



AGENDA

Shire of West Arthur
Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday 23 July 2026

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Elected Member

The next **Ordinary Council Meeting** meeting of the Shire of West Arthur will be held on Thursday 23 July 2026 in the Council Chambers commencing at 07:30 PM.

Mark Hook
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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Shire of West Arthur

Notice of Ordinary Council Meeting

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* Reg 12 (2) it, is hereby notified that as from January 2025 to December 2025, Ordinary Council meetings of the Shire of West Arthur will be held as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
26 February 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
26 March 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
23 April 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
28 May 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
25 June 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
23 July 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
27 August 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
24 September 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
22 October 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
26 November 2026	Council Chambers	7.30pm
17 December 2026*	Council Chambers	7.30pm

* December meeting third Thursday to avoid Christmas

DISCLAIMER

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please Note:

The recommendations contained in this agenda are officers' recommendations only and should not be acted upon until Council has resolved to adopt those recommendations.

The resolutions of Council should be confirmed by perusing the minutes of the Council meeting at which these recommendations were considered.

Members of the public should also note that they act at their own risk if they enact any resolution prior to receiving official written notification of Council's decision.

Meeting Procedures:

1. All Council meetings are open to the public, except for matter raised by Council under "confidential items".
2. Members of the public may ask a question at an ordinary Council Meeting under "public question time".
3. Members of the public who are unfamiliar with meeting procedures are invited to seek advice at the meeting. If unsure about proceeding, just raise your hand when the presiding member announces public question time.
4. All other arrangements are in accordance with the Council's standing orders, policies and decision of the Shire of West Arthur.

Council Meeting Information:

Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.

From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report back to Council.

Generally all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal with personal, legal and other sensitive matters under "confidential items". On those occasions Council will generally close that part of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this as the last item of business of the meeting.

Public Question Time. It is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1995* to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the presiding member.

Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. A summary of each question and the response is included in the meeting minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answers prior to the next ordinary meeting of Council.

Councillors may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above.

Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the Agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the presiding member of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.

Agendas, including an Information Bulletin, are delivered to Councillors within the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.

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Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by a Shire Officer. An Agenda item, including a recommendation, will then be submitted to Council for consideration. The Agenda closes 10 days prior to the Council Meeting.

Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available at the Shire of West Arthur Office and on the Shire website seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to view a copy at the Shire Office.

Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection from the Shire of West Arthur Office and the Shire of West Arthur website within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

Questions From The Public

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Name			
Name of Organisation Representing <i>(if applicable)</i>			
Email Address			
Residential Address			
Postal Address(if different)			
Home Telephone No		Mobile No	
Agenda Item Number <i>(if applicable see below)</i>		Meeting Date	

Signature _____ Date _____

QUESTION

Each member of the public is entitled to ask up to 3 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their question. A total of 15 Minutes is allotted to Public Question Time at Council Meetings. If submitting questions to the Council, they are to relate to the Agenda Item tabled at that meeting.

Please Note: Members of the public must be in attendance at the Council Meeting to which they have submitted a question(s) for response. If this is not the case, the questions(s) will be treated as 'normal business correspondence and the question / response will not appear in the Council Minutes.

Please see Notes on Public Question Time on Pages 4 and 5 above.

* **Council Meetings:** Questions are to relate to a matter affecting the Shire of West Arthur.

Application For Leave of Absence

(Pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended))

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- (1) A council may, by resolution, grant leave of absence to a member.
- (2) Leave is not to be granted to a member in respect to more than 6 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council without the approval of the Minister.
- (3) The granting of the leave is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (4) A member who is absent without first obtaining leave of the Council throughout 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council is disqualified from continuing his or her membership of the Council.
- (5) The non-attendance of a member at the time and place appointed for an ordinary meeting of the Council does not constitute absence from an ordinary meeting of Council –
 - (a) if no meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present is actually held on that day;
or
 - (b) if the non-attendance occurs while –
 - (i) the member has ceased to act as a member after which written notice has been given to the member under Section 2.27 (3) and before written notice has been given to the member under Section 2.27 (5);
 - (ii) while proceedings in connection with the disqualification of the member have been commenced and are pending; or
 - (iii) while the member is suspended under section 5.117(1)(a)(iv) or Part 8; or
 - (iv) while the election of the member is disputed and proceedings relating to the disputed election have been commenced and are pending.
 - (c) If the non-attendance occurs during a period for which the member is entitled to parental leave under subsection (5B).

I, _____ hereby apply for Leave of Absence from the West
Arthur Shire Council from _____ to _____ for the purpose of

Signature _____ Date _____

Request to Attend Meeting by Electronic Means

(Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.25)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 –
14C

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Surname _____ Other Names _____

Date of Meeting _____

- Type of Meeting**
(Please tick one)
- ☐ Ordinary Council Meeting
- ☐ Committee Meeting
- ☐ Special Council Meeting

Consideration of Location and Equipment Available

Regulation 14C(5) – In deciding whether to authorise a member to attend a meeting by electronic means, the Shire President or Council must have regard to whether the location from which the member intends to attend the meeting, and the equipment that the member intends to use to attend the meeting, are suitable for the member to be able to effectively engage in deliberations and communications during the meeting.

Location Proposed

Equipment Available

IMPORTANT NOTE

The Shire President or Council cannot authorise a member to attend a meeting if the member's attendance at the proposed meeting would result in the member attending more than half of the meeting type in the 12 months prior to the requested meeting date by electronic means. (Regulation 14C(3)).

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send this form to the Chief Executive Officer who will complete the member's attendance section and forward to the Shire President or the Council for consideration.

In the event of the request being submitted by the Shire President, the Deputy Shire President, pursuant to s5.34 of the Local Government Act 1995, is able to authorise the request

OFFICE USE ONLY**MEMBERS ATTENDANCE****Number of Meetings Attended by Electronic Means in the 12 Months Prior to the Meeting Date**

Ordinary Council Meeting	
Special Council Meeting	
Committee Meeting	

Number of Meetings Scheduled in the 12 Months Prior to the Meeting Date

Ordinary Council Meeting	
Special Council Meeting	
Committee Meeting	

Would Attending the Proposed Meeting Electronically Result in the Member Exceeding The 50% Requirement?☐ Yes☐ No**Council/Shire President's Consideration**

The Shire President or Council should consider the following factors in determining whether the location and equipment is deemed suitable.

LOCATION

The location must be quiet and private. If there are other people at the location at the time of the meeting, you may require the person to be in a room that has a door that can be closed during the meeting, and request that the person wear headphones if appropriate.

EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRONIC MEANS

The equipment must support Council's preferred electronic means for remote attendance, being Microsoft Teams.

Is the Location and Equipment Deemed Suitable?☐ Yes☐ No**Is the Request to Attend the Proposed Meeting by Electronic Means Approved?**☐ Yes☐ No

Signature _____

Date _____

Written Declaration of Interest in Matter Before Council

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NOTE: USE ONE FORM PER DECLARATION

(1) I, _____ wish to declare an interest in the following item to be considered by council at its meeting to be held on

(2) _____

(3) Agenda item _____

(4) The type of interest I wish to declare is;

☐ Financial pursuant to Sections 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995.

☐ Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995.

☐ Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995.

☐ Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021

(5) The nature of my interest is

(6) The extent of my interest is

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and recorded by the Chief Executive Officer in an appropriate Register.

DECLARATION BY

Signature _____ Date _____

RECEIVED BY

Signature _____ Date _____

- (1) Insert your name.
- (2) Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item it to be considered.
- (3) Insert the Agenda Item Number and Title.
- (4) Tick the box to indicate the type of interest.
- (5) Describe the nature of your interest.
- (6) Describe the extent of your interest (if seeking to participate in the matter under the s.5.68 of the Act).

DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST, PROXIMITY INTEREST AND/OR INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Financial pursuant to Sections 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995

5.60A – Financial Interest

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

[Section 5.60A inserted by No. 64 of 1998 s. 30; amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 50.]

Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local government Act 1995

5.60B – Proximity Interest

- (1) For the purposes of this Subdivision, a person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns –
 - 1) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;
 - 2) a proposed change to zoning or use of land that adjoins that person's land; or
 - 3) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63 (5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.
- (2) In this section, land ("the proposal land") adjoins a person's land if –
 - 1) the proposal land, not being a thoroughfare, has a common boundary with the person's land;
 - 2) the proposal land, or any part of it, is directly across a thoroughfare from, the person's land; or
 - 3) the proposal land is that part of a thoroughfare that has a common boundary with the person's land.
- (3) In this section a reference to a person's land is a reference to any land owned by the person or in which the person has any estate or interest.

[Section 5.60B inserted by No 64 of 1998 s. 30.]

Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995

5.61 – Indirect financial interest

A reference in this Subdivision to an indirect financial interest of a person in a matter includes a reference to a financial relationship between that person and another person who requires a local government decision in relation to the matter.

Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulation 2007

22 – Disclosure of interest

- (1) In this clause –
Interest –
 - 1) means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to; adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and
 - 2) includes an interest arising from kinship friendship or membership of an association.
- (2) A council member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting attended by the member must disclose nature of the interest –
 - (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or
 - (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply to an interest referred to in section 5.60 of the Act.

- (4) Subclause (2) does not apply if a council member fails to disclose an interest because the person did not know –
 - (a) That they had an interest in the matter; or
 - (b) That the matter in which they had an interest would be discussed at the meeting and the council member disclosed the interest as soon as possible after the discussion began.
- (5) If, under sub-regulation (2)(a), a person who is a council member discloses an interest in a written notice given to the CEO before a meeting then –
 - (a) Before the meeting the CEO is to cause the notice to be given to the person who is to preside at the meeting; and
 - (b) At the meeting the person presiding is to bring the notice and its contents to the attention of the persons present immediately before a matter to which the disclosure related is discussed.
- (6) Subclause (7) applies in relation to an interest if –
 - (a) Under subclause (2)(b) or (4)(b) the interest is disclosed at a meeting; or
 - (b) Under subclause (5)(b) notice of the interest is brought to the attention of the persons present at a meeting.
- (7) The nature of the interest is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Describe the extent of your interest (If seeking to participate in the matter under the s.5.68 of the act)

5.68 – Councils and committees may allow members disclosing interests to participate etc. in meetings

- (1) If a member has disclosed, under section 5.65, an interest in a matter, the members present at the meeting who are entitled to vote on the matter –
 - (a) may allow the disclosing member to be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter; and
 - (b) may allow, to the extent decided by those members, the disclosing member to preside at the meeting (if otherwise qualified to preside) or to participate in discussions and the decision making procedures relating to the matter if –
 - (i) the disclosing member also discloses the extent of the interest; and
 - (ii) those members decide that the interest –
 - (I) is so trivial or insignificant as to be unlikely to influence the disclosing member's conduct in relation to the matter; or
 - (II) is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.
- (2) A decision under this section is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting relating to the matter together with the extent of any participation allowed by the council or committee.
- (3) This section does not prevent the disclosing member from discussing, or participating in the decision making process on, the question on whether an application should be made to the Minister under section 5.69.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting open.

The Presiding Member advises all attendees that this meeting is being audio recorded by the Shire of West Arthur. Attendance at this meeting may involve the collection of personal information, including an individual's voice, and any statements made. Recordings are made for the purpose of maintaining accurate records, enabling transparency in decision-making and fulfilling the legislative requirement of the Local Government Act 1995, and regulations 14F-14I of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996. Recordings are published and made available to the public in accordance with applicable legislation. Personal information is managed in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and the Shire of West Arthur's Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Policy.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCILLORS:	Karen Harrington	(Shire President)
	Duncan South	(Deputy Shire President)
	Neil Morrell	(Elected Member)
	Graeme Peirce	(Elected Member)
	Russell Prowse	(Elected Member)
	Natalie O'Neill	(Elected Member)
	Helen Lubcke	(Elected Member)
STAFF:	Mark Hook	(Acting Chief Executive Officer)
	Gary Rasmussen	(Manager Works and Services)
	Sharon Bell	(Community Development Officer)
	Kerryn Chia	(Projects Officer)

APOLOGIES:

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

ABSENT:

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PRESIDING MEMBERS

Nil

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

6 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, SUBMISSIONS

Nil

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

8 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD**9.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 25 JUNE 2026**

File Ref: ADM378
Author: Renee Schinzig, Administration Officer
Authorising Officer: Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 02/07/2026

Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on 25 June 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

10 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Karen Harrington (Shire President)

Cr Duncan South (Deputy Shire President)

Cr Neil Morrell

Cr Graeme Peirce

Cr Russell Prowse

Cr Helen Lubcke

Cr Natalie O'Neill

11 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**11.1 MINUTES FROM WALGA CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE JUNE MEETING**

File Ref:	ADM014
Location:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Not applicable
Author:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	30/06/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. WALGA Central Country Zone June Minutes 2. Local Government Inspector Presentation

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to note the minutes from the June meeting of WALGA's Central Country Zone.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the WALGA Central Country Zone is to represent the collective interests of its member local governments by shaping policy, coordinating regional positions, and driving advocacy through WALGA to State and Federal Governments.

COMMENT:

In the interests of transparency, WALGA encourages local governments to share the minutes of zone meetings with Council and the community.

CONSULTATION:

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud
- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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

Description of Key Risk	Nil
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Not applicable
Risk Consequence	Not applicable
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Not applicable
Principal Risk Theme	Nil
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the attached minutes from the June 2026 meeting of WALGA's Central Country Zone, together with any other attached documents relating to the meeting.



Central Country Zone Minutes

Friday, 12 June 2026

Hosted by the Shire of Dumbleyung
32 Harvey St, Dumbleyung
Commencing at 9:30am

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Nil.

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1. OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1. OPENING

The Chair, Cr Des Hickey opened the meeting at 9:31am.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	2 Voting Delegates from each Member Local Government
Shire of Brookton	President Cr Rod Wallis Cr Gary Crouch Mr Stuart Billingham, Manager of Corporate & Community, non-voting
Shire of Corrigin	President Cr Sharon Jacobs Cr Des Hickey (Chair) Ms Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Cuballing	President Cr Adrian Kowald Deputy President Cr Rob Harris
Shire of Dumbleyung	President Cr Amy Knight Cr Emily Edwards, non-voting Mr Gavin Treasure, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kulin	Cr Robbie Bowey Mr Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Lake Grace	President Cr Len Armstrong Mr Alan George, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Narrogin	Mr Michael Cole, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Pingelly	Mr Andrew Dover, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Quairading	President Cr Trevor Stacey Deputy President Cr Jo Hayes Mr Nic Warren, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Wagin	President Cr Phillip Blight Dr Kenneth Parker, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wandering	President Cr Sheryl Little

Cr Peter Latham
Dr Alistair Pinto, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of West Arthur President Cr Karen Harrington
Deputy President Cr Duncan South
Mr Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Wickepin President Cr Julie Russell
Mr David Burton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

GUESTS

Local Government Inspector	Mr Tony Brown OAM
Department of Fire and	Mr Murray Carter, Executive Director, Rural Fire
Emergency Services	Division
Main Roads WA	Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Director Wheatbelt
	Region
	Ms Vicky Eckersley, Customer Service Manager
Regional Development Australia	Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development
WA	
Wheatbelt Development	Mr Grant Arthur, Director Regional Development
Commission	
WALGA RoadWise	Mr Rodney Thornton, Regional Road Safety Advisor

WALGA

Mayor Mark Irwin AM	WALGA President
Ms Kathy Robertson	Manager Association and Corporate Governance
Ms Rebecca Brown	Policy Manager Environment and Waste
Ms Sammy Bevan	Member Services Executive Administrator

1.3. APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Beverley	President Cr Dee Ridgway Deputy President Cr Alan Sattler Mr Stephen Gollan, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Brookton	Cr Lachlan McCabe, McCabe Mr Gary Sherry, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Cuballing	Mr Chris Paget, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dumbleyung	Deputy President Cr David Head
Shire of Narrogin	President Leigh Ballard Cr Clive Bartron
Shire of Lake Grace	Deputy President Cr Stephen Hunt

Shire of Pingelly	Deputy President Cr Peter Wood
Shire of Wagin	Deputy President Cr Bryan Kilpatrick
Shire of Wandering	Deputy President Cr Alan Price
Shire of Wickepin	Cr Tyron Miller
Shire of Williams	Cr Heidi Cowcher President Cr Jarrad Logie Peter Stubbs, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

GUESTS

CBH Group	Ms Kellie Todman, Manager Governance and Industry Relations
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Ms Renee Manning, Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms Emma Everett, Local Content Adviser

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr Peter Rundle, MLA, Deputy Leader of the Nationals WA
 Mr Lachlan Hunter, Member for the Central Wheatbelt
 Hon Parwinder Kaur
 Hon Amanda Dorn
 Hon Anthony Spagnolo
 Hon Jackie Jarvis
 Hon Sophie McNeill
 Hon Nick Goiran
 Hon Rob Horstman
 Hon Sandra Carr, MLC
 Hon Phil Twiss
 Hon Steve Martin

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. HOST COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Shire of Dumbleyung President, Cr Amy Knight, welcomed Delegates and guests and delivered a presentation on the Shire, highlighting the current delivery of \$15 million in projects, the Strategic Community Plan 2022–2032, and the 50-Year Roads Strategy. The Shire also acknowledged and thanked outgoing Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gavin Treasure, for his service to Dumbleyung.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cr Des Hickey acknowledged the Shire of Pingelly for hosting the May Regional State Council meeting and commended the considerable effort made in hosting State Councillors and WALGA staff, as well as representing the Zone to a high standard.

