preferred scope of the project, the outcomes sought, and whether there is a consensus for the project to proceed.

The draft RFQ is provided as Attachment 5.3a for CEO.

• Microgrid Information

As requested, the Executive Officer obtained an overview of the NEWROC Bencubbin Renewable Microgrid Project to provide an understanding of its objectives, potential benefits and current status.

The project was initiated by NEWROC in response to ongoing power reliability issues experienced across the North Eastern Wheatbelt. Following significant power outages in January 2024 and an assessment of the associated economic impacts, NEWROC commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the establishment of a renewable microgrid at Bencubbin. The study explored the use of a combination of solar generation, battery energy storage, wind generation and backup diesel generation to provide a resilient local electricity supply capable of operating independently from the main grid during network outages. The project is based on a repeatable microgrid model previously developed for Mullewa and is intended to improve energy security while supporting increased renewable energy generation and long-term regional resilience.

The feasibility study concluded that the proposed microgrid is technically achievable and has the potential to significantly improve power reliability for Bencubbin, Beacon and the surrounding radial network while also creating broader economic and community benefits. In addition to improving resilience during prolonged outages, the study identified opportunities to support future business growth, reduce reliance on the traditional electricity network, attract external investment and leverage future grant funding. The study also identified a number of implementation considerations, including securing a suitable site, obtaining development and network approvals, securing project financing and obtaining Western Power support.

Since completion of the feasibility study, Western Power has advised that it provides in-principle support for the Bencubbin Renewable Microgrid, subject to the completion of further feasibility work and the normal connection approval process. Western Power has also confirmed that, following the success of its Regional Connect pilot program, microgrids have become an ongoing component of its strategy to improve reliability across regional Western Australia. The utility has advised that it remains committed to working collaboratively with communities to develop renewable microgrid solutions where they can improve network reliability and resilience.

Waste Management

The CEOs discussed regional waste management opportunities, including the potential to undertake a coordinated audit of existing waste sites and services across member Councils. The purpose of the audit is to identify operational efficiencies, financial implications, service gaps, and opportunities to improve regional waste management approaches.

Actions

- The Executive Officer has provided CEOs with a draft RFQ and scope of works for the engagement of a suitably qualified consultant to undertake a joint audit of existing waste sites and waste management services across member Councils.
- CEOs to review the draft RFQ and provided feedback to the Executive Officer.

UPDATE

Feedback on RFQ has been consolidated and presented as an agenda item in the July 2026 agenda.

Evacuation Centre Audits

The CEOs discussed the opportunity for a joint application to the Disaster Ready Fund but agreed not to proceed in the upcoming round due to varying levels of existing back up power supply across member Shires. However there was agreement to seek to have an audit undertaken by the Department of Communities, which has no financial implications.

Action

Executive Officer to liaise with the Department of Communities to seek opportunity for the Department to undertake inspections and provide an audit report on evacuation centres within GSVROC member Councils. The outcome is to be reported back to the CEOs.

UPDATE

The GSVROC Executive Officer has contacted the Department of Communities regarding potential coordination of evacuation centre assessments across member Councils, with reference to the approach undertaken by other VROC. The Department has advised that it is currently reviewing its process for assessing potential evacuation centres, with a revised process expected to be implemented in the next quarter. The Department has also provided contact details for the relevant regional officers and indicated it will be in a position to provide further information once the updated process is in place.

Governance and Compliance

CEOs discussed opportunities for collaboration in governance and compliance, noting the potential to jointly review or audit policy manuals to ensure consistency, compliance and appropriateness across member Councils.

Actions

- CEOs to provide the GSVROC Executive Officer with a copy of their Policy Manual index for collation and comparison.
- The Executive Officer is to contact Lynn Fogg at WALGA to explore the opportunity to deliver a workshop for staff responsible for policy management, to be held within the GSVROC region. The review is to include human resource policies. A quote for the workshop is to be obtained and presented to CEOs.

UPDATE

- **The GSVROC Executive Officer contacted WALGA to explore the potential for delivery of a regional workshop for member Councils focused on policy management, governance requirements, policy frameworks, and the relationship between policies, procedures and legislative requirements.**

WALGA has advised that it is currently unable to provide a tailored workshop in the short term due to capacity constraints within its Governance team, noting an increase in demand and recent staff changeovers. However, WALGA has indicated that a similar workshop may be considered for development within the next 12 months as part of its forward planning.

In the interim, WALGA has advised that member Councils may access governance support directly through its Governance Team for specific policy queries, and that WALGA Training is able to deliver a Policy Development and Procedure Writing course which could be arranged regionally if required.

- **CEOs provided a copy of their policies, and the Executive Officer has compiled the feedback which is provided in a summary report at Attachment 5.3b.**

Economic Development

CEOs discussed regional economic development strategies, noting that several member Shires are progressing or considering their own strategies. It was agreed that a coordinated GSVROC-wide Economic Development Strategy, supported by region-specific data, would be valuable. This work could be considered following completion of the GSDC's regional infrastructure audit.

Actions

The GSVROC Executive Officer write to GSDC regarding:

- seeking information on available data and studies that provide economic insights specific to the GSVROC region, including information that demonstrates the financial contribution of GSVROC member Shires to State and Federal Governments.
- to seek clarification from the GSDC regarding its structure, responsibilities, and mandate in relation to economic development, including its approach to supporting regional Local Governments.
- Invite GSDC to attend the next full GSVROC meeting (3rd August 2026) to provide an overview of the Commission's role, its alignment with Local Government priorities, and updates on current and upcoming projects and initiatives.

UPDATE

Natasha Monks and Lee Souness will be attending the GSVROC Meeting on the 3rd August 2026 to provide a presentation on:

- **An overview of GSDC's role, structure, and mandate in relation to regional economic development.**
- **Current and upcoming projects and initiatives across the Great Southern, outside the current work we are currently involved with through Drought Program.**
- **Any available regional data, studies, or insights that help inform economic development planning within the GSVROC region**

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

This item supports the objectives of the Great Southern VROC by:

- Strengthening collaboration and partnerships between member Councils.
- Identifying opportunities for shared services, resource sharing and regional efficiencies.
- Supporting coordinated planning, advocacy and strategic project development.
- Leveraging regional collaboration to pursue funding and investment opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the GSVROC CEOs:

1. Note the progress of current regional collaboration initiatives and project opportunities;
2. Consider the recent regional discussions, in Albany, regarding opportunities for greater collaboration between Great Southern local governments and provide feedback on their views and any implications for GSVROC's future collaborative initiatives; and
3. Consider and endorse the next steps for the projects outlined in this report and provide direction to the Executive Officer regarding the prioritisation and progression of current collaborative initiatives.

Meeting Note:

The Great Southern VROC Executive discussed the progress of current regional collaboration initiatives and project opportunities, including recent regional discussions held in Albany regarding opportunities for greater collaboration between Great Southern local governments. The Executive noted the progress of the current collaborative initiatives and agreed that the proposed Draft Request for Quotation for the Energy Efficiency Project would not be progressed at this time. All other projects will continue to be progressed as outlined.

ACTION

The Executive Officer to continue progressing the current regional collaboration initiatives and project opportunities, excluding the Energy Efficiency Project, and provide further updates to the GSVROC Executive at future meetings.

5.5 Great Southern Treasures – Future Direction / Alternative Models for Tourism

REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Klein
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
DATE:	29 June 2026
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	5.5a GST – Service Level Agreement 2023-26 5.5b ASW Bloom Festival Proposal 2026
CONSULTATION	GST CEOs Australia's South West

SUMMARY

To outline Australia's South West's proposed approach to delivering the 2026 Bloom Festival and instruct member CEO's to explore options for future GSVROC member cooperation in marketing the region to the tourism sector.

BACKGROUND

Great Southern Treasures through Australia's South West (ASW) is providing a collaborative regional tourism platform that has included promotion of the Bloom Festival, a seasonal tourism campaign, promoting spring-time events, attractions and local experiences across the participating communities.

In early 2026, the participating local governments reviewed the ongoing service agreement arrangements with ASW and agreed that the existing service agreement would not be renewed beyond 30 June 2026.

However, there was continued support for ensuring the 2026 Bloom Festival proceeds to amongst other things, avoid disruption to communities and operators that were planning activities around this year's festival period (September – October).

Australia's South West has provided an amended delivery proposal for the 2026 Bloom Festival, with the participating local governments collectively confirming a capped contribution of \$44,000.

COMMENT

The proposed approach provides transition arrangements for 2026, allowing the Bloom Festival to proceed with ASW support while avoiding a longer-term commitment to the current ASW delivery model. This is consistent with GSVROC's position not to re-commit to the revised ASW service level agreement, while working with Great Southern VROC partners to identify a more broadly acceptable approach to marketing the region to the tourism sector.

The confirmed local government contributions are outlined below:

Local Government	Confirmed Contribution
Shire of Kojonup	\$7,000
Shire of Kent	\$2,000
Shire of Jerramungup	\$2,000
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup	\$5,000
Shire of Katanning	\$7,000
Shire of Woodanilling	\$7,000
Shire of Gnowangerup	\$7,000
Shire of Cranbrook	\$7,000
Total	\$44,000

The above sponsorship will fund a marketing campaign for the Bloom Festival 2026 that will include targeted digital & social media promotion and paid advertising of Spring tourism period activities planned within our respective shires.

In parallel, the Great Southern VROC Chief Executive Officers should be requested to explore and if appropriate, recommend an alternative regional tourism and destination marketing strategy that is more closely aligned to local priorities, transparent performance measures and sustainable regional governance arrangements. This work should consider governance, funding equity, measurable outcomes, reporting, brand ownership, event delivery responsibilities, and alignment with local government economic development priorities.

The proposed 2026 Bloom Festival delivery arrangement provides a sensible transition from the previous Great Southern Treasures service agreement model while enabling the development of an alternative strategy aimed at delivering a more sustainable and fit-for-purpose regional tourism model for future years.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred between the participating Great Southern Treasures local government Chief Executive Officers, Great Southern VROC representatives and Australia's South West. Further consultation will be required with participating local governments as part of the development of any alternative regional tourism and destination marketing strategy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications arising from this report. Any future regional tourism strategy should be considered in the context of Council's economic development, community development and tourism objectives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial commitment is currently given by any participating shires to the promotion of the Bloom Festival beyond 2026. Future commitments, if any, are now subject to future CEO & GSVROC deliberations.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The proposal supports regional collaboration, tourism promotion, local economic activity and community event participation.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

ACTION

That the GSVROC CEOs:

1. Review the proposed arrangements for the delivery of the 2026 Bloom Festival by Australia's South West.
2. Discuss and identify opportunities for future regional tourism and destination marketing collaboration, with outcomes to be reported to the November 2026 GSVROC CEOs Meeting.

Meeting Note:

CEOs reviewed the proposed arrangements for the delivery of the 2026 Bloom Festival by Australia's South West (ASW) and discussed future opportunities for regional tourism and destination marketing collaboration. The CEOs agreed that further consideration of collaborative regional tourism models and future opportunities would be beneficial before determining future approach to Tourism and the next steps for GST and Bloom.

ACTION

The Executive Officer to:

- Invite Linda Vernon to the Great Southern VROC meeting on the 3rd August 2026 to provide a presentation on collaborative regional tourism models and opportunities.
- Obtain a quotation from Australia's South West (ASW) for the interim preservation of the Great Southern Treasures (GST) IT and assets.
- Report back to the GSVROC Executive on future regional tourism and destination marketing opportunities following the presentations and further consideration.

5.6 Implications of Australian Competition Law for Joint Procurement Activities by Local Governments

REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Klein
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	
DATE:	3 July 2026
ATTACHMENT NUMBER:	Nil
CONSULTATION	

SUMMARY

To provide information about the competition law risks associated with collaborative procurement and regional purchasing arrangements, particularly the prohibition on cartel conduct and collusive tendering, and to outline measures that can be taken to ensure compliance.

BACKGROUND

It is increasingly expected that regional local governments work more collaboratively to improve purchasing power, reduce procurement costs and address resource constraints. These collaborative efforts are focused on improving efficiency and sustainability. Examples include the sharing of human resource, the joint procurement of information technology services, road construction services and strategic planning.

Despite the current encouragement for greater collaboration, local governments are not exempt from Australian competition law. Local governments are market participants when purchasing goods & services and consequently, collaborative purchasing arrangements can be unlawful if joint procurement activities meets the definition of anti-competitive conduct.

COMMENT

The primary competition law risk for local governments undertaking joint procurement is the cartel prohibition in s 45AD of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), particularly where local governments that would otherwise acquire services independently agree to coordinate acquisition terms, prices, supplier selection or tender outcomes.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is the entity responsible for investigating and prosecuting anti-competitive or collusive behaviour.

What Constitutes Anti-Competitive Behaviour (Collusion)?

Collusion occurs where local governments agree to coordinate rather than compete.

Examples that may raise competition concerns include:

- multiple local governments agreeing on the price they are willing to pay for a service;
- Local governments collectively deciding not to engage certain suppliers;
- Local governments sharing competitively sensitive information during procurement processes; or
- arrangements that exclude suppliers from competing for work.

Particular caution is required where local governments exchange detailed information about procurement strategies, budgets, pricing expectations or supplier negotiations.

Joint Procurement Is Not Necessarily Unlawful

Importantly, competition law does not prohibit all forms of collaboration.

The public benefit test is the key test the ACCC applies when considering whether to authorise collaborative procurement arrangements (and other anti-competitive behaviours) that might otherwise breach competition law.

The ACCC's public benefit test requires consideration of whether the likely public benefits of a collaborative procurement arrangement outweigh any likely public detriment, including any reduction in competition. Relevant benefits for local governments may include improved procurement efficiency, reduced costs, enhanced service delivery, economies of scale and better outcomes for regional

communities. These benefits must be balanced against potential impacts on market competition, supplier participation and tendering outcomes.

Many collaborative procurement models are legitimate, including:

- shared services arrangements;
- lead-council procurement models;
- preferred supplier panels; and
- aggregated purchasing programs.

These arrangements generally remain lawful where they are transparent, structured appropriately and focused on achieving procurement efficiencies rather than restricting competition.

Key Risk Areas for Local Governments

1. Joint Negotiation of Prices

Where local governments collectively negotiate with suppliers, the activity may be viewed as a form of buyer coordination. Potential examples are waste collection, bitumen services and ERP system selection.

While this may deliver cost savings, there is a risk that the arrangement could be characterised as conduct between competing purchasers if not appropriately structured.

2. Sharing Commercially Sensitive Information

Exchanging future procurement strategies, budget allocations or supplier pricing information can create competition law risks, particularly where those discussions influence future market behaviour.

3. Supplier Exclusion

Collaborative arrangements that effectively prevent suppliers from competing for work or accessing procurement opportunities may attract scrutiny.

4. Tender Design

Joint tender processes must be carefully designed to ensure that:

Practical Implications

For local government and/or regional collaborations, the practical implications are:

Low Risk Activities

Generally low-risk activities include:

- sharing procurement expertise and resources;
- jointly developing specifications;
- utilising WALGA Preferred Supplier Panels;
- undertaking joint market research;
- appointing a lead agency to undertake procurement on behalf of participating local governments.

Higher Risk Activities

Activities warranting legal review include:

- collective negotiation of prices on behalf of multiple local governments;
- agreements regarding future procurement;
- coordinated decisions concerning particular suppliers;
- regional arrangements involving exclusive purchasing commitments; and
- procurement models that substantially alter competition within local markets.

In summary

1. the ACCC specifically provides an authorisation process for arrangements that may otherwise raise competition law concerns where the resulting public benefit outweighs any competitive detriment.

2. local government collaboration remains an important mechanism for achieving economies of scale, strengthening purchasing power and improving service outcomes for rural local governments. However, well-intentioned collaboration must be structured to avoid breaching competition law.
3. any significant collaborative procurement initiative should be supported by appropriate governance arrangements and specialist legal advice to ensure compliance with the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission regulatory framework
- Local Government Act 1995 (WA)
- Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 (WA)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Potential long-term financial benefits may be obtained through lawful collaborative procurement arrangements. Conversely, non-compliance with competition law could expose participating organisations and individuals to significant regulatory risk and legal costs.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the GSVROC CEOs:

1. Note the implications of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) for collaborative procurement activities undertaken by local governments.
2. Supports continued regional collaboration and shared procurement initiatives where they are structured to comply with competition law and procurement legislation.
3. Requests WALGA to;
 - a) provide greater clarity about the acceptability of collaborative procurement by regional local governments; and
 - b) negotiate conditions with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for a blanket authorisation for joint procurement activities undertaken by regional, Tier 3 & 4 local governments.

Meeting Note:

CEOs discussed the implications of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) for collaborative procurement activities undertaken by local governments. The CEOs discussed a range of potential approaches, including a coordinated approach through WALGA and direct engagement by GSVROC with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. It was acknowledged that the issue has broader implications for regional local governments and could benefit from wider sector consideration.

ACTION

The GSVROC Executive Officer encourages other VROCs to consider the implications of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) for collaborative procurement activities and any subsequent support for advocacy.

6. GENERAL UPDATES / INFORMATION

6.1 GSVROC Executive Officer Funding

Background

At the May 2026 Great Southern VROC Committee Meeting, the Committee resolved to continue the Executive Officer position beyond the completion of the Great Southern Development Commission funded period at 30 June 2026.

