



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

To be held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Thursday 21st May 2026
Commencing 3.30pm

Dear Councillors,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Westonia will be held on 21st May 2026 the Council Chambers, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

Concept Meeting – 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Afternoon Tea – 3.30 pm –4.00 pm

Council Meeting – 4.00 pm

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JASMINE GEIER
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
18 May 2026



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Declaration of Financial Interest, Proximity Interest and/or Interest Affecting Impartiality

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Westonia

In accordance with Section 5.60-5.65 of the Local Government Act and Regulation 34(B) and 34(C) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, I advise you that I declare a (appropriate box):

financial interest (Section 5.60A)

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

proximity interest (Section 5.60B)

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed —

(a) change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;

(b) change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or

(c) development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

interest affecting impartiality/closely associated persons (Regulation 24C). I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected but does not include a financial or proximity interest as referred to in section 5.60.

in the following Council / Committee Meetings to be held on _____

in Item number/s _____

the nature of the interest being _____

Further, that I wish to remain in the Chamber to participate in proceedings. As such, I declare the extent of my interest as being:

Yours faithfully

(Councillor's signature)

Councillor's Name

The *Local Government Act* provides that it is the member's obligation to declare the Nature of an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council.

The Act provides that the Nature of the interest may be declared in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the Agenda Item at the meeting. The Act further provides that the Extent of the interest needs to be declared if the member seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item.

A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings.

The decision of whether to disclose a financial interest is yours and yours alone. Nobody can disclose for you and you can not be forced to make a disclosure.



SHIRE OF WESTONIA
A vibrant community lifestyle

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

SNAPSHOT

PLAN

2018-2028

CORE DRIVERS

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community.
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny.

OUR VALUES

Respect – We value people and places and the contribution they make to the Shire.

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

Fairness and Equity – Provide services for a variety of ages and needs.

Communication – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.

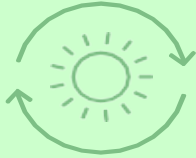
OUR VISION

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MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

- Continue to utilise our Road Management Plan, which incorporates a road hierarchy, minimum service levels and maintenance policy.
- RAV Ratings and Shire boundaries are consistent across local government boundaries.
- Lobby and build enduring partnerships with key Government Departments to improve Great Eastern Hwy.
- Actively participate in the Secondary Freight Network group.
- Develop and implement a Road Asset Plan highlighting key funder and strategic partnerships to support sustainability.
- Develop a Gravel Reserve Policy which identifies future gravel reserves and recognises cost to local government.
- Educate road users about road safety and driving on gravel roads.
- Optimal and safe use of our plants and equipment assets.
- Ensure that appropriate RAV vehicles traverse correct RAV routes.
- Maintain our airport with a view to improvements to meet commercial and recreational aviation needs.

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

- Council recognises the opportunity of partnering with Westonia Progress Association, works closely and supports them to help achieve their economic development projects and our strategic goals.
- Council continue to have a role in facilitating the presence of a Co-op in our community.
- Enhance local economic activity by supporting the growth of tourism in our Shire and region including applying for funding to improve tourist facilities.
- Improve our online tourism presence.
- We forward plan to improve the economic diversity in our community.
- In partnership with Council, the mine develops long term business plans for current mine assets.
- Investigate options for multipurpose accommodation if vacancies arise in mine accommodation.

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics.

- Develop the Town Planning Scheme.
- Plan and develop residential and industrial land.
- Community safety and ease of access around town is a priority.
- Our lifestyle, facilities and sense of community is promoted.
- The CEACA project continues to expand the number of universally designed dwellings in our town.
- We support our emergency services.
- We enable visiting health professionals to our community.
- The Community Resource Centre receives external funding to provide preventative health and community development initiatives to the community.
- We facilitate healthy and active ageing in place
- Our cemetery is well presented.

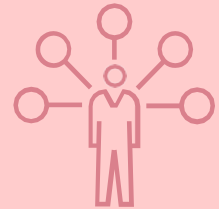
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- We collaborate and encourage active engagement in local clubs and community initiatives that support a healthy lifestyle.
- Investigate motor sport opportunities around the Shire.
- Preserve and celebrate our local history.
- Support our volunteers and clubs to remain strong, dynamic, and inclusive.
- Encourage lifelong learning.
- Children and youth have active and social opportunities.
- Continue to provide high standard and accessible shire facilities.
- Retain and expand Westonia's unique tourism experience.

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

- Sustainably manage our reserves and open spaces.
- Participate in best practice waste management.
- Work collaboratively to meet legislative compliance with managing weeds and pests as well as our environmental health standards.
- Investigate renewable energy generation technologies.

GOVERNANCE



Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community...

Be progressive and capture opportunities.

- Be open to local productivity/ best practice and cost saving opportunities locally and regionally.
- Investigate joint resourcing and tendering
- Advocate and develop strong partnerships to benefit our community.
- Be prepared by forward planning our resources and focusing on continuous improvement.
- Identify risks and opportunities after the life of the mine.

The community receives services in a timely manner.

- Meet our legislative and compliance requirements.
- Work towards optimal management of our assets.
- Work to develop Councillor and staff skills and experience to provide career and succession opportunities within the Shire.
- Inside and outside staff are multi skilled to understand the business of local government and provide a seamless service to the community.
- Communicate and engage with our community regularly.

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of the community.

- Seek external funding for significant capital improvements that deliver upon our strategic objectives.
- Investigate ways to reduce reliance on operational grants given the current State and Federal Government priorities.

Shire of Westonia: -
A vibrant community lifestyle.



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Crees welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr RM Crees	<i>Shire President</i>
Cr RA Della Bosca	<i>Deputy Shire President</i>
Cr DL Geier	
Cr MJ Crews	
Cr A Faithfull	
Cr DL Simmonds	

Staff:

Mrs JL Geier	<i>Acting Chief Executive Officer</i>
Mrs HL Lockyer	<i>Senior Finance Officer</i>

Members of the Public:

Apologies:

Approved Leave of Absence:

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (4.10PM – 4.25PM)

NIL

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26th March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes for the WEROC Board Meeting held Friday 8th May 2026 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc Management Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 May 2026 be accepted.

That the Minutes for the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Meeting held Friday 24th of April, 2026 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Held on Thursday 23 April 2026 be accepted.



WEROC Inc. Board Meeting MINUTES

Friday 8 May 2026

Shire of Bruce Rock, Council Chambers
54 Johnson St, Bruce Rock

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WEROC Inc.

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.

Shires of Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn

MINUTES

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held in Bruce Rock on Friday 8 May 2026.

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Charmaine Thomson as Chair of WEROC Inc. welcomed Members of the Board and guests from the Shire of Quairading and opened the meeting at 9.34am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Mr. Bryan Close

Mr. Mark Crees (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Mark Furr

Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Mr. Andrew Malone

Mr. Ramesh Rajagopalan

Ms. Emily Ryan

Ms. Charmaine Thomson (Chair)

Mr. Craig Watts

Ms. Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

2.2 Apologies

Mr. Stuart Hobley

Ms. Alison Harris

Mr. Bill Price

Ms. Lisa O'Neill

2.3 Guests

Ms. Jasmine Geier, Acting CEO, Shire of Westonia

Mr. Peter Clarke, Acting CEO, Shire of Yilgarn

Mr. Nic Warren, CEO Shire of Quairading

Cr. Jo Hayes, Deputy Shire President, Shire of Quairading

Cr. Becky Cowcill, Councillor, Shire of Quairading

Ms. Rebecca McCall, CEO Shire of Narembeen, joined the meeting at 11.50am

Ms. Meegan Smith, Principal Hydrologist, Water Technology, joined via videoconference at 10.15am

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Shire of Quairading, 9.30am

The Shire of Quairading requested to attend the WEROC meeting to explore their options for joining a ROC. A brief overview of WEROC governance and priorities will be given and representatives from the Shire of Quairading will have an opportunity to ask questions of the group.

Comments from the meeting:

The Executive Officer provided an overview of WEROC's governance structure, priorities, and current projects and activities. Representatives from the Shire Quairading were then invited to ask questions.

A summary of the discussion is provided below:

Q: What is the focus of the waste education program being considered?

A: The primary aim is to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, which in turn will help to reduce waste transport costs.

Q: Did WEROC find value in hosting McCusker Centre interns?

A: The program requires significant time and effort to coordinate and manage. Given the short placement period (approximately two weeks), outcomes are often limited to base level information rather than a completed project.

Q: Will the medical student immersion program continue?

A: Yes. As Notre Dame expands enrolments in the medical program, additional towns are likely to be sought to host students.

Q: Are there any metrics showing whether the drive trail has increased visitor numbers?

A: Metrics are available for social media engagement and website traffic, however, there is currently no data confirming the number of visitors travelling to the region specifically because of the drive trail. Visitor numbers generally appear to be down at present, likely due to fuel prices and supply issues.

4.2 Ms. Meegan Smith, Principal Hydrologist, Water Technology, 10.15am

Draft Water Supply Security Strategies have been completed for each Shire. Ms. Meegan Smith will attend the meeting to present an overview of the findings and recommendations.

Comments from the meeting:

- Ms. Smith provided an overview of the strategy development process and the recommendations arising from the work undertaken.
- Ms. Smith requested the following additional information from the Shires to complete the final reports:
 - Standpipe usage records
 - Feedback on network schematics
 - Farm resident property numbers
 - Coordinates of standpipe locations
 - Confirmation of scheme water usage classification (Bruce Rock & Cunderdin)
 - Details of community members Water Technology should consult regarding ideas related to water capture, storage, distribution, etc., or other relevant considerations that may not yet have been identified.
- Ms. Smith addressed feedback received on the draft reports and advised that the following actions have been undertaken in response:
 - Separate reports have now been prepared for each Shire.

- Assessment of farm resident numbers and potential emergency water demand for stock and bushfire response is currently underway.
- Mr. Ram Rajagopalan queried whether the reports addressed water loss. Ms. Smith advised that calculations of evaporation losses from dams had been completed. Mr. Rajagopalan further asked whether the reports would include recommendations to mitigate evaporation losses. Ms. Smith confirmed that they will be included.

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on Monday 16 February 2026

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held in Perth on Monday 16 February 2026 have previously been circulated.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Perth on Monday 16 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Ms. Emily Ryan

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Perth on Monday 16 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising – Status Report

5.2.1 Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 16 February 2026

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
7.1 WEROC Priorities for 2026	Follow up with WALGA regarding planning services	A meeting with WALGA has been organised for Wednesday 29 April 2026.
7.2 Joint ROC Forum	Invite Sean Brown from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to the next WEROC meeting	A joint letter to DPLH was sent on 18 March 2026, requesting a meeting with the three ROCs to discuss native title and land tenure. A separate email was sent to DPLH with an invite to attend the WEROC Board meeting on 8 May. At the time of preparing this agenda a response is still pending.
8.1 Housing	Organise meeting with Department of Housing to discuss WEROC key worker housing investigation	Awaiting completion of town actions plans to proceed in organising a meeting with the Department of Housing. Ms. Rebecca McCall, CEO Shire of Narembeen and head of the RoerOC housing sub-committee will join the meeting to discuss the additional work being undertaken to secure funding for housing in the RoerOC district.

8.2 Strategic Waste Management	Circulate quote for waste education once received from the Western Metro Regional Council (WMRC).	A copy of the quote provided by WMRC was sent on 20 February 2026 along with the minutes of the WEROC Board meeting held on 16 February. This matter will be discussed under Agenda item 7.2.
8.3 Roads	1) Request a follow up meeting with Joanne Vinci and Belinda Stopic 2) Share summary of the meeting with Ms. Vinci and Ms. Stopic with Lachlan Hunters office	A meeting request was sent and Ms. Vinci responded to say that they were unavailable to meet on the requested day but advised that regional visits have been planned and formal correspondence will be sent to all Shires who wrote to the Deputy Premier regarding the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network. A summary of the meeting with Ms. Vinci and Ms. Stopic was sent to Lachlan Hunters office.

Recommendation:
That the status report be received.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Executive Officer advised that there had been further correspondence regarding the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) attending a WEROC meeting. It was requested that each Shire provide their priority crown land actions and 2-3 topics they would like DPLH to discuss with the group. DPLH will then be invited to attend the July meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Mr. Mark Crees

That the status report be received.

CARRIED

6. WEROC INC. FINANCE

6.1 WEROC Inc. Financial Report as of 30 April 2026

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 1 May 2026

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

At the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 7 May 2025 the budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 was adopted. The approved Budget for 2025-26 is used as the basis for the financial report.

An explanation for each of the notations on the financial report is provided below.

Note 1	Annual member contributions
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Note 2	Payments made by NEWROC to cover their contribution to the workforce housing investigation as per the grant agreement with WDC, and from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for the WEROC water audit
Note 3	Interest paid on term deposit
Note 4	GST received
Note 5	GST Refunds – Q3 BAS 2025/26 financial year
Note 6	Executive Officer Services.
Note 7	Executive Officer travel to meetings.
Note 8	Monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software
Note 9	Payment to Audit Partners Australia for 2024-25 financial year audit
Note 10	Payments to Australia’s Golden Outback for cooperative marketing, Flat Earth Mapping for the update to the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail, the Shire of Merredin for social media management for the drive trail, JE Planning for the workforce housing investigation, Chadwick Consulting for site feasibility testing and Econosis for the key worker housing business case and cost-benefit-analysis drafts. Payments have also been made to Water Technology for the water supply security strategy and NEWROC for the joint ROC forum.
Note 11	Payments to Local Community Insurance Services for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workers compensation insurance - Association Liability insurance - Public and Products Liability insurance - Personal Accident insurance - Cyber insurance
Note 12	GST paid
Note 13	Payment to ATO for Q4 2024-25 and Q1 and Q2 2025-26 BAS

WEROC Inc.
ABN 28 416 957 824
1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

		Budget 2025/2026	Actual to 30/04/2026	Notes
INCOME				
0501	General Subscriptions	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00	1
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	2
0575	Interest received	\$4,392.33	\$4,392.33	3
584	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	GST Output Tax	\$8,400.00	\$13,900.00	4
	GST Refunds	\$6,399.00	\$5,815.00	5
	Total Receipts	\$103,191.33	\$163,107.33	
EXPENSES				
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$38,920.00	\$28,437.73	6

1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$3,080.00	\$1,285.20	7
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,080.00	\$613.62	8
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,100.00	\$1,036.00	9
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$70,000.00	\$122,232.41	10
1850	WEROC Management of WEROC App & Website	\$900.00	\$902.00	
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$6,232.43	11
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00	\$0.00	
3384	GST Input Tax	\$12,518.00	\$12,212.32	12
	ATO Payments	\$9,088.71	\$11,122.00	13
Total Payments		\$146,786.71	\$184,073.71	
Net Position		-\$43,595.38	-\$20,966.38	
OPENING CASH 1 July		\$94,312.12	\$99,971.03	
CASH BALANCE		\$50,716.74	\$79,004.65	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 April 2026, be received.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Emily Ryan

Seconded: Mr. Bryan Close

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 April 2026, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Income, Expenditure & Balance Sheet

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

A summary of income and expenditure for the period 31 January to 30 April 2026 is provided below.

Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
Opening Balance		159,545.41		
10 Feb 2026	Australia's Golden Outback	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$157,345.41
10 Feb 2026	150 Square Pty Ltd	\$0.00	\$2,735.00	\$154,610.41
27 Feb 2026	Payment: ATO	\$0.00	\$1,101.00	\$153,509.41
06 Mar 2026	150 Square Pty Ltd	\$0.00	\$3,865.70	\$149,643.71
23 Mar 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$139,643.71

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24 Mar 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$129,643.71
25 Mar 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$119,643.71
26 Mar 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$109,643.71
27 Mar 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$815.42	\$108,828.29
27 Mar 2026	NEWROC	\$0.00	\$1,537.00	\$107,291.29
13 Apr 2026	150 Square Pty Ltd	\$0.00	\$4,415.00	\$102,876.29
15 Apr 2026	ATO	\$5,815.00	\$0.00	\$108,691.29
27 Apr 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$98,691.29
28 Apr 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$88,691.29
29 Apr 2026	Water Technology	\$0.00	\$9,686.64	\$79,004.65
TOTAL		\$5,815.00	\$86,355.76	\$79,004.65
Closing balance				\$79,004.65

Balance Sheet

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc
As at 30 April 2026

	30 Apr 2026
Assets	
Bank	
Term Deposit	100,000.00
Westpac Community Solution One	79,004.65
Total Bank	179,004.65
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	33,000.00
Total Current Assets	33,000.00
Total Assets	212,004.65
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	(2,420.48)
Total Current Liabilities	(2,420.48)
Non-current Liabilities	
GST Clearing	2,306.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	2,306.00
Total Liabilities	(114.48)
Net Assets	212,119.13
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	15,753.09
Retained Earnings	196,366.04
Total Equity	212,119.13

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 31 January to 30 April 2026 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 31 January to 30 April 2026 totalling \$86,355.76 be approved.

That the Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2026 be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan **Seconded:** Mr. Andrew Malone

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 31 January to 30 April 2026 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 31 January to 30 April 2026 totalling \$86,355.76 be approved.

That the Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2026 be noted.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR DECISION OR DISCUSSION

7.1 WEROC Budget 2026-27

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: Nil

Consultation: NA

Financial Implications: As per budget

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

The WEROC Inc. Constitution states that:

17.3 The Board will prepare and approve the annual budget at least 1 month before the end of the financial year.

As there are no further scheduled meetings of the WEROC Inc. Board before the end of the financial year, to adhere to the rules of our Association, a draft budget for WEROC Inc. for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027 has been prepared and is presented for the Board's consideration.

The proposed budget assumes that the \$12,000 (Ex. GST) annual subscription per Member Council will remain consistent with previous years. On the matter of subscriptions, the WEROC Inc. Constitution does not specify the amount of the annual subscription rather it states:

10.1 Annual Subscriptions: Members are not required to pay a membership fee or annual subscription but may be required to pay an annual financial contribution as determined by the Association with such contributions to be in equal shares.

Under the proposed budget, it is anticipated that the WEROC Inc. Westpac Community Solution One Account will have a cash balance of \$27,772.38 on 30 June 2027. This assumes that the \$100,000 in the term deposit will be reinvested at maturity.

BUDGET NOTES

Income

- A. The draft budget assumes that the annual subscription amount will be retained at \$12,000 (Ex. GST) per Member Council.
- B. The estimated income in the Consultancy and Project Reserve to 30 June, is Shire contributions toward the WEROC workforce housing analysis.
- C. Budgeted interest is based on the current rate on the Westpac Term Deposit of 4.80%.
- D. GST on General Subscriptions.
- E. GST refunds have been calculated based on estimates of GST Input and Output Tax for each quarter.

Expenditure

1. The Westpac Community Solution One Account does not incur any fees and therefore no fees have been budgeted for.
2. Proposed budget is based on the Executive Officer's estimated hours (38 hours per month standard plus additional hours for attending meetings and WMSIP) and a rate of pay of \$85 Ex. GST per hour.

3. Budget based on anticipated travel for the Executive Officer to attend 10 meetings (CEO and Board) averaged at 350km for a return trip at the current ATO rate of 0.88c per km.
4. Current contract expires on 1 March 2028 therefore no provision has been made for recruitment of an Executive Officer.
5. The proposed budget for Financial Services includes the monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software (\$75 Ex. GST).
6. The financial services audit allocation is based on the accepted quote of Audit Partners Australia for \$1,000 Ex. GST and an allowance for disbursements.
7. This allocation enables WEROC Inc. to engage consultants and to undertake special projects. Co-operative marketing initiatives are also allocated to this budget line item. The budgeted amount includes \$7,000 for tourism/marketing initiatives. The remaining allocation is an allowance for new projects.
8. The allocation for the management of the WEROC Inc. website is based on the hosting fee of \$40 (Ex. GST) per month. The hosting fee is currently paid up until October 2026. An allowance is also included for renewal of the WEROC domain names, security upgrades and SSL certificate.
9. Host Council's will generally cover all meeting expenses. A small allocation is provided for any unforeseen meeting costs.
10. The proposed budget allocation for insurance is based on the current financial year's actual expenditure, with an allowance for premium increases for the following forms of insurance cover:
 - Public & Products Liability
 - Associations and Officials Liability
 - Workers Compensation
 - Personal Accident – Volunteers
 - Cyber Insurance
11. A small allocation is made for legal expenses to cover any eventuality.
12. There are no estimated expenses relating to WEROCs incorporation.
13. A small allocation is made for any miscellaneous items.
14. GST Input Tax is calculated on budgeted expenditure items subject to GST.
15. ATO payments have been calculated based on estimates of GST Input and Output Tax for each quarter.

WEROC Inc.

DRAFT BUDGET 2026-2027

		Budget 2025/2026	Actual to 30/04/2026	Estimated Income/ Expenditure to 30 June 26	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	Notes
INCOME						
0501	General Subscriptions	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00	A
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$0.00	B
0575	Interest received	\$4,392.33	\$4,392.33	\$4,392.33	\$3,614.52	C
584	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	GST Output Tax	\$8,400.00	\$13,900.00	\$13,900.00	\$8,400.00	D
	GST Refunds	\$6,399.00	\$5,815.00	\$5,815.00	\$6,857.00	E
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$103,191.33	\$163,107.33	\$213,107.33	\$102,871.52	
EXPENSES						

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1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$38,920.00	\$28,437.73	\$35,243.73	\$48,960.00	2
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$3,080.00	\$1,285.20	\$1,491.12	\$3,080.00	3
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	4
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,080.00	\$613.62	\$763.62	\$1,150.00	5
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,100.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,100.00	6
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$70,000.00	\$122,232.41	\$158,036.47	\$70,000.00	7
1850	Management of WEROC Website	\$900.00	\$902.00	\$952.00	\$1,000.00	8
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	9
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$6,232.43	\$6,232.43	\$6,400.00	10
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	11
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	13
3384	GST Input Tax	\$12,518.00	\$12,212.32	\$16,513.92	\$13,449.00	14
	ATO Payments	\$9,088.71	\$11,122.00	\$11,122.00	\$8,847.21	15
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$146,786.71	\$184,073.71	\$231,391.29	\$156,786.21	
	Net Position	-\$43,595.38	-\$20,966.38	-\$18,283.96	-\$53,914.69	
	OPENING CASH 1 July	\$94,312.12	\$99,971.03	\$99,971.03	\$81,687.07	
	CASH BALANCE	\$50,716.74	\$79,004.65	\$81,687.07	\$27,772.38	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2027, as presented, with a general subscription for each Member Council set at \$12,000 (Ex. GST), be adopted.

RESOLUTION: **Moved:** Mr. Raymond Griffiths **Seconded:** Mr. Mark Furr

That the WEROC Inc. draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2027, as presented, with a general subscription for each Member Council set at \$12,000 (Ex. GST), be adopted.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Waste Education

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.
Attachments: Attachment 1: WMRC Quote for Community Education Program
Consultation: NA
Financial Implications: NA
Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held in Perth on Monday 16 February 2026, it was noted that the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) had been contacted for a quote to deliver a waste education program across the WEROC Shires. As the quote had not been received in advance of the meeting the Executive Officer advised that it would be circulated via email.

Executive Officer Comment:

A quote from WMRC was circulated along with the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2026 and is provided again as Attachment 1.

The total cost to deliver a waste education program consisting of research and development, delivery of four in-region workshops and reporting/assessment is approximately \$20,000.

The Waste Sorted Community Education Grants program generally opens in August each year. Up to \$25,000 can be applied for. Assuming that there will be a 2026-27 round, the Board may like to consider waiting and applying for this funding to cover the costs of the proposed education program.

Recommendation:

That the matter be discussed.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Andrew Malone commented that the proposed waste education program may be too detailed and suggested that it may be more effective to begin with simple educational pamphlets. Mr. Malone also noted that workshops are unlikely to attract strong attendance.
- Mr. Raymond Griffiths suggested developing a generic information sheet or infographic outlining the appropriate disposal methods for different waste types. Each Shire could then tailor the material by including maps identifying local waste disposal and drop-off locations.
- Mr. Craig Watts suggested that a supporting social media campaign could be undertaken to complement and reinforce the pamphlet distribution.

RESOLUTION: **Moved:** Mr. Mark Furr **Seconded:** Mr. Mark Crees

That:

- 1) The quote submitted by the Western Metropolitan Regional Council be declined.
- 2) An infographic be developed for adaptation by each participating Council, outlining the appropriate disposal methods for different waste streams and identifying local waste disposal locations.

CARRIED

8. PROJECT UPDATES

8.1 Housing

The WEROC workforce housing investigation which commenced in early 2025 is close to completion. The Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) are currently finalising the town action plans, which will conclude the project.

An application to the Regional Housing Support Fund was made on 24 December 2025. As discussed at the WEROC Inc. Board meeting on 27 November 2025, the application was for the full cost to build the 34 dwellings identified over the six Shires. The outcome of this application is not yet known but it is unlikely that WEROC will receive any funding through this process.

Rebecca McCall, CEO, Shire of Narembeen and CEO of RoeROC will join the group at 11:50am to outline the work undertaken in addition to the WDC housing investigation process, to position the RoeROC Shire's as shovel-ready for future funding opportunities, and to discuss their advocacy efforts to secure government investment.