5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

All Deputations have a time limit of 20 minutes, which includes time for questions.

5.1. SPEAKERS FOR THE JUNE ZONE MEETING

5.1.1. MR TONY BROWN, LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

The inaugural Local Government Inspector, Mr Tony Brown, provided a brief presentation on the Local Government Inspector, his priorities and expectations. The update also included details of the current Monitors in place around the state. A copy of the slides were circulated with the Minutes.

Noted

5.1.2. DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DFES)

Mr Murray Carter, DFES Executive Director Rural Fire Services, provided a presentation summarising the 2025/26 Fire Season and an update on bushfire mitigation support to Zone Members. Murray also acknowledged the recent Central Country Zone item relating to bushfire mitigation along the rail corridor, noting that this is an issue on the DFES Priority Plan.

Noted

5.2. SPEAKERS FOR THE AUGUST ZONE MEETING

5.2.1. WATER CORPORATION

Due to the Zone Strategic Priorities Workshop scheduled for the August Zone meeting, the Executive Committee requested that the speaker from Water Corporation be rescheduled to a later meeting. The November meeting at the Shire of Lake Grace, was identified as the preferred alternative (depending on the availability of Water Corporation).

The Executive Officer has contacted Water Corporation to confirm their availability for the November meeting. Should they be unavailable, the 2027 meeting dates will be provided to identify a suitable alternative scheduling opportunity.

Noted

5.2.2. LUMEN WHEATBELT REGIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDY HUB

The Executive Officer has received a request from Hannah Crute, Project and Communications Officer at the Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Study Hubs to speak at the November Zone meeting. Lumen Wheatbelt Study Hubs is a federally funded, place-based program operating under the auspices of RDA Wheatbelt, focused on supporting university and TAFE students who reside in regional communities to successfully commence and complete their studies. Lumen are eager to attend a Zone meeting to

provide an update on the Wheatbelt Study Hubs and the work that they have been doing within the region. Further information about the project can be found [here](#).

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Karen Harrington

Seconded: President Cr Amy Knight

That the Central Country Zone SUPPORTS the proposal from Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Study Hubs to speak at the November Zone meeting.

CARRIED

6. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil.

7. AGENCY REPORTS

7.1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY (LGIRS)

The LGIRS Local Government Division report was attached to the Agenda.

Noted

7.2. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mr Grant Arthur, Director Regional Development

Mr Arthur provided a verbal report to the Zone.

Noted

7.3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT

Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development

The Regional Development Report was attached to the Agenda.

Noted

7.4. MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Director Wheatbelt Region

Mr Siddiqui provided a verbal report to the Zone.

Noted

8. MINUTES

8.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2026

The Minutes of the Central Country Zone meeting held on 17 April 2026 have previously been circulated to Delegates.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight

Seconded: President Cr Adrian Kowald

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Country Zone held on 17 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

8.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2026

Item Number and Title	Resolution	Action/s
8.4.1 - Standing Invites for Members of Parliament	That the Central Country Zone: 1. requests the Executive Officer to write to each MP listed above, providing the remaining meeting dates for 2026; and 2. supports, in principle, the proposal to host a future Zone meeting in Metropolitan Perth to encourage greater attendance from MPs.	The Executive Officer sent letters to all relevant MPs inviting them to the remaining Zone meetings for 2026. A copy of an invite was attached to the Agenda. Apologies for all remaining 2026 Zone meetings have been received from the following MPs: - Hon Parwinder Kaur - Hon Amanda Dorn - Hon Anthony Spagnolo - Hon Jackie Jarvis - Hon Sophie McNeill - Hon Nick Goiran - Hon Rob Horstman Additionally, Mr Lachlan Hunter has provided his apologies for the June and August meetings. Mr Hunter will confirm his attendance for the November meeting closer to the date.
8.4.2 - Zone Strategic Priorities	That the Central Country Zone: 1. Supports the holding of a Strategic Planning Workshop immediately prior to the August Zone meeting in the Shire of Kulin; and 2. Endorses the engagement of an external consultant to facilitate the workshop.	Caroline Robinson from 150 Square has provided a quote for facilitating the proposed workshop, this quote was attached to the agenda. The Executive Committee endorsed the quote at its June meeting. An item has been included within this Agenda to discuss the format of the workshop.
9.2 - Bush Fire Risk Mitigation along the rail corridors	That the Central Country Zone write to the Minister for Transport, PTA and ARC Infrastructure requesting them to urgently address the matter of bushfire mitigation along the rail corridors, both used and unused, in regional Western Australia.	The Executive Officer wrote to the PTA and ARC Infrastructure; copies of these letters were attached to the Agenda. Additionally, a letter was written to Hon Rita Saffioti, Minister for Transport in the same letter provided in relation to item 13.1 Heavier Load. A copy of this letter was attached to the Agenda. A response was received from ARC Infrastructure on 22 May, a copy of which was

		attached to the Agenda. No response from PTA or Hon Rita Saffioti has been received to date. A response from Minister Papalia was received, a copy of this letter was attached the Agenda.
9.3 - Replacement Delegates - WALGA Central Country Zone and District Leadership Group	That the Central Country Zone: Notes that Dale Stewart, CEO of the Shire of Narrogin, will cease as the Zone's representative on the Wheatbelt District Leadership Group at the end of April 2026 due to relocation. Requests nominations from member Local Governments for a replacement Elected Member or officer delegate to represent the Zone on the Wheatbelt District Leadership Group. Appoints a new delegate (and, if considered appropriate, an alternate delegate) to ensure continued representation of the Zone on the District Leadership Group.	During discussion of this item at the April Zone meeting, Mr Nic Warren from the Shire of Quairading volunteered for this position. The Executive Officer wrote to Mr Dale Stewart to advise of this replacement and to make arrangements. A copy of this correspondence was attached to the Agenda.
13.1 - Ministerial Decision to Allow Heavier Loads on Local Government Rodas	That the Central Country Zone: Writes to the Minister for Transport to express concern about this decision. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS permit on local government roads. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with local governments or WALGA. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on: risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for local government roads, compliance and enforcement arrangements, duration and process for revocation of the upgrade, opt-out options for local government roads, and additional funding support for impacted local government road assets.	The Executive Officer wrote to the Hon Rita Saffioti, Minister for Transport on this matter, as well as bushfire mitigation along the rail corridor (as per item 9.2 above). A copy of this letter was attached to the Agenda. No response has been received to date.

Noted

8.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CENTRAL COUNTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2026

8.3.1. ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

Ms Caroline Robinson from 150 Square attended the June Executive Committee meeting to discuss the proposed format and structure of the upcoming Zone Strategic Priorities Workshop. The workshop will be held immediately prior to the August Zone meeting in Kulin.

Discussions with the Executive committee considered delivery options, with a preference for small group table formats supported by an Executive Committee member at each table to facilitate discussion, encourage participation, and assist in identifying key priorities.

Caroline will explore circulating pre-workshop questions or a survey to gather insights on delegate challenges and priorities prior to the workshop. Proposed survey questions include identifying whether key issues are regional (Zone level), statewide (WALGA level), or the responsibility of other advocacy bodies, as well as how efforts can be coordinated and how the Zone can work collaboratively to progress priority actions.

The workshop is proposed to run for approximately 1.5 hours, from 9:30am to 11:00am, followed by a short break prior to the commencement of the formal Zone meeting.

Outcomes from the workshop will be compiled by Caroline and presented to the Executive Committee at the November meeting. These findings will subsequently be tabled as a formal item at the November Zone meeting to consider next steps for implementation and action.

Noted

9. ZONE BUSINESS

9.1. WATER CORPORATION – VEGETATION MAINTENANCE OF SCHEME PIPELINES AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVOCACY

By Shire of Kulin

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Kulin raises concern regarding the apparent lack of, or deterioration in, vegetation management and practices and corridor management surrounding sections of exposed Water Corporation scheme pipeline infrastructure throughout rural and regional Western Australia. Vegetation encroachment affects the integrity, accessibility and preservation of important regional infrastructure assets servicing rural and regional communities.

Photographs taken on 18 May 2026 along Williams Kondinin Road within the Shire of Kulin (copies attached) demonstrate vegetation growth occurring directly adjacent to, underneath and through sections of exposed pipeline infrastructure.

It is noted that the examples identified are not isolated occurrences and similar conditions can reportedly be observed across many sections of the broader regional pipeline network.

The Shire of Kulin Council acknowledges the importance of Water Corporation infrastructure servicing rural and regional communities and recognises the challenges associated with maintaining extensive infrastructure networks across regional Western Australia.

Notwithstanding this, concerns have been raised regarding:

- vegetation encroachment impacting pipeline infrastructure;
- restricted access for inspection and maintenance purposes;
- increasing fuel loading surrounding critical infrastructure;
- reduced visibility and accessibility of assets; and
- potential long-term impacts on the integrity and preservation of regional infrastructure.

The Shire of Kulin Council considers the matter to be broader than routine vegetation clearing and instead one concerning the long-term maintenance, resilience and protection of essential infrastructure servicing rural and regional communities.

The matter is considered significant from an infrastructure preservation, emergency management and regional community safety perspective.

The Shire of Kulin Council resolved on 20 May 2026 to submit a motion to the forthcoming WALGA Central Country Zone Meeting in Dumbleyung seeking broader regional advocacy on the matter and to request that WALGA engage with and advocate to both Water Corporation and the State Government regarding improved maintenance and vegetation management practices associated with regional scheme pipeline infrastructure.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The matter raised in this item pertains to any Local Governments with above-ground Water Corporation pipeline infrastructure and may affect Shires across the Wheatbelt, Great Southern, and South West regions.

Water Corporation pipeline infrastructure maintenance is not the subject of any current WALGA advocacy positions, though the WALGA Infrastructure team is currently in discussion with the Water Corporation on other issues relevant to Local Governments. The team will raise this issue in future engagements with the Water Corporation, including as an item at the Utility Providers Services Committee meeting. Pending the Zone's approval, the Team will draft a letter on this issue to the Water Corporation requesting urgent action.

It is noted that native vegetation clearing permits may be required when vegetation to be cleared is 10 years or older, which may add additional urgency and/or complexity to any maintenance around critical water infrastructure.

Images provided:





RECOMMENDATION

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to:

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Robbie Bowey

Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to:

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

CARRIED

9.2. ADVOCACY FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

By the Shire of Pingelly

BACKGROUND

Rural and regional communities across Western Australia face significant and growing challenges in accessing essential healthcare services. Residents in the Wheatbelt and other regional areas experience poorer health outcomes, reduced life expectancy, and substantial barriers to primary care, specialist services, mental health support, aged care, and maternity services compared to their metropolitan counterparts.

WALGA has already undertaken foundational work to quantify this issue. Its 2023 Local Government Healthcare Services Survey (covering 2021-22 expenditure) and its 2025 General Practice Support Survey (covering 2024-25 expenditure) provide comprehensive data on the financial burden being borne by WA councils. The 2025 Survey — conducted across 108 mainland non-metropolitan Local Governments with a 69% response rate — found that 41 Local Governments (55% of respondents) provided support to GP services in 2024-25, up from 47% in 2021-22. Total gross expenditure rose from \$7.8 million to \$9.5 million over the same period. Of that, 91% (\$8.6 million) was contributed by 38 Local Governments with populations under 5,000 — demonstrating that it is the smallest, most resource-constrained councils that are bearing the greatest burden. A further 58% of respondents anticipated continuing to provide GP support over the next two years. WALGA's

revised rural and remote healthcare advocacy position, endorsed by State Council in September 2025, calls for reforms to remove this financial impost from Local Governments.

WALGA's survey work and revised advocacy position provide a strong foundation for the next step. The local government sector now has robust, current data on the scale of the problem, a clear policy mandate from State Council, and strong member appetite for action – with 65% of 2025 Survey respondents indicating they wished to be involved in further advocacy work. The logical progression is to translate this evidence base into a coordinated, high-profile campaign that matches the ambition of the problem: one with clear asks directed at the State and Federal Governments, visible public messaging, and practical tools that enable member councils to advocate in their own communities.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) provides a compelling model for what this next step could look like. In 2026, LGNSW launched "Caring for Our Regions" – a Six Point Action Plan on Rural and Regional Health that translates survey evidence and sector experience into a clear, publicly visible advocacy platform. The plan sets out six costed priority actions directed at the NSW Government, detailing the following six actions:

1. Strengthen the regional health workforce through sustained and targeted investment.
2. Establish a GP guarantee to ensure reliable access to primary care in rural and regional communities.
3. Reimburse councils for filling health service gaps, where councils are forced to intervene to maintain local access to care.
4. Fund patient transport as core health infrastructure, recognising its essential role in accessing health services.
5. Restore safe, local maternity care in rural and regional communities.
6. Invest in community-based aged care and ageing-in-place supports to reduce pressure on hospitals and enable people to remain in their communities.

Critically, LGNSW has backed the plan with a full suite of member resources – including template council motions, letters to the State and Federal Governments, and media materials – enabling individual councils to add their voice to a coordinated statewide campaign. The result is an advocacy effort that is greater than the sum of its parts, creating political visibility and sector momentum that internal policy positions alone cannot achieve.

The issues driving the LGNSW campaign are directly mirrored across WA's regions, and the survey data makes this vivid. The Wheatbelt WACHS region accounts for 61% of all statewide GP support expenditure, with 25 of 33 Wheatbelt respondents (76%) providing support totalling \$5.76 million in 2024-25 – a 14% increase on 2021-22. The Central Country Zone, recorded \$1.70 million in gross expenditure on GP services in 2024-25 (a 5% increase on 2021-22), with 8 of 12 respondents (67%) providing support. Great Southern expenditure increased 175% over the same period, and Goldfields Esperance expenditure more than doubled (103% increase). In total, 65% of 2025 Survey respondents indicated they wished to be involved in further work with WALGA on rural and remote healthcare – a clear signal of sector appetite for stronger, coordinated advocacy. WALGA is well-placed to build on its research base and September 2025 advocacy position to deliver a campaign that achieves the visibility and momentum needed to compel government action.