The Committee endorsed an Equal Share Annual Operating Contribution model (\$7,631 per annum), with the seven remaining Member Councils funding the ongoing Executive Officer service from 1 July 2026, and approved a 12-month Executive Officer service agreement. The Host Local Government was also authorised to finalise the necessary contractual and administrative arrangements to implement the decision.

Since that meeting, the Executive Officer service has continued to support the operations of the Great Southern VROC, including governance and secretariat services, regional project coordination, stakeholder engagement, advocacy, financial administration and grant management.

Update

Following a review of expenditure under the GSDC Memorandum of Understanding, sufficient unspent funds were identified to continue funding the Executive Officer position beyond 30 June 2026.

As a result, the GSDC has approved an extension of its MOU with the Shire of Katanning until 30 November 2026. Based on expenditure to date, the remaining funding is expected to support approximately 290 hours of Executive Officer services.

The extension will enable the Executive Officer to continue supporting the delivery of the GSVROC Strategic Plan, regional collaboration activities and drought resilience initiatives while providing time for the GSVROC to finalise ongoing funding arrangements for the Executive Officer position.

The extension of the GSDC funding will offset the cost of the Executive Officer position until 30 November 2026, resulting in a the reduction in the 2026/27 annual contribution required from each Member Council.

Future Considerations

To support the longer term governance and administration of the Great Southern VROC, CEOs are asked to have initial discussions the following matters:

- Oversight of the Executive Officer Position
 - Should the oversight and management of the Executive Officer position continue to be undertaken by the current Host Local Government?
 - Alternatively, should responsibility rotate following each Local Government Election in line with the rotation of the GSVROC Chair and Host Local Government?
- Future Financial Management Arrangements

Option 1 – Host Local Government Model: The Host Local Government is responsible for the financial administration of the GSVROC, including holding GSVROC funds, invoicing Member Councils for annual contributions, managing accounts, and processing payments to the contracted Executive Officer.

Option 2 – Executive Officer Managed Model: Similar to the arrangements adopted by NEWROC and WEROC, the Executive Officer maintains the GSVROC financial accounts, receives and manages Member Council contributions, processes payments, and ensures compliance with all agreed financial management and legal obligations, with appropriate reporting and oversight provided to the Host Local Government and Member Councils.

6.2 Enterprise Resource Management (ERP)

At the May 2026 Great Southern VROC Meeting, a brief discussion was held regarding future Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) transitions across Member Councils and the potential opportunities for regional collaboration.

This item provides an opportunity for CEOs to discuss their respective ERP implementation plans and identify opportunities for collaboration, including the sharing of knowledge, lessons learnt, procurement approaches, implementation strategies and other areas of mutual benefit. The discussion will also assist in determining whether there is any value in developing a coordinated approach to any components of ERP initiatives.

6.3 Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance

The Executive Officer has received an update from the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance following the national workshop held in Canberra on 22 June 2026, which brought together more than 30 local governments, associations and rural health organisations from across Australia to advocate for sustainable Commonwealth funding for rural general practitioner attraction and retention.

The Alliance has requested participating local governments to continue supporting the initiative by formally registering their support for the Alliance, promoting the attached media release through local communication channels where appropriate, and tabling the workshop summary at the next available Council Information Session or Briefing. The Alliance has advised that a further meeting will be convened following the recent Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly to progress the agreed advocacy actions and coordinate future engagement with the Commonwealth Government.

The Workshop Summary, Media Release, and Alliance Information and Registration Details are provided at **Attachment 6.3**.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

This section will be a standard item that provides an opportunity for CEOs to raise any additional matters or emerging issues relevant to Great Southern VROC.

CEOs are encouraged to highlight topics that may warrant future consideration, opportunities for collaboration or further exploration, as well as any matters they wish to bring to the meeting's attention for awareness.

8. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

GSVROC Executive Meeting Schedule

Friday 11th September 2026 at 10.00am

Shire of Cranbrook

Great Southern VROC Meeting Schedule 2026

Monday 3rd August 2026 at 10.30am

Shire of Kojonup

Monday 2nd November 2026 at 10.30am

Shire of Woodanilling

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson, Peter Klein declared the meeting closed at 1.04pm

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Transaction ID	Date	Name	Description	Amount
Municipal Account				
EFT Payments				
EFT8312	05/06/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	Ranger Services- 29/4/2026, 13/5/2026 & 20/5/2026	\$693.00
EFT8313	05/06/2026	City of Kalamunda	Building Services- March 2026	\$315.33
EFT8314	05/06/2026	Greenfields Technical Services	SWD Rural Roads Construction Management- 27/4/2026 to 10/5/2026- Robinson Road West SLK 30.87-31.25, Oxley Road & Onslow Road	\$17,342.25
EFT8315	05/06/2026	Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	FQ2025-05 Supply, Spray and Cover Bitumen Sealing including seal design, aggregate supply and edge break repairs- Robinson Road West SLK 25.46-25.96 & SLK 30.87-31.25	\$157,866.65
EFT8316	05/06/2026	PCS	Monthly Fee for Daily Monitoring, Management and Resolution of Disaster Recovery- May 2026	\$85.00
EFT8317	05/06/2026	Landgate Valuation & Property Analytics	GRV Interim Valuation- Schedule G2026/1(23/6/2026 to 13/3/2026) & G2026/2 (14/3/2026 to 10/4/2026)	\$198.75
EFT8318	05/06/2026	Albany Best Office Systems	Photocopier Count- 20/4/2026 to 20/5/2026	\$63.78
EFT8319	05/06/2026	WWLZ	Donation- Community Stewardship Grant Application	\$750.00
EFT8320	12/06/2026	Hugh Russel Thomson	Councillor Allowance Claim- June 2026	\$5,845.00
EFT8321	12/06/2026	Morris William Trimming	Councillor Allowance Claim- June 2026	\$2,525.00
EFT8322	12/06/2026	CS Legal/Recoveries Legal The Pier Group Pty Ltd	Location enquiries for A202, A241 & A281	\$1,386.00
EFT8323	12/06/2026	Kahlia Elizabeth Stephens	Councillor Allowance Claim- June 2026	\$2,525.00
EFT8324	12/06/2026	Harcher Distributors SouthWest	Cleaning Supplies- Shire Depot & Town Hall	\$184.05
EFT8325	12/06/2026	Sally Vermeulen	Councillor Allowance Claim- June 2026	\$3,355.00
EFT8326	12/06/2026	Julie Ann Brown	Rates refund for assessment A588 857 BURT ROAD WOODANILLING WA 6316	\$32.95
EFT8327	12/06/2026	Hunter Mechanical Services Pty Ltd	B Service- WO 004	\$1,302.44
EFT8328	12/06/2026	Pingarning Pty Ltd/ Prompt Safety Solutions	WHS Contractor Management Service- 1/7/2026 to 30/6/2027	\$5,610.00
EFT8329	12/06/2026	Rodney David Marshall	Councillor Allowance Claim- June 2026	\$2,525.00
EFT8330	12/06/2026	Ian Peter Garstone	Councillor Allowance Claim- June 2026	\$2,525.00
EFT8331	12/06/2026	Great Southern Waste Disposal	Removal of household rubbish- 27/3/2026 to 24/4/2026, Removal of recycling rubbish- 10th & 24th April 2026	\$3,746.96
EFT8332	12/06/2026	Widespread Contracting	Removal of Rock & Overburden, 5000m3 of Gravel Stockpiling @ \$1.80 per cubic metre- Robinson Road West SLK 25.46-25.96	\$13,200.00
EFT8333	18/06/2026	ReadyTech/ IT Vision Software Pty Ltd	SynergySoft EOY Payroll Training- May 2026	\$495.00
EFT8334	18/06/2026	Morris William Trimming	Purchase of Gift for Retiring Councillor	\$231.00
EFT8335	18/06/2026	QFH Multiparts	1 x STBL Argyle ZP Black Boots- Size 5-Kim Boyd	\$198.00
EFT8336	18/06/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	Ranger Services- 26/5/2026 & 5/6/2026	\$519.75
EFT8337	18/06/2026	The Woody Shop	Groceries & Stamps- May 2026	\$407.07
EFT8338	18/06/2026	St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd	First Aid Kit Servicing- May 2026	\$706.70
EFT8339	18/06/2026	Nutrien Ag Solutions-Katanning	4 x 8.5kg Gas Bottle Exchange- Lake Queerearrup & Rec Centre	\$169.84

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EFT8340	18/06/2026 Lets Talk Flowers	Box Arrangment of Flowers- Ex Councillor	\$88.00
EFT8341	18/06/2026 The Trophy Shop Albany	SHO6B Compass Shield with Logo and One with engraved plaque- Ex Councillor	\$123.25
EFT8342	18/06/2026 Darren Long Consulting	Prepare Draft Budget workpapers, Prepare Monthly Financial Report, Update budget review amendments in Synergy, Compile prior year comparatives in Statutory Budget Template, Prepare FBT calculations and Return, Review Local Government Financial Index data and amend accordingly, Budget Teams meeting with CEO, Prepare LSL Accruals template for EOFY- May 2026	\$3,503.50
EFT8343	18/06/2026 Greenfields Technical Services	Project management and administration of Shire's Rural road program- 1/4/2026 to 9/6/2026, SWD Rural Roads Construction Management- 11/5/2026 - 9/6/2026- Oxley Road. Robinson Road West SLK 25.46- 25.96 & SLK 30.87-31.25 & Onslow Road	\$12,688.50
EFT8344	18/06/2026 SupaGas Pty Limited	2 x LPG 45kg Gas Bottles Rental and Equipment Charge 3347 Robinson Road	\$99.00
EFT8345	18/06/2026 Main Roads Western Australia	Bridge 4849 on Onslow Road over Carrolup Riuver- Substructure Repairs (Original Funding 2023/2024)	\$345,400.00
EFT8346	18/06/2026 Katanning Stock & Trading	6 x Bags of CP Cement- Admin Gardens	\$124.50
EFT8347	18/06/2026 PCS	Showed EMCS how to see old emails via web browser, Microsoft Authenticator for CEO, Audit checklist for CEO	\$170.00
EFT8348	18/06/2026 BTW Rural Supplies	1 x BSP Nipple & 1 x Reducing Socket- Town Dam	\$129.00
EFT8349	18/06/2026 DFES	2025/2026 ESLB 4th Quarter Contribution	\$4,201.20
EFT8350	18/06/2026 Officeworks	1 x Pago Enduro Deluxe Chair	\$312.55
EFT8351	25/06/2026 ReadyTech/ IT Vision Software Pty Ltd	IT Vision Annual Subscription- 1/7/2026 to 30/6/2027	\$37,288.21
EFT8352	25/06/2026 Fortus	Cutting Blade, Plow Bolts, Nuts & Washers- WO 007	\$1,257.58
EFT8353	25/06/2026 Edge Planning & Property	Planning services (5.25hours @ \$147.00 per hour)- May 2026	\$848.92
EFT8354	25/06/2026 BGL Solutions	Mow Oval and Small lawns on Rec Centre Oval- June 2026	\$4,406.02
EFT8355	25/06/2026 Hunter Mechanical Services Pty Ltd	B Service- WO 013, WO 0 & WO 026, Replace front brake pads- WO 026, Walk through depot with councillors and advice on plant and equipment	\$3,223.89
EFT8356	25/06/2026 ITR Pacific Pty Ltd	10 x Grader Blades- WO 005	\$1,375.00
EFT8357	25/06/2026 Salty Creek Electrical Pty Ltd	Annual Test & Tagging- June 2026	\$2,868.92
EFT8358	25/06/2026 Solar Water Pumps Regional Water Services ATF The Wilding Family Trust	Labour Onsite Installation & Travel- Solar Pump for Town Dam	\$3,560.70
EFT8359	25/06/2026 Quest Innaloo	DOT licensing Training expenses- April 2026	\$632.44
EFT8360	25/06/2026 ATO	BAS- May 2026	\$2,469.00
EFT8361	25/06/2026 Katanning H Hardware	1 x Blundstone SteelToe Boot- Size 8- Jack Wellstead	\$314.40
EFT8362	25/06/2026 WWLZ	Credit refunded to clear the Debtor Account 90415 to \$0.00 as at 30/6/2026	\$83.26
EFT8363	30/06/2026 ReadyTech/ IT Vision Software Pty Ltd	SynergySoft Payroll Terminations Training Session- April 2026	\$495.00
EFT8364	30/06/2026 Hudson Sewage Services	Quarterly Biomax Service at Salmon Gums- June 2026	\$389.40
EFT8365	30/06/2026 QFH Multiparts	1 x Argyle ZP Blk TPU/BUMP Safety Boots- Size 8.5	\$198.00
EFT8366	30/06/2026 Edge Planning & Property	Planning Services- 2 hours @ \$147.00- June 2026	\$323.40
EFT8367	30/06/2026 DA Christie Pty Ltd	2 x Componet Upgrade Kit, CC2/G V1 to V2, LPG- Lake Queererarrup BBQ	\$1,899.70
EFT8368	30/06/2026 WA Contract Ranger Services	Ranger Services- 11/6/2026 & 16/6/2026	\$693.00
EFT8369	30/06/2026 The Woody Shop	Refreshments- Council Meeting - June 2026	\$591.60
EFT8370	30/06/2026 R & J Batteries Pty Ltd	2 x 20 Litre Titak GT1 Flex C23 5W-30, Fuel for Depot	\$379.61
EFT8371	30/06/2026 Philip Swain	Contract Environmental Health Services- June 2026	\$1,887.50

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EFT8372	30/06/2026 New Lodge Motel	Accommodation for Temp CEO- 16/6/2026 to 26/6/2026	\$1,700.00
EFT8373	30/06/2026 Judith Ann Stewart	Reimbursemnt- Council Refreshemnts	\$11.30
EFT8374	30/06/2026 WALGA	Understanding Local Government and Conflicts of Interest (elearning)- Cr Trimming & Cr Vermuelen	\$1,056.00
EFT8375	30/06/2026 FitzGerald Strategies	Assist Council with recruitment of new CEO	\$7,334.00
EFT8376	30/06/2026 Katanning McIntosh & Son	1 x Makita Twin Pack - 18v 6.0Ah- Depot	\$409.00
EFT8377	30/06/2026 Katanning H Hardware	1 x Kingee K28006 Beenu Pro 9 Steel Toe Safety Workboots- Size 10	\$435.90
EFT8378	30/06/2026 Landgate Valuation & Property Analytics	RUV Valuation Roll 2025-2026	\$5,012.63
EFT8379	30/06/2026 Kojonup Agricultural Supplies	Stihl Chains- Depot	\$254.54
EFT8380	30/06/2026 Great Southern Waste Disposal	Removal of household rubbish- 24/4/2026 to 29/5/2026, Removal of recycling rubbish- 8th & 22nd May 2026	\$4,248.62
EFT Total Payments			\$677,291.56
Cheque Payments			
15404	25/06/2026 Petty Cash Recoup	Petty Cash Reimbursement- July 2025 to June 2026	\$92.85
Total Cheque Payments			\$92.85
Direct Debit Payments			
DD6589.1	03/06/2026 Synergy	Power Usage and Supply Charge- 25/2/2026 to 12/5/2026- Town Dam	\$159.85
DD6598.1	02/06/2026 Telstra Limited	2026 WA South Western Directory- 3rd Instalment	\$20.35
DD6605.1	03/06/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$1,231.07
DD6605.2	03/06/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6605.3	03/06/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$255.90
DD6605.4	03/06/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$374.11
DD6605.5	03/06/2026 Australian Super	Payroll deductions	\$473.00
DD6605.6	03/06/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$167.49
DD6605.7	03/06/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.53
DD6605.8	03/06/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$188.05
DD6608.1	15/06/2026 Connect Technology Australia	Landline Distribution- Call Charges 28/4/2026 to 27/5/2026, Mobile Access Fee- 28/5/2026 to 27/6/2026	\$367.95
DD6608.2	14/06/2026 Message4U Pty Ltd	Monthly Access Fee- 1/6/2026 to 30/6/2026	\$126.50
DD6608.3	19/06/2026 Viva Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Fuel Card Purchases- May 2026- WO 0	\$124.95
DD6608.4	13/06/2026 Telstra Limited	Mobile Distribution- Call Charges up to 24/5/2026. Servcie Equipment Charges- 25/5/2026 to 24/6/2026- CEO, EMCS, EMI & LH	\$378.29
DD6609.1	03/06/2026 NAB - Credit Card	Credit Card Statement- May 2026	\$2,835.80
DD6612.1	25/06/2026 Synergy	Power Usage- 25/4/2026 to 24/5/2026- Street Lighting	\$674.14
DD6622.1	10/06/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$1,238.71
DD6622.2	10/06/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6622.3	10/06/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.98
DD6622.4	10/06/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$450.07
DD6622.5	10/06/2026 Australian Super	Payroll deductions	\$473.00
DD6622.6	10/06/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$167.13
DD6622.7	10/06/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.53
DD6622.8	10/06/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$188.05
DD6626.1	23/06/2026 ClickSuper	Transaction & Facility Fee- May 2026	\$18.59
DD6631.2	26/06/2026 Water Corporation	Water Service Charges- 1/5/2026 to 30/6/2026- Various Shire Properties	\$864.85
DD6633.1	16/06/2026 3E Advantage Pty Limited	1 x Ricoh IMC3500 MFP Photocopier Rental- June 2026	\$165.00
DD6635.1	17/06/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$1,231.07
DD6635.2	17/06/2026 Australian Super	Superannuation contributions	\$507.34
DD6635.3	17/06/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6635.4	17/06/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.98
DD6635.5	17/06/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$445.07
DD6635.6	17/06/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$167.13