Comments from the meeting:

- Ms. McCall provided an overview of the work RoeROC have undertaken to pursue funding for their housing project:
 - Whitney Consulting was engaged to prepare a grant funding strategy and review the business case developed through the WDC led process. Feedback received indicated the business case was not sufficiently compelling to attract investment.
 - Advice was also received that the original business case lacked detailed concept plans and costings, requiring each Shire to undertake additional work to improve project readiness.
 - RoeROC invested further in having Whitney Consulting refine the business case, including incorporating local case studies and testimonials to better demonstrate community need and impact.
 - A \$16 million application was submitted to the Regional Housing Support Fund, with a \$2.8 million co-contribution from RoeROC Shires.
 - RoeROC are in the process of developing a website and advocacy kit to support consistent messaging in their ongoing advocacy efforts.
 - They are coordinating engagement with relevant State and Federal Ministers/Departments and are considering engaging a lobbyist to support their advocacy work.
- Ms. McCall advised that discussions had been held with Commonwealth representatives regarding the Housing Australia Future Fund. There are several barriers for Wheatbelt local governments accessing the program, including:
 - The fund's focus on social and affordable housing rather than key worker housing.
 - Eligibility requirements favouring developments of 500 or more dwellings.
 - The requirement to demonstrate State Government support for projects.
 - On the East Coast, some local governments operate as housing providers, reducing barriers to funding access; however, this model is not common in Western Australia.
 - The expectation of private sector investment to strengthen applications, despite local governments often acting as the primary investors in regional areas.
- Mr. Raymond Griffiths suggested that CEACA may provide an appropriate vehicle for progressing housing in the Eastern Wheatbelt.
- In closing, Ms. McCall encouraged the group to invest further in strengthening the narrative around housing need within WEROC Shires, allocate resources toward advocacy efforts, and consider preparing a housing prospectus similar to the approach undertaken by the 4WDL group.

8.2 Roads

The WEROC CEOs met with Joanne Vinci (Senior Policy Adviser – Roads, Office of the Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA) and Belinda Stopic (Acting Executive Director Infrastructure Delivery) on Thursday 5 February 2026 via Teams.

At this meeting it was agreed that Ms. Stopic would travel out to the region with Mohammad Siddiqui, Main Roads Regional Director for the Wheatbelt, and meet with the Shires to discuss specific concerns.

A follow-up email was sent to Ms. Vinci on 16 March to enquire about the regional visits and to request another meeting with the WEROC CEOs. The meeting with the CEOs was declined but we were advised that Ms. Stopic and Mr. Siddiqui will be visiting the Wheatbelt in May/June.

The status of the Great Eastern Highway Improvements project listed on Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List, indicates that this still hasn't progressed any further than stage 1, despite WEROC's call for the State Government to prioritise and fast track stage 2 of the assessment process.

[Great Eastern Highway improvements | Infrastructure Australia](#)

The Board may like to consider any further action that can be taken to advocate for funding for the Great Eastern Highway.

Comments from the meeting:

- Individual meetings with Shires did not occur as expected. Instead, Ms. Stopic and Mr. Siddiqui attended the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting.
- It was requested that a follow-up email be sent to Ms. Stopic, with Ms. Vinci copied in, acknowledging the presentation to the Zone and welcoming the commitment to overtaking lanes on Great Eastern Highway. However, the correspondence should also note that attendance at a broad regional forum was not the one-on-one engagement discussed in February, and that the WEROC Shires would still value the opportunity to meet directly to discuss their specific concerns. The email should emphasise the Shires' desire to work collaboratively to identify practical solutions.

8.3 Shared Services

A meeting was held with Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer and Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager Member Services, WALGA in December 2025 to discuss the option of WALGA offering shared resourcing arrangements on a fee for service basis. Specifically, it was questioned if WALGA could offer a town planning service.

A follow up meeting was held on 29 April 2026. A summary of the key points of discussion in this meeting is provided below:

- WALGA is progressing a business case to explore the establishment of a dedicated planning service.
- This will take time so does not present an immediate solution. As an interim measure, WALGA has contacted all planning consultants on their preferred provider list and 16 of them have responded confirming that they have the capacity and capability to service the region.

Key Issues Identified with existing service providers:

- *Cost pressures:* While consultant availability is generally good and response times are prompt, costs are becoming prohibitive, particularly for complex work such as planning scheme amendments.
- *Lack of continuity:* Reliance on different consultants leads to inefficiencies, repetition, and limited site history, impacting assessment timelines and quality.
- *Preference for local and consistent service:* There is a strong preference for engaging local providers and establishing a more stable, ongoing service model.
- *Growing demand:* Increasing volumes of planning queries are placing pressure on internal resources, with significant time spent managing consultant interactions.

WALGA Service Considerations:

- A potential WALGA-led service would likely be advisory focused rather than undertaking core local government decision-making functions.
- The service would likely be bespoke and subscription-based, not necessarily available to all members.

- It is acknowledged that the service would require time to mature, with benefits realised in the longer term rather than immediately.
- Consistency and continuity of advice are seen as key advantages of a centralised service.

Indicative Budget Capacity (Annual):

- Current budget allocations for planning services range from \$7,000 on the lowest end to \$50,000+.

Next Steps:

- WALGA to further assess demand, scale, and feasibility of a subscription model.
- WEROC to facilitate broader input, including engagement with NEWROC and RoeROC Shires.
- WALGA to send a follow-up email to gather more detailed data on anticipated usage and service needs.

8.4 Marketing/Promotion

Attachment 2: Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Update

WEROC as a partner organisation to the Wheatbelt Co-operative Marketing Group, contributes financially toward cooperative marketing initiatives in conjunction with Roe Tourism, NEW Travel, Pioneers Pathway and Australia’s Golden Outback. Part of this funding (\$2,200) is being used toward a “For the Road Trippers Campaign”, which launched on 20 April 2026.

In addition to the co-operative marketing campaign, WEROC co-contributed to a stand at the Perth caravan and camping show which took place from 19 to 22 March 2026. The Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre attended to promote the Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive trail alongside the Wheatbelt Way, Pathways to Wave Rock and Pioneer’s Pathway. Further detail is provided in the attached update.

All Shires are encouraged to provide imagery and content to support the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre in marketing the drive trail. Please also remember to re-post content to increase reach.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Mark Furr noted that Bruce Rock are looking at doing their own tourism drive as there is a view that additional opportunities could be pursued to further promote the region.
- The Executive Officer advised that new promotional content could be developed, with this identified as an optional component within the social media management proposal from the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre. Ms. Carina McDonald from the CWVC will be contacted to obtain indicative costs for content creation, and this will be presented at the next meeting.

8.5 Water Audits

As per discussion under Agenda item 4.2.

9. EMERGING ISSUES

9.1 Road Transport Contractual Chain Order

On 20 April 2026 an Expert Panel for the Road Transport Industry made the Road Transport Contractual Chain Order – Fuel Cost Recovery – 2026. The order relates to increased fuel costs in the road transport industry because of conflict in the Middle East. It covers workers and businesses.

From 21 April 2026, primary parties and secondary parties in road transport contractual chains must adjust their rates fortnightly, or twice each calendar month, to ensure recovery of the increased cost of fuel. Existing rise-and-fall rates already in contracts, industrial instruments or other arrangements, including those commenced before 21 April 2026, may satisfy the rate adjustment obligations.

The order will stop if the weekly average national terminal gate price for diesel falls below \$2 per litre. The order will be reviewed after one month of operation, and then every 3 months.

Comments from the meeting:

- Contract increases include 15% for ranger services and 17% for Avon Waste services.
- It was noted that pricing pressures do not appear likely to ease in the near future.
- The Shire of Merredin has approached Avon Waste seeking further justification for the proposed price increase.
- The Shire of Bruce Rock met with Avon Waste on Wednesday. It was indicated that the proposed 17% increase may be revised, with discussions now focusing on factors such as route lengths and vehicle fuel consumption to determine a fairer methodology.
- Avon Waste is also liaising with WALGA to seek advice on an appropriate pricing approach, with a preference for a consistent model across councils rather than individual agreements with each local government.

9.2 Shared Resourcing – Environmental Health Officer

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 13 August 2025, discussion occurred regarding shared resourcing opportunities between WEROC Councils, with Environmental Health services identified as a priority area for investigation. Mr. Craig Watts advised at the time that the Shire of Merredin was recruiting an Environmental Health Officer and that there may be an opportunity for the position to operate as a shared resource. The Shires of Kellerberrin, Yilgarn, Bruce Rock and Merredin agreed to continue discussions on the matter out of session.

An update on progress was requested. Mr. Watts advised that the position had been advertised, however, no suitable candidates were identified, and the Shire of Merredin continues to rely on consultant services.

It was agreed that the matter remains a priority and that a revised approach, including offering a more competitive package, may improve recruitment outcomes. The matter will be referred to the WEROC CEO Committee for further discussion.

10. OTHER MATTERS (FOR NOTING)

10.1 Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program 2026

Attachment 3: Wheatbelt Staff Debrief Minutes

The Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program for 2026 took place between Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 March 2026. A staff debrief was held on Monday 23 March 2026. Feedback from each town is provided in the attached minutes.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2026 is as follows:

WEROC Inc. Board Meetings

Date	Host Council
Monday 16 February 2026	NA – held at the conclusion of the joint ROC forum
Friday 8 May 2026	Bruce Rock
Wednesday 29 July 2026	Merredin

Wednesday 23 September 2026	Tammin
Thursday 26 November 2026	Kellerberrin

The next meeting will take place in Merredin on 29 July 2026.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12.19pm.



MINUTES OF CENTRAL EAST ACCOMMODATION & CARE ALLIANCE INC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.00AM ON MONDAY, 4 MAY 2026 AT KELLERBERRIN & DISTRICTS CLUB, LOT 260 CONNELLY STREET, KELLERBERRIN

1. MEETING OPENING & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.05am and welcomed all attendees, in particular Tom Kettle - Shire of Wyalkatchem and Jasmine Geier - Shire of Westonia to their first CEACA meeting.

2. MATTERS

2.1 Attendance

Terry Waldron – Chairperson, Richard Marshall – Executive Officer (EO) Jo Trachy – Operations Manager (OM) & Minute Taker, Mark Furr and Stephen Strange - Shire of Bruce Rock, Manisha Barthakur & Robert Trepp - Shire of Dowerin, Raymond Griffiths & Monica Gardiner – Shire of Kellerberrin, Craig Watts & Peter Madigan – Shire of Merredin, Gary Shadbolt – Shire of Mukinbudin, Holly Cusack - Shire of Narembreen, Nic Warren & Becky Cowcill – Shire of Quairading, Ross Della-Bosca & Jasmine Geier – Shire of Westonia, Mischa Stratford & Tom Kettle – Shire of Wyalkatchem, Bianca Bradford & Peter Clarke - Shire of Yilgarn.

2.1 Apologies

Rebecca McCall (Shire of Narembreen), Bill Price (Shire of Westonia), Tony Sachse & Ben McKay (Shire of Mt Marshall), Tanika McLennan (Shire of Mukinbudin)

2.2 Declaration of Quorum

The Chairperson advised that the quorum for the meeting was met.

2.3 Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

2.4 Draft Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 16 February 2026 (for approval)

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 16 February 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2.5 Action Points

The action items are contained in the EO report.

3. MATTERS FOR DECISION

3.1 CEACA Draft Budget

The EO spoke to Annexure G of the EO report and advised that the Management Committee may have to consider revising the \$100k that is transferred into a dedicated Refurbishment Fund yearly when more units are complete. Availability payments will help, but only in the future once the new houses are completed. General discussion ensued.

3.2 Proposed Rent Increase

The EO spoke to Annexure H of the EO Report and added the following comments:

- A high percentage of existing tenants will be either claiming Commonwealth Rent Assistance (“CRA”) or would be eligible to claim. CRA payments increased by 4% between September 2025 and March 2026, an annualised rate increase of 8%. CRA payments have increased significantly over the past few years.

- In proposing the new rents, the EO considered what rent would be for social housing which is limited to 25% housing income + CRA or 75% of market value, whichever is lower. For example, a single person with no dependents would be paying \$247 of which \$110 is covered by CRA.

General discussion ensued and the importance of educating tenants on the benefits of CRA to ensure they are either claiming it or are taking steps to apply for it was highlighted.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that the increases as recommended by the EO be accepted.

3.3 Expansion Project Report

The EO referred to the Expansion Project Report and commented on the individual items contained therein as follows:

1. MWA Design Methodology & MWA Re-Submitted Price

- Modular WA (“MWA”) has been appointed as the preferred tenderer.
- A fixed price has been quoted, however the volatility to the supply of oil and impact on prices has understandably caused MWA to be concerned about rising prices from their suppliers.
- Options were considered. A reduction in the number of houses, although acceptable to Department of Housing & Works (DOHW), would not be acceptable to Housing Australia (“HA”). Another approach is to allocate some of the project contingency to the lump sum price. The contingency of approx. \$2.7m (10%) is made up of 5% general contingency and 5% price escalation. A portion of the price escalation contingency could be allocated to the lump sum price in conjunction with a rise and fall mechanism. MWA would take the risk on any price increases above a negotiated amount to be added to the lump sum.
- MWA would invoice CEACA monthly and we would check the index amount, which is published monthly.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved to appoint Modular WA (“MWA”) as the successful builder conditional upon the rise and fall clause in the contract to a maximum of \$1.35m (5%), or subject to further funding from State Government equal to or above the \$1.35m.

Action Item

The Chairperson will approach John Carey’s office to discuss this matter with Claire Comrie.

1.1 Planning Approvals

Planning Approvals must be in place by no later than 30 June 2026. This is a condition precedent of both the State and Housing Australia. MWA has proposed to start the process for a fee of \$100k. CEACA would pay this and the amount be treated either as a preliminary cost to be refunded from grant monies or alternatively treated as a part contribution to project funding. The \$100k will be treated as a deposit on the building contract. General discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that CEACA pay \$100k to MWA to commence the planning approval process.

Action Item – Management to advise Shires that planning approvals for the relevant sites is required as soon as possible and request that planning fees be waived as part of their funding contribution to the project.

2. Special Purpose Vehicle

CEACA Limited needs to be registered as a Community Housing Provider (“CHP”), DOHW has advised that the SPV should ideally have independent Directors to help deal with any conflicts that may arise with CEACA Inc. General discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that if independent Directors are required to obtain CHP status, CEACA will approach certain individuals to enquire about their willingness to be involved. Committee members and CEOs are requested to consider names of potential independent directors for CEACA Limited.

3. *Transfer of Land*

Eighteen lots must be transferred to CEACA Limited by no later than 30 June 2026. An offer in respect to the Mukinbudin land was received last week. We expect delays with the Wyalkatchem land as we have been advised that it will be split and then a portion transferred to CEACA Limited. The DPLH is assisting with this.

With respect to certain land currently owned by CEACA Inc, an agreement has been developed to transfer the land to CEACA Limited and at the end of the construction phase, transfer the original land parcel and houses back to CEACA Inc. All revenues and costs associated with the existing CEACA houses will stay with CEACA Inc. The Transfer of Land Agreement (“Agreement”) is included in the meeting papers and should be signed by directors of CEACA Limited and authorised representatives of CEACA Inc.

It was noted that at the end of the construction phase, the Management Committee would review the Agreement and may determine to amend its terms at that time.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved to approve the Transfer of Land Agreement between CEACA Inc. and CEACA Limited.

4. *Grant Agreements*

- The State Government is working towards finalising the grant agreement by June 2026.
- The Housing Australia grant agreement may not be finalised until after June 2026.
- The building contract and the two grant agreements will be in the name of CEACA Limited.
- Preliminary costs total \$182k to date and they include Geotech reports and surveys, lawyers, financial health check for MWA. This amount will be returned to CEACA as a project cost.
- Housing Australia and the State Government have advised that there are to be no project announcements until both funding agreements are signed. Permission for early works has been granted.

The Chairperson to approach John Carey’s office to speak with Claire Comrie regarding this matter.

RESOLUTION

The Management Committee noted the process being undertaken to finalise the funding agreements with State and Federal Government and acknowledged the directive that no announcements were to be made prior to both grant agreements being signed.

8. *Affiliated Services Agreement – CEACA Limited and CEACA Inc*

The services agreement has been further developed following feedback during the CHP application process. The proposed fee for FY27 is \$132,750 based on the figures shown in EO Report. It is expected that CEACA Limited will not be able to pay the fee until the houses are complete. It will be recorded in a loan account between CEACA Inc and CEACA Limited. The financial forecasts of CEACA Limited, as submitted to Housing Australia and the State, show the amounts will be repaid once the new houses are complete and Availability Payments from Housing Australia are received.

3.4 Updated Policies, Forms & Documents

Updated Notifications Policy and Employment Contract template were circulated for review prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION

The Management Committee resolved to approve the updated policy and documents circulated.

3.5 Transfer of Land Agreement

Refer 3.3 (3) above.

3.6 Chief Executive Officer

The EO and OM left the meeting. The Chairperson referred to the Chief Executive Officer Appointment paper that was circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting and general discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION

The Management Committee resolved to accept the terms of the recommendation with the new CEO to be appointed on the basis of 0.8 FTE.

4.0 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Executive Officer Report

4.2 The EO summarised spoke to the Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet. **Operations Report**

The OM added the following comments to the Operations Report tabled:

- Occupancy numbers have changed since the papers were sent out, with a further three applications received.
- We continue to stress to new applicants the importance of also applying to the DOHW Social Housing waiting list to increase their chances of being offered one of the new houses when constructed.
- The initial CHP registration application was submitted early in 2026 and following that, numerous Requests for Information have been received. We have responded to all, with the last one being submitted last week.
- The expansion project has also taken up a large amount of time sorting through land transfers, VOI's, building tenders and updating internal documents. OM thanked those who have assisted with the process and in particular, Mischa Stratford and Holly Cusack for travelling to the CEACA offices to sign documents.
- Operationally, things are tracking well with the completion of yearly electrical compliance checks and servicing, and gutter/sewer pit cleans, as well as stripping and re-painting of defective barge boards in Bruce Rock and 50% of Merredin units. The remaining units in Merredin will be done in the 2026/7 financial year.
- Elders' property inspector will be leaving Elders shortly. We await details of their replacement.

4.3 General Business

The Chairperson advised that he would be standing down at the 2026 AGM and suggested the Management Committee commence discussions in relation to their replacement. General discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved to advertise the Chairperson position on the CEACA website. The Shires should share the information. It was further resolved that the Selection Committee would consist of Gary Shadbolt, Mischa Stratford and Stephen Strange and the Committee will table a report at the meeting in August.

The Chairperson asked the EO and OM to leave the room and discussed a recommendation to the Management Committee to approve a "one-off" bonus payment to the EO and OM. The amount of each bonus was discussed and agreed upon by the Management Committee. The reasoning for the bonus payments is in recognition of the large volume of additional work undertaken over the last few years by both, in addition to their normal workload.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Management Committee, thanked both Richard and Jo for their hard work and dedication to CEACA.

RESOLUTION

The Management Committee resolved to approve a "one-off" bonus payment of \$20,000 each to Richard Marshall and Jo Trachy. The Chairperson will communicate the amount of the bonus to the EO and OM.

5.0 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Management Committee meeting adjourned at 12.22pm.

DECLARATION

These Minutes were confirmed by the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc at the Management Committee

Meeting held on _____.

Signed _____ (Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed).



Minutes for the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Meeting held Friday 24th of April, 2026 at Merredin Community Resource Centre Conference Room.

Chairperson: Mick Caughey.

1. Opening of Meeting: 10.32am.

- a. Attendance:** Mick Caughey, Ross Della Bosca, Brett Smith, Margaret Sullivan, Jim Sullivan, Jamie Taylor, Lisa O'Neill, Craig Watts, Steve Palm, Peter Barnes, Dean Sinclair.
- b. Apologies:** Chris Patmore, Stephen Hunt, Travis McDonnell, Gary Guerini, Len Armstrong, Samantha Webb, Steve Hunt, Stuart Putt, Scott Stirrat, Murray Jones, Mark Creeves, Hayley Billing.

2. Disclosure of Interests: nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

- a.** Meeting held 20th of October 2025, at Merredin CRC, Merredin.

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 20th of October 2025 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Moved R. Della Bosca. Seconded: P. Barnes.
Carried.***

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a.** Increased emu activity has been reported by LPMTs, with mobs of approximately 40–50 observed along sections of the fence. CWBA has undertaken aerial control on private properties at the expense of landholders. At this stage, no similar reports or requests for control have been received from landholders within the EWBG area.
- b.** Control efforts in Merredin have had limited success, with three birds destroyed. Further access to undertake control was not available, as the birds relocated to CBH premises where shooting is currently not permitted.

5. Adoption of Financial Statement:

- a.** 2025/2026 Financials presented.

Motion:

That the financials presented to be accepted as true and accurate and were tabled at the meeting to the members.

***Moved: B. Smith. Seconded: J. Sullivan.
Carried.***



6. Agenda Items

- a. **LPMT (Dogger) Update: provided by Jamie Taylor (in person) and Seb Jenkin and Stuart McEwan (written report).**

The Board noted the verbal and written update as presented.

- b. **EWBG Overview – Executive Officer.**

i. **RBG Forum:**

Jim Sullivan and Lisa O’Neill (Executive Officer) attended the forum on the 24th of February. Mia Carbon – Deputy Director General opened the meeting and provided a Biosecurity update. Focuses on the forum were land access, feral pig management, rabbit control and succession planning (which is important for the EWBG as with only one current employee). Looking to put together a document for incoming new EO’s for RBG’s. The day concluded with a breakout session, which allowed RBG’s to ask individual questions of DPIRD staff, Jim and Lisa focused on the state of the SBF and the concerns with R4R WDAP funds.

ii. **R4R WDAP Funding**

Across the RBGs, the main issue was not just funding, but the lack of clarity beyond 30 June 2026. Resulted in EWBG increasing their DPA budget and therefore the rate on landholders, that uncertainty has already driven real decisions on the ground, with some groups reducing LPMT days, less aerial baiting and scaling back work on state and buffer lands. There is also a genuine risk of losing experienced LPMTs, which will be difficult to rebuild. In the meantime, Boards are relying on DPA reserves, which is not sustainable, and the mismatch between long-term planning requirements and short-term funding advice is creating real governance challenges.

For 2026/27, funding has now been confirmed. However, it has been made clear there are likely to be changes to how funding is distributed moving forward. All agricultural RBGs have received the same level of funding (with an additional \$50K allocated to Esperance), while all pastoral groups have had their funding halved. There has been no indication of where this reallocated funding will go. The reduced funding in the pastoral areas will impact the EWBG as the area will see increased wild dog pressure from outside the fence.

The third Wild Dog Action Plan has also not yet been released.

iii. **2026/2027 Operational Plan and Budget**

Motion:

That the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Shire Representatives endorse and approve the 2026/27 Operational Plan as presented.

***Moved: M. Caughey. Seconded: B. Smith.
Carried.***



iv. SBF Maintenance

The Board discussed ongoing concerns regarding the condition and maintenance of the State Barrier Fence, particularly within the Hyden area in the southern part of the EWBG region. It was noted that vegetation overgrowth in sections is now exceeding the height of an LPMT vehicle, significantly impacting access and operational effectiveness.

The Board acknowledged that:

- EWBG representatives have raised these concerns directly with the Minister, including discussions by Jim Sullivan at the Wagin Woolorama;
- The Executive Officer has engaged with Lachlan Hunter, who has subsequently raised questions through Parliamentary Question Time;
- Multiple communications have been sent to SBF Coordinators regarding the condition of the fence;
- A recent response from SBF Coordinators advised that the identified section is not included in the current year's budget allocation; and
- A formal letter has been sent directly to the Minister outlining the concerns regarding both fence maintenance and associated operational impacts.

The Board expressed concern that the lack of maintenance in this area is affecting access for LPMTs and may compromise the effectiveness of wild dog control efforts.

Action: EO to write to relevant State Ministers regarding SBF maintenance and overgrowth issues, including associated risks (fire, access, safety, and fence integrity), and to highlight the environmental benefits of effective pest control and the importance of maintaining the SBF.

7. General Business.

a. Yelbeni Refuse Site

Peter Barnes made note a dog has been sighted in the Yelbeni Refuse Site area. Hot Shots (a group of volunteer shooters) will attend to undertake a control actions.

b. Camels along SBF

Camels have not been sighted in the area for a period of time. Previous activity indicated watering at Drovers Soak. It is likely the animals have moved east following recent rainfall.

c. Wild Dog Attacks

Human safety concerns are increasing, with recent reports of wild dog attacks at Karijini National Park. The City of Karratha has also issued separate public risk warnings regarding wild dog activity.



d. Fuel Concerns

The Committee noted rising diesel costs as a concern for LPMTs, given average travel distances of approximately 200 km per day.

Motion:

That the Committee notes the increased fuel cost pressures impacting LPMTs and authorises the EWBG Executive to meet and implement temporary financial measures, as required, to alleviate these pressures.

Moved: R. Della Bosca. Seconded: D. Sinclair.

Carried.

8. Next Meeting: September 21st 2026.

9. Close of Meeting: 11.28.



Attachment 1- SBF Overgrowth East of Hyden



Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes 23 April 2026

**Hosted by the Shire of Cunderdin
Commenced at 9:30am**

ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following items are the Zone's priority issues, as resolved at the February 2024 Zone meeting:

- Regional Health Services to include:
 - Hospitals
 - Aged Care
 - Future of Nurse Practitioner Service
- St John Ambulance Service – Impact on Volunteers and the provision of the service generally.
- Regional Subsidiaries
- Transport – Road Network
- Telecommunications
- Education
- Review of GROH Housing and Regional Housing issues
- Waste Management
- Agricultural Land Use

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1. OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1. OPENING

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:32am.

Note: A special arrangement to provide delegates with an option to attend virtually was made available in the Notice of Meeting due to current instability in local fuel availability.

Tracking of attendance is necessary to ensure a Special Majority for item 9.4.1.

This arrangement is expected to be a temporary measure.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

Note: (e) indicates electronic attendance.

