



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

To be held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia
Tuesday 16th September 2025
Commencing 4.00pm

Dear Councillors,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Westonia will be held on 16th September 2025 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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BILL PRICE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15 September 2025



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**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.

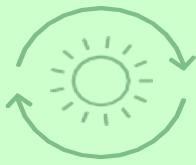
OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

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.

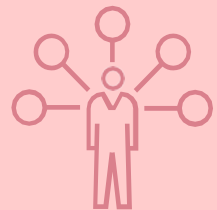
Our community has the opportunity to be active, socialised and connected.

- 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	(Via Teleconference)
Cr WJ Huxtable	
Cr A Faithfull	
Cr DL Simmonds	

Staff:

Mr.AW Price	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
Mrs JL Geier	<i>Deputy Chief Executive Officer</i>

Members of the Public:

Mitch Crews

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 21st August 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on Wednesday 13 August 2025 be accepted.

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes held on Monday, 18 August 2025 be accepted.

WEROC Inc. Board Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Kellerberrin Recreation & Leisure Centre



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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 Board Meeting held in Kellerberrin on Wednesday 13 August 2025.

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Lisa O'Neill as Chair of WEROC Inc. welcomed Members of the Board and opened the meeting at 9.35am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Mr. Mark Crees

Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Mr. Mark Furr

Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Ms. Alison Harris

Mr. Stuart Hobley

Mr. Andrew Malone

Ms. Lisa O'Neill (Chair)

Mr. Bill Price

Ms. Emily Ryan

Mr. Nic Warren

Mr. Craig Watts

Ms. Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

2.2 Apologies

Ms. Charmaine Thomson (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Ramesh Rajagopalan

2.3 Guests

Ms. Janine Eriksson, Principal Planner, JE Planning (joined via videoconference at 9.35am and left at 10.15am)

Mr. Grant Arthur, Director Regional Development, Wheatbelt Development Commission (joined via videoconference at 9.35am and left at 10.15am)

Mr. Max Simmons, UWA Graduate Student assisting the Wheatbelt Development Commission (joined via videoconference at 9.35am and left at 10.15am)

Mr. Jordan Reid, Regional Services Manager, LGISWA (joined the meeting at 10.20am and left at 11.07am)

Mr. James Sheridan, Chief Executive Officer, LGISWA (joined the meeting at 10.20am and left at 11.07am)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Janine Eriksson, Principal Planner, JE Planning, 9.45am

Ms. Janine Eriksson will join the meeting via videoconference to provide an overview of the WEROC Workforce Housing Investigation Report.

Comments from the meeting:

- Ms. Eriksson was joined by Mr. Grant Arthur and Mr. Max Simmons from the Wheatbelt Development Commission.
- Ms. Eriksson provided a summary of the key findings of the WEROC Workforce Housing Investigation. It was noted that:
 - Approximately 54% of businesses in the area reported a gap in their workforce.
 - It is estimated that the WEROC subregion needs an additional 333 workers to meet current needs.
 - The estimated demand for housing the workforce ranges between 234 and 370 dwellings by 2031. That equates to between 33 and 53 additional worker accommodation units per annum.
 - Sufficient zoned residential land exists to meet housing needs; however, a lack of servicing on some lots means developable land could be a limiting factor.
- Mr. Arthur indicated that the Wheatbelt Development Commission are close to identifying the sites for feasibility testing. They will come back to the Local Governments with their recommendations before proceeding.
- Mr. Stuart Hobley commented that delays from Western Power are a significant barrier to development and questioned whether this had been factored into site suitability assessments. Mr. Arthur responded to say that the issues with Western Power are well known but are a separate matter. It was suggested that any grant funding applications resulting from this work, should include allowances for Western Power delays in project delivery timelines.

Ms. Eriksson, Mr. Arthur and Mr. Simmons left the meeting at 10.15am and did not return.

4.2 LGIS WA, 10.30am

Mr. Jordan Reid, Regional Services Manager at LGISWA, and Mr. James Sheridan, Chief Executive Officer of LGISWA, will attend the meeting to provide Councils with an opportunity to raise any thoughts or concerns regarding the Scheme.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Sheridan opened by noting that regional feedback indicates LGISWA is not meeting service expectations and expressed a willingness to engage in open dialogue with Local Governments on areas for improvement.
- Mr. Nic Warren provided an example of a recent workers compensation claim that was deferred because a decision could not be made in 14 days and questioned whether LGISWA are resourced well enough to ensure that the right people are available to make decisions in the 14 day period.
- Mr. Sheridan responded by clarifying that under the Workers Compensation and Injury Management Bill 2023, insurers must respond to a workers' compensation claim within 14 days by issuing either a liability decision notice or a deferred decision notice. Decisions are made based on two primary documents – a claim form and medical certificate. Sometimes they need to defer a decision because they require more information. He therefore emphasized the importance of sending through as much information as

possible in the early stages to help expedite the claim. It was also noted that sometimes there are delays getting information through to them and the 14-day period starts when the Local Government receives the claim not when LGIS does, so it is important that there are not any delays in sending the information through. Having clarified these points, Mr. Sheridan did acknowledge that LGISWA had significant staff turnover last year and there was a decline in service provision while they were onboarding new staff and restructuring the organisation.

- Mr. Warren noted that some claims are questionable and asked whether employers have any avenues to require employees to substantiate the legitimacy of their claims. Mr. Sheridan responded to say that in Western Australia, the workers compensation scheme is based on a 'no-fault' principle which means that the employee does not have to prove that their employer was at fault to make a claim. Under this scheme, if there is any possible link back to the workforce the claim has to be accepted. Mr. Sheridan noted that it is a very generous compensation scheme, and employers nationally are struggling with it.
- Several WEROC members voiced frustration over the lack of communication throughout the claims process and the long times to process claims. It was suggested that LGISWA should focus on setting clear expectations about the process upfront, ensuring regular communication throughout and increasing response times. Mr. Sheridan responded to say that their work care team will be coming out to the region to explain the claims process to Local Government staff. A date for these information sessions has not yet been set. Mr. Reid added that if it was of interest to the group, LGISWA could have someone come out to a WEROC meeting to run through a technical explanation of the process,
- An additional concern was raised over delays in processing invoices. One example cited involved a legitimate workers' compensation claimant being told they needed to cover their own medical expenses because previous bills had not been paid. Mr. Sheridan acknowledged that there were delays in processing invoices between October and February and then a significant backlog to work through. Mr. Sheridan also noted that some invoices were being sent to the Local Government directly and were then not being forwarded on to LGISWA which meant that they were not being paid. Members were encouraged to inform LGISWA immediately if they become aware of issues like this arising.

Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Reid left the meeting at 11.07am and did not return.

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2025

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 7 May 2025 have previously been circulated.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 7 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 7 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5.2 Decisions made by WEROC Board via Flying Email

Board members received an email from the Executive Officer on Thursday 5 June 2025 requesting approval for out of budget expenses associated with adding the Shire of Cunderdin to the WEROC website and the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail.

It was advised that the website update had been quoted at \$195 + GST, and the map update at \$1,950 + GST. As these costs were not accounted for in the 2024-25 budget and the limits of budget allocations for consultancy services and website expenses have been reached, approval from the Board was required.

The recommendation contained in the email was as follows:

Recommendation: That the unbudgeted expenses outlined above be approved.

Members were asked to reply to the email indicating their support of or objection to the recommendation.

Responses endorsing the recommendation were received from the following members:

- Emily Ryan
- Andrew Malone indicated support from the Shire of Tammin
- Bill Price indicated support from the Shire of Westonia
- Mark Furr indicated support from the Shire of Bruce Rock
- Lisa O'Neill
- Craig Watts
- Ram Rajagopalan as a member indicated he would be happy to move that the unbudgeted expenses as outlined be approved.

As this constituted a majority of members eligible to vote, the recommendation was taken as accepted.

On Wednesday 23 July 2025, Board Members received an email from the Executive Officer requesting support for the existing Term Deposit amount of \$100,000 to be reinvested upon maturity on 8 August 2025. The Executive Officer advised that rates as of that date were as follows:

12 months: 3.55%

11 months (special fixed rate): 3.90%

6 months: 2.90%

Recommendation: That the \$100,000 be reinvested at the special fixed rate of 3.90% for 11 months.

Responses endorsing the recommendation were received from the following members:

- Ms. Lisa O'Neill
- Ms. Emily Ryan
- Mr. Andrew Malone
- Mr. Raymond Griffiths
- Mr. Ram Rajagopalan
- Mr. Bill Price
- Mr. Stuart Hobley
- Mr. Nic Warren
- Mr. Craig Watts

As this constituted a majority of members the recommendation was taken as accepted.

For recording purposes, the decisions made via email are presented for endorsement.

Recommendation:

That the decisions made by the WEROC Inc. Board via “flying email” be endorsed.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Mr. Craig Watts

That the decisions made by the WEROC Inc. Board via “flying email” be endorsed.

CARRIED

5.3 Business Arising – Status Reports

5.3.1 Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 7 May 2025

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
7.2 Water Audit	Proceed with an application to the Community Water Supply Partnership Program	An application was submitted on 16 May 2025. The outcome is still pending. Please refer to Agenda item 8.3 for further information.
7.3 Proposal for Eastern Wheatbelt Projects Update	WEROC Executive Officer to work with RoeROC and NEWROC Executive Officers to prepare a proposal.	A draft agenda has been prepared and is presented for consideration. Please refer to Agenda item 7.4 for further information.
7.4 Governance Service Proposal	1) Request a revised proposal for a one off audit rather than a 12 month program 2) Query if the discount price applies to a smaller number of local governments.	A revised proposal was requested, and the discounted price was queried. The response from Civic Legal was forwarded to WEROC CEOs for consideration. It was decided that individual Councils may proceed in engaging Civic Legal independent of WEROC.
8.1 Marketing & Promotion	Source a quote to add the Shire of Cunderdin to the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail map.	A quote was sourced and an email sent to Board members to endorse the expense. The map has now been updated. Please refer to Agenda item 8.1 for further detail.
8.2 Housing	Contact the Wheatbelt Development commission to confirm the cost of having additional housing feasibility models developed and if within the expected price point of \$6,000, request that they be completed.	The Wheatbelt Development Commission advised that the cost per site for feasibility testing is \$3,000. The total cost to have all six sites tested, would therefore be \$18,000. Please refer to Agenda item 8.2 for further detail.
9.2 Meeting with the Member for the Central Wheatbelt	Contact the office of the Member for the Central Wheatbelt and request an alternative venue, date and time for a meeting with WEROC Councils.	A meeting with Mr. Lachlan Hunter took place in Kellerberrin at the conclusion of the Zone meeting on Friday 13 June 2025. Please refer to Agenda item 7.2 for further information.
10.1 Shared services	Conduct an outsourced services audit.	Please refer to Agenda item 7.3 for further information.

Recommendation:

That the status reports be received.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Andrew Malone

Seconded: Mr. Nic Warren

That the status reports be received.

CARRIED

6. WEROC INC. FINANCE

6.1 WEROC Inc. Financial Report as of 30 June 2025

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 30 June 2025

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

At the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 9 May 2024 the budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025 was adopted. The approved Budget 2024-25 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 Financial contributions paid by Member Local Governments.
Note 2	Interest paid on term deposit
Note 3	GST received
Note 4	GST refund for Q4 BAS 2023-24
Note 5	Executive Officer services
Note 6	Executive Officer travel to Board and CEO meetings. This is higher than budgeted due to additional CEO meetings.
Note 7	Monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software
Note 8	Payment to Audit Partners Australia for the 2023-24 financial year audit
Note 9	Payments to Vanessa King for Town Team Builder services, HR Cornerstone for IR/HR consultancy services, Carol Taylor for social media marketing campaign, Lauren Clarke for the branding guide and logo refresh, JE Planning and Econosis for the WEROC housing investigation, Australia's Golden Outback for cooperative marketing activities, Shire of Merredin for an advertisement in the Eastern Wheatbelt Visitors Guide and the two WEROC interns' meal allowance.
Note 10	Payments to PWD for website domain name renewal, website security upgrade and audit, and 12-months website hosting. This is higher than budgeted because only the website hosting was accounted for. The domain name renewal and website upgrade were unknown expenses.
Note 11	Catering expenses for WEROC CEO farewell in Kellerberrin on 9 May and ERP demonstrations in Kellerberrin on 6 August

Note 12	Personal accident, workers compensation, associations liability, public & products liability and cyber insurance renewals
Note 13	GST paid

WEROC Inc.
ABN 28 416 957 824
1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

		Budget 2024/2025	Actual to 30/06/2025	Notes
	INCOME			
0501	General Subscriptions	\$72,000.00	\$102,000.00	1
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$40,872.70	
0575	Interest received	\$4,863.29	\$4,863.29	2
584	Other Income	\$0.00		
	GST Output Tax	\$7,200.00	\$14,287.30	3
	GST Refunds	\$6,184.00	\$7,793.00	4
	Total Receipts	\$90,247.29	\$169,816.29	
	EXPENSES			
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$35,383.84	\$34,999.99	5
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$1,400.00	\$2,706.40	6
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,000.00	\$818.16	7
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,050.00	\$984.00	8
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$60,000.00	\$75,774.88	9
1850	WEROC Management of WEROC App & Website	\$420.00	\$1,149.00	10
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$829.09	11
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$6,020.79	12
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00		
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$36.36	
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$4,863.29	\$0.00	
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00		
3384	GST Input Tax	\$10,835.39	\$11,351.23	13
	ATO Payments	\$3,464.57	\$4,960.00	
	Total Payments	\$127,517.09	\$139,629.90	
	Net Position	-\$37,269.79	\$30,186.39	
	OPENING CASH 1 July	\$64,270.72	\$69,784.64	
	CASH BALANCE	\$27,000.93	\$99,971.03	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, be received.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Seconded: Ms. Emily Ryan

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 WEROC Inc. Financial Report as of 31 July 2025

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 31 July 2025

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 contributions paid by the Shire of Tammin and Shire of Yilgarn
Note 2	GST received
Note 3	Executive Officer services
Note 4	Executive Officer travel to meetings.
Note 5	Monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software
Note 6	GST paid

WEROC Inc.

ABN 28 416 957 824

1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

		Budget 2025/2026	Actual to 31/07/2025	Notes
	INCOME			
0501	General Subscriptions	\$84,000.00	\$24,000	1
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$0	
0575	Interest received	\$4,392.33	\$0	
584	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0	
	GST Output Tax	\$8,400.00	\$2,400	2
	GST Refunds	\$6,399.00	\$0	
	Total Receipts	\$103,191.33	\$26,400	
	EXPENSES			
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$38,920.00	\$2,577.27	3

1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$3,080.00	\$136.00	4
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,080.00	\$68.18	5
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	
1850	WEROC Management of WEROC App & Website	\$900.00	\$0.00	
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	
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	\$264.55	6
	ATO Payments	\$9,088.71	\$0.00	
Total Payments		\$146,786.71	\$3,046.00	
Net Position		-\$43,595.38	\$23,354.00	
OPENING CASH 1 July		\$94,312.12	\$99,971.03	
CASH BALANCE		\$50,716.74	\$123,325.03	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 to 31 July 2025, be received.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Stuart Hobley

Seconded: Mr. Andrew Malone

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 to 31 July 2025, be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Income, Expenditure & Balance Sheet

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 31 July 2025

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

A summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 May to 31 July 2025 is provided below.

Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
Opening Balance		46,229.88		
02 May 2025	Shire of Yilgarn	5,660.00	0.00	51,889.88
08 May 2025	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	3,145.90	48,743.98
08 May 2025	Shire of Merredin	5,660.00	0.00	54,403.98
13 May 2025	Code Research	0.00	120.45	54,283.53

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20 May 2025	ATO	2,650.00	0.00	56,933.53
23 May 2025	Shire of Cunderdin	5,660.00	0.00	62,593.53
29 May 2025	Shire of Kellerberrin	5,660.00	0.00	68,253.53
30 May 2025	Shire of Bruce Rock	5,660.00	0.00	73,913.53
30 May 2025	Shire of Tammin	5,660.00	0.00	79,573.53
05 Jun 2025	JE Planning	0.00	1,000.00	78,573.53
05 Jun 2025	JE Planning	0.00	10,000.00	68,573.53
10 Jun 2025	PWD Australia	214.50	0.00	68,788.03
10 Jun 2025	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	3,588.00	65,200.03
10 Jun 2025	PWD Australia	0.00	214.50	64,985.53
16 Jun 2025	PWD Australia	0.00	214.50	64,771.03
19 Jun 2025	Wheatbelt Development Commission	11,000.00	0.00	75,771.03
20 Jun 2025	Shire of Cunderdin	33,000.00	0.00	108,771.03
24 Jun 2025	JE Planning	0.00	8,800.00	99,971.03
14 Jul 2025	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	3,046.00	96,925.03
25 Jul 2025	Shire of Tammin	13,200.00	0.00	110,125.03
25 Jul 2025	Shire of Yilgarn	13,200.00	0.00	123,325.03
TOTAL		107,224.50	30,129.35	
Closing balance		123,325.03		

Balance Sheet

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc
As at 31 July 2025

31 July 2025

Assets	
Bank	
Term Deposit	100,000.00
Westpac Community Solution One	123,325.03
Total Bank	223,325.03
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	66,000.00
Total Current Assets	66,000.00
Total Assets	289,325.03
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	8,846.44
Total Current Liabilities	8,846.44
Non-current Liabilities	
GST Clearing	2,894.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	2,894.00
Total Liabilities	11,740.44
Net Assets	277,584.59
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	81,218.55
Retained Earnings	196,366.04
Total Equity	277,584.59

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 May to 31 July 2025 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 May to 31 July 2025 totalling \$30,129.35 be approved.

That the Balance Sheet as of 31 July 2025 be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Emily Ryan

Seconded: Mr. Craig Watts

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 May to 31 July 2025 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 May to 31 July 2025 totalling \$30,129.35 be approved.

That the Balance Sheet as of 31 July 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 Public Health Planning

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: ***Attachment 1:*** State Public Health Plan

Consultation: Nil

Financial Implications: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 27 August 2020 it was resolved that WEROC Inc. would progress with the development of an overarching Health Plan that can be used as a proforma for the Member Councils to develop individual Public Health Plans, once Stage 5 of the Public Health Act commenced.

Stage 5 of the Act has progressed, the State Public Health Plan has now been completed, and Local Governments need to develop or amend current local public health plans consistent with the state plan by 4 June 2026.

Executive Officer Comment:

This matter has been discussed several times since the initial proposal was put forward back in 2020. Now that the State plan has been completed and there is a firm timeframe for Local Governments to develop or amend their plans, the Executive Officer would like direction from the Board on whether to proceed in seeking quotes from consultants to assist with this work as a collective or, given that some Councils have already completed or commenced development of their Plans, should the original motion be rescinded to allow each Council to proceed independently.

Recommendation:

That the Board either:

1. Endorses the Executive Officer to seek quotes from suitably qualified consultants to undertake the development or review of Local Government Plans as a collective project, for those member Councils that wish to participate;
OR
2. Rescinds the original motion, allowing individual Councils to proceed independently with the development or review of their Plans.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Craig Watts advised that the Shire of Merredin have already engaged a consultant to assist them with their Public Health Plan.
- Mr. Mark Furr advised that Bruce Rock have completed a Public Health Plan and are undertaking a review to comply with the State Health Plan.
- Mr. Stuart Hobley noted that numerous examples of Public Health Plans are available online for use as proformas and advised that some Local Governments are combining Public Health Plan engagement with community engagement for their Strategic Community Plan reviews.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Craig Watts

Seconded: Mr. Stuart Hobley

That the WEROC Inc. Board rescind the motion to engage a consultant to develop a proforma Public Health Plan, enabling individual Councils to independently develop or review their own Plans.

CARRIED

7.2 Meeting with Lachlan Hunter MLA

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: **Attachment 2:** Letter from Minister Punch

Attachment 3: Copy of correspondence from Lachlan Hunter to Hon Reece Whitby MLA

Attachment 4: Policy – Recognise and Protect Prime Agricultural Land

Consultation: Nil

Financial Implications: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

A meeting with the Member for the Central Wheatbelt, Lachlan Hunter MLA, took place in Kellerberrin on Friday 13 June 2025. This meeting provided WEROC members with the opportunity to hear from Mr. Hunter on a range of pre-advised topics and the opportunity to raise additional concerns for his consideration.

Actions/recommendations arising from this meeting included:

- Lachlan Hunter to provide a copy of the letter received from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs seeking clarity on the correct traditional owner group for eastern Wheatbelt local governments to engage with on cultural matters.
- Recommendation that WEROC meet with the CEO of the Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation.
- Recommendation that WEROC meet with the live sheep export transition advocate, Dr Chris Rodwell.
- Lachlan Hunter to provide a copy of the Nationals policy position on the protection of prime agricultural land.
- WEROC Executive Officer to forward the letter sent to the former Minister for Police regarding funding for CCTV and other security technologies.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Office of the Member for the Central Wheatbelt has provided a communique from Minister Punch regarding cultural matters. The communique confirms that the Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation holds

responsibility for facilitating the involvement of Traditional Owners with cultural connections to areas within the Ballardong region.

As outlined previously, at the meeting held on 13 June, it was recommended that member Councils engage directly with the CEO of the Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation. The Executive Officer understands that some Councils have already individually met with the Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation. The Board may wish to consider whether there is value in also arranging a collective meeting involving all member Councils.

Additionally, Mr. Hunter has recommended that WEROC meet with the Live Sheep Export Transition Advocate, Dr Chris Rodwell. Dr Rodwell's role is to support stakeholders during the transition period, facilitate communication between the sheep supply chain and government, and provide information regarding the transition plan and the support available to industry. A meeting with Dr Rodwell may assist member Councils in better understanding the assistance and funding that could be available to communities and industry within the eastern Wheatbelt.

Recommendation:

That the Board:

1. Confirm its interest in arranging a meeting with the CEO of the Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation, and provide direction on the desired format and key topics for discussion; and
2. Confirm its interest in the Executive Officer facilitating a meeting with Dr Chris Rodwell, the Live Sheep Export Transition Advocate, to explore opportunities for assistance and support relevant to the region.

Comments from the meeting:

- In relation to the request for funding for Local Governments to install CCTV and other security technologies, the Executive Officer advised that the Member for the Central Wheatbelt had received a response to his letter to the Minister for Police, the Hon Reece Whitby MLA, advising that this is a Local Government issue, not a police issue. The correspondence was then forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA for comment. No response has been received from Minister Beazley.
- It was commented by multiple Shires that they are receiving letters from their local police asking them to install security technology, which comes at a significant cost. This matter will continue to be followed up.
- The value in a meeting with the CEO of the Ballardong Aboriginal Corporation was discussed. It was agreed that an individual approach would be better than a group meeting.
- The Board discussed meeting with the Live Sheep Export Transition Officer and agreed it would be valuable to hear from Dr. Rodwell. An invitation will be extended for him to attend the next WEROC meeting.