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DD6635.7	17/06/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.53
DD6635.8	17/06/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$188.05
DD6635.9	17/06/2026 BT Panorama	Superannuation contributions	\$143.08
DD6640.1	30/06/2026 Telstra Limited	2026 WA South Western Directory- Instalment 4 of 12	\$20.35
DD6646.1	24/06/2026 Aware Super	Payroll deductions	\$1,195.61
DD6646.2	24/06/2026 Australian Super	Superannuation contributions	\$490.17
DD6646.3	24/06/2026 REI Super	Superannuation contributions	\$606.73
DD6646.4	24/06/2026 Colonial Select Personnel Super	Superannuation contributions	\$245.98
DD6646.5	24/06/2026 REST	Superannuation contributions	\$408.56
DD6646.6	24/06/2026 Spirit Super	Superannuation contributions	\$167.13
DD6646.7	24/06/2026 Prime Super	Superannuation contributions	\$180.53
DD6646.8	24/06/2026 MLC Master Key Super Fundamentals	Superannuation contributions	\$188.05
DD6646.9	24/06/2026 BT Panorama	Superannuation contributions	\$357.69
DD6649.1	26/06/2026 REI Super	Payroll deductions	\$302.70

Total Direct Debit Payments	\$20,641.83
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Municipal Account List of Payments Total	\$698,026.24
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Credit Card Details - DD6609.1

Date	Name	Description	
30/04/2026	Canva	Annual Subscription- April 2026 to April 2027	\$659.96
04/05/2026	Wilson Parking	Parking- CEO Meeting	\$20.28
04/05/2026	Adobe	Subscription- 30/4/2026 to 30/5/2026	\$303.95
06/05/2026	Department of Transport	Special Series Plate- 345WO	\$225.00
07/05/2026	Synergy Graphics	Set and Design 20 page Public Health Plan- 1st payment	\$806.26
18/05/2026	SmartSheet	Subscription- 16/5/2026 to 16/5/2027	\$302.65
18/05/2026	Starlink	Subscription- 16/5/2026 to 16/6/2026 Shire Office, Council Chambers & Depot	\$139.00
19/05/2026	Woolworths	Refreshments- Council Meeting	\$49.70
19/05/2026	BSW/Woolworths	Refreshments- Council Meeting	\$42.00
27/05/2026	Starlink	Subscription- 25/5/2026 to 25/6/2026- 3327 Robinson Road	\$139.00
27/05/2026	Starlink	Subscription- 25/5/2026 to 25/6/2026- 3340 Robinson Road	\$139.00
28/05/2026	Credit Card Fee	Card Fee- May 2026	\$9.00

Credit Card TOTAL on DD6609.1	\$2,835.80
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Viva Energy- DD6608.3

Date	Name	Description	
03/05/2026	Viva Energy	Shell Fuel Card Purchaes- WO 0	\$124.95

Viva Energy TOTAL on DD6608.3	\$124.95
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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

Mike Fitzgerald
Chief Executive Officer



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PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 30 JUNE 2026
Prepared by: Darren Long (Finance Consultant)
Reviewed by: Mike Fitzgerald (Acting 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.

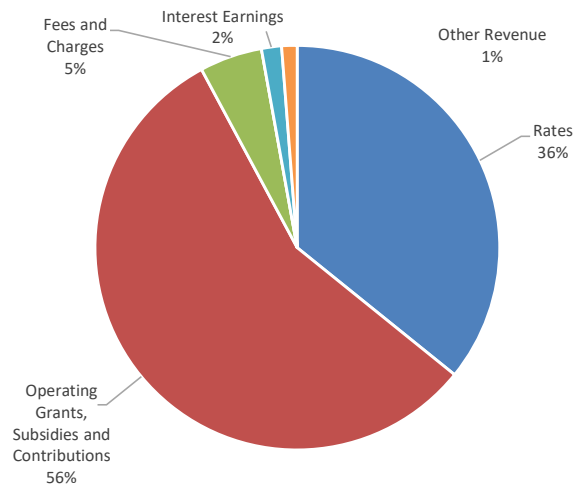
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All figures shown in this statement are rounded to the nearest dollar.

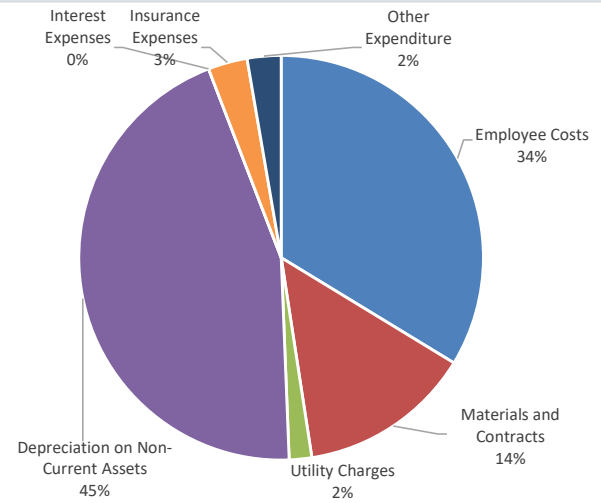
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SUMMARY GRAPHS

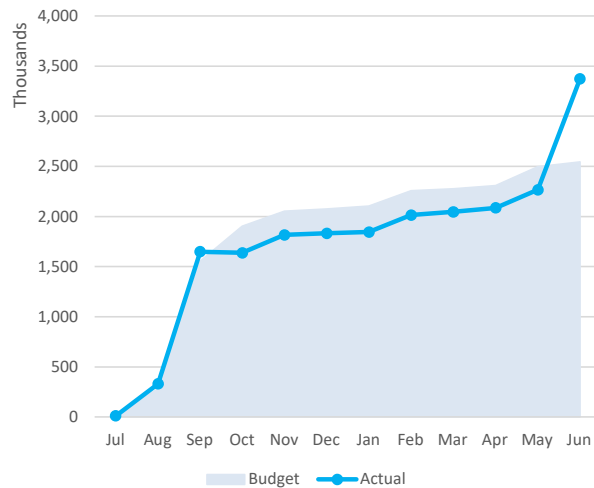
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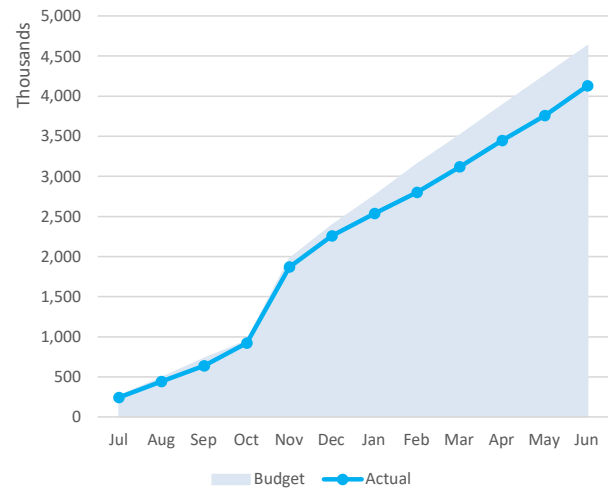
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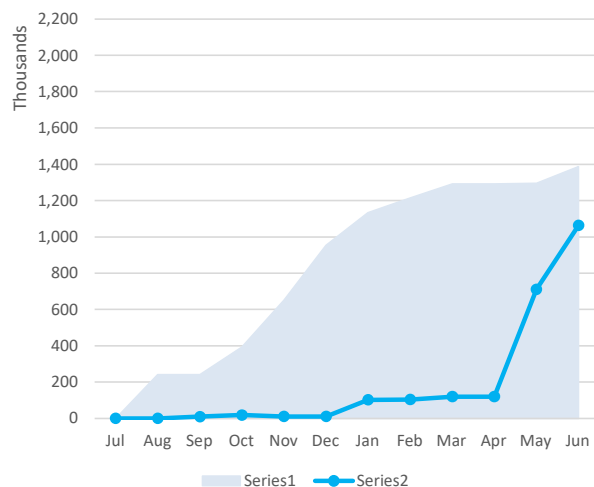
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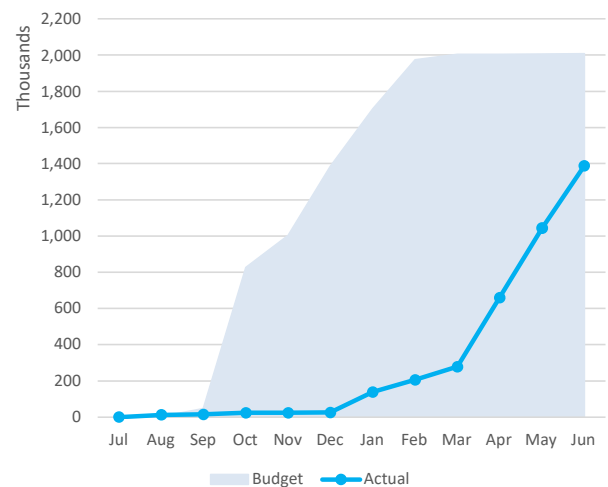
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CAPITAL REVENUE - Budget-v-YTD Actual



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
GOVERNANCE To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.	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.
GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.	Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.
LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY To provide services to help ensure a safer community.	Supervision of various by-laws, fire prevention, emergency services and animal control.
HEALTH To provide an operational framework for good community health.	Food and water quality, pest control, immunisation services, child health services and health education.
EDUCATION AND WELFARE To meet the needs of the community in these areas.	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.
HOUSING To help ensure adequate housing.	Provision of residential housing for council staff. Provision of housing for aged persons, low income families, government and semi government employees.
COMMUNITY AMENITIES Provide services required by the community.	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).
RECREATION AND CULTURE To establish and manage efficiently infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.	Public halls, recreation and aquatic centres, parks and reserves, libraries, heritage and culture.
TRANSPORT To provide effective and efficient transport services to the community.	Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, bridges, street cleaning and lighting, road verges, streetscaping and depot maintenance.
ECONOMIC SERVICES To help promote the Shire and its economic wellbeing.	The regulation and provision of tourism, area promotion, building control, noxious weeds, vermin control and standpipes.
OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES To monitor and control Shire's overhead operating accounts.	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 30 JUNE 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)	(41,005)	(34,852)
Governance	(283,101)	(283,101)	(328,406)
Law, Order, Public Safety	(165,223)	(165,223)	(122,262)
Health	(57,403)	(57,403)	(43,764)
Education and Welfare	(98,259)	(98,259)	(82,387)
Housing	(100,235)	(100,235)	(56,700)
Community Amenities	(292,563)	(292,563)	(249,463)
Recreation and Culture	(333,517)	(333,517)	(374,352)
Transport	(3,138,544)	(3,138,544)	(2,926,915)
Economic Services	(118,301)	(118,301)	(47,912)
Other Property and Services	(2,031)	(2,031)	136,639
Operating Expenses	(4,630,182)	(4,630,182)	(4,130,373)
REVENUE			
General Purpose Funding	2,017,739	2,017,739	2,869,991
Governance	9,605	9,605	58,990
Law, Order, Public Safety	38,645	38,645	40,476
Health	318	318	436
Education and Welfare	61,980	61,980	67,214
Housing	17,640	17,640	17,466
Community Amenities	67,660	67,660	65,275
Recreation and Culture	4,190	4,190	21,402
Transport	237,575	237,575	121,156
Economic Services	71,560	71,560	18,228
Other Property & Services	18,344	18,344	93,351
Operating Revenue	2,545,256	2,545,256	3,373,987
Sub-Total	(2,084,926)	(2,084,926)	(756,387)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE			
General Purpose Funding	0	0	314,000
Governance	0	0	0
Community Amenities	160,426	0	120,435
Transport	920,000	1,080,426	628,879
Total Non-Operating Revenue	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,063,314
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)	(1,004,500)	306,927
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)	(1,004,500)	306,927

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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.

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY NATURE & TYPE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD BUDGET	2025-2026 YTD ACTUAL
Expenses			
Employee Costs	(1,413,538)	(1,413,538)	(1,392,379)
Materials and Contracts	(891,460)	(891,460)	(572,628)
Utility Charges	(143,745)	(143,745)	(73,288)
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets	(1,826,361)	(1,826,361)	(1,850,680)
Interest Expenses	0	0	0
Insurance Expenses	(130,324)	(130,324)	(130,271)
Other Expenditure	(224,754)	(224,754)	(111,127)
Operating Expenses	(4,630,182)	(4,630,182)	(4,130,373)
Revenue			
Rates	1,208,737	1,208,737	1,208,578
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	982,772	982,772	1,900,627
Fees and Charges	316,082	316,082	169,284
Service Charges	0	0	0
Interest Earnings	28,660	28,660	53,315
Other Revenue	9,005	9,005	42,184
Operating Revenue	2,545,256	2,545,256	3,373,987
Sub-total	(2,084,926)	(2,084,926)	(756,387)
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,063,314
Profit on Asset Disposals	0	0	0
Loss on Asset Disposals	0	0	0
Non-Operating Revenue	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,063,314
Net Result	(1,004,500)	(1,004,500)	306,927
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)	(1,004,500)	306,927

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY NATURE/TYPE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 AMENDED 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)	(32,190)	(31,381)	(31,541)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	982,772	1,151,157	982,772	1,900,626	917,854	93.39%	▲
Fees and Charges	316,082	204,987	316,082	169,284	(146,798)	(46.44%)	▼
Interest Earnings	28,660	18,749	28,660	53,316	24,656	86.03%	▲
Other Revenue	9,005	9,000	9,005	42,184	33,179	368.45%	▲
Profit on the disposal of assets	0		0	0	Within Threshold	0%	
	1,305,138	1,351,703	1,305,138	2,133,869			
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
Employee Costs	(1,413,538)	(1,402,801)	(1,413,538)	(1,392,379)	21,159	Within Threshold	
Materials and Contracts	(891,460)	(955,374)	(891,460)	(572,628)	318,832	35.77%	
Utility Charges	(143,745)	(152,155)	(143,745)	(73,288)	70,457	49.02%	
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets	(1,826,361)	(1,830,871)	(1,826,361)	(1,850,680)	(24,319)	Within Threshold	
Interest Expenses	0	0	0	0	Within Threshold	0%	
Insurance Expenses	(130,324)	(130,304)	(130,324)	(130,272)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Other Expenditure	(224,754)	(102,691)	(224,754)	(111,127)	113,627	50.56%	
Loss on the disposal of assets	0		0	0	Within Threshold	0.00%	
	(4,630,182)	(4,574,196)	(4,630,182)	(4,130,374)			
Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(3,325,044)	(3,222,493)	(3,325,044)	(1,996,505)			
ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Movement in Deferred Pensioners (Non-current)	0	0	0	(672)	(672)	0%	
Movement in LG House Unit Trust	0	0	0	(37,779)	(37,779)	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	1,830,871	1,826,361	1,850,680	24,319	Within Threshold	
	1,826,361	1,830,871	1,826,361	1,812,229			
<i>Sub Total</i>	(1,498,683)	(1,391,622)	(1,498,683)	(184,276)			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Outflows from investing activities							
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	0	15,000	100.00%	
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	(255,000)	(255,000)	0	255,000	100.00%	
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,569,404)	(1,544,404)	(1,198,300)	346,104	22.41%	
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(39,000)	(39,000)	(7,858)	31,142	79.85%	
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(142,374)	(142,374)	(141,198)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	74,000	75,000	0	(75,000)	(100.00%)	▼
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,063,314	(17,112)	Within Threshold	
Amount Attributable to Investing Activities	(840,352)	(866,352)	(840,352)	(284,042)			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Outflows from financing activities							
Transfer to Reserves	(11,850)	(11,100)	(11,850)	(41,192)	(29,342)	247.62%	
Inflows from financing activities							
Transfer from Reserves	230,767	230,767	230,767	0	(230,767)	(100.00%)	▼
Amount Attributable to Financing Activities	218,917	219,667	218,917	(41,192)			
Plus Rounding							
Sub Total	(2,120,118)	(2,038,307)	(2,120,118)	(509,511)			
FUNDING FROM							
Estimated Opening Surplus at 1 July	880,000	847,189	880,000	847,189	(32,811)	Within Threshold	
Closing Surplus/(Deficit) at Reporting Date	0	49,000	(0)	1,577,798			
Total Deficiency to be funded from Rates	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,119)			
AMOUNT RAISED FROM RATES	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,119			