MEMBERS	2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council
Shire of Bruce Rock	President Cr Ramesh Rajagopalan Cr Stephen Strange Mr Mark Furr, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Cunderdin	President Cr Alison Harris Cr Jo Fulwood, observer Mr Stuart Hoble, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dowerin	President Cr Darrel Hudson Deputy President, Cr Robert Trepp, deputy voting delegate Mrs Manisha Barthakur, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Kellerberrin	Cr Emily Ryan Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer, voting delegate (e)
Shire of Kondinin	Cr Toni Smeed (e)
Shire of Koorda	Mr Zac Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, deputy voting delegate
Shire of Merredin	President Cr Donna Crook (e) Mr Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer, deputy delegate (e)
Shire of Mount Marshall	President Cr Tony Sachse
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Cr Gary Shadbolt (e) Ms Tanika McLennan, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting (e)

Shire of Narembeen	President Cr Holly Cusack Deputy President, Cr Hannah Bald Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer, deputy voting delegate
Shire of Nungarin	President Cr Pippa de Lacy Mr David Nayda, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Tammin	President Cr Charmaine Thomson (<i>e</i>) Deputy President, Cr Tanya Nicholls Mr Andrew Malone, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Trayning	President Cr Melanie Brown Mr Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Westonia	President Cr Mark Crees Ms Jasmine Geier, A/Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wyalkatchem	President Cr Christy Petchell Mr Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Yilgarn	President Cr Bryan Close Cr Donna Newbury Mr Peter Clarke, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
GUESTS	
WALGA State Council	Deputy President of WALGA, President Chris Antonio
Local Government Inspectorate	Mr Tony Brown, Local Government Inspector Mr Kenneth Dobson, General Manager Investigations and Complaints
Main Roads WA	Ms Belinda Stopic, General Manager of Regional Operations Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt Mr Matin Lodge, Main Roads Consultant Ms Liz Davis, Stakeholder Engagement Manager
Water Corporation	Ms Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer & Stakeholder – Goldfields & Agricultural Region Ms Sandy Power, Senior Advisor – Customer & Stakeholder
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Ms Renee Manning, A/Chief Executive Officer
Telstra	Ms Eva Colic, Regional Engagement Manager Mr Kevin Donnellan, Regional Network Advisor

WALGA

Mr Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services
Ms Habiba Farrag, State Council Governance Officer
Ms Conor Macgill, Senior Policy Advisor Waste Management
Ms Tracey Peacock, Road Safety Advisor (*e*)

1.3. APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Dowerin	Cr Ashley Jones
Shire of Kondinin	Deputy President, Cr Beverley Gangell Mr Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Koorda	President Cr Jannah Stratford Deputy President, Cr Gary Greaves
Shire of Mt Marshall	Deputy President, Cr Nicholas Gillett Mr Ben McKay, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Nungarin	Cr Gary Coumbe
Shire of Westonia	Deputy President, Cr Ross Della Bosca
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Deputy President, Cr Mischa Stratford

GUESTS

CBH Group	Ms Kellie Todman, Manager Governance and Industry Relations Ms Emma Haak, Planning and Approvals Lead
Regional Development Australia WA	Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development
Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee	Ms Shelby Robinson, District Emergency Management Advisor

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr Lachlan Hunter MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt
Mr Peter Rundle MLA, Member for Roe
Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack
Mr Rick Wilson MP, Member for O'Connor
Hon Steve Martin MLC

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors 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.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT 'VIRTUAL HOST'

A Zone member Local Government is invited to make a short (10 minutes) presentation on what is occurring in their Local Government.

The Shire of Cunderdin made a presentation at this meeting.

The June meeting will be hosted in a hybrid format, with delegates welcome to attend at WALGA's office in West Leederville, or virtually via MS Teams. There will be no member host for that meeting.

The Shire of Bruce Rock will host the August meeting and is invited to make a host presentation.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker Protocols

- *The main speaker or keynote address to the Zone will be generally 30 minutes with 15 minutes for questions*
- *Other guest speakers will have a time limit of 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions.*

6.1. SPEAKERS FOR THE APRIL ZONE MEETING

6.1.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

Tony Brown, Local Government Inspector, provided a briefing on the commencement of the Local Government Inspectorate as well as his priorities for 2026.

Noted

6.1.2. MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Belinda Stopic, General Manager of Regional Operations, provided a briefing in response to the Zone's letter to the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA (Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport) regarding Great Eastern Highway. Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt and Mr Matin Lodge, Main Roads Consultant, both provided supporting presentations and supporting input.

Noted

6.1.3. TELSTRA

Eva Colic, Telstra Regional Engagement Manager and Mr Kevin Donnellan, Regional Network Advisor, provided an update on mobile network upgrades, co-investment programs, satellite to mobile and network resilience and ATU Program.

Noted

Cr Donna Crook left the meeting at 11:34am and did not return.

7. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Members of Parliament Protocols

Any Members of Federal and State Government in attendance are invited to provide a brief update on matters relevant to the Zone. Members of Parliament are invited to make a brief (approx. 5-10 minute) address, with equivalent time left for questions from delegates wherever possible.

Any Members of Federal and State Government in attendance are invited to provide a brief update on matters relevant to the Zone.

Noted

8. AGENCY REPORTS

Agency Reports Protocols

The Zone appreciates and prefers written updates (circulated with the agenda) wherever possible. Agency representatives are invited to make brief (5 minute) remarks if the speaker wishes to provide context or a further update on a specific matter.

The Zone appreciates if time can be left for questions, typically for around 10 minutes. Briefings on a significant policy proposal or contentious topic are to be dealt with by the agency representative attending as a Guest or Keynote Speaker (item 6).

8.1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY

The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety report was attached to the Agenda for the Zone.

Noted

8.2. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Renee Manning, A/Chief Executive Officer

Renee Manning provided a brief update to the Zone.

Noted

8.3. WATER CORPORATION

Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer and Stakeholder

A brief presentation was provided to the Zone.

Noted

8.4. DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Shelby Robinson, District Emergency Management Advisor

Shelby Robinson was an apology for this meeting.

Noted

9. MINUTES

9.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2026

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on 12 February 2026 were previously circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Cunderdin

Seconded: Shire of Yilgarn

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held on 12 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

9.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2026

9.2.1. UPDATE ON CORRESPONDENCE

Since the 12 February Great Eastern Country Zone meeting, the Zone has received the following correspondence.

- Response from the Deputy Premier was received on 2 April 2026 in reply to the Letter on the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (provided with the agenda).
- Response from the Office of the Deputy Premier was received on 16 April 2026 in reply to the Letter regarding the Great Eastern Highway (provided with the agenda).

- No response has been received to the Office of the Hon Sabine Winton MLA in relation to attending an upcoming Zone meeting.
- A letter was sent to President Karen Chappel AM JP to thank her for her service as WALGA President.
- An update on responses received relating to the Delegation was provided separately.

Noted

9.3. MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2026

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 24 March 2026 were provided as an attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Nungarin
Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 24 March 2026 be received.

CARRIED

9.4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2026

9.4.1. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONE CONSTITUTION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Constitution with proposed amendments (clean formatting as adopted)

An outline of proposed updates to the Zone Constitution were provided to the Zone at the 12 February 2026 meeting, requesting any feedback or comments to be provided to the Zone Executive Officer by Monday, 9 March 2026.

No feedback was received and no changes have been made to the documents presented at the February meeting.

As proposed at the 12 February 2026 meeting, the Zone Constitution is proposed to be updated with the following amendments summarised below:

Section	Nature of Proposed Change
1. Name	- Added short form name of "Great Eastern Country Zone".
2. Interpretation	- Removed redundant references.
3. Objects	(No change)

Section	Nature of Proposed Change
4. Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added reference to Members typically being able to appoint two delegates, unless otherwise determined by the Zone.
5. Change of Membership Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removed redundant reference to withdrawal of membership from WALGA (this is more appropriately in the WALGA Constitution)
6. Meetings – Ordinary and Special	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added “typically” before “held in person”, to allow for occasional meetings held virtually or using a hybrid format (e.g. Perth meeting) if necessary. - Removed reference to a specific day of the week for meetings - Added new section on quorum to provide for meeting to reduce ambiguity. This is based on the Zone’s Standing Orders. - Removed specific reference to “Meeting Procedures”, replaced with “any rules and practices of the Zone as adopted from time to time”. In practice, meeting procedures can still be adopted/used as required. A copy of the current Meeting Procedures is attached to this item.
7. Zone President/Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added “Chair” as alternative term, given this term is now generally favoured. - Minor change to express that President/Chair is to have duties which are similar to those of a President of a Local Government.
8. Deputy President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added “Deputy Chair” alternative language as for Zone Chair
9. Representative to State Council and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of State Councillors and Deputy State Council is dealt with under Clause 16 of WALGA’s Constitution. Therefore, these clauses are proposed to be amended to simply reference WALGA’s Constitution but retain reference to State Councillor to report State Council meeting outcomes back to the Zone.
10. Deputy Representative to State Council	
11. Executive Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simplified language that Zone and Zone’s Executive Committee may make decisions which the Executive Officer is to progress or implement.
12. Zone Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simplified that Executive Committee can consist of delegates as the Zone determines (as occurred at the last election) - Added reference to Executive Committee engaging with the Executive Officer on the implementation of the Zone’s decisions, actions, or initiatives - Added that Executive Committee can determine its procedures.
15. Zone Decision-Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reworded previous clause about authority for the Zone being ultimately through decisions at Zone meetings.
16. Election Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor rewording to references to holding elections in accordance with the Zone’s practices, “having regard to the general principles of the Local Government Act” to avoid need to apply prescriptive details in Act (e.g. preferential vote count procedures, backfilling, etc.).
17. Vacating of Office	(No change)
17 Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added general clause about Zone may utilise funds for any purpose in best interests of the members of the Zone
19. Subscriptions	(No change)
20 Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reworded to generally require Executive Office to establish and maintain a banking facility to account for the Zone’s finances (rather than requiring an individual account).

Section	Nature of Proposed Change
	- Reworded that payments are only to be made as duly authorised and reported in accordance with the Zone or Executive Committee's requirements
21. Constitutional Disputes	(No change)
22. Dissolution	(No change)
23 Amendments to the Constitution (Generally)	- Provided for the Executive Officer to fix typographical errors in the Constitution, but is to notify Zone after doing so. - Fixed clause numbering - Repagination (appears as intended if "Tracked Changes" is not displayed) - Updated fonts and graphic to match WALGA meeting papers style - Deleted "Register of Powers, Authorities, Discretions and Duties" at appendix

At its last meeting, the Zone's Executive Committee resolved to recommend that the Zone adopt these amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Cunderdin
Seconded: Shire of Wyalkatchem

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorse the proposed changes to the Great Eastern Country Zone's Constitution.

CARRIED BY SPECIAL MAJORITY (UNANIMOUSLY)

9.4.2. RURAL AND REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

The current challenges and uncertainty with fuel supply are causing additional pressures on members of the Wheatbelt community.

During any economic crisis or uncertainty, members of the community experience direct impacts on their mental health.

A range of resources are available to assist with challenges that occur from economic uncertainty. Proactively facilitating awareness and access to services can help to prevent or reduce the severity of the wellbeing impacts of an external crisis.

The Mental Health Commission can provide information about regional suicide prevention. The Commission contracts this work to local organisations and services.

Other services which may be available are provided below.

- [Wheatbelt Mental Health Services \(WACHS\)](#)
- [DPIRD Regional finance and counselling support](#)
- [National Centre for Farmer Health – WA Support Hub](#)
- [Rural Aid Counselling Service](#)

- [Men's Health & Wellbeing WA – Bloke's Book 2025](#)
- [Financial Counsellors Assoc WA – Service Directory](#)

The following organisations may also have regional services:

- [Holyoake: Free Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Support In WA](#)
- [Hope Community Services Western Australia | We Are Here to Help](#)
- [Access Financial Independence and Financial Security | Anglicare WA](#)

Additionally, [Richmind WA](#) offers Mental Health First Aid Training.

The Zone could consider potential specific initiatives (such as a session at the Zone Conference) on support for mental health and wellbeing in the context of economic volatility and uncertainty.

Member Local Governments are welcome to suggest any initiatives they may already be undertaking or could lead to support all Zone members navigate this challenging period.

Noted

10. ZONE BUSINESS

10.1. REVIEW OF ZONE PRIORITIES

A survey was emailed to all Zone Delegates in late 2025 regarding Zone priorities. 17 responses were received, and an overview of the results is attached (Attachment 9).

The results largely support the current priorities, but it is suggested to slightly reorder and reword the priorities. The Executive Committee requested 'Energy' be added to the Zone priority related to transport, and for that Energy, Transport and Road Network priority to be moved to point number 2. The table below outlines the proposed update.

Current Order	Proposed Order
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Health Services to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospitals ○ Aged Care ○ Future of Nurse Practitioner Service • St John Ambulance Service – Impact on Volunteers and the provision of the service generally. • Regional Subsidiaries • Transport – Road Network • Telecommunications • Education • Review of GROH Housing and Regional Housing issues • Waste Management • Agricultural Land Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Health Services to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospitals ○ Aged Care ○ Future of Nurse Practitioner Service • Energy, Transport and Road Network (up) • Regional Housing and GROH (up) • Telecommunications (up) • Agricultural Land Use (up) • St John Ambulance Service • Education • Waste Management • Regional Subsidiaries

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Westonia

Seconded: Shire of Trayning

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorse the updated Zone Priorities.

CARRIED

10.2. DELEGATION WORKSHOP

Following the Delegation Workshop on 23 February 2026, letters have been drafted and sent to the identified key priority stakeholders for the June Delegation.

A progress update was provided at the meeting.

The Zone discussed the aims, opportunities, and costs of the delegation, with reference to the work undertaken since June 2025 on the proposal.

Noted

10.3. ZONE CONFERENCE UPDATE

The Zone's Executive Committee is keen to initiate early planning for the 2027 Conference. At the 12 February 2026 Zone meeting, the Zone resolved to:

1. Open Expressions of Interest for Local Governments to host the 2027 Zone Conference;
2. Open Expressions of Interest for Zone Delegates to serve on the 2027 Zone Conference Planning Committee; and
3. That general comment is invited on potential 2027 Zone Conference themes, topics, and speakers.

No submissions were received from Zone members on proposed venues, themes, or nominations for involvement on a Conference Planning Committee.

The Executive Committee endorsed the following planning assumptions at the March meeting (these may be subject to change):

1. The Executive Committee will be responsible for overseeing the Conference.
2. The working date for the Conference be **Thursday, 11 March 2027**.
3. WALGA is to approach the **Shire of Cunderdin** as a **potential host** and report back to the Zone.

4. WALGA is to seek quotations from well-known MCs to assist with programming and structure much earlier in the planning process. Under this delivery model, the MC is to lead on developing the event programme, and WALGA will organise all supporting logistics in conjunction with the host Local Government. The quotations from the MC would then inform the Zone's budget.
5. The **working theme is "Growing the Wheatbelt in a Changing World"** – encompassing topics such as agronomic/economic/impacts of global politics; economic development (particularly ag-related); maintaining and supporting population centres; and mental health in the Wheatbelt.
6. Assume a welcome breakfast and informal sundowner (a one day programme).

Zone delegates suggested that mental health could be included as a session for the Conference, with potential to explore associated supporting/grant funding.

Noted

10.4. 2026-27 ZONE BUDGET – INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Current financial figures for 2025-26 indicates that there will be another underspend against the endorsed budget, and another resulting surplus. The Zone continues to maintain very substantial reserves (in excess of \$200,000) and does not incur substantial operating expenses.

In 2025-26, there have been opportunities for additional advocacy activities that were not contemplated in the original budget, and the Zone separately resolved to authorise additional expenditure to send a representative to recent meetings in Canberra.

The Zone's Executive Committee considered potential approaches to the 2026-27 draft budget, and has expressed a strong view towards maintaining strong reserves to provide flexibility for the future. While a waiver of subscriptions was considered, this risks the line item being inadvertently omitted from member's budgets for the subsequent year.

The Zone continues to explore a range of potential initiatives that could benefit all Zone members - especially where there may be opportunities to effectively engage with the State, Commonwealth Government, and private sector stakeholders to represent the interests of all members. The current working list of initiatives is as follows:

1. Perth Delegation (being delivered)
2. In-person training (delivered)
3. Subsidy for Local Government Convention attendance (not progressed)
4. A potential "Investment Prospectus" of items across the Zone to support seeking one-off Commonwealth and State funding commitments
5. Canberra/ALGA Delegation
6. Expanded 2027 Conference (external speakers etc. – being delivered)
7. Other professional development opportunities

8. Potential future shared grant-writing resource or initiative (to maximise future grant revenue)
9. Potential future study on borrowing against Local Government owned freehold land (e.g. to enable new housing)
10. Potential future study on maximising the reactivation/use of freight rail
11. Potential future initiatives related to primary healthcare in the regions
12. One-off Zone responses to crisis or emergency situations.

Some of the Zone's recent initiatives (such as providing a subsidy for online training every second year) have been somewhat complex and administratively time-consuming.

Due to the range of potential initiatives, it is therefore proposed to move towards a more high-level working budget, with broad allocations for different types of activities. Accordingly, the proposed elements of the 2026-27 budget proposed by the Secretariat are:

- Discontinue the e-learning subscription grant (administered every second year to Members who claim it). If the Zone wants to return funds to members, a direct one-off payment, recurring annual transfer, or reduction in subscription fees would be easier for members and WALGA to administer.
- Adjust (+5%) and round up honoraria paid to the Zone Chair (\$600 p.a.), State Councillor (\$500 p.a.), and Executive Committee members (\$300 p.a. each), to a total cost of \$2,300.
- Provide a larger working budget for the Zone Convention to provide for professional help in developing the programme and potential travel for keynote speakers. A quotation has informed this estimate.

If the Zone is agreeable, the resulting 2026-27 Zone's budget presented for approval in June would be broadly as below. Input and comment are welcome.

	BUDGET 2026-27	Comments for budget
Income	\$	
General Subscriptions (16@\$1,500)	24,000	<i>16 members x \$1500 each - unchanged</i>
Interest income	9,000	<i>4.5% interest on 200k TD</i>
Total Income	33,000	
Expenses		
Zone Expenses - Audit fees	1,890	<i>5% increase in audit fees of \$1800</i>
Zone Expenses - Ordinary Meetings	12,000	<i>Catering for zone meetings and provision for travel expenses – there has been some recent increase in catering costs</i>
Zone Initiatives - Advocacy	20,000	<i>General allowance for engagement initiatives</i>
Zone Initiative - Face to face training in the Zone	\$Nil	<i>One-off initiative delivered in 2025-26.</i>
Zone Initiatives - Conference	40,000	<i>Held every 2nd year - this estimate assumes a professional facilitator assists to develop programme, recruit speakers, etc.</i>

Zone Initiative - Rebate	\$Nil	<i>Propose to discontinue the specific training rebate (propose to replace with simple direct/default rebate to all members if the Zone wishes to return funds to members)</i>
Zone Representative - Honoraria	2,300	<i>5% increase assumed from prior year</i>
Total Expenses	76,190	
Profit / Loss	(\$43,190)	
Cash Reserves		
Opening Balance	209,092	
Movement	(\$43,190)	<i>It is considered very unlikely that all budget allocations would be fully expended</i>
Closing Balance	165,902	<i>Therefore, this projection is considered unlikely.</i>

Noted

10.5. CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA is undertaking sector consultation on a revised draft Climate Change Advocacy Position.
- This draft position was developed following initial consultation, consideration by State Council in March 2025 and feedback from the Environment Policy Team of State Council.
- WALGA is seeking **Council endorsed feedback by 1 May 2026**.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

WALGA's 2018 Climate Change [Policy Statement](#) and Advocacy Position state:

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.*

The draft Advocacy Position in the Consultation Paper is:

1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to, addressing climate change.*
2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to provide:*
 - a. *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. *dedicated funding, guidance and practical support to assist Local Governments to undertake emissions reduction and adaptation actions.*

ATTACHMENT

- The WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Paper is available [online](#).

BACKGROUND

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

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

- The national *Climate Change Act 2022* and the Western Australian Climate Change Bill 2023.
- The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, which expanded Western Australian Local Governments' general function under Part 3 s3.1(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1995* to:
 - a. to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district; and
 - 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.

COMMENT

Following initial consultation, consideration by State Council in March 2025 and feedback from the Environment Policy Team, WALGA has developed a revised, draft Climate Change Advocacy Position for Local Government feedback which is currently out for consultation with feedback due by 1 May 2026. WALGA has received feedback from some Councils and

understands a number of Councils will be considering this matter in April. Zone delegates are encouraged to take this item to their Councils.

The Central Country Zone passed a motion at its February 2026 meeting which included writing to all other zones highlighting its alternative Advocacy Position (proposed in March 2025). WALGA worked to incorporate the Central Country Zone feedback prior to the release of the Consultation Paper.

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

Following consideration of this feedback a final draft Advocacy Position will be developed and provided to zones and State Council for consideration.

Noted

11. ZONE REPORTS

11.1. CHAIR REPORT

President Cr Tony Sachse

The Zone Chair's Report was attached to the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Nungarin
Seconded: Shire of Bruce Rock

That the Zone Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

11.2. WHEATBELT DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DEMC)

President Cr Tony Sachse

The DEMC Report was attached to the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Narembeen
Seconded: Shire of Yilgarn

That the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

11.3. WALGA ROADWISE

Tracey Peacock, Regional Road Safety Advisor

The WALGA Roadwise Report was attached to the Agenda.

Noted

12. WALGA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1. WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The WALGA President's Report was attached to the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Cunderdin
Seconded: Shire of Narembeen

That the WALGA President's Report be received.

CARRIED

12.2. STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cr Stephen Strange

Cr Toni Smeed left the meeting at 12:46pm and did not return.

Cr Mark Crees and Ms Jasmine Geier left the meeting at 12:53pm and did not return.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Wyalkatchem
Seconded: Shire of Bruce Rock

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

12.3. STATUS REPORT

Noted

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
<p>13 February 2025 Zone Agenda Item 14.1 WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program</p>	<p>That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests WALGA organise a roundtable with WALGA, Telstra, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to discuss the drafting of Community Support Agents Agreement for the implementation of the WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program.</p>	<p>Negotiations with Telstra / InfraCo and the State Government through DPIRD are continuing with the objective of implementing clear backup generator deployment arrangements in place for the 2026/27 high threat season.</p> <p>There remain challenges to agreeing on appropriate qualifications and training required for people to connect the generators to an ATU, the indemnity required to be provided to Telstra and principles for operationalizing the arrangements.</p>	<p>April 2026</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031</p>
<p>12 February 2026 Zone Agenda Item 14.2 Status of Legislative Amendments Relating to the Rating of Miscellaneous Licences</p>	<p>That the Great Eastern Country Zone supports WALGA's ongoing advocacy in relation to the rateability of land subject to a miscellaneous licence, including to address any uncertainty related to definitions or proposed legislative amendments.</p>	<p>Advocacy position 2.1.18 was adopted by State Council in September 2025.</p> <p>Correspondence has been sent to the Premier and Minister for Local Government. Opposition parties have been briefed.</p> <p>The Bill has been deferred by the Legislative Council.</p> <p>Funding for the broad review of rating exemptions is included in the State Budget submission.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>	<p>April 2026</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au</p>
<p>18 August 2025 Zoe Agenda Item 9.4.1 Local Government Elections – Four Year Terms, Two Yearly Election Cycle</p>	<p>That the Great Eastern Country Zone request that WALGA continues to advocate to the State Government to retain the current system of four-year terms with a two-year spill for Local Government elections</p>	<p>State Council endorsed a Discussion Paper for the purpose of sector consultation by Flying Minute on 20 January 2026.</p> <p>Sector consultation has been undertaken and an item will be included in the May State Council Agenda.</p>	<p>April 2026</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au</p>

<p>13 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 16.2 Review of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)</p>	<p>That the Great Eastern Country Zone:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Express its concern at the ongoing review of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) without a timeline for completion or confirmation of the program's future structure or funding levels. 2. Request WALGA to advocate to the Minister for Sport and Recreation and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public release of the CSRFF review's scope, commencement date and expected completion timeline; b. Confirmation of the program's continuation and funding levels beyond the review period, with increases to reflect inflation, demand, and regional construction costs; c. Commitment that CSRFF will remain a merit-based, transparent, and equitable program accessible to regional and metropolitan communities alike; and d. Urgent communication of future funding round dates to enable regional local governments and community clubs to plan projects effectively. 3. Request WALGA to highlight to the Minister that the lack of certainty around CSRFF is jeopardising the fruition of regional projects vital to community wellbeing, participation, and sustainability. 	<p>In November 2025, WALGA contacted the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) and was advised that funding rounds for 2025-26 had been paused while a review of the programs was undertaken. Further information on the impact on current and future rounds was requested but not provided.</p> <p>WALGA wrote to the Minister for Sport and Recreation and CITS in December 2025.</p> <p>WALGA received a response from the Minister on 17 February, advising that investment in sporting infrastructure will focus on the delivery of the State Governments' PlayOn WA: 2030 by 2030 initiative and election commitments.</p> <p>WALGA is urgently seeking clarity regarding the review and the future of these funding programs and developing an advocacy and communications plan.</p> <p>To inform our advocacy, WALGA is working with Local Governments to understand the impacts of the funding review and uncertainty of future rounds.</p>	<p>April 2026</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>
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13. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

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

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

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

13.1. PROTECTING COUNCIL MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE PRIVACY ADVOCACY POSITION – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.1

By Meghan Dwyer, Governance Specialist

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The South East Metropolitan Zone resolved to request WALGA advocate to amend s.5.95(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* to specify that the right to inspect Primary and Annual Returns (Returns) contained in the Register of Financial Interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the residential address of the relevant person.
- Returns may include residential addresses, which are then made publicly accessible, creating privacy and safety risks.
- Council Members and employees are increasingly reluctant to disclose residential addresses due to safety and security risks, demonstrating that current legislation no longer aligns with contemporary expectations of privacy.
- Recent parliamentary scrutiny of similar requirements for Members of Parliament led to recommendations to remove full residential address disclosures, which the Government supported.
- In addition to Returns, Council Members must also provide a residential address when making their declaration of office.
- It would be appropriate for a review of all public disclosure requirements under the *Local Government Act 1995* to occur to ensure that they remain contemporary, effective, and aligned with modern standards of accountability and personal security.
- The Governance Policy Team endorsed the proposed advocacy position at its meeting on 23 March 2026.