7.3 Outsourced Services Audit

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: Nil

Consultation: WEROC CEOs

Financial Implications: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board held on 7 May 2025, it was noted that the option of formalising shared resources across the WEROC Shires has been discussed several times over recent years. At present the only shared

resource arrangement is the visitor servicing provided by the Shire of Merredin through the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre. There is also in place, an agreement with HR Cornerstone to provide ad-hoc HR and IR support at a rate of \$225 + GST per hour.

Following the discussion, it was suggested that a cost analysis be undertaken to better understand what Shires are currently paying for outsourced services, with a view to exploring potential cost savings through shared resource arrangements.

Executive Officer Comment:

A high level summary of the outsourced services audit is provided below:

	Environmental Health Kellerberrin, Tammin, Westonia Service Providers: HBP Services, Tim Jurmann (Crowe Certification), Mort Wignall	Cost (per annum): \$10,000 - \$20,000 Mode of service delivery: Varied - as required, monthly service, quarterly service Issues: Availability/ turnaround times
	Building Services Kellerberrin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Merredin Service Providers: Hayley Fegan, Tom Rielly, CF Building Approvals, Tim Jurmann	Cost (per annum): \$1, 000 - \$15,000 Mode of service delivery: Primarily on an as required basis. Tammin have a once per month service. Issues: No major issues reported
	Town Planning Kellerberrin, Tammin, Merredin, Yilgarn Service Providers: ExUrban, HBP Services, Town Planning Innovations, Paul Bashall	Cost (per annum): \$6,500 - \$35,000 Mode of service delivery: As required Issues: Availability/ turnaround times
	Ranger Services Kellerberrin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Merredin Service Providers: WA Contract Ranger Services	Cost (per annum): \$5,000 - \$130,000 Mode of service delivery: Fortnightly or weekly visits and as required Issues: Responsiveness can be problematic. Cost is high
	Infrastructure Maintenance & Development Tammin, Yilgarn Service Providers: Various	Cost (per annum): Up to \$1.4m Mode of service delivery: As required Issues: Attendance by contractors can be problematic at times.
	IT Services Kellerberrin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Merredin Service Providers: Perfect Computer Solutions, 2VNet, JH Computing	Cost (per annum): \$6,500 - \$95,000 Mode of service delivery: Monthly service or as required Issues: Declining response times

If there is interest in exploring shared resourcing across any of the service areas identified above, a number of options are available:

1. **Lead Shire Employment Model:** A staff member is employed by a lead Shire to facilitate service delivery across participating Shires, with each contributing to the cost proportionally based on their level of service usage. This is similar to the model currently used for the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre.
- 1) **Collaborative Procurement:** A contractual arrangement where pricing is negotiated to reflect the collective purchasing power of multiple local governments. Similar to the arrangement in place for HR/IR services.
2. **WEROC-Engaged Contract Resource:** WEROC engages a resource on a contract basis to deliver services to member Councils. This model is used by the Hunter Joint Organisation, where a Board made up of Mayors and General Managers oversees specialist business units established to provide expert services to local governments. Current offerings include Local Government Legal and Regional Procurement services (see: [Local Government Services - Hunter Joint Organisation](#)).

Recommendation:

That:

- 1) WEROC member Councils consider the findings of the outsourced services audit and indicate their interest in exploring shared resourcing opportunities in one or more service areas.
- 2) Consideration be given to forming a working group comprising representatives from interested Councils to investigate and scope potential shared service models, including delivery mechanisms, cost-sharing arrangements, and governance options.

Comments from the meeting:

- Ms. Alison Harris suggested that it would be useful to start with a register of which service providers, each Local Government is using.
- The Executive Officer observed that IT services are a high cost service and might be an area to look at for a collaborative procurement process.
- Mr. Nic Warren suggested that Environmental Health Services could be looked at for a shared service arrangement.
- Mr. Craig Watts advised that the Shire of Merredin are currently recruiting an Environmental Health Officer. It was questioned whether there is scope for the Shire of Merredin to outsource this service to other Shires. The Shires of Kellerberrin, Yilgarn, Bruce Rock and Merredin will discuss this option further out of session.
- At the next WEROC CEO Committee meeting, further discussion will be held around IT services.

7.4 Made in the Eastern Wheatbelt – Joint ROC Event

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: **Attachment 5:** Made in the Eastern Wheatbelt Draft Agenda

Consultation: NEWROC and RoeROC Executive Officers

Financial Implications: \$2,000

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 7 May, the concept of hosting a joint ROC event was discussed. While no formal resolution was passed, there was broad support for the initiative. Suggested discussion topics included land development and housing, the protection of agricultural land, and funding arrangements for

Local Governments. It was also proposed that part of the event focus on improving collaboration between the ROCs. To minimise costs, it was recommended that the WALGA conference room be used as the venue.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Executive Officers of NEWROC, RoeROC, and WEROC have collaborated on a proposed agenda that reflects the priorities identified by each ROC. It is proposed that the Chair of each ROC deliver a presentation outlining the collective views of the ROCs on three spotlight topics – education, industry and housing.

The WALGA conference room was explored as a venue but was deemed unsuitable due to its limited capacity. Alternative centrally located venues are now being explored. The proposed budget for the event is \$6,000 + GST. Each ROC will be required to contribute \$2,000 + GST. This will cover venue hire, catering and AV equipment hire.

A date for the event has not yet been set as confirmation of availability is pending from the Hon. Sabine Winton MLA, Minister for the Wheatbelt.

Recommendation:

That WEROC Inc. support the proposed joint ROC event and agree to contribute up to \$2,000 + GST towards event costs.

Comments from the meeting:

- It was questioned whether the meeting time could be moved to an afternoon and followed by a sundowner to promote networking and collaboration.
- City farm was suggested as a possible venue.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Nic Warren

Seconded: Ms. Emily Ryan

That WEROC Inc. support the proposed joint ROC event and agree to contribute up to \$2,000 + GST towards event costs.

7.5 Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail Social Media Management

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: **Attachment 6:** CWVC Proposal for Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail Social Media Management

Consultation: Ms. Carina Macdonald, Coordinator Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

Financial Implications: \$5,205

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At its meeting on 28 November 2024, the WEROC Inc. Board considered a proposal from social media influencer Carol Taylor (Taylormadefortravel) to establish and manage social media accounts for the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail. The Board resolved not to proceed with the proposal, noting that the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre (CWVC) already undertakes some promotional activity in this space. It was suggested that the CWVC be approached to see if they had capacity to expand their social media coverage of the drive trail.

Executive Officer Comment:

In July 2025, the Executive Officer discussed the possibility of the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre managing dedicated social media accounts for the drive trail with CWVC Coordinator, Ms. Carina Macdonald. Ms.

Macdonald confirmed that the Centre does have capacity to take on this role on behalf of WEROC and has prepared a proposal for consideration.

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. Board supports the engagement of the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre to manage social media accounts for the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail subject to agreement on scope of work, deliverables, and cost.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Lisa O'Neill

Seconded: Mr. Nic Warren

That the WEROC Inc. Board supports the engagement of the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre to manage social media accounts for the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail at a cost of \$5,205 + GST per annum.

CARRIED

7.6 Financial Statements for Approval

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: **Attachment 7:** Draft Financials for signing

Attachment 8: Representation letter

Consultation: Audit Partners Australia

Financial Implications: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Annual General Meeting held on 28 November 2024, Audit Partners Australia were appointed to undertake the financial audit for WEROC Inc. for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Executive Officer Comment:

Audit Partners Australia have prepared a draft financial report and representation letter for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. These documents are presented for endorsement.

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. Board approve the Draft Financial Report and Representation Letter and authorise the WEROC Inc. Chair and Executive Officer to sign the documents.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Seconded: Mr. Craig Watts

That the WEROC Inc. Board approve the Draft Financial Report and Representation Letter and authorise the WEROC Inc. Chair and Executive Officer to sign the documents.

CARRIED

8. PROJECT UPDATES

8.1 Marketing/Promotion

Attachment 9: *Wheatbelt Weekends Campaign Report*

Attachment 10: *Revised Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail Map and Brochure*

WEROC as a partner organisation to the Wheatbelt Co-operative Marketing Group, contribute \$3,000 + GST each year to cooperative marketing initiatives in conjunction with Roe Tourism, NEW Travel, Pioneers Pathway and Australia's Golden Outback. Part of this funding from the last financial year was used toward a Wheatbelt

Weekends autumn campaign which ran from 22 March to 28 April 2025. The campaign report is provided as an attachment. The next scheduled activity is a wildflower campaign which will run over August and September.

The Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive trail map and brochure have now been updated to include the Shire of Cunderdin. Visitor feedback indicated that the original version of the map was not detailed enough in terms of the number of roads that were named. The revised version includes additional detail to address this.

An additional marketing opportunity is available to promote the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail through the *Australia's Golden Outback 2026 Holiday Planner*. In previous years, WEROC has shared the cost of a half-page advertisement in the planner with the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre and Pioneers' Pathway. For the 2026 edition, the Visitor Centre will utilise the Shire of Merredin's page for promotion, while Pioneers' Pathway plans to purchase its own 1- or 2-unit advert. The Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail will also feature in the planner's "27 Epic Road Trips" section. To increase visibility, WEROC may wish to consider purchasing its own advertisement—either a 1-unit advert (\$460) or a 2-unit advert (\$805).

Comments from the meeting:

- The marketing opportunity through the AGO Holiday Planner was discussed, and it was agreed that there is little value in an additional advertisement if the drive trail is already going to be featured.

8.2 Housing

Attachment 11: Grant Agreement WEROC_NEWROC Housing Investigation

At the last WEROC Board meeting, it was resolved that WEROC would allocate up to an additional \$6,000 to undertake site feasibility assessments across each of the Shires participating in the Workforce Housing Analysis Project. The original scope of work provided for two site assessments at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Based on this, it was assumed that the remaining four sites could be assessed for an additional \$6,000. However, following discussions with the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC), it was confirmed that the actual cost is \$3,000 per site. As such, the total cost to assess all six sites would be \$18,000 + GST.

To support the inclusion of additional sites, the WDC proposed a co-funding arrangement, whereby they would contribute \$5,000 and WEROC would match this amount, enabling feasibility assessments to be undertaken for three sites.

On 30 May 2025, Board Members were informed via email of a grant funding agreement with the WDC that would provide both WEROC and NEWROC with \$5,000 each for site feasibility assessments, as part of the second phase of the broader housing investigation project. This funding will support feasibility assessments for three sites in each region. Under the terms of the agreement, WEROC will receive a total of \$10,000 in grant funding and will be responsible for engaging and paying the consultant to complete assessments on behalf of both WEROC and NEWROC. NEWROC will either reimburse WEROC for their \$5,000 co-contribution or pay the consultant directly.

The funding agreement (refer to Attachment 12) was signed and returned to the WDC, with funds received on 19 June 2025.

Comments from the meeting:

- All participating Shires are encouraged to check the suggested sites for feasibility testing and provide feedback.

8.3 Application to Community Water Supplies Partnership Program

WEROC Inc. submitted an application to the Community Water Supplies Partnership Program in mid-May 2025, with the aim of securing funding to develop water strategies for each of the seven WEROC local governments. The Executive Officer contacted the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on 29 July to query the progress of the application. They advised that due to a high volume of submissions, applications were assessed in multiple rounds. Successful applicants from rounds 2 and 3 were announced on

25 June and 25 July, respectively. WEROC's application has been included in round 4. Based on the timing of previous announcements, it is anticipated that we should receive an outcome by mid-to-late August.

9. EMERGING ISSUES

NIL

10. OTHER MATTERS (FOR NOTING OR DISCUSSION)

10.1 Guidelines on Community Benefits for Renewable Energy Projects

Attachment 12: *Draft Guideline on Community Benefits for Renewable Energy Projects*

Attachment 13: *WALGA Renewable Energy Community Benefits and Engagement Guidelines*

Attachment 14: *Rating of Large Scale Renewable Energy Facilities*

Attachment 15: *Implications for the Renewable Energy Industry*

The WA Government have released a Draft Guideline on Community Benefits for Renewable Energy Projects and are inviting feedback. Submissions are due by 18 August 2025.

The draft Guideline outlines a suggested range for community benefits values, informed by best practice arrangements from across Australia:

- \$500–\$1,500 per MW per annum for wind projects
- \$150–\$800 per MW per annum for solar projects

The guidelines also suggest that the final dollar per MW community benefit value of a project should be informed by considerations including:

- Community size and population
- Scale of the project
- Neighbouring benefit arrangements
- Strain on community infrastructure from the project
- Cumulative impact of multiple projects on a community or region

These guidelines are intended to reflect a policy position rather than impose a legal obligation on proponents. However, during the webinar held on Tuesday, 15 July 2025, it was noted that a legal requirement remains a possibility. Powering WA will monitor adherence to the guideline over time to assess whether a formal regulatory approach is necessary.

WALGA have also released their Renewable Energy Community Benefits and Engagement Guide. This document provides guidance for Local Governments on planning for community engagement and communication with proponents.

Mr. Craig Watts has shared details of a motion recently put forward at the Peel Zone, seeking WALGA's support to undertake a review and obtain legal advice and recommendations on potential legislative changes that would allow for gross rental value (GRV) rating of renewable energy facilities in Western Australia. This is an issue WEROC Councils may wish to consider in conjunction with discussions around a Community Benefit approach.

Comments from the meeting:

- Some WEROC Shires have submitted individual responses on the Powering WA guidelines. A key concern highlighted in these submissions, is that the guidelines may not lead to tangible action from proponents, and without legislative backing, community benefit schemes may fail to achieve meaningful impact.

10.2 Eastern Wheatbelt Works & Services Development Day

A development day bringing together the works and services staff from across RoeROC, NEWROC and WEROC is being proposed. The date is yet to be determined but the location will be Bruce Rock. The intent of this event is to strengthen the skills and leadership capacity of works and services teams and to foster collaboration between Shires.

There will be no cost to the ROCs. Expenses will be covered through participant registration fees.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

The approved schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2025 is as follows:

WEROC Inc. Board Meetings

Date	Host Council
Wednesday 17 March 2025	Merredin
Wednesday 7 May 2025	Westonia
Wednesday 13 August 2025	Kellerberrin
September - TBA	Southern Cross
Thursday 27 November 2025	Cunderdin

The next meeting date is pending.

Comments from the meeting:

- The next meeting will be held in Southern Cross on Tuesday 14 October, commencing at 9.30am.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12.15pm.

Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes

Monday, 18 August 2025

**Hosted by the Shire of Kellerberrin
(Kellerberrin Recreation & Leisure Centre)
Commencing at 10:00am**

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 10.01am.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council
Shire of Bruce Rock	President Cr Ram Rajagopalan
	Mr Mark Furr, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Cunderdin	President Cr Alison Harris JP
	Deputy President Cr Tony Smith
	Mr Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dowerin	President Cr Robert Trepp
Shire of Kellerberrin	Deputy President Cr Emily Ryan
Shire of Koorda	Mr Zac Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Merredin	Mr Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Mount Marshall	President Cr Tony Sachse (Zone Chair)
	Mr Ben McKay, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Cr Gary Shadbolt
	Ms Tanika McLennan, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Narembeen	President Cr Scott Stirrat
	Mr Ben Forbes, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Nungarin	President Cr Pippa de Lacy
	Mr David Nayda, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Tammin	President Cr Charmaine Thomson, non-voting
	Mr Andrew Malone, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Westonia	President Cr Mark Crees
	Ms Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, non voting
Shire of Wyalkatchem	President Cr Owen Garner
	Cr Rod Lawson-Kerr (Deputy Delegate)
	Mr Ian McCabe, Temporary Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Yilgarn	President Cr Wayne Della Bosca
	Mr Nic Warren, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

GUESTS	
Main Roads WA	Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt
Water Corporation	Ms Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer & Stakeholder – Goldfields & Agricultural Region
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Mr Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer
WA Country Health Service - Wheatbelt	Ms Nancy Bineham, Director Strategy, Change & Service Development
Procon Developments	Mr Leon Key, Director of AvonWest Ms Mia Davies

WALGA	
Mr Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services (Executive Officer)	
Ms Hannah Godsave, Policy Manager Community (electronic)	
Ms Meghan Dwyer, Governance Specialist	

1.3. APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Bruce Rock	Cr Stephen Strange (State Council Representative)
Shire of Dowerin	Mrs Manisha Barthakur, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Kellerberrin	Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer (voting delegate)
Shire of Kondinin	President Cr Kent Mouritz
	Deputy President Cr Bev Gangell
	Mr Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Koorda	President Cr Jannah Stratford
Shire of Merredin	Deputy President Cr Renee Manning
	Cr Mark McKenzie
Shire of Narembeen	Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Tammin	Deputy President Cr Tanya Nicholls
	Cr Nick Caffell
Shire of Trayning	President Cr Melanie Brown
	Mr Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer, non voting
Shire of Westonia	Mr Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Deputy President Cr Christy Petchell

GUESTS	
Regional Development Australia WA	Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development
Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee	Ms Shelby Robinson
CBH Group	Ms Kellie Todman, Manager Governance and Industry Relations

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack
Mr Lachlan Hunter MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt

WALGA
Ms Tracey Peacock, Regional Road Safety Advisor

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 Chair 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.

Nil

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 Tammin made a presentation at the meeting. The presentation is attached (Attachment 1).

The Shire of Nungarin is invited to make a presentation to next Zone meeting, in November.

Note: Virtual Hosts for 2026 will be determined based on whether the Zone adopts the proposed new meeting cycle included as an item in this agenda.

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. MS HANNAH GODSAVE, POLICY MANAGER COMMUNITY AT WALGA

As a brief introduction to the next presentation on public health matters, Ms Godsave provided an overview WALGA's work on public health policy, including in relation to Local Public Health Plans.

The presentation is attached (Attachment 2).

Further information is available:

- [WALGA Public Health page: Link to Department of Health, recordings and registration for WALGA webinars](#)
- [WAGLA Rural and Remote Healthcare page \(including link to Local Government Primary Healthcare Services Survey Report\)](#)
- [Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance](#)

Noted.

6.2. LIVING WELL IN THE WHEATBELT - MS NANCY BINEHAM, DIRECTOR STRATEGY, CHANGE & SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AT THE WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE WHEATBELT

Ms Nancy Bineham, Director Strategy, Change & Service Development at the WA Country Health Service Wheatbelt provided an address on the Living Well in the Wheatbelt Strategy and the interface with Local Public Health Plans.

The presentation is attached (Attachment 3).

Noted.

6.3. NORTHAM LOGISTICS HUB - MR LEON KEY, DIRECTOR OF AVONWEST AT PROCON DEVELOPMENTS

Mr Leon Key, Director of AvonWest at Procon Developments, provided a briefing on the Northam Freight Hub project. This address has been organised following the resolution of the Zone to invite a presentation on the development.

Noted.

7. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil.

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 distributed to Zone Delegates on Friday, 15 August.

The Shire of Merredin raised a concern about whether their quarterly FA Grant payments for the remainder of 2025-26 may be less than the Shire had expected/budgeted to receive. The Executive Officer will make an enquiry with the LGIRS.

Noted.

8.2. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mr Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update.

Topics:

- ATU update
- Housing projects and industrial activations
- Renewable energy, including the launch of the Merredin Big Battery and update on the release of the Transmission Plan.
- Freight logistics opportunities
- Living Well in the Wheatbelt (seeking ongoing funding for a project officer for implementation)
- Review and future planning for "Bring Dowerin Downtown" event.
- Business New Wheatbelt special feature.

Noted.

8.3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT

Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development was an apology for the meeting.

The RDAW report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted.

8.4. MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt provided a verbal update.

Mohammad provided an update on projects completed in the 2024/2025 financial year and some of the program for 2025/26 (subject release).

Delegates raised the following key concerns:

- Walgoolan bridge (join between seal and concrete)
- Intersection of Yilgarn Avenue and Great Eastern Highway

Noted.

8.5. WATER CORPORATION

Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer and Stakeholder provided a verbal update.

Delegates were advised that there has been no change to the after-hours on-call service level, and coverage will continue to be provided. The only adjustment is a reduction in the number of workers rostered on call at the same time.

Noted.

8.6. WHEATBELT DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Shelby Robinson, Wheatbelt DEMC has been invited to all Zone meetings and will attend where she is available. Shelby was an apology for this meeting but provided the information below.

- The EM Webinar series continues. This month, the focus is the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This is an important Commonwealth, State Administered funding schemes for LGAs – and EM agencies – to understand prior to a disaster. This is one of the only government funding schemes to recuperate costs post disaster for LGAs. Attendance is encouraged from all EM partners, as well as LGA executive, including infrastructure, assets or engineering managers. Please join online on Thursday, 14 August from 12.30-1.15pm. Last month's EM webinar featured a presentation from WAPF Goldfields-Esperance on LANDSAR, which is accessible to watch via the google drive link.
- Anyone who is not already receiving EM webinar invites and recordings, please subscribe via link [here](#), or contact DEMA.
- AWARE funding round opened 1 July and closed on 5 August 2025. These grants are available for projects or activities which invest in capacity building or preparedness activities at a local level. A 25% co-contribution from the LGA is required.
- The Wheatbelt DEMC is hosting an annual preseason forum on the 1st and 2nd of September. All CEOs from across the district have been invited to participate. The Forum will be held in Bruce Rock over 1.5 days. Two keynote speakers (Mr Brett Chalmoner – SEMC Chair and Ms Annette Turner-Duggan – Disaster Relief Australia) will present on day one, alongside presentations on Building Resilience Together: Emergency Management Fundamentals for the Wheatbelt and presentations from the State Recovery Team. Day two will feature presentations spanning a range of hazards and risk owners, including; DFES (Fire), WAPF (Policing in Emergencies), Energy Policy WA and Western Power (Power: Planning and Redundancy) and Dept Communities (Emergency Relief and Support). The afternoon of day 2 will feature 3 workshops. The first workshop: Strategic Local Emergency Management – Insights from the Frontline. The second workshop: Designing a District Engagement Model: Coordination of hazard information. The final workshop: Setting Strategic Priorities for the Wheatbelt DEMC 2025/26 & Beyond.
- If your local government haven't nominated anyone to attend, please do asap.
- LEMC annual reports were due to be submitted to the SEMC, via the DEMA, by COB 31 July 2025. Thankyou to everyone who submitted.
- A reminder that the DEMA can deliver a range of emergency management training, free of cost, to LEMCs, agencies and LGAs. Please reach out to discuss your needs.

Noted.

8.7. CBH

Kellie Todman, Manager Government and Industry Relations was an apology for this meeting.