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
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	2025-2026 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025-2026 AMENDED 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	875,335	777,621	1,629,872	852,251	110%	▲
Governance	9,605	10,582	9,605	58,990	49,385	514%	▲
Law, Order Public Safety	38,645	40,239	38,645	40,477	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Health	318	318	318	436	Within Threshold	(37%)	
Education and Welfare	61,980	61,980	61,980	67,214	5,234	Within % Threshold	
Housing	17,640	16,980	17,640	17,466	Within Threshold	Within % Threshold	
Community Amenities	67,660	66,320	67,660	65,276	Within Threshold	Within % Threshold	
Recreation and Culture	4,190	19,888	4,190	21,402	17,212	411%	▲
Transport	237,575	121,057	237,575	121,157	(116,418)	(49%)	▼
Economic Services	71,560	63,743	71,560	18,228	(53,332)	75%	▼
Other Property and Services	18,344	75,261	18,344	93,351	75,007	409%	▲
	1,305,138	1,351,703	1,305,138	2,133,869			
LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
General Purpose Funding	(41,005)	(41,005)	(41,005)	(34,852)	6,153	15%	
Governance	(283,101)	(288,546)	(283,101)	(328,406)	(45,305)	(16%)	
Law, Order, Public Safety	(165,223)	(169,173)	(165,223)	(122,261)	42,962	26%	
Health	(57,403)	(57,335)	(57,403)	(43,764)	13,639	24%	
Education and Welfare	(98,259)	(104,477)	(98,259)	(82,386)	15,873	16%	
Housing	(100,235)	(112,368)	(100,235)	(56,700)	43,535	43%	
Community Amenities	(292,563)	(305,726)	(292,563)	(249,463)	43,100	15%	
Recreation and Culture	(333,517)	(413,305)	(333,517)	(374,352)	(40,835)	(12%)	
Transport	(3,138,544)	(2,961,812)	(3,138,544)	(2,926,915)	211,629	Within % Threshold	
Economic Services	(118,301)	(119,711)	(118,301)	(47,913)	70,388	59%	
Other Property & Services	(2,031)	(738)	(2,031)	136,638	138,669	6828%	
	(4,630,182)	(4,574,196)	(4,630,182)	(4,130,374)			
Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(3,325,044)	(3,222,493)	(3,325,044)	(1,996,505)			
ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Movement in Deferred Pensioners (Non-current)	0		0	(672)	(672)		
Movement in LG House Unit Trust	0		0	(37,779)	(37,779)	0%	
Loss on the disposal of assets	0		0	0	0		
Profit/(Loss) on the disposal of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Depreciation Written Back	1,826,361	1,830,871	1,826,361	1,850,680	24,319	Within % Threshold	
Total Items Excluded from Operating Activities	1,826,361	1,830,871	1,826,361	1,812,229			
Net Amount Attributable to Operating Activities	(1,498,683)	(1,391,622)	(1,498,683)	(184,276)			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Outflows from investing activities							
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	0	15,000	100%	
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	(255,000)	(255,000)	0	255,000	100%	
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,569,404)	(1,544,404)	(1,198,300)	346,104	22%	
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(39,000)	(39,000)	(7,858)	31,142	80%	
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(142,374)	(142,374)	(142,374)	(141,198)	Within Threshold	Within Threshold	
Infrastructure Assets -Bridges	0	0	0	0			
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	74,000	75,000	0	(75,000)	(100%)	▼
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,080,426	1,063,314	(17,112)	Within Threshold	
Amount Attributable to Investing Activities	(840,352)	(866,352)	(840,352)	(284,042)			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Outflows from financing activities							
Transfer to Reserves	(11,850)	(11,100)	(11,850)	(41,192)	(29,342)	248%	
Inflows from financing activities							
Transfer from Reserves	230,767	230,767	230,767	0	-230,767	100%	
Amount Attributable to Financing Activities	218,917	219,667	218,917	(41,192)			
Sub Total	(2,120,118)	(2,038,307)	(2,120,118)	(509,510)			
FUNDING FROM							
Estimated Opening Surplus at 1 July	880,000	847,189	880,000	847,189	-32,811	Within % Threshold	
Closing Surplus/(Deficit) at Reporting Date	0	49,000	(0)	1,577,798			
Total Deficiency to be funded from Rates	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,118)	(1,240,119)			
AMOUNT RAISED FROM RATES	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,118	1,240,119			

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	ACTUAL YTD	30/06/2025
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at bank and on Hand	1,801,015	1,226,407
Restricted Cash - Bonds & Deposits	0	0
Restricted Cash Reserves	1,167,538	1,126,346
Trade Receivables	158,862	134,466
Contract Assets	0	147,277
Self Supporting Loan	0	0
Prepayments	32,398	30,950
Stock on Hand	7,377	8,197
Total Current Assets	3,167,191	2,673,643
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Trade Creditors	(48,375)	(149,980)
Rates paid in advance	0	0
Bonds and Deposits	(13,403)	(10,582)
Accrued Interest on Loans	0	0
Accrued Expense	(39,800)	0
ATO Liabilities	(31,326)	(18,124)
Contract Liability	(201,963)	(434,435)
Loan Liability	0	0
Provisions	(124,136)	(124,136)
Total Current Liabilities	(459,004)	(737,257)
Sub-Total	2,708,187	1,936,386
Adjustments		
LESS Cash Backed Reserves	(1,167,538)	(1,126,346)
LESS Self Supporting Loan	0	0
ADD: Current Loan Liability		0
ADD: LS Leave provision	37,149	37,149
Rounding	0	0
Net Current Position	1,577,798	847,189

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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

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REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
<u>Operating Revenue</u>						
Operating Grants & Contributions	982,772	1,900,626	917,854	93%	PERMANENT	Increase in Commission -General \$ 709k, Increase in Commission Grant Roads \$ 432k, Increase in Australian Day Grant \$ 10k, Increase in Other creation & Sport \$ 14k, Increase in Workers Compensation Reimbursements \$ 68k.
Fees & Charges	316,082	169,284	(146,798)	-46%	PERMANENT	Increase in Well Aged Housing Income \$5k, Increase in Transport Licensing Commission \$5k, Decrease in Licensing Clearing ACC \$ 114k, Decrease in Standpipes Income \$56k, Increase in Sale of Scrap \$11k.
Interest Earnings	28,660	53,316	24,656	86%	PERMANENT	Increase in interest earned on Reserve Accounts \$29k.
Other Revenue	9,005	42,184	33,179	368%	PERMANENT	Increase in holding value of Local Government House Unit Trust
<u>Operating Expenses</u>						
Employee Costs	(1,413,538)	(1,392,379)	21,159	Within Threshold	PERMANENT	Increase in EXP Administration \$ 19k, Decrease in Fringe Benefits Tax \$30k, Decrease in Tip Maintenance cost \$ 5k, Increase in Queerearrup Lake \$ 8k, Increase in Maintenance Parks \$ Reserves \$ 10k, Increase in Oval & Building \$ 10k, Decrease in Streets, Roads, Bridges maintenance \$ 7k, Decrease in Direct Grants Maintenance \$ 6k, Increase in Maint Muni Fund Roads \$ 37k, Decrease in Expenses Shire Depot \$ 11k, Decrease in Public Works Supervisor salaries \$ 58k, Increase in Public Works Superannuation \$ 6k, Decrease in Public Holidays & Long Service Leave \$ 8k.

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REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
Materials & Contracts	(891,460)	(572,628)	318,832	36%	PERMANENT	Increase in Valuations & Title Searches \$ 5k, Decrease in Councillor Training \$ 9k, Decrease in Exp relating to Members \$ 24k, Decrease in Australian Day Exp \$ 38k, Increase in Administration costs Recovered \$ 137k, Decrease in Exp Other Law, Public & public Safety \$ 15k, Decrease in Exp Well aged Housing \$ 16k, Decrease in Private Housing Rental Maint \$ 20k, Increase in Council Contribution WWLZ \$ 15k, Increase in Maint Oval & Building \$ 19k, Decrease in Street, Roads, Bridges, depot Maintenance \$ 62k, Decrease in Muni-Fund Roads \$ 56k, Decrease in Overhead Allocation to Works \$ 102k, Decrease in Fuel & Oils \$ 34k, Decrease in Parts & Repairs \$ 62k, Increase in Plant Operation costs Allocated To Works \$ 150k, Decrease in Exp town Planning \$ 18k, Decrease in Tip Maintenance cost \$ 12k, Decrease in Shire Depot \$ 17k, Increase in Depreciation costs Alloc To Work \$ 22k, Increase in Maintenance Parks& Reserves \$ 11k, Decrease in Crew Staff Training \$ 11k, Increase in Safety & Health Exp \$ 9k, Decrease in Tyres \$ 12k, Decrease in 4WDL Varroc Expenses \$ 6k, Decrease in Australian Day Exp \$ 5k, Decrease in Computer Equipment Maint \$ 8k, Decrease in Minor Equipment Purchases \$ 7k, Decrease in Fire Prevention Exp \$ 5k, Decrease in LGGS BFT Exp \$ 5k, Decrease in Other Health Exp \$ 5k, Decrease in 3340Robinson Road Exp \$ 9k, Decrease in 3347 Robinson Road Exp \$ 8k, Decrease in Tourist & Area Promotion Exp \$ 7k, Decrease in Community Amenities \$ 6k, Increase in Queerearrup Lake \$ 7k, Decrease in Maint 13 Cardigan Street \$ 5k, Decrease in Other Recreation & sport Exp \$ 8k, Decrease in Bridges Maint \$ 5k, Decrease in Town Hall & Other Civic Centre Exp \$ 6k, Decrease in Clothing & Safety \$ 5k.

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REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
Utility Charges	(143,745)	(73,288)	70,457	49%	PERMANENT	Decrease in Maint Oval & Building \$15k, Decrease in Standpipe Water \$59k.
Depreciation on Assets	(1,826,361)	(1,850,680)	(24,319)	Within Threshold	PERMANENT	Increase in Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depot Depreciation \$51k, Decrease in Plant & Equipment Depreciation \$28k.

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REPORTING AREA	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	TIMING / PERMANENT	EXPLANATION
Other Expenses	(224,754)	(111,127)	113,627	51%	PERMANENT	Decrease in Expenses Relating to Valuations \$6k, Decrease in Donation Expenses \$6k, Increase in Fringe Benefits Tax \$18k, Decrease in Transport Licensing Payments \$113k, Increase in Expenses Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion \$7k, Decrease in Works Crew Staff Training \$ 5k.
Investing Activities						
Purchase Buildings	(15,000)	0	15,000	100%	PERMANENT	Building works to 3327 Robinson Rd not yet commenced.
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(255,000)	0	255,000	100%	PERMANENT	Plant purchases not yet occurred.
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,544,404)	(1,198,300)	346,104	22%	PERMANENT	Decrease in Robinson West Reconstruct 500m \$52k, Decrease in Robinson West Reconstruct 380m \$51k, Decrease in RRG - Oxley Road \$31k, Decrease in R2R - Darby Road \$76k, Decrease in R2R - Onslow Road \$21k, Decrease in R2R - Church Road \$60k, Decrease in RTR - Douglas Road \$16K, Decrease in R2R - Robinson West Rd Edge Repairs \$40k.
Infrastructure Assets - Drainage	(39,000)	(7,858)	31,142	80%	PERMANENT	Decrease in Dwer Dam Project \$ 35k.
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	75,000	0	(75,000)	-100%	PERMANENT	Trade-in of existing plant has not yet occurred.
Non-Operating Grants, Subsidies for the Development of Assets	1,080,426	1,063,314	(17,112)	Within Threshold	PERMANENT	Increase in Special Bridge Funding \$314k, Decrease in Urban stormwater draining \$ 40k, Decrease in Regional Road Group \$89k, Decrease in Road recovery \$202k.

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

	2024-2025 ACTUAL \$	2025-2026 ACTUAL \$	Variance \$
Current assets			
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,226,407	1,801,015	574,608
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents - Reserves	1,126,346	1,167,538	41,192
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents - Other	0	0	0
Trade and other receivables	164,576	158,022	-6,553
Contract Assets	147,277	0	-147,277
Inventories	8,197	7,377	-821
Other Assets	840	33,238	32,398
Total current assets	2,673,643	3,167,191	493,548
Non-current assets			
WALGA LG House Unit Trust	39,810	77,589	37,779
Deferred Rates	20,817	21,489	672
Land	522,000	522,000	0
Buildings	6,545,848	6,409,710	-136,139
Furniture & Equipment	93,878	82,570	-11,308
Plant & Equipment	463,038	390,469	-72,570
Road Infrastructure	52,289,148	52,048,415	-240,733
Footpath Infrastructure	156,141	133,112	-23,029
Drainage Infrastructure	6,222,818	6,090,107	-132,711
Parks & Ovals Infrastructure	870,904	988,670	117,767
Other infrastructure	185,281	180,678	-4,602
Total non-current assets	67,409,683	66,944,809	-464,873
Total assets	70,083,325	70,112,000	28,674
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	149,980	91,528	58,452
ATO Liabilities	18,124	31,326	-13,203
Bonds & Deposits	10,582	10,050	532
Grant Liability	434,435	201,963	232,472
Provisions	124,136	124,136	0
Total current liabilities	737,257	459,004	278,253
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	476,308	278,253
Net assets	69,328,765	69,635,692	306,927
Equity			
Retained surplus	11,732,035	11,690,842	-41,192
Net Result	0	306,927	306,927
Reserve - asset revaluation	56,470,384	56,470,384	0
Reserve - Cash backed	1,126,346	1,167,538	41,192
Total equity	69,328,765	69,635,692	306,927

**SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 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)	(1,363,852)
Materials & Contracts	(935,681)	(860,510)	(653,129)
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, etc)	(169,061)	(143,745)	(73,289)
Insurance	(115,985)	(130,324)	(130,271)
Interest Expense	0	0	0
Goods and Services Tax Paid	6,693	(163,800)	(13,275)
Other Expenses	(244,092)	(224,754)	(108,162)
	(2,677,393)	(2,953,673)	(2,341,978)
Receipts			
Rates	1,091,066	1,208,737	1,202,055
Operating Grants & Subsidies	785,130	982,772	1,813,334
Fees and Charges	363,302	316,082	169,225
Interest Earnings	48,557	28,660	53,315
Goods and Services Tax	0	187,211	0
Other	3,255	9,005	3,891
	2,291,310	2,732,467	3,241,820
<i>Net Cash flows from Operating Activities</i>	(386,083)	(221,206)	899,842
<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)	(1,198,299)
Purchase Drainage Assets	(27,377)	(39,000)	(7,858)
Purchase of Other Infrastructure Assets	(106,168)	(142,374)	(141,198)
Purchase Solid Waste Assets		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	1,063,314
<i>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</i>	(444,984)	(1,127,510)	(284,041)
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</i>	(831,067)	(1,348,716)	615,801
<i>Cash at the Beginning of Reporting Period</i>	3,183,820	2,002,752	2,352,753
<i>Rounding</i>	0	0	0
<i>Cash at the End of Reporting Period</i>	2,352,753	654,036	2,968,554

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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	1,800,565
Cash at Bank - restricted	1,126,346	1,015,808	1,167,539
Cash on Hand	450	0	450
TOTAL CASH	2,352,753	1,136,554	2,968,554
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING RESULT			
Net Result (As per Comprehensive Income Statement)	(229,429)	(1,004,500)	306,927
Add back Depreciation	1,828,609	1,826,361	1,850,680
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Assets	(55,336)	-	0
Adjustments to fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	0	-	(37,779)
Contributions for the Development of Assets	(1,513,417)	(793,268)	(1,063,314)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities			
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(367)	-	821
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	35,760	23,411	121,432
(Increase)/Decrease in Other financial assets	0	178,227	(672)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(463,325)	(17,002)	(278,252)
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)	899,843

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

COA	Description	Resp. Officer	Asset Class	Asset Invest. Type	2025/2026 Total Budget	2025/2026 Amended 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	15,000	0	0%
					15,000	15,000	15,000	0	
Community Amenities									
DWER1	Dwer Dam Project	CEO	DRAIN	Upgrade	39,000	39,000	39,000	7,858	20%
LRC450	LRCI 4A - Woodanilling Townsite Enhancement	CEO	OTHER	Upgrade	142,374	142,374	142,374	141,198	99%
					181,374	181,374	181,374	149,056	
Transport									
RRG67	RRG - Oxley Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	200,000	200,000	200,000	169,137	85%
RRG66	Robinson Rd West - Reconstruct 500m	EMI	ROAD	Upgrade	500,000	525,000	500,000	447,784	90%
RRB66	Robinson Rd West - Reconstruct 380m	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	200,000	200,000	200,000	149,343	75%
R2R012	Darby Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	90,404	90,404	90,404	14,883	16%
R2R019	Onslow Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	70,000	70,000	70,000	48,818	70%
R2R021	Church road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	0%
R2R68	Douglas Road	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	70,000	70,000	70,000	54,335	78%
R2R129	Robinson West Road Edge Repairs	EMI	ROAD	Renewal	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0%
121350	Bridge Construction	CEO	BRIDGE	Renewal	314,000	314,000	314,000	314,000	100%
123300	Backhoe and Utility	CEO	P&E	Renewal	255,000	255,000	255,000	0	0%
					1,799,404	1,824,404	1,799,404	1,198,300	
Total Capital Expenditure					1,995,778	2,020,778	1,995,778	1,347,355	68%

SUMMARIES:					
Land & Buildings	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
Plant & Equipment	255,000	255,000	255,000	0	0.0%
Furn & Equipment	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Roads	1,230,404	1,255,404	1,230,404	884,300	71.9%
Infrastructure - Footpaths	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Bridges	314,000	314,000	314,000	314,000	100.0%
Infrastructure - Drainage	39,000	39,000	39,000	7,858	20.1%
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Infrastructure - Other	142,374	142,374	142,374	141,198	99.2%
	1,995,778	2,020,778	1,995,778	1,347,355	67.5%
At No Cost	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Asset Renewal	1,314,404	1,314,404	1,314,404	750,516	57.1%
New Asset	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Upgrading Asset	681,374	706,374	681,374	596,839	87.6%
	1,995,778	2,020,778	1,995,778	1,347,355	67.5%
Chief Executive Officer	765,374	765,374	765,374	463,056	60.5%
Executive Manager Infrastructure	1,230,404	1,255,404	1,230,404	884,300	71.9%
	1,995,778	2,020,778	1,995,778	1,347,355	67.5%