ATTACHMENT

- Jurisdictional Comparison – Address Information in Council Member Returns and Declarations of Office (included below).

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The proposed advocacy position aligns to the WALGA 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, in particular:

- Influence – Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government.
- Support – Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation is for State Council to endorse a new [Advocacy Position](#).

Protecting Council Member and Employee Privacy

That WALGA advocates to the State Government to:

- 1. Undertake a review of disclosure requirements for Local Government Council Members and employees under the Local Government Act 1995.*
- 2. Undertake the necessary legislative amendments to strike an appropriate balance between transparency, personal safety, and contemporary community expectations of privacy, including:*
 - a. Amend section 5.95(1) to prescribe that the right to inspect primary and annual returns contained in the register of financial interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the full residential address of the relevant person, and is instead limited to the suburb or locality.*
 - b. Amend Form 7 of the Local Government (Constitutional) Regulations 1998 to remove the requirement to disclose a full residential address when making the declaration of office.*

BACKGROUND

At the 3 December 2025 meeting, State Council adopted new Advocacy Position 2.5.20 Electoral Material - Authorisation Statement Address Requirements in response to significant privacy and safety concerns arising from the obligation to publish a candidate's physical address on electoral materials.

When considering this item at the preceding round of Zone meetings, the South East Metropolitan Zone (SEMZ) resolved to request WALGA advocate to amend s.5.95(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) to specify that the right to inspect Primary and Annual Returns (Returns) contained in the Register of Financial Interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the residential address of the relevant person.

State Council resolved to refer the SEMZ comments to the Governance Policy Team.

The Governance Policy Team endorsed the proposed advocacy position at its meeting on 23 March 2026.

COMMENT

Public disclosure regimes must strike an appropriate balance between public transparency and personal safety. The inclusion of personal identifying information in publicly accessible documents has become increasingly problematic. As digital publication and internet search capabilities have expanded, material that once had limited circulation can be copied and distributed with ease. This environment has reinforced the need to carefully consider how much personal information is necessary to make publicly available, and the risks that may arise when doing so.

Local Government Act

The Act establishes a range of public disclosure obligations designed to promote transparency and accountability. However, digital publication, increased data availability, and heightened personal safety concerns have created new risks that were not contemplated when these provisions were first drafted.

Returns require relevant persons to disclose personal financial information. Information disclosed includes the address of each parcel of real property, located in the district or in an adjoining district, in which the person had an interest and the nature of the interest in each parcel of real property (s.5.79). In practice, this often results in the disclosure of a Council Member or employee's residential address.

Returns are required to be included in the register of financial interests. Section 5.94(b) of the Act requires any register of financial interest to be made available to the public, and s.5.96 requires the Local Government to provide copies upon request.

Although s.5.93 of the Act establishes penalties for the improper use of information, information can now be copied and distributed almost instantly. In many cases, the harm may occur well before any investigation or action can be commenced.

In addition to the requirement for Council Members to disclose interests in real property as part of their returns, s.2.29 of the Act, together with Form 7 of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*, requires each Council Member to provide their full residential address when making their statutory declaration of office. Although this declaration is not required to be made publicly available under s. 5.94(b) of the Act, some Local Governments livestream or publish recordings of the proceedings. As a result, full residential address details become publicly accessible.

Emerging risks and issues

Local Governments have observed increasing reluctance from Council Members and employees to provide their residential address. Reasons include:

- being registered as a silent elector under the *Electoral Act 1907*,
- experiences or risks of family or domestic violence,
- concerns that leave of absence approvals may signal when a residence may be unoccupied,
- role-related risks, such as potential targeted harassment by dissatisfied community members.

Disclosure of personal residential addresses can also expose individuals to cybersecurity and identity-theft risks, as this information can be combined with other data to build detailed personal profiles. Publicly accessible addresses may make individuals more vulnerable to targeted scams, social engineering, and unwanted contact, increasing both digital and physical security risks.

Parliamentary disclosure obligations

The disclosure of the residential addresses of Members of Parliament in their Primary and Annual Returns has recently been considered by the [Legislative Assembly Procedures and Privileges Committee in Report No.1: Protecting privacy and other reasons to update the Members of Parliament \(Financial Interests\) Act 1992](#).

The Committee recommended that the Government review the relevant legislation, "with a view to addressing the requirement for the disclosure of full residential addresses and to consider broader legislative updates necessary to ensure the Act remains contemporary, effective, and aligned with modern standards of accountability and personal security."

The [Government response](#) supported this recommendation.

Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing

The objectives of the new *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* (PRIS Act) include promoting responsible and transparent practices in the handling of personal information and balancing the public interests of protecting the privacy of personal information with the free flow of information by agencies.

Most privacy provisions in the PRIS Act come into effect on 1 July 2026.

The following sections of the PRIS Act intersect with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

- The information privacy principles do not apply to information that is already publicly accessible. This includes information in documents that are either generally available to the public or made available for public inspection under another written law (s.22).
- An individual may request a public entity to remove their personal information from a public register if making the information publicly available would substantially affect any individual's safety or wellbeing. If the public entity is satisfied that the grounds exist, the public entity must comply with the request unless the public entity is satisfied that the public interest in maintaining public access to the information outweighs any individual interest in the information not being made publicly available (s.77).

While this appears to provide a mechanism for individuals to address specific safety and privacy concerns, it would be preferable to ensure that the legislative requirements avoid unnecessary risks to all Council Members and employees.

WALGA will seek to engage with the Information Commissioner and Deputy Privacy Commissioner to clarify the way in which these and other PRIS Act provisions will apply to Council Members.

Review and amendments to the Local Government Act

As Local Government Council Members and employees share the same safety concerns as Members of Parliament it would be appropriate to echo the Procedures and Privilege Committee and advocate for a broad review of all public disclosure requirements under the *Local Government Act 1995* to ensure that they remain contemporary, effective, and aligned with modern standards of accountability and personal security. A review would allow a clearer, risk-aware framework to be established that protects individuals while preserving appropriate transparency.

Within this broader reform, several targeted amendments are necessary. It is proposed that s. 5.95(1) be amended so that the right to inspect information in the register of financial interests under s. 5.94(b) is limited to the suburb or locality of each property, rather than the full residential address of the relevant person. Additionally, the requirement for Council Members to provide their full residential address in the statutory declaration of office should be removed. These amendments are consistent with practices adopted in other Australian jurisdictions and reflect the approach now being reconsidered for Members of Parliament.

Importantly, these changes would not weaken transparency or accountability. Council Members and employees would still be required to disclose their full residential address in Returns, and would continue to declare direct financial, indirect financial, proximity, and impartiality interests when they arise in decision-making processes. This ensures that

relevant interests remain publicly recorded when they matter, without unnecessarily exposing personal residential details. By limiting public access to only what is necessary, the legislative framework can better protect individual safety while preserving the integrity of the disclosure regime.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Protecting Council Member and Employee Privacy

That WALGA advocates to the State Government to:

- 1. Undertake a review of disclosure requirements for Local Government Council Members and employees under the Local Government Act 1995,*
- 2. Undertake the necessary legislative amendments to strike an appropriate balance between transparency, personal safety, and contemporary community expectations of privacy, including:*
 - a. Amend section 5.95(1) to prescribe that the right to inspect primary and annual returns contained in the register of financial interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the full residential address of the relevant person, and is instead limited to the suburb or locality.*
 - b. Amend Form 7 of the Local Government (Constitutional) Regulations 1998 to remove the requirement to disclose a full residential address when making the declaration of office.*

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Trayning

Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

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

CARRIED

ATTACHMENT: JURISDICTIONAL COMPARISON – ADDRESS INFORMATION IN COUNCIL MEMBER RETURNS AND DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

DISCLOSURES IN RETURNS	
<p>Victoria <u>Local Government Act 2020</u> <u>Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020</u></p>	<p>CEO must prepare summary of personal interests information disclosed in the last personal interest return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes the town or suburb, but not the street address or number of the land that is the place of residence <p>Other matters to be included or excluded are prescribed.</p> <p>Includes that a specified person may request in writing information not be included if the CEO consider including the information would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be reasonably likely to place the personal safety of any person at risk, or • unreasonably expose a business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage <p>Summary of personal interest returns available to members of the public.</p> <p>Detailed personal interests returns are only available to certain persons.</p>
<p>New South Wales <u>Governance Information (Public Access) Act 2009</u></p>	<p>From the <i>Information Access Guideline 1 - For Local Councils on the disclosure of information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returns should be made publicly available on the council's website unless there is an overriding public interest against release or to do so would impose unreasonable additional costs on council. • A consideration against disclosure is where release of the information may expose a person to a risk of harm or of serious harassment or serious intimidation. • In the circumstances where council decides that there is an overriding public interest against disclosure, consideration should then be given to whether it is practicable to release an edited copy of the record (for example redacting the individual's signature or residential address) • If it is practicable to do so, then the information should be deleted from a copy of the record and the remainder of the return made available on the council's website. • Where information is deleted from a return, council should keep a record indicating, in general terms, the nature of the information redacted.
<p>Queensland <u>Local Government Regulation 2021</u></p>	<p>Suburb or locality of the land is required (not full address).</p>

South Australia <i>Local Government Act 1999</i>	Personal addresses are not to be published nor are any addresses where the CEO is satisfied that the inclusion in the Register of the address of a person would place at risk the personal safety of that person, a member of that person's family or any other person.
Tasmania	Currently does not require councillors to lodge a personal interests return. The Tasmanian government is implementing a new framework to strengthen the management of local government councillor conflicts of interest, with reforms expected before the 2026 elections.

INFORMATION IN COUNCIL MEMBER DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE	
Victoria <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> <i>Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020</i>	Address not required.
New South Wales <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	Address not required.
Queensland <i>Local Government Regulation 2021</i>	Address not required.
South Australia <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2013</i>	Address not required.
Tasmania <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2025</i>	Address not required.

13.2. WATER MANAGEMENT ADVOCACY POSITION – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.2

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A new Water Management Advocacy Position and the retirement of position 6.14 Planning for Water is proposed.
- The new Position has been developed following consultation and feedback on WALGA's *Water Management in Western Australia Discussion Paper*.
- 28 Local Governments provided more than 200 comments on the paper, with the main issues being:
 - equitable access to consistent and reliable water;
 - water licensing and allocation;
 - integrated regional and catchment-scale water planning;
 - water for Public Open Space (POS);
 - funding
 - for critical infrastructure - drainage and irrigation, alternative water sources and sewerage infill and headworks.
 - for water efficiency and water sensitive urban design initiatives.
 - expanding and improving the Waterwise Council Program;
 - access to data and information to inform decision making; and
 - addressing the impacts of stormwater runoff.
- The outcomes sought in 6.14 Planning for Water have been realised in the recently released State Planning Policy 2.9.
- The Environment Policy Team endorsed retiring the position and the new position at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

ATTACHMENT

- [Water Management Discussion Paper](#)
- [Water Management Consultation Summary Report](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item relates to the following WALGA Strategic Pillars:

- Influence
 - Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government.
 - Empower the Local Government sector to build communities equipped for the future.
- Support - Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the following new [Advocacy Position](#) be **endorsed**:

Water Management

1. *Access to consistent, reliable and adequate water supplies is critical for Local Government operations, community health, amenity, environmental sustainability and economic activity.*
2. *WALGA is calling on the State Government to:*
 - a. *Modernise water management legislation and regulation, including:*
 - i. *Undertaking a review of the water licensing and allocation system to ensure equitable access and prioritise high value community use including for public open space.*

- ii. *Developing a State-wide framework for integrated regional and catchment-scale water planning.*
- b. *Adequately, sustainably and equitably fund critical water infrastructure programs for Local Government, including:*
 - i. *Drainage and irrigation upgrades.*
 - ii. *Alternative water sources (recycled water, stormwater harvesting, desalination and groundwater replenishment) and disused water asset transfer.*
 - iii. *Small-scale sewerage infrastructure headworks and infill sewerage.*
- c. *Expand the Waterwise Council Program statewide and provide:*
 - i. *Increased support and resources to assist Local Government in delivering water efficiency measures.*
 - ii. *Incentives for Local Governments to undertake water efficiency initiatives.*
- d. *Improve water data access and capability for Local Governments to ensure evidence-based decision making.*
- e. *Provide effective leadership, guidance, education and enforcement to address the impacts of stormwater runoff.*

It is proposed that the following Advocacy Position be **retired**:

6.14 Planning for Water

As part of the Water Management Report endorsement process, formal support from the relevant Local Government should be required where:

1. *It is intended that the Local Government will become the infrastructure asset manager; or*
2. *The proposed location of water infrastructure assets will impact Local Government assets or facilities.*

The outcomes sought in Position 6.14 have been realised in the recently released [State Planning Policy 2.9](#).

BACKGROUND

WALGA identified the need to consolidate and expand on current Water related [Advocacy Positions](#) and has undertaken initial consultation, through targeted engagement and consideration of issues raised by the sector previously. To inform the development of a new Advocacy Position, WALGA developed a Discussion Paper to gain feedback from the sector on their current challenges and needs in relation to water management across the state.

WALGA released the Discussion Paper for comment in late November 2025, with an initial deadline of 15 January 2026 for comment, however based on feedback from the sector this deadline was extended to Thursday, 12 March.

28 Local Governments have provided feedback, 14 of those Council/CEO level feedback. The feedback provided by Local Governments was comprehensive, with over 200 individual comments received across the submissions. WALGA acknowledges the significant time and consideration given by Members in providing that level of feedback.

The main themes of the feedback reflect those explored in the Discussion Paper and are consistent across Local Government:

- Legislation which is inequitable and outdated, particularly for licensing and allocation.

- State legislation should align with the National Water Agreement, particularly strategic, long term integrated planning and equitable access to drinking water.
- Aging and insufficient water infrastructure.
- Support and resourcing needed to explore and mainstream alternative water sources.
- Reactive approaches to headworks and sewerage servicing constraining development, particularly in regional and high-growth areas.
- Public Open Space (POS) in relation to planning decisions not accounting for the water needed to sustain these areas.
- Statewide expansion of the Waterwise Council program and improvement in program support and design.
- High interest in improving and supporting water efficiency and water sensitive urban design outcomes.
- Water data gaps and poor data sharing limits sound decision making.
- Water quality as an emerging and under-recognised issue.

WALGA has consolidated the feedback into a Consultation Report which summarises the main themes and issues raised by the sector and how it has been addressed in the draft Advocacy Position.

COMMENT

The new Position has been informed by the information, issues and priorities identified in feedback received from Local Governments on the WALGA Discussion Paper.

A new Advocacy Position is timely given the release of [Made Possible by Water](#) by the State Government on 21 March 2026, a document outlining WA's water future. A comprehensive Advocacy Position on this issue will be essential to assist WALGA's advocacy and influence how the Government delivers the priorities identified. Some of the matters identified in the draft Advocacy Position are reflected in Made Possible by Water, including expansion of the WaterWise Program and delivery of new water sources.

The Environment Policy Team endorsed the new Advocacy Position and the retirement of Position 6.14 at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Water Management

1. *Access to consistent, reliable and adequate water supplies is critical for Local Government operations, community health, amenity, environmental sustainability and economic activity.*
2. *WALGA is calling on the State Government to:*
 - a. *Modernise water management legislation and regulation, including:*
 - i. *undertaking a review of the water licensing and allocation system to ensure equitable access and prioritise high value community use including for public open space*
 - ii. *developing a state-wide framework for integrated regional and catchment-scale water planning.*

- b. Adequately, sustainably and equitably fund critical water infrastructure programs for Local Government, including:
 - i. drainage and irrigation upgrades*
 - ii. alternative water sources (recycled water, stormwater harvesting, desalination and groundwater replenishment) and disused water asset transfer*
 - iii. small-scale sewerage infrastructure headworks and infill sewerage.**
- c. Expand the Waterwise Council Program statewide and provide:
 - i. increased support and resources to assist Local Government in delivering water efficiency measures*
 - ii. incentives for Local Governments to undertake water efficiency initiatives.**
- d. Improve water data access and capability for Local Governments to ensure evidence-based decision making.*
- e. Provide effective leadership, guidance, education and enforcement to address the impacts of stormwater runoff.*

2. Retires Advocacy Position *6.14 Planning for Water.*

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Yilgarn
Seconded: Shire of Kellerberrin

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

CARRIED

13.3. OFF ROADS VEHICLES ADVOCACY POSITION – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.3

By Rebecca Hicks, Policy Advisor Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- It is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.12 Off Road Vehicles (ORV) be retired.
- The *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Vehicles) Act 1978* (the ORV Act) provides the legislative framework for the use of off-road vehicles within permitted areas in WA.
- Nine Local Governments own and maintain Off Road Vehicle (ORV) areas.
- Advocacy Position 3.12 Off Road Vehicles was adopted by State Council in 2018 in response to concerns from Members about the use of permitted ORV areas.
- Amendments to the ORV Act in 2025 address the core objectives of the ORV Advocacy Position, particularly as it relates to registration and enforcement.
- The retirement of the ORV Advocacy Position was endorsed by the People and Place Policy Team at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

ATTACHMENT

- [*Control of Vehicles \(Off-road Areas\) Amendment Act 2025*](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Retiring this Advocacy Position aligns with the following WALGA Strategic Pillars:

- Influence
 - Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government.
 - Empower the Local Government sector to build communities equipped for the future.
- Support
 - Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that Advocacy Position [3.12 Off Road Vehicles](#) be **retired**.

Legislation relating to off road vehicles should be reviewed to align registration and licensing of off-road vehicles with other vehicle types are users. In addition, educational resources should be developed in consultation with users, regulators, and vendors relating to safety, regulatory compliance and other associated matters.

BACKGROUND

The *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Vehicles) Act 1978* (the ORV Act) prohibits the use of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) in areas outside of permitted areas and makes provisions for the use of ORVs in permitted areas. The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) is responsible for administering the legislation and providing [information and support](#) to users and Local Governments. The legislation defines ORVs as including, but not limited to, trail bikes, quad bikes, beach buggies and road licensed vehicles such as four-wheel drives when used in off-road locations.

The use of ORVs outside of permitted areas can have impacts on Local Governments and communities including community safety in public spaces, road safety and environmental impacts. These issues fall under the scope of other legislation.

Nine Local Governments currently maintain and operate permitted areas: the Cities of Greater Geraldton, Karratha, Kwinana and Swan and the Shires of Carnarvon, Dandaragan, Gingin, Port Hedland and York.

WALGA's Advocacy Position was adopted by State Council in 2018, in response to Member concerns regarding the use of permitted ORV areas.

The ORV Act was amended in 2025 to align penalties and enforcement expectations with other WA transport legislation. The *Amendment Act* includes provisions to introduce online and label registrations and increase penalties for existing offences. The majority of the ORV Amendment Act commenced with immediate effect in August 2025. Sections of the legislation relating to registration labels are dependent on system design changes to the online registration platform. The legislation regulations and commencement date are expected by the end of 2026.

In 2024, the [State Government announced \\$4.8 million](#) in grant funding for Local Governments to develop new and upgrade existing ORV areas. This funding recognises the key role Local Government plays in the upkeep and management of ORV areas.

COMMENT

The ORV Amendment Act addresses the core objectives of the WALGA ORV advocacy position, particularly as it relates to registration and enforcement. As the intended outcomes of the advocacy position have been achieved, it is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.12 Off Road Vehicles be retired. WALGA will work with LGIRS to provide advice and support on the commencement of the Act regulations for Members managing permitted areas.

WALGA has engaged with Members that currently manage ORV permitted areas. Six Local Governments have responded and provided their support for the retirement of the advocacy position.

WALGA will continue to monitor emerging issues associated with ORVs, with a particular focus on usage outside of permitted areas.

The proposed retirement of the ORV advocacy position was endorsed by the People and Place Policy Team at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council retire Advocacy Position 3.12 *Off Road Vehicles*.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Tammin
Seconded: Shire of Narembeen

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

CARRIED

13.4. HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY POSITION – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.4

By Hannah Godsave, Manager Community Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- It is proposed that the 2019 Advocacy Position 3.11 Homelessness be updated.
- While responding to homelessness is a State and Australian Government responsibility, the impacts of homelessness intersect with multiple areas of Local Government service delivery and requires them to manage community expectations.
- Western Australian Local Governments are reporting increased numbers of people experiencing homelessness, including Local Governments that have historically experienced minimal impact.
- WALGA undertook a survey of Members in early 2026 to better understand the impact on the sector and inform a review of the current Advocacy Position.
- The updated Position reflects the sector's view that the Australian and Western Australian Government should provide leadership, support and funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular specialist services, social and affordable housing and wraparound services.
- The People and Place Policy Team endorsed the revised position at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item relates to the following WALGA Strategic Pillars:

- Influence
 - Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government.
 - Empower the Local Government sector to build communities equipped for the future.
- Support
 - Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the **existing** Advocacy Position [3.11 Homelessness](#):

WALGA recognises that Local Government through its planning, health, community development and regulatory powers can facilitate positive local and regional responses to end homelessness, however does not see that it has a lead role. Rather, Local Government's role is one of a stakeholder that requires early engagement in the understanding of collaborative approaches that improve the quality of life for people experiencing homelessness in all of its manifestations.

be **replaced** with a new Advocacy Position as follows:

WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to provide leadership, support and funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular:

1. *Ensuring specialist homelessness services are responsive to need, place-based and people-centred.*
2. *Investing in social and affordable housing and wraparound services.*

BACKGROUND

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) defines homelessness as when a person does not have suitable accommodation alternatives and their current living arrangement:

- is in a dwelling that is inadequate;
- has no tenure, or tenure is short and not extendable; or
- does not allow them to have control of, and access to space for social relations.

The ABS Census of Population and Housing provides the authoritative data source on people experiencing homelessness. The 2021 Census reported 9,729 people experiencing homelessness in WA. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare provides more contemporary data based on interactions with specialist homelessness services. In 2024-25, almost 289,000 (1 in 115) people engaged with specialist homelessness services in WA, of which 47% were accessing homelessness support for the first time.

While responding to homelessness is a State and Australian Government responsibility, the impacts of homelessness intersect with multiple areas of Local Government service delivery, including the maintenance of public spaces, planning and zoning for appropriate services and revenue-related functions such as rates and grants administration. Local Governments must also manage community expectations about how they will respond to homelessness.

WALGA's current advocacy position was adopted by State Council in 2019 in the lead up to the release of [*All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020–2030*](#) (the Strategy) released by the State Government. The Strategy sets out a vision for a whole of community response, led by the Department of Communities, working towards ending homelessness in Western Australia. The Strategy identifies a predominantly supportive role for the Local Government sector in addressing homelessness, while also acknowledging that some Local Governments directly provide homelessness and accommodation services. Suggested sector contributions in the Strategy include facilitating local partnerships, identifying rough sleepers, sharing local area knowledge to inform State Government resourcing decisions, and connecting people to specialist services. This supportive role for the Local Government sector is reflected in the current Advocacy Position.

At the National level, the [National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness](#) provides a five-year funding and accountability framework between the Australian and State/Territory Governments to support social housing and homelessness services until June 2029. The bilateral schedule for Western Australia sets out a \$165.9 million homelessness funding contribution from both parties.

COMMENT

Local Governments have been reporting increased numbers of people experiencing homelessness, including Local Governments that have historically experienced minimal impact. Local Governments have shared that they are facing growing pressure to meet both their defined obligations and community expectations for comprehensive responses, including specialist homelessness services triage, investment in housing and support service provision.

To better understand the issues being raised by Members, WALGA conducted a sector survey on homelessness in early 2026. 68 responses (49%) were received, 26 metropolitan and 42 regional, with representation from all WALGA Zones. Key findings from the survey include:

- 74% of respondents report an increase in the significance of homelessness in their Local Government area in the last two years.
- 60% of respondents report an increase in enquires from community members regarding homelessness in the last two years.
 - Key issues raised in community enquiries are rough sleeping and persons living in vehicles.
- 23% of respondents consider there is no role beyond defined responsibilities for Local Government in response to homelessness.
- 61% of respondents consider preventative measures to reduce homelessness and facilitating connections to specialist service providers as an appropriate role for Local Government in response to homelessness.
- 83% of respondents rank State and Federal Government funding as the highest or second highest priority enabler to respond to homelessness.
- 51% of respondents report that current specialist homelessness services are not adequate within their Local Government area.
- Respondents rank affordable housing as the top priority for support/services to address homelessness, followed by wraparound services and specialist support services.

Informed by survey responses and acknowledging the support role of Local Government identified in the State Strategy, the updated position calls on the Australian and Western Australian Government to provide the necessary leadership, support and funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular specialist services, social and affordable housing and wraparound services.