It is requested that WALGA escalate its existing rural and regional health advocacy into a coordinated, high-profile campaign comparable to the LGNSW "Caring for Our Regions" model, tailored to WA's legislative, funding, and service delivery context.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Rural and remote primary healthcare remains a key advocacy priority for WALGA. Since publishing the 2025 General Practice Support Survey Report, WALGA has actively progressed advocacy through:

- WALGA [2026-27 Federal Budget Submission](#)
- WALGA [2026-27 State Budget Submission](#)
- Lodging a submission to the [Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability](#)
- Providing a submission and presenting evidence at a public hearing to the [Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee Inquiry into rural, regional and remote Medicare access and funding](#)
- Meeting with the State Health Minister and the Shadow Ministers for Communities and Regional Development
- Meeting with the Federal Minister for Local Government and Regional Development and Shadow Federal Minister for Regional Health
- Providing briefings to State Ministers with portfolios that intersect with health and regional matters

Building on this advocacy, WALGA is now leading collaborative work to identify and promote healthcare reform solutions that remove the need for Local Government to financially support GP services in rural and remote communities. This work will underpin clear, solution-focused advocacy.

WALGA is progressing this work in partnership with key health sector stakeholders, including Rural Health West, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA, Australian Medical Association WA Rural Doctors Group, Health Consumers' Council WA, and Curtin University Medical School. The group is also incorporating input from the WA Country Health Service and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer.

WALGA has briefed the State Health Minister on this initiative, who has requested further updates as the group develops its Options Paper.

To support the next phase of this work, WALGA is developing a targeted advocacy plan. This will include practical materials and tools to enable and strengthen Local Government involvement.

WALGA is aware of the Caring for our Regions Action Plan and has proactively engaged with ALGA and other state Local Government Associations, including LGNSW, to explore opportunities for aligned national advocacy to the Federal Government.

Members are encouraged to reach out to Hannah Godsave, Community Policy Manager, on hgodsave@WALGA.asn.au for further information.

MOTION

Moved: President Cr Sheryl Little

Seconded: Mr Michael Cole

That the Central Country Zone requests that WALGA:

1. Develops a suite of advocacy documents similar to "Caring for Our Regions" Six Point Action Plan on Rural and Regional Health developed by Local Government NSW that articulates a clear set of priority actions and investment asks directed at the State and Federal Governments;
2. Engage with Local Government NSW and ALGA to share intelligence, align messaging, and coordinate joint advocacy directed at the Federal Government on rural and regional health;
3. Provides member Local Governments with coordinated advocacy tools including template motions, letters to government, and media resources; and
4. Actively engages allied organisations and other state Local Government Associations to amplify the campaign's reach and impact.

LOST

10. ZONE REPORTS

10.1. CHAIR REPORT

Zone Chair, Cr Des Hickey

The Chair provided a verbal update to the Zone.

Noted

10.2. WALGA ROADWISE

Mr Rodney Thornton, Regional Road Safety Advisor

Mr Thornton provided a verbal update to the Zone.

Noted

11. WALGA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

11.1. WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Noted

11.2. STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Dr Alistair Pinto, Shire of Wandering Chief Executive Officer

Dr Pinto provided a verbal report to the Zone on the May State Council Regional meeting held at the Shire of Pingelly and hosted by the Central Country Zone.

Noted

11.3. STATUS REPORT

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
17 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item 13.1 Ministerial Decision to Allow Heavier Loads on Local Government Roads	That the Central Country Zone: 5. Writes to the Minister for Transport to express concern about this decision. 6. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS permit on Local Government roads. 7. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with Local Governments or WALGA. 8. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on: a. risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for Local Government roads, b. compliance and enforcement arrangements, c. duration and process for revocation of the upgrade, d. opt-out options for Local Government roads, and e. additional funding support for impacted Local Government road assets.	Local Government delegates to the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) communicated the concerns raised regarding short and medium term risks arising from the decision to allow more heavier vehicles to access the local road network, without the controls purported to be in place with accredited vehicle operators. Main Roads confirmed that this was a Ministerial decision and to date there is no process in place to review the benefits and the impacts. Delegates were advised that compliance and enforcement activities continue to be undertaken.	June 2026	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
17 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item 9.1 Urgent Advocacy: Forest Products Commission (FPC) "Rates-Equivalent" Payments Diverted to State Treasury – Immediate Local Government Budget Impacts (2025/26)	That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to advocate as a matter of urgency, prior to the Local Government Budget cycle, to the State Government (including the Treasurer, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Forestry) to: 1. Establish a formal cross-portfolio arrangement (Treasury/Local Government/ Forestry, with WALGA and affected Local Governments) to: a. confirm a transparent method for calculating and timing the rates-equivalent amounts under the current legislative settings; and b. implement an agreed mechanism to allocate and remit the rates-equivalent payments to	This item will be referred to the Governance Policy Team for consideration. The Zone will be informed of the outcome.	June 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au

	the impacted Local Governments from 2026/27 onward. 2. Provide impacted Local Governments with certainty and forward estimates regarding: a. the FPC's land acquisition / plantation expansion trajectory; and b. modelling of the projected financial impact on affected rating bases, so Councils can undertake responsible long-term financial planning. 3. (If required) Progress options for policy and/or legislative amendment to ensure ongoing equity and financial sustainability for communities hosting FPC freehold landholdings, including ensuring outcomes that do not unfairly transfer costs to remaining ratepayers.			
13 February 2026 Zone Agenda Item 9.3 Main Roads WA Speed Zoning Policy	That the Central Country Zone supports the Shire of Kulin and resolves to request WALGA to formally approach Main Roads Western Australia seeking a review of the policy-based removal of speed transition buffers across rural and regional Western Australia.	Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) is gradually removing intermediate "Speed Buffer Zones" (e.g., 80 km/h) on the approach to towns, replacing them with "Speed Limit AHEAD" signs to warn drivers of a sudden transition to lower speeds such as 60 km/h or 50 km/h through townsites. This policy shift, which began in mid-2020, aims to align with the latest Australian Standards and enhance consistency in speed zoning across WA and Australia. Previously, a 300-400 metre intermediate speed zone was used when dropping speeds by more than 30 km/h. This intermediate speed zone is being progressively replaced by two sets of "Speed Limit AHEAD" signs to warn drivers, allowing a direct reduction from high-speed zones to lower town speeds. This is a gradual, state-wide process. The changes harmonize WA speed zones with other Australian states.	April 2026	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
13 February 2026 Zone Agenda Item 9.10 Western Power Pole Top Fires and Network Response	That the Central Country Zone: 1. Recognises the recent spate of pole top fires during the ex-Tropical Cyclone Mitchell weather event as a serious regional and State-wide rural safety concern. Notes that while this matter has been raised by the Central Country Zone, the issues identified are not confined to Zone Local Governments and are likely to 2.	The frequency and impacts of pole top fires is noted. Safe and reliable power supply, particularly in regional WA is a key theme in WALGA's submission to the Economic Regulation Authority in context of the next regulated Access Agreement covering Western Power.	April 2026	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

	affect rural and regional communities across Western Australia. 3. Requests WALGA to assume a State-wide advocacy role on behalf of rural and regional local governments in relation to: a. Pole top mitigation effectiveness in high-risk agricultural environments; b. Network performance; c. Timely isolation of downed or compromised power lines during emergency incidents; d. Protection of volunteer bush fire brigade members operating near live electrical infrastructure; and e. Improved transparency, reporting and communication protocols between Western Power and local governments. 4. Requests WALGA to formally engage with Western Power and the Minister for Energy seeking systemic review, strengthened operational response protocols and enhanced safety protections for volunteer emergency responders across rural and regional Western Australia. 5. Requests that WALGA report back to Member Local Governments on advocacy actions undertaken and outcomes achieved.	Further operational engagement with Western Power is required and an update will be provided at a future Zone meeting.		
21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 9.6.1 Cost Shift Compliance Project Update	That the Central Country Zone refer Position 1 in the Zone's Cost Shifting and Compliance Report to State Council for consideration as a WALGA Advocacy Position. That is, to "reinstate the requirement for a Regulatory Impact Assessment for all amendments to legislation and regulation".	This item will be referred to the Governance Policy Team for consideration. The Zone will be informed of the outcome.	April 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au
22 August 2025 Zone Agenda Item 9.3 To Rationalise the Audit Function for Local Government in WA	That the Zone request WALGA to advocate for the choice of an auditor of Local Governments in Western Australia be opened to individuals who are Registered Company Auditors with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as well as the Office of Auditor General OAG).	This item has been referred to the Governance Policy Team for consideration. For the last 3 years WALGA has partnered with Local Government Professionals (LG Pro) to survey the Local Government sector on experiences during the annual financial audit process. LG Pro has decided not to participate further. WALGA has sent the survey on the most recent financial audit cycle to Local Government CEOs. This motion will be addressed in the	June 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au

		context of feedback received through this survey, which will be reported to the September State Council meeting. COMPLETE		
22 August 2025 Zone Agenda Item 9.2 To Address Anomalies Arising from Changes to the Audit Function of Local Government in WA	That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to support a representation to the State Government to remove the Office of Auditor General (OAG) as the sole auditor of Local Government in Western Australia.	This item has been referred to the Governance Policy Team for consideration. For the last 3 years WALGA has partnered with Local Government Professionals (LG Pro) to survey the Local Government sector on experiences during the annual financial audit process. LG Pro has decided not to participate further. WALGA has sent the survey on the most recent financial audit cycle to Local Government CEOs. This motion will be addressed in the context of feedback received through this survey, which will be reported to the September State Council meeting. COMPLETE	June 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager, Member Services 9213 2051 kmartin@walga.asn.au
14 February 2025 Zone Agenda Item 9.1.3 Support for Public Ownership of WA Freight Rail Network	That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to: 1. Supports State Government efforts to ensure the on-going sustainability and growth of freight rail in Western Australia; 2. Seeks a commitment from the in-coming State Government to: a. focus on ensuring a competitive freight rail network and services reduce freight on roads; providing road safety, environmental benefits; and b. work with Local Governments and other stakeholders to maximise the local economic growth opportunities provided through effective management of the rail network and corridors.	The Infrastructure Policy Team supported including the proposed advocacy position in a new or consolidated policy statement in relation to freight rail following consultation with Local Governments and other stakeholders to better define the social, economic and environmental benefits sought from a publicly controlled freight rail network. Any proposed new or consolidated advocacy position will be put through the Zone process for consideration and feedback prior to State Council endorsement. COMPLETE	June 2026	Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

Noted

12. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which 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.

12.1. MATTERS FOR DECISION

12.1.1. CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ATTACHMENT

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

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

Local Government acknowledges:

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

Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.

Local Government is calling for:

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

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

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

BACKGROUND

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

- The national *Climate Change Act 2022* and the Western Australian Climate Change Bill 2023.
- Increased legislative responsibilities, including the *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, which expanded Western Australian Local Governments' general function under Part 3 s3.1(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1995*:
 - a. To promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district;
 - b. To plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change; and
 - c. In making decisions, to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations

- The release of the Australian Government's [National Climate Risk Assessment](#) and [National Adaptation Plan](#) in 2025.
- Escalation of the transition to renewable energy, uptake of electric vehicles and energy efficiency standards under the National Construction Code.
- Climate science and projections ([international](#), [national](#) and [WA specific](#)) have also become clearer regarding the risks posed by climate change and the need for action to address the consequential impacts.

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

COMMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Len Armstrong

Seconded: President Cr Adrian Kowuld

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

CARRIED

12.1.2. TRAIN STATION PRECINCTS ADVOCACY POSITION

By Coralie Claudio, A/Manager Planning and Building

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ATTACHMENT

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

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

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

At its December 2025 meeting, State Council resolved that:

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

RESOLUTION 069.5/2025

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

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

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

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

COMMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Train Station Precincts

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight

Seconded: President Cr Adrian Kowald

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

CARRIED

12.1.3. SUBMISSION ON THE CAT ACT REVIEW

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On 13 February 2026 the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) opened consultation on the second statutory review of the *Cat Act 2011* (the Cat Act).
- All elements of the Cat Act are under review, including registration, enforcement/ compliance, sterilisation, microchipping, breeding and limits on the number of cats.
- WALGA used current Advocacy Positions, previous submissions, a webinar with the sector and opportunity to comment on a draft submission to gather feedback.
- The submission identifies that reform to the legislation is required, in relation to:
 - Consolidation of the Cat Act and *Dog Act 1976*;
 - Stronger provisions for consistent non-compliance;
 - Clear definitions for owned and unowned cats;
 - Development of a Model Cat Local Law;
 - A limit on the number of cats; and
 - Lowering the age of sterilisation.
- Consultation by LGIRS closes at 5:00pm on Monday, 31 August 2026.
- A joint meeting of the Governance and Environment Policy Teams on 25 May 2026 recommended that State Council endorse the submission.

ATTACHMENT

- [Submission on the Review of the Cat Act 2011](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

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

And previous submissions and positions on the legislation.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

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

COMMENT

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

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

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

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

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Karen Harrington

Seconded: President Cr Len Armstrong

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

12.2. OTHER STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

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

12.2.1. WALGA 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY FINDINGS – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 10.1

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

An additional confidential attachment is available for Zone Delegates, available at the link below.

- [Local Government Emergency Management Survey Report](#)

Noted

13. EMERGING ISSUES

13.1. LATE ITEM - MAJOR LAND TRANSACTION PROVISIONS – REGIONAL WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS

By the Shire of Kulin

PURPOSE

To seek WALGA Central Country Zone support for advocacy to the State Government regarding amendment of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* to provide greater flexibility for local government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose.

BACKGROUND

Rural and regional local governments across Western Australia are increasingly being required to take a direct role in facilitating housing delivery due to ongoing housing shortages, workforce attraction challenges and limited private sector development in smaller communities.

Many local governments are now investing significant capital into workforce housing projects to support the attraction and retention of essential personnel including teachers, police officers, health professionals, emergency service personnel and local government employees.

Under the current legislative framework, workforce housing projects may become subject to the Major Land Transaction provisions contained within section 3.59 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Whilst the policy intent of the Major Land Transaction provisions is understood and supported, the provisions can unintentionally capture relatively modest workforce housing projects in regional communities.

The Major Land Transaction threshold is currently the lesser of \$2,000,000 or 10% of a local government's annual operating expenditure. For many rural and regional local governments, the applicable threshold is therefore significantly less than \$2,000,000.

For example, a local government with annual operating expenditure of approximately \$9.5 million would be captured at a threshold of approximately \$950,000. In today's construction market, this may equate to as few as two or three workforce dwellings.

As a consequence, local governments seeking to deliver housing for teachers, police officers, health professionals, local government employees and other essential workers can quickly become subject to Major Land Transaction requirements despite the project being undertaken for a clear public purpose and without any commercial profit motive.

A practical challenge is that workforce housing projects are often captured because a long-term lease is considered a form of land transaction or disposal under the legislation, notwithstanding the local government retains ownership of both the land and dwellings.

In many cases, the local government is not selling land, divesting assets or undertaking a commercial venture. Rather, it is investing significant capital and assuming financial risk to deliver housing outcomes that support essential government services and broader community wellbeing.

DISCUSSION

The current housing shortage across regional Western Australia has resulted in local governments increasingly partnering with State Government agencies and other stakeholders to deliver workforce housing solutions.

Recent examples include Government Regional Officers Housing (GROH), key worker housing initiatives and regional workforce accommodation projects being pursued by individual local governments and regional groupings such as ROEROC & 4WDL.

There may be merit in reviewing the exemption provisions contained within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* to determine whether local government workforce housing projects delivered for a public purpose should be afforded separate consideration (be exempt) from Major Land Transaction Provisions).

Any such amendment could be limited to projects where:

- The primary purpose is workforce attraction and retention;
- The housing supports essential government services or identified workforce shortages;
- The local government retains ownership of the land and housing assets;
- The project is not being undertaken for commercial profit; and
- The project demonstrably addresses housing market failure within regional communities.

Such an approach would continue to preserve transparency and accountability whilst reducing unnecessary administrative burden and supporting the delivery of regional housing outcomes.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Due to the late receipt of this item, WALGA was unable to provide comment.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Robbie Bowey

Seconded: President Cr Karen Harrington

That the WALGA Central Country Zone:

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

CARRIED

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4 August 2026 commencing at 7:30am, via MSTeams.

The next Central Country Zone meeting will be held on Friday, 14 August 2026 commencing at 9:30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Kulin.