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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	-	39,991	-
Transport								
WA Local Government Grants Commission - Special Bridge Funding BR4849	314,000	-	(314,000)	-	-	-	314,000	314,000
DITRDC - Roads to Recovery Funding	-	320,000	(118,036)	201,964	320,000	-	320,000	118,036
Regional Road Group funding - Robinson West Rd	-	398,084	(398,084)	-	600,000	-	466,666	404,175
Regional Road Group funding - Oxley Road	-	112,759	(112,759)	-	-	-	133,332	106,668
Lotterywest - Playground Funding	120,435	-	(120,435)	-	120,435	-	120,435	120,435
Total Unspent Capital Grants	434,435	830,843	(1,063,314)	201,964	1,080,426	-	1,394,424	1,063,314
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	-	32,570	(32,570)	-	32,570	-	32,570	32,570
DFES - Mitigation Activity Grant	-	0	0	-	25	-	25	-
Total Contract Liabilities	-	32,570	(32,570)	-	32,595	-	32,595	32,570
TOTAL LIABILITIES & REVENUE	434,435	863,413	(1,095,884)	201,964	1,113,021	0	1,427,019	1,095,884

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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	2,627	0	74,453	71,758	825	0	72,583
Plant Reserve	765,164	27,983	0	793,147	765,460	8,300	(180,000)	593,760
Building Reserve	225,237	8,237	0	233,474	225,744	2,300	(50,767)	177,277
Office Equipment Reserve	40,974	1,498	0	42,472	40,960	170	0	41,130
Road Construction Reserve	22,446	821	0	23,267	22,424	255	0	22,679
Affordable Housing Reserve	699	26	0	725	0	0	0	0
	1,126,346	41,192	0	1,167,538	1,126,346	11,850	(230,767)	907,429

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G/L	JOB	Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
	Proceeds Sale of Assets								
005265	Proceeds On Asset Disposal P&E	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0	(\$74,000)	\$0
	PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF ASSETS	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0	(\$74,000)	\$0
	Written Down Value					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
005270	Written Down Value - Works Plant	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
	Sub Total - WDV ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
	Total - GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$75,000	(\$74,000)	\$75,000
	ABNORMAL ITEMS	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - ABNORMAL ITEMS	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total - ABNORMAL ITEMS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total - OPERATING STATEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$75,000	(\$74,000)	\$75,000

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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	Income	Expenditure
RATES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
031010	Expenses Relating to Valuations & Title Searches	\$5,570	\$5,394	\$0	\$5,394	\$0	\$5,570	\$0	\$5,570
031020	Rates Write Offs	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250
031000	Expenses Relating to Rates	\$18,560	\$15,231	\$0	\$15,231	\$0	\$18,560	\$0	\$18,560
Sub Total - GENERAL RATES OP EXP		\$24,380	\$20,875	\$0	\$20,875	\$0	\$24,380	\$0	\$24,380
OPERATING INCOME									
031200	General Rates Levied	(\$1,240,118)	(\$1,240,119)	(\$1,240,119)	\$0	(\$1,240,118)	\$0	(\$1,240,118)	\$0
031210	Ex-Gratia Rates Received	(\$2,364)	(\$2,524)	(\$2,524)	\$0	(\$2,364)	\$0	(\$2,524)	\$0
031220	Non Payment Penalty	(\$6,000)	(\$10,477)	(\$10,477)	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0
031230	Rates Discount Allowed	\$55,140	\$54,642	\$54,642	\$0	\$55,140	\$0	\$54,642	\$0
031240	Interim Rates Levied	\$0	\$841	\$841	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,412	\$0
031250	Instalment Interest Received	(\$330)	(\$746)	(\$746)	\$0	(\$330)	\$0	(\$750)	\$0
031260	Rates Administration Fee Received	(\$380)	(\$405)	(\$405)	\$0	(\$380)	\$0	(\$420)	\$0
031270	Pens Deferred Rates Interest Grant	(\$480)	(\$899)	(\$899)	\$0	(\$480)	\$0	(\$899)	\$0
031280	Other Income Relating to Rates	(\$1,500)	(\$2,432)	(\$2,432)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0
Sub Total - GENERAL RATES OP INC		(\$1,196,032)	(\$1,202,120)	(\$1,202,120)	\$0	(\$1,196,032)	\$0	(\$1,196,157)	\$0
Total - GENERAL RATES		(\$1,171,652)	(\$1,181,244)	(\$1,202,120)	\$20,875	(\$1,196,032)	\$24,380	(\$1,196,157)	\$24,380

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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	Income	Expenditure
OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
032000	General Purpose Funding - Admin Allocations	\$16,625	\$13,977	\$0	\$13,977	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$16,625
Sub Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING OP/EXP		\$16,625	\$13,977	\$0	\$13,977	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$16,625
OPERATING INCOME									
032010	Grants Commission General	(\$306,758)	(\$1,015,891)	(\$1,015,891)	\$0	(\$306,758)	\$0	(\$383,970)	\$0
032020	Grants Commission Grant - Roads	(\$179,099)	(\$610,788)	(\$610,788)	\$0	(\$179,099)	\$0	(\$210,226)	\$0
032030	Grants Commission Grant - Special Bridge Funding	(\$314,000)	(\$314,000)	(\$314,000)	\$0	(\$314,000)	\$0	(\$314,000)	\$0
032040	Interest on Reserve Investments	(\$11,850)	(\$41,192)	(\$41,192)	\$0	(\$11,850)	\$0	(\$11,100)	\$0
032080	Interest on Municipal Funds	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING OP/INC		(\$821,707)	(\$1,981,871)	(\$1,981,871)	\$0	(\$821,707)	\$0	(\$919,296)	\$0
Total - OTHER GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING		(\$805,082)	(\$1,967,895)	(\$1,981,871)	\$13,977	(\$821,707)	\$16,625	(\$919,296)	\$16,625
Total - GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING		(\$1,976,734)	(\$3,149,139)	(\$3,183,991)	\$34,852	(\$2,017,739)	\$41,005	(\$2,115,453)	\$41,005

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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	Income	Expenditure
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
041010	Members of Council - Conference Expenses	\$10,200	\$6,176	\$0	\$6,176	\$0	\$10,200	\$0	\$6,176
041020	Members of Council - Elections	\$11,300	\$11,623	\$0	\$11,623	\$0	\$11,300	\$0	\$12,125
041030	Members of Council - President & Deputy Allowances	\$8,300	\$8,352	\$0	\$8,352	\$0	\$8,300	\$0	\$8,404
041040	Members of Council - Insurance	\$2,098	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098	\$0	\$2,098
041050	Members of Council - Subscriptions & Publications	\$11,740	\$8,630	\$0	\$8,630	\$0	\$11,740	\$0	\$9,620
041070	Members of Council - Councillor Allowances	\$30,800	\$30,369	\$0	\$30,369	\$0	\$30,800	\$0	\$30,855
041080	Members of Council - Refreshments & Receptions	\$6,500	\$5,318	\$0	\$5,318	\$0	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500
041090	Members of Council - Councillor Training	\$10,000	\$960	\$0	\$960	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
041100	Members of Council - Chamber Maintenance	\$2,000	\$755	\$0	\$755	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
041110	Members of Council - Expenses Related to members	\$151,541	\$126,781	\$0	\$126,781	\$0	\$151,541	\$0	\$152,222
041130	Members of Council - Integrated Planning & Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041140	Members of Council - Expenses Relating to 4WDL VROC	\$6,000	\$895	\$0	\$895	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
041141	Members of Council - Expenses Relating to Great Southern VROC	\$2,000	\$3,667	\$0	\$3,667	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000
041150	Members of Council - Donations Expenses	\$6,622	\$850	\$0	\$850	\$0	\$6,622	\$0	\$6,622
041160	Members of Council - Australia Day Expenses	\$17,000	\$13,275	\$0	\$13,275	\$0	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000
041170	Members - Community Events	\$5,000	\$2,956	\$0	\$2,956	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$6,924
041180	Members - Loss on Fair Value of Assets though P&L	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041400	Members of Council - Travelling	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Sub Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OP/EXP		\$283,101	\$222,705	\$0	\$222,705	\$0	\$283,101	\$0	\$288,546
OPERATING INCOME									
041200	Members - Contributions & Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041210	Members - Reimbursements	\$0	(\$573)	(\$573)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$573)	\$0
041250	Members - Operating Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041220	Members - Australia Day Grant Income	(\$9,600)	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)	\$0	(\$9,600)	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0
041230	Members - Income Relating to 4WDL VROC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
041500	Initial Recognition of Assets	\$0	(\$37,779)	(\$37,779)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OP/INC		(\$9,600)	(\$58,352)	(\$58,352)	\$0	(\$9,600)	\$0	(\$10,573)	\$0
Total - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL		\$273,501	\$164,354	(\$58,352)	\$222,705	(\$9,600)	\$283,101	(\$10,573)	\$288,546

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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	Income	Expenditure
GOVERNANCE									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
042000	Expenses Relating to Administration	\$518,032	\$540,000	\$0	\$540,000	\$0	\$518,032	\$0	\$522,679
042010	Governance - Admin Office Maintenance	\$5,900	\$7,501	\$0	\$7,501	\$0	\$5,900	\$0	\$7,137
042016	Governance - Insurance	\$41,704	\$41,666	\$0	\$41,666	\$0	\$41,704	\$0	\$41,666
042020	Governance - Admin Office Garden Maintenance	\$5,148	\$10,416	\$0	\$10,416	\$0	\$5,148	\$0	\$5,148
042030	Governance - Office Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000	\$2,217	\$0	\$2,217	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
042040	Governance - Consulting & Relief Staff	\$113,000	\$74,832	\$0	\$74,832	\$0	\$113,000	\$0	\$113,000
042050	Governance - Advertising	\$1,000	\$1,914	\$0	\$1,914	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,000
042060	Governance - Postage & Freight	\$550	\$510	\$0	\$510	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$550
042070	Governance - Computer Equipment Maintenance	\$68,845	\$63,432	\$0	\$63,432	\$0	\$68,845	\$0	\$71,526
042080	Governance - Bank Charges	\$3,700	\$4,135	\$0	\$4,135	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$4,952
042090	Governance - Telephone Expenses	\$5,250	\$6,233	\$0	\$6,233	\$0	\$5,250	\$0	\$5,970
042110	Governance - Legal Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,260	\$0	\$1,260	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
042115	Governance - Valuation Expenses Other than Rates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
042120	Governance - Administration Staff Training	\$5,000	\$2,719	\$0	\$2,719	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000
042121	Governance - Audit Fees	\$42,700	\$42,750	\$0	\$42,750	\$0	\$42,700	\$0	\$41,594
042130	Governance - Printing & Stationery	\$1,500	\$2,646	\$0	\$2,646	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
042140	Governance - FBT	\$25,000	\$12,528	\$0	\$12,528	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
042160	Governance - Staff Uniforms	\$1,500	\$1,900	\$0	\$1,900	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
042165	Governance - Admin Subscriptions	\$17,717	\$16,998	\$0	\$16,998	\$0	\$17,717	\$0	\$16,877
042170	Governance - Grants & Workshop Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
042180	Governance - Admin Costs Recovered	(\$864,546)	(\$727,955)	\$0	(\$727,955)	\$0	(\$864,546)	\$0	(\$880,099)
Sub Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL OP/EXP		\$0	\$105,700	\$0	\$105,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME									
042200	Governance - Reimbursements Administration	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
042220	Governance - Photocopies & Misc Cash Sales	\$0	(\$639)	(\$639)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$9)	\$0
042703	Governance - Unders & Overs	(\$5)	\$1	\$1	\$0	(\$5)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL OP/INC		(\$5)	(\$639)	(\$639)	\$0	(\$5)	\$0	(\$9)	\$0
Total - GOVERNANCE - GENERAL		(\$5)	\$105,062	(\$639)	\$105,700	(\$5)	\$0	(\$9)	\$0
Total - GOVERNANCE		\$273,496	\$269,415	(\$58,990)	\$328,406	(\$9,605)	\$283,101	(\$10,582)	\$288,546

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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	Income	Expenditure
LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY									
FIRE PREVENTION									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
051000	Fire Prevention - Expenses Relating to Fire Prevention	\$48,838	\$38,192	\$0	\$38,192	\$0	\$48,838	\$0	\$54,838
051030	Fire Prevention - Expenses in relation to MAF	\$21,900	\$18,563	\$0	\$18,563	\$0	\$21,900	\$0	\$21,900
051040	Fire Prevention - Other Fire Fighting Expenses	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500
051050	Fire Prevention - Expenses Related to ESL	\$36,184	\$26,006	\$0	\$26,006	\$0	\$36,184	\$0	\$34,134
Sub Total - FIRE PREVENTION OP/EXP		\$107,422	\$82,761	\$0	\$82,761	\$0	\$107,422	\$0	\$111,372
OPERATING INCOME									
051200	Fire Prevention - Income Relating to MAF Projects	(\$25)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25)	\$0	(\$25)	\$0
051210	Fire Prevention - LGGS - Bushfire Grant Income	(\$32,570)	(\$32,570)	(\$32,570)	\$0	(\$32,570)	\$0	(\$32,504)	\$0
051211	Fire Prevention - DFES ESL Administration Fee Income	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0
051240	Fire Prevention - Reimbursements	\$0	(\$2,839)	(\$2,839)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,160)	\$0
Sub Total - FIRE PREVENTION OP/INC		(\$36,595)	(\$39,409)	(\$39,409)	\$0	(\$36,595)	\$0	(\$38,689)	\$0
Total - FIRE PREVENTION		\$70,827	\$43,353	(\$39,409)	\$82,761	(\$36,595)	\$107,422	(\$38,689)	\$111,372

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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	Income	Expenditure
ANIMAL CONTROL									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
052000	Animal Control - Expenses Relating to Animal Control	\$13,547	\$13,949	\$0	\$13,949	\$0	\$13,547	\$0	\$13,547
Sub Total - ANIMAL CONTROL OP/EXP		\$13,547	\$13,949	\$0	\$13,949	\$0	\$13,547	\$0	\$13,547
OPERATING INCOME									
052200	Animal Control - Fines & Penalties	(\$500)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$500)	\$0	\$0	\$0
052210	Animal Control - Dog Registrations	(\$1,500)	(\$768)	(\$768)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	(\$1,250)	\$0
052220	Animal Control - Cat Registrations & Infringement Income	(\$50)	(\$300)	(\$300)	\$0	(\$50)	\$0	(\$300)	\$0
Sub Total - ANIMAL CONTROL OP/INC		(\$2,050)	(\$1,068)	(\$1,068)	\$0	(\$2,050)	\$0	(\$1,550)	\$0
Total - ANIMAL CONTROL		\$11,497	\$12,882	(\$1,068)	\$13,949	(\$2,050)	\$13,547	(\$1,550)	\$13,547

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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	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB								
	OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY								
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE								
053000	Other Law - Expenses Relating to Other Law, Order & Public Safety	\$44,254	\$25,551	\$0	\$25,551	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$44,254
	Sub Total - OTHER LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY OP/EXP	\$44,254	\$25,551	\$0	\$25,551	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$44,254
	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	\$44,254	\$25,551	\$0	\$25,551	\$0	\$44,254	\$0	\$44,254
	Total - LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY	\$126,578	\$81,786	(\$40,476)	\$122,262	(\$38,645)	\$165,223	(\$40,239)	\$169,173

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G/L		Job	Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme		COMPARATIVES 30 JUNE 2026		CURRENT YEAR 30 JUNE 2026		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026	
			Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTION												
OPERATING EXPENDITURE												
074000	PREV SRVCS - Expenses Relating to Preventative Services		\$16,608	\$14,050	\$0	\$14,050	\$0	\$16,608	\$0	\$16,608	\$0	\$16,608
074020	PREV SRVCS - Analytical Expenses		\$445	\$377	\$0	\$377	\$0	\$445	\$0	\$377	\$0	\$377
Sub Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION OP/EXP			\$17,053	\$14,428	\$0	\$14,428	\$0	\$17,053	\$0	\$16,985		
OPERATING INCOME												
074210	Health - Septic Tank Fees		(\$118)	(\$236)	(\$236)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0
Sub Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION OP/INC			(\$118)	(\$236)	(\$236)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0	(\$118)	\$0
Total - HEALTH ADMIN & INSPECTION			\$16,935	\$14,192	(\$236)	\$14,428	(\$118)	\$17,053	(\$118)	\$16,985		
PREVENTIVE SERVICES- PEST CONTROL												
OPERATING EXPENDITURE												
077000	Pest - Expenses Relating to Other Health		\$32,777	\$27,590	\$0	\$27,590	\$0	\$32,777	\$0	\$32,777	\$0	\$32,777
077010	Pest - Mosquito Control		\$5,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,480	\$0	\$5,480	\$0	\$5,480
Sub Total - PEST CONTROL OP/EXP			\$38,257	\$27,590	\$0	\$27,590	\$0	\$38,257	\$0	\$38,257		
OPERATING INCOME												
077200	Pest - Income Relating to Other Health		(\$200)	(\$200)	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0
Sub Total - PEST CONTROL OP/INC			(\$200)	(\$200)	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0	(\$200)	\$0
Total - PEST CONTROL			\$38,057	\$27,390	(\$200)	\$27,590	(\$200)	\$38,257	(\$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	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB								
	OTHER HEALTH								
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE								
076000	Other Health - Expenses Relating to Other Health	\$2,093	\$1,747	\$0	\$1,747	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$2,093
	Sub Total - OTHER HEALTH OP/EXP	\$2,093	\$1,747	\$0	\$1,747	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$2,093
	OPERATING INCOME								
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - OTHER HEALTH OP/INC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total - OTHER HEALTH	\$2,093	\$1,747	\$0	\$1,747	\$0	\$2,093	\$0	\$2,093
	Total - HEALTH	\$57,085	\$43,328	(\$436)	\$43,764	(\$318)	\$57,403	(\$318)	\$57,335