The People and Place Policy Team endorsed the revised position at its meeting on 19 March 2026 meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council replace Advocacy Position 3.11 Homelessness with the following:

WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to provide leadership, support and funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular:

1. *Ensuring specialist homelessness services are responsive to need, place-based and people-centred.*
2. *Investing in social and affordable housing and wraparound services.*

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconded: Shire of Wyalkatchem

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.4 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.5. 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.

Nil.

14. EMERGING ISSUES

The **Shire of Cunderdin** raised concerns in relation to recent State Government decisions related to access for Heavy Vehicle (RAV network) road access, which have been enacted. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Shire can liaise with the Secretariat to further clarify the issue and progress further action if necessary.

The **Secretariat** provided a brief update about the *Local Government Amendment (Rating of Certain Mining Licences) Bill 2025*, following the emerging item raised at the previous Zone meeting. The Secretariat understands the Bill is yet to progress to Committee of the Whole House in the Legislative Council (which is ordinarily where members may put amendments to the Bill), and that notice of amendments have already been placed on the notice paper.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 May commencing at 8:00am, via MTeams.

The next Great Eastern Country Zone meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 June 2026 commencing at 9:30am. This meeting will be hosted at WALGA's office at 170 Railway Parade West Leederville, and **online via MS Teams**. A meeting link will be circulated, while delegates who may be in Perth are welcome to attend in-person.

16. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 1:11pm.

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President, Cr Crees advised having attended the following meetings:

Deputy President, Cr Della Bosca advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Geier advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Simmonds advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Faithfull advised having attended the following meetings:

Councillor Crews advised having attended the following meetings:

8. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST, PROXIMITY INTEREST AND/OR INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **23rd April 2026**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person and Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting held on **23rd April 2026**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	


In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of **Proximity. interest** were made at the Council meeting held on **23rd April 2026**.

Name/Position	
Item No./Subject	
Nature of interest	
Extent of Interest	

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2026

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts
Signature:	Officer ACTING CEO 

Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits July be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of April 2026 The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO April 2026 \$1,042.86 associated with the purchase of Active8me internet service, 1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring, Starlink, Canva Subscription, Medshop - Medical Supplies, Card Fee International Fee

DCEO April 2026 \$ 2,767.68 associated with the purchase of 5xExchange, 9x365 Business Basic, 13x365 Business Std, Two Dogs - Curtain Rods, Snapfish - Fridge Magnets, Unitix – Lanyards, Galway - HACC Supplies, PAYPAL - Facebook Advert, Bendigo - Card Fee, International Transaction

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling \$635.05

CEO	\$ - 0.00
DCEO	\$ -325.46
Construction Supervisor	\$ - 185.82

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.

 **Strategic Implications**

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

 **Financial Implications**

Expenditure in accordance with the 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

 **Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That April 2026 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4930 to DD4945 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8272 to EFT8334 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$628,429.85 be passed for payment.

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council April 2026

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT8272	02/04/2026	Landgate	SLIP Subscription	-2723.70	1	CSH
EFT8273	02/04/2026	Toll Transport Pty Ltd	Freight	-60.97	1	CSH
EFT8274	02/04/2026	Ron Bateman & Co	Depot Consumable Items	-621.15	1	CSH
EFT8275	02/04/2026	Two Dogs Home Hardware	House maintenance, Retic supplies, Blower	-568.80	1	CSH
EFT8276	02/04/2026	GEF Great Eastern Freightlines	Freight for Grader Blades	-324.50	1	CSH
EFT8277	02/04/2026	Merredin Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	11 Quartz Aircon repairs	-753.50	1	CSH
EFT8278	02/04/2026	Liberty Oil rural Pty Ltd	Diesel Purchase	-21744.10	1	CSH
EFT8279	02/04/2026	Great Southern Fuel Supplies	March Fuel Purchases	-635.05	1	CSH
EFT8280	02/04/2026	Merredin Panel & Paint	WT120 Repairs	-544.50	1	CSH
EFT8281	02/04/2026	Australia Post	Postage Charges	-221.47	1	CSH
EFT8282	02/04/2026	Ancor Electrical	Rec Centre Electrical Works Housing solar system checks	-1161.00	1	CSH
EFT8283	02/04/2026	Combined Tyres Pty Ltd	WT120 Tyres & Shoprider for HACC	-17823.80	1	CSH
EFT8284	02/04/2026	Gearing Construction Contractors	Supply and Install Ramp & Stairs at Miners Hall	-6226.00	1	CSH
EFT8285	02/04/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services P/L	March Ranger Services	-462.00	1	CSH
EFT8286	02/04/2026	Sound Balance Physiotherapy	March HACC Service	-110.00	1	CSH
EFT8287	02/04/2026	Out West Mechanical	Grader Service, Fuel Tank Repairs, Tractor Repairs, Truck Repairs	-7516.51	1	CSH
EFT8288	02/04/2026	Flight Plan Digital Pty Ltd /ta Live Life Alarms	Life Alarm Annual Renewals	-180.00	1	CSH
EFT8289	02/04/2026	Western Plumbing & Gas Fitting	HWS at Complex	-2873.40	1	CSH
EFT8290	02/04/2026	Wongan Hills Pharmacy	HACC Supplies	-402.42	1	CSH
EFT8291	02/04/2026	Constructive Visual	Visit Westonia Website Development	-1663.50	1	CSH
DD4930.1	05/04/2026	Aware Super - Accumulation	Payroll deductions	-7726.32	1	CSH
DD4930.2	05/04/2026	AUSTRALIANSUPER	Superannuation contributions	-1133.21	1	CSH
DD4930.3	05/04/2026	MLC Masterkey	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH
DD4930.4	05/04/2026	G E S B Super Scheme	Superannuation contributions	-245.70	1	CSH
DD4930.5	05/04/2026	HESTA	Superannuation contributions	-16.95	1	CSH
DD4930.6	05/04/2026	Amp Flexible Lifetime Super	Superannuation contributions	-291.62	1	CSH
DD4930.7	05/04/2026	Macquarie Super	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH
DD4930.8	05/04/2026	Rest Industry Super	Superannuation contributions	-274.90	1	CSH
DD4930.9	05/04/2026	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation contributions	-345.03	1	CSH
921	07/04/2026	FEE - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	-317.76	1	FEE
EFT8292	07/04/2026	Services Australia Child Support	Payroll deductions	-871.13	1	CSH
	07/04/2026	Employee Payroll	Salaries & Wages	-51294.13	1	CSH
EFT8293	09/04/2026	South Perth Settlements	57/59 Wolfram St Settlement	-61595.51	1	CSH
EFT8294	14/04/2026	Avon Waste	March Bin Collection	-1938.24	1	CSH
EFT8295	14/04/2026	Merredin Telephone Service	Installation of Wireless Links & System	-13905.07	1	CSH

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EFT8296	14/04/2026	Winc Australia Pty Ltd	WINC Office Supplies	-473.00	1	CSH
EFT8297	14/04/2026	Westonia Progress Association Inc.	March Fuel Purchases	-16367.11	1	CSH
EFT8298	14/04/2026	Toll Transport Pty Ltd	Postage Charges	-408.80	1	CSH
EFT8299	14/04/2026	Centek Constructions	Mens Shed Progress Payment #2	-21331.50	1	CSH
EFT8300	14/04/2026	Security & Key Distributors	Museum Keys	-280.50	1	CSH
EFT8301	14/04/2026	Westonia Tavern	March Council Dinner & Refreshments	-641.00	1	CSH
EFT8302	14/04/2026	Muka Matters Inc	Wessy ball Advertising	-140.00	1	CSH
EFT8303	14/04/2026	Crystal Printing Solutions Pty Ltd	Coopers Garage Brochures	-413.00	1	CSH
EFT8304	14/04/2026	Bitutek Pty Ltd	Supply & Deliver Emulsion	-1556.50	1	CSH
EFT8305	14/04/2026	Westonia Community Cooperative Limited	March Purchases	-2268.51	1	CSH
EFT8306	14/04/2026	Moore Australia (WA) Pty Ltd	Tax Workshop	-1045.00	1	CSH
EFT8307	14/04/2026	Screen Print West	Road Signs	-2376.00	1	CSH
EFT8308	14/04/2026	Combined Tyres Pty Ltd	HACC Products	-7918.00	1	CSH
EFT8309	14/04/2026	Intelife Group	Roadside tree Slashing	-21252.00	1	CSH
EFT8310	14/04/2026	Lite n'Easy	HACC Supplies	-232.54	1	CSH
EFT8311	14/04/2026	Infiniti Designer Pools Pty Ltd	WWP Progress Payment	-11872.74	1	CSH
EFT8312	14/04/2026	Slipperys Earthmoving & Contracting	Truck Hire for Warralakin Rd	-14069.00	1	CSH
EFT8313	14/04/2026	Csstech Group Pty Ltd	Phone Usage for April	-649.66	1	CSH
EFT8314	14/04/2026	Mi Familia Flavours	Wessy Ball Catering	-4400.00	1	CSH
DD4937.1	15/04/2026	Bendigo Business Mastercard	Accom & Meals, Computer support, Defib, Fuel,advert, licensing	-9336.71	1	CSH
DD4943.1	16/04/2026	Treasury Corporation	Museum Loan Repayment	-37671.78	1	CSH
DD4950.1	19/04/2026	Aware Super - Accumulation	Payroll deductions	-7505.64	1	CSH
DD4950.2	19/04/2026	AUSTRALIANSUPER	Superannuation contributions	-1109.68	1	CSH
DD4950.3	19/04/2026	MLC Masterkey	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH
DD4950.4	19/04/2026	G E S B Super Scheme	Superannuation contributions	-313.20	1	CSH
DD4950.5	19/04/2026	HESTA	Superannuation contributions	-23.54	1	CSH
DD4950.6	19/04/2026	Amp Flexible Lifetime Super	Superannuation contributions	-291.62	1	CSH
DD4950.7	19/04/2026	Macquarie Super	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH
DD4950.8	19/04/2026	Rest Industry Super	Superannuation contributions	-274.90	1	CSH
DD4950.9	19/04/2026	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation contributions	-345.03	1	CSH
	21/04/2026	Employee Payroll	Salaries & Wages	-54322.44	1	CSH
EFT8315	21/04/2026	Services Australia Child Support	Payroll deductions	-871.13	1	CSH
DD4945.1	21/04/2026	Deputy Commissioner of Taxation	Jan-March Acitivity Statement	-13455.00	1	CSH
921	24/04/2026	2VNET - 2VNET MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	2VNET MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	-578.95	1	FEE
EFT8316	28/04/2026	Winc Australia Pty Ltd	Winc Stationary Supplies	-117.16	1	CSH

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT8317	28/04/2026	Toll Transport Pty Ltd	Freight	-143.19	1	CSH
EFT8318	28/04/2026	Itvision	On Demand Training Videos	-825.00	1	CSH
EFT8319	28/04/2026	Merredin Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	WWP Supply & Install Exhaust Fans	-4941.51	1	CSH
EFT8320	28/04/2026	HI-LO CONSTRUCTION	Shire Building Works	-10536.90	1	CSH
EFT8321	28/04/2026	Daily Living Products	Chair Lift	-8930.00	1	CSH
EFT8322	28/04/2026	Merredin Flowers & Gifts	ANZAC Day Wreaths	-255.00	1	CSH
EFT8323	28/04/2026	WCS Concrete Pty Ltd	Supply Concrete for Footing - Singles Accomm.	-4013.90	1	CSH
EFT8324	28/04/2026	Modular WA	Claim 4 - Completion of residence on Builders Premises	-116294.00	1	CSH
EFT8325	28/04/2026	Ancor Electrical	WWP Install Exhaust Fans	-1204.86	1	CSH
EFT8326	28/04/2026	McWilliam Clan Pty Ltd t/a D & T McWilliam	Watercart Hire Charge	-9487.50	1	CSH
EFT8327	28/04/2026	Industrial Automation Group Pty Ltd	Boodarockin Standpipe ANtenna & Pole	-6325.00	1	CSH
EFT8328	28/04/2026	Combined Tyres Pty Ltd	Roller Tyres	-5727.70	1	CSH
EFT8329	28/04/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services P/L	Ranger Services	-462.00	1	CSH
EFT8330	28/04/2026	Out West Mechanical	Grader Repairs	-2354.51	1	CSH
EFT8331	28/04/2026	Lite n'Easy	HACC Supplies	-723.80	1	CSH
EFT8332	28/04/2026	Mining Wear Parts	Grader Bolts	-182.95	1	CSH
EFT8333	28/04/2026	Western Plumbing & Gas Fitting	Supply & Install Water Filter	-512.35	1	CSH
EFT8334	28/04/2026	Amy Hampton-Brook	HACC Services	-420.00	1	CSH
921	30/04/2026	FEE - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	-41.96	1	FEE
921	30/04/2026	TPORT - DEPT TRANSPORT LICENSING	DEPT TRANSPORT LICENSING	-13158.10	1	FEE

-\$ **628,429.85**


The above list of accounts has been paid under delegation, by the Chief Executive Officer, since the previous list of accounts. Municipal D/Debits from DD4930 to DD4945 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT8272 to EFT8334 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$628,429.85 submitted to each member of the Council on Thursday 21st May 2026, have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and duly certified invoices with checks being carried out as to prices, computations and costing.



ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– APRIL 2026

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
Signature:	Officer ACTING CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council’s activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending April 2026 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

1. Statement of Financial Activity
2. Statement of Financial Position
3. Note 1 Basis of Preparation
4. Note 2 Statement of Financial Activity Information
5. Note 3 Explanation of Material Variances
6. Supplementary information

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2025/2026 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.

Strategic Implications

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council’s activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 2026 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

SHIRE OF WESTONIA

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 30 April 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	Adopted Budget Estimates	YTD Budget Estimates	YTD Actual	Variance* \$	Variance* %	Var.
Note	(a)	(b)	(c)	(c) - (b)	((c) - (b))/(b)	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Revenue from operating activities						
General rates	1,263,700	1,266,004	1,266,004	0	0.00%	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,590,100	1,064,750	1,144,146	79,396	7.46%	
Fees and charges	898,670	1,330,860	926,292	(404,568)	(30.40%)	▼
Interest revenue	245,600	196,800	198,544	1,744	0.89%	
Other revenue	674,650	142,500	164,973	22,473	15.77%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	151,077	11,054	70,399	59,345	536.86%	▲
	4,823,797	4,011,968	3,770,358	(241,610)	(6.02%)	
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs	(2,269,400)	(1,921,860)	(1,647,450)	274,410	14.28%	▲
Materials and contracts	(1,312,250)	(780,871)	(951,029)	(170,158)	(21.79%)	▼
Utility charges	(200,233)	(148,215)	(128,764)	19,451	13.12%	▲
Depreciation	(2,441,050)	(2,153,755)	(2,181,004)	(27,249)	(1.27%)	
Finance costs	(26,743)	(22,280)	(26,743)	(4,463)	(20.03%)	
Insurance	(198,500)	(176,951)	(160,927)	16,024	9.06%	
Other expenditure	(56,900)	(38,400)	(39,272)	(872)	(2.27%)	
Loss on asset disposals	(34,267)	(6,896)	(24,335)	(17,439)	(252.89%)	▼
	(6,539,343)	(5,249,228)	(5,159,524)	89,704	1.71%	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2(c) 2,324,240	2,149,597	2,134,940	(14,657)	(0.68%)	
Amount attributable to operating activities	608,694	912,337	745,774	(166,563)	(18.26%)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	997,100	763,000	762,124	(876)	(0.11%)	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	739,000	230,000	256,393	26,393	11.48%	▲
	1,736,100	993,000	1,018,517	25,517	2.57%	
Outflows from investing activities						
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(2,709,000)	(1,643,800)	(1,663,145)	(19,345)	(1.18%)	
Acquisition of infrastructure	(2,034,550)	(1,447,940)	(723,372)	724,568	50.04%	▲
	(4,743,550)	(3,091,740)	(2,386,517)	705,223	22.81%	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(3,007,450)	(2,098,740)	(1,368,001)	730,739	34.82%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from financing activities						
Transfer from reserves	75,000	0	0	0	0.00%	
	75,000	0	0	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities						
Repayment of borrowings	(48,601)	(48,601)	(48,601)	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	(1,350,000)	0	(109,004)	(109,004)	0.00%	
	(1,398,601)	(48,601)	(157,605)	(109,004)	(224.28%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities	(1,323,601)	(48,601)	(157,605)	(109,004)	(224.28%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT						
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	2(a) 3,083,442	3,083,442	2,735,463	(347,979)	(11.29%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities	608,694	912,337	745,774	(166,563)	(18.26%)	▼
Amount attributable to investing activities	(3,007,450)	(2,098,740)	(1,368,001)	730,739	34.82%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities	(1,323,601)	(48,601)	(157,605)	(109,004)	(224.28%)	▼
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	(638,915)	1,848,438	1,955,631	107,193	5.80%	

KEY INFORMATION

▲▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data outside the adopted materiality threshold.

▲ Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.

▼ Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.

Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	Actual 30 June 2025	Actual as at 30 April 2026
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,894,858	7,118,851
Trade and other receivables	271,140	(57,679)
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	8,165,998	7,061,172
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	40,339	40,339
Property, plant and equipment	15,152,066	15,980,702
Infrastructure	76,091,034	75,266,997
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	91,283,439	91,288,038
TOTAL ASSETS	99,449,437	98,349,210
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	437,135	47,190
Borrowings	0	0
Employee related provisions	342,437	342,437
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	779,572	389,627
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	600,000	600,000
Employee related provisions	32,493	32,493
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	632,493	632,493
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,412,065	1,022,120
NET ASSETS	98,037,373	97,327,090
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	24,275,077	23,455,789
Reserve accounts	4,773,364	4,882,368
Revaluation surplus	68,988,932	68,988,932
TOTAL EQUITY	98,037,373	97,327,090

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This prescribed financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied where no inconsistencies exist.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supplementary information does not form part of the financial report.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has 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.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 00 January 1900

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2024-25 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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 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.

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
 - Property, plant and equipment
 - Infrastructure
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Assets held for sale
- Investment property
- Estimated useful life of intangible assets
- Measurement of employee benefits
- Measurement of provisions
- Estimation uncertainties and judgements made in relation to lease accounting

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION

(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity

Note	Adopted Budget	Actual	Actual
	Opening 1 July 2025	as at 30 June 2025	as at 30 April 2026
	\$	\$	\$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6,415,736	7,894,858	7,118,851
Trade and other receivables	262,548	271,140	(57,679)
	6,678,284	8,165,998	7,061,172
Less: current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(238,451)	(437,135)	(47,190)
Borrowings		0	0
Employee related provisions	(285,527)	(342,437)	(342,437)
	(523,978)	(779,572)	(389,627)
Net current assets	6,154,306	7,386,426	6,671,545
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	2(b) (4,650,963)	(4,650,963)	(4,757,172)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)	1,503,343	2,735,463	1,955,631

(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	(4,773,364)	(4,773,364)	(4,882,368)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year			
- Current portion of borrowings		0	0
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve	122,401	122,401	125,196
Total adjustments to net current assets	2(a) (4,650,963)	(4,650,963)	(4,757,172)

(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

	Adopted Budget Estimates 30 June 2026	YTD Budget Estimates 30 April 2026	YTD Actual 30 April 2026
	\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	(151,077)	(11,054)	(70,399)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	34,267	6,896	24,335
Add: Depreciation	2,441,050	2,153,755	2,181,004
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2,324,240	2,149,597	2,134,940

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the local governments' operational cycle.

Timing Variance
Material Variance

Schedule 03 General Purpose Funding

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Rates Income								
Operating Expense								
03	03100	ABC Costs- Rate Revenue	30,500	22,875	26,084	3,209	14%	
03	03101	Rate Notice Stationery expense	500	350	339	(11)	(3)%	
03	03102	Rates Recovery - Legal Expenses	1,500	0	0	0		
03	03103	Valuation Expenses and Title Search	4,000	1,200	420	(780)	(65)%	
03	03107	Rates Written-off	500	0	0	0		
			37,000	24,425	26,842	2,417		
Operating Income								
03	03104	General Rates Levied	(1,258,500)	(1,260,804)	(1,260,973)	(169)	0%	
03	03105	Ex-Gratia Rates Received	(5,200)	(5,200)	(5,031)	169	(3)%	
03	03106	Penalty Interest Raised on Rates	(7,500)	(3,300)	(3,715)	(415)	13%	
03	03109	Instalment Interest Received	(3,000)	(3,000)	(4,272)	(1,272)	42%	
03	03110	Rates Administration Fee Received	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,212)	(212)	21%	
03	03112	Other Revenue	(500)	(500)	(2,400)	(1,900)	380%	
			(1,275,700)	(1,273,804)	(1,277,603)	(3,799)		
Other General Purpose Funding								
Operating Expense								
03	03210	Bank Fees Expense	6,000	6,000	7,863	1,863	31%	
			6,000	6,000	7,863	1,863		
Operating Income								
03	03201	Grants Commission Grant Received	(673,000)	(484,750)	(480,532)	4,218	(1)%	
03	03202	Grants Commission Grant Received	(344,000)	(238,000)	(282,211)	(44,211)	19%	
03	03204	Interest Received	(235,100)	(190,500)	(190,557)	(57)	0%	
03	03205	Other General Purpose funding rece	(250)	0	0	0		
			(1,252,350)	(913,250)	(953,299)	(40,049)		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	43,000	30,425	34,705	4,280		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(2,528,050)	(2,187,054)	(2,230,902)	(43,848)		

Schedule 04 Governance

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Members Of Council								
Operating Expense								
04	04100	Members Travelling Expenses paid	400	0	0	0		
04	04101	Members Conference Expenses	20,000	11,200	12,045	845	8%	
04	04102	Council Election Expenses	5,000	0	0	0		
04	04103	President's Allowance paid	6,000	3,000	3,000	0	0%	
04	04104	Members Refreshments & Receptio	25,000	24,000	26,285	2,285	10%	
04	04105	Members - Insurance	22,000	22,000	22,014	14	0%	
04	04106	Members - Subscriptions	65,000	65,000	65,850	850	1%	
04	04107	Members - Donation & Gifts	3,000	200	391	191	95%	
04	04108	Members communication Expenses	8,000	6,600	7,632	1,032	16%	
04	04109	Members Sitting Fees Paid	25,000	12,500	12,060	(440)	(4)%	
04	04110	Consultant Fees Expense	38,000	0	0	0		
04	04111	Training Expenses of Members	5,000	0	0	0		
04	04112	Maintenance - Council Chambers	7,200	1,490	2,864	1,374	92%	
04	04113	ABC Costs- Relating to Members	75,000	67,000	67,611	611	1%	
04	04114	Audit Fees expense	45,000	45,000	48,410	3,410	8%	
04	04118	Advertising	3,000	900	944	44	5%	
04	04120	Public Relations/ Promotions	2,500	0	0	0		
04	04199	Depreciation - Members of Council	50	0	0	0		
			355,150	258,890	269,106	10,216		
Operating Income								
04	04121	Contributions, Reimbursements	(500)	0	0	0		
04	04122	Photocopying	(100)	(100)	(723)	(623)	623%	
04	04124	Sale of Electoral Rolls	(50)	0	0	0		
			(650)	(100)	(723)	(623)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			355,150	258,890	269,106	10,216		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(650)	(100)	(723)	(623)		

Schedule 05 Law, Order & Public Safety

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Fire Prevention								
Operating Expense								
05	05100	ABC Costs- Fire Prevention	22,500	20,875	21,515	640	3%	
05	05101	Bush Fire Control Maintenance Plan	10,000	6,900	5,920	(980)	(14)%	
05	05102	Bush Fire Control Maintenance Lanc	1,500	15,000	14,355	(645)	(4)%	
05	05103	Bush Fire Control	1,000	250	262	12	5%	
05	05104	Bush Fire Control Insurance	20,000	20,000	19,655	(345)	(2)%	
05	05112	Bush Fire Clothing, Training & Accs.	10,000	10,000	10,239	239	2%	
05	05113	Utilities Communication & Power	4,500	3,300	3,897	597	18%	
05	05114	Other Goods & Services	1,000	250	246	(4)	(2)%	
05	05199	Depreciation - Fire Prevention	21,500	18,375	18,847	472	3%	
			92,000	94,950	94,937	(13)		
Operating Income								
05	05107	FESA Operating Grant	(33,000)	(32,000)	(31,860)	140	(0)%	
05	05111	FESA ESL Admin Fee	(4,500)	(4,500)	(4,400)	100	(2)%	
			(37,500)	(36,500)	(36,260)	240		
Capital Expense								
05	5110	Purchase Plant Fire Prevention	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Animal Control								
Operating Expense								
05	05200	Expenses Relating to Animal Contro	0	0	0	0		
05	05201	Animal Control - Ranger Expense	5,000	5,000	5,665	665	13%	
			5,000	5,000	5,665	665		
Operating Income								
05	05202	Fines and Penalties - Animal Contro	(100)	(100)	(1,465)	(1,365)	1,365%	Impound Fee - Charges for Thor Grant
05	05203	Dog Registration Fees	(750)	(500)	(516)	(16)	3%	
05	05301	Income Relating to Other Law	(50)	0	0	0		
			(900)	(600)	(1,981)	(1,381)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			97,000	99,950	100,602	652		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(38,400)	(37,100)	(38,241)	(1,141)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			0	0	0	0		