9. MINUTES

9.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2025

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on 13 June were previously circulated to Members.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Westonia
Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held on 13 June 2025 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 13 JUNE 2025

9.2.1. ZONE COUNCIL MEMBER TRAINING INITIATIVE

The June Zone meeting resolved to progress a Zone initiative to provide face-to-face council member training within the Zone.

Face-to-face training is therefore being planned for early in 2026, to provide an opportunity for newly elected or re-elected Council members to undertake the training before the busier months of the growing season

Block	Units	Dates	Places	Suggested Location
Block 1 2 days	Understanding Local Government; Conflict of Interest; Meeting Procedures	Thursday, 5 February and Friday, 6 February 2026	20	Westonia
Block 2 2 days	Serving on Council	Thursday, 19 February and Friday, 20 February 2026	20	Westonia
Block 3 1 day	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets	Monday, 9 March 2026	20	Westonia

Potentially clashing dates have been identified and avoided as follows:

- The CBH AGM is being held on Friday 27 February 2026.
- The 2026 [Grains Research update](#) is being held on Monday 16 to Tuesday 17 February 2026.

The Shire of Westonia has kindly offered to host the training, for one or all the blocks. If desired, it would be possible for another Local Government to host one of the blocks. Should another Zone member wish to host, it is requested that they raise their interest before or at this Zone meeting.

An online survey to collect expressions of interest will be sent to all Council members following the October Election, and promoted at the November Zone meeting. Places in the training will then allocated based on expressions of interest. If there are more expressions than there are places, places will be allocated with the aim of reaching the most equitable outcome across Zone Local Governments.

The Shires of Bruce Rock, Westonia, Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn advised they usually held their Council meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month, therefore Thursday, 19 February may not be ideal. The Shire agreed to look at the scheduling of their Council meetings to accommodate Councillors wishing to attend the training.

Noted.

9.2.2. 2026 DELEGATION

The June Zone meeting approved a proposal to organise a Zone delegation to Perth in 2026. This delegation is essentially a pilot initiative, which could inform future engagement and advocacy initiatives.

Aims and Purpose

The Zone exists to represent the interests of 16 Local Governments in the Eastern Wheatbelt Region. The delegation provides an opportunity to advocate on the Zone's priorities, particularly to State Government and other Perth-based organisations, through developing and maintaining effective relationships with key decision-makers. The delegation is expected to lay the groundwork for ongoing advocacy and engagement.

In addition to issues that apply across the Zone, there might be opportunities to raise specific smaller things (such as a requested policy change, an operational action, or a minor project funding request) that might only relate to one or two Local Governments in the Zone - especially if those issues would be relatively easy to address.

While the Zone has existing priority areas, input is sought from all Zone members/delegates to:

- Inform which meetings to seek and prioritise
- Identify potential points to raise
- Identify opportunities for further engagement (events, photo opportunities, etc.)

Proposed Survey

A survey for all Zone representatives has been drafted and is available for input here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gecz-delegation>

All Zone representatives are invited to complete the survey, with responses requested by Friday, 19 September 2025. While input from nominated Zone delegates is preferred, Councillors and Chief Executive Officers from Zone Local Governments are also welcome to provide input.

The results will be reported back to the Zone and used by the delegation to prioritise and plan for potential engagements.

Proposed Delegation Representatives

It is proposed that members of the Zone's Executive Committee, as elected at the November Zone meeting will comprise the delegation, potentially supported by selected CEOs of some Zone Local Governments.

While the Executive Officer will coordinate meeting requests, it is proposed that delegates may each be assigned a meeting or engagement for which they are responsible for:

- Collating and planning agenda items (to include in the meeting request and to raise at the meeting), drawing on the survey results and input from other delegates
- Collecting input from delegates and undertaking any collating any information or details for discussion at the meeting;
- Briefing all delegates prior to the meeting; and
- Acting as the lead spokesperson at the meeting.

Meetings will be practically limited by the size and availability of meeting rooms in Parliament. Accordingly, it may not be possible for every delegate to attend every meeting. While we will work towards securing opportunities for the delegation to engage with key decision-makers, we cannot guarantee meetings, and we will need to be adaptive in scheduling the best possible meetings given the inevitable challenges with scheduling and conflicting engagements. In some cases, we may need to accept meetings with representatives and advisors if schedule conflicts cannot be resolved.

Overlap with Other Advocacy

Across the Zone's 16 Local Governments, there is varying participation in Regional Organisations of Councils and other member-owned initiatives, as shown below:

Zone Member	WEROC	NEWROC	RoeROC	CEACA	Wheatbelt Way
Bruce Rock	Member			Member	
Cunderdin	Member				
Dowerin		Member		Associate	Member
Kellerberrin	Member			Member	
Kondinin			Member		
Koorda		Member			Member
Merredin	Member			Member	
Mount Marshall		Member		Member	Member
Mukinbudin		Member		Member	Member
Narembene			Member	Member	
Nungarin		Member			Member
Tammin	Member				
Trayning		Member			Member
Westonia	Member			Member	Member
Wyalkatchem		Member		Member	Member
Yilgarn	Member			Member	
Other Members/ Associate Members			Kulin and Corrigin (CCZ)	Quairading (CCZ)	

Accordingly, it is proposed that the delegation may refer to work by the ROCs, but will principal be formed by the Zone's Executive Committee itself, potentially with support from Zone CEOs as invited by the Executive Committee.

Workshop

It is proposed to hold a half-day workshop in Kellerberrin on the morning of Tuesday, 25 November for delegation members to develop and agree an approach for implementation, including a specific priority list of requested engagements. WALGA would then commence sending meeting request letters in January 2026.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Nungarin
Seconded: Shire of Bruce Rock

That the Zone:

- 1. Endorses the Zone's Executive Committee, as elected in November 2025, forming the delegation.**
- 2. Endorses that Executive Committee to invite up to three member Local Government CEOs to attend (following the planning Workshop).**
- 3. Notes the survey for the input of all Zone members intended to inform the planning of the delegation and encourages input from Zone members.**
- 4. Notes the proposed workshop planned for 25 November 2025.**

CARRIED

9.2.3. ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

At the June meeting, President Cr Crees raised the Zone's Strategic Priorities and proposed that Agricultural Land Use be considered a key focus area for the Zone.

The Chair clarified that the current list of priorities is not ranked in any particular order and is reviewed biennially with each new Zone cohort. Ranking priorities is an important part of forward planning for the Zone, and it would be timely to review them following the election of a new Zone cohort following the next Ordinary election.

As an input to this, the survey for the delegation includes questions to collect delegate input on the ranking of priorities, which could be used to inform this discussion.

Zone delegates are therefore requested to complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gecz-delegation>.

It is proposed that this matter is then considered further in November 2025 or February 2026.

Noted.

9.2.4. PROPOSED ZONE MEETING CYCLE

Note: This item is presented to the Zone to allow for discussion and input, to inform a final proposal to be put to the November Zone meeting for a decision.

Following the resolution at the June Zone meeting, a draft cycle of Zone meetings is proposed. This proposed cycle of meetings:

- Provides for at least half of all meetings being held at a central Town in the Zone (Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, and Trayning.) These four townsites have been selected based on being central to Zone members, and reasonably easy to access from Perth to maximise potential for guest speakers to attend in-person.
- Provides for a meeting in Perth every two years, alternating with the Zone Conference.
- Provides for the Zone to visit each Local Government no less than every four years.

Host Local Governments have been provisionally indicated in the following tables, with opportunity to align hosts with meetings held in that Zone.

Cycle	Year	Meeting	Current Order	Guest Host
Existing	2025	February	Kellerberrin	Yilgarn
	2025	(Zone Forum) - March	Bruce Rock	-
	2025	April	Merredin	Wyalkatchem
	2025	June	Kellerberrin	Westonia
	2025	August	Kellerberrin	Tammin
	2025	November	Kellerberrin	TBC/Nungarin

Cycle	Year	Meeting	Proposed Order	Host/Guest Host
Proposed	2026	February	Trayning	Trayning
	2026	(Inc. Delegation) April	Perth	-
	2026	June	Cunderdin	Cunderdin
	2026	August	Bruce Rock	Bruce Rock
	2026	November	Dowerin	Dowerin
	2027	February	Kellerberrin	Narembeen
	2027	(Zone Forum) - March	TBC	-
	2027	April	Kondinin	Kondinin
	2027	June	Merredin	Merredin
	2027	August	Koorda	Koorda
	2027	November	Trayning	Mukinbudin

Due to the number of Zone members, this cycle would run until about 2030 until repeating. The remainder of the cycle could resemble the following:

Cycle	Year	Meeting	Current Order	Host
Proposed	2028	February	Mount Marshall	Mount Marshall
	2028	April	Perth	-
	2028	June	Bruce Rock	-
	2028	August	Mukinbudin	-
	2028	November	Kellerberrin	Kellerberrin
	2029	February	Narembeen	Narembeen
	2029	(Zone Forum) - March	TBC	-
	2029	April	Nungarin	Nungarin
	2029	June	Merredin	Merredin
	2029	August	Tammin	Tammin
	2029	November	Trayning	Trayning
	2030	February	Westonia	Westonia
	2030	April	Perth	-
	2030	June	Wyalkatchem	Wyalkatchem
	2030	August	Bruce Rock	Bruce Rock
	2030	November	Yilgarn	Yilgarn

2026 Zone Meeting Dates

Through 2025, clashes with Parliamentary sitting days have made it challenging to secure a Ministerial address. If possible, the dates for 2026 will be proposed based on avoiding this clash where possible. However, a meeting in Perth in April may assist in enabling a guest address from a Minister.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Cunderdin
Seconder: Shire of Kellerberrin

That the Zone:

1. Notes the proposed new meeting cycle; and
2. Considered adoption of the cycle and the adoption of specific meeting dates for 2026 at the November 2025 Zone meeting.

CARRIED

9.3. MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2025

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025 were provided as an attachment to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Westonia

Seconded: Shire of Nungarin

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9.4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2025

9.4.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – FOUR YEAR TERMS, TWO YEARLY ELECTION CYCLE

This report has been drafted at the request of the Executive Committee.

BACKGROUND

In late 2024 (September – October) WALGA conducted sector-wide consultation on WALGA's Elections Advocacy Positions to see if they accurately reflect the sector's contemporary view. Local Governments were requested to provide a Council endorsed response.

The responses were collated and analysed, with the results informing a report to the State Council meeting in December 2024. 92 Local Governments provided a response which comprised:

- 16 x Class 1
- 16 x Class 2
- 25 x Class 3
- 35 x Class 4

One of the areas which was canvassed was terms on Council and election cycles. The question put to Local Governments was:

- (a) The sector continues to support four-year terms with a two year spill;*
OR
(b) The sector supports four-year terms on an all in/all out basis.

98% of respondent Local Governments support four-year terms with a spill of half the Council every 2 years.

[In June](#), Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government, stated her support for a four-year election cycle, citing concerns about voter fatigue and the rising costs of conducting biennial elections.

Members of the Zone's Executive Committee have raised concerns with this suggestion and wish to seek the Zone's view on a proposed Zone position.

Comment

Due to the practicalities of holding Local Government elections, changes to one aspect of holding elections may be linked with other changes. For example, moving to a four-year election cycle has previously linked to the introduction of compulsory voting.

In Australian States with four-year terms and compulsory voting in Local Government elections, there is typically political party endorsement or affiliation with candidates, leading to partisan politics at the local level.

Western Australia's current system of biennial half-council elections has been largely favoured by the sector, particularly because it supports the election of independent, community-minded representatives who do not need a party affiliation, endorsement, or resources to be successful in election to Council.

Other reasons the current model is supported, particularly in regional parts of WA, are:

- Biennial voting typically provides for most electors to vote every two years, if they wish to. This provides for electors to vote every two years (rather than every four), which can support voter awareness, engagement, and participation. It can also provide for contentious issues to be settled through an upcoming election.
- Moving to four-year election cycles may reduce the likelihood of attracting sufficient candidates to form a council, particularly in smaller communities. More frequent elections, such as the current biennial model, help mitigate this risk by requiring fewer candidates at each cycle, making participation more manageable and increasing the chances of filling all council positions. Moving to a four-year cycle would likely result in more elections being unopposed or unfilled.
- Half-council elections provide for more experienced members of Council to mentor and support newly-elected Council members. Should they need to, the Council members who are not up for election can also fulfill their duties over the election period without being preoccupied with the election.
- It is generally appropriate for Shire Presidents whom are elected by their Councils to be elected for a two-year term (aligned with the biennial cycle), rather than for a four-year term.
- The current system of having an election every two years provides for Local Governments to be closely familiar with the process of elections. Holding elections every four years could create challenges in recruiting staff with recent knowledge or experience with elections.
- All-in, all-out elections every four years introduces a risk that an entirely new Council could be elected, with no Councillors with previous Local Government experience – especially for smaller Councils. This would create difficulty for Local Government officers and communities to engage with the Council, given that all Council members would be facing the same challenges developing their understanding of the role of Council members, and on their practical knowledge of governance and financial concepts and policies. While this situation may be considered unlikely, the smaller size of Councils across regional and rural Western Australia (including as a

result of recent reforms to limit Council size) materially increases the risk of this situation arising.

The State Government's recent changes to elections introduced backfilling provisions that were specifically aligned with the biennial cycle. The State Government did not include changing election timeframes in its 2021 reform package. The State Government should also prioritise ensuring that significant issues with the performance of the 2023 Local Government and 2025 State Government elections do not occur again.

There is a widely held view within Western Australia's Local Government sector that Councils should remain non-partisan, with elected members serving as independent representatives of their communities. Proposals or practices that may introduce or encourage party-political influence should be strongly resisted, as they are perceived to compromise the integrity, impartiality, and community-focused nature of Local Government decision-making.

On this basis, it is proposed that the Great Eastern Country Zone continues to maintain its support for the two-yearly (biennial) election cycle.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconder: Shire of Nungarin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone request that WALGA continues to advocate to the State Government to retain the current system of four-year teams with a two-year spill for Local Government elections.

CARRIED

10. ZONE BUSINESS

10.1. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

The audit of the Zone's 2023–24 financial statements has been completed, and the final audit documents were provided as an attachment to the Agenda.

The delay in issuing the final report was due to administrative matters, specifically the registration of WALGA's Chief Financial Officer with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), which was necessary to lodge the required documentation and finalise the audit.

The following matters were reported to the Committee:

1. During the audit, it was noted that Clause 20 of the Constitution implies that a separate bank account needs to be established for the Zone. However, all transactions are currently processed through the WALGA bank account and tracked via a separate cost centre. It was acknowledged that the current process has been formally approved and recorded in the Zone's meeting minutes. However, it was recommended that the Committee consider formally updating the Constitution.

The Committee noted the recommendation and will undertake the change to the Constitution at the next review of the Constitution.

2. There was an item identified in the Audit which required an adjustment to be made.

The Committee noted the adjustment.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Narembeen

Seconded: Shire of Cunderdin

That the Zone endorse the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

CARRIED

10.2. REIMBURSEMENT OF 2024-25 ONLINE TRAINING EXPENSES

While the Zone has a long-standing rebate for online training expenses incurred by member Local Governments, provision in the Zone's budget has generally only been in every second financial year, to align with the biennial ordinary election cycle.

In June, the Shire of Kellerberrin requested reimbursement of online training expenses of \$2,000 incurred in 2024-25 (for which there was no budget provision). WALGA then identified that the Shires of Wyalkatchem and Yilgarn also incurred the same online training costs in that financial year.

The Executive Officer then sent information about this matter to the Zone's Executive Committee. The Executive Officer made a recommendation to provide the reimbursement to the three Shires on the basis that is generally consistent with the Zone's policy for reimbursement and is fair and reasonable in the circumstances.

The Executive Committee held an informal meeting to discuss the delegation on 10 July 2025. At this meeting, there was consensus that:

- The Shires of Kellerberrin, Wyalkatchem, and Yilgarn be granted a rebate by the Zone for the Council Member Essentials eLearning subscriptions (of \$2,000) they incurred in 2024-25.
- Those Shires, and the Zone more broadly, be reminded and requested to complete online training and seek reimbursement in the year after ordinary elections to align with the Zone's usual budgeting.
- An item is to be put to the Zone in line with the above at the next Zone meeting (on 18 August).

This agreement was documented via email on the same day. Accordingly, this item is being put to the Zone to close the matter.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Yilgarn
Seconder: Shire of Cunderdin

That the Zone:

1. **Note the decision to grant the Shires of Kellerberrin, Wyalkatchem, and Yilgarn a rebate by the Zone for the Council Member Essentials eLearning subscriptions (of \$2,000) they incurred in 2024-25.**
2. **Note that the Zone is reminded and requested to complete online training and seek reimbursement in the year after ordinary elections to align with the usual budget cycle.**

CARRIED

10.3. UPDATE ON TELSTRA ATU PILOT PROGRAM

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Noted.

10.4. ZONE EXPERIENCE SURVEY FEEDBACK

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zones Governance Officer

BACKGROUND

On 15 July a Zone Experience Survey was distributed to all WALGA-administered Zones. The audience captured in the survey were Delegates, Deputy Delegates, CEOs and Local Government staff that provide support to Delegates and CEOs.

The secretariat would like to thank everyone that completed the survey, which resulted in an impressive 136 responses received and 77 comments.

In summary, we are pleased to report that survey participants were generally very satisfied with how Zone meetings are coordinated. This included satisfaction with the timeliness of receiving Zone meeting papers, the format and contents of meeting papers, the communication of meeting schedules and updates, and overall support provided by the WALGA secretariat.

The comments received from survey participants were also generally positive, with many proposing possible process changes. These comments will be carefully considered and where possible, used to guide improvements to current processes.

It is proposed that this survey will be distributed on a 2-year basis so that continuous improvements can be made (next survey in late 2027). This will coincide with Zone Delegate membership terms.

Thank you again for your contributions and commitment to the betterment of our Zones process.

Noted.

10.5. 2025 WALGA HONOURS RECIPIENTS

By Chantelle O'Brien, WALGA Governance Support Officer

BACKGROUND

WALGA celebrated their 2025 Honours awards recipients at an event on Saturday, 19 July at the WA Museum Boola Bardip. Following the success of the inaugural standalone event last year, the awards night was held solely to acknowledge and appreciate the extraordinary efforts of Elected Members and Local Government Officers in service of their Local Government, the sector and the community.

There were 44 recipients of Honours awards in the 2025 program. Two new WALGA Life Members were also inducted.

Three Honours recipients were from the Great Eastern Country Zone:

Eminent Service Award	Cr Gary Charles Coumbe	Deputy President	Shire of Nungarin
Merit Award	Cr Kerry Lorelle Dayman	Councillor	Shire of Nungarin
Merit Award	Cr William (Bill) Huxtable	Councillor	Shire of Westonia

Congratulations to all Honours recipients!

Nominations for the 2026 Honours Program will open early next year.

Noted.

11. ZONE REPORTS

11.1. CHAIR REPORT

President Cr Tony Sachse

Welcome to our meeting for August 2025 and our last meeting before the Local Government Elections in October.

The meeting date needed to change due to a conflict with the LGIS Golf Tournament in Kellerberrin. As well, the venue has changed due to a conflict with the venue being booked in Merredin. Thank you for your understanding.

The Zone Executive met on Wednesday, 6 August 2025.

The Shire of Tammin is providing the 10-minute presentation today.

We have three guest speakers being Ms Hannah Godsave, Policy Manager Community at WALGA, Ms Nancy Bineham, Director Strategy, Change and Service Development at the WA Country Health Service Wheatbelt and Mr Leon Key, Director of Avonwest at Procon Developments.

Thank you to all the Agency representatives for sending in their respective reports and for your attendance today. There will be sufficient time to give an overview and take questions during the meeting.

Thanks to the Shire of Kellerberrin for hosting us today.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Westonia
Seconded: Shire of Wyalkatchem

That the Zone Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

11.2. WHEATBELT DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DEMC)

President Cr Tony Sachse

The last meeting of the Wheatbelt DEMC was on Wednesday, 18 June 2025. The minutes of the meeting have not yet been distributed.

The Storm and Flood Preparedness Webinar was held on Thursday, 12 June 2025. The Land Search and Rescue (LANDSAR) webinar was held on 10 July 2025 and the EM Webinar Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements is to be held on 14 August 2025.

This year, the Wheatbelt DEMC is committed to building engagement opportunities for LGA Chief Executives and district level agency representatives ahead of the 2025-26 High-Risk Weather Period. As such, the DEMC is hosting a 1.5-day forum in Bruce Rock focused on understanding; the seasonal outlook, the plans & preparedness activities of emergency management agents, the vulnerabilities expected for the Wheatbelt over the season and discussing ongoing DEMC engagement and collaboration methods during the High-Risk Weather Period. All LGA CEOs have been invited to attend, or send a proxy.

This will be an in person only event. Day one, beginning at approx. 12.30 on Monday, 1 September, will be situated around introductions, keynote presentations and foundational emergency management knowledge, concluding with a sundowner barbecue. Day two, beginning at 8am and finishing by 3pm on Tuesday, 2 September, will dive deeper into different Hazard Management Agencies and Emergency Management Agents district level capability and preparedness plans leading into the High-Risk Weather Period.

The forum will be held in the Bruce Rock Town Hall, located 54 Johnson St, Bruce Rock.

Accommodation is sparse within Bruce Rock and will be heavily sought after. If you wish to stay the night, it is recommended that you explore accommodation options at your earliest convenience. A program was provided as an attachment with the Agenda.

Please RSVP to Shelby Robinson, including any dietary requirements, ASAP.

The Wheatbelt Operational Area Support Group (OASG)/ISG is now meeting on an as needed basis.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Yilgarn
Seconded: Shire of Bruce Rock

That the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

11.3. WALGA ROADWISE

Tracey Peacock, Regional Road Safety Advisor is an apology for the meeting.

The RoadWise report is attached (Attachment 4).

12. WALGA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1. WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Cunderdin
Seconded: Shire of Mukinbudin

That the WALGA President's Report be received.