15. CLOSURE

The Chair thanked outgoing Shire of Dumbleyung Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gavin Treasure for his service to the Shire and the Central Country Zone.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:35pm.



**Local Government
Inspector**

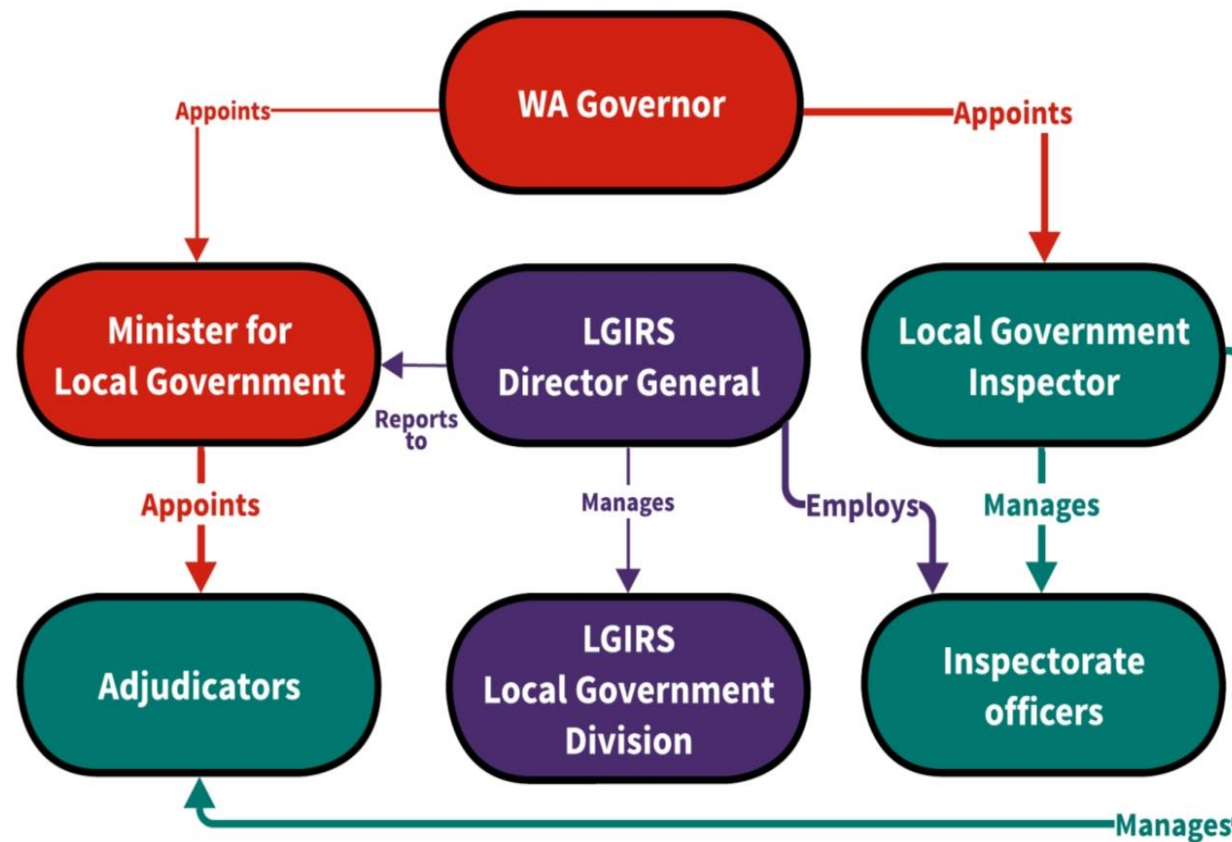
WA Local Government Inspector

Tony Brown

Overview

- The Inspector's office is separate from the Department's (LGIRS) Local Government Directorate.
- The Inspector is accountable as a public officer to the Minister for Local Government, the Corruption and Crime Commission, the Public Sector Commission, the Auditor General, the Ombudsman and the Parliament.
- To safeguard the Inspector's independence, a Minister's direction cannot target a particular person or a particular complaint.

Overview



Functions and powers of the Local Government Inspector

Local Government Inspector Functions



Receiving and dealing with complaints



Conducting investigations, including on the Inspector's own initiative



Monitoring the conduct of a local government's operations and affairs



Providing education and information to assist in compliance and conduct



Analysing systems and information



Consulting, providing information, and making recommendations



If necessary, conducting an Inspector's Inquiry

Investigations and compliance powers

Requiring a person to produce information about the local government's affairs

Requiring a person to appear before the Inspector and give evidence

Requiring a person to produce a document, information or property to the Inspector in the person's possession and allow the Inspector access to it

Entry onto local government property (without a warrant) or private property (with a warrant)

The ability to obtain the recordings of meetings (including closed meetings)

Obtain business records and data access orders under Parts 6 and 7 of the *Criminal Investigations Act 2006*

Require a local government to compile information for the Inspector, known as a 'statement of information'

Extend secrecy to some of their notices and directions

Investigations and compliance powers

Appointing	A local government monitor to address issues
Referring	Certain complaints to either local government, an adjudicator or the State Administrative Tribunal
Issuing	Infringement notices, warnings or recommendations
Prosecuting	Offences under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
Directing	A person to comply with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
Recovering	Misappropriated funds and property from council members and employees
Initiating	An Inspector's Inquiry into a local government

Monitors

The Inspector may appoint a monitor to support and address issues. A monitor can also be appointed on request from the Mayor/President, Council or CEO.

A monitor can work with a local government to:

- Build capacity so that a local government performs its functions.
- Promote compliance with laws.
- Implement financial controls.
- Facilitate resolutions for interpersonal problems.
- Monitors are to prepare a report for the Inspector about what they have found and what further action should be taken (if any).

Monitors

The regulations advise that the following cannot be a Monitor:

- an inspectorate officer;
- a member of a council
- a member of the governing body of a regional subsidiary;
- an employee of a local government or regional subsidiary;
- an employee of WALGA or the Local Government Professionals Australia (WA);
- a member of the governing body of, or an employee of, a body corporate the activities of which are, wholly or mainly, advocating or otherwise acting for, or on behalf of, 1 or more of the following —
 - (i) local governments; (ii) members of councils; (iii) employees of local governments

Complaints

A General Complaint is a new complaint type.

- A **general complaint** made by a person to the Inspector that a relevant person of local government has contravened or is contravening a provision of the Act or relevant regulations.
- This could be a breach of an offence provision (that is not a specified breach) or otherwise non-compliance with a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- Does not include behavioural, conduct, recurrent or specified breaches.
- The Inspector may dismiss the complaint, accept and investigate the complaint, send the complaint to the local government or another appropriate authority.

Breaches

Type	Role
Behavioral breach <i>(breach of behavioral components of model code)</i>	Complaint referred to the local government to be dealt with under the local government's Code of Conduct
Conduct breach <i>(breach of a rule of conduct or prescribed meeting procedure)</i>	- Inspector is responsible for complaint receipt and assessment - Inspector either dismisses complaint for being frivolous, trivial, vexatious, misconceived or without substance, or accepts complaint - Accepted complaints must be referred for decision by an adjudicator
Recurrent breach <i>(more than two previous conduct breaches)</i>	Inspector may either treat this as a conduct breach or as a specified breach
Specified breach <i>(committing a prescribed offence)</i>	- Inspector is responsible for complaint receipt and investigation - Inspector either dismisses complaint for being frivolous, trivial, vexatious, misconceived or without substance, or accepts complaint - If complaint is accepted, the Inspector can: - Make an allegation to State Administrative Tribunal - Initiate a prosecution in court - Take other action (e.g. inspectorate officer issuing an infringement notice)

Breaches

Type	Sanction
Behavioral breach	• As currently provided in the Code of Conduct
Conduct breach	• Public censure • Public apology • Counselling • Training • Suspend payment of allowances for up to 3 months • Suspension from a committee of council for up to 3 months • Suspension from council for up to 3 months
Specified breach	• The State Administrative Tribunal may order all the sanctions an adjudicator can order, but for up to 6 months instead of 3 months • Disqualification from being a council member for up to 5 years • Disqualification from being mayor/president or deputy mayor/president (if office is elected by council) for the rest of the council member's term

Infringements

The new Infringement system

The following offences will attract infringements (Modified penalties):

- Failure to vote - \$1,000
- Failure to lodge a Primary or Annual return – Council Members, CEO & designated employees - \$1,000
- Failure for an Elected Member or CEO to disclose a gift - \$1,000
- Failure of a Council Member to complete training - \$500

Adjudicators (Not a function of the Inspector)

Adjudicators replace the Local Government Standards Panel.

- All adjudicators must be legal practitioners with at least 5 years' experience.
- Where a complaint of a conduct breach is accepted, the Inspector refers it to the Principal Adjudicator to be allocated to make a finding and potential sanction.
- Adjudicator decisions are to be based upon the evidence presented to determine if there has been a breach on the balance of probabilities.
- Decisions of an adjudicator may be appealed to the State Administrative Tribunal.

Inquiry

- The Inspector can choose to conduct a formal inquiry into a local government.
- This replaces the current Authorised Inquiry.
- An inquiry can result in findings and recommendations which the local government must implement including recommending a council or council member be dismissed.
- The Inspector can advise the Minister to suspend a council or council member.
- The Minister has the power to extend the suspension of a council while an Inspector's Inquiry is underway.
- The Inspector can advise the Minister to recommend to the Governor the dismissal of a council or council member following an Inspector's Inquiry.

Inquiry

- Under section 8.4 (4) the Inspector can recommend that a council member be dismissed only if the Inspector is satisfied on reasonable grounds that —
 - ❖(a) at least 1 of the following applies —
 - (i) the member has failed, or is failing, to perform the member's role, functions or duties under this Act;
 - (ii) the member's conduct has impeded, or is impeding, the ability of another person to perform their role, functions or duties under this Act;
 - the member's conduct has impeded, or is impeding, the ability of the local government to comply with the principles that apply to it under section 5.40; and
 - ❖(b) the seriousness or duration of that failure of conduct make it inappropriate for the member to continue to be a member of the governing body of the local government.

Local Government Inspector Priorities and expectations

Expectations

- Understanding of individual and collective obligations under the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- Respectful working relationships
- Elected Members and CEO's to understand their roles and responsibilities as prescribed under sections 2.7 to 2.10 and 5.41
- Work collaboratively to solve identifiable issues, ie interpersonal, financial and compliance matters
- Open and transparent relationship with the community

Priorities for local governments

Compliance Audit Returns

- The Inspectorate will be issuing instructions next week, its important nobody starts work until they receive this guidance.
- A new portal is being developed which will launch next year, there will be an interim portal this year.

Annual returns

- The deadline is approaching and the Inspectorate will be issuing some education and guidance materials next month

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11.2 WHEATBELT RAIL TRAIL

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SUMMARY:

Council is requested to adopt the Wheatbelt Rail Trails report, partner with the other Shires on the route to progress the actions it contains, and advocate to the State and Federal Governments for funding.

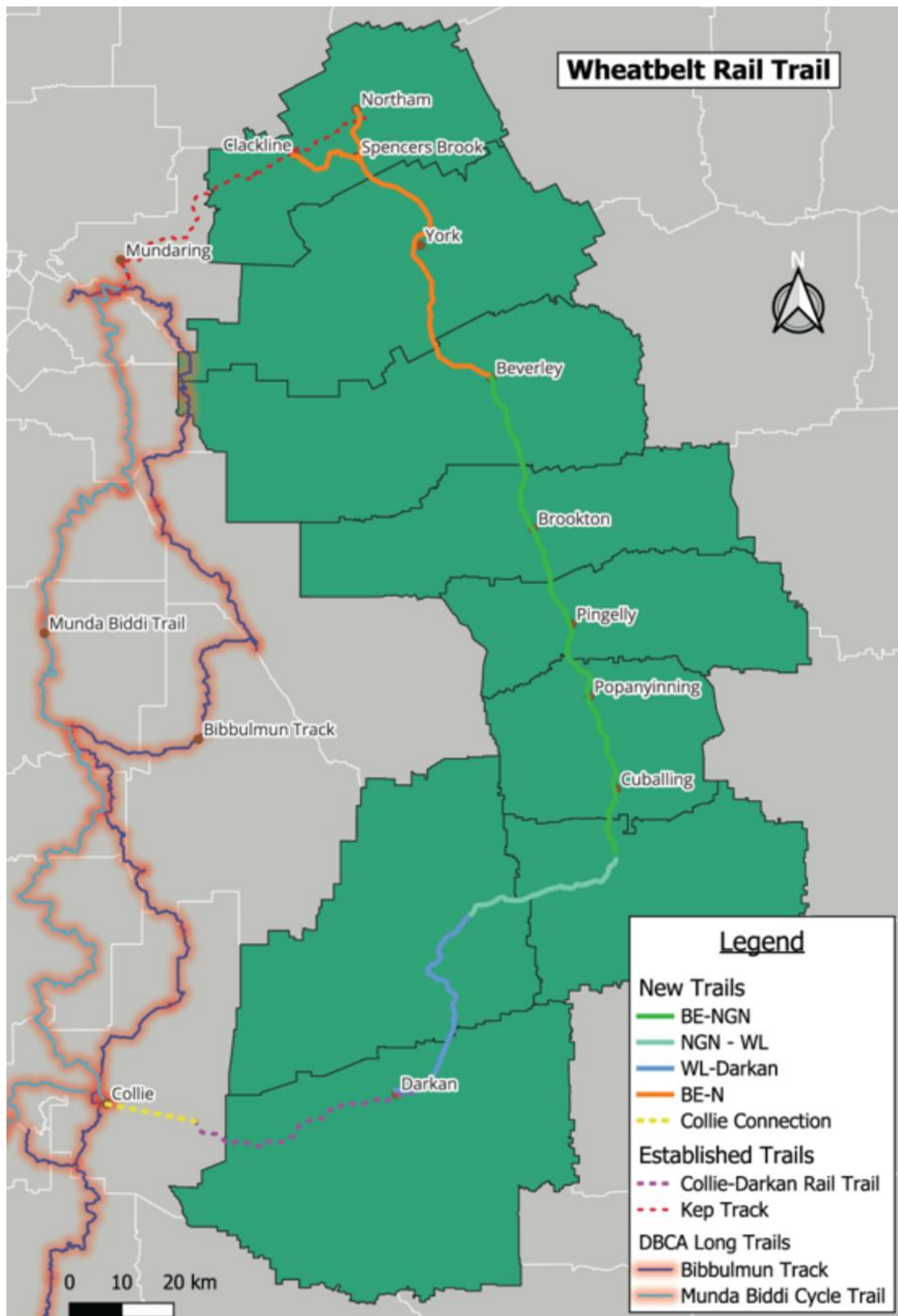
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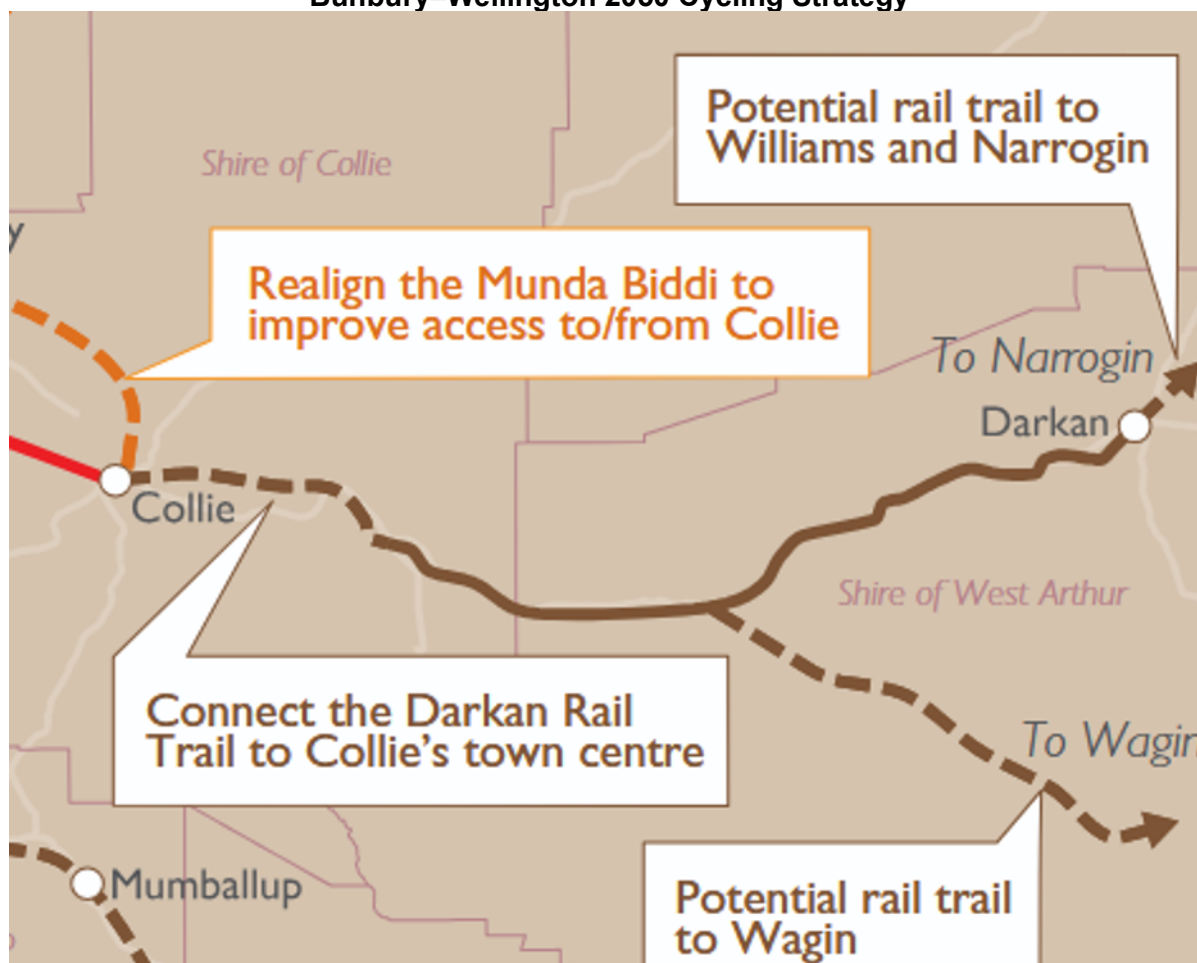
The Wheatbelt Rail Trails is a proposed ~400+ km regional cycling and walking loop joining the Kep Track at Northam with the Munda Biddi and Bibbulmun Track at Collie. Approximately 150km of this loop is formed by these existing tracks while a further ~277 km is proposed to be constructed through the Shires of York, Beverley, Brookton, Pingelly, Cuballing, Narrogin, Williams, and West Arthur.