Schedule 07 Health

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Health-HACC								
Operating Expense								
07	07110	HCS -Salaries	143,000	137,000	136,623	(377)	(0)%	
07	07112	Expenses Relating to Health HCS	70,000	70,000	128,303	58,303	83%	Increase in Client Need
07	07113	Travel & Accomodation - HACC	0	0	0	0		
07	07114	ABC Costs- Home Care Services	68,000	58,400	58,688	288	0%	
			281,000	265,400	323,614	58,214		
Operating Income								
07	07101	Service Fee	(300,000)	(291,000)	(291,693)	(693)	0%	
07	13198	Profit on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	0		
			(300,000)	(291,000)	(291,693)	(693)		
Capital Expense								
07	07405	Purchase Plant - HCS Vehicle	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
07	07109	Proceeds on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Preventative Services - Administration & Inspections								
Operating Expense								
07	07400	ABC Costs- Preventative Services - /	7,000	7,000	13,042	6,042	86%	
07	07404	Analytical Expenses	400	400	377	(23)	(6)%	
07	07406	Contract - EHO Expense	7,000	1,000	1,160	160	16%	
			14,400	8,400	14,579	6,179		
Operating Income								
07	07401	Income Relating to Preventative Ser	0	0	0	0		
07	07407	Reimbursement	(100)	0	0	0		
			(100)	0	0	0		
Preventative Services - Pest Control								
Operating Expense								
07	07500	Mosquito Control Preventative Serv	2,500	2,500	3,125	625	25%	
			2,500	2,500	3,125	625		
Preventative Services -Other								
Operating Expense								
07	07600	Ambulance Services - Other	31,000	910	321	(589)	(65)%	
07	07601	Medical Rooms & Dr Expense - Othe	13,000	12,040	13,922	1,882	16%	
08	08600	ABC Costs- Other Welfare	10,000	10,000	12,009	2,009	20%	
			54,000	22,950	26,253	3,303		
Operating Income								
07	07602	Reimbursement Rural Health West	(6,000)	(3,400)	(3,491)	(91)	3%	
			(6,000)	(3,400)	(3,491)	(91)		
Other Health								
Operating Expense								
07	07700	Nurse Practitioner Clinic	40,000	38,830	41,227	2,397	6%	
07	07799	Depreciation - Health	2,100	1,750	1,699	(51)	(3)%	
			42,100	40,580	42,926	2,346		
Operating Income								
07	07603	First Responder - WPA Grant	(15,000)	0	0	0		
07	07703	Voluntary Contribution Health	(15,000)	(10,500)	(10,559)	(59)	1%	
07	07704	Medicare Benefits	(20,000)	(20,000)	(21,643)	(1,643)	8%	
			(50,000)	(30,500)	(32,202)	(1,702)		
Capital Expense								
07	07702	Purchase Buildings - Medical Centre	10,000	0	0	0		
			10,000	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	394,000	339,830	410,497	70,667		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(356,100)	(324,900)	(327,386)	(2,486)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	10,000	0	0	0		

Schedule 08 Education & Welfare

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Pre-Schools								
Operating Expense								
08	08100	ABC Costs - Expenses Relating to Sch	27,000	20,600	20,595	(5)	(0)%	
08	08101	Community Hub	64,000	34,320	34,676	356	1%	
08	08199	Depreciation - Community Hub	16,000	13,320	14,033	713	5%	
			107,000	68,240	69,304	1,064		
Operating Income								
08	08105	Income Community Hub Unit Accoun	(20,000)	(13,500)	(14,277)	(777)	6%	
			(20,000)	(13,500)	(34,922)	(21,422)		
Capital Income								
08	08107	LotteryWest	0	0	0	0		
08	08108	Collgar Renewables	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
08	08104	Land & Buildings- Community Hub /	250,000	169,800	169,971	171	0%	
08	08203	Furniture & Equipment - Communit	95,000	0	0	0		
			345,000	169,800	169,971	171		
Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens								
Operating Expense								
08	08401	Seniors Activities	7,500	950	957	7	1%	
08	08402	Wheatbelt Agcare	500	500	900	400	80%	
			8,000	1,450	1,857	407		
Operating Income								
08	08403	Income Relating to Aged & Disabled	(5,000)	0	0	0		
			(5,000)	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	115,000	69,690	71,162	1,472		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(25,000)	(13,500)	(34,922)	(21,422)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	345,000	169,800	169,971	171		

Schedule 09 Housing

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Staff Housing								
Operating Expense								
09	09100	ABC Costs- Staff Housing	24,000	20,000	19,563	(437)	(2)%	
09	09101	Maintenance 20 Diorite St -DCEO	18,000	7,110	8,038	928	13%	
09	09102	Maintenance 11 Quartz St	5,000	6,150	7,682	1,532	25%	
09	09104	Maintenance 37 Diorite St - Rental	0	0	719	719		
09	09105	Maintenance 7 Quartz St - Plant Oper	5,000	3,660	2,905	(755)	(21)%	
09	09108	Depreciation - Staff Housing	53,000	40,000	39,911	(89)	(0)%	
09	09109	Maintenance 13 Pyrite Street -Plant	8,500	2,180	1,857	(323)	(15)%	
09	09201	Maintenance 4 Quartz St - Plant Oper	5,500	5,080	4,501	(579)	(11)%	
09	09202	Maintenance 55 Wolfram St -Admin	16,000	6,800	7,807	1,007	15%	
09	09211	Maintenance 301 Pyrite Street - Sen	7,000	6,390	7,715	1,325	21%	
			142,000	97,370	90,684	(6,686)		
Operating Income								
09	09121	Income 20 Diorite St -Rental	0	0	0	0		
09	09122	Income 11 Quartz St	(4,500)	(4,500)	(7,650)	(3,150)	70%	
09	09124	Income 37 Diorite St - Rental	0	0	0	0		
09	09125	Income 7 Quartz St - Plant Operator	(2,600)	(1,960)	(1,680)	280	(14)%	
09	09130	Income 13 Pyrite Street -Plant Oper.	(2,600)	(2,160)	(1,400)	760	(35)%	
09	09220	Income 4 Quartz St - Plant Operator	(2,600)	(2,160)	(2,200)	(40)	2%	
09	09221	Income 55 Wolfram St -Administrati	(7,800)	(6,100)	(5,850)	250	(4)%	
09	09230	Income 301 Pyrite Street - Senior Fir	(2,600)	(2,140)	(1,890)	250	(12)%	
			(22,700)	(19,020)	(20,670)	(1,650)		
Other Housing								
Operating Expense								
09	09103	CEACA Contribution 3Units	50,000	0	0	0		
09	09200	ABC Costs- Other Housing	24,000	20,000	19,563	(437)	(2)%	
09	09203	Maintenance - Lifestyle	35,000	24,100	21,028	(3,072)	(13)%	
09	09206	Maintenance Quartz Street Age Uni	18,150	8,040	7,428	(612)	(8)%	
09	09208	Maintenance - 17 Pyrite Street JV U	24,850	10,610	6,312	(4,298)	(41)%	
09	09212	Westonia Progress - Unit 12 Lifestyl	13,500	0	0	0		
09	09236	Depreciation Other Housing	60,500	47,300	47,037	(263)	(1)%	
			226,000	110,050	101,368	(8,682)		
Other Housing								
Operating Income								
09	09222	Income - Lifestyle	(28,860)	(14,000)	(14,288)	(288)	2%	
09	09227	Income 17Pyrite St - JV Units	(29,640)	(23,690)	(22,660)	1,030	(4)%	
09	09231	Income - Ramelius Resources Lease	(28,000)	(14,000)	(14,000)	0	0%	
09	09235	Unit 12 Lifestyle AirBnB	(15,000)	(4,170)	(2,860)	1,310	(31)%	
09	09238	Income -Age Units Quartz Street	(39,520)	(30,920)	(30,870)	50	(0)%	
09	09298	Profit on Sale of Asset	(143,241)	(3,444)	(3,444)	(0)	0%	
			(284,261)	(90,224)	(88,122)	2,102		
Capital Expense								
09	09127	Purchase - Staff Housing - Shed 4 Q	0	0	0	0		
09	09128	Purchase Land & Buildings - Lifestyl	32,000	32,000	33,529	1,529	5%	
09	09239	CAPITAL-Single Persons Quarters	550,000	420,000	419,659	(341)	(0)%	
			582,000	452,000	453,188	1,188		
Capital Income								
09	09237	Proceeds on Sale -Housing CAPITAL	(410,000)	0	(0)	(0)		
			(410,000)	0	(0)	(0)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			368,000	207,420	192,051	(15,369)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(306,961)	(109,244)	(108,792)	452		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(410,000)	0	(0)	(0)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			582,000	452,000	453,188	1,188		

Schedule 10 Community Amenities

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Sanitation - Household Refuse								
Operating Expense								
10	10100	ABC Costs- Household Refuse	24,000	20,000	19,563	(437)	(2)%	
10	10103	Domestic Refuse Collection	15,500	11,910	12,084	174	1%	
10	10105	Refuse Collection Public Bins	15,000	5,830	6,133	303	5%	
10	10106	Refuse Maintenance	22,000	19,490	20,662	1,172	6%	
10	10107	Waste Oil Recycling	500	0	0	0		
10	10108	Containers for Change Recycling Bin	0	0	0	0		
			77,000	57,230	58,442	1,212		
Operating Income								
10	10120	Income Relating to Sanitation - Hou	(14,000)	(12,000)	(12,182)	(182)	2%	
10	10122	Drum-Muster	0	0	0	0		
			(14,000)	(12,000)	(12,182)	(182)		
Other Community Amenities								
Operating Expense								
10	10704	Maintenance - Public Conveniences	11,000	8,750	8,832	82	1%	
10	10705	Maintenance - Cemetery	0	0	0	0		
10	10706	Maintenance - Grave Digging	9,500	140	137	(3)	(2)%	
10	10799	Depreciation - Community Services	21,200	21,200	43,974	22,774	107%	
			41,700	30,090	52,943	22,853		
Operating Income								
10	10701	Income Relating to Other Communi	0	0	0	0		
10	10708	Cemetery Fees	(2,000)	(1,750)	(1,750)	0	0%	
			(2,000)	(1,750)	(1,750)	0		
Capital Expenditure								
10	10702	Purchase Land & Buildings - Niche V	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			118,700	87,320	111,385	24,065		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(16,000)	(13,750)	(13,932)	(182)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			0	0	0	0		

Schedule 11 Recreation & Culture

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Public Halls & Civic Centres								
Operating Expense								
11	11100	ABC Costs- Public Halls & Civic Cent	82,000	72,000	71,730	(270)	(0)%	
11	11104	Maintenance - Public Halls	20,500	16,483	17,353	870	5%	
11	11105	Maintenance - Complex/ Gym	34,000	29,515	30,081	566	2%	
11	11106	Maintenance - Wanderers Stadium	32,200	29,020	29,424	404	1%	
11	11107	MOU Westonia Progress Payment	0	0	0	0		
11	11199	Depreciation - Public Halls	67,800	49,800	50,347	547	1%	
			236,500	196,818	198,935	2,117		
Operating Income								
11	11110	Income Relating to Public Halls & Ci	(200)	0	0	0		
11	11111	Income Edna May MOU 33%	0	0	0	0		
11	11112	Income Charges Stadium	(500)	0	0	0		
11	11114	Income Edna May MOU WPA 67%	0	0	0	0		
			(700)	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
11	11102	Purchase Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0		
11	11103	Purchase Furniture & Equipment -G	0	0	0	0		
11	11607	Furniture & Equipment - Disabled R	10,000	0	0	0		
			10,000	0	0	0		
Swimming Pool								
Operating Income								
11	11202	Swimming Pool Donations	0	0	(205)	(205)		
			0	0	(205)	(205)		
Operating Expense								
11	11207	Maintenance Westonia Swimming F	45,500	30,820	31,338	518	2%	
11	11208	Chlorine Expenses	3,500	6,000	6,109	109	2%	
11	11209	Management Contract Charges	75,000	62,500	61,310	(1,190)	(2)%	
11	11210	Water Charges	7,000	7,000	7,180	180	3%	
11	11299	Depreciaton - Swimming Pool	67,700	54,100	53,801	(299)	(1)%	
			198,700	160,420	159,738	(682)		
Capital Expense								
11	11204	Purchase Land & Buildings -Kiosk/At	150,000	212,000	212,874	874	0%	
11	11205	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - S	15,000	8,000	8,270	270	3%	
			165,000	220,000	221,144	1,144		
Other Recreation & Sport								
Operating Expense								
11	11307	Maintenance - Playground, Tennis &	326,000	291,500	291,585	85	0%	
11	11308	Maintenance - Recreation Oval	49,300	13,850	14,288	438	3%	
11	11399	Depreciation - Other Rec & Sport	158,500	144,000	144,324	324	0%	
			533,800	449,350	450,197	847		
Operating Income								
11	11302	Marquee Hire Charges	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
11	11203	LotteryWest	(100,000)	0	0	0		
11	11301	DFES Grant	0	0	0	0		
11	11211	Corporate sponsorship	(100,000)	0	0	0		
			(200,000)	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
11	11309	Water Tanks Wanderers Stadium	10,000	11,000	11,149	149	1%	
			10,000	11,000	11,149	149		
Television and Rebroadcasting								
Operating Expense								
11	11401	Maintenance - Television and Rebr	4,000	400	759	359	90%	
11	11499	Depreciation - TV & Radio	5,500	4,500	4,528	28	1%	
			9,500	4,900	5,287	387		
Capital Expense								
11	11404	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - T	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		

Schedule 11 Recreation & Culture

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Other Recreation & Sport								
Operating Expense								
11	11500	Expenses Relating to Libraries	0	0	0	0		
11	11504	Library Salaries	20,000	16,660	16,412	(248)	(1)%	
11	11505	Library Expenses	3,500	2,150	2,395	245	11%	
			23,500	18,810	18,807	(3)		
Operating Income								
11	11501	Income Relating to Libraries	(100)	0	0	0		
11	11502	Fines & Penalties Charged	(100)	0	0	0		
			(200)	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
11	11503	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - L	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Other Culture								
Operating Expense								
11	11605	Nature Reserve Management	30,000	800	801	1	0%	
11	11606	Maintenance Walgoolan Info Bay	600	0	0	0		
			30,600	800	801	1		
Operating Income								
11	11602	Income Charges History Books	(200)	(200)	(591)	(391)	195%	
11	11604	Ramelius Common Management - I	0	0	0	0		
			(200)	(200)	(591)	(391)		
Capital Expense								
11	11603	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - P	600,000	49,000	48,600	(400)	(0.8)%	
			600,000	49,000	48,600	(400)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			1,032,600	831,098	833,766	2,668		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(1,100)	(200)	(795)	(595)		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(200,000)	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			785,000	280,000	280,893	893		

Schedule 12 Transport

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Streets Roads Bridges & Depot Construction								
Capital Expense								
12	12101	Roads Construction Council	601,500	65,000	64,830	(170)	(0)%	
12	12103	MRWA Project Construction	717,000	333,250	333,211	(39)	(0)%	
12	12104	Roads to Recovery Construction	519,050	328,300	327,581	(719)	(0)%	
12	12108	Footpath Construction	0	0	0	0		
			1,837,550	726,550	725,622	(928)		
Streets Roads Bridges & Depot Maintenance								
Operating Expense								
12	12202	Power - Street Lighting	8,500	7,080	5,877	(1,203)	(17)%	
12	12203	Maintenance - GRM	619,000	426,000	425,917	(83)	(0)%	
12	12204	Maintenance - Depot	35,500	55,500	56,792	1,292	2%	
12	12205	Maintenance - Footpaths	500	300	459	159	53%	
12	12206	Traffic Signs Maintenance	22,000	22,000	22,299	299	1%	
12	12208	Town Maintenance/Streetscape	170,000	135,000	134,884	(116)	(0)%	
12	12219	RRG Expenses	0	0	0	0		
12	12299	Depreciation - Street, Roads, Bridge	1,603,500	1,450,000	1,450,416	416	0%	
			2,459,000	2,095,880	2,096,644	764		
Operating Income								
12	12201	Income Relating to Streets, Roads, E	0	0	0	0		
12	12212	Grant - MRWA Direct	(200,000)	(190,000)	(189,763)	237	(0)%	
12	12213	Grant - MRWA Specific	(478,000)	(383,000)	(382,124)	876	(0)%	
12	12214	Grant -Electric Car Charging Station	(100)	0	0	0		
12	12216	Grant - Roads to Recovery	(519,000)	(380,000)	(380,000)	0	0%	
			(1,197,100)	(953,000)	(951,887)	1,113		
Capital Expense								
12	12218	Plant Shed - Depot	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
12	12220	Sea Container Storage Depot	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
			35,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Road Plant Purchase								
Operating Expense								
12	12359	Loss on Sale of Asset	6,896	6,896	24,335	17,439	253%	
			6,896	6,896	24,335	17,439		
Operating Income								
12	12398	Profit on Sale of Asset	(7,610)	(7,610)	(55,455)	(47,845)	629%	
			(7,610)	(7,610)	(55,455)	(47,845)		
Capital Income								
12	12306	Proceeds on Sale of Asset	(150,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	0	0%	
			(150,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	0		
Road Plant Purchase								
Capital Expense								
12	12302	Purchase Plant & Equipment - Road	30,000	25,000	25,272	272	1%	
12	12304	Telehandler - CAPITAL	370,000	370,000	377,274	7,274	2%	
12	12305	Garden Water Trailer- CAPITAL	10,000	0	0	0		
			410,000	395,000	402,546	7,546		
Aerodromes								
Operating Expense								
12	12604	Airport Maintenance	3,700	1,160	587	(573)	(49)%	
			3,700	1,160	587	(573)		
Operating Income								
12	12601	Income Relating to Aerodromes	(100)	0	0	0		
			(100)	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
12	12605	Airport Land - CAPITAL	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	2,469,596	2,103,936	2,121,566	17,630		
		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	(1,204,810)	(960,610)	(1,007,342)	(46,732)		
		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	(150,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	0		
		TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	2,282,550	1,121,550	1,128,168	6,618		

Schedule 13 Economic Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Rural Services								
Operating Expense								
13	13100	ABC Costs- Rural Services	0	0	7,512	7,512		
13	13119	Project TBA	0	0	0	0		
13	13123	NRM Contract	5,000	5,000	4,289	(711)	(14)%	
13	13125	Noxious Weed Control	2,000	0	0	0		
13	13126	Wild Dog Contribution	0	0	0	0		
			7,000	5,000	11,800	6,800		
Operating Income								
13	13105	Govt. Grant Funding	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Capital Expense								
13	13107	Purchase Plant & Equipment - Warr	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
13	13108	Warralakin Water Tank DWER	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Tourism & Area Promotion								
Operating Expense								
13	13200	ABC Costs- Tourism & Area Promot	60,000	47,000	47,363	363	1%	
13	13210	Area Promotion	8,000	8,000	13,383	5,383	67%	
13	13211	SUBS- CW Visitor Centre	3,000	2,300	2,273	(27)	(1)%	
13	13212	SUBS- Newtravel	10,000	10,000	13,500	3,500	35%	
13	13213	Maintenance Caravan Park	118,750	112,270	112,880	610	1%	
13	13214	Information Bay- Carrabin	16,050	2,320	3,200	880	38%	
13	13215	Museum -Maintenance	63,500	57,230	56,837	(393)	(1)%	
13	13299	Depreciation - Tourism & Area Prom	39,000	32,000	32,284	284	1%	
			318,300	271,120	281,720	10,600		
Operating Income								
13	13201	Caravan Park Single Units	(30,000)	(25,000)	(25,209)	(209)	1%	
13	13202	Caravan Site Charges	(65,000)	(62,000)	(61,994)	6	(0)%	
13	13203	Tent Site Charges	(500)	(500)	(632)	(132)	26%	
13	13204	Souvenir Sales	(500)	(500)	(1,726)	(1,226)	245%	Extra sales of Bucket Hats & 2026 Calanders
13	13221	Income -Museum Entry	(15,000)	(20,000)	(19,598)	402	(2)%	
13	13223	Electric Car Charging Station - INCOI	0	0	(32)	(32)		
			(111,000)	(108,000)	(109,191)	(1,191)		
Capital Expense								
13	13216	Museum Expansion Project - Land &	250,000	240,000	243,737	3,737	2%	
13	13224	Caravan Park - Decking/New Laundr	32,000	4,000	4,225	225	6%	
			282,000	244,000	247,962	3,962		
Capital Income								
13	13225	LotteryWest Grant- Muesuem	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Building Control								
Operating Expense								
13	13301	Contract EH Services	3,000	1,500	1,350	(150)	(10)%	
			3,000	1,500	1,350	(150)		
Operating Income								
13	13303	Building Permit Charges	(3,000)	(1,350)	(854)	496	(37)%	
13	13304	Demolition Charges	(100)	0	0	0		
13	13305	Commission BRB	(200)	0	0	0		
13	13307	Planning Fee	0	0	0	0		
			(3,300)	(1,350)	(854)	496		
Community Development (CRC)								
Operating Expense								
13	13400	ABC Costs - Community Developme	60,000	54,800	54,569	(231)	(0)%	
13	13401	Programs / Activities	10,000	800	1,076	276	34%	
13	13402	Workers Compensation Premiums	7,000	7,000	6,364	(636)	(9)%	
13	13403	Superannuation	13,000	8,000	8,023	23	0%	
13	13404	Salaries	81,000	5,000	5,037	37	1%	
13	13405	Community Events	20,000	9,000	8,816	(184)	(2)%	
13	13406	Grant Generated Expenditure	0	0	0	0		
13	13610	Building Maintenance	24,183	7,140	8,045	905	13%	
			215,183	91,740	91,928	188		

Schedule 13 Economic Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original		YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
			Budget	YTD Budget				
Operating Income								
13	13410	Grant Funding Opportunities	(10,000)	(10,000)	(23,078)	(13,078)	131%	
13	13411	DPIRD Grants Funding (CRC)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(114,967)	(4,967)	5%	
13	13412	Income Relating to Westonia CRC O	0	0	(41)	(41)		
13	13413	Events Income	0	0	(1,254)	(1,254)		
			(120,000)	(120,000)	(139,339)	(19,339)		
Plant Nursery								
Operating Expense								
13	13502	Nursery Operating Costs	0	0	160	160		
			0	0	160	160		
Operating Income								
13	13505	Tree Planter Hire	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Other Economic Services								
Operating Expense								
13	13600	ABC Costs to Other Economic Servic	0	0	11,775	11,775		
13	13611	Water Supply Standpipes	30,000	29,730	32,667	2,937	10%	
13	13613	Ramelius ResourceLease - Industrial	0	0	180	180		
13	13614	St Lukes Church	0	0	52	52		
13	13615	CO-OP Bus -Expense	0	0	0	0		
13	16106	Loan Interest Loan # 99	0	0	0	0		
13	13699	Depreciation- Other Economic Servi	86,700	75,250	76,080	830	1%	
			116,700	104,980	120,754	15,774		
Other Economic Services								
Operating Income								
13	13602	Community Bus Hire Charges	(2,000)	(1,400)	(1,645)	(245)	17%	
13	13603	Ramelius Resource Lease - Industria	(22,000)	(11,000)	(11,000)	0	0%	
13	13604	Police Licensing Commissions	(9,000)	(6,300)	(6,348)	(48)	1%	
13	13607	SSL Interest Reimbursement	(5,600)	(2,600)	(2,622)	(22)	1%	
13	13608	SSL Principal Reimbursement	(12,800)	(6,500)	(6,551)	(51)	1%	
13	13609	Standpipe Water Charges - per kL	(60,000)	(100,000)	(95,269)	4,731	(5)%	
13	13618	Reimbursements General	(200)	(20)	(3,036)	(3,016)	15,082%	
			(111,600)	(127,820)	(126,471)	1,349		
Capital Expense								
13	13606	Land & Buildings - Wolfram Street S	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			660,183	474,340	507,713	33,373		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(345,900)	(357,170)	(375,856)	(18,686)		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			282,000	244,000	247,962	3,962		