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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	Income	Expenditure
AGED & DISABLED - OTHER									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
082000	Aged & Disabled - Allocation of Admin Overheads	\$736	\$655	\$0	\$655	\$0	\$736	\$0	\$736
084000	Aged & Disabled - Expenses Relating to the Aged	\$45,505	\$45,528	\$0	\$45,528	\$0	\$45,505	\$0	\$45,900
084010	Aged & Disabled - Expenses relating to Well Aged Housing	\$52,018	\$36,203	\$0	\$36,203				
084010	SGC Salmon Gums - Common Areas					\$0	\$11,742	\$0	\$11,742
084010	SG1 UNIT 1 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$5,661	\$0	\$5,478
084010	SG2 UNIT 2 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$5,138	\$0	\$5,165
084010	SG3 UNIT 3 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$4,934	\$0	\$5,949
084010	SG4 UNIT 4 Salmon Gums					\$0	\$5,846	\$0	\$8,400
084010	WVC WATTLEVILLE COMMON LAND					\$0	\$6,213	\$0	\$7,253
084010	WV1 UNIT 1 WATTLEVILLE					\$0	\$4,804	\$0	\$4,733
084010	WV2 UNIT 2 WATTLEVIEW					\$0	\$3,582	\$0	\$4,636
084010	WV3 UNIT 3 WATTLEVILLE					\$0	\$4,098	\$0	\$4,485
Sub Total - OTHER WELFARE OP/EXP		\$98,259	\$82,387	\$0	\$82,387	\$0	\$98,259	\$0	\$104,477
OPERATING INCOME									
084200	Aged & Disabled - Income Relating to Well Aged Housing	(\$61,980)	(\$67,214)	(\$67,214)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER WELFARE OP/INC		(\$61,980)	(\$67,214)	(\$67,214)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0	(\$61,980)	\$0
Total - OTHER WELFARE		\$36,279	\$15,173	(\$67,214)	\$82,387	(\$61,980)	\$98,259	(\$61,980)	\$104,477
Total - EDUCATION & WELFARE		\$36,279	\$15,173	(\$67,214)	\$82,387	(\$61,980)	\$98,259	(\$61,980)	\$104,477

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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	Income	Expenditure
STAFF HOUSING									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
091000	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3340 Robinson Road (EMI)	\$22,063	\$11,781	\$0	\$11,781	\$0	\$22,063	\$0	\$22,063
091005	Staff Housing - Administration Allocations	\$16,625	\$13,977	\$0	\$13,977	\$0	\$16,625	\$0	\$16,625
091110	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3347 Robinson Road (SFO)	\$13,778	\$6,269	\$0	\$6,269	\$0	\$13,778	\$0	\$13,999
091220	Staff Housing - Maintenance 3327 Robinson Road (CEO)	\$19,940	\$17,127	\$0	\$17,127	\$0	\$19,940	\$0	\$27,886
091330	Staff Housing - Maintenance 13 Cardigan Street (Other not Staff))	\$8,329	\$7,546	\$0	\$7,546	\$0	\$8,329	\$0	\$12,295
091225	Private Housing Rental Expense	\$19,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,500		\$19,500
Sub Total - STAFF HOUSING OP/EXP		\$100,235	\$56,700	\$0	\$56,700	\$0	\$100,235	\$0	\$112,368
OPERATING INCOME									
091200	Staff Housing - Income 3340 Robinson Road	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
091210	Staff Housing - Income 3347 Robinson Road	(\$7,800)	(\$7,800)	(\$7,800)	\$0	(\$7,800)	\$0	(\$7,800)	\$0
091230	Staff Housing - Income 13 Cardigan Street	(\$8,840)	(\$9,180)	(\$9,180)	\$0	(\$8,840)	\$0	(\$8,840)	\$0
091500	Staff Housing - Staff Housing Reimbursements - Utilities	(\$1,000)	(\$486)	(\$486)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0
Sub Total - STAFF HOUSING OP/INC		(\$17,640)	(\$17,466)	(\$17,466)	\$0	(\$17,640)	\$0	(\$16,980)	\$0
Total - STAFF HOUSING		\$82,595	\$39,234	(\$17,466)	\$56,700	(\$17,640)	\$100,235	(\$16,980)	\$112,368
Total - HOUSING		\$82,595	\$39,234	(\$17,466)	\$56,700	(\$17,640)	\$100,235	(\$16,980)	\$112,368

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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	Income	Expenditure
SANITATION - HOUSEHOLD REFUSE									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
100000	Sanitation Household - Expenses Relating to Refuse Collection	\$52,276	\$49,693	\$0	\$49,693	\$0	\$52,276	\$0	\$50,576
100010	Sanitation Household - Expenses Relating to Recycling	\$22,200	\$19,776	\$0	\$19,776	\$0	\$22,200	\$0	\$19,800
100020	Sanitation Household - Tip Maintenance Costs	\$100,972	\$80,154	\$0	\$80,154	\$0	\$100,972	\$0	\$100,972
Sub Total - SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE OP/EXP		\$175,448	\$149,624	\$0	\$149,624	\$0	\$175,448	\$0	\$171,348
OPERATING INCOME									
100200	Sanitation Household - Income Relating to Tip - Refuse & Recycling	(\$60,725)	(\$61,097)	(\$61,097)	\$0	(\$60,725)	\$0	(\$60,997)	\$0
Sub Total - SANITATION H/HOLD REFUSE OP/INC		(\$60,725)	(\$61,097)	(\$61,097)	\$0	(\$60,725)	\$0	(\$60,997)	\$0
Total - SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE		\$114,723	\$88,527	(\$61,097)	\$149,624	(\$60,725)	\$175,448	(\$60,997)	\$171,348
SANITATION OTHER									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
101000	Sanitation Other - Expenses Relating to Commercial Refuse Collection	\$4,159	\$4,080	\$0	\$4,080	\$0	\$4,159	\$0	\$4,159
Sub Total - SANITATION OTHER OP/EXP		\$4,159	\$4,080	\$0	\$4,080	\$0	\$4,159	\$0	\$4,159
OPERATING INCOME									
Sub Total - SANITATION OTHER OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - SANITATION OTHER		\$4,159	\$4,080	\$0	\$4,080	\$0	\$4,159	\$0	\$4,159

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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	Income	Expenditure
PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
106000	Protect Env - Expenses Relating to Protection of the Environment	\$2,137	\$1,820	\$0	\$1,820	\$0	\$2,137	\$0	\$2,137
106010	Protect Env - Expenses Relating to WWLZ	\$4,085	\$1,775	\$0	\$1,775	\$0	\$4,085	\$0	\$4,135
106011	Protection of Environment - Depreciation	\$3,263	\$3,591	\$0	\$3,591	\$0	\$3,263		\$3,263
106020	Protect Env - Council Contribution to WWLZ	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Sub Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OP/EXP		\$9,485	\$22,186	\$0	\$22,186	\$0	\$9,485	\$0	\$24,535
OPERATING INCOME									
106220	Protect Env - Reimbursements WWLZ	(\$4,085)	(\$1,694)	(\$1,694)	\$0	(\$4,085)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0
Sub Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OP/INC		(\$4,085)	(\$1,694)	(\$1,694)	\$0	(\$4,085)	\$0	(\$4,000)	\$0
Total - PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT		\$5,400	\$20,492	(\$1,694)	\$22,186	(\$4,085)	\$9,485	(\$4,000)	\$24,535
TOWN PLANNING & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
104000	Town Planning - Allocation of Admin Overheads	\$36,490	\$16,777	\$0	\$16,777	\$0	\$36,490	\$0	\$36,490
Sub Total - TOWN PLAN & REG DEV OP/EXP		\$36,490	\$16,777	\$0	\$16,777	\$0	\$36,490	\$0	\$36,490
OPERATING INCOME									
104200	Town Planning - Town Planning Application Fee	(\$1,350)	(\$1,872)	(\$1,872)	\$0	(\$1,350)	\$0	(\$960)	\$0
Sub Total - TOWN PLAN & REG DEV OP/INC		(\$1,350)	(\$1,872)	(\$1,872)	\$0	(\$1,350)	\$0	(\$960)	\$0
Total - TOWN PLANNING & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT		\$35,140	\$14,905	(\$1,872)	\$16,777	(\$1,350)	\$36,490	(\$960)	\$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	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB								
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
105000	Other Community Amenities - Expenses Relating to Other Community Am	\$51,712	\$46,182	\$0	\$46,182	\$0	\$51,712	\$0	\$53,032
105020	Other Community Amenities - Maintenance - Cemetery	\$9,306	\$8,879	\$0	\$8,879	\$0	\$9,306	\$0	\$10,149
105030	Other Community Amenities - Maintenance - Grave Digging	\$4,060	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,060	\$0	\$4,060
105060	Other Community Amenities - Depreciation Other infrastructure	\$1,050	\$1,152	\$0	\$1,152	\$0	\$1,050	\$0	\$1,100
Sub Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES OP/EXP		\$66,128	\$56,213	\$0	\$56,213	\$0	\$66,128	\$0	\$68,341
OPERATING INCOME									
105200	Other Community Amenities - Income Relating to Cemetery	(\$1,500)	(\$613)	(\$613)	\$0	(\$1,500)	\$0	(\$363)	\$0
105201	Non-Operating Grants & subsidies	(\$120,435)	(\$120,435)	(\$120,435)	\$0	(\$120,435)	\$0	(\$120,435)	
Sub Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES OP/INC		(\$121,935)	(\$121,048)	(\$121,048)	\$0	(\$121,935)	\$0	(\$120,798)	\$0
Total - OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES		(\$55,807)	(\$64,834)	(\$121,048)	\$56,213	(\$121,935)	\$66,128	(\$120,798)	\$68,341
STORMWATER DRAINAGE									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
102000	Stormwater Drainage - Expenses Relating to Urban Stormwater Drainage	\$853	\$582	\$0	\$582	\$0	\$853	\$0	\$853
Sub Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE OP/EXP		\$853	\$582	\$0	\$582	\$0	\$853	\$0	\$853
OPERATING INCOME									
102200	Stormwater Drainage - Income Relating to Urban Stormwater Drainage	(\$39,991)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0
Sub Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE OP/INC		(\$39,991)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0	(\$39,991)	\$0
Total - URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE		(\$39,138)	\$582	\$0	\$582	(\$39,991)	\$853	(\$39,991)	\$853
Total - COMMUNITY AMENITIES		\$64,477	\$63,752	(\$185,710)	\$249,463	(\$228,086)	\$292,563	(\$226,746)	\$305,726

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		30 JUNE 2026		30 JUNE 2026		2025-2026		30 JUNE 2026	
		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
PUBLIC HALL & CIVIC CENTRES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
110000	Expenses Relating to Town Halls & Civic Centres	\$57,620	\$58,309	\$0	\$58,309	\$0	\$57,620	\$0	\$62,279
Sub Total - PUBLIC HALLS & CIVIC CENTRES OP/EXP		\$57,620	\$58,309	\$0	\$58,309	\$0	\$57,620	\$0	\$62,279
OPERATING INCOME									
110200	Public Halls - Income Relating to Town Hall & Other Civic Centres	(\$340)	(\$444)	(\$444)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0
Sub Total - PUBLIC HALLS & CIVIC CENTRES OP/INC		(\$340)	(\$444)	(\$444)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0	(\$340)	\$0
Total - PUBLIC HALL & CIVIC CENTRES		\$57,280	\$57,865	(\$444)	\$58,309	(\$340)	\$57,620	(\$340)	\$62,279

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		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OTHER RECREATION & SPORT									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
113000	Other Recreation - Expenses Relating to Other Recreation & Sport	\$95,795	\$89,499	\$0	\$89,499	\$0	\$95,795	\$0	\$97,711
113010	Other Recreation - Maintenance - Parks & Reserves	\$25,563	\$44,160	\$0	\$44,160	\$0	\$25,563	\$0	\$45,313
113020	Other Recreation-Maintenance-Oval & Building	\$107,308	\$121,418	\$0	\$121,418	\$0	\$107,308	\$0	\$136,296
113030	Other Recreation - Maintenance - Golf Club	\$8,782	\$9,694		\$9,694	\$0	\$8,782	\$0	\$19,780
113040	Other Recreation - Depreciation - Buildings	\$2,795	\$2,797	\$0	\$2,797	\$0	\$2,795	\$0	\$2,820
113050	Other Recreation - Depreciation - Parks	\$15,765	\$15,771	\$0	\$15,771	\$0	\$15,765	\$0	\$15,900
Sub Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT OP/EXP		\$256,008	\$283,339	\$0	\$283,339	\$0	\$256,008	\$0	\$317,820
OPERATING INCOME									
113200	Other Recreation - Income Relating to Other Recreation & Sport	(\$1,300)	(\$16,804)	(\$16,804)	\$0	(\$1,300)	\$0	(\$15,398)	\$0
113201	Income - Golf Club Rental	(\$2,520)	(\$950)	(\$950)	\$0	(\$2,520)	\$0	(\$950)	\$0
113202	Income - Other Recreation & Sport Reimbursements	\$0	(\$3,204)	(\$3,204)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$3,200)	\$0
113210	Other Sport & Recreation Fees & Charges Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT OP/INC		(\$3,820)	(\$20,958)	(\$20,958)	\$0	(\$3,820)	\$0	(\$19,548)	\$0
Total - OTHER RECREATION & SPORT		\$252,188	\$262,381	(\$20,958)	\$283,339	(\$3,820)	\$256,008	(\$19,548)	\$317,820

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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	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB								
SWIMMING AREAS & BEACHES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
111000	Swim Areas - Expenses Relating to Queerearrup Lake	\$4,910	\$19,287	\$0	\$19,287	\$0	\$4,910	\$0	\$18,296
111010	Swim Areas - Depreciation	\$2,880	\$2,880		\$2,880	\$0	\$2,880	\$0	\$2,880
Sub Total - SWIMMING AREAS OP/EXP		\$7,790	\$22,167	\$0	\$22,167	\$0	\$7,790	\$0	\$21,176
OPERATING INCOME									
Sub Total - SWIMMING AREAS OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - SWIMMING AREAS & BEACHES		\$7,790	\$22,167	\$0	\$22,167	\$0	\$7,790	\$0	\$21,176
LIBRARIES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
114000	Library - Administration Allocations	\$3,666	\$2,603	\$0	\$2,603	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$3,666
Sub Total - LIBRARIES OP/EXP		\$3,666	\$2,603	\$0	\$2,603	\$0	\$3,666	\$0	\$3,666
OPERATING INCOME									
Sub Total - LIBRARIES OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - LIBRARIES		\$3,666	\$2,603	\$0	\$2,603	\$0	\$3,666	\$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	Income	Expenditure
OTHER CULTURE									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
115000	Other Culture - Expenses Relating to Other Culture	\$5,293	\$3,009	\$0	\$3,009	\$0	\$5,293	\$0	\$5,224
115100	Other Culture - Expenses Relating to War Memorial	\$1,420	\$3,205	\$0	\$3,205	\$0	\$1,420	\$0	\$1,420
115101	Other Culture - Depreciation	\$1,595	\$1,594	\$0	\$1,594	\$0	\$1,595	\$0	\$1,595
115102	Other Culture - Depreciation - Buildings	\$125	\$126	\$0	\$126	\$0	\$125	\$0	\$125
Sub Total - OTHER CULTURE OP/EXP		\$8,433	\$7,934	\$0	\$7,934	\$0	\$8,433	\$0	\$8,364
OPERATING INCOME									
115220	Other Culture - Sale of History Books & DVD's	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER CULTURE OP/INC		(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - OTHER CULTURE		\$8,403	\$7,934	\$0	\$7,934	(\$30)	\$8,433	\$0	\$8,364
Total - RECREATION AND CULTURE		\$329,327	\$352,950	(\$21,402)	\$374,352	(\$4,190)	\$333,517	(\$19,888)	\$413,305