Five local governments – the Shires of Beverley, Brookton, Pingelly, Cuballing and Narrogin – have now formally adopted the *Wheatbelt Rail Trails* report by Council resolution in May/June 2026. This report consolidates earlier trail studies (*Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy*, *Beverley-Narrogin Feasibility Study*, *Narrogin-Williams Feasibility Study*, *Darkan-Williams Feasibility Study*, and *Bunbury-Wellington 2050 Cycling Strategy*) to present a unified investment case for a connected Wheatbelt Rail Trail network. The Shire of West Arthur is now invited to join as an equal partner.

The Shire of West Arthur's involvement is supported by the *Darkan-Williams Rail Trail Feasibility Study* (Transplan Pty Ltd, November 2008), which assessed the viability of a ~47 km rail trail corridor between Darkan and Williams and found it to be feasible, with an estimated return on investment of under two years. This corridor forms the western link of the Wheatbelt Rail Trails network, connecting the existing Collie-Darkan Rail Trail through to Williams and on to the Beverley-Narrogin spine.

The *Bunbury-Wellington 2050 Cycling Strategy* independently identifies the connection from Collie to Williams and Narrogin as a priority Tourist Trail action, confirming alignment between the two Council-adopted strategies.



Bunbury–Wellington 2050 Cycling Strategy**COMMENT:**

Evidence consistently shows that connected loop trails generate significantly higher visitation, repeat use and visitor spend than out-and-back trails. The Wheatbelt Rail Trails report estimates a 10% usage uplift across connected established trails could deliver an additional ~\$6.7M per year in annual revenue. The proposed Northam-Collie trail is estimated at ~\$22.7M capital and projected at ~\$7.2M annual revenue – a return on investment of 3.5 years.

The articulation of the strategic vision to create a long loop trail from Mundaring, near Perth, provides a solid argument for funding. The concept of long trails originating near Perth has been demonstrated by the success of the Munda Biddi and Bibbulmun Track. Multiple authoritative sources state that looped or connected routes increase visitor appeal, support higher repeat visitation, strengthen commercial viability, and increase annual revenue generation.

The *Beverley-Narrogin Feasibility Study* conservatively projects approximately 12,645 users per year. That Study estimates local use alone at 7,285 residents per year. A feasibility study has not been completed for the Collie-Williams section, or for the entire route. It is anticipated that the number of users would be less than for the Beverley-Narrogin section, but greater than it currently is. Given the Shire's position on the western loop connecting Collie to the Beverley–Narrogin spine, it is anticipated demand will be driven substantially by the broader network.

As the Collie-Darkan Rail trail has been extended to Daradine, there are no additional works required within the Shire of West Arthur.

Adoption of this resolution enables the CEO and partner Local Governments to advocate for funding from the State and Commonwealth governments.

No expenditure follows from this resolution without a further Council resolution.

CONSULTATION:

No further public consultation is required prior to Council adopting the report by this resolution.

The Darkan–Williams Rail Trail Feasibility Study (2008) was developed through community and stakeholder engagement processes appropriate to that study.

Formal community and landholder engagement specific to any route alignment within the Shire of West Arthur will be undertaken should this project be funded.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications arising from this report. This resolution commits the Shire to no capital or operational expenditure. Any future financial commitments, including contributions to project resourcing, grant applications, detailed design or construction, will be the subject of separate reports and Council resolutions.

Study	Distance (KM)	CAPEX	OPEX	ROI	Revenue Annual
<i>AVON Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy Northam-Beverley Only</i>	~70	\$6.1M	\$0.2M	<2.5 yrs	\$2.6M
<i>Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail*</i>	~107.1	\$9.5M	\$0.26M	<5.5 yrs	\$1.8M
<i>Narrogin - Williams Rail Trail</i>	~34	\$4M	\$0.8M	<4 yrs	\$1M
<i>Darkan-Williams Rail Trail</i>	~47	\$1.4M	\$0.12M	<2 yrs	\$1M
<i>Collie Connection</i>	~19	\$1.7M	\$0.05M	<2 yrs	\$1M
Totals	~277km	~\$22.7M	~\$0.68M	<3.5 yrs	\$7.2M

**Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail capital costs are estimated to reduce by ~\$7.3M if ARC were to support access along the entire corridor and existing maintenance tracks could be utilised. This would reduce the ROI to <2.5 years.*

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The project directly supports the Shire of West Arthur Community/Strategic Plan. Develop and promote tourism infrastructure and experiences to grow visitor numbers and length of stay, and support economic development through regional infrastructure investment.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud
- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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

Description of Key Risk	Loss of regional momentum if Council does not formally partner with the other shires on the Wheatbelt Rail Trails route
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Possible (3)
Risk Consequence	Minor (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Medium (6)
Principal Risk Theme	Ineffective facility or event management
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Progress partnership discussions with the other Wheatbelt Rail Trails shires and engage State and Federal Governments, with no financial commitment without further Council resolution.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

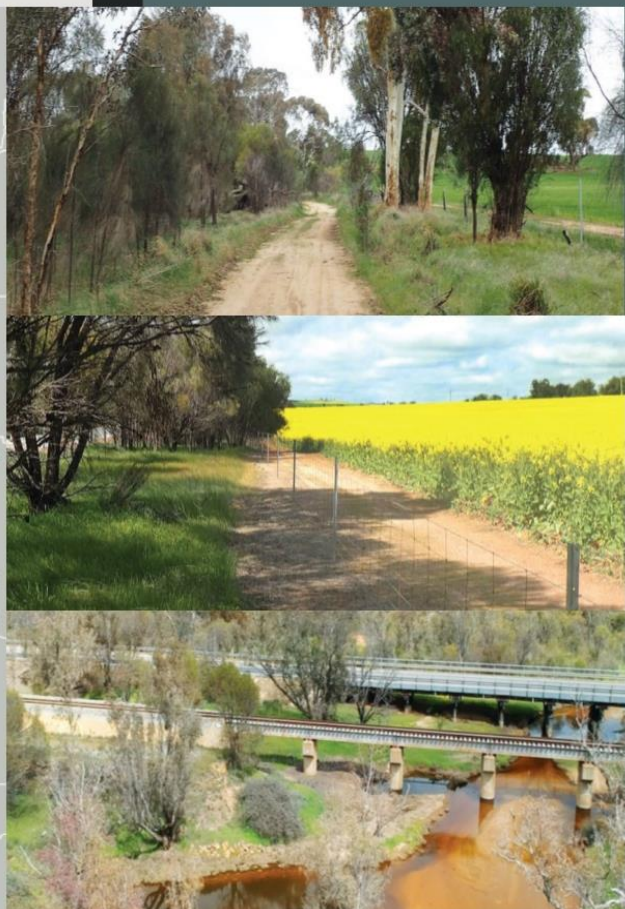
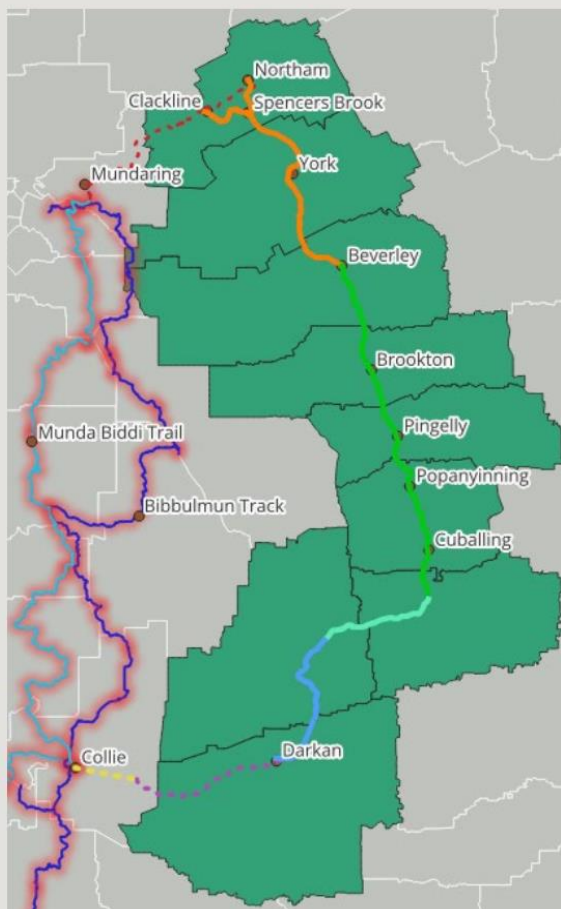
OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Wheatbelt Rail Trails report;
2. Partners with the other Shires on the route to progress the actions contained in this report, subject to no financial commitment being made without further Council resolution; and
3. Advocates to the State and Federal Governments for funding to progress the Wheatbelt Rail Trails project.

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1 Executive Summary

This report presents a clear, forward-looking strategy to progress a connected Wheatbelt Rail Trail Network, consolidating the findings of four studies completed across 2008 to 2025, and translating them into a unified investment pathway.

The Vision, ‘To create a connected loop trail from and to Perth through the Wheatbelt and South West, delivering regional and metropolitan benefits.’

The evidence across the studies is consistent, the Wheatbelt network represents a high-value, manageable opportunity to create a region defining tourism and active transport asset. The Beverley–Narrogin corridor is identified as the network backbone, proposed Stage 1, connecting the strongest trail towns and enabling staged expansion to Narrogin–Williams, Darkan–Williams, Collie Connection and York–Northam.

The project aligns strongly with multiple State strategies, frameworks and priorities for regional development, active transport, tourism and community wellbeing.

Indicative estimates show Stage 1, Beverley–Narrogin, at approximately \$9.5M CAPEX and ~\$0.26M OPEX per year. The full connected Wheatbelt Rail Trail, linking to the South West, is estimated at ~\$22.6M CAPEX and ~\$0.68M annual OPEX. If ARC¹ maintenance trails were accessible, Stage 1 costs may reduce by up to ~\$6.8M CAPEX. By adding new regional loops, the Wheatbelt Rail Trail strengthens the Kep Track, Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail and boosting visitation. A 10% usage uplift is estimated to deliver ~\$6.7M per year.

To progress the project, this report recommends a staged, coordinated approach:

- **Phase 1 Establish Foundations** - Build unified cross-shire support, establish governance and program resourcing, and address early risks. Develop the ARC access case and create a consistent trail brand to position the project for coordinated progress.
- **Phase 2 Build the Investment Case** - Prepare a decision-ready funding package for targeted ministers, advance ARC access through a unified shire position, consolidate risks, and define the long-term network vision. Develop a staged funding pipeline aligned to State processes and investment pathways.
- **Phase 3 Build the Delivery Pipeline** - Coordinate engagement across agencies and partners, progress approvals and corridor access, and sequence delivery. Validate engineering, strengthen the economic case, and define long-term operations and maintenance to prepare for staged construction.

A clear decision is now sought from participating Shires to endorse a unified program approach and governance model, and from the State to support corridor negotiations and establish a funding pathway for staged delivery.

¹ ARC Infrastructure is a private company that leases, manages and operates WA's rail network.

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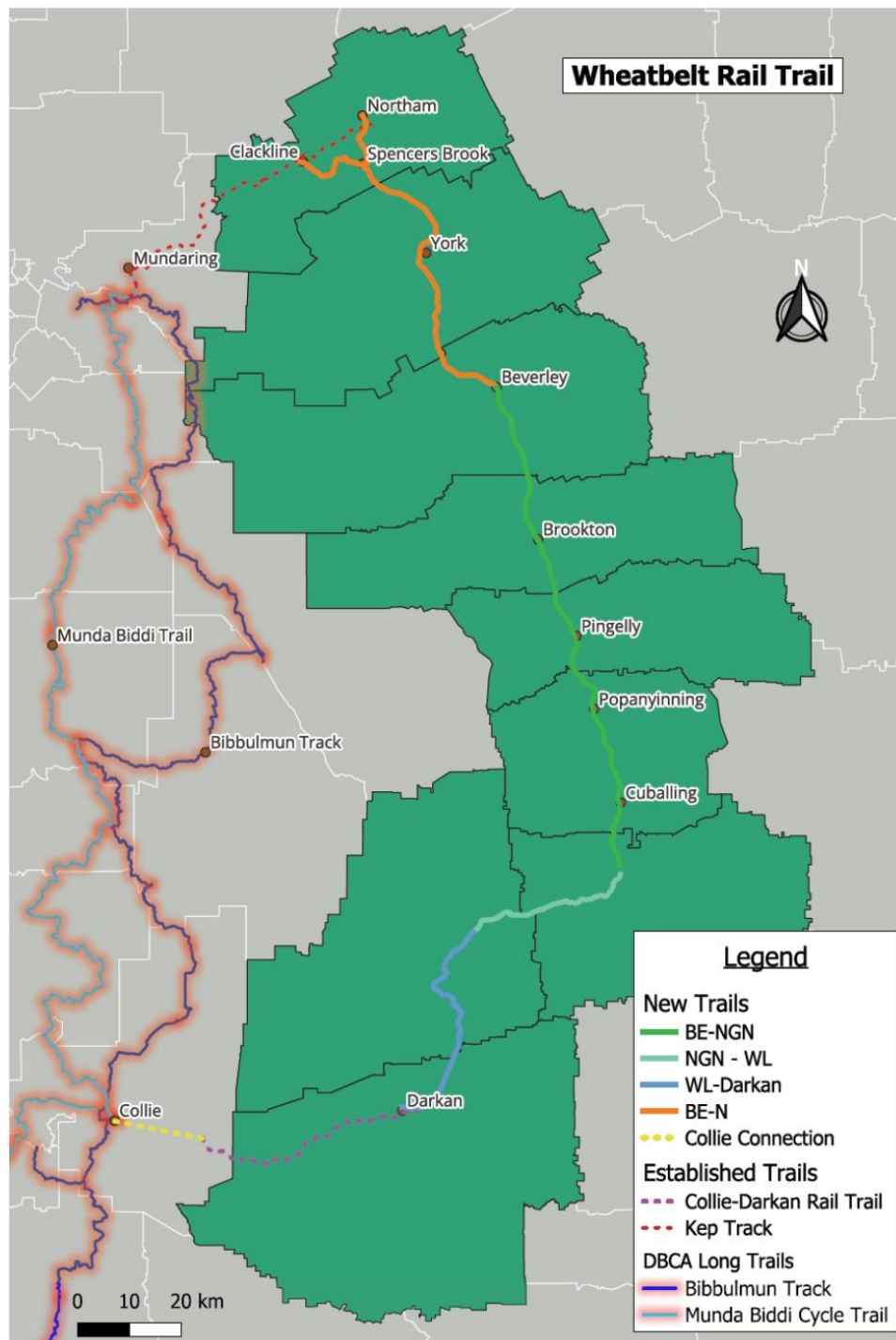


Figure 1 Wheatbelt Rail Trail - Combined Study Proposal

2 Project Background

This report consolidates three rail-trail studies and one cycling network strategy completed between 2008 and 2025 to provide a unified, evidence-based case for major State Government investment to establish a Wheatbelt Rail Trail Network.