Schedule 14 Other Property & Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Private Works								
Operating Expense								
14	14102	Private Works	600,000	583,000	584,041	1,041	0%	
			600,000	583,000	584,041	1,041		
Operating Income								
14	14100	Private Works Income	(125,000)	(615,000)	(615,081)	(81)	0%	
			(125,000)	(615,000)	(615,081)	(81)		
Public Works Overheads								
Operating Expense								
14	14200	Administration Allocations to PWOH	258,000	247,457	248,984	1,527	1%	
14	14202	Sick Leave Expense	25,000	21,000	22,592	1,592	8%	
14	14203	Annual & Long Service Leave Expenses	100,000	100,000	140,253	40,253	40%	LSL Payments for Bill Price
14	14204	Protective Clothing - Outside Staff	6,000	5,000	5,695	695	14%	
14	14205	Conference Expenses- Engineering	4,000	1,700	1,677	(23)	(1)%	
14	14206	Medical Examination Costs	500	250	245	(5)	(2)%	
14	14207	Public Works Overheads Allocated to	(677,500)	(630,850)	(631,188)	(338)	0%	
14	14208	OSH Expenses	4,500	1,000	1,053	53	5%	
14	14211	Unallocated Wages	0	0	7,631	7,631		
14	14214	Eng. & Technical Support	10,000	10,000	11,311	1,311	13%	
14	14215	Staff Training	24,000	13,500	13,491	(9)	(0)%	
14	14216	Insurance on Works	45,500	18,800	18,776	(24)	(0)%	
14	14217	Supervision Costs	24,000	19,000	18,824	(176)	(1)%	
14	14218	Service Pay	7,000	5,830	6,259	429	7%	
14	14219	Superannuation Cost	125,000	125,000	130,159	5,159	4%	
14	14220	Allowances & Other Costs	38,000	22,300	22,226	(74)	(0)%	
14	14221	Fringe Benefits Tax - Works	8,000	8,000	9,685	1,685	21%	
			2,000	(32,013)	27,673	59,686		
Operating Income								
14	14201	Income Relating to Public Works Over	(7,000)	(7,000)	(9,330)	(2,330)	33%	
			(7,000)	(7,000)	(9,330)	(2,330)		
Plant Operation Costs								
Operating Expense								
14	14302	Insurance - Plant	18,500	13,500	13,623	123	1%	
14	14303	Fuel & Oils	240,000	240,000	271,762	31,762	13%	
								P4 - WT120 P4 Freightliner Trailer, Drive & Steer Tyres Replaced
14	14304	Tyres and Tubes	20,000	20,000	32,325	12,325	62%	
14	14305	Parts & Repairs	140,000	126,670	127,484	814	1%	
14	14306	Internal Repair Wages	33,500	28,200	28,227	27	0%	
14	14307	Licences - Plant	9,000	6,891	7,432	541	8%	
14	14308	Depreciation - Plant	200,000	170,500	170,577	77	0%	
14	14309	Plant Operation Costs Allocated to V	(706,000)	(563,300)	(563,221)	79	(0)%	
14	14310	Blades & Tynes	15,000	300	461	161	54%	
14	14311	Consumable Items	20,000	14,270	14,556	286	2%	
14	14312	Expendable Tools	10,000	700	925	225	32%	
			0	57,731	104,152	46,421		
Stock Fuels & Oils								
Operating Expense								
14	14402	Purchase of Stock Materials	0	0	136,848	136,848		
			0	0	136,848	136,848		
Operating Income								
14	14404	Diesel Fuel Rebate	(50,000)	(46,500)	(46,598)	(98)	0%	
14	14405	Sale of Stock	(500)	0	0	0		
14	14406	Sale of Fuel and Scrap	(2,000)	(2,000)	(3,012)	(1,012)	51%	
			(52,500)	(48,500)	(49,610)	(1,110)		
Administration								
Operating Expense								
14	14500	Expenses relating to Administration	494,000	411,160	411,900	740	0%	
								Repairs to Office Toilets Systems & Installation Door Security Systems to Museum
14	14501	Administration Office Maintenance	72,500	71,330	96,161	24,831	35%	
14	14502	Workers Compensation Premiums-	10,850	28,491	28,491	0	0%	
14	14503	Office Equipment Maintenance - Ad	5,000	2,000	2,267	267	13%	
14	14504	Telecommunications - Admin	10,000	10,000	13,719	3,719	37%	
14	14505	Travel & Accommodation - Admin	2,000	0	965	965		

Schedule 14 Other Property & Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Administration								
Operating Expense - Continued								
14	14506	Legal Expenses Administration	5,000	300	359	59	20%	
14	14507	Training Expenses - Admin	7,500	1,500	2,100	600	40%	
14	14508	Printing & Stationery - Admin	10,000	6,000	6,370	370	6%	
14	14509	Fringe Benefits Tax - Admin	17,000	14,900	14,527	(373)	(3)%	
14	14510	Conference Expenses - Admin	6,000	0	0	0		
14	14511	Staff Uniform - Admin	3,000	3,000	3,459	459	15%	
14	14515	Administration Costs Allocated to Pr	(750,350)	(652,000)	(652,089)	(89)	0%	
14	14517	Postage & Freight	1,500	150	975	825	550%	
14	14521	IT/Accounting Programs	45,000	37,000	37,025	25	0%	
14	14522	Advertising	3,000	3,000	3,629	629	21%	
14	14559	Admin Loss on Sale	27,371	0	0	0		
14	14599	Depreciation - Admin	38,000	31,660	32,091	431	1%	
			7,371	(31,509)	1,951	33,460		
Operating Income								
14	14525	Admin - Reimbursement	0	0	(19,439)	(19,439)		Paid Parental Leave Scheme Chantelle Pedrotti
14	14598	Profit on Sale of Asset - Admin	(226)	0	(11,500)	(11,500)		
			(226)	0	(30,939)	(30,939)		
Capital Expense								
14	14514	Purchase Furniture & Equipment Ac	30,000	30,000	35,790	5,790	19%	
14	14519	Carport Admin Office - CAPITAL	30,000	0	0	0		
14	14520	CEO Vehicle - CAPITAL	120,000	0	0	0		
14	14523	DCEO Vehicle - CAPITAL	80,000	73,000	72,796	(204)	(0)%	
			260,000	103,000	108,586	5,586		
Operating Expense								
14	14602	Gross Salaries & Wages	1,800,000	1,500,000	1,473,550	(26,450)	(2)%	
14	14603	Less Sal & Wages Alloc to Works	(1,800,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,473,550)	26,450	(2)%	
			0	0	0	0		
Unclassified								
Operating Income								
14	14701	Income Relating to Unclassified	(60,000)	(60,000)	(90,676)	(30,676)	51%	Sale of 5 Lots
14	14705	Ramelius Resources Haulage Operat	0	0	0	0		
			(60,000)	(60,000)	(90,676)	466,487		
Unclassified								
Capital Expense								
14	14704	Land Development	270,000	163,500	162,923	(577)	(0)%	
			270,000	163,500	162,923	(577)		
Capital Income								
14	14799	Proceeds on Sale of Assets	(176,000)	(64,000)	(63,636)	364	(1)%	
			(176,000)	(64,000)	(63,636)	364		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			609,371	577,209	854,666	277,457		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(244,726)	(730,500)	(795,636)	432,027		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			530,000	266,500	271,509	5,009		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(176,000)	(64,000)	(63,636)	364		

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2025-26 year is \$10,000 and 10.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
Fees and charges	(404,568)	(30.40%)	▼
Interest revenue	0	0.00%	
Other revenue	22,473	15.77%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	59,345	536.86%	▲
Expenditure from operating activities			
Materials and contracts	(170,158)	(21.79%)	▼
Utility charges	19,451	13.12%	▲
Inflows from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of assets	26,393	11.48%	▲
Outflows from investing activities			
Acquisition of infrastructure	724,568	50.04%	▲
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year			
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	(347,979)	(11.29%)	▼
	0	0.00%	

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BASIS OF PREPARATION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supplementary information is presented for information purposes. The information does not comply with the disclosure requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

**SHIRE OF WESTONIA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026**

1 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Reserve Accounts \$	Total \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Cash on hand								
PETTY CASH and FLOATS	Cash and cash equivalents	870		870			NIL	On Hand
MUNICIPAL BANK ACCOUNT	Cash and cash equivalents	2,235,612		2,235,612		Bendigo	Variable	Cheque Acc.
RESERVE FUND	Cash and cash equivalents	0	4,882,369	4,882,369		Bendigo	Variable	Term Deposit
TRUST FUND CASH AT BANK	Cash and cash equivalents	0		0	43,303	Bendigo	Variable	Cheque Acc.
Total		2,236,482	4,882,369	7,118,852	43,303			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		2,236,482	4,882,369	7,118,852	43,303			
Financial assets at amortised cost - Term Deposits		0	0	0	0			
		2,236,482	4,882,369	7,118,852	43,303			

KEY INFORMATION

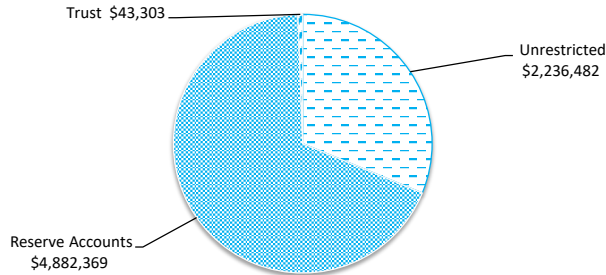
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

The local government classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 4 - Other assets.



Transaction Summary	Corporate MasterCard	Total Amount \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Period End Date
Card # **** *693					
Price, Arthur W	Active8me internet service	59.59	Bendigo	17.99%	30-Apr-26
	1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring	274.00			
	Starlink	179.00			
	Canva Subscription	367.99			
	Medshop - Medical Supplies	158.28			
	Card Fee International Fee	4.00			
		1042.86			
Card # **** *035					
Geier, Jasmine L	5xExchange, 9x365 Business Basic, 13x365 Business	558.14	Bendigo	17.99%	30-Apr-26
	Two Dogs - Curtain Rods	58.40			
	Snapfish - Fridge Magnets	774.70			
	Unitix - Lanyards	333.30			
	Galway - HACC Supplies	153.00			
	PAYPAL - Facebook Advert.	860.30			
	Bendigo - Card Fee	4.00			
	International Transaction	25.84			
		2767.68			
		3810.54			
Transaction Summary	Corporate Fuel Cards	Total Amount \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Period End Date
Card #**** *7401					
Bill Price	Fuel Card Purchases - 0WT	\$0.00	BP		30-Apr-26
		0.00	Fuel Distributors		30-Apr-26
Card #**** *5677					
Kevin Paust	Fuel Card Purchases - Works Super - WT111	\$185.82	BP		30-Apr-26
		185.82			
Card #**** *5510					
Jasmine Geier	Fuel Card Purchases - DCEO - 02WT	\$325.46	BP		30-Apr-26
		325.46			
		511.28			

**SHIRE OF WESTONIA
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2 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve account name	Budget				Actual			
	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reserve accounts restricted by Council								
Reserve -Long Service Leave	122,401	4,000	0	126,401	122,401	2,795	0	125,196
Reserve -Plant	1,132,048	39,000	(75,000)	1,096,048	1,132,048	25,852	0	1,157,900
Reserve -Building	1,035,255	36,000	0	1,071,255	1,035,255	23,641	0	1,058,896
Reserve -Communication/Information Technolog	77,221	2,500	0	79,721	77,221	1,763	0	78,984
Reserve -Community Development	1,360,384	732,500	0	2,092,884	1,360,384	31,066	0	1,391,450
Reserve -Waste Management	136,915	4,500	0	141,415	136,915	3,126	0	140,041
Reserve -Swimming Pool Redevelopment	387,987	513,500	0	901,487	387,987	8,860	0	396,847
Reserve -Roadworks	521,153	18,000	0	539,153	521,153	11,901	0	533,054
	4,773,364	1,350,000	(75,000)	6,048,364	4,773,364	109,004	0	4,882,368

3 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings - specialised	1,349,000	1,088,800	1,095,143	6,343
Furniture and equipment	750,000	87,000	92,660	5,660
Plant and equipment	610,000	468,000	475,342	7,342
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2,709,000	1,643,800	1,663,145	19,345
Infrastructure - roads	2,034,550	1,447,940	723,372	(724,568)
Acquisition of infrastructure	2,034,550	1,447,940	723,372	(724,568)
Total capital acquisitions	4,743,550	3,091,740	2,386,517	(705,223)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	997,100	763,000	762,124	(876)
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	739,000	230,000	256,393	26,393
Reserve accounts				
Reserve account - by council - [describe]	75,000	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	2,932,450	2,098,740	1,368,001	(730,739)
Capital funding total	4,743,550	3,091,740	2,386,517	(705,223)

KEY INFORMATION

Initial recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment or infrastructure that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at its cost.

Upon initial recognition, cost is determined as the amount paid (or other consideration given) to acquire the assets, plus costs incidental to the acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Shire includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

Assets for which the fair value as at the date of acquisition is under \$5,000 are not recognised as an asset in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(5)*. These assets are expensed immediately.

Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

Individual assets that are land, buildings and infrastructure acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the Shire's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at reportable value.

Measurement after recognition

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment and right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) are measured using the cost model as required under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*. Assets held under the cost model are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses being their reportable value.

Reportable Value

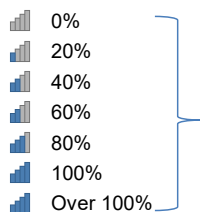
In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

Reportable value is for the purpose of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)* is the fair value of the asset at its last valuation date minus (to the extent applicable) the accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses in respect of the non-financial asset subsequent to its last valuation date.

3 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED) - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators

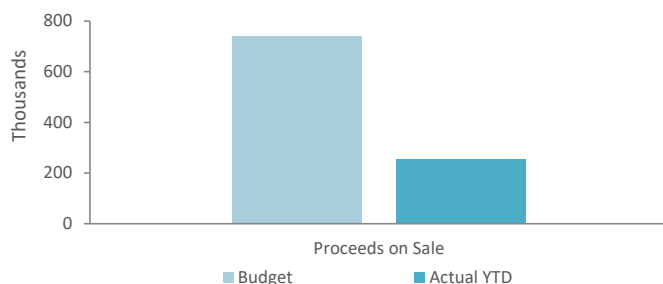


Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

		Adopted			Variance
Account Description		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	(Under)/Over
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Building					
07702	Purchase Buildings - Medical Centre Upgrades	10,000	0	0	0
08104	Land & Buildings- Community Hub / Leisure Centre Project	250,000	169,800	169,971	(171)
09128	Purchase Land & Buildings - Lifestyle Village Fencing	32,000	32,000	33,529	(1,529)
09239	CAPITAL-Single Persons Quarters	550,000	420,000	419,659	341
11204	Purchase Land & Buildings -Kiosk/Ablution Redevelopmen	150,000	212,000	212,874	(874)
11309	Water Tanks Wanderers Stadium	10,000	11,000	11,149	(149)
12218	Plant Shed - Depot	15,000	0	0	0
12220	Sea Container Storage Depot	20,000	0	0	0
13216	Museum Expansion Project - Land & Building	250,000	240,000	243,737	(3,737)
13224	Caravan Park - Decking/New Laundry - CAPITAL	32,000	4,000	4,225	(225)
14519	Carport Admin Office - CAPITAL	30,000	0	0	0
		1,349,000	1,088,800	1,095,143	(6,343)
Furniture & Equipment					
08203	Furniture & Equipment - Community Hub/Leisure Centre Project	95,000	0	0	0
11205	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - Swimming Pools	15,000	8,000	8,270	(270)
11603	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - PlayGround Redevelopment	600,000	49,000	48,600	400
11607	Furniture & Equipment - Disabled Ramp Access @ Old Hall	10,000	0	0	0
14514	Purchase Furniture & Equipment Administration	30,000	30,000	35,790	(5,790)
		750,000	87,000	92,660	(5,660)
Plant & Equipment					
12302	Purchase Plant & Equipment - Road Plant Purchases	30,000	25,000	25,272	(272)
12304	Telehandler - CAPITAL	370,000	370,000	377,274	(7,274)
12305	Garden Water Trailer- CAPITAL	10,000	0	0	0
14520	CEO Vehicle - CAPITAL	120,000	0	0	0
14523	DCEO Vehicle - CAPITAL	80,000	73,000	72,796	204
		610,000	468,000	475,342	(7,342)
Infrastructure-roads					
C0010	Begley Road (No 0010)	78,000	0	0	0
C0011	Maxfield Road (No 0011)	84,000	70,000	0	70,000
C0053	Hodgeson Road (No 0053)	123,000	102,500	0	102,500
C0020	6 Mile Gate Road (No 0020)	78,500	65,410	0	65,410
C0022	Henderson Road (No 0022)	44,000	0	0	0
C0025	Rabbit Proof Fence Road (No 0025)	83,000	69,160	0	69,160
C0030	Maisfield Gravel Resheet	95,000	20,830	24,171	(3,341)
C0031	Elachbutting Road (No 0031)	90,000	54,170	21,945	32,225
C0034	Farina Road (No 0034)	88,000	44,170	14,013	30,158
C0064	Elsewhere Road (No 0064)	96,000	75,000	4,638	70,363
C0070	Pitt Road (No 0070)	39,000	0	0	0
MRWA Project Construction					
RRG84C	Warralakin Road Reconstruction	717,000	597,500	333,211	264,289
Roads to Recovery Construction					
R2R04	Walgoolan South Road (No 0004)	100,000	83,330	38,661	44,669
R2R55	Diorite Street Roundabout & Carport (No 0055)	58,000	48,330	158,403	(110,073)
R2R96	Woolgar Street (0096)	0	0	0	0
R2RFDW	Bitumen Floodways	69,050	57,540	0	57,540
R2R06	Carrabin South Road (0006)	192,000	160,000	128,331	31,669
		2,034,550	1,447,940	723,372	724,568

4 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings									
A44	Fibro Dwelling (Old Pool House) (No	68,754	80,000	11,246	0	67,494	70,938	3,444	0
A331	Lot 336 Pyrite St	0	0	0	0	2,500	10,000	7,500	0
A337	Lot 342 Pyrite St	0	0	0	0	6,000	10,000	4,000	0
A50	Fibro & Metal Clad Dwelling (Works F	198,005	330,000	131,995	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and equipment									
A491	938WT P5 John Deere 624K Wheel L	142,390	150,000	7,610	0	134,335	110,000	0	(24,335)
A511	P22 Kubota F3680 (Mower)	9,896	3,000	0	(6,896)	0	0	0	0
A570	Toyota LandCruiser - 0WT	127,371	100,000	0	(27,371)	0	0	0	0
A560	Toyota Hilux -WT111	0	0	0	0	0	55,455	55,455	0
A566	Toyota Prado -02WT	75,774	76,000	226	0	0	0	0	0
		622,190	739,000	151,077	(34,268)	210,329	256,393	70,399	(24,335)



5 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings Particulars	Loan No.	New Loans			Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
		1 July 2025	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Antique Fuel Industry Museum Dis	1	600,000	0	0	(48,601)	(48,601)	551,399	551,399	(26,743)	(26,743)
Total		600,000	0	0	(48,601)	(48,601)	551,399	551,399	(26,743)	(26,743)
Current borrowings		48,601					0			
Non-current borrowings		551,399					551,399			
		600,000					551,399			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

KEY INFORMATION

The Shire has elected to recognise borrowing costs as an expense when incurred regardless of how the borrowings are applied.

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature.

6 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 30 April 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		206,651	0	0	0	206,651
Provision for long service leave		135,786	0	0	0	135,786
Total Provisions		<u>342,437</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>342,437</u>
Total other current liabilities		342,437	0	0	0	342,437

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

Contract liabilities

An entity's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the entity has received consideration (or the amount is due) from the customer.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Grants to acquire or construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications be constructed to be controlled by the Shire are recognised as a liability until such time as the Shire satisfies its obligations under the agreement.

7 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue					YTD Revenue Actual
	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Variations	Expected	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Grants and subsidies						
FESA Operating Grant	33,000	32,000	33,000	0	33,000	31,860
Grant - MRWA Direct	200,000	190,000	200,000	0	200,000	189,763
Grants Commission Grant Received - General	673,000	484,750	673,000	0	673,000	480,532
Grants Commission Grant Received- Roads	344,000	238,000	344,000	0	344,000	282,211
Corporate sponsorship	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0
Swimming Pool Donations	0	0	0	0	0	205
Reimbursement Rural Health West		0	0		0	164
	1,350,000	944,750	1,350,000	0	1,350,000	984,734
Contributions						
First Responder - WPA Grant	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	0
LotteryWest	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0
DPIRD Grants Funding (CRC)	110,000	110,000	110,000	0	110,000	114,967
Income Relating to Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
Grant -Electric Car Charging Station	100	0	100	0	100	0
Grant Funding Opportunities	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	23,078
	240,100	120,000	240,100	0	240,100	138,045
TOTALS	1,590,100	1,064,750	1,590,100	0	1,590,100	1,122,778

12 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue					YTD Revenue Actual
	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Variations	Expected	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies						
Income Relating to Libraries	100	0	100	0	100	0
Grant - MRWA Specific	478,000	383,000	478,000	0	478,000	382,124
Grant - Roads to Recovery	519,000	380,000	519,000	0	519,000	380,000
	997,100	763,000	997,100	0	997,100	762,124

**SHIRE OF WESTONIA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2026**


12 TRUST FUND

Funds held at balance date which are required by legislation to be credited to the trust fund and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

Description	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 30 April 2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Westonia Tennis Club	9,202	0	0	9,202
Westonia Historical Society	25,445	0	0	25,445
Cemetery Committee	10,618	0	(1,962)	8,656
	45,265	0	(1,962)	43,303

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – APRIL 2026

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report
Signature:	Officer ACTING CEO



Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council's current GST liability, which has an impact on Council's cash-flow.

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at April 2026 provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councillor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regard to Goods and Services Tax.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council's current GST liability, which has an impact on Council's cash-flow.

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$764.00 for the period ending April 2026 adopted.

**Shire of Westonia
Business Activity Statement
April 2026**

Total Sales and Purchases		\$
G1	Total Sales	123,430
G3	Other GST Free Sales	47,961
G4	Input Taxed	18,260
G10	Capital Purchases	276,606
G11	Non-Capital Purchases	126,271

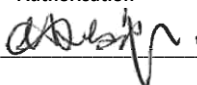
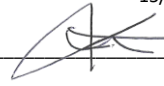
Amounts you owe the ATO (Credits in ledger)		\$
1A/ G9	GST On Sales (GL Balance)	5,201
4	PAYG (GL 94660)	30,728
6A	FBT Instalment	
7C	Fuel Tax credit over claim	-
<i>Total you owe the ATO</i>		<u>35,929</u>

PAYG		\$
W1	Total Salary Wages & Other	143,589
W2	Amount withheld from Payments at W1	30,728
W4	Amount withheld where no ABN is quoted	
W3	Other amounts withheld	

Amounts the ATO owes you (Debits in ledger)		\$
1B/ G20	GST on Purchases (GL Balance)	32,776
7D	Fuel Tax Credit	2,389
<i>Total the ATO owes you</i>		<u>35,165</u>

FBT		\$
F1	FBT Instalment Amount	-


Activity Statement Net Amount		\$
Amounts you owe the ATO (Credits in ledger)		35,929
Amounts the ATO owes you (Debits in ledger)		35,165
Payment (Red - Refund)		<u>764</u>

Authorisation	
Prepared By: _____	
Date: _	15/05/2026
Checked & Lodged By: _____	
Date: _	15/05/2026

BAS Journal		
Debit	Credit	Description
1405000 - GST Income (Liability)	5,201	BAS liability due to ATO
1406010 - PAYG Tax Gen	30,728	PAYG paid to ATO
1304000 - GST Expense (Asset)	32,776	BAS purchases claimed from ATO
1144040.114 - Fuel Tax Credit Gen	2,389	FTC
1145090.580 - Fringe Benefits Tax - Admin Gen 60%		FBT
1142210.502 - Fringe Benefits Tax - Works Gen 40%		FBT
1406020 - ATO Clearing Account	764	Due from/to ATO
		BAS-Rounding
	<u>35,929</u>	<u>35,929</u>

9.1.4 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO	
Author:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO	
File Reference:	ES1.7.1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	ACTING CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report seeks Council’s adoption of the updated Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, as required under the Local Government Act 1995 and new supporting regulations introduced following the Local Government Amendment Act 2024. The amended regulations were gazetted on 17 December 2025 and commenced on 1 January 2026.

Background

The State Government has introduced reforms to strengthen local government oversight, including changes to complaint handling and the conduct framework that applies to Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

To support these reforms, the Local Government Regulations Amendment (Local Government Amendment Act 2024) Regulations 2025 were gazetted on 17 December 2025 and relevant provisions commenced from 1 January 2026.

These amendments update the Model Code of Conduct framework to align with the new complaints handling system. As a result, local governments must review and adopt an updated Code of Conduct reflecting these legislative changes.

Comment

Council is required to adopt an updated Model Code of Conduct due to the introduction of reforms arising from the Local Government Amendment Act 2024, supported by the Local Government Regulations Amendment (Local Government Amendment Act 2024) Regulations 2025, gazetted on 17 December 2025 and effective from 1 January 2026.

The attached revised Code incorporates these legislative amendments. The changes primarily relate to the process for managing complaints about alleged breaches of the Code and introduce provisions enabling oversight by the Local Government Inspector. Changes and inclusions can be seen in red font.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 5.103 (Codes of conduct — council members, committee members and candidates).

Local Government Act 1995, section 5.104 (Adoption and application of codes of conduct); and

Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, as amended by the Local Government Regulations Amendment (Local Government Amendment Act 2024) Regulations 2025.

Policy Implications

There are no relevant plans or policies applicable to this report.

Strategic Implications

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications applicable to this report.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1) Approves the amended the Westonia Shire Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, in accordance with section 5.104(2) of the Local Government Act 1995;
- 2) Instructs the Chief Executive Officer to distribute the amended Code of Conduct to all Council Members, Committee Members, Candidates for signing;
- 3) Endorses the Complaint about Alleged Breach Form;



Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates

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Shire of Westonia Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates

Policy Purpose:

This Policy is adopted in accordance with section 5.104 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Division 1 — Preliminary provisions

1. Citation

This is the Shire of Westonia Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

2. Terms used

(1) In this code —

Act means the Local Government Act 1995;

candidate means a candidate for election as a council member;

complaint means a complaint made under clause 11(1);

publish includes to publish on a social media platform.

(2) Other terms used in this code that are also used in the Act have the same meaning as they have in the Act, unless the contrary intention appears.

Division 2 — General principles

3. Overview of Division

This Division sets out general principles to guide the behaviour of council members, committee members and candidates.

4. Personal integrity

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate should —

- (a) act with reasonable care and diligence; and
- (b) act with honesty and integrity; and
- (c) act lawfully; and
- (d) identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest; and
- (e) avoid damage to the reputation of the local government.

(2) A council member or committee member should —

- (a) act in accordance with the trust placed in council members and committee members; and
- (b) participate in decision making in an honest, fair, impartial and timely manner; and
- (c) actively seek out and engage in training and development opportunities to improve the performance of their role; and
- (d) attend and participate in briefings, workshops and training sessions provided or arranged by the local government in relation to the performance of their role.

5. Relationship with others

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate should —

- (a) treat others with respect, courtesy and fairness; and
- (b) respect and value diversity in the community.

(2) A council member or committee member should maintain and contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment.