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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	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB								
STREETS, RD, BRIDGES, DEPOT - CONSTRUCTION									
OPERATING INCOME									
122240	Transport - Regional Road Group Grants	(\$600,000)	(\$510,843)	(\$510,843)	\$0	(\$600,000)	\$0	(\$600,000)	\$0
122229	Transport - Commodity Route Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
122270	Transport - Roads to Recovery Grant	(\$320,000)	(\$118,036)	(\$118,036)	\$0	(\$320,000)	\$0	(\$320,000)	\$0
Sub Total - ST,RDS,BRIDGES,DEPOT - CONST OP/INC		(\$920,000)	(\$628,879)	(\$628,879)	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0
Total - ST,RDS,BRIDGES,DEPOT - CONST		(\$920,000)	(\$628,879)	(\$628,879)	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0	(\$920,000)	\$0
STREETS,ROADS, BRIDGES, DEPOTS - MAINTENANCE									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
122000	Transport - Expenses Relating to Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depot Mainte	\$1,970,824	\$1,951,442	\$0	\$1,951,442	\$0	\$1,970,824	\$0	\$1,975,798
122010	Transport - Street Lighting	\$8,220	\$7,494	\$0	\$7,494	\$0	\$8,220	\$0	\$7,700
122020	Transport - Maintenance - Direct Grants	\$14,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$3,750
122030	Transport - Maintenance - Muni Fund Roads	\$956,116	\$935,121	\$0	\$935,121	\$0	\$956,116	\$0	\$921,361
122040	Transport - Expenses relating to the Shire Depot	\$55,963	\$26,673	\$0	\$26,673	\$0	\$55,963	\$0	\$33,277
122050	Transport - Maintenance - Footpaths	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200	\$0	\$4,200
122060	Transport - Maintenance - Traffic Signs	\$3,700	\$197	\$0	\$197	\$0	\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700
122061	Transport - Rural Street Address Expenses	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$55
122070	Transport - Maintenance - Bridges	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Sub Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS OP/EXP		\$3,018,083	\$2,920,926	\$0	\$2,920,926	\$0	\$3,018,083	\$0	\$2,954,841
OPERATING INCOME									
122230	Transport - Grant - RRG Direct	(\$118,300)	(\$116,067)	(\$116,067)	\$0	(\$118,300)	\$0	(\$116,057)	\$0
122261	Transport - Rural Street Address Income	(\$110)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$110)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS OP/INC		(\$118,410)	(\$116,067)	(\$116,067)	\$0	(\$118,410)	\$0	(\$116,057)	\$0
Total - MTCE STREETS ROADS DEPOTS		\$2,899,673	\$2,804,859	(\$116,067)	\$2,920,926	(\$118,410)	\$3,018,083	(\$116,057)	\$2,954,841

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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	Income	Expenditure
TRANSPORT LICENSING									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
125000	Transport - Expenses Relating to Transport Licensing	\$6,296	\$5,314	\$0	\$5,314	\$0	\$6,296	\$0	\$6,296
125010	Transport - Licensing Payments	\$114,165	\$675	\$0	\$675	\$0	\$114,165	\$0	\$675
Sub Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING OP/EXP		\$120,461	\$5,989	\$0	\$5,989	\$0	\$120,461	\$0	\$6,971
OPERATING INCOME									
125200	Transport - Income Relating to Transport Licensing	(\$5,000)	(\$5,089)	(\$5,089)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0
125210	Transport - Licensing Receipts	(\$114,165)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$114,165)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING OP/INC		(\$119,165)	(\$5,089)	(\$5,089)	\$0	(\$119,165)	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0
Total - TRANSPORT LICENSING		\$1,296	\$900	(\$5,089)	\$5,989	(\$119,165)	\$120,461	(\$5,000)	\$6,971
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		\$1,980,969	\$2,176,880	(\$750,035)	\$2,926,915	(\$1,157,575)	\$3,138,544	(\$1,041,057)	\$2,961,812

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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	Income	Expenditure
	RURAL SERVICES								
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE								
131000	Rural Svcs - Administration Allocations	\$2,728	\$2,329	\$0	\$2,329	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$2,728
	Sub Total - RURAL SERVICES OP/EXP	\$2,728	\$2,329	\$0	\$2,329	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$2,728
	OPERATING INCOME								
	Sub Total - RURAL SERVICES OP/INC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total - RURAL SERVICES	\$2,728	\$2,329	\$0	\$2,329	\$0	\$2,728	\$0	\$2,728
	TOURISM AND AREA PROMOTION								
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE								
132000	Tourism - Expenses Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion	\$14,691	\$13,451	\$0	\$13,451	\$0	\$14,691	\$0	\$14,691
132020	Tourism - Expenses relating to Woody Wongi	\$1,850	\$1,046	\$0	\$1,046	\$0	\$1,850	\$0	\$1,850
	Sub Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION OP/EXP	\$16,541	\$14,497	\$0	\$14,497	\$0	\$16,541	\$0	\$16,541
	OPERATING INCOME								
132220	Tourism - Income relating to Woody Wongi	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sub Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION OP/INC	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30)	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total - TOURISM & AREA PROMOTION	\$16,511	\$14,497	\$0	\$14,497	(\$30)	\$16,541	\$0	\$16,541

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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	Income	Expenditure
G/L	JOB								
BUILDING CONTROL									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
133000	Building - Expenses Relating to Building Control	\$26,310	\$19,865	\$0	\$19,865	\$0	\$26,310	\$0	\$26,310
Sub Total - BUILDING CONTROL OP/EXP		\$26,310	\$19,865	\$0	\$19,865	\$0	\$26,310	\$0	\$26,310
BUILDING CONTROL OP/INC									
133210	Building - Building Permit Application Fee	(\$1,000)	(\$3,547)	(\$3,547)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	(\$3,213)	\$0
133220	Building - Building Services Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133221	Building - Building Services Levy Commission	\$0	(\$85)	(\$85)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133230	Building - Building Construction Industry Training Fund (BCITF)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133231	Building - BCITF Commission	\$0	(\$27)	(\$27)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub Total - BUILDING CONTROL OP/INC		(\$1,000)	(\$3,659)	(\$3,659)	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	(\$3,213)	\$0
Total - BUILDING CONTROL		\$25,310	\$16,206	(\$3,659)	\$19,865	(\$1,000)	\$26,310	(\$3,213)	\$26,310
OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
135000	Other Economic - Expenses Relating to Economic Services	\$6,742	\$5,678	\$0	\$5,678	\$0	\$6,742	\$0	\$6,742
135010	Other Economic - Expenses Relating to Standpipes	\$65,980	\$4,373	\$0	\$4,373	\$0	\$65,980	\$0	\$66,210
135020	Other Economic - Depreciation	\$0	\$1,170		\$1,170	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,180
Sub Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES OP/EXP		\$72,722	\$11,220	\$0	\$11,220	\$0	\$72,722	\$0	\$74,132
OPERATING INCOME									
135015	Other Economic - Income Relating to Pool Inspections	(\$530)	(\$526)	(\$526)	\$0	(\$530)	\$0	(\$530)	\$0
135210	Other Economic - Income Relating to Standpipes	(\$70,000)	(\$14,043)	(\$14,043)	\$0	(\$70,000)	\$0	(\$60,000)	\$0
Sub Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES OP/INC		(\$70,530)	(\$14,569)	(\$14,569)	\$0	(\$70,530)	\$0	(\$60,530)	\$0
Total - OTHER ECONOMIC SERVICES		\$2,192	(\$3,348)	(\$14,569)	\$11,220	(\$70,530)	\$72,722	(\$60,530)	\$74,132
Total - ECONOMIC SERVICES		\$46,741	\$29,684	(\$18,228)	\$47,912	(\$71,560)	\$118,301	(\$63,743)	\$119,711

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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	Income	Expenditure
	PRIVATE WORKS								
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE								
141000	Private Works - Expenses	\$2,031	\$271	\$0	\$271	\$0	\$2,031	\$0	\$738
	Sub Total - PRIVATE WORKS OP/EXP	\$2,031	\$271	\$0	\$271	\$0	\$2,031	\$0	\$738
	OPERATING INCOME								
141010	Private Works - Fees & Charges	(\$1,084)	(\$396)	(\$396)	\$0	(\$1,084)	\$0	(\$738)	\$0
	Sub Total - PRIVATE WORKS OP/INC	(\$1,084)	(\$396)	(\$396)	\$0	(\$1,084)	\$0	(\$738)	\$0
	Total - PRIVATE WORKS	\$947	(\$125)	(\$396)	\$271	(\$1,084)	\$2,031	(\$738)	\$738

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme									
G/L	JOB	Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
PUBLIC WORKS OVERHEADS									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
143000	Public Works - Expenses Relating to Public Works Overheads	\$33,151	\$27,936	\$0	\$27,936	\$0	\$33,151	\$0	\$33,151
143005	Public Works - Supervision Salaries	\$128,857	\$70,456	\$0	\$70,456	\$0	\$128,857	\$0	\$106,266
143011	Public Works - Superannuation	\$87,700	\$93,825	\$0	\$93,825	\$0	\$87,700	\$0	\$93,114
143012	Public Works - Unallocated Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
143020	Public Works - Public Holidays, Annual & Long Service Leave	\$108,396	\$123,148	\$0	\$123,148	\$0	\$108,396	\$0	\$108,396
143030	Public Works - Protective Clothing	\$8,900	\$4,175	\$0	\$4,175	\$0	\$8,900	\$0	\$8,900
143070	Public Works - Works Crew Staff Training	\$23,940	\$54	\$0	\$54	\$0	\$23,940	\$0	\$17,500
143080	Public Works - Workers Compensation Insurance	\$34,020	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020	\$0	\$34,020
143090	Public Works - Expenses Relating to Occ Safety & Health	\$9,945	\$17,300	\$0	\$17,300	\$0	\$9,945	\$0	\$16,420
143050	Less: Allocation of Public Works Overheads	(\$434,909)	(\$537,398)	\$0	(\$537,398)	\$0	(\$434,909)	\$0	(\$417,767)
Sub Total - PUBLIC WORKS O/HEADS OP/EXP		\$0	(\$166,485)	\$0	(\$166,485)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME									
143200	FBT Reimbursements - Public Works Overheads	(\$1,560)	(\$1,560)	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0
143210	Public Works - Workers Compensation Reimbursements	\$0	(\$67,863)	(\$67,863)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$56,490)	\$0
Sub Total - PUBLIC WORKS O/HEADS OP/INC		(\$1,560)	(\$69,423)	(\$69,423)	\$0	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$58,050)	\$0
Total - PUBLIC WORKS OVERHEADS		(\$1,560)	(\$235,908)	(\$69,423)	(\$166,485)	(\$1,560)	\$0	(\$58,050)	\$0

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme									
G/L	JOB	Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
144000	Plant Operation - Insurances	\$11,785	\$11,752	\$0	\$11,752	\$0	\$11,785	\$0	\$11,785
144010	Plant Operation - Fuels & Oils	\$120,000	\$86,457	\$0	\$86,457	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
144020	Plant Operation - Tyres & Tubes	\$20,000	\$8,014	\$0	\$8,014	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$15,000
144030	Plant Operation - Parts & Repairs	\$100,000	\$38,629	\$0	\$38,629	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
144040	Plant Operation - Blades & Tynes	\$8,000	\$4,633	\$0	\$4,633	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$5,000
144050	Minor Equipment Purchases	\$7,500	\$869	\$0	\$869	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
144060	Plant Operation - Repairs - Wages	\$6,000	\$10,544	\$0	\$10,544	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$10,250
144070	Plant Operation - Licences	\$8,500	\$6,454	\$0	\$6,454	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500
144080	Plant Operation - Depreciation	\$91,500	\$63,070	\$0	\$63,070	\$0	\$91,500	\$0	\$91,500
144100	Plant Operation - Less Depreciation Allocated	(\$91,500)	(\$69,306)	\$0	(\$69,306)	\$0	(\$91,500)	\$0	(\$91,500)
144090	Plant Operation - Less Allocated to Works/SRVCS	(\$281,785)	(\$131,473)	\$0	(\$131,473)	\$0	(\$281,785)	\$0	(\$278,035)
Sub Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS OP/EXP		\$0	\$29,643	\$0	\$29,643	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME									
144004	Plant Operating Reimbursement Income	\$0	(\$977)	(\$977)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$977)	\$0
144005	Plant Operation - Diesel Fuel Rebate	(\$15,700)	(\$11,843)	(\$11,843)	\$0	(\$15,700)	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0
Sub Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS OP/INC		(\$15,700)	(\$12,820)	(\$12,820)	\$0	(\$15,700)	\$0	(\$15,977)	\$0
Total - PLANT OPERATIONS COSTS		(\$15,700)	\$16,823	(\$12,820)	\$29,643	(\$15,700)	\$0	(\$15,977)	\$0
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	\$0	(\$10,712)	(\$10,712)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$496)	\$0
Sub Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK OP/INC		\$0	(\$10,712)	(\$10,712)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$496)	\$0
Total - MATERIALS AND STOCK		\$0	(\$10,712)	(\$10,712)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$496)	\$0

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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	Income	Expenditure
SALARIES AND WAGES									
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
147000	Gross Salaries & Wages	\$1,311,026	\$1,254,955	\$0	\$1,254,955	\$0	\$1,311,026	\$0	\$1,288,497
147010	Less Salaries & Wages Allocated	(\$1,311,026)	(\$1,255,024)	\$0	(\$1,255,024)	\$0	(\$1,311,026)	\$0	(\$1,288,497)
Sub Total - SALARIES AND WAGES OP/EXP		\$0	(\$69)	\$0	(\$69)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING INCOME									
Sub Total - SALARIES AND WAGES OP/INC		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - SALARIES AND WAGES		\$0	(\$69)	\$0	(\$69)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES		(\$16,313)	(\$229,990)	(\$93,351)	(\$136,639)	(\$18,344)	\$2,031	(\$75,261)	\$738

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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	Income	Expenditure
TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVES									
EXPENDITURE									
	Transfer to Affordable Housing Reserve	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007152	Transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve	\$8,300	\$27,983	\$0	\$27,983	\$0	\$8,300	\$0	\$8,050
007162	Transfer to Building Reserve	\$2,300	\$8,237	\$0	\$8,237	\$0	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,100
	Transfer to Town Development Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007182	Transfer to Office Equipment Reserve	\$170	\$1,499	\$0	\$1,499	\$0	\$170	\$0	\$290
	Transfer to Road Construction Reserve	\$255	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$0	\$255	\$0	\$185
	Transfer to Staff Leave Reserve	\$825	\$2,627	\$0	\$2,627	\$0	\$825	\$0	\$475
Sub Total - TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNCIL FUNDS		\$11,850	\$41,192	\$0	\$41,192	\$0	\$11,850	\$0	\$11,100
INCOME									
007166	Transfer from Affordable Housing Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
007151	Transfer from Plant Replacement Reserve	(\$180,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$180,000)	\$0	(\$180,000)	\$0
007161	Transfer from Building Reserve	(\$50,767)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$50,767)	\$0	(\$50,767)	\$0
Sub Total - TRANSFER FROM RESERVE FUNDS		(\$230,767)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$230,767)	\$0	(\$230,767)	\$0
Total - FUND TRANSFER		(\$218,917)	\$41,192	\$0	\$41,192	(\$230,767)	\$11,850	(\$230,767)	\$11,100
000000 (Surplus) / Deficit - Carried Forward		(\$880,000)	(\$847,189)	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0	(\$847,189)	\$0
000000 adjust to rates levied						\$0		\$0	
Sub Total - SURPLUS C/FWD		(\$880,000)	(\$847,189)	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0	(\$847,189)	\$0
Total - SURPLUS		(\$880,000)	(\$847,189)	(\$847,189)	\$0	(\$880,000)	\$0	(\$847,189)	\$0

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G/L JOB		COMPARATIVES		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET		AMENDED BUDGET	
		30 JUNE 2026		30 JUNE 2026		2025-2026		30 JUNE 2026	
		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED FROM BUDGET									
	000000 Depreciation Written Back	(\$1,826,361)	(\$1,850,680)	\$0	(\$1,850,680)	\$0	(\$1,826,361)	\$0	(\$1,830,871)
	000000 Book Value of Assets Sold Written Back	(\$75,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$75,000)	\$0	(\$75,000)
	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 Movement in Non-Current Deferred Rates	\$0	\$672	\$672	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	000000 Movement in BKW COOP Shares	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	000000 LG House Unit Trust	\$0	\$37,779	\$37,779	\$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		
Sub Total - ITEMS EXCLUDED		(\$1,901,361)	(\$1,812,229)	\$38,451	(\$1,850,680)	\$0	(\$1,901,361)	\$0	(\$1,905,871)
Total - OPERATING ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED		(\$1,901,361)	(\$1,812,229)	\$38,451	(\$1,850,680)	\$0	(\$1,901,361)	\$0	(\$1,905,871)

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles
And Type Of Activities Within The Programme

G/L	JOB		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
		BUILDINGS								
		HOUSING - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
091310		Purchase Land & Buildings - Capital								
091310	BC006	3327 Robinson Road Capital	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
		Total - HOUSING	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
		Total - BUILDINGS	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000