The studies reviewed include:

- **Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy** (August 2023)
- **Narrogin–Williams Rail Trail Feasibility Study** (October 2024)
- **Beverley–Narrogin Transport Trail – Strategic Plan (Vol. 1)** (October 2025)
- **Beverley–Narrogin Transport Trail – Feasibility Study (Vol. 2)** (October 2025)
- **Darkan–Williams Rail Trail Feasibility Study** (November 2008)

The analysis identifies common themes, opportunities for development, indicative costs and emerging risks across the studies, with a focus on the Beverley–Narrogin rail-aligned (green) corridor and its role within the broader regional network.

It strengthens the regional development, economic, tourism, health and community benefits of both the Beverley–Narrogin corridor and the wider network, alongside the key constraints and opportunities for progressing cross-shire collaboration.

The report presents a clear, high-level funding case for State Government consideration and outlines the stakeholders required to advance a coordinated, multi-shire trail initiative.

3 Investment Business Case

3.1 Business Case

The Wheatbelt Rail Trail Network presents a significant opportunity to create a region-defining tourism and active-transport asset. By bringing together the findings of four cycling and rail-trail studies (2008–2025), this review demonstrates strong strategic need and clear regional and metropolitan benefits.

The Beverley–Narrogin corridor offers the potential to activate town centres, strengthen regional economies, and position the Wheatbelt as a nationally and internationally competitive cycling destination. The broader network (Avon Region) described across the studies further enhances regional connectivity, community wellbeing, and long-term economic resilience.

This business case establishes the strategic rationale for progressing a coordinated, cross-shire trail initiative that aligns with State priorities for tourism, regional development, active transport and community health.

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3.2 Funding Case Summary

The project presents a compelling case for State investment, offering a high-value, low-risk opportunity to deliver a region-shaping tourism asset with strong metropolitan access and measurable economic uplift across multiple towns.

A staged delivery approach, beginning with the Beverley–Narrogin corridor, provides the fastest, most cost-effective pathway to establishing a connected Wheatbelt Rail Trail network. This stage delivers immediate visibility, strong visitor demand potential, and clear alignment with State strategies for active transport, regional development, and the visitor economy.

The funding case highlights the value for money, the scalability of the network, and the key stakeholders required to advance a coordinated, multi-shire investment program.

3.3 Strategic Alignment

This project aligns strongly with six key State and Regional Strategies for cycling, regional development, health, tourism and destination management. It is further supported by three statewide frameworks, and one state commissioned methodology, that reinforce the value of safe, connected, nature-based regional trail networks.

3.3.1 Supporting Strategies

1. **Department of Transport's Long Term Cycle Network (LTCN)**
 - Delivers a designated Transport Trail linking six towns in Stage 1.
 - Strengthens the Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy spine.
 - Provides a safe, accessible long-distance cycling corridor.
2. **Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Strategic Plan 2024–2029**
 - Strongly supports three of the five priorities – Connected communities, Prosperous Industries and Sectors, and Healthy Living:
 - Builds connected communities through shared recreation infrastructure.
 - Stimulates prosperous regional industries and tourism.
 - Promotes healthy living through active recreation.
3. **Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sports (CITS) WAVES 2033 – Western Australia Visitor Economy Strategy**
 - Creates a new nature-based hero experience for the Wheatbelt–Avon region.
 - Drives regional dispersal and multi-day visitation.
 - Supports tourism industry capability and new business opportunities.
4. **Wheatbelt Development Commission – Wheatbelt Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023–2033**
 - Prioritises nature-based tourism, trails, and regional touring routes as key growth drivers.
 - Strengthens regional connectivity, visitor movement, and cross-shire collaboration.
 - Aligns with the region's 10-year goals for experience development, infrastructure investment, and industry capability.

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5. **WestCycle (with DLGSC & Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)) – WA Mountain Bike Strategy 2022–2032**
 - Supports the development of sustainable off-road cycling infrastructure across WA.
 - Strengthens WA's position as a national and international trail-based tourism destination.
 - Encourages regional trail networks that connect communities and diversify visitor experiences.
 - Aligns with State priorities for trail governance, environmental sustainability, and industry capability.
6. **Regional Development Australia (RDA) Strategic Plan – Wheatbelt 2025–2028**
 - Strengthens regional connectivity, liveability and economic diversification.
 - Supports cross-shire collaboration and region-shaping infrastructure.
 - Aligns with priorities for tourism development, active transport, and community wellbeing.
 - Reinforces the value of projects that enhance amenity, attract workforce, and stimulate local business.

3.3.2 Supporting Frameworks and Methodology

7. **WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022–2027 (DBCA & DLGSC)**
 - Provides the statewide vision for safe, connected, multi-day regional trail networks.
 - Reinforces the need for coordinated governance, consistent standards, and region-shaping trail experiences.
8. **More People More Active Outdoors (DLGSC, 2019)**
 - Defines the health, wellbeing, community and economic benefits of accessible outdoor recreation.
 - Supports investment in safe, inclusive, off-road infrastructure such as the Green Route.
9. **Australia's Golden Outback Strategic Plan 2021–2026 (AGO)**
 - Prioritises nature-based tourism, regional dispersal and multi-day touring experiences.
 - Supports cross-shire collaboration and experience development across the Wheatbelt.
10. **DLGSC – Concentric Circles - Guidance for Trails Tourism Close to Perth (2024)**
 - A State-commissioned, evidence-based method for understanding how Perth residents choose trail destinations.
 - Uses travel-time bands, 'concentric circles' to identify where trail investment delivers the strongest visitation uplift.
 - Identifies travel time as the strongest predictor of trail use, particularly for day-trip and short-break markets.

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- Demonstrates that trails located 60–120 minutes from Perth generate the highest tourism and recreation return on investment, such as the Wheatbelt Rail Trails.
- Highlights the importance of regional trail hubs with accommodation, hospitality and visitor services to support uptake.
- Emphasises the need for multi-shire coordination to avoid duplication and create coherent, market-ready trail networks.
- Identifies long-distance, signature experiences (including rail trails) as priority investment categories for attracting new markets.

The recommended staging approach commences with the Beverley–Narrogin **Green Route** because it:

- Delivers the safest, most inclusive off-highway corridor, directly supporting the LTCN, DLGSC recreation priorities, and statewide outdoor activity frameworks.
- Connects the largest cluster of towns, maximising early regional benefit, tourism dispersal and economic uplift.
- Provides the strongest strategic alignment across all State and regional strategies, including tourism, cycling, health, regional development and destination management.
- Establishes the governance, approvals and delivery model required for subsequent corridors, reducing risk and accelerating future stages.
- Aligns directly with the Concentric Circles methodology, sitting squarely within the high-value 60-120 minute Perth travel band and linking the region's most established trail towns, making it the highest-return corridor for early investment.

Further detail is provided in the 'Beverley to Narrogin' section of this report.

3.4 Regional Benefits

The Wheatbelt–Avon Regional Trail Network connects five Shires in Stage 1, and Nine Shires upon project completion. It strengthens regional tourism and small business growth, improves community health through accessible recreation, and supports local employment.

By transforming under-utilised rail corridors into vibrant public spaces and linking town centres via a safe, low-gradient cycling route, the project positions the Wheatbelt as a metro-accessible nature and heritage destination.

Each town can develop short loops, trailheads and local experiences that support daily community use and small business activation, complementing the broader regional tourism uplift.

Beverley, Brookton and Narrogin consistently emerge as the corridor's strongest tourism and service towns. With existing accommodation, hospitality and visitor services, they are natural hubs for early trail activation. Delivering Stage 1 along the Beverley–Narrogin corridor strengthens these towns first, enabling immediate regional spend and supporting small business growth.

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3.5 Metropolitan Benefits

The trail delivers significant metropolitan benefits despite being in regional WA. It is purpose-built for strong Perth uptake, offering a safe, low-gradient, family-friendly cycling and walking experience within easy day-trip reach of the city. It supports physical activity, nature-based recreation, and short-break tourism, while funnelling metropolitan visitation and spending into regional town centres and strengthening WA's portfolio of accessible outdoor experiences. The strong Perth usage of the Mundaring Trails network demonstrates the metropolitan demand for rail-trail and nature-based activities.

This network effectively opens the Wheatbelt and Avon to Perth in a way not previously possible. It creates a safe, inclusive, nature-based corridor where families, older adults, e-bike users, adventure cyclists, schools, and community groups can step into the bush for a day or overnight. It brings the regions closer to the city.

There is also a future opportunity for the proposed network to interface with Perth's Principal Shared Path (PSP) system as a high-quality, off-road metropolitan gateway. This would require separate planning, approvals and funding, and is not dependent on any on-road cycling connections.

The Concentric Circles framework confirms that Perth-accessible trails within 60–120 minutes deliver the highest visitation and participation uplift. The Wheatbelt Rail Trail corridor sits directly within this band, offering a safe, low-gradient, family-friendly experience that is uniquely positioned to attract strong metropolitan day-trip and short-break demand.

3.6 What This Means for Western Australia

A connected Wheatbelt Rail Trail network delivers a high-value, low-risk return for Western Australia, stronger regional economies, increased metropolitan visitation, improved health and wellbeing outcomes, and a region-defining nature-based tourism product aligned with State strategies.

Additionally, it has the ability to position WA as a national leader in accessible, long-distance cycling experiences, with future expansion opportunities.

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4 Study comparison

4.1 Comparative Summary

Table 1 Cross Study Comparison

Study	Shires	Distance (KM)	Scope & Purpose	Core Product
Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy (2023)	Beverley York Northam Toodyay Chittering Gingin Dandaragan	~337 (via Road if completely linked)	Regional cycling network plan identifying primary/secondary routes, transport trails, and tourism corridors	Strategic framework for northern connections (Beverley–York–Northam–Toodyay–Perth Hills–Coastal Connections)
Beverley–Narrogin Transport Trail V1 Strategic & V2 Feasibility (2025)	Beverley Brookton Pingelly Cuballing Narrogin	~101.1	Long-distance off-road transport trail linking six towns, Green (rail-aligned) + Orange (backroads) routes	Central Wheatbelt spine, major tourism and transport corridor
Narrogin–Williams Rail Trail Feasibility (2024)	Narrogin Williams	~34	Conversion of disused rail corridor into high-quality rail trail	Southern link with strong economic case and short payback period
Darkan–Williams Rail Trail Feasibility (2008)	Williams West Arthur	~47	Conversion of disused rail corridor into rail trail linking Williams to Collie–Darkan network*	Western link completing Collie–Williams–Narrogin loop

*Note Darkan–Collie Trail already exists. This Linkage would essentially expand the current 61.5 km easy (class 2) Trail, composed of Course gravel and compact earth.

In addition to the core corridor studies, two supplementary linkages should be recognised as supporting network connections:

- the Spencers Brook–Clackline spur, referenced in the *Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy*, and
- the ‘Collie Connection’, identified in both the *Collie River Valley Trails Strategy* and the *Bunbury–Wellington 2050 Cycling Strategy*.

Both linkages strengthen the network by improving loop options, enhancing regional ride choices, and supporting overall network coherence. They are referenced here for context rather than full comparative assessment.

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4.2 Shared study benefits

Across all four studies, a consistent set of benefits emerged. The below distils these shared findings into the key themes, evidence and strategic implications relevant to the proposed Wheatbelt Rail Trail network.

1. Tourism & Visitation

- All studies identify strong tourism potential.
- BE-NGN survey shows 95% of respondents would use the trail.
- NGN-WL forecasts 7,645 users per year, BE-NGN forecasts a conservative 12,645 users per year

Implication - High-value tourism product with strong metro-accessible demand.

2. Economic Impact

- All studies identify strong economic uplift and increased tourism demand.
- Economic benefits are quantified in the Estimated Financials section.

Implication - Strong ROI, supports small business, hospitality and accommodation.

3. Health & Community

- Studies emphasise safe, off-road recreation.
- Suitable for families, older riders and e-bikes.
- Provides accessible recreation across multiple shires.

Implication - Broad community benefit and improved health and wellbeing.

4. Regional Development

- Studies highlight the importance of cross-shire connectivity and the opportunity to develop the region through strong collaboration.
- Strong support for town-to-town links and regional cohesion.

Implication - Creates a unified Wheatbelt-Avon regional network.

5. Environmental & Cultural

- Opportunities for Noongar interpretation and cultural storytelling.
- Supports heritage tourism and nature-based experiences.
- Encourages environmental stewardship and low-impact recreation.

Implication - Strengthens and builds cultural tourism and environmental values.

4.3 Risks and constraints

The five key risk categories identified across the studies are:

1. Corridor and tenure (ARC Infrastructure / PTA²)

- Requires early coordinated corridor negotiations, clear approvals pathway and consistent access policy.

2. Cost escalation and engineering complexity (including flooding and watercourse crossings)

- Favours a single funding program and early engineering validation on high-risk segments, with climate-aware design and staging to avoid scope creep and reactive rebuilds.

3. Governance and long-term maintenance

- Supports a regional governance and maintenance model (whole-of-life planning, consistent design/operations, and dedicated resourcing).

4. Landholder and community interface

- Requires a consistent engagement approach and mitigation measures (fencing/crossings, rules, reporting/enforcement) across shires

5. Fire and emergency response

- Requires early DFES³ engagement and a funded fire management and emergency response plan so responsibilities do not fall onto overstretched volunteers

These risks are manageable if addressed early through a coordinated corridor access and approvals pathway, targeted engineering validation of high-cost segments, a funded whole-of-life governance and maintenance model, consistent landholder and community engagement, and DFES-led emergency response planning.

² Public Transport Authority

³ Department of Fire and Emergency Services

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4.4 Opportunities for Further Development

The review identified several system-wide and study-specific opportunities to strengthen a Wheatbelt Rail Trail Network and enhance its readiness as a unified, region-wide program. The table below summarises the key development opportunities.