CARRIED

12.2. STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cr Stephen Strange is an apology for this meeting.

The State Councillor Report was attached to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Bruce Rock
Seconded: Shire of Narembeen

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

12.1. STATUS REPORT

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
13 February 2025 Zone Agenda Item 14.1 WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program	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.	The Infrastructure Policy Team supported this proposal. WALGA met with senior representatives from InfraCo (a subsidiary that holds Telstra's exchanges, poles, ducts, pits and pipes, and fibre network) and Telstra. Discussions with DPIRD and Telstra have commenced. It now seems likely that the service agreements will not be with Local Governments.	August 2025	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

5 March 2025 State Council Agenda Item 8.1 Climate Change Advocacy Position	The Zone supported the recommendation. However, the Zone also requests that WALGA remains open minded to further conversations on climate change.	At the March State Council meeting it was resolved: <i>That State Council refer this advocacy item back to the Environment Policy Team for further development.</i> RESOLUTION 003.1/2025 CARRIED At the 24 March 2025 Environment Policy Team meeting, it was agreed that WALGA would develop a consultation approach for consideration by the Policy Team. At the 29 May 2025 meeting, the Policy Team agreed to the proposed consultation approach, which involves providing the composite Advocacy Position to all Local Governments for a 10-week consultation period, with Council endorsed or CEO approved feedback preferred. An additional Policy Team meeting will be held to consider comments and a composite resolution. The consultation is expected to commence by September 2025.	August 2025	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039
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11 April 2024 Zone Agenda Item 9.1.2 Agricultural Land Use	That the Great Eastern Country Zone recommend that WALGA 1. In considering Agricultural Land Use, establishes and promotes policy templates to guide Local Governments for their individual adoption to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land. 2. Within the Policy includes such uses but not limited to tree planting for offsets or carbon, renewable energy generation and transmission. 3. Investigates potential impacts to local government rates on rural land, that has approved long term tree planting for different purposes, for example but not limited to planting for carbon offsets, planting for clearing offsets, or planting for renewable fuels; and renewable energy investments. 4. Provides advice to local government on what Policies or Special Area Rates should be considered for the land affected.	State Council endorsed the Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position at its meeting of 4 September 2024. This position calls for the State Government to develop a renewable energy facility state planning policy that would provide greater guidance to applicants and decision makers. WALGA is continuing its energy transition advocacy and has written to the Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson BA MLA seeking further discussion on this issue. WALGA has appointed consultants to carry out work on the rating of Renewable Energy Projects. This work will include the following: • Legislative Framework Review - to determine the current legislative provisions available to WA Local Governments and provide recommendations for any legislative changes in relation to the rating of renewable energy facilities. • National and Local Review - to research how other Australian jurisdictions are managing the rating of renewable energy facilities and consult with a selection of Western Australian Local Governments. • Way Forward - provide a summary of options and recommendations of the rating of renewable energy facilities by Local Governments going forward. This work has been completed, and an agenda item will be prepared for the August/September round of Zone and State Council meetings.	August 2025	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039 Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au
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Noted

13. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which was provided as an attachment with the 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. RATING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.1)

By Kirsty Martin, Manager Commercial Management and Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA Members have expressed uncertainty in the rating of large-scale renewable energy facilities across the State which was confirmed through a resolution of the Peel Country Zone Meeting in April 2025.
- In response to the uncertainty, WALGA engaged Paxon Consulting Group to review the rating mechanisms available for Local Governments to recover costs associated with large scale renewable energy projects.
- The purpose of the review was to examine the current legislative framework, undertake a review across other Australian jurisdictions in respect to who rating for such facilities is managed, and provide recommendations for the rating of these facilities in Western Australia, including any required amendments to legislation.
- The Final Report outlined seven Key Findings which confirmed that legislative change would be required to enable Local Governments to rate renewable energy facilities with certainty.

ATTACHMENT

- [Local Government Rating of Renewable Energy Facilities Report](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item relates to WALGA's Strategic Pillars of Influence, Support and Expertise.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no current advocacy position for the rating of large-scale renewable energy facilities. Endorsement of this item will enable the establishment of a position.

BACKGROUND

Western Australia's energy industry is transforming to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2050. Project proponents are active in many rural, remote and regional areas, seeking to develop renewable energy projects.

The placement, management and impact of renewable energy facilities have become contentious issues nationally and in local communities across Western Australia. Concerns have been raised regarding:

- the location of these facilities on agricultural land,
- the suitability of regulatory frameworks to ensure local communities benefit from the investment,
- the inability of the planning framework to manage on and off-site impacts of proposals, and impact on agricultural land use.

There have been an increasing number of conversations around compensation and cost recovery for those communities housing large scale renewable energy projects. Compensation is typically done through some sort of community benefits arrangement and WALGA has recently developed a Renewable Energy Community Benefits and Engagement Guide to assist WA Local Governments navigate discussions with developers and their communities.

The ability for Local Governments to recover costs (ie road maintenance, additional services used etc) incurred as part of the roll out of large-scale renewable energy projects is equally important. There is a lack of clarity around the best mechanism for achieving cost recovery and Local Governments have been seeking clarification on the applicable land value rating method of these facilities and how best to approach this going forward.

In response to this, WALGA engaged Paxon Consulting Group (Paxon) to review the rating mechanisms currently available to Local Governments to recover costs and provide advice on whether amendments to legislation are required to ensure Local Governments are able to equitably and fairly rate renewable energy facilities. Paxon also undertook a review of other Australian jurisdictions and existing case law to determine the rating options available to Western Australian Local Governments.

The Key Findings of the report are outlined below:

1. Under the current legislative framework, there is no clear method that allows WA Local Governments to impose rates on renewable energy facilities in their area, with certainty.
2. Each rating option considered in this report would require some legislative change to become a more certain and reliable avenue for Local Governments in the rating of renewable energy facilities.
3. In each case, the legislative change could be achieved with fairly 'blunt' legislative amendments – that is, introduction of a new standalone provision (or set of standalone provisions), and minimal amendments required to existing legislation.
4. Any legislative amendments to tighten the rating approach and/or introduce PiLoR should not (in principle) need to be extensive or overly complex.
5. With the PiLoR framework in particular – whilst this may involve more substantial legislative drafting (given that a new framework is needed), if the Victorian model was to be generally followed, this framework would be relatively straightforward and self-contained. This makes it arguably a 'cleaner' approach than the other options, as a (mostly) standalone mechanism – and a clear process – that has minimal interference with existing rate setting processes. Of course, practical matters, namely reaching political alignment on the specifics of the mechanism (especially methodology) and the roll-out / application, may instead give rise to challenges.
6. On all the options considered, the exact nature of the amendments should be determined by which approach or position will be most palatable from a political and policy perspective. For example, whilst WA Local Governments may wish to avoid the

time and uncertainly involved with a Ministerial determination / approval on any matters, it is unlikely that it can be avoided entirely (in which case the amendments would need to capture whatever approval rights would sit with the Minister).

7. Finally, if different options or permeations of rating options are used for different types of renewable energy assets, this would create another layer of legislative complexity and increase the scale of changes required.

The options for rating, including the advantages, limitations and ranking of each, are detailed in the Report. The rating options are ranked as follows:

1. PiLoR Framework
2. Differential Rating based on UV with no ratio limit
3. GRV Rating
4. Differential Rating based on GRV with no ratio limit

Although the PiLoR framework is more complex to implement, it is ranked first as it enables Local Governments to fairly and equitably rate renewable energy facilities through a cleaner, mostly standalone rating mechanism, bespoke to renewable energy assets, which is understood and accepted by the renewable energy sector.

The ability to apply a higher and uncapped differential rate determined by the Local Government is ranked second. This option is favoured over both the GRV options, as unlike the GRV options, this option does not require a valuation and is suitable for all renewable asset types.

The Report recommends the following:

1. WALGA to endorse support for the adoption of the PiLoR framework approach to the rating of renewal energy facilities.
2. WALGA to make representation to both the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety and the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification on the merits of the PiLoR framework.
3. WALGA to advocate for legislation amendment to enable WA Local Government to negotiate annual contributions with renewable energy proponents in lieu of rates.
4. WALGA should advocate to State Government to ensure any funds received through a potential community benefit arrangement are clearly identified as separate from the annual rates contributions.

COMMENT

WALGA acknowledges that even though the adoption of the PiLoR framework is the preferred option in the Report, it is also a more substantial change requiring the development of an entirely new framework across multiple State Government agencies.

This is likely to be a longer-term option and as such WALGA will advocate for this in parallel to the above legislative amendments. The adoption of a PiLoR framework in Western Australia would require a new legislative section(s) setting out:

- the legislative ability for an annual payment in lieu of rates;
- which land the process can apply to – noting in Victoria, it's land 'predominantly used' for the generation of electricity;
- the process for determining the quantum of the payment – ideally with a payment calculation methodology, at least as a 'fall back';
- a third party dispute resolution process; and
- any exemptions.

As identified in the Report, amendment to the current legislation pertaining to Local Government rating, is the most straightforward option. As such, WALGA will advocate for the following changes:

GRV Rating

For example, a new section to the effect that:

- if land has any renewable energy (RE) assets, the Minister will determine that the method of valuation is GRV for either the entire property, or the portion of (or lot(s) within) the property with RE assets, irrespective of the existing methodologies in the *Local Government Act 1995* (LG Act);
- when calculating the GRV under the *Valuation Land Act 1978* (VL Act), works effected to the land and items affixed to the land (including turbines, towers, masts and monitoring systems, panels, buildings, substations and connection points, roads, fencing, foundations cabling / connectors etc), are improvements, irrespective of whether above ground or underground, and irrespective of who owns the items.

Differential Rating (UV)

- A new section of the LG Act to the effect that the Minister's approval is not required where the (higher) differential rating category relates to land with RE Assets.
- This could / would be accompanied by a subsection with conditions or parameters on the setting of a higher differential rate, or requirement for compliance with a subsidiary document that contained such parameters.
- If the public consultation process (in s 6.36 of the LG Act) was to be removed or pared back for land with RE Assets, a new subsection in the LG Act would be required, to the effect that the process either did not need to be followed for this category, or setting out a more limited way in which it would apply.

Differential Rating (GRV)

As per legislative changes required under the GRV Rating and Differential Rating (UV) Options.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA advocate to the State Government for:

1. Legislative amendments to enable WA Local Governments to rate large-scale renewable energy facilities using current rating mechanisms (differential rating based on UV, differential rating based on GRV, or GRV alone) with certainty.
2. A commitment to implement a Payment in Lieu of Rates (PiLoR) framework in Western Australia.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Nungarin

Seconded: Shire of Yilgarn

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

13.2. RATING OF MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.2)

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Under section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, all land is rateable unless specifically exempted.
- In a State Administrative Tribunal decision of 2024, it was determined that Crown land the subject of an occupied miscellaneous licence was non-rateable.
- Subsequently, the Shire of Mt Magnet appealed this decision to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled that Crown land subject to a miscellaneous licence and occupied is rateable, overturning the State Administrative Tribunal decision.
- This ruling affirmed the principle that Local Governments may levy rates on such land, recognising the significant infrastructure and occupation associated with these licences.
- On 2 August 2025, the WA State Government announced its intention to legislate amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* to exempt land under miscellaneous licences from rating.
- WALGA has been advocating for Local Governments to have the ability to rate these licences and a formal advocacy position is required.
- WALGA is seeking support from the WA Parliament for the appropriate committee to review the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.

ATTACHMENT

- Supreme Court decision, [Shire of Mt Magnet v Atlantic Vanadium Pty Ltd \[2025\] WASC 274](#)
- [Ministers media release](#)
- [WALGA's media release](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item relates to WALGA's Strategic Pillars: Influence, Support and Expertise.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no specific advocacy position relating to miscellaneous licences. Endorsement of this item will enable the establishment of a position.

Current advocacy position 2.1.1 relates generally to Rating Exemptions Review:

Position Statement	<i>A broad review be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.</i>
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BACKGROUND

Local Governments in Western Australia rely on property rates as a primary source of revenue to fund essential services and infrastructure. Under section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, all land is rateable unless specifically exempted. Historically, exemptions have applied to land used for charitable, benevolent, religious, or public purposes, as well as small prospecting leases under 10 hectares and unoccupied miscellaneous licences.

A miscellaneous licence under the *Mining Act 1978* and the Mining Regulations 1981 (WA) sets out the purposes a miscellaneous licence may be granted for:

(a) a road; (b) a tramway; (c) an aerial rope way; (d) a pipeline; (e) a power line; (f) a conveyor system; (g) a tunnel; (h) a bridge; (i) taking water; (ia) a search for groundwater; (i) hydraulic reclamation and transport of tailings; (j) an aerodrome; (k) a meteorological station; (l) a sulphur dioxide monitoring station; (m) a communications facility; (n) a drainage channel; (o) a pump station; (p) a minesite accommodation facility; (q) a bore; (r) a bore field; (s) a water management facility; (t) a power generation and transmission facility; (u) a storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate; (v) a minesite administration facility; [2025] (w) a workshop and storage facility; (x) a jetty.

In 2024, the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) determined that land under a miscellaneous licence was exempt regardless of occupation.

On an appeal from the Shire of Mt Magnet, in July 2025 the Supreme Court of Western Australia ruled that Crown land subject to a miscellaneous licence and occupied is rateable, overturning a previous SAT decision. This ruling affirmed the principle that Local Governments may levy rates on such land, recognizing the significant infrastructure and occupation associated with these licences.

However, the State Government has announced its intention to legislate amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* to exempt land under miscellaneous licences from rating, citing the need to protect jobs and provide certainty to the mining sector.

WALGA has been advocating strongly for Local Governments to have the ability to rate these licences, however it is appropriate for State Council to endorse a formal position, aligning with existing advocacy position 2.1.1.

KEY ISSUES

- **Equity and Fairness:** Miscellaneous licences often support substantial infrastructure (e.g. roads, pipelines, bore fields, accommodation) that places demands on local services. Exempting such land from rates shifts the financial burden to residents and small businesses.
- **Legal Precedent:** The Supreme Court decision provides a clear legal interpretation that supports Local Governments' ability to rate occupied land under miscellaneous licences.
- **Community Impact:** Local Governments maintain infrastructure and services that benefit mining operations. Rates are a fair mechanism for mining companies to contribute to the communities they operate in.
- **State Government Proposal:** The proposed legislative change undermines the Supreme Court's decision and WALGA's advocacy for financial sustainability and fairness in rating practices.

COMMENT

WALGA strongly supports the Supreme Court's interpretation and opposes the State Government's proposed amendments. The Association maintains that:

- Occupied land under miscellaneous licences should be rateable.
- Mining companies should contribute to local communities through rates, just as other property owners do.
- Legislative changes should not override judicial decisions that promote equity and sustainability.

WALGA has advocated strongly on this issue following the State Government's announcement to legislate for a rating exemption for miscellaneous licences.

The following is a summary of WALGA's recent advocacy on this issue:

Thursday, 10 July 2025

- WALGA media statement – [Supreme Court decision supports critical role of Local Government](#)
- ABC Drive, [interview with Geraldine Mellet](#)

Saturday, 2 August 2025

- WALGA media statement – [WALGA condemns State Government move to legislate against Supreme Court decision](#)
- The West Australian, Rebecca Le May – [WA Local Government Association hits back as State Government shields miners from land rates](#)

Sunday, 3 August 2025

- The Sunday Times (pg. 5), Rebecca Le May – “Councils’ fury over mining land rates’

Monday, 4 August

- ABC News online, Chloe Henville – [“Move to exempt miners from paying rates on miscellaneous licenses 'concerning'”](#)
- ABC Mornings with Nadia Mitsopoulos – [“WALGA president Karen Chappel and AMEC CEO Warren Pearce discuss the State Government plan to prevent councils levying rates on miscellaneous licences”](#)
- 7 Regional News, Brandon Demura – [“State Government accused of re-writing rulebook for WA Councils”](#)
- ABC News Perth, Blake Kagi – [“Local Governments condemn State Government move”](#)

It is recommended that WALGA advocate for Local Governments to continue to have the ability to rate miscellaneous licences under the *Mining Act 1978*, and to oppose legislative amendments that seek to exempt occupied miscellaneous licence land from rating. In addition, continue to advocate that a broad review be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Advocate for Local Governments to continue to have the ability to rate miscellaneous licences under the *Mining Act 1978*, and
2. Oppose legislative amendments that seek to exempt occupied miscellaneous licence land from rating.
3. Continue to advocate for a broad review to be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Yilgarn

Seconder: Shire of Cunderdin

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. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND ADVOCACY POSITIONS (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.3)

By Rebecca Hicks, Policy Officer Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Following a review of WALGA's Investing in Communities advocacy positions it is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.7.1 Community Infrastructure be updated, and that Advocacy Position 3.7.2 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund be retired.
- The proposed revisions intend to align the positions with current advocacy approaches and combine them into one position.
- The proposed changes were noted by the Infrastructure Policy Team and endorsed by the People and Place Policy Team in July 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Endorsing the advocacy position updates and retirement aligns with the WALGA 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, in particular:

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- The replacement of Advocacy Position 3.7.1 Community Infrastructure with an updated position.
- The retirement of Advocacy Position 3.7.2 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

BACKGROUND

Local Governments own, lease, maintain and are major stakeholders in community infrastructure across Western Australia. This includes 233 public libraries, as well as cultural centres, performance spaces, galleries, recreation centres and playgrounds. Community infrastructure provides essential community benefits but requires significant capital and ongoing maintenance to upkeep the investment.

Advocacy Position 3.7.1 defines community infrastructure as including, but not limited to, community pools, sport and recreation facilities, community resource centres, visitor servicing centres, child health centres, community centres, parks, playgrounds, skate parks, public libraries, arts and cultural centres, and shared facilities that Local Governments operate.

The State Government Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) was established in 1974 to provide financial support to Local Governments and community groups to develop sport and recreation infrastructure. The fund is well utilised by Local Governments and has been oversubscribed in recent years. The State Government's annual contribution to CSRFF was halved in the 2025-24 State Budget to \$12 million. Sector feedback indicates that rising construction costs have rendered current State CSRFF contributions insufficient to guarantee project viability. The Cook Government 2025 election commitments, confirmed in the 25-26 State Budget, provide funding for several new location-specific infrastructure investments.

The current CSRFF advocacy position includes a request for two million dollars per annum, quarantined for female representation. The 2025-26 State Budget included \$6 million to establish a 'Boosting Women and Girls Participation in Sport' grant program and \$23.9 million to support Local Governments and community sporting organisations to upgrade facilities for women at targeted locations.

There is no equivalent ongoing funding for community arts and culture infrastructure. Advocacy calling for this ongoing funding was included in [The West at its Best](#) as an identified priority need for the sector.

[WALGA's Federal election priorities](#) includes the call for \$500 million per year for community infrastructure through formula based targeted Local Government funding. This funding ask is not currently captured in the WALGA Advocacy Manual.

There are no current funding programs specifically for retrofitting accessible design features to community infrastructure. However, the importance of ensuring universal access to community infrastructure aligns with several State Government strategic documents, including the [State Infrastructure Strategy Recommendation 88](#) and [A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030](#).

This advocacy position review was discussed by the Infrastructure Policy Team and endorsed by the People and Place Policy Team in July 2025.

3.7.1 Community Infrastructure

It is proposed that WALGA's **current** advocacy position:

The Association continues to advocate for better planning and support for community infrastructure and investment by the State, Australian and private partners.

be **replaced** with:

Local Governments own, lease, and maintain vital community infrastructure across Western Australia that delivers essential benefits to local communities. Local Governments face significant funding pressures to ensure this infrastructure is effectively planned, developed, maintained, and enhanced to meet evolving community need and population growth.

1. *WALGA calls on the Australian Government to provide \$500 million per annum for community infrastructure through a national formula based, targeted Local Government funding program.*
2. *WALGA calls on the State Government to:*
 - a. *provide \$30 million per annum for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund*
 - b. *provide \$30 million per annum for community arts and cultural infrastructure,*
 - c. *provide funding for retrofitting accessible design features to community infrastructure*
 - d. *align all community infrastructure funding with existing State co-contribution of at least two-thirds.*

3.7.2 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

It is proposed that WALGA's **current** position be **retired**:

The Local Government sector advocates for the State Government to:

- 1. increase the CSRFF funding pool to at least \$25 million per annum and revert the contribution ratio to 50% split to enable more community programs and infrastructure to be delivered; and*
- 2. increase the \$1 million per annum quarantined for female representation to at least \$2 million per annum.*

COMMENT

The proposed revisions provide a broad statement for ongoing investment in community infrastructure, reflecting the significant financial cost of upkeep, including costs associated with retrofitting accessible design features to existing infrastructure. Providing State and Australian Government funding through ongoing open grant programs provides a more equitable and sustainable funding source.

Combining the community infrastructure advocacy positions aims to streamline WALGA advocacy with specific points that reflect WALGA priorities as set out in the [2023-24 State Budget submission](#), [The West at its Best](#) and the [Federal Election Priorities](#), focused on sustainable stewardship of community infrastructure, including:

- Arts and culture
- Sports and recreation
- Accessible design features

The shift from a fifty per cent to a two-thirds State funding contribution reflects a strategic alignment of community infrastructure advocacy with prevailing funding frameworks in the broader infrastructure sector. This ensures consistency and reinforces the case for equitable investment across all infrastructure categories.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Replace Advocacy Position 3.7.1 Community Infrastructure with the following:

Local Governments own, lease, and maintain vital community infrastructure across Western Australia that delivers essential benefits to local communities. Local Governments face significant funding pressures to ensure this infrastructure is effectively planned, developed, maintained, and enhanced to meet evolving community needs and population growth.

- 1. WALGA calls on the Australian Government to provide \$500 million per annum for community infrastructure through a national formula based, targeted Local Government funding program.*
- 2. WALGA calls on the State Government to:*
 - a. Provide \$30 million per annum for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund,*
 - b. Provide \$30 million per annum for community arts and cultural infrastructure,*
 - c. Provide funding for retrofitting accessible design features to community infrastructure,*

d. Align all community infrastructure funding with existing State co-contribution of at least two-thirds.

2. Retire Advocacy Position 3.7.2 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Dowerin

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. RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH SERVICES ADVOCACY POSITION (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.4)

By Hannah Godsave, Policy Manager Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The provision of healthcare services is both an Australian and State responsibility.
- The WALGA Local Government Primary Healthcare Services Survey provides a comprehensive dataset of the cost, nature and geographical location of Local Government support predominantly focused on General Practice services.
- The recommended revisions update the Advocacy Position to align with the data and recommendations of the Survey Report and provide a framework for further advocacy.
- The People and Place Policy Team considered and endorsed the proposed changes at its meeting on 9 July.

ATTACHMENT

- [Local Government Primary Healthcare Services Survey](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Revising Advocacy Position 3.2.2 aligns to the WALGA 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, in particular:

- Influence – Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government.
- Support – Provide practical sector-wide solutions based on research and evidence.
- Expertise - Foster relationships between our subject matter experts and stakeholders.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The replacement and renaming of Advocacy Position 3.2.2 Regional Health Services with an updated position titled Rural and Remote Health Services.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, WALGA commissioned Rural Health West (RHW) to survey WA Local Governments to ascertain the extent to which Local Governments were providing financial or in-kind support to secure primary healthcare services. The Survey Report provides a comprehensive dataset on the cost, nature, and geographical location of Local Government support, as well as evidence that Local Government support was predominantly focused on General Practice services.

This issue has been identified as a priority for the sector at a number of forums, including the October 2024 Band 4 Local Governments meeting, the May 2025 Zones meetings, priority responses and member advocacy being undertaken by the [Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance](#).