6. Accountability

A council member or committee member should —

- (a) base decisions on relevant and factually correct information; and
- (b) make decisions on merit, in the public interest and in accordance with statutory obligations and principles of good governance and procedural fairness; and
- (c) read all agenda papers given to them in relation to council or committee meetings; and
- (d) be open and accountable to, and represent, the community in the district.

Division 3 — Behaviour

7. Overview of Division

This Division sets out —

- (a) requirements relating to the behaviour of council members, committee members and candidates; and
- (b) the mechanism for dealing with alleged breaches of those requirements.

8. Personal integrity

- (1) A council member, committee member or candidate —
 - (a) must ensure that their use of social media and other forms of communication complies with this code; and
 - (b) must only publish material that is factually correct.
- (2) A council member or committee member —
 - (a) must not be impaired by alcohol or drugs in the performance of their official duties; and
 - (b) must comply with all policies, procedures and resolutions of the local government.

9. Relationship with others

A council member, committee member or candidate —

- (a) must not bully or harass another person in any way; and
- (b) must deal with the media in a positive and appropriate manner and in accordance with any relevant policy of the local government; and
- (c) must not use offensive or derogatory language when referring to another person; and
- (d) must not disparage the character of another council member, committee member or candidate or a local government employee in connection with the performance of their official duties; and
- (e) must not impute dishonest or unethical motives to another council member, committee member or candidate or a local government employee in connection with the performance of their official duties.

10. Council or committee meetings

When attending a council or committee meeting, a council member, committee member or candidate —

- (a) must not act in an abusive or threatening manner towards another person; and
- (b) must not make a statement that the member or candidate knows, or could reasonably be expected to know, is false or misleading; and
- (c) must not repeatedly disrupt the meeting; and
- (d) must comply with any requirements of a local law of the local government relating to the procedures and conduct of council or committee meetings; and
- (e) must comply with any direction given by the person presiding at the meeting; and
- (f) must immediately cease to engage in any conduct that has been ruled out of order by the person presiding at the meeting.

11. Complaint about alleged breach

- (1) A person may make a complaint, in accordance with subclause (2), alleging a breach of a requirement set out in this Division.
- (2) A complaint must be made —
 - (a) in writing in the form approved by the local government; and
 - (b) to a person authorised under subclause (3); and
 - (c) within 1 month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.
- (3) The local government must, in writing, authorise 1 or more persons to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints.
- (4) A complaint must be dealt with under clauses 12 to 15 unless:
 - (a) the complaint is referred to the Inspector in accordance with subclause (5).and
 - (b) the Inspector refers the complaint to be dealt with under Part 8A Division 5 of the Act
- (5) if the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 regulation 3A applies to a complaint, a person authorised under subclause (3) must refer the complaint to the Inspector under section 5.105(3) of the Act.
- (6) A complaint must also be dealt with under clauses 12 to 15 if the Inspector refers the complaint to the local government under the Local Government (Local Government Inspector) Regulations 2025 regulation 6.

12. Dealing with complaint

- (1) After considering a complaint, the local government must, unless it dismisses the complaint under clause 13 or the complaint is withdrawn under clause 14(1), make a finding as to whether the alleged breach the subject of the complaint has occurred.
- (2) Before making a finding in relation to the complaint, the local government must give the person to whom the complaint relates a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
- (3) A finding that the alleged breach has occurred must be based on evidence from which it may be concluded that it is more likely that the breach occurred than that it did not occur.
- (4) If the local government makes a finding that the alleged breach has occurred, the local government may —
 - (a) take no further action; or
 - (b) prepare and implement a plan to address the behaviour of the person to whom the complaint relates.
- (5) When preparing a plan under subclause (4)(b), the local government must consult with the person to whom the complaint relates.
- (6) A plan under subclause (4)(b) may include a requirement for the person to whom the complaint relates to do 1 or more of the following —
 - (a) engage in mediation;
 - (b) undertake counselling;
 - (c) undertake training;
 - (d) take other action the local government considers appropriate.
- (7) If the local government makes a finding in relation to the complaint, the local government must give the complainant, and the person to whom the complaint relates, written notice of —
 - (a) its finding and the reasons for its finding; and
 - (b) if its finding is that the alleged breach has occurred — its decision under subclause (4).

13. Dismissal of complaint

- (1) The local government must dismiss a complaint if it is satisfied that —
 - (a) the behaviour to which the complaint relates occurred at a council or committee meeting; and

- (b) either —
- (i) the behaviour was dealt with by the person presiding at the meeting;
- or
- (ii) the person responsible for the behaviour has taken remedial action in accordance with a local law of the local government that deals with meeting procedures.
- (2) If the local government dismisses a complaint, the local government must give the complainant, and the person to whom the complaint relates, written notice of its decision and the reasons for its decision.

14. Withdrawal of complaint

- (1) **A complainant may withdraw their complaint at any time before the local government makes a finding in relation to the complaint.**
- (2) The withdrawal of a complaint must be —
 - (a) in writing; and
 - (b) given to a person authorised under clause 11(3).

14A. Appointment of Monitor

- (1) The Inspector may appoint a monitor for the local government to assist the local government to deal with matters raised by a complaint.
- (2) If the Inspector appoints a monitor:
 - (a) The Inspector may direct the local government to defer further dealing with the complaint until the monitor reports to the Inspector on the outcome of the monitoring assignment; and
 - (b) The local government must comply with the direction.

14B. Performance of Local Government's Functions Under cl. 12 and 13

- (1) The local government's functions under clauses 12 and 13 must be performed by the Council.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), the Council may, by resolution carried with an absolute majority of the council, authorise a committee of the council comprising council members only to perform a function for and on behalf of the local government.
- (3) Despite subclause (1), the council may, by resolution carried with an absolute majority of the council, authorise a person who is none of the following to perform a function for and on behalf of the local government:
 - (a) A member of the council of any local government;
 - (b) A member of the governing body of any regional subsidiary;
 - (c) An employee of any local government or regional subsidiary;
 - (d) An employee of WALGA or the Local Government Professionals Australia(WA);
 - (e) A member of the governing body of, or an employee of, a body corporate the activities of which are, wholly or partly, advocating or otherwise acting for, or on behalf of, 1 or more of the following:
 - i. Local governments;
 - ii. Members of councils;
 - iii. Employees of local governments.
- (4) A resolution made under subclause (3) must include the following:
 - a. A statement to the effect that council is satisfied that the person being authorised is suitably qualified and experienced to perform the function;
 - b. An explanation as to why the council is satisfied as referred to in paragraph (a);
 - c. A statement to the effect that the council is satisfied that the person being authorised is impartial and has no close association with any member of the council or any employee of the local government.

- (5) Nothing in this clause prevents an employee of the local government from providing, in relation to the performance of a function, any advice or other assistance to the council, a committee authorised under subclause (2) or a person authorised under subclause (3).

15. Other provisions about complaints

- (1) A complaint about an alleged breach by a candidate cannot be dealt with by the local government unless the candidate has been elected as a council member.
- (2) The procedure for dealing with complaints may be determined by the local government to the extent that it is not provided for in this Division.
- (3) Clauses 14A and 14B do not apply in relation to a complaint made before 1 January 2026.

Division 4 — Rules of conduct

Notes for this Division:

- ~~(1) Under section 5.105(1) of the Act a council member commits a minor breach if the council member contravenes a rule of conduct. This extends to the contravention of a rule of conduct that occurred when the council member was a candidate.~~
- ~~(2) A minor breach is dealt with by a standards panel under section 5.110 of the Act.~~

Notes for this Division:

1. Under section 8A.3(1) of the Act, a council member commits a conduct breach if the council member contravenes a rule of conduct. Section 8A.3(2) of the Act extends this to the contravention of a rule of conduct that occurred when the council member was a candidate.
2. A conduct breach is dealt with under Part 8A Division 5 of the Act.

16. Overview of Division

- (1) This Division sets out rules of conduct for council members and candidates.
- (2) A reference in this Division to a council member includes a council member when acting as a committee member.

17. Misuse of local government resources

- (1) In this clause —
 - electoral purpose** means the purpose of persuading electors to vote in a particular way at an election, referendum or other poll held under the Act, the Electoral Act 1907 or the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918;
 - resources** of a local government includes —
 - (a) local government property; and
 - (b) services provided, or paid for, by a local government.
- (2) A council member must not, directly or indirectly, use the resources of a local government for an electoral purpose or other purpose unless authorised under the Act, or by the local government or the CEO, to use the resources for that purpose.

18. Securing personal advantage or disadvantaging others

- (1) A council member must not make improper use of their office —
 - (a) to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for the council member or any other person;
 - or
 - (b) to cause detriment to the local government or any other person.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to conduct that contravenes section 5.93 of the Act or The Criminal Code section 83.

19. Prohibition against involvement in administration

- (1) A council member must not undertake a task that contributes to the administration of the local government unless authorised by the local government or the CEO to undertake that task.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to anything that a council member does as part of the deliberations at a council or committee meeting.

20. Relationship with local government employees

- (1) In this clause —

local government employee means a person —

- (a) employed by a local government under section 5.36(1) of the Act; or
- (b) engaged by a local government under a contract for services.
- (2) A council member or candidate must not —
 - (a) direct or attempt to direct a local government employee to do or not to do anything in their capacity as a local government employee; **other than through the Chief Executive Officer**; or
 - (b) attempt to influence, by means of a threat or the promise of a reward, the conduct of a local government employee in their capacity as a local government employee; or
 - (c) act in an abusive or threatening manner towards a local government employee.
- (3) Subclause (2)(a) does not apply to anything that a council member does as part of the deliberations at a council or committee meeting.
- (4) If a council member or candidate, in their capacity as a council member or candidate, is attending a council or committee meeting or other organised event (for example, a briefing or workshop), the council member or candidate must not orally, in writing or by any other means —
 - (a) make a statement that a local government employee is incompetent or dishonest; or
 - (b) use an offensive or objectionable expression when referring to a local government employee.
- (5) Subclause (4)(a) does not apply to conduct that is unlawful under The Criminal Code Chapter XXXV.

21. Disclosure of information

- (1) In this clause —

- (a) closed meeting means a council or committee meeting, or a part of a council or committee meeting, that is closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2) of the Act;
- (b) **includes a council or committee meeting held before 1 January 2026 or a part of a council or committee meeting held before 1 January 2026, that was closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2) of the Act as in force before 1 January 2026.**

confidential document means a document marked by the CEO, or by a person authorised by the CEO, to clearly show that the information in the document is not to be disclosed;

document includes a part of a document;

non confidential document means a document that is not a confidential document.

- (2) A council member must not disclose information that the council member —
 - (a) derived from a confidential document; or
 - (b) acquired at a closed meeting other than information derived from a non confidential document **unless authorized by law or by resolution of the local government.**
- (3) Subclause (2) does not prevent a council member from disclosing information —
 - (a) at a closed meeting; or
 - (b) to the extent specified by the council and subject to such other conditions as the council determines; or
 - (c) that is already in the public domain; or
 - (d) to an officer of the Department; or
 - (e) to the Minister; or
 - (f) to a legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining legal advice; or

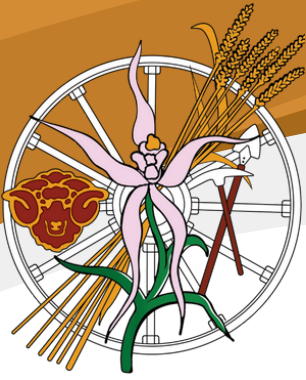
(g) if the disclosure is required or permitted by law.

22. Disclosure of interests

- (1) In this clause —
interest —
- (a) means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest; and
 - (b) includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.
- (2) A council member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting attended by the council member must disclose the nature of the interest —
- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or
 - (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply to an interest referred to in section 5.60 of the Act.
- (4) Subclause (2) does not apply if a council member fails to disclose an interest because the council member did not know —
- (a) that they had an interest in the matter; or
 - (b) that the matter in which they had an interest would be discussed at the meeting and the council member disclosed the interest as soon as possible after the discussion began.
- (5) If, under subclause (2)(a), a council member discloses an interest in a written notice given to the CEO before a meeting, then —
- (a) before the meeting the CEO must cause the notice to be given to the person who is to preside at the meeting; and
 - (b) at the meeting the person presiding must bring the notice and its contents to the attention of the persons present immediately before any matter to which the disclosure relates is discussed.
- (6) Subclause (7) applies in relation to an interest if —
- (a) under subclause (2)(b) or (4)(b) the interest is disclosed at a meeting; or
 - (b) under subclause (5)(b) notice of the interest is brought to the attention of the persons present at a meeting.
- (7) The nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

23. Compliance with plan requirement

If a plan under clause 12(4)(b) in relation to a council member includes a requirement referred to in clause 12(6), the council member must comply with the requirement.



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Complaint About Alleged Breach Form -Code of conduct for Council members, committee members and candidates

Schedule 1, Division 3 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021

- NOTE:** A complaint about an alleged breach must be made —
- (a) in writing in the form approved by the local government
 - (b) to an authorised person
 - (c) within one month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.

Name of person making the complaint:
Name: _____ Given Name(s) Family Name

Contact details of person making the complaint:
Address: _____
Email: _____
Contact Number: _____

Name of the Local Government concerned:
Shire of Westonia

Name of council member, committee member, candidate alleged to have committed the breach:

State the full details of the alleged breach. Attach any supporting evidence to your complaint form.

Date of alleged breach:
_____ / _____ / 20_____

SIGNED:
Complainant’s signature:.....
Date of signing: _____ / _____ / 20_____

Received by Authorised Officer
Authorised Officer’s Name:.....
Authorised Officer’s Signature:.....
Date received: _____ / _____ / 20_____

NOTE TO PERSON MAKING THE COMPLAINT:

This form should be completed, dated and signed by the person making a complaint of an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct. The complaint is to be specific about the alleged breach and include the relevant section/subsection of the alleged breach.

The complaint must be made to the authorised officer within one month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.

Signed complaint form is to be forwarded to:

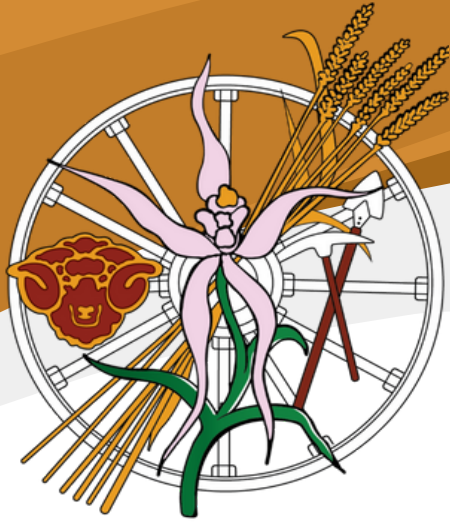
Complaints Officer

Shire of Westonia

PO Box 11

WESTONIA WA 6423

or emailed to: ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au



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BEHAVIOURAL BREACHES REGISTER

Pursuant to Section 5.96C, Division 9, Part 8A of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 29E of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Date of Complaint	Council Member, CEO or Employee about Whom the Complaint is Made	Name of Complainant	Code of Conduct Breach	Details of Findings and Closure Date

**9.1.5 CENTRAL EAST ACCOMMODATION AND CARE ALLIANCE (CEACA) EXPANSION PROJECT
– WAIVER OF FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, ACTING CEO
File Reference:	ES1.7.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil
Signature:	Officer ACTING CEO 

Purpose of the Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for council to consider waiving the Building/Planning fees associated with the proposed CEACA development application for four (4) new 2x1 units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street.

Background

The Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) previously received planning approval from Council in 2017 for residential units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street, Westonia.

CEACA is now progressing the next stage of its regional housing program and is preparing to lodge a new development application for four (4) additional 2x1 units on the site.

Prior to lodging the application, CEACA has requested that Council consider waiving the applicable planning fees associated with the proposed development.

Comment

CEACA is progressing to the second stage of its housing program, which involves the construction of 54 houses across 11 Wheatbelt local governments.

Of the 54 houses proposed, Westonia is set to receive four (4) units. Planning approval was previously granted in 2017 for the original units and CEACA is expected to submit a development application for the additional units in the coming months.

In anticipation of the application being lodged, CEACA has requested that participating Councils waive the applicable Building/Planning fees, with the waived amount contributing towards each Council's overall project contribution.

Westonia's contribution towards the project is anticipated to be between \$95,000 and \$100,000, with the final amount to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Should Council elect to waive the Building/Planning fees, the waived amount will be deducted from Council's overall contribution to the project.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

The potential to add to the housing stock available to residents in the town.

Financial Implications

No actual financial commitment to the Council at this particular time.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS


That Council:

1. Waive the **Building/Planning** fees associated with the proposed CEACA development application for four (4) new 2x1 units at Lot 501 Cnr Gold and Quartz Street upon submission of the application; and
2. Reduce Council's contribution towards the construction of the units by the value of the **Building/Planning** fees waived.
3. Make and allowance for Councils Contribution of **\$100,000** in the 2026-2027 Budget.

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

9.2.1 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 70/6811

Responsible Officer:	Jasmine Geier, Acting CEO
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Acting CEO
File Reference:	ES1.6.1
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Location Maps EL 70/6811
Signature:	Officer ACTING CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

This report seeks Council's comment on an Exploration license in the south part of the shire.

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration license lodged by Austwide Mining Title Managements on behalf of Serena Minerals LTD (E70/6811).

The application relates to land in the southern portion of the Shire. (See Attached)

Comment

Serena Minerals LTD is a ASX listed company exploring for Gold, Base Metals and Uranium Projects.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions.
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be banded so that it does not spread.
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner.
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner.
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be always available, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called.
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram.
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/visitors.
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling.
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, when working between 7:00 pm. and 7:00 am.
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and

- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire Road Surface and gravel pits, and that no drilling operation is to affect any part Historical N/A in any way.

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

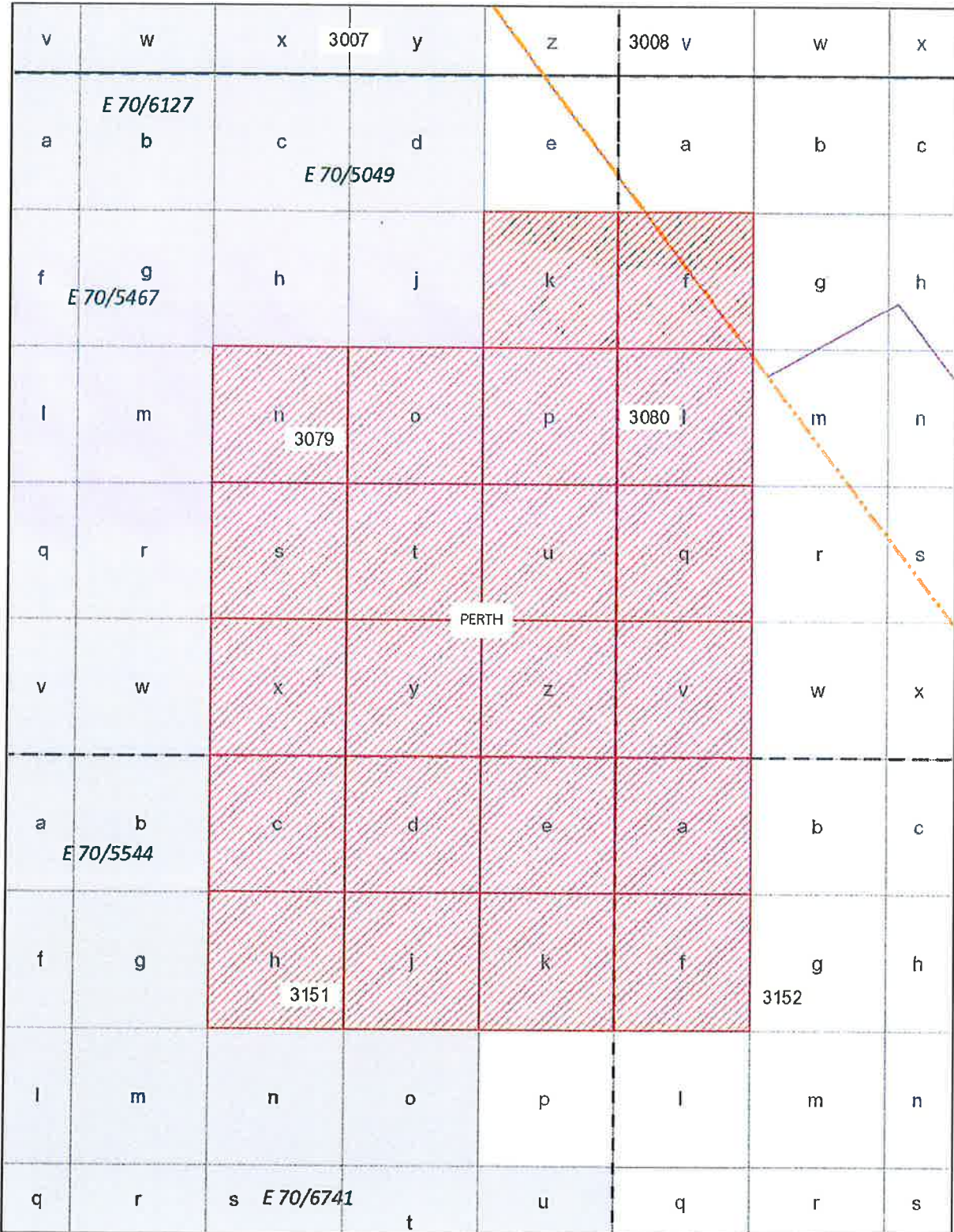
That Council grants approval to Serena Minerals LTD (E70//6811) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with this respective Exploration Lease as shown on the attached maps with the following conditions: -

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected.
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions.
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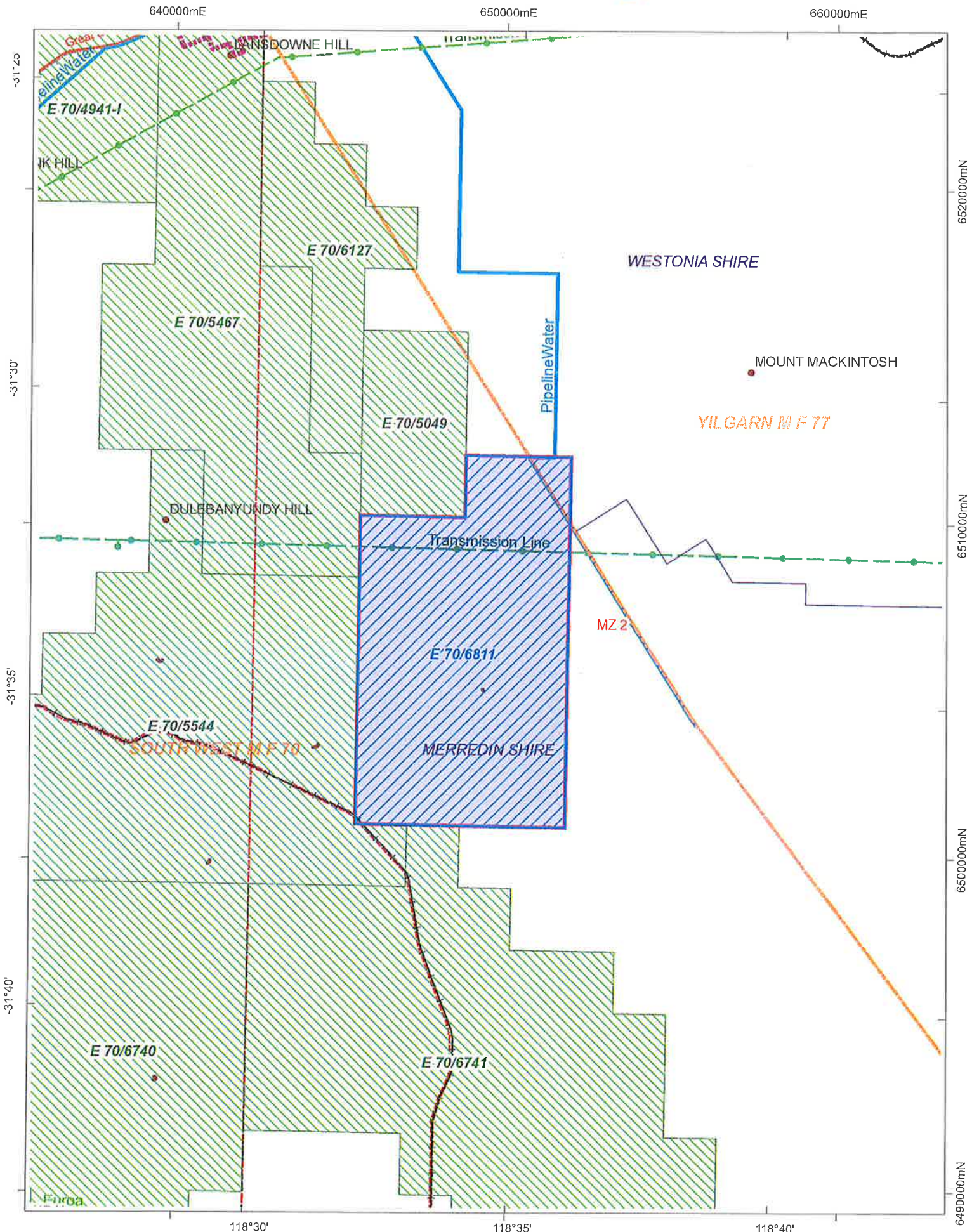
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MAP SHOWING BLOCKS APPLIED FOR IN
EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 70/6811

Graticular Section Applied For



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9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Nil

10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday schedule 18th June 2026 commencing at 3.30pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President, Cr Mark Crees declared the meeting closed at pm