Table 2 Identified Opportunities for Further Development

Opportunity Category	Cross-study summary
Governance and delivery model	No defined regional governance or asset-management model for a continuous Wheatbelt–Avon network.
Safety, emergency and risk planning	No assessment of fire risk, climate-driven fire behaviour, or system impacts on WA's volunteer firefighting capacity. Emergency response planning is undeveloped.
Brand, visitor experience and activation	No single Wheatbelt/Avon trail brand, marketing strategy, or visitor-journey design across the network.
Benefits and evaluation	No quantifiable health savings, physical activity uplift, or mental health benefits, benefits are largely qualitative. Believed data does not exist.
Digital infrastructure and data	No digital mapping, wayfinding, or data-collection strategy is defined across the program.
Economic case	No economic modelling of a connected, multi-day Interconnected Wheatbelt Rail Trail, modelling is corridor-specific or absent.
Market analysis	Limited analysis of Perth families, e-bike users, adventure cyclists, price sensitivity or seasonal patterns.
Climate, environment and resilience	Limited design framework for climate resilience, heat mitigation, shade and water access

4.5 Benchmarking and Lessons Learnt

Successful long-distance rail trails such as New Zealand's Great Rides, the Otago Central Rail Trail, the Great Victorian Rail Trail and WA's Wadandi Track demonstrate strong demand for town-to-town riding, clear economic uplift, and the importance of coordinated governance and consistent standards. These precedents confirm the viability and value of the Wheatbelt Rail Trail Network.

4.5.1 Evidence of demand from comparable trails

1. Town-to-town riding is a proven drawcard

- Established networks consistently show that multi-town itineraries and strong trail-to-town interfaces drive overnight stays, higher visitor spend and repeat visitation.

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**2. WA has an existing long-distance trail market**

- The Bibbulmun Track, Mundaring Network of Trails, including Kep Track, and Munda Biddi confirm strong local and visitor appetite for multi-day trail experiences.

3. International precedent reinforces the opportunity

- New Zealand's Great Rides / NZ Cycle Trail network shows how coordinated governance, consistent standards and destination activation can scale a national trail product and attract significant domestic and international use.

4. Recent State investment signals policy appetite

- The \$17.5 million commitment to the Wadandi Track illustrates that long-distance trail infrastructure is already a recognised State priority when governance, staging and narrative are clear.

4.5.2 Lessons to Apply in the Wheatbelt Context

Lessons from other regional trail networks provide clear guidance on how to reduce delivery risk and maximise long-term value in the Wheatbelt. These include:

1. Prioritise Governance

- Successful networks establish a lead entity, clear roles and a maintenance/asset plan before major capital delivery.

2. Experience investment drives uptake

- Wayfinding, shade and water access, rest nodes, interpretation and safe crossings materially influence user satisfaction and repeat use.

3. Tackle the most complex sections early

- Prioritising the highest-risk or most technically challenging segments upfront provides the blueprint for resolving similar issues elsewhere. If these constraints cannot be overcome, it is better to identify this early before investing in lower-complexity sections that cannot ultimately connect.

4. Brand and Activation

- A coherent network identity, events calendar and industry partnerships increase visibility and spend per visitor.

5. A transport-trail model broadens the market

- Compared with adventure-oriented products like the Munda Biddi, the proposed Wheatbelt network offers gentle gradients, town-to-town riding and accessibility for families, older riders and e-bike users. There is current opportunity in the market which an Interconnected Wheatbelt Rail Trail can fulfil.

6. Cultural interpretation as a core experience layer

- The Concentric Circles framework highlights a significant opportunity to embed Aboriginal cultural interpretation into trail experiences. Integrating Noongar language, stories and cultural landscapes into the Wheatbelt Rail Trail network strengthens authenticity, deepens visitor engagement and aligns with State priorities for cultural tourism.

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5 Stage 1 - Beverley to Narrogin

The Beverley–Narrogin studies offer two complementary experiences:

- Green Route - a safe, separated, rail-aligned corridor suitable for families, older adults, e-bike users and walkers,
- Orange Route - a scenic backroads touring experience appealing to gravel riders and bike packers.

The Green Route provides the safest, most inclusive and strategically aligned foundation for Stage 1 and is the basis for this review.

Beverley, Brookton and Narrogin consistently emerge across all studies as the corridor's strongest trail towns, with multiple existing accommodation, hospitality and visitor services. Connecting these towns first delivers the highest early demand, maximises Perth-proximate visitation and establishes a strong foundation for a multi-day regional trail product.

The Beverley–Narrogin Green Route forms the network's spine, converting separate concepts into a connected, metro-accessible town-to-town experience and establishing the governance, design and delivery model for future stages.

It is recommended for Stage 1 because it:

1. **Connects the strongest tourism towns** - enabling early use and immediate regional spend.
2. **Unlocks the wider network** - linking directly to Narrogin–Williams, Darkan–Williams and Collie–Darkan, and interfacing with northern connections through the Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy.
3. **Establishes a replicable delivery model** - by resolving the most complex approvals, tenure gaps and engineering challenges early.
4. **Demonstrates strong early demand** - with the largest Perth-proximate catchment and multiple towns suited to overnight itineraries.
5. **Delivers the strongest strategic alignment** - with DLGSC, WAVES 2033, the Long-Term Cycle Network and the Avon Central Coast 2050 Cycling Strategy.
6. **Positions WA as a national leader** - by launching a flagship long-distance transport trail and a credible pathway to a broader Wheatbelt–Avon network.

Stage 1 should commence with the Beverley–Narrogin Green Route. It delivers the network spine, captures early tourism value, resolves the highest-risk constraints first and sets the blueprint for all remaining corridors.

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6 Estimated Financials

6.1 Project Cost – Capital (CAPEX) and Operational (OPEX)

Table 3 Estimate Project CAPEX, OPEX, ROI (Return on Investment) and Annual Revenue

Study	No. Shires	Distance (KM)	CAPEX (~\$M)	OPEX (~\$M)	ROI	Annual Revenue (~\$M)
AVON Central Cost 2050 Cycling Strategy Northam – Beverley Only	3	~70	\$ 6.1M	\$0.2M	<2.5 yrs	\$2.6M
Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail*	5	~107.1**	\$ 9.5M	\$0.26M	<5.5 yrs	\$1.8M
Narrogin - Williams Rail Trail	2	~34	\$4M	\$0.08M	<4 yrs	\$1M
Darkan-Williams Rail Trail	2	~47	\$1.4M	\$0.12M	<2 yrs	\$1M
Collie Connection***	1	~19	\$1.7M	\$0.05	<2	\$1M
Wheatbelt Rail Trail Totals	10	~277km	~\$22.7M	~\$.68M	<3.5 yrs	\$7.2M

* This has been based on the adoption of the Green Route, without access to ARC infrastructure / existing railway maintenance tracks. **Estimated 6km distance for Beverley Trailhead – Caudle Road (separate Project in progress which is costing this section due to additional engineering complexity). ***Collie Connection re-links the established Collie-Darkan trail, for the Trail Head to commence within the Collie Town Centre.

The study indicates that approximately 76% (81 km) of the Beverley–Narrogin Green Route would require full new construction because ARC Infrastructure does not currently permit rail-adjacent access. If ARC were to support access along the entire corridor and existing maintenance tracks could be utilised, Stage 1 capital costs are estimated to reduce by ~\$6.8M, primarily by avoiding new earthworks, fencing, drainage reconstruction and road-reserve deviations. Publicly available data indicates that approximately 20 trains per year operate on the Beverley–Narrogin line at an average speed of 42 km/h, indicating low usage.

Table 4 Estimate Project Variance based on utilisation of ARC Infrastructure Maintenance Corridors

Stage 1 Cost Variance BE- NGN Study	Distance (KM)	CAPEX (~\$M)	OPEX (~\$M)	ROI	Annual Revenue (~\$M)
Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail WITHOUT ARC Infrastructure	~107.1	\$9.5M	\$0.26M	<5.5 yrs	\$1.8M
Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail WITH ARC Infrastructure	~107.1	\$2.6M	\$0.26M	<1.5 yrs	\$1.8M
Estimated Variance		\$ 6.8M	\$ -*	4 yrs	\$ -

*Opportunities to reduce OPEX through shared maintenance track costs, yet to be quantified.

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6.2 Project Cost Assumptions

Not all studies provided cost estimates for CAPEX, OPEX, annual revenue or ROI. Where data was available, these figures have been used and extrapolated across the relevant trail sections. The table below outlines the source or method used for each estimate.

All figures are indicative only, extrapolated from the Beverley–Narrogin Transport Trail Volume 2: Feasibility Study, and assume minimal upgrades to existing ARC track conditions. Further investigation and refinement will be required

Table 5 Estimated Figures Assumptions

Study	Distance	CAPEX	OPEX	ROI	Annual Revenue***
<i>AVON Central Cost 2050 Cycling Strategy</i>	Est trail distance BE-N with Rail Trail Alignment*	Est Distance x \$87,688 (average km/ CAPEX per BE-NGN*)	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$2465/yr per KM	CAPEX / Annual Revenue	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$254.2/day per visitor est 10,500 – 3x increase due to proximity to Kep Trail & Metro
<i>Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail</i>	Report	Report plus 6km (uncosted section Caudle Road) calculated with a 15% uplift on 6km, \$100840 per km due to engineering complexity**	Report est \$2465/yr per KM Gov Maintenance	CAPEX / Annual Revenue	Report
<i>Narrogin - Williams Rail Trail</i>	Report	Report	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$2465/yr per KM	CAPEX / Annual Revenue	Report
<i>Darkan-Williams Rail Trail</i>	Report	Report figure x 1.5 for CPI	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$2465/yr per KM	CAPEX / Annual Revenue	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$254.2/day per visitor est 3500 – consistent with BE-NGN & NGN-WL est. visitor numbers.
<i>Collie Connection****</i>	Estimated 19km based on WA Trails	Est Distance x \$87,688 (average km/ CAPEX per BE-NGN*)	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$2465/yr per KM	CAPEX / Annual Revenue	Utilise BE-NGN report reference \$254.2/day per visitor est 3500 – consistent with BE-NGN & NGN-WL est. visitor numbers.

*The Beverley–Northam distance reflects only the direct York–Northam link. If the additional spur from Spencers Brook to Clackline is included (shown in Figure 1), a further 15 km is added, increasing loop options between the established Kep Track and the proposed Wheatbelt Rail Trail.

** The Beverley–Narrogin feasibility study excludes approximately 6 km of alignment, Beverley Trailhead to Caudle Road. This cost analysis has used the report base 101.1k CAPEX benchmark of \$87,688 per/km(costed) and added a 15% uplift of \$100.840/km applied only to the 6km previously excluded, to reflect known higher construction complexity. A separate project is currently underway to formally cost this section.

***Annual Revenue is based on overnight stays, no cost estimate on increased revenue from additional employment opportunities such as creation of Trail Tours is included.

****Collie Connection has been included in the cost analysis for context, to reflect the circular loop which would strengthen the network by supporting overall network coherence.

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6.3 Established Trails Annual Revenue

Multiple authoritative sources, including Rail Trails Australia, and the DLGSC Concentric Circles guidance, consistently state that looped or connected routes increase visitor appeal, support higher repeat visitation, strengthen commercial viability, and increase annual revenue generation.

The Table below provides context, a 10% increase in usage across the established Bibbulmun and Mundaring Trails would generate an estimated additional \$6.7 million in annual revenue.

Table 6 Estimated Established Trails enhancement with establishing the Wheatbelt Rail Trail

<i>Trail</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Annual Revenue</i>	<i>Annual Revenue WITH Wheatbelt Rail Trails</i>	<i>Variance 10%</i>
<i>Bibbulmun</i>	~1,000KM	Walking	\$ 39M	\$ 42.9M	\$ 3.9M
<i>Mundaring Trails</i>	Various Loops, 1-41km	Mixed-Use Network	\$ 27.8M	\$ 30.6M	\$ 2.8M
<i>Totals</i>			\$ 66.8M	\$ 73.5M	\$ 6.7M

7 Stakeholder Summary

The studies have a broad and diverse stakeholder landscape, with several stakeholders appearing consistently, and others unique to specific corridors, highlighting the need for a coordinated, region-wide approach. Some stakeholders not identified in the studies have been within this review and incorporated below.

Table 7 Project Stakeholders

Stakeholder Category	Stakeholders Identified Across the Studies
State Government	PTA (Public Transport Authority), ARC Infrastructure, Department of Transport (DoT), DLGSC, Tourism WA, DBCA (Parks & Wildlife), DFES (not previously engaged, but should be), Main Roads WA
Local Government	Shires of Beverley, Brookton, Pingelly, Cuballing, Narrogin, Williams, Collie, West Arthur, Northam and York.
Traditional Owners	Noongar groups (Ballardong, Wiilman, Gnaala Karla Booja depending on corridor)
Landholders & Industry	Adjacent farmers, pastoralists, freight operators, utilities (Western Power, Water Corp), private property owners
Community & User Groups	Local residents, trail users (walkers, cyclists, e-bike users, schools, sporting clubs)
Tourism & Business	Local tourism associations, visitor centres, accommodation providers, cafes, pubs, retail, regional tourism organisations
Environmental & Heritage	Local Natural Resource Management groups, conservation volunteers, historical societies, river care groups
Emergency Services	Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (not previously engaged, but essential), St John Ambulance, WA Police, DFES (not previously engaged, but essential)
Project Delivery Partners	Consultants, engineers, surveyors, trail builders, community working groups and (recommended) Project Steering Committee

8 Key Review Findings

The review highlights a consistent set of strategic considerations that shape the case for progressing a connected, cross-shire trail network.

1. **Beverley–Narrogin corridor as the network backbone**
 - The Beverley–Narrogin route emerges as the essential spine of the wider network, with early delivery enabling staged expansion across multiple shires.
2. **High metropolitan demand with strong regional returns**
 - The network is well positioned to attract Perth day-trip and short-break users while directing visitor spend into Wheatbelt towns and services.
3. **Clear alignment with State priorities**
 - The project aligns strongly with multiple State strategies around cycling, tourism, health and community strategies, and presents a future (currently out-of-scope) opportunity to interface with the Perth PSP network.
4. **Cost and delivery complexity concentrated in infrastructure constraints**
 - Major cost drivers include crossings, drainage, fencing, tenure limitations and agency requirements. A staged delivery approach is the most feasible pathway.
5. **Manageable risks with early intervention**
 - Key risks relate to corridor access and tenure, landholder confidence, governance and maintenance responsibilities, and emergency response planning. All are manageable if addressed early.
6. **Progress depends on coordinated leadership and dedicated resourcing**
 - Moving forward requires an agreed governance model and a funded project resource to drive cross-shire collaboration, resolve corridor access and standards, sequence delivery, and prepare a whole-of-network investment case.

9 Proposed Next Steps and Timeline

To progress the Wheatbelt Regional Trail Network from strategy and feasibility to a fundable, staged delivery program, the following steps are recommended. These actions establish the governance, documentation and evidence base required to secure State and Local Government investment. They are structured into four phases:

1. Phase 1 – Establish Foundations and Support
2. Phase 2 – Build the Investment case and Program Pipeline
3. Phase 3 – Prepare for Delivery
4. Phase 4 – Commence Build

9.1 Phase 1 - Establish Foundations and Support

The recommended next steps have an estimated timeframe of 6-8 months, pending endorsement turnaround.

Table 8 Phase 1 Recommended Next Steps

Action	Purpose / Why It Matters	Key Activities / Detail
Council Endorsement Pack	Build unified cross-shire support and messaging	Prepare councillor-facing brief, align LGAs, confirm shared position
Cross-Shire Governance	Establish leadership and decision-making structure	Confirm lead agency, roles, responsibilities, Operations and Maintenance approach e.g MoU / Project Steering Group
Program Resourcing	Ensure dedicated capacity to drive the program	Secure Program/Project Lead and specialist support
Risk Mitigation Strategy	Address the highest-impact risks early	Agree approach to corridor/tenure, engineering, multi-shire delivery, Orange vs. Green Route
Build ARC Justification Framework	Present clear, evidence-based rationale for access	Comparative visuals, cost logic, shared briefing note/memo.
Establish Trail Brand	Create a unified, professional identity for funding readiness	Develop logo, palette, style guide and sample applications

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9.2 Phase 2 - Build the Investment Case and Program Pipeline

Phase 2 recommended next steps have an estimated timeframe of 6-8 months.