WALGA has begun a renewed advocacy campaign, with targeted asks of the Australian and State Governments to improve access to primary health services in rural and remote areas, to remove the need for Local Government intervention.

The People and Place Policy Team considered and endorsed the proposed advocacy position changes at its meeting on 9 July.

It is proposed that WALGA's **current** Advocacy Position 3.2.2 Regional Health:

The Association supports continuing to work with affected Local Governments and key stakeholders to identify and develop collaborative strategies. The Association supports continuing to advocate to the State Government to prioritise regional health and the regional health workforce. The Association supports developing a policy connection with the Australian Local Government Association as a pathway for advocating for stronger specialised regional health workforces.

Be **replaced** with:

3.2.2 Rural and Remote Healthcare Services

The Western Australian and Australian Governments are responsible for ensuring that all West Australians have equitable access to primary healthcare services, regardless of their location. Local Governments should not have to step in to support the provision of these services for their communities.

1. *WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to address the systemic failures in the provision of rural and remote primary healthcare services, including through:*
 - a. *the development and implementation of adequate, appropriate and sustainable funding models.*
 - b. *incentivising rural and remote healthcare workforce recruitment and retention.*
2. *Local Governments should be reimbursed for costs incurred to support the provision of primary healthcare services until sustainable funding and workforce models are in place.*

COMMENT

Access to primary health is a critical issue for a large proportion of WALGA members. Local Government support of primary healthcare services creates a financial impost and diverts funding from other Local Government services and functions.

The proposed revisions provide a stronger position on the responsibility of the Australian and State Governments for primary healthcare provision and addressing the cost impost on Local Government, compelled to intervene where the current health system is failing.

The revised position aligns with the wider healthcare reform platform to enable advocacy partnerships and to provide a level of flexibility for the advocacy campaign in response to Government announcements. Terminology changes from regional health to rural and remote, aligns with the language used across healthcare advocacy and reflects that Local Government support for healthcare services is concentrated in areas of smaller populations. Framing the position around financial reimbursement enables sector diversity in response to community need and avoids implying an ongoing funding role for Local Government.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA replace Advocacy Position 3.2.2 Regional Health Services with the following:

The Western Australian and Australian Governments are responsible for ensuring that all West Australians have equitable access to primary healthcare services, regardless of their location. Local Governments should not have to step in to support the provision of these services for their communities.

1. *WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to address the systemic failures in the provision of rural and remote primary healthcare services, including through:*
 - a. *the development and implementation of adequate, appropriate and sustainable funding models*
 - b. *incentivising rural and remote healthcare workforce recruitment and retention.*
2. *Local Governments should be reimbursed for costs incurred to support the provision of primary healthcare services until sustainable funding and workforce models are in place.*

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconder: Shire of Kellerberrin

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. HEALTH ADVOCACY POSITION (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.5)

By Hannah Godsave, Policy Manager Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Advocacy Position 3.2 relates to public health and predates the *Public Health Act 2016* and the commencement of Stage 5 of the Act in June 2024.
- The position is superseded by Advocacy Position 3.2.1 *Local Public Health Plans*, which was revised in September 2024 to align to the 2016 Act and specifically the implementation of Local Public Health Plans.
- The People and Place Policy Team considered and endorsed the retirement of Advocacy Position 3.2 Health at its meeting on 9 July.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Retiring Advocacy Position 3.2 aligns to the WALGA 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, in particular:

- Influence – Lead policy development for the Local Government sector.
- Expertise – Optimise organisational capability to service members' needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The retirement of Advocacy Position 3.2.1 Health.

BACKGROUND

Advocacy position 3.2.1 Health, endorsed in 2005, states:

The Association supports improving health outcomes for Western Australians through the investment in and provision of infrastructure and delivery of services in partnership with health professionals.

This position was last cited in a 2022 WALGA submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the *Food Act 2008*.

The position predates the commencement of the *Public Health Act 2016* and Stage 5 of the Act in 2024, which requires all Local Governments to develop and publish a Local Public Health Plan.

This position is superseded by advocacy position 3.2.1 relating to public health planning and specifically the implementation of Local Public Health Plans:

3.2.1 Local Public Health Plans

WALGA supports the objects and principles of the Public Health Act 2016.

The State Government must ensure that:

1. *Guidance, tools and resources are developed to support the development of Local Public Health Plans; and*
2. *Funding is provided for:*
 - a. *smaller rural and regional councils to support the development of Local Public Health Plans; and*
 - b. *the implementation of actions under Local Public Health Plans.*

The People and Place Policy Team endorsed the revisions to this position in September 2024.

COMMENT

Given changes in State public health legislation and the recent revisions to advocacy position 3.2.1 that cover the aspects of public health alluded to in advocacy position 3.2, this position is no longer required and should be retired.

The People and Place Policy Team considered and endorsed that Advocacy Position 3.2 Health be retired at its meeting on 9 July.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA retire Advocacy Position 3.2 Health.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconded: Shire of Mukinbudin

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.5 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.6. ADVOCACY POSITIONS FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT AND MICROMOBILITY (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.6)

By Negar Nili, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Six new advocacy positions are proposed, with the aim of providing a clear and unified framework to support Local Governments in planning, delivering, and advocating for walking, cycling, and other forms of Active Transport (AT).
- The new advocacy positions are intended to strengthen WALGA's voice in state and national forums, guide responses to legislative or policy changes, and ensure the sector is well-represented in cross-government initiatives related to AT.
- These positions reflect the growing role of AT in addressing key policy areas including health, sustainability, road safety, and urban liveability. The policy statements cover six key areas:
 - Active Transport Vision and Strategy
 - Funding
 - Safety
 - Education, Encouragement, and Community Engagement
 - eRideables
 - Active Travel to School
- The Infrastructure Policy Team considered and recommended the proposed AT advocacy positions for endorsement by State Council at its meeting on 4 August.

ATTACHMENT

- [Summary of Issues, Challenges for Active Transport in WA](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The new advocacy positions align to the WALGA 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, in particular:

- Influence – Lead policy development for the Local Government sector.
- Support – Provide practical sector-wide solutions based on research and evidence.
- Expertise – Promote a dynamic, agile, high-performance culture.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The new advocacy positions will complement existing [Advocacy Positions](#):

- 5.2.5 The Role of Local Government in the Future Management of Warden Controlled Children's Crossings
- 5.2.7 Driving Change - Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030
- 5.3.3 Cycling on Footpaths
- 5.3.4 Licencing cyclists and registering bicycles
- 5.3.5 Active Travel to Schools
- 5.3.6 Pedestrian Crossings

BACKGROUND

In March 2024, State Council, through the Infrastructure Policy Team requested that WALGA organise a policy forum to better understand issues relating to Active Transport (AT) and develop an integrated policy and advocacy platform. This enhanced focus on AT formed the basis for extensive consultation with Local Governments over the last 18 months. The consultation process was primarily directed at identifying gaps in AT policy and AT infrastructure needs and involved extensive consultation with Local Government AT officers

as well as workshops with Elected Members and senior stakeholders from relevant State agencies.

The WALGA Transport and Roads team met with over 30 Local Government officers and held two workshops with diverse stakeholders to support the development and refinement of a discussion paper that examines AT and micromobility in the Western Australian, Local Government context. The consultation process with Local Governments highlighted a range of issues, challenges, and gaps facing AT initiatives in WA, offering valuable insights into Local Governments unique needs and perspectives as they work to enhance AT infrastructure and promote sustainable mobility. The information gathered was summarised into ten key challenges experienced across jurisdictions:

Strategic Issues	Challenges
1. Safety	- Speeding and inappropriate travel speed - Driver attitude towards vulnerable road users - Lack of safe crossing points and limited space
2. Amenities	Limited (no) funding for amenities
3. Network Gaps	Funding
4. Funding	Funding limits are a key challenge and focus of solutions
5. Integration in Plans and Programs	Low community uptake and behaviour change
6. Incentives and Disincentives	Car dependency and low awareness of active transport benefits
7. Public Transport Integration	Bikes not permitted on public transport during peak hours
8. Education and Community Engagement	- No dedicated lead - Fragmented efforts across multiple parties
9. E-Rideables	- Unclear regulation and enforcement
10. Travel to Schools	- Poor planning for AT in school areas - Limited school staff capacity to manage funding - Inaccessible or inadequate grant funding

These challenges have been addressed in six proposed advocacy positions:

- Active Transport Vision and Strategy
- Funding
- Active Transport Safety
- Education/Encouragement/Community Engagement
- eRideables
- Active Travel to School

ADVOCACY POSITIONS

Active Transport Vision and Strategy	
Position Statement	<i>Local Governments recognise the public health, environmental, community, economic and transport benefits offered by active transport and calls on all levels of government to work toward increasing active transport.</i>

	<i>WALGA calls on the State and Federal Governments to work with the Local Government sector to develop and implement an Active Transport vision, strategy and actions with measurable goals to increase mode share of active transport. The Active Transport Strategy should include allocation of responsibilities to agencies and identification of sustainable funding.</i> <i>The relationships to other strategic plans should be defined to align a whole-of-government approach.</i>
Background	Active Transport mode share in Western Australia is low compared with many global cities. Increasing the share of trips by active modes provides many benefits including reduced traffic congestion, less atmospheric pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions, improved health through incidental physical activity and opportunities for enhanced community interaction. Integrating an Active Transport Vision and Strategy with other strategic plans will encourage considerations for active travel to be embedded across all planning, design and operational processes.
Priority Actions	• Encourage Local Governments to embed measures to enable Active Transport in all Local Government operations, policies, and programs. • Call on the State Government to embed the provision of active transport infrastructure in State planning regulations and guidelines • Invest in stakeholders planning with clearly defined, shared outcomes. • Adopt a cross-government approach, with common performance measures across relevant departments to measure progress. • Promote a greater understanding of Active Transport user needs within all stages of planning and project delivery. • Normalise Active Transport in all infrastructure and policy discussions so that it becomes business as usual. • Better integrate active and public transport through: ○ Advocating that the PTA provide appropriate end of trip facilities at public transport nodes including secure parking and storage. ○ Calling on the PTA to provide for the carriage of bicycles and eRideables on all train services. ○ Call on the PTA to explore opportunities to accommodate bicycles on buses. • Invest in data collection, management and analysis to inform investment in active transport infrastructure and programs including: ○ Establishing a comprehensive, standardised data-sharing framework and platform for active transport information.

	○ Adopting video and AI-driven solutions to enhance the quality and efficiency of data collection, analysis and reporting. ○ Develop a platform dedicated for comprehensive collection and analysis of Active Transport incident data, providing insights to improve safety, infrastructure design and strategic planning. ● Require that design guidance for the public realm provides safe and attractive environment for active transport. ● Provide safety through convenient priority road and rail crossing points for pedestrians and other active transport users and appropriate amenity including quality paths, drinking water at suitable intervals, shade and seating.
Key Challenges Addressed	- Closing network gaps - Travel to Schools - Safety

Funding	
Position Statement	<i>WALGA calls on Federal and State Governments to provide a step change in funding for Active Transport by providing consistent, long-term investment to support Local Governments in planning, delivering, and maintaining AT infrastructure, programs, and supporting initiatives.</i>
Background	Active Transport is vital to creating healthier, more connected, and sustainable communities. Despite this, funding to support AT—across infrastructure, programs, planning, and maintenance—remains limited, inconsistent, and often short-term. This restricts Local Governments' ability to deliver integrated, accessible AT options that meet community needs. Sustained and coordinated funding is essential to increase uptake, improve safety, and ensure the long-term success of active travel initiatives.
Priority Actions	● Committing to a ten-year allocated funding program to deliver the Long-Term Cycle Network, based on a co-founded model of up to one-third contribution from Local Government. ● Providing non-competitive cost indexed grants based on the extent of the defined active transport network for renewal / maintenance to support appropriate levels of service and asset longevity. ● Establish a new Local Destination Program to fund the development of safe and accessible routes to key community destinations, including schools, train stations, and activity centres. ● Significantly increase overall investment in Active Transport to reflect its role in health, sustainability, and transport outcomes, and bring funding levels closer to international benchmarks.

Key Challenges Addressed	- Funding
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Active Transport Safety	
Position Statement	<i>WALGA calls on the State Government for the provision of safe, pedestrian/bicycle-priority crossing points; safer speeds on local roads and around community hubs, schools, and public transport nodes; and road diet treatments to support safer environments for all users of the road network.</i>
Background	High traffic volumes and vehicle speeds contribute significantly to unsafe conditions for people walking, cycling, and using other forms of Active Transport. Creating safer streets requires a combination of infrastructure improvements, speed management, and environmental design strategies that prioritise the most vulnerable users.
Priority Actions	• Improve safety for active transport users at existing roundabouts and intersections. • Seek reforms to Main Roads WA's speed zoning policies and processes to enhance Local Governments' influence in setting speed limits on local streets and distributor roads. • Support road design changes such as tree planting, lane narrowing, and other physical measures that promote slower, safer streets. • Reduce through-traffic volumes on all roads except Primary Distributors, especially in residential and mixed-use areas. • Target safety improvements in high-risk locations, including school precincts and public transport hubs. • Support complementary education initiatives to raise awareness of active transport user safety and responsible road use.
Key Challenges Addressed	- Safety - Travel to schools

Education/Encouragement/Community Engagement	
Position Statement	<i>When coupled with investment in infrastructure, education and encouragement programs effectively support the uptake of active transport modes and a cultural shift in attitudes toward active transport. WALGA calls on key stakeholders to form a coalition to advance mode shift to active transport initiatives, support infrastructure implementation, and realise a coordinated, multi-channel approach.</i>
Background	Education, encouragement, and community engagement are essential to increasing the uptake of Active Transport. Beyond infrastructure, shifting travel behaviour relies on building public understanding of the benefits, availability, and safe use

	of Active Transport options. Raising awareness among both the community and key stakeholders helps normalise Active Transport, promote safety, and support long-term behavioural change. Public education campaigns can highlight the benefits of walking, cycling, and micromobility, while also addressing knowledge gaps around safe practices and existing networks. Targeted engagement with schools, local communities, and service providers—such as transport operators and enforcement agencies—can foster a more supportive environment for AT use across all settings.
Priority Actions	• Call on the State Government to develop guidance and materials (e.g. toolkits) that support travel behaviour change and promote safe, responsible use of Active Transport and Micromobility. • Adopt a cross-government approach to deliver targeted training for relevant stakeholders on how to safely and respectfully interact with active transport users. • Support behaviour changes programs through incentives such as parking cash-out schemes, and other supportive measures. • Encourage Local Governments to provide a platform to raise public awareness of existing active transport facilities and the benefits of using them.
Key Challenges Addressed	- Education and community engagement

eRideables	
Position Statement	<i>WALGA calls on the State Government to develop and implement a comprehensive regulatory framework to address the safety, sale, and use of escooters and other eRideables in Western Australia. The State Government should consult with stakeholders, including Local Governments, to ensure that the framework is practical, enforceable, and responsive to on-the-ground challenges.</i>
Background	The use of eRideables—such as e-scooters and similar micromobility devices—is rapidly growing across Western Australia. While these devices offer affordable, low-emission transport options, the current regulatory framework has not kept pace with their adoption. Issues such as the sale of non-compliant devices, inconsistent enforcement, and public safety concerns—particularly in high pedestrian activity areas—are placing pressure on Local Governments and other stakeholders. There is a clear need for a coordinated, state-led response that balances innovation with safety, enforcement, and community wellbeing.

Priority Actions	• Introducing clear rules and enforcement to prevent the importation and sale of non-compliant or illegal eRideable devices. • Strengthen enforcement mechanisms and apply appropriate penalties to ensure compliance with existing laws. • Introduce and utilise equipment to verify compliance with legal performance limits. • Empower Local Governments to regulate the use of eRideables in high pedestrian activity areas, particularly on inner-city footpaths and shared spaces. • Develop a State-led eRideable Safety Action Plan in collaboration with key stakeholders. • Ensure that Local Governments are meaningfully engaged in this process, with WALGA providing formal representation. • Deliver targeted education and awareness initiatives for school-aged children and their parents to promote informed purchasing decisions, understanding of relevant rules, rider courtesy, and safe riding behaviour.
Key Challenges Addressed	- eRideables

Active Travel to School	
Position Statement	<i>WALGA recognises that enabling and encouraging active transport to and from schools delivers wide-ranging benefits – including improved public health, reduced traffic congestion, environmental sustainability, and stronger community wellbeing. Despite these benefits, barriers such as safety concerns, limited school resources, and lack of supportive infrastructure prevent the widespread uptake of active travel among students. WALGA supports a coordinated, long-term approach to embed active transport into the school environment, supported by targeted investment, planning, and program delivery.</i>
Background	Supporting children to walk, cycle, or scoot to school contributes to broader goals in public health, transport efficiency, environmental sustainability, and community safety. However, achieving these outcomes requires more than just physical infrastructure. Success depends on a collaborative approach involving schools, Local and State Government, parents, and community organisations. Active travel needs to be embedded as a normal, supported, and safe part of daily life for families. Addressing the existing barriers will require long-term coordination, consistent funding, and stronger alignment between education, transport, and planning systems.

Priority Actions	• Providing sustained investment in school and community-based active travel programs. • Ensure funding is accessible through clear grant processes and supported by dedicated officers to assist schools with limited staff capacity. • Increase incentives for Traffic Wardens at Children's Crossings. • Encourage car-free zones around schools, where appropriate, to improve safety. • Guidance for schools and local governments to undertake connectivity studies and prioritise low-cost, high-impact improvements. • Integrate active transport education into the school curriculum and culture. • Plan and deliver infrastructure that ensures children can travel safely and independently to school.
Key Challenges Addressed	- Closing Network Gaps - Travel to Schools - Education and community engagement - Funding

COMMENT

The proposed policy positions collectively address critical areas needed to advance AT across Western Australia. Each position strengthens WALGA's advocacy platform and supports Local Governments in addressing current and emerging challenges.

Active Transport Vision and Strategy

A clear, coordinated strategy is essential to embed AT across planning, infrastructure, and service delivery. Currently, efforts are fragmented and lack measurable goals or alignment between agencies. A shared vision and defined responsibilities will support integrated planning and prioritisation of resources at all levels of government.

Funding

Inconsistent, short-term funding limits Local Governments' ability to deliver and maintain Active Transport infrastructure and programs. A long-term, sustainable funding framework aligned with national and international benchmarks is critical to achieving health, environmental, and transport outcomes.

Active Transport Safety

High traffic speeds and unsafe infrastructure are key barriers to AT uptake. A safe, low-speed environment supported by appropriate design and policy measures is necessary to protect vulnerable road users and improve community confidence in walking, cycling, and other forms of active mobility.

Education, Encouragement, and Community Engagement

Behaviour change requires more than infrastructure. Effective education and engagement build public understanding, increase awareness, and help normalise Active Transport. A coordinated approach involving communities and relevant stakeholders is vital for shifting attitudes and increasing uptake.

eRideables

The rapid uptake of eRideables has outpaced the current regulatory framework, creating enforcement, safety, and infrastructure challenges. A comprehensive, State-led framework, developed with Local Government input is needed to address compliance, regulation, and safety in a rapidly evolving mobility landscape.

Active Travel to School

Despite its wide-ranging benefits, Active Travel to School remains low due to safety concerns, infrastructure gaps, and limited school resources. A more coordinated, long-term approach is needed, one that integrates planning, education, and investment to support safe, independent travel for students.

The proposed advocacy positions were endorsed by the Infrastructure Policy Team on 4 August.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA endorse the proposed advocacy positions on Active Transport and micromobility.

RESOLUTION

Mover: Shire of Wyalkatchem

Seconder: Shire of Yilgarn

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.6 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.7. 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.

14. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Committee and Zone will be held as follows.

Month	Executive Committee	Zone
November	Tuesday, 4 November at 8:00am MS Teams	Thursday, 13 November at 9:30am Shire of Kellerberrin

As the Executive Committee is meeting after the Ordinary Elections but prior the Zone meeting at which the Executive Committee is to be re-appointed, the Executive Committee (constituted of members as appointed before the Ordinary Elections) will meet in a caretaker capacity.

16. CLOSURE

The Chair reflected on the past term and expressed appreciation to those who had contributed to the Zone.

Special thanks were extended to Cr Stephen Strange, who is retiring as State Councillor, and Cr Wayne Della Bosca, who is retiring as a Councillor. Cr Della Bosca addressed the meeting to reflect on his tenure with the Zone and to thank other Zone delegates.

The Chair also thanked all members for their contributions over the past two years and expressed appreciation to the WALGA secretariat for the support they have provided throughout the term.

The Chair expressed his best wishes to everyone for the upcoming elections.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.57pm.

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 Huxtable advised having attended the following meetings:

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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 **16th September 2025**.

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 **16th September 2025**.

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 **16th September 2025**

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 – AUGUST 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer		
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts		
Signature:	Officer	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 August 2025 The credit card/ Fuel Card statements currently show: -

MasterCard Transactions

CEO August 25 \$5,486.90 associated with the purchase of 1049451 Cloud Anti Spam Recurring, 1038203 Office 365 Exchange online Plan Monthly Recurring, 1047021 Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring Monthly, Active8me internet service, 1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring, Starlink - CEO Internet – July, Bunnings - Rubber , Bunnings - Collection Packaging, Old Boyanup Bakery - Coffee/meal, Esplanade Hotel – Refreshments, BWS - Member Refreshments, Mundaring Shoes - CEO Uniform, Caltex Tammin - Fuel OWT, Social Club - Fight Club – Refund, Kmart - Shower Curtains, Kellerberrin Club – Refreshments, National Small Town Conference, Kahoot Subscription, Sports power - CEO Uniform, Dunnings - Fuel OWT, Corrigin Roadhouse - Fuel OWT, Card Fee

DCEO August 25 \$2557.62 associated with the purchase of, Spotlight – Material, Spotlight – Notions, Forever & More – Cabinets, Social Club - Fremantle Prison, Sage Horticultural - Lge Saucers, Liberty - Fuel 02WT Card Fee

Fuel Card Transactions Totalling Nil

CEO August 2025 \$91.75

DCEO August 2025 \$437.77

Construction Supervisor Nil

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 August 2025 accounts submitted to today’s meeting on Municipal D/Debits from DD4662 to DD4692 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7775 to EFT7855 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$1,238,769.93 be passed for payment.