SHIRE OF WOODANILLING
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

G/L JOB		COMPARATIVES		CURRENT YEAR		ADOPTED BUDGET		AMENDED BUDGET	
		30 JUNE 2026		30 JUNE 2026		2025-2026		30 JUNE 2026	
		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
123300	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT								
	TRANSPORT - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE								
	Purchase Plant & Equipment - CAPITAL	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000
	Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000
	Total - TRANSPORT	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000
	Total - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	\$255,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme			CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES 30 JUNE 2026		CURRENT YEAR 30 JUNE 2026		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026	
G/L	JOB		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE										
ROAD CONSTRUCTION - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE										
121310		Road Construction - Regional Road Group								
121310	RRG66	Robinson West Reconstruct 500m	\$500,000	\$447,784	\$0	\$447,784	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$525,000
121310	RRB66	Robinson West Reconstruct 380m	\$200,000	\$149,343	\$0	\$149,343	\$0	\$200,000		\$200,000
121310	RRG67	RRG - Oxley Road	\$200,000	\$169,137	\$0	\$169,137	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
121320	x	Road Construction - Roads to Recovery								
121320	R2R012	R2R - Darby Road	\$90,404	\$14,883	\$0	\$14,883	\$0	\$90,404		\$90,404
121320	R2R019	R2R - Onslow Road	\$70,000	\$48,818	\$0	\$48,818	\$0	\$70,000		\$70,000
121320	R2R021	R2R - Church Road	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000		\$60,000
121320	R2R68	RTR - Douglas Road	\$70,000	\$54,335	\$0	\$54,335	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
121320	R2R129	R2R - Robinson West Rd Edge Repairs	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
121350		Bridges Construction	\$314,000	\$314,000	\$0	\$314,000	\$0	\$314,000	\$0	\$314,000
Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS			\$1,544,404	\$1,198,300	\$0	\$1,198,300	\$0	\$1,544,404	\$0	\$1,569,404
Total - ROADS			\$1,544,404	\$1,198,300	\$0	\$1,198,300	\$0	\$1,544,404	\$0	\$1,569,404
Total - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS ROAD RESERVES			\$1,544,404	\$1,198,300	\$0	\$1,198,300	\$0	\$1,544,404	\$0	\$1,569,404

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Details By Function Under The Following Program Titles And Type Of Activities Within The Programme			CURRENT YEAR COMPARATIVES 30 JUNE 2026		CURRENT YEAR 30 JUNE 2026		ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-2026		AMENDED BUDGET 30 JUNE 2026	
G/L	JOB		Budget	Actual	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
DRAINAGE										
102300		Purchase Drainage Infrastructure - Capital								
102300	DWER1	Dwer Dam Project	\$39,000	\$7,858	\$0	\$7,858	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$39,000	\$7,858	\$0	\$7,858	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000
		Total - TRANSPORT - DRAINAGE	\$39,000	\$7,858	\$0	\$7,858	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000
		Total - DRAINAGE ASSETS	\$39,000	\$7,858	\$0	\$7,858	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$39,000
INFRASTRUCTURE - PARKS & OVALS										
COMMUNITY AMENITIES										
105040	LRC450	LRCI 4A - Woodanilling Townsite Enhancement	\$142,374	\$141,198	\$0	\$141,198	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374
		Sub Total - CAPITAL WORKS	\$142,374	\$141,198	\$0	\$141,198	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374
		Total - COMMUNITY AMENITIES	\$142,374	\$141,198	\$0	\$141,198	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374
		Total - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS - OTHER	\$142,374	\$141,198	\$0	\$141,198	\$0	\$142,374	\$0	\$142,374
GRAND TOTALS			\$0	(\$1,577,797)	(\$5,246,038)	\$3,668,241	(\$4,811,449)	\$4,811,449	(\$4,824,203)	\$4,775,203



Shire of Woodanilling

Fire Break Notice & Bush Fire Information 2026/2027

Action is required by Landowners, Residents and Occupiers of ALL land in the Shire of Woodanilling

FIRST & FINAL NOTICE



PENALTIES MAY APPLY

If In Doubt, Contact The Shire Of Woodanilling
Or Your Local Brigade

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 000

PLEASE READ COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY

WHO TO CALL FOR A PERMIT

BUSHFIRE EXECUTIVES

CBFCO-Evan Hall	Woody 1	0428 123 374	UHF 12
DCBCFO-Lachlan Patterson	Woody 2	0428 611 987	UHF 6
SFCO1-Bindi Murray	Woody 3	0409 347 299	UHF 20
SCFO2-Braden Crosby	Woody 4	0437 817 047	UHF 8

BEAUFORT KENMARE BRIGADE FCO/CAPTAIN

Mal Baxter	Kenmare 1	0428 313 010	UHF 15
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BOYERINE WESTWOOD BRIGADE FCO/CAPTAIN

Ben Wilhelm	Boyerine 1	0487 096 636	UHF 58
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CARTMETICUP BRIGADE FCO/CAPTAIN

Wayne Shackley	Cartmeticup 1	0427 228 070	UHF 27
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CENTRAL BRIGADE FCO/CAPTAIN

Brad Garstone	Central 1	0455 631 515	UHF 28
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GLENCOE BRIGADE FCO/CAPTAIN

Ben Patterson	Glencoe 1	0428 159 815	UHF16
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CONTACT SHIRE 9823 1506 TO BE NOTIFIED BY SMS AND WHATSAPP OF ANY HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS AND WARNINGS. THE HARVEST BAN PHONE SERVICE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

ANY FIRE LIT DURING THE RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD 19TH SEPTEMBER TO 15TH APRIL (INCLUSIVE) WILL REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM YOUR LOCAL FCO AND/OR THE CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER.

Bush Fire Act 1954 (Section 33)

Pursuant to the power contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fire Act, 1954 you are hereby required to observe all requirements of this Fire Break Notice. Please read carefully, these are your legal requirements.

During the period from 15 NOVEMBER TO 15 APRIL inclusive you are required to have:-

1.0 REGIONAL RURAL ZONE – OCCUPIED PROPERTIES

A MOBILE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT MUST BE EQUIPPED AND READILY AVAILABLE FOR FIRE FIGHTING PURPOSES

- 1.0.1 Immediately surrounding all homesteads, buildings, haystacks within 200 metres of a building, fuel storage tanks and drums, a 'Low Fuel Zone' of at least 10 metres wide.
- 1.0.2 A mobile fire fighting unit on standby and available for fire fighting purposes during the period from 15 November to 15 April.
- 1.0.3 A mobile fire fighting unit shall be in attendance or close proximity to harvesting operations, straw cutting, straw baling & stubble related (eg stubble crunching) operations . The mobile fire fighting unit must be equipped and readily available for fire fighting purposes and trailers must be connected to a vehicle.
- 1.0.4 A fire access way shall be provided to all homesteads and shall be maintained free of all flammable material to a minimum of 4 metres trafficable surface and 4 metres vertical clearance.

1.1 REGIONAL RURAL ZONE – ABSENTEE LANDHOLDERS

- 1.1.1 Immediately surrounding all buildings, haystacks within 200 metres of a building, fuel storage tanks and drums, a 'Low Fuel Zone' of at least 20 metres wide.
- 1.1.2 A mobile firefighting unit shall be in attendance or close proximity to harvesting operations, straw cutting, straw baling & stubble related (eg stubble crunching) operations. The mobile firefighting unit must be equipped and readily available for firefighting purposes and trailers must be connected to a vehicle.
- 1.1.3 A fire access way shall be provided to all homesteads and shall be maintained free of all flammable material to a minimum of 4 metres trafficable surface and 4 metres vertical clearance.

2.0 LOCAL RURAL ZONE

- 2.0.1 A 'Building Protection Zone' is required around all buildings to a minimum width of 20 metres.
- 2.0.2 All Land in the Local Rural Zone is to be maintained in a 'Hazard Reduced State'. If for any reason this **CAN NOT** be complied with, a **VARIATION MUST BE APPLIED FOR** as stated within this notice.
- 2.0.3 A mobile fire fighting unit shall be in attendance or close proximity to harvesting operations, straw cutting or straw baling & stubble related (eg stubble crunching) operations. The mobile fire fighting unit must be equipped and readily available for fire fighting purposes and trailers must be connected to a vehicle.
- 2.0.4 A fire access way shall be provided to all homesteads and shall be maintained free of all flammable material to a minimum of 4 metres trafficable surface and 4 metres vertical clearance.

2.0.5 **LOCAL RURAL ZONE - URBAN FARMLAND** - When the land is classified as Urban Farm Land by the Shire, the provisions of the Regional Rural Zone – Occupied Properties and Regional Rural Zone – Absentee Landholders will apply.

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3.0 RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL ZONES

- 3.1 All land within these zones are to be maintained in a “Hazard Reduced State”.
- 3.2 If a dwelling is located on a lot, then in addition to 3.1 above, within a 10 metre radius of the dwelling you must:
 - 3.2.1 Maintain dead grass at or below 50mm;
 - 3.2.2 Removal of all dead branches from live standing trees or shrubs up to a height of 1.5 metres above the ground;
 - 3.2.3 Removal of all dead trees or shrubs;
 - 3.2.4 Removal of all branches from trees or shrubs that overhang the dwelling; and
 - 3.2.5 1 metre clearance is required around all fire wood stacks/heaps.

4.0 ALL OTHER ZONES / RESERVES

- 4.1 For all other Zones and Reserves in the Shire, the Local Government will determine individual fire control requirements by means of a Fire Management Plan./BAL (Bushfire Attack Level) Assessment This includes all reserves under its control via a Vesting or Management Order which may or may not be leased to other authorities, UCL (unallocated crown land), and reserves under the control of other authorities/bodies.

5.0 PLANTATIONS

- 5.1 A fire break being a minimum of 15 metres width shall be constructed along the boundaries of separate ownership, and all formed public roads, or on such alternative locations as may be agreed between the Local Government authority and the plantation owner.
- 5.2 Internal fire breaks between compartments of up to 30 hectares must be a minimum of 6 metres wide and for compartments over 30 hectares, a minimum of 10 metres wide.
- 5.3 All fire breaks shall have a 5 metre trafficable surface with a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres to allow access by fire fighting appliances.

VARIATIONS

If it is considered impractical for any reason to comply with any provision of this Notice, you may make written application detailing your proposed alternative fire prevention measures to the Local Government, **no later than 1 October each year.**

If the Local Government does not grant permission, you must comply with the requirements of this notice.

A request for a variation to the Fire Break Notice for areas of Non-Arable land is considered acceptable, however the landholder must demonstrate that they have taken every possible action to clear the said land. Variations will remain in place until either the property changes ownership or the variation is cancelled by the Local Government.

PENALTIES

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted. Where the owner fails to comply with the requisitions of the notice, Council or its duly authorised officers or contractors will carry out the required work at the cost to the owner or owner/occupier.

GUIDELINES FOR VEHICLE AND MACHINERY MOVEMENT BANS (INCLUDING BANS ON OPERATION OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES)

The following definitions shall apply to the guidelines on the ban of vehicle and machinery movement and the operation of internal combustion engines under *Regulation 38A and 38B of the Bush Fires Regulations, 1954*.

To register for the Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban SMS Service please contact the Shire 9823 1506.

LANEWAY/ROADWAY (NON GAZETTED)

A laneway/roadway is defined as having a trafficable surface, free of all flammable material, a minimum of 4 metres wide. Overhanging vegetation is to be pruned so as not to come into contact with any part of a vehicle.

REGISTERED ON AND OFF LOADING AREA

Registered On and Off Loading Area is defined as an area free of flammable material, save live standing trees to a radius of 50 metres from the centre of the area.

Areas are to be registered on an annual basis and must be received no later than 1 October each year.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this notice, the following definitions apply:

Absentee Landholder – Any landholder who resides outside the Shire of Woodanilling unless the owner resides in an adjacent brigade district or an employee resides on the property.

Plantation - Any area of trees planted for commercial purposes, other than a windbreak - within gazetted town sites exceeding 3 hectares and elsewhere exceeding 10 hectares.

Building Protection Zone – is a Low Fuel Zone immediately surrounding a building and is designed to minimise the likelihood of flame contact with buildings. All trees and branches which overhang a building are to be removed;

Boundary – Means the external perimeter boundary of land contained within the same ownership, irrespective of whether it contains one or more allotments.

Firebreak – Means ground from which all flammable material has been removed, which is trafficable and on which no flammable material is permitted to accumulate during the prohibited and restricted burning periods.

Flammable Material – Means trash, dead grass, rubbish, leaf litter, sticks, dead branches, or other hazardous material, but does not include live standing trees, shrubs and cultivated plants located in gardens.

Hazard Reduced State – The removal of all hazardous material from the land excluding living plants and trees. Dead grass to be maintained at or below a height of 150mm. 'Non-arable Land' to be maintained in a 'Hazard Reduced State'

Hazardous Material – Means any bush, plant, tree, vegetable, substance, object, thing or materials that may or is likely to catch fire and burn.

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Lot – “lot” means a defined portion of land -

- (a) depicted on a plan or diagram available from, or deposited with, the Authority and for which a separate Crown Grant or certificate of title has been or can be issued; or
- (b) depicted on a diagram or plan of survey of a subdivision approved by the Commission; or
- (c) which is the whole of the land the subject of -
 - (i) a Crown Grant issued under the Land Act 1933; (ii) a certificate of title registered under the Transfer of Land Act 1893; (iii) a survey into a location or lot under section 27(2) of the Land Administration Act 1997 or a certificate of Crown land title the subject of such a survey; (iv) a part-lot shown on a diagram or plan of survey of a subdivision deposited with the Authority; or (v) a conveyance registered under the Registration of Deeds Act 1856 - but does not include a lot in relation to a strata scheme, a lot in relation to a survey-strata scheme, or a lot shown as common property on a survey-strata plan, as those terms are defined in the Strata Titles Act 1985.

Low Fuel Zone – Means the removal of dead trees, leaf litter and trash, the removal of dead branches to a height of 1.5 metres from live standing trees or shrubs, and the maintenance of dead grass at or below a height of 100mm. Contained within the Low Fuel Zone a minimum of 2.5 metres of the zone must be maintained as a Firebreak or as maintained gardens and/or lawns.

Mobile Fire Fighting Unit – A mobile fire fighting unit is defined as having a minimum water carrying capacity of four hundred (400) litres, fitted with a fire fighting hose and pump capable of delivering water.

Non-arable Land – Land that is not capable of producing crops, unsuitable for farming, unsuitable to be ploughed or tilled. Includes rocky outcrops, densely treed areas or creek lines.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban — A ban on the movement of all vehicles and machinery and the operation of internal combustion engines within the Shire or part of the Shire during a time as specified in a notice or broadcast (*Regulation 38A & 38B of the Bush Fire Regulations, 1954*) with the exception of the movement of vehicles and machinery on made gazetted roads and laneways.

Harvest Ban – A ban on the operation of all grain harvesting machines within a Shire or part of a Shire and during a time, as specified in a notice or broadcast (*Regulation 38A of the Bush Fire Regulations 1954*).

REGULATED ACTIVITIES DURING A VEHICLE AND MACHINERY MOVEMENT BAN

1. Loading and offloading of anything ancillary to the main use of the property is only permitted on sites which are approved and registered by the Local Government on an **annual basis** and which are clear of all flammable material save live standing trees to a radius of at least 50 metres. A mobile fire fighting unit shall be in attendance at all times the site is in use during the ban period.
2. All necessary travel to and from and within piggeries, sheep or cattle feed lots, provided this is undertaken in a mobile fire fighting unit.
3. All necessary carting of water for livestock provided that such a vehicle is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit.
4. Any variation to either the Harvest or Vehicle and Machinery Movement Ban conditions listed above must be approved by Local Government.
5. Approval must be sought on an individual basis, and may be subject to specific conditions. It should be noted that approval may not be granted.

**By Order of the Shire of Woodanilling,
Chief Executive Officer.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Attachment 13.3.1

TO ALL LANDOWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS IN
THE SHIRE OF WOODANILLING

TO REPORT A FIRE

Call 000

Provide the following information:

1. Your name and contact number;
2. Fire location (information such as landmarks, road names, your location and the direction of the smoke and estimated distance is helpful in establishing fire location);
3. State road name and or closest cross road;
4. If it is a private property, supply the property owner's name if known; and
5. Provide details of fire site access if known.

FIRE ATTENDANCE

All brigade members attending a fire must check the following:

- That personal protective clothing and equipment is being worn;
- That the fire INCIDENT CONTROLLER is aware of your presence at the fire;
- That any slip-on unit is bolted securely to the tray of the vehicle;
- That a plentiful supply of fresh drinking water is in the fire fighting unit; and
- Work Health and Safety Standards need to be maintained at all times.

FIREBREAKS

All firebreaks and fire hazard reduction measures are to be complete for all areas within the Shire of Woodanilling by 15 NOVEMBER and must be maintained at that standard until 15 APRIL.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIODS

19 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER & 28 FEBRUARY TO 15 APRIL (INCLUSIVE)

PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED FOR BURNING DURING RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES.

Permits are required for all fires lit during the restricted burning times and must be obtained from your local fire control officer who will explain the conditions under which fires may be lit.

ANY FIRE LIT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Dates may be changed up to 14 days at a time by the CBFCO or Shire of Woodanilling CEO.

Harvesting on Christmas Day is prohibited throughout the Shire.

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 NOVEMBER TO 27 FEBRUARY (INCLUSIVE)

Permits may be issued for protective burning only. Protective burning around buildings may be carried out right through the prohibited burning period, with a permit from your nearest Fire Control Officer and/or Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for burning between the following times:

Whole District – 6.00pm to 12 midnight

**NO CAMP FIRES ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE
SHIRE OF WOODANILLING DURING THE RESTRICTED
AND PROHIBITED BURNING PERIODS**