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council August 2025

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
913	04/08/2025	FEE - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	-216.42	1	FEE
DD4662.1	04/08/2025	Shire of Westonia	Annual Vehicle Licensing	-6718.25	1	CSH
DD4659.1	05/08/2025	Bendigo Business Mastercard	Display Cabinets	-1000.00	1	CSH
EFT7775	06/08/2025	Shire of Kellerberrin	LGIS Golf Accom	-979.00	1	CSH
EFT7776	06/08/2025	Toll Transport Pty Ltd	Freight	-65.01	1	CSH
EFT7777	06/08/2025	GEF Great Eastern Freightlines	Freight	-63.53	1	CSH
EFT7778	06/08/2025	Westonia Tavern	June Meeting Refreshments	-913.00	1	CSH
EFT7779	06/08/2025	Itvision	Annual Subscription	-29525.16	1	CSH
EFT7780	06/08/2025	Department Of Planning, Lands & Heritage	Land Lease	-1925.00	1	CSH
EFT7781	06/08/2025	LHAAC Local Health Authorities Analytical	Analytical Services	-414.93	1	CSH
EFT7782	06/08/2025	LGISWA	Insurance	-84093.46	1	CSH
EFT7783	06/08/2025	JARDINE LLOYD THOMPSON PTY LTD LGIS	Insurance	-4400.14	1	CSH
EFT7784	06/08/2025	Thinkproject Australia Pty Ltd (Ramm Software)	Subscription	-10363.99	1	CSH
EFT7785	06/08/2025	Ceaca Inc	CEACA Contribution	-16500.00	1	CSH
EFT7786	06/08/2025	Medelect Biomedical Services	Underpayment	-59.95	1	CSH
EFT7787	06/08/2025	Industrial Automation Group Pty Ltd	Standpipe remote access	-5814.60	1	CSH
EFT7788	06/08/2025	Alchemy Technology	Annual Subscription	-2896.74	1	CSH
EFT7789	06/08/2025	Schoen Podiatry	HACC Service	-1755.00	1	CSH
EFT7790	06/08/2025	Lite n'Easy	HACC Meals	-742.10	1	CSH
EFT7791	06/08/2025	True Blue Pool Servies Pty Ltd	Chemical Pump	-9097.00	1	CSH
EFT7792	06/08/2025	West Coast Surface Coaters	Museum Extension	-40260.00	1	CSH
DD4657.1	07/08/2025	Bendigo Business Mastercard	Computer support, accommodation, licensing, bubble wrap, Refreshments	-10640.00	1	CSH
DD4664.1	10/08/2025	Aware Super - Accumulation	Payroll deductions	-6470.55	1	CSH
DD4664.2	10/08/2025	AUSTRALIANSUPER	Superannuation contributions	-999.26	1	CSH
DD4664.3	10/08/2025	MLC Masterkey	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH
DD4664.4	10/08/2025	G E S B Super Scheme	Superannuation contributions	-141.40	1	CSH
DD4664.5	10/08/2025	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation contributions	-323.12	1	CSH

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
DD4664.6	10/08/2025	Amp Flexible Lifetime Super	Superannuation contributions	-291.62	1	CSH
DD4664.7	10/08/2025	Hostplus	Superannuation contributions	-145.12	1	CSH
DD4664.8	10/08/2025	Macquarie Super	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH
DD4664.9	10/08/2025	Rest Industry Super	Superannuation contributions	-274.90	1	CSH
	12/08/2025	Salaries & Wages	Employee Payroll	-45045.93	1	PAY
EFT7793	12/08/2025	Services Australia Child Support	Payroll deductions	-852.19	1	CSH
EFT7794	12/08/2025	KAY W GEIER	Reimbursement - sewing room	-373.92	1	CSH
EFT7795	12/08/2025	WALGA	WALGA Subscription	-19083.88	1	CSH
EFT7796	12/08/2025	Winc Australia Pty Ltd	Hot Water Urns	-914.40	1	CSH
EFT7797	12/08/2025	Copier Support	Copier Support	-1720.57	1	CSH
EFT7798	12/08/2025	Ron Bateman & Co	Grease, consumables, poly fittings, spark plugs, chainsaw chains	-1760.23	1	CSH
EFT7799	12/08/2025	Two Dogs Home Hardware	Paints, tubs, consumables, air filters	-722.83	1	CSH
EFT7800	12/08/2025	Merredin Rural Supplies Pty Ltd	Chemicals	-3704.97	1	CSH
EFT7801	12/08/2025	Wheatbelt Uniforms Signs & Safety	Staff uniform	-189.76	1	CSH
EFT7802	12/08/2025	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils	Annual contribution	-13200.00	1	CSH
EFT7803	12/08/2025	Carolyn Tapp	HACC Products	-165.00	1	CSH
EFT7804	12/08/2025	Marketforce	LG Vacancies	-1744.63	1	CSH
EFT7805	12/08/2025	Australia Post	Postage	-130.35	1	CSH
EFT7806	12/08/2025	Arthur William Price	Reimbursement	-838.42	1	CSH
EFT7807	12/08/2025	Fuel Distributors Of Western Australia Pty Ltd	Fuel Purchased	-6903.60	1	CSH
EFT7808	12/08/2025	Graham L & Diane Jones	Parts & Repairs	-2736.54	1	CSH
EFT7809	12/08/2025	Combined Tyres Pty Ltd	Tyres various plant	-3086.30	1	CSH
EFT7810	12/08/2025	WA Contract Ranger Services P/L	Ranger Service	-462.00	1	CSH
EFT7811	12/08/2025	Sound Balance Physiotherapy	HACC Service Physio	-210.00	1	CSH
EFT7812	12/08/2025	Out West Mechanical	Services 770WT, WT139,WT158, Driving lights, radio head, Aux power	-7654.08	1	CSH
EFT7813	12/08/2025	MACE Services Pty Ltd	02WT Service	-475.90	1	CSH
EFT7814	12/08/2025	Amy Hampton-Brook	HACC Service	-240.00	1	CSH
EFT7815	12/08/2025	Robert Lockyer	Reimbursement - Fuel	-295.81	1	CSH

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Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT7816	12/08/2025	Complete Removals & Storage	Collection Delivery	-12300.00	1	CSH
DD4668.1	14/08/2025	TELSTRA CORPORATION LIMITED	Telephone Usage	-2972.53	1	CSH
DD4672.1	19/08/2025	Bendigo Business Mastercard	Conference Expenses	-1000.00	1	CSH
EFT7817	20/08/2025	Avon Waste	Waste Removal	-2256.49	1	CSH
EFT7818	20/08/2025	Westonia Progress Association Inc.	Fuel Purchased July	-21096.19	1	CSH
EFT7819	20/08/2025	BOC Limited	Container Service	-274.31	1	CSH
EFT7820	20/08/2025	Centek Constructions	Heated Pool Structure	-24993.10	1	CSH
EFT7821	20/08/2025	Wheatbelt Uniforms Signs & Safety	Uniforms	-69.03	1	CSH
EFT7822	20/08/2025	Dylan Copeland	Gravel Pit Clearing Permit NRM Expenses	-2156.00	1	CSH
EFT7823	20/08/2025	Westonia Community Cooperative Limited	Cleaning, Gas, Reception Expenses, Papers July 2025	-1469.35	1	CSH
EFT7824	20/08/2025	Mech Tech Diesel Services Pty Ltd	Low Loader upgrade	-6963.73	1	CSH
EFT7825	20/08/2025	Ancor Electrical	Museum Electrical	-40232.50	1	CSH
EFT7826	20/08/2025	Fuel Distributors Of Western Australia Pty Ltd	Fuel Purchased	-154.70	1	CSH
EFT7827	20/08/2025	Ross Warren Winzer	HACC Services	-85.00	1	CSH
EFT7828	20/08/2025	Comfortstyle Merredin	HACC Products	-2345.00	1	CSH
EFT7829	20/08/2025	MACE Services Pty Ltd	Landcruiser repairs	-2434.08	1	CSH
EFT7830	20/08/2025	Lite n'Easy	HACC Meals	-549.21	1	CSH
EFT7831	20/08/2025	Famlonga Building Contractors	Landscaping, retention monies	-362096.60	1	CSH
EFT7832	20/08/2025	Western Plumbing & Gas Fitting	Caravan Park Maintenance	-9966.66	1	CSH
EFT7833	20/08/2025	Wongan Hills Pharmacy	HACC Products	-500.75	1	CSH
EFT7834	20/08/2025	Amy Hampton-Brook	HACC Services	-120.00	1	CSH
EFT7835	20/08/2025	Slipperys Earthmoving & Contracting	Earthworks Jasper St	-22110.00	1	CSH
EFT7836	20/08/2025	Stirling Asphalt	Town Asphalting	-135351.88	1	CSH
EFT7838	20/08/2025	Bithuwarnda Fenceworks Pty Ltd	Lifestyle Village Fencing	-36882.12	1	CSH
EFT7839	20/08/2025	Kerb Doctor	Town Kerbing	-49211.25	1	CSH
DD4678.1	21/08/2025	Deputy Commissioner of Taxation	BAS July 2025	-31256.00	1	CSH
DD4681.1	24/08/2025	Aware Super - Accumulation	Payroll deductions	-6736.13	1	CSH
DD4681.2	24/08/2025	AUSTRALIANSUPER	Superannuation contributions	-973.43	1	CSH
DD4681.3	24/08/2025	MLC Masterkey	Superannuation contributions	-351.51	1	CSH

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council August 2025

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
DD4681.4	24/08/2025	G E S B Super Scheme	Superannuation contributions	-151.50	1	CSH
DD4681.5	24/08/2025	Australian Retirement Trust	Superannuation contributions	-323.12	1	CSH
DD4681.6	24/08/2025	Amp Flexible Lifetime Super	Superannuation contributions	-285.09	1	CSH
DD4681.7	24/08/2025	Hostplus	Superannuation contributions	-160.30	1	CSH
DD4681.8	24/08/2025	Macquarie Super	Superannuation contributions	-286.76	1	CSH
DD4681.9	24/08/2025	Rest Industry Super	Superannuation contributions	-274.90	1	CSH
913	25/08/2025	2VNET - 2VNET MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	2VNET MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE	-578.95	1	FEE
	26/08/2025	Salaries & Wages	Employee Payroll	-50910.17	1	PAY
EFT7840	26/08/2025	Services Australia Child Support	Payroll deductions	-852.19	1	CSH
DD4684.1	26/08/2025	Bendigo Business Mastercard	Conference Expenses	-3000.00	1	CSH
EFT7841	28/08/2025	Merredin Telephone Service	Telstra Reconfiguration	-1186.35	1	CSH
EFT7842	28/08/2025	WALGA	GECZ Subscription	-1650.00	1	CSH
EFT7843	28/08/2025	Copier Support	Copier Support	-943.68	1	CSH
EFT7844	28/08/2025	Toll Transport Pty Ltd	Freight	-73.68	1	CSH
EFT7845	28/08/2025	GEF Great Eastern Freightlines	Freight	-113.30	1	CSH
EFT7846	28/08/2025	Merredin Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	Aircon Relocation	-1620.37	1	CSH
EFT7847	28/08/2025	Westrac Pty Ltd	Subscription	-1504.80	1	CSH
EFT7848	28/08/2025	Merredin Steel Supplies	Tread Plate	-2355.00	1	CSH
EFT7849	28/08/2025	Sound Balance Physiotherapy	HACC Service	-210.00	1	CSH
EFT7850	28/08/2025	Coerco Pty Ltd	Water Tanks	-12794.10	1	CSH
EFT7851	28/08/2025	J T Famlonga	Bird Bath	-11000.00	1	CSH
EFT7852	28/08/2025	C&F Building Approvals	Building Permit - 47 Wolfram	-495.00	1	CSH
EFT7853	28/08/2025	Amy Hampton-Brook	HACC Services	-120.00	1	CSH
EFT7854	28/08/2025	Esplanade Hotel Fremantle - By Rydges	Social Club Accommodation	-3360.00	1	CSH
EFT7855	28/08/2025	Island Style Clothing Pty Ltd	Uniforms	-2200.00	1	CSH
DD4688.1	28/08/2025	Synergy	Streetlights	-852.17	1	CSH
913	29/08/2025	TPORT - DEPT TRANSPORT LICENSING	DEPT TRANSPORT LICENSING	-7594.90	1	FEE
913	29/08/2025	FEE - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	-42.84	1	FEE
DD4692.1	29/08/2025	Water Corporation	Water Usage & Service Charges	-6619.63	1	CSH

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council August 2025

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Bank	Type

-\$ 1,238,769.93

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 DD4662 to DD4692 and Electronic Fund Transfers EFT7775 to EFT7855 (Inclusive of Department for Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Credit Card Payments) totalling \$1,238,769.93 submitted to each member of the Council on Tuesday 16th September 2025, have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and duly certified invoices with checks being carried out as to prices, computations and costing.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY– AUGUST 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer		
File Reference:	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity		
Signature:	Officer	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 August 2025 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 August 2025 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 31 July 2025

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 31 AUGUST 2025

	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	1,258,500	1,260,973	2,473	0.20%	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,593,344	490,561	480,717	(9,844)	(2.01%)	
Fees and charges	866,770	152,142	154,071	1,929	1.27%	
Interest revenue	245,600	20,400	19,979	(421)	(2.06%)	
Other revenue	671,650	18,872	27,579	8,707	46.14%	
Profit on asset disposals	151,077	3,444	3,445	1	0.03%	
	4,792,141	1,943,919	1,946,764	2,845	0.15%	
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs	(1,704,900)	(393,084)	(256,552)	136,532	34.73%	▲
Materials and contracts	(1,036,250)	(163,805)	(344,332)	(180,527)	(110.21%)	▼
Utility charges	(236,233)	(34,538)	(19,717)	14,821	42.91%	▲
Depreciation	(2,441,050)	(443,511)	(446,921)	(3,410)	(0.77%)	
Finance costs	(26,743)	(4,456)	0	4,456	100.00%	
Insurance	(198,500)	(65,322)	(80,451)	(15,129)	(23.16%)	▼
Other expenditure	(56,900)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Loss on asset disposals	(34,267)	(1,724)	0	1,724	100.00%	
	(5,734,843)	(1,106,440)	(1,147,973)	(41,533)	(3.75%)	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2(c) 2,324,240	441,791	443,476	1,685	0.38%	
Amount attributable to operating activities	1,381,538	1,279,270	1,242,267	(37,003)	(2.89%)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	997,100	170,000	169,602	(398)	(0.23%)	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	739,000	80,000	70,938	(9,062)	(11.33%)	
	1,736,100	250,000	240,540	(9,460)	(3.78%)	
Outflows from investing activities						
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(2,809,000)	(83,000)	(89,180)	(6,180)	(7.45%)	
Acquisition of infrastructure	(2,134,550)	(177,875)	(38,335)	139,540	78.45%	▲
	(4,943,550)	(260,875)	(127,515)	133,360	51.12%	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(3,207,450)	(10,875)	113,025	123,900	1139.31%	
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)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	(1,350,000)	0	0	0	0.00%	
	(1,398,601)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to financing activities	(1,323,601)	0	0	0	0.00%	
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	1,381,538	1,279,270	1,242,267	(37,003)	(2.89%)	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(3,207,450)	(10,875)	113,025	123,900	1139.31%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities	(1,323,601)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	(66,071)	4,351,837	3,705,044	(646,793)	(14.86%)	▼

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 31 AUGUST 2025

	Actual 30 June 2025	Actual as at 31 August 2025
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,894,858	7,800,976
Trade and other receivables	271,140	986,005
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	8,165,998	8,786,981
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	40,339	40,339
Property, plant and equipment	15,152,066	15,336,514
Infrastructure	76,091,034	75,905,397
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	91,283,439	91,282,250
TOTAL ASSETS	99,449,437	100,069,231
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	437,135	88,537
Borrowings	0	0
Employee related provisions	342,437	342,437
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	779,572	430,974
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	1,063,467
NET ASSETS	98,037,373	99,005,765
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	24,275,077	25,243,469
Reserve accounts	4,773,364	4,773,364
Revaluation surplus	68,988,932	68,988,932
TOTAL EQUITY	98,037,373	99,005,765

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

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

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2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION

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

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents
Trade and other receivables

Less: current liabilities

Trade and other payables
Borrowings
Employee related provisions

Net current assets

Less: Total adjustments to net current assets

Closing funding surplus / (deficit)

Note	Adopted Budget Opening 1 July 2025	Actual as at 30 June 2025	Actual as at 31 August 2025
	\$	\$	\$
	6,415,736	7,894,858	7,800,976
	262,548	271,140	986,005
	6,678,284	8,165,998	8,786,981
	(238,451)	(437,135)	(88,537)
		0	0
	(285,527)	(342,437)	(342,437)
	(523,978)	(779,572)	(430,974)
	6,154,306	7,386,426	8,356,007
2(b)	(5,925,963)	(4,650,963)	(4,650,963)
	228,343	2,735,463	3,705,044

(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

Adjustments to net current assets

Less: Reserve accounts
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year
- Current portion of borrowings
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve

Total adjustments to net current assets

	(6,048,364)	(4,773,364)	(4,773,364)
		0	0
	122,401	122,401	122,401
2(a)	(5,925,963)	(4,650,963)	(4,650,963)

	Adopted Budget Estimates 30 June 2026	YTD Budget Estimates 31 August 2025	YTD Actual 31 August 2025
	\$	\$	\$
	(151,077)	(3,444)	(3,445)
	34,267	1,724	0
	2,441,050	443,511	446,921
	2,324,240	441,791	443,476

(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

Adjustments to operating activities

Less: Profit on asset disposals
Add: Loss on asset disposals
Add: Depreciation

Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

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.

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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			
Other revenue	0	0.00%	
Expenditure from operating activities			
Materials and contracts	(180,527)	(110.21%)	▼
Utility charges	14,821	42.91%	▲
Depreciation	0	0.00%	
Insurance	(15,129)	(23.16%)	▼
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	0	0.00%	
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	0	0.00%	
Acquisition of infrastructure	139,540	78.45%	▲
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	(347,979)	(11.29%)	▼

	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	5,625	5,790	165	3%	
03	03101	Rate Notice Stationery expense	500	0	0	0		
03	03102	Rates Recovery - Legal Expenses	1,500	0	0	0		
03	03103	Valuation Expenses and Title Search	4,000	50	32	(18)	(37)%	
03	03107	Rates Written-off	500	0	0	0		
			37,000	5,675	5,822	147		
Operating Income								
03	03104	General Rates Levied	(1,258,500)	(1,258,500)	(1,260,973)	(2,473)	0%	
03	03105	Ex-Gratia Rates Received	(5,200)	0	0	0		
03	03106	Penalty Interest Raised on Rates	(7,500)	(100)	(120)	(20)	20%	
03	03109	Instalment Interest Received	(3,000)	(300)	(344)	(44)	15%	
03	03110	Rates Administration Fee Received	(1,000)	(250)	(156)	94	(38)%	
03	03112	Other Revenue	(500)	(400)	(400)	0	0%	
			(1,275,700)	(1,259,550)	(1,261,993)	(2,443)		
Other General Purpose Funding								
Operating Expense								
03	03210	Bank Fees Expense	6,000	1,500	1,568	68	5%	
			6,000	1,500	1,568	68		
Operating Income								
03	03201	Grants Commission Grant Received	(640,709)	(160,177)	(160,177)	(0)	0%	
03	03202	Grants Commission Grant Received	(379,535)	(94,884)	(94,070)	814	(1)%	
03	03204	Interest Received	(235,100)	(20,000)	(19,515)	485	(2)%	
03	03205	Other General Purpose funding rece	(250)	(40)	0	40	(100)%	
			(1,255,594)	(275,101)	(273,762)	1,339		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			43,000	7,175	7,390	215		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(2,531,294)	(1,534,651)	(1,535,755)	(1,104)		

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	7,000	7,182	182	3%	
04	04102	Council Election Expenses	5,000	0	0	0		
04	04103	President's Allowance paid	6,000	0	0	0		
04	04104	Members Refreshments & Receptio	25,000	3,500	3,656	156	4%	
04	04105	Members - Insurance	22,000	11,000	11,007	7	0%	
04	04106	Members - Subscriptions	73,800	60,000	59,848	(152)	(0)%	
04	04107	Members - Donation & Gifts	3,000	200	214	14	7%	
04	04108	Members communication Expenses	8,000	400	422	22	5%	
04	04109	Members Sitting Fees Paid	25,000	0	0	0		
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	298	253	(45)	(15)%	
04	04113	ABC Costs- Relating to Members	75,000	15,200	15,166	(34)	(0)%	
04	04114	Audit Fees expense	45,000	0	0	0		
04	04118	Advertising	3,000	0	0	0		
04	04120	Public Relations/ Promotions	2,500	0	0	0		
04	04199	Depreciation - Members of Council	50	8	0	(8)	(100)%	
			363,950	97,606	97,747	141		
Operating Income								
04	04121	Contributions, Reimbursements	(500)	0	0	0		
04	04122	Photocopying	(100)	0	0	0		
04	04124	Sale of Electoral Rolls	(50)	0	0	0		
			(650)	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			363,950	97,606	97,747	141		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(650)	0	0	0		

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	5,625	4,343	(1,282)	(23)%	
05	05101	Bush Fire Control Maintenance Plan	10,000	500	319	(181)	(36)%	
05	05102	Bush Fire Control Maintenance Lanc	1,500	0	0	0		
05	05103	Bush Fire Control	1,000	0	0	0		
05	05104	Bush Fire Control Insurance	20,000	10,000	9,828	(172)	(2)%	
05	05112	Bush Fire Clothing, Training & Accs.	3,200	100	87	(13)	(13)%	
05	05113	Utilities Communication & Power	4,500	748	354	(394)	(53)%	
05	05114	Other Goods & Services	1,000	0	0	0		
05	05199	Depreciation - Fire Prevention	21,500	4,375	3,742	(633)	(14)%	
			85,200	21,348	18,673	(2,675)		
Operating Income								
05	05107	FESA Operating Grant	(33,000)	(8,000)	(7,965)	35	(0)%	
05	05111	FESA ESL Admin Fee	(4,500)	(750)	0	750	(100)%	
			(37,500)	(8,750)	(7,965)	785		
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	500	420	(80)	(16)%	
			5,000	500	420	(80)		
Operating Income								
05	05202	Fines and Penalties - Animal Contro	(100)	0	0	0		
05	05203	Dog Registration Fees	(750)	0	0	0		
05	05301	Income Relating to Other Law	(50)	0	0	0		
			(900)	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			90,200	21,848	19,093	(2,755)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(38,400)	(8,750)	(7,965)	785		
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	23,832	23,737	(95)	(0)%	
07	07112	Expenses Relating to Health HCS	70,000	17,000	17,100	100	1%	
07	07113	Travel & Accomodation - HACC	0	0	0	0		
07	07114	ABC Costs- Home Care Services	68,000	13,000	13,028	28	0%	
			281,000	53,832	53,865	33		
Operating Income								
07	07101	Service Fee	(300,000)	(57,000)	(57,090)	(90)	0%	
07	13198	Profit on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	0		
			(300,000)	(57,000)	(57,090)	(90)		
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	2,800	2,895	95	3%	
07	07404	Analytical Expenses	400	400	377	(23)	(6)%	
07	07406	Contract - EHO Expense	7,000	164	124	(40)	(25)%	
			14,400	3,364	3,396	32		
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	0	0	0		
			2,500	0	0	0		
Preventative Services -Other								
Operating Expense								
07	07600	Ambulance Services - Other	31,000	82	26	(56)	(69)%	
07	07601	Medical Rooms & Dr Expense - Othe	13,000	4,248	4,775	527	12%	
08	08600	ABC Costs- Other Welfare	10,000	3,500	3,451	(49)	(1)%	
			54,000	7,830	8,252	422		
Operating Income								
07	07602	Reimbursement Rural Health West	(6,000)	0	0	0		
			(6,000)	0	0	0		
Other Health								
Operating Expense								
07	07700	Nurse Practitioner Clinic	40,000	6,666	6,004	(662)	(10)%	
07	07799	Depreciation - Health	2,100	350	347	(3)	(1)%	
			42,100	7,016	6,351	(665)		
Operating Income								
07	07603	First Responder - WPA Grant	(15,000)	0	0	0		
07	07703	Voluntary Contribution Health	(25,000)	(1,850)	(1,850)	0	0%	
07	07704	Medicare Benefits	(17,000)	(2,832)	(3,634)	(802)	28%	
			(57,000)	(4,682)	(5,484)	(802)		
Capital Expense								
07	07702	Purchase Buildings - Medical Centre	10,000	0	0	0		
			10,000	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			394,000	72,042	71,864	(178)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(363,100)	(61,682)	(62,575)	(893)		
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	4,000	3,787	(213)	(5)%	
08	08101	Community Hub	64,000	7,330	6,567	(763)	(10)%	
08	08199	Depreciation - Community Hub	16,000	2,664	2,859	195	7%	
			107,000	13,994	13,213	(781)		
Operating Income								
08	08105	Income Community Hub Unit Accoun	(20,000)	(1,800)	(1,805)	(5)	0%	
			(20,000)	(1,800)	(1,805)	(5)		
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	15,000	15,000	0	0%	
08	08203	Furniture & Equipment - Communit	95,000	0	0	0		
			345,000	15,000	15,000	0		
Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens								
Operating Expense								
08	08401	Seniors Activities	7,500	400	404	4	1%	
08	08402	Wheatbelt Agcare	500	0	0	0		
			8,000	400	404	4		
Operating Income								
08	08403	Income Relating to Aged & Disabled	(5,000)	0	0	0		
			(5,000)	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			115,000	14,394	13,617	(777)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(25,000)	(1,800)	(1,805)	(5)		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			345,000	15,000	15,000	0		

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	4,000	4,343	343	9%	
09	09101	Maintenance 20 Diorite St -DCEO	18,000	1,248	1,246	(2)	(0)%	
09	09102	Maintenance 11 Quartz St	5,000	582	513	(69)	(12)%	
09	09104	Maintenance 37 Diorite St - Rental	0	0	305	305		
09	09105	Maintenance 7 Quartz St - Plant Oper	5,000	332	352	20	6%	
09	09108	Depreciation - Staff Housing	53,000	8,900	8,816	(84)	(1)%	
09	09109	Maintenance 13 Pyrite Street -Plant	8,500	416	329	(87)	(21)%	
09	09201	Maintenance 4 Quartz St - Plant Oper	5,500	1,166	1,221	55	5%	
09	09202	Maintenance 55 Wolfram St -Admin	16,000	3,300	3,289	(11)	(0)%	
09	09211	Maintenance 301 Pyrite Street - Sen	7,000	1,998	2,040	42	2%	
			142,000	21,942	20,357	(1,585)		
Operating Income								
09	09121	Income 20 Diorite St -Rental	0	0	0	0		
09	09122	Income 11 Quartz St	(2,600)	0	0	0		
09	09124	Income 37 Diorite St - Rental	0	0	0	0		
09	09125	Income 7 Quartz St - Plant Operator	(2,600)	(232)	(320)	(88)	38%	
09	09130	Income 13 Pyrite Street -Plant Oper.	(2,600)	(432)	(400)	32	(7)%	
09	09220	Income 4 Quartz St - Plant Operator	(2,600)	(432)	(400)	32	(7)%	
09	09221	Income 55 Wolfram St -Administrati	(7,800)	(1,300)	(1,200)	100	(8)%	
09	09230	Income 301 Pyrite Street - Senior Fir	(2,600)	(412)	(360)	52	(13)%	
			(20,800)	(2,808)	(2,680)	128		
Other Housing								
Operating Expense								
09	09103	CEACA Contribution 3Units	50,000	0	0	0		
09	09200	ABC Costs- Other Housing	24,000	4,000	4,343	343	9%	
09	09203	Maintenance - Lifestyle	35,000	3,820	3,549	(271)	(7)%	
09	09206	Maintenance Quartz Street Age Uni	18,150	1,008	939	(69)	(7)%	
09	09208	Maintenance - 17 Pyrite Street JV U	44,850	1,012	842	(170)	(17)%	
09	09212	Rental Lifestyle Village - Westonia P	13,500	0	0	0		
09	09236	Depreciation Other Housing	60,500	9,600	9,593	(7)	(0)%	
			246,000	19,440	19,266	(174)		
Other Housing								
Operating Income								
09	09222	Income - Lifestyle	(43,860)	(2,200)	(2,166)	34	(2)%	
09	09227	Income 17Pyrite St - JV Units	(29,640)	(3,938)	(3,660)	278	(7)%	
09	09231	Income - Ramelius Resources Lease	(28,000)	0	0	0		
09	09238	Income -Age Units Quartz Street	(39,520)	(4,584)	(4,650)	(66)	1%	
09	09298	Profit on Sale of Asset	(143,241)	(3,444)	(3,444)	(0)	0%	
			(284,261)	(14,166)	(13,920)	246		
Capital Expense								
09	09127	Purchase - Staff Housing - Shed 4 Q	0	0	0	0		
09	09128	Purchase Land & Buildings - Lifestyle	32,000	32,000	33,529	1,529	5%	
09	09239	CAPITAL-Single Persons Quarters	500,000	0	0	0		
			532,000	32,000	33,529	1,529		
Capital Income								
09	09237	Proceeds on Sale -Housing CAPITAL	(410,000)	0	(0)	(0)		
			(410,000)	0	(0)	(0)		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			388,000	41,382	39,623	(1,759)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(305,061)	(16,974)	(14,040)	2,934		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(410,000)	0	(0)	(0)		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			532,000	32,000	33,529	1,529		

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	4,000	4,343	343	9%	
10	10103	Domestic Refuse Collection	15,500	1,582	1,508	(75)	(5)%	
10	10105	Refuse Collection Public Bins	15,000	1,166	1,154	(12)	(1)%	
10	10106	Refuse Maintenance	22,000	2,498	5,260	2,762	111%	
10	10107	Waste Oil Recycling	500	0	0	0		
10	10108	Containers for Change Recycling Bin	0	0	0	0		
			77,000	9,246	12,265	3,019		
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	1,430	1,313	(117)	(8)%	
10	10705	Maintenance - Cemetery	0	0	0	0		
10	10706	Maintenance - Grave Digging	9,500	50	23	(27)	(53)%	
10	10799	Depreciation - Community Services	21,200	9,000	8,968	(32)	(0)%	
			41,700	10,480	10,305	(175)		
Operating Income								
10	10701	Income Relating to Other Communi	0	0	0	0		
10	10708	Cemetery Fees	(2,000)	0	0	0		
			(2,000)	0	0	0		
Capital Expenditure								
10	10702	Purchase Land & Buildings - Niche V	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			118,700	19,726	22,570	2,844		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(2,000)	0	0	0		
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	16,000	15,924	(76)	(0)%	
11	11104	Maintenance - Public Halls	20,500	3,412	3,010	(402)	(12)%	
11	11105	Maintenance - Complex/ Gym	34,000	4,660	4,656	(4)	(0)%	
11	11106	Maintenance - Wanderers Stadium	32,200	3,528	2,437	(1,091)	(31)%	
11	11107	MOU Westonia Progress Payment	0	0	0	0		
11	11199	Depreciation - Public Halls	67,800	11,000	10,793	(207)	(2)%	
			236,500	38,600	36,819	(1,781)		
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	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Operating Expense								
11	11207	Maintenance Westonia Swimming F	45,500	3,746	4,231	485	13%	
11	11208	Chlorine Expenses	3,500	0	0	0		
11	11209	Management Contract Charges	75,000	10,500	10,771	271	3%	
11	11210	Water Charges	7,000	0	0	0		
11	11299	Depreciaton - Swimming Pool	67,700	11,000	10,973	(27)	(0)%	
			198,700	25,246	25,974	728		
Capital Expense								
11	11204	Purchase Land & Buildings -Kiosk/At	150,000	150,000	189,341	39,341	26%	
11	11205	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - S	15,000	8,000	8,270	270	3%	
			165,000	158,000	197,611	39,611		
Other Recreation & Sport								
Operating Expense								
11	11307	Maintenance - Playground, Tennis &	326,000	105,832	105,989	157	0%	
11	11308	Maintenance - Recreation Oval	49,300	382	442	60	16%	
11	11399	Depreciation - Other Rec & Sport	158,500	29,000	29,012	12	0%	
			533,800	135,214	135,444	230		
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	10,000	10,654	654	7%	
			10,000	10,000	10,654	654		
Television and Rebroadcasting								
Operating Expense								
11	11401	Maintenance - Television and Rebro	4,000	400	405	5	1%	
11	11499	Depreciation - TV & Radio	5,500	1,000	924	(76)	(8)%	
			9,500	1,400	1,329	(71)		
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	3,332	3,111	(221)	(7)%	
11	11505	Library Expenses	3,500	50	67	17	34%	
			23,500	3,382	3,178	(204)		
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	0	0	0		
11	11606	Maintenance Walgoolan Info Bay	600	0	0	0		
			30,600	0	0	0		
Operating Income								
11	11602	Income Charges History Books	(200)	(32)	(50)	(18)	56%	
11	11604	Ramelius Common Management - I	0	0	0	0		
			(200)	(32)	(50)	(18)		
Capital Expense								
11	11603	Purchase Furniture & Equipment - P	800,000	0	0	0		
			800,000	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			1,032,600	203,842	202,743	(1,099)		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(1,100)	(32)	(50)	(18)		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(200,000)	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			985,000	168,000	208,265	40,265		

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	898,500	46,000	46,180	180	0%	
12	12103	MRWA Project Construction	717,000	500	550	50	10%	
12	12104	Roads to Recovery Construction	519,050	83,300	83,266	(34)	(0)%	
12	12108	Footpath Construction	0	0	0	0		
			2,134,550	129,800	129,996	196		
Streets Roads Bridges & Depot Maintenance								
Operating Expense								
12	12202	Power - Street Lighting	8,500	1,416	1,232	(184)	(13)%	
12	12203	Maintenance - GRM	619,000	181,000	180,935	(65)	(0)%	
12	12204	Maintenance - Depot	35,500	20,498	18,722	(1,776)	(9)%	
12	12205	Maintenance - Footpaths	500	0	0	0		
12	12206	Traffic Signs Maintenance	22,000	0	0	0		
12	12208	Town Maintenance/Streetscape	170,000	30,000	30,162	162	1%	
12	12219	RRG Expenses	0	0	9,422	9,422		
12	12299	Depreciation - Street, Roads, Bridge	1,603,500	296,000	295,809	(191)	(0)%	
			2,459,000	528,914	536,281	7,367		
Operating Income								
12	12201	Income Relating to Streets, Roads, E	0	0	0	0		
12	12212	Grant - MRWA Direct	(200,000)	(200,000)	(189,763)	10,237	(5)%	
12	12213	Grant - MRWA Specific	(478,000)	(170,000)	(169,602)	398	(0)%	
12	12214	Grant -Electric Car Charging Station	(100)	0	0	0		
12	12216	Grant - Roads to Recovery	(519,000)	0	0	0		
			(1,197,100)	(370,000)	(359,365)	10,635		
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	1,724	0	(1,724)	(100)%	
			6,896	1,724	0	(1,724)		
Operating Income								
12	12398	Profit on Sale of Asset	(7,610)	0	0	0		
			(7,610)	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
12	12306	Proceeds on Sale of Asset	(150,000)	0	0	0		
			(150,000)	0	0	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	0	0	0		
12	12305	Garden Water Trailer- CAPITAL	10,000	0	0	0		
			410,000	25,000	25,272	272		
Aerodromes								
Operating Expense								
12	12604	Airport Maintenance	3,700	446	294	(152)	(34)%	
			3,700	446	294	(152)		
Operating Income								
12	12601	Income Relating to Aerodromes	(100)	(16)	0	16	(100)%	
			(100)	(16)	0	16		
Capital Expense								
12	12605	Airport Land - CAPITAL	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			2,469,596	531,084	536,574	5,490		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(1,204,810)	(370,016)	(359,365)	10,651		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(150,000)	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			2,579,550	154,800	155,268	468		

Schedule 13 Economic Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Rural Services								
Operating Expense								
13	13123	NRM Contract	5,000	1,500	1,410	(90)	(6)%	
13	13125	Noxious Weed Control	2,000	0	0	0		
			7,000	1,500	1,410	(90)		
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	10,000	10,200	200	2%	
13	13210	Area Promotion	8,000	1,332	1,512	180	14%	
13	13211	SUBS- CW Visitor Centre	3,000	0	0	0		
13	13212	SUBS- Newtravel	10,000	0	0	0		
13	13213	Maintenance Caravan Park	118,750	25,786	26,197	411	2%	
13	13214	Information Bay- Carrabin	16,050	250	170	(80)	(32)%	
13	13215	Museum -Maintenance	63,500	2,246	2,593	347	15%	
13	13299	Depreciation - Tourism & Area Prom	39,000	6,500	6,584	84	1%	
			318,300	46,114	47,256	1,142		
Operating Income								
13	13201	Caravan Park Single Units	(15,000)	(4,700)	(4,700)	0	0%	
13	13202	Caravan Site Charges	(60,000)	(15,000)	(14,382)	618	(4)%	
13	13203	Tent Site Charges	(500)	(82)	(141)	(59)	72%	
13	13204	Souvenir Sales	(500)	(82)	(87)	(5)	6%	
13	13221	Income -Museum Entry	(15,000)	(2,500)	(2,179)	321	(13)%	
13	13223	Electric Car Charging Station - INCOI	0	0	(1)	(1)		
			(91,000)	(22,364)	(21,490)	874		
Capital Expense								
13	13216	Museum Expansion Project - Land &	200,000	97,000	96,939	(61)	(0)%	
13	13224	Caravan Park - Decking/New Laundr	32,000	4,000	4,225	225	6%	
			232,000	101,000	101,164	164		
Capital Income								
13	13222	Loan Proceeds	0	0	0	0		
13	13225	LotteryWest Grant- Muesuem	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
Building Control								
Operating Expense								
13	13301	Contract EH Services	0	0	450	450		
			0	0	450	450		
Operating Income								
13	13303	Building Permit Charges	(3,000)	(250)	(256)	(6)	2%	
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)	(250)	(256)	(6)		
Community Development (CRC)								
Operating Expense								
13	13400	ABC Costs - Community Developme	60,000	12,000	12,271	271	2%	
13	13401	Programs / Activities	10,000	0	0	0		
13	13402	Workers Compensation Premiums	7,000	3,200	3,182	(18)	(1)%	
13	13403	Superannuation	13,000	1,500	1,520	20	1%	
13	13404	Salaries	81,000	600	633	33	6%	
13	13405	Community Events	20,000	0	0	0		
13	13406	Grant Generated Expenditure	0	0	0	0		
13	13610	Building Maintenance	24,183	1,648	1,832	184	11%	
			215,183	18,948	19,439	491		

Schedule 13 Economic Services

Prog	COA	Description	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var. \$	Var. %	Comment
Operating Income								
13	13410	Grant Funding Opportunities	(10,000)	0	0	0		
13	13411	DPIRD Grants Funding (CRC)	(110,000)	(27,500)	(28,742)	(1,242)	5%	
13	13412	Income Relating to Westonia CRC O	0	0	0	0		
13	13413	Events Income	0	0	0	0		
			(120,000)	(27,500)	(28,742)	(1,242)		
Plant Nursery								
Operating Expense								
13	13502	Nursery Operating Costs	0	0	80	80		
			0	0	80	80		
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	1,448	1,448		
13	13611	Water Supply Standpipes	71,500	11,912	12,285	373	3%	
13	13613	Ramelius ResourceLease - Industrial	0	0	0	0		
13	13614	St Lukes Church	0	0	26	26		
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	14,450	15,516	1,066	7%	
			158,200	26,362	29,275	2,913		
Other Economic Services								
Operating Income								
13	13602	Community Bus Hire Charges	(2,000)	(332)	(371)	(39)	12%	
13	13603	Ramelius Resource Lease - Industria	(22,000)	0	0	0		
13	13604	Police Licensing Commissions	(9,000)	(1,000)	(1,041)	(41)	4%	
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)	(1,500)	(1,359)	141	(9)%	
13	13618	Reimbursements General	(200)	0	0	0		
			(111,600)	(11,932)	(11,945)	(13)		
Capital Expense								
13	13606	Land & Buildings - Wolfram Street S	0	0	0	0		
			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			698,683	92,924	97,910	4,986		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(325,900)	(62,046)	(62,433)	(387)		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			0	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			232,000	101,000	101,164	164		

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	25,000	13,000	12,852	(148)	(1)%	
			25,000	13,000	12,852	(148)		
Operating Income								
14	14100	Private Works Income	(125,000)	(43,500)	(43,418)	82	(0)%	
			(125,000)	(43,500)	(43,418)	82		
Public Works Overheads								
Operating Expense								
14	14200	Administration Allocations to PWOH	258,000	42,998	44,598	1,600	4%	
14	14202	Sick Leave Expense	25,000	5,500	5,494	(7)	(0)%	
14	14203	Annual & Long Service Leave Expenses	100,000	9,000	8,908	(92)	(1)%	
14	14204	Protective Clothing - Outside Staff	6,000	0	0	0		
14	14205	Conference Expenses- Engineering	4,000	1,700	1,677	(23)	(1)%	
14	14206	Medical Examination Costs	500	0	0	0		
14	14207	Public Works Overheads Allocated to	(677,500)	(155,000)	(155,046)	(46)	0%	
14	14208	OSH Expenses	4,500	0	0	0		
14	14211	Unallocated Wages	0	0	0	0		
14	14214	Eng. & Technical Support	10,000	1,000	890	(110)	(11)%	
14	14215	Staff Training	24,000	2,000	2,152	152	8%	
14	14216	Insurance on Works	45,500	11,500	11,388	(112)	(1)%	
14	14217	Supervision Costs	24,000	4,000	4,241	241	6%	
14	14218	Service Pay	7,000	1,166	1,180	14	1%	
14	14219	Superannuation Cost	125,000	20,832	22,218	1,386	7%	
14	14220	Allowances & Other Costs	38,000	2,800	2,800	(0)	(0)%	
14	14221	Fringe Benefits Tax - Works	8,000	0	0	0		
			2,000	(52,504)	(49,500)	3,004		
Operating Income								
14	14201	Income Relating to Public Works Over	(7,000)	(300)	(320)	(20)	7%	
			(7,000)	(300)	(320)	(20)		
Plant Operation Costs								
Operating Expense								
14	14302	Insurance - Plant	18,500	6,500	6,362	(138)	(2)%	
14	14303	Fuel & Oils	240,000	57,000	56,571	(429)	(1)%	
14	14304	Tyres and Tubes	20,000	2,500	2,540	40	2%	
14	14305	Parts & Repairs	0	0	20,198	20,198		
14	14306	Internal Repair Wages	33,500	4,582	4,191	(391)	(9)%	
14	14307	Licences - Plant	9,000	6,291	6,291	0	0%	
14	14308	Depreciation - Plant	200,000	33,332	36,478	3,146	9%	
14	14309	Plant Operation Costs Allocated to V	(706,000)	(77,500)	(77,469)	31	(0)%	
14	14310	Blades & Tynes	15,000	0	0	0		
14	14311	Consumable Items	20,000	4,332	4,289	(43)	(1)%	
14	14312	Expendable Tools	10,000	500	465	(35)	(7)%	
			(140,000)	37,537	59,917	22,380		
Stock Fuels & Oils								
Operating Expense								
14	14402	Purchase of Stock Materials	0	0	6,276	6,276		
			0	0	6,276	6,276		
Operating Income								
14	14404	Diesel Fuel Rebate	(50,000)	(12,000)	(12,099)	(99)	1%	
14	14405	Sale of Stock	(500)	0	0	0		
14	14406	Sale of Fuel and Scrap	(2,000)	0	0	0		
			(52,500)	(12,000)	(12,099)	(99)		
Administration								
Operating Expense								
14	14500	Expenses relating to Administration	494,000	82,332	75,741	(6,592)	(8)%	
14	14501	Administration Office Maintenance	72,500	14,996	16,141	1,145	8%	
14	14502	Workers Compensation Premiums-	10,850	10,850	14,246	3,396	31%	
14	14503	Office Equipment Maintenance - Ad	5,000	0	0	0		
14	14504	Telecommunications - Admin	10,000	1,000	1,079	79	8%	
14	14505	Travel & Accommodation - Admin	2,000	0	0	0		

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	0	0	0		
14	14507	Training Expenses - Admin	7,500	0	0	0		
14	14508	Printing & Stationery - Admin	10,000	3,000	3,097	97	3%	
14	14509	Fringe Benefits Tax - Admin	17,000	0	0	0		
14	14510	Conference Expenses - Admin	6,000	0	0	0		
14	14511	Staff Uniform - Admin	3,000	0	2,374	2,374		
14	14515	Administration Costs Allocated to Pr	(750,350)	(145,000)	(144,760)	240	(0)%	
14	14517	Postage & Freight	1,500	50	20	(30)	(59)%	
14	14521	IT/Accounting Programs	45,000	30,000	29,525	(475)	(2)%	
14	14522	Advertising	3,000	1,700	1,745	45	3%	
14	14559	Admin Loss on Sale	27,371	0	0	0		
14	14599	Depreciation - Admin	38,000	6,332	6,508	176	3%	
			7,371	5,260	5,715	455		
Operating Income								
14	14525	Admin - Reimbursement	0	0	(8,670)	(8,670)		
14	14598	Profit on Sale of Asset - Admin	(226)	0	0	0		
			(226)	0	(8,670)	(8,670)		
Capital Expense								
14	14514	Purchase Furniture & Equipment Ad	30,000	0	0	0		
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	0	0	0		
			260,000	0	0	0		
Operating Expense								
14	14602	Gross Salaries & Wages	1,800,000	300,000	258,455	(41,545)	(14)%	
14	14603	Less Sal & Wages Alloc to Works	(1,800,000)	(300,000)	(254,552)	45,448	(15)%	
			0	0	3,903	3,903		
Unclassified								
Operating Income								
14	14701	Income Relating to Unclassified	(40,000)	0	0	0		
14	14705	Ramelius Resources Haulage Operat	0	0	0	0		
			(40,000)	0	0	54,324		
Unclassified								
Capital Expense								
14	14704	Land Development	120,000	0	0	0		
			120,000	0	0	0		
Capital Income								
14	14799	Proceeds on Sale of Assets	(176,000)	0	0	0		
			(176,000)	0	0	0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE			(105,629)	3,293	39,162	35,869		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(224,726)	(55,800)	(64,507)	45,616		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			380,000	0	0	0		
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME			(176,000)	0	0	0		

SHIRE OF WESTONIA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BASIS OF PREPARATION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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	3,026,744		3,026,744		Bendigo	Variable	Cheque Acc.
RESERVE FUND	Cash and cash equivalents	0	4,773,362	4,773,362		Bendigo	Variable	Term Deposit
TRUST FUND CASH AT BANK	Cash and cash equivalents	0		0	45,029	Bendigo	Variable	Cheque Acc.
Total		3,027,614	4,773,362	7,800,976	45,029			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		3,027,614	4,773,362	7,800,976	45,029			
Financial assets at amortised cost - Term Deposits		0	0	0	0			
		3,027,614	4,773,362	7,800,976	45,029			

KEY INFORMATION

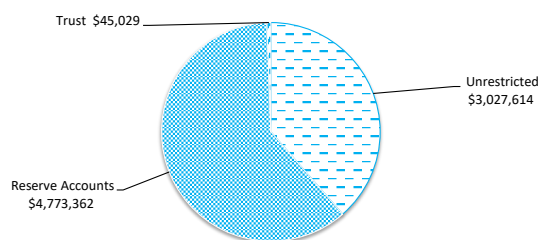
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of 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	1049451 Cloud Anti Spam Recurring	50.00	Bendigo	17.99%	31-Aug-25
	1038203 Office 365 Exchange online Plan Monthly	39.04			
	1047021 Microsoft 365 Business Basic Recurring	128.70			
	Active8me internet service	59.59			
	1049449 Managed Endpoint & Subscriptions Recurring	274.00			
	Starlink - CEO Internet - July	139.00			
	Bunnings - Rubber	119.70			
	Bunnings - Collection Packaging	359.01			
	Old Boyanup Bakery - Coffee/meal	46.01			
	Esplanade Hotel - Refreshments	355.20			
	BWS - Member Refreshments	142.00			
	Mundaring Shoes - CEO Uniform	169.95			
	Caltx Tammin - Fuel OWT	55.80			
	Social Club - Fight Club - Refund	-275.00			
	Kmart - Shower Curtains	116.00			
	Kellerberrin Club - Refreshments	71.00			
	National Sml Town Conference	6930.00			
	Kahoot Subscription	293.44			
	Sportspower - CEO Uniform	239.99			
	Dunnings - Fuel OWT	50.03			
	Corrigin Roadhouse - Fuel OWT	110.64			
	Payments made	-4000.00			
	Card Fee	12.80			
		5486.90			
Card # **** *035					
Geier, Jasmine L	Spotlight - Material	91.00	Bendigo	17.99%	31-Aug-25
	Spotlight - Notions	422.00			
	Forever & More - Cabinets	2138.05			
	Social Club - Fremantle Prison	638.00			
	Sage Horticultural - Lge Saucers	102.57			
	Liberty - Fuel 02WT	162.00			
	Payments made	-1000.00			
	Card Fee	4.00			
		2557.62			
		8044.52			
Transaction Summary	Corporate Fuel Cards	Total Amount \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Period End Date
Card #**** *7401					
Bill Price	Fuel Card Purchases - OWT	\$91.75	Fuel Distributors		31-Aug-25
		91.75			
Card #**** *5677					
Kevin Paust		0.00	BP		31-Aug-25
Card #**** *5510					
Jasmine Geier	Fuel Card Purchases - DCEO - 02WT	\$437.77	BP		31-Aug-25
		437.77			
		529.52			

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2 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve account name	Budget				Actual			
	Opening	Transfers	Transfers	Closing	Opening	Transfers	Transfers	Closing
	Balance	In (+)	Out (-)	Balance	Balance	In (+)	Out (-)	Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reserve accounts restricted by Council								
Reserve -Long Service Leave	122,401	4,000	0	126,401	122,401	0	0	122,401
Reserve -Plant	1,132,048	39,000	(75,000)	1,096,048	1,132,048	0	0	1,132,048
Reserve -Building	1,035,255	36,000	0	1,071,255	1,035,255	0	0	1,035,255
Reserve -Communication/Information Technology	77,221	2,500	0	79,721	77,221	0	0	77,221
Reserve -Community Development	1,360,384	732,500	0	2,092,884	1,360,384	0	0	1,360,384
Reserve -Waste Management	136,915	4,500	0	141,415	136,915	0	0	136,915
Reserve -Swimming Pool Redevelopment	387,987	513,500	0	901,487	387,987	0	0	387,987
Reserve -Roadworks	521,153	18,000	0	539,153	521,153	0	0	521,153
	4,773,364	1,350,000	(75,000)	6,048,364	4,773,364	0	0	4,773,364

3 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings - specialised	1,249,000	50,000	55,638	5,638
Furniture and equipment	950,000	8,000	8,270	270
Plant and equipment	610,000	25,000	25,272	272
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2,809,000	83,000	89,180	6,180
Infrastructure - roads	2,134,550	177,875	38,335	(139,540)
Acquisition of infrastructure	2,134,550	177,875	38,335	(139,540)
Total capital acquisitions	4,943,550	260,875	127,515	(133,360)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	997,100	170,000	169,602	(398)
Lease liabilities	0	0	0	0
Borrowings	0	0	0	0
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	739,000	80,000	70,938	(9,062)
Reserve accounts				
Reserve account - by council - [describe]	75,000	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	3,132,450	10,875	(113,025)	(123,900)
Capital funding total	4,943,550	260,875	127,515	(133,360)

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

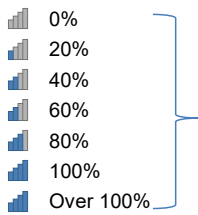
In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

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

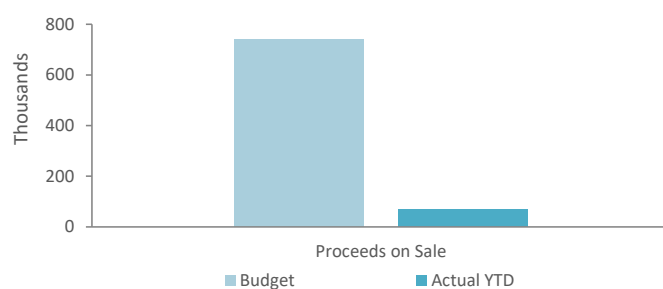


Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

		Adopted		YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
Account Description		Budget	YTD Budget		
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Building					
07702	Purchase Buildings - Medical Centre Upgrades	10,000	0	0	0
08104	Land & Buildings- Community Hub / Leisure Centre Project	250,000	0	0	0
09128	Purchase Land & Buildings - Lifestyle Village Fencing	32,000	0	0	0
09239	CAPITAL-Single Persons Quarters	500,000	0	0	0
11204	Purchase Land & Buildings -Kiosk/Ablution Redevelopmen	150,000	0	1,237	(1,237)
11309	Water Tanks Wanderers Stadium	10,000	0	0	0
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	200,000	50,000	50,175	(175)
13224	Caravan Park - Decking/New Laundry - CAPITAL	32,000	0	4,225	(4,225)
14519	Carport Admin Office - CAPITAL	30,000	0	0	0
		1,249,000	50,000	55,638	(5,638)
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	800,000	0	0	0
11607	Furniture & Equipment - Disabled Ramp Access @ Old Hall	10,000	0	0	0
14514	Purchase Furniture & Equipment Administration	30,000	0	0	0
		950,000	8,000	8,270	(270)
Plant & Equipment					
12302	Purchase Plant & Equipment - Road Plant Purchases	30,000	25,000	25,272	(272)
12304	Telehandler - CAPITAL	370,000	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
		610,000	25,000	25,272	(272)
Infrastructure-roads					
C0010	Begley Road (No 0010)	78,000	6,500	0	6,500
C0011	Maxfield Road (No 0011)	84,000	7,000	0	7,000
C0053	Hodgeson Road (No 0053)	123,000	10,250	0	10,250
C0020	6 Mile Gate Road (No 0020)	78,500	6,541	0	6,541
C0022	Henderson Road (No 0022)	44,000	3,666	0	3,666
C0025	Rabbit Proof Fence Road (No 0025)	83,000	6,916	0	6,916
C0030	Maisefield Gravel Resheet	95,000	7,916	24,171	(16,255)
C0031	Elachbutting Road (No 0031)	90,000	7,500	13,959	(6,459)
C0034	Farina Road (No 0034)	88,000	7,333	0	7,333
C0064	Elsewhere Road (No 0064)	96,000	8,000	0	8,000
C0070	Pitt Road (No 0070)	39,000	3,250	0	3,250
MRWA Project Construction					
RRG84C	Warralakin Road Reconstruction	717,000	59,750	0	59,750
Roads to Recovery Construction					
R2R04	Walgoolan South Road (No 0004)	100,000	8,333	0	8,333
R2R55	Diorite Street Roundsbout & Carport (No 0055)	58,000	4,833	206	4,627
R2R96	Woolgar Street (0096)	100,000	8,333	0	8,333
R2RFDW	Bitumen Floodways	69,050	5,754	0	5,754
R2R06	Carrabin South Road (0006)	192,000	16,000	0	16,000
		2,134,550	177,875	38,335	139,540

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
A50	Fibro & Metal Clad Dwelling (Works I-	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	0	0	0	0
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
A566	Toyota Prado -02WT	75,774	76,000	226	0	0	0	0	0
		622,190	739,000	151,077	(34,268)	67,494	70,938	3,444	0



5 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

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

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

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2025 \$	Liability transferred from/(to) non current \$	Liability Increase \$	Liability Reduction \$	Closing Balance 31 August 2025 \$
Other current liabilities						
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		342,437	0	0	0	342,437
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	8,000	33,000	0	33,000	7,965
Grant - MRWA Direct	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	189,763
Grants Commission Grant Received - General	640,709	160,177	640,709	0	640,709	160,177
Grants Commission Grant Received- Roads	379,535	94,884	379,535	0	379,535	94,070
Corporate sponsorship	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0
	1,353,244	463,061	1,353,244	0	1,353,244	451,976
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	27,500	110,000	0	110,000	28,742
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	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
	240,100	27,500	240,100	0	240,100	28,742
TOTALS	1,593,344	490,561	1,593,344	0	1,593,344	480,717

12 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue					YTD
	Adopted	YTD	Annual	Budget		Revenue
	Revenue	Budget	Budget	Variations	Expected	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies						
Income Relating to Libraries	100	0	100	0	100	0
Grant - MRWA Specific	478,000	170,000	478,000	0	478,000	169,602
Grant - Roads to Recovery	519,000	0	519,000	0	519,000	0
	997,100	170,000	997,100	0	997,100	169,602

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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 31 August 2025
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Westonia Tennis Club	9,202	0	0	9,202
Westonia Historical Society	25,445	0	0	25,445
Cemetery Committee	10,382	0	0	10,382
	45,029	0	0	45,029

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – AUGUST 2025

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer		
File Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Report		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report		
Signature:	Officer	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 August 2025 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 **\$(15,432.00)** for the period ending August 2025 adopted.

Shire of Westonia
Business Activity Statement
August 2025

Total Sales and Purchases		\$
G1	Total Sales	458,359
G3	Other GST Free Sales	298,971
G4	Input Taxed	17,806
G10	Capital Purchases	455,294
G11	Non-Capital Purchases	163,334

Amounts you owe the ATO (Credits in ledger)		\$
1A/ G9	GST On Sales (GL Balance)	12,871
4	PAYG (GL 94660)	29,243
6A	FBT Instalment	
7C	Fuel Tax credit over claim	-
Total you owe the ATO		42,114

PAYG		\$
W1	Total Salary Wages & Other	133,556
W2	Amount withheld from Payments at W1	-
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)	51,078
7D	Fuel Tax Credit	6,468
Total the ATO owes you		57,546

FBT		\$
F1	FBT Instalment Amount	

Activity Statement Net Amount		\$
Amounts you owe the ATO (Credits in ledger)		42,114
Amounts the ATO owes you (Debits in ledger)		57,546
Payment (Red - Refund)		(15,432)

Authorisation

Prepared By: 

Date: 9/09/2025

Checked & Lodged By: 

Date: 9/09/2025

BAS Journal		
Debit	Credit	Description
1405000 - GST Income (Liability)	12,871	BAS liability due to ATO
1406010 - PAYG Tax Gen	29,243	PAYG paid to ATO
1304000 - GST Expense (Asset)	51,078	BAS purchases claimed from ATO
1144040.114 - Fuel Tax Credit Gen	6,468	FTC
1145090.580 - Fringe Benefits Tax - Admin Gen 60%		FBT
1142210.502 - Fringe Benefits Tax - Works Gen 40%		FBT
1406020 - ATO Clearing Account	15,432	Due from/to ATO
		BAS-Rounding
	57,546	57,546

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATIONS

Nil

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICES

9.3.1 TENDER 2 -25/26 – BITUMENOUS PRODUCTS

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO		
Author:	Bill Price, CEO		
File Reference:	F1.9.1		
Disclosure of Interest:	Cr Geier		
Attachments:	Nil		
Signature:	Officer		CEO

Purpose of the Report

☐ Executive Decision

☒ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider accepting a tender for the supply and lay of bituminous products for this year's road program.

Background

Council has made allowance in its 2025/26 Budget for the provision of bituminous products as part of its adopted road's program, which includes approximately 46,500m² of combined primer seal 14mm and 1st coat seal of 7mm Aggregate. A public notice inviting tenders closing on 9th September 2025 was initiated.

Comment

At the close of tenders two submissions were received from the following:

Bitutek Pty Ltd
RoadMac
WAS Sprayseal
Fulton Hogan

In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria, will determine whether the tender should be accepted:

- Demonstrated experience by tenderer to meet the requirements as set out in specifications.
- A maintenance service best suited to the principal's requirements that demonstrates a commitment to customer service and a professional corporate image.
- Demonstrated ability and produces to ensure public and employee safety by way of Occupation Safety and Health, and adherence to the Traffic Management for Roadworks Code of Practice.

Tenderer	Selection Criteria and Weighting			Total weighted Score
	Experience (50%)	Maintenance Service (25%)	Safety Commitment (25%)	
Bitutek Pty Ltd	50	25	20	95
RoadMac	45	20	20	85
WAS Sprayseal	45	20	20	85
Fulton Hogan	50	20	20	90

Assessment of Tenders against compliance criteria:

The tenderer for the supply of bituminous products including aggregate was deemed to comply with the compliance criteria.

Basis of Recommendation:

The tenderer has demonstrated significant experience in carrying out similar works and a demonstrated commitment to service, quality assurance and safety.

Price Schedule based on 46,500m2 of work.

Bitutek PTY LTD	RoadMac	WAS Sprayseal	Fulton Hogan
\$472,440	\$440,355	\$521,730	\$468,255

It is recommended that Council continue with its sealing program provided by Bitutek for consistency with the project.

 Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 3.57 – Tenders for providing goods or services

 Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

 Strategic Implications

Nil

 Financial Implications

An allocation of funds has been allowed for in the 2025/26 financial budget as part of the annual roads program.

 Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council accept the tender submitted by Bitutek for the Supply of Bituminous Products at the tendered price of \$ 472,440 including GST

9.3.2 TENDER 3-25/26 – WHEEL LOADER

Responsible Officer: Bill Price, CEO
Author: Bill Price, CEO
File Reference: F1.9.1
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments: Nil

Signature: Officer CEO

Purpose of the Report

☐

Executive Decision

☐

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider accepting a tender for the supply of a new Wheel Loader.

Background

Council has made allowance in its 2025/26 Budget for the purchase of a new Loader to replace the existing John Deere 624K. As part of the Budget process, Council resolved to call tenders for the supply of one new Wheel Loader.

A public notice inviting tenders closing on 9th September 2025 was initiated

Comment

In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria, was determined to decide which tender should be accepted:

- (a) Compliance with the specification contained in the request,
- (b) Compliance with the conditions of tendering this request,
- (c) Compliance with the delivery date,
- (d) Compliance with and completion of the price schedule.

Assessment of Tenders against compliance criteria:

All tenders for the supply of vehicle were deemed to comply with the compliance criteria.

Assessment of Tenders against qualitative criteria:

Tenders were scored using the following range:

- 0 – Did not address criterion
- 1 – Insufficient or unclear information
- 2 – Acceptable
- 3 – Good
- 4 – Very Good
- 5 – Excellent

Tenderer	Selection Criteria and Weighting			Total weighted Score
	Experience (50%)	Personnel (25%)	Resources (25%)	
CJD Equipment	40	20	20	80
Westrac Equipment	40	20	20	80
Hitachi Construction	40	20	20	80
McIntosh & Sons	40	20	20	80

Basis of recommendation:

All tenderers scored similarly in qualitative criterion assessment, all having similar experience in providing loaders and similar equipment to Western Australian local governments and having similarly experienced personnel and similar resources.

Tenderer	Details of Tender	Price	Trade	Change Over
CJD Equipment	Volvo L110H2	\$435,000.00	\$103,000.00	\$ 365,200.00
Westrac Equipment	Cat 950 14B	\$381,365.76	\$71,500.00	\$ 340,852.34
Westrac Equipment	Cat 950 GC	\$333,322.90	\$71,500.00	\$ 288,005.19
Hitachi Construction	ZW220-7	\$358,350.00	\$50,000.00	\$ 339,185.00
McIntosh & Sons	Case 821G	\$392,370.00	70,000.00	\$ 315,370.00
McIntosh & Sons	Luigong 856H	\$217,650.00	\$95,000.00	\$ 134,915.00
Dronow Contracting			\$40,975.00	

Council's indicative allocation in the Plant Replacement Program is \$ 370,000 changeover figure.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 3.57 – Tenders for providing goods or services.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

An allocation of \$370,000 net, ex GST has been allowed for in the 2025/26 financial budget for the purchase of a Loader.

Voting Requirements

☐

Simple Majority

☒

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council Accept the tender from (Name of Tenderer) for the Supply one new Loader for the total tendered price of (insert amount) excluding GST, less trade-in of (insert amount) excluding GST leaving a changeover amount of (insert amount) excluding GST.

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 TENDER 1-2025/26 – 2 X SINGLE PERSONS ACCOMODATION

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	Tender File	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider accepting a tender for the supply of 2 x new residences.

Background

Council allocated \$500,000 in the 25/26 to facilitate the purchase of 2 new transportable residences for Single Persons Accommodation.

Comment

A Public notice inviting tenders closing on 9th September 2025 was initiated. In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria were utilised to assess the tenders submitted:

- (a) Demonstrated experience in completing similar projects;
- (b) Skills & experience of key personnel; and
- (c) Financial capability to complete this project along with having suitable insurances.

Tenders were received as follows:

Assessment of tenders against compliance criteria:

Tenderer	Selection Criteria and Weighting			Total weighted Score
	Experience (50%)	Personnel (25%)	Resources (25%)	
Modular WA	45	25	25	95
Evoke Living Homes	45	20	20	85

Tenders were received as follows:

Tenderer	Description	Tender Price
Modular WA	2x Design 1 – The Stockton (2x1)	\$414,041.00
Modular WA	2x Design 2 – The Augusta (2x1)	\$465,177.00
Evoke Living Homes	Farm stay Modified Design (2x1)	\$489,742.00

Additional Varanda, Alfresco , Porch

Tenderer	Description	Tender Price
Modular WA	The Stockton 15.0 x 2.5m Veranda to front 15.0 x 2.5m Veranda to Rear 9.8 x 2.5m Veranda kitchen End	\$98,549.00
Modular WA	The Augusta 15.0 x 2.5m Veranda to front 15.0 x 2.5m Veranda to Rear 9.8 x 2.5m Veranda kitchen End	\$101,673.00

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 3.57 – tenders for providing goods or services and the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, section 4.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter

Strategic Implications

Increased housing capacity in Westonia, in particular for staff.

Financial Implications

Council allocated \$500,000 in the 25/26 to facilitate the purchase of additional multipurpose housing.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council accept the tender submitted by Modular Homes for the construction of a (2) Augusta 2x1 transportable residences at the tendered price of \$ 465,177 inclusive GST.

9.4.2 SALE OF LAND LOT 305 PYRITES STREET – USE OF COMMON SEAL

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:	T1.1.3	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO

Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider selling Lot 305 Pyrites Street to Rachel & Phill King.

Background

Council have been selling land via a Conditional Land Release arrangement to help promote population growth and development within the townsite.

Council has received an application from a Rachel & Phill King who wishes to purchase lot 305 Pyrites Street Westonia with the intention to construct a residence.

Below is a map illustrating the lot in question.



Comment

This particular lot is fully serviced

Should Council approve the sale the President and the CEO will be required to sign the Transfer of Landform and affix the Common Seal.

Statutory Environment

Nil



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

\$ 10,000 land sale



Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the sale of Lot 305 Pyrites Street to Rachel & Phill King and authorise the President and CEO in affixing the common seal on the Transfer of Land Ownership form.

9.4.3 WESTERN POWER INSTALLATION GRANITE STREET

Responsible Officer:	Bill Price, CEO	
Author:	Bill Price, CEO	
File Reference:		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	
Signature:	Officer	CEO
		

Purpose of the Report

☒ Executive Decision ☐ Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider accepting quotation from Western Power for the service installations on Granite Street.

Background

Council are aware of its development of the light industrial lots located in Granite Street. Council as part of its Conditional Land Release have sold all 7 lots available for the development of Light Industrial sheds.

Western Power services are required to be installed on the lots as part of this development.

Comment

A quotation has finally been provided by Western Power for the installation of services on Granite Street at a cost of \$ 81,862 exc of GST.

Council has 60 days to accept the quotation.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Development of townsite lots

Financial Implications

Council has made an allocation of \$ 120,000 for the development of townsite Lots in Westonia in its 25/26 budget.

Voting Requirements

☒ Simple Majority ☐ Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council accept the quotation provided by Western Power for the installation of services to the Granite Street Light Industrial Lots.

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 23rd October 2025 commencing at 4.00pm.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

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