Table 9 Phase 2 Recommended Next Steps

Action	Purpose / Why It Matters	Key Activities / Detail
Ministerial/Treasury Briefing Pack	Build a decision-ready funding case	Strategic alignment, approvals pathway, investment narrative, costs
Elevate ARC Access Request	Build political support for preferred alignment	Ministerial briefing, unified shire position, utilise justification framework
Consolidated Risk Register	Create a single risk management framework	Safety, fire/emergency, landholder interface, mitigation measures
Long-Term Network Vision	Show how the full network connects	Map, narrative, regional interfaces, future PSP opportunity, established trails linkage
Funding Submission Pipeline	Prepare investment-ready proposals	Package staged submissions aligned to State pathways

9.3 Phase 3 – Prepare for Delivery

Phase 3 recommended next steps have an estimated timeframe of 12 months.

Table 10 Phase 3 Recommended Next Steps

Action	Purpose / Why It Matters	Key Activities / Detail
Stakeholder Engagement Plan	Coordinate engagement across all partners	State agencies, TOs, landholders, utilities, user groups, tourism groups
Program Staging Plan	Sequence delivery identification and manage complexity	Quick wins and parallel workstreams for complex segments identified.
Approvals & Corridor Access	Secure access and compliance requirements	ARC/PTA engagement, fencing, crossings, insurance, corridor rules
Engineering Validation	Reduce cost uncertainty and escalation risk	Targeted design on high-cost segments
Economic & Benefits Model	Strengthen the ROI case	Consistent model, sensitivity testing, quantified benefits available
Operations & Maintenance Model	Define long-term responsibilities and costs	OPEX forecast, asset ownership, service standards

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9.4 Project Timeline

Based on the key recommendations and critical tasks, the image below illustrates a plausible project timeline.

Figure 2 Project Timeline



9.5 Phase 4 – Build Commencement

Phase 4 timeframe would be quantified throughout Phases 1-3.

Table 11 Phase 4 Recommended Next Steps

Action	Purpose / Why It Matters	Key Activities / Detail
Phase 4 – Build Commences	Commence Staged Build	Commence Staged Build – Detail to be clarified through Phase 1-3.

10 Conclusion – Why the Project is Worth Doing

The combined evidence from the strategic and feasibility studies demonstrates that establishing an interconnected Wheatbelt–Avon regional trail network, anchored by the Beverley–Narrogin corridor, directly supports multiple State priorities across transport, tourism, health, regional development and active recreation.

Recent State investment in long-distance trail infrastructure provides a clear precedent and confirms Western Australia's appetite and capability to deliver nationally significant trail assets where governance, staging and strategic alignment are clear.

Delivering the Beverley–Narrogin corridor presents known challenges, including negotiated rail-adjacent access with ARC Infrastructure, resolution of higher-cost watercourse crossings, and coordinated delivery and maintenance across multiple local governments. These risks are well understood and manageable. Indicative estimates place Stage 1 at approximately \$9.5 million CAPEX with annual OPEX of around \$0.26 million, while the full Wheatbelt Rail Trail network is estimated at approximately \$22.7 million CAPEX and \$0.68 million per year OPEX. Importantly, access to existing ARC maintenance corridors has the potential to reduce Stage 1 capital costs by up to \$6.8 million, significantly improving value for money.

The Beverley–Narrogin corridor provides the essential spine of the wider network. It delivers a safe, low-gradient, town-to-town transport trail linking six communities, captures strong metropolitan day-trip and short-break demand, and establishes the platform for staged expansion across the Wheatbelt–Avon region. It also sets the governance, delivery and operational model required to de-risk and accelerate future corridors.

With early State-led corridor negotiations, disciplined staging, and the governance and resourcing steps outlined in this report, the project is both achievable and strategically positioned to become a region-defining tourism and recreation asset for Western Australia.

This report recommends progressing the Beverley–Narrogin corridor as Stage 1 of the Wheatbelt Rail Trail program, securing participating Shires' endorsement for a unified program approach and governance model, and engaging the State to support corridor negotiations and establish a clear funding pathway for staged delivery.

11 Supporting Documents

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- PDF - Wheatbelt Rail Trails **map showing the proposed trail**
- PDF - Wheatbelt Rail Trails **map showing trail, accommodation & food options**

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12 CORPORATE SERVICES**12.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS - JUNE 2026**

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Date:	3/07/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Monthly Financial Report June 2026

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider the draft financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Draft financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2026 are attached.

There are some final year end adjustments to be complete. Audited financial statements will be presented on completion of the audit.

COMMENT:

If you have any questions regarding details in the financial reports, please get in touch with the office before Council meeting so that sufficient time is given to research the request. This will enable the information to be provided at the Council meeting.

CONSULTATION:

No consultation required.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Regulation 34 (1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 states that a Local Government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for the previous month (the relevant month) in the following detail —

- (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and
- (b) budget estimates to the end of the relevant month and
- (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the relevant month and
- (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
- (e) the net current assets at the end of the relevant month, and a note containing a summary explaining the composition of the net existing assets.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications. Reported income and expenditure will be assessed by management as being consistent with the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

West Arthur Towards 2031

Theme: Leadership and Management

Outcome: Establish and maintain sound business and governance structures

Strategy: Ensure that the local community is provided with value for money through the prudent expenditure of rates

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud
- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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

Description of Key Risk	Not preparing monthly financial statement which affects Council's ability to oversee the Shire's financial management.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Rare (1)
Risk Consequence	Minor (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (2)
Principal Risk Theme	Compliance Failure
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Prepare monthly financial statements for the Council

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2026.

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)
For the period ended 30 June 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b)	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b)	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
General rates	10	2,252,484	2,252,484	2,253,147	663	0.03%	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13	1,668,654	1,668,654	2,988,230	1,319,576	79.08%	▲
Fees and charges		406,331	406,331	415,094	8,763	2.16%	
Interest revenue		122,314	122,314	184,832	62,518	51.11%	▲
Other revenue		139,059	139,059	232,773	93,714	67.39%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	6	14,292	14,292	5,194	(9,098)	(63.66%)	▼
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		0	0	56,668	56,668	0.00%	▲
		4,603,134	4,603,134	6,135,938	1,532,804	33.30%	
Expenditure from operating activities							
Employee costs		(2,273,833)	(2,273,833)	(2,254,563)	19,270	0.85%	▲
Materials and contracts		(1,668,570)	(1,668,570)	(1,318,532)	350,038	20.98%	▲
Utility charges		(119,390)	(119,390)	(110,042)	9,348	7.83%	
Depreciation		(3,676,619)	(3,676,619)	(3,451,856)	224,763	6.11%	▲
Finance costs		(23,952)	(23,952)	(22,159)	1,793	7.49%	
Insurance		(157,053)	(157,053)	(158,967)	(1,914)	(1.22%)	
Other expenditure		(83,800)	(83,800)	(43,519)	40,281	48.07%	▲
Loss on asset disposals	6	(27,554)	(27,554)	(5,107)	22,447	81.47%	▲
		(8,030,771)	(8,030,771)	(7,364,745)	666,026	8.29%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Note 2(b)	3,689,881	3,689,881	3,441,255	(248,626)	(6.74%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		262,244	262,244	2,212,448	1,950,204	743.66%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	14	4,428,614	4,428,614	1,252,174	(3,176,440)	(71.73%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets	6	161,364	161,364	44,546	(116,818)	(72.39%)	▼
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		32,059	32,059	32,059	0	0.00%	
		4,622,037	4,622,037	1,328,779	(3,293,258)	(71.25%)	
Outflows from investing activities							
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5	(4,028,421)	(4,028,421)	(1,098,527)	2,929,894	72.73%	▲
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5	(1,662,428)	(1,662,428)	(2,118,576)	(456,148)	(27.44%)	▼
		(5,690,849)	(5,690,849)	(3,217,103)	2,473,746	43.47%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,068,812)	(1,068,812)	(1,888,324)	(819,512)	(76.68%)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
Proceeds from new debentures	11	0	0	110,000	110,000	0.00%	▲
Transfer from reserves	4	1,016,027	1,016,027	961,149	(54,878)	(5.40%)	▼
		1,016,027	1,016,027	1,071,149	55,122	5.43%	
Outflows from financing activities							
Repayment of borrowings	11	(91,151)	(91,151)	(91,152)	(1)	(0.00%)	
Transfer to reserves	4	(956,688)	(956,688)	(408,860)	547,828	57.26%	▲
		(1,047,839)	(1,047,839)	(500,012)	547,827	52.28%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		(31,812)	(31,812)	571,137	602,949	1895.35%	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		838,380	838,380	860,021	21,641	2.58%	▲
Amount attributable to operating activities		262,244	262,244	2,212,448	1,950,204	743.66%	▲
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,068,812)	(1,068,812)	(1,888,324)	(819,512)	(76.68%)	▼
Amount attributable to financing activities		(31,812)	(31,812)	571,137	602,949	1895.35%	▲
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		0	0	1,755,282	1,755,282		▲

KEY INFORMATION

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

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

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes.

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

	Supplementary Information	30 June 2026 \$	30 June 2026 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,863,502	5,334,082
Trade and other receivables		554,984	157,207
Other financial assets		32,059	33,136
Inventories	8	102,097	102,097
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,552,642	5,626,522
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets		276,008	299,540
Property, plant and equipment		19,859,864	20,216,585
Infrastructure		112,232,866	111,596,933
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		132,368,738	132,113,058
TOTAL ASSETS		135,921,380	137,739,580
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	396,377	216,765
Other liabilities	12	30,198	1,982,197
Borrowings	11	91,151	97,168
Employee related provisions	12	372,217	375,815
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		889,943	2,671,945
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	484,327	497,158
Employee related provisions		34,035	34,035
Other provisions		55,324	55,324
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		573,686	586,517
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,463,629	3,258,462
NET ASSETS		134,457,751	134,481,118
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		6,638,093	7,213,749
Reserve accounts	4	2,219,793	1,667,504
Revaluation surplus		125,599,865	125,599,865
TOTAL EQUITY		134,457,751	134,481,118

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

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT 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. Supporting 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.

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.

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors 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.

The balances, transactions and disclosures impacted by accounting estimates are as follows:

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings, infrastructure and investment property
- estimation uncertainties made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of intangible assets

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

Significant accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2023-24 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 16 July 2026

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

		Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2025	Last Year Closing 30 June 2025	Year to Date 30 June 2026
(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity				
Current assets		\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,863,502	2,863,502	5,334,082
Trade and other receivables		487,562	554,984	157,207
Other financial assets		32,059	32,059	33,136
Inventories	8	102,097	102,097	102,097
Other assets	8	3,936	0	0
		3,489,156	3,552,642	5,626,522
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	9	(354,531)	(396,377)	(216,765)
Other liabilities	12	(30,198)	(30,198)	(1,982,197)
Borrowings	11	(91,151)	(91,151)	(97,168)
Employee related provisions	12	(366,876)	(372,217)	(375,815)
		(842,756)	(889,943)	(2,671,945)
Net current assets		2,646,400	2,662,699	2,954,577
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(c)	(1,808,020)	(1,802,678)	(1,199,295)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		838,380	860,021	1,755,282

(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

The following non-cash revenue and expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32*.

		Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities				
		\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals	6	(14,292)	(14,292)	(5,194)
Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at amortised cost		0	0	(56,668)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	6	27,554	27,554	5,107
Add: Depreciation		3,676,619	3,676,619	3,451,856
Movement in current employee provisions associated with restricted cash		0	0	46,154
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		3,689,881	3,689,881	3,441,255

(c) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32* to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.

		Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2025	Last Year Closing 30 June 2025	Year to Date 30 June 2026
Adjustments to net current assets				
		\$	\$	\$
Less: Reserve accounts	4	(2,219,793)	(2,219,793)	(1,667,504)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	8	(32,059)	(32,059)	(33,136)
- Land held for resale		(79,118)	(79,118)	(79,118)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year:				
- Current portion of borrowings	11	91,151	91,151	97,168
- Employee Benefit Provision		431,799	437,141	483,295
Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(a)	(1,808,020)	(1,802,678)	(1,199,295)

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 Council's operational cycle.

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.
The material variance adopted by Council for the 2025-26 year is \$10,000 or 10.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$ \$	Var. % %	
Revenue from operating activities			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,319,576	79.08%	▲
ESL grant received for 2024/2025 ESL overexpenditure \$44,892			
Cultural activity contribution \$1,927			
Prepayment received of Federal Assistance Grants - General Purpose			
Prepayment received of Federal Assistance Grants - Local Roads			
Lake signage funding and landcare project funding not received \$27,200			
Footpath plan funding to be carried forward and budgeted in 2026/2027.			
Lake Towerrinning Water design funding received			
Interest revenue	62,518	51.11%	▲
Interest income greater than budget.			
Other revenue	93,714	67.39%	▲
Workers compensation reimbursement received \$30,010		Permanent	
Sustainable development reimbursement received \$5,206		Permanent	
Reimbursement of employee costs received \$11,454		Timing	
Contribution in lieu of rates Forest Products Commission \$30,000		Permanent	
Repairs to joint venture housing reimbursed		Permanent	
Profit on asset disposals	(9,098)	(63.66%)	▼
Minor plant was not sold - carried forward to 2026/2027 budget			
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	56,668	0.00%	▲
Movement in the value of Local Government Trust Units - non cash adjustment			
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	19,270	0.85%	▲
Employee costs are below budget due to staff changeover.			
Building maintenance officer budgeted as wages currently employed as contractor.			
Materials and contracts	350,038	20.98%	▲
Rates expenditure below budget - \$14,129			
Ranger services are \$17,431 greater than expected year to date.			
Budget amendment approved additional \$12,500.			
Plant operating costs are \$37,448 greater than budget. Fuel greater by \$62,711.			
Budget amendment approved.			
Compliance expense below budget - \$29,326			
Medical services below budget - \$15,202			
Town planning below budget \$8,719 - permanent			
Bushfire control below budget \$23,281 - timing variance invoices to be received			
Bushfire expenditure ESL below budget - permanent variance \$16,292			
Refuse expenditure below budget \$19,082 - timing variance			
Lake Towerrinning exp below budget \$15,741 - funded project will not be completed this year			
Other accounting functions below budget \$5,817			
Bridge expenditure below budget - \$16,360			
Verge maintenance below budget - \$11,000			
Road maintenance expenditure below budget \$19,723			
Gym expense below budget			
Museum expenditure below budget \$8,308			
Housing expense greater than budget by \$8635- partly funded \$14,857			
Policy and local law expenditure below budget. \$32,015			
Landcare officer below budget - budget amendment not to fund.			
Footpath expense below budget			
Plant operation costs allocated to capital projects greater than budget.			
There are other minor variances below the reportable threshold.			
Depreciation	224,763	6.11%	▲
Depreciation greater than budget due to new assets added to register including CCTV, plant, housing, infrastructure additions. June depreciation not yet run.			
Will be run when 2025/2026 assets completed and in use are added.			

Other expenditure Provision for doubtful debts below budget \$30,735. No transfer required in 2025/2026.	40,281	48.07%	▲
Loss on asset disposals Sale of land at Growden Place not sold this year. Will be rebudgeted in 2026/2027 Roller not sold - rebudgeted in 2026/2027	22,447	81.47%	▲
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities Non cash depreciation variance as above Movement in accrued wages and movement in Local Government Unit Trust units.	(248,626)	(6.74%)	▼
Inflows from investing activities Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions Roads to Recovery income below budget. \$131,922 below budget. Offset by expenditure. Final adjustment to be made. WSNF funding below budget \$35,670 offset by lower expenditure. Community water tank project will be rebudgeted in 2026/2027 \$26026 Housing support project to be rebudgeted in 2026/2027 \$2,903,448 Disaster ready grant not received in 2025/2026.	(3,176,440)	(71.73%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets Growden Place land sale to be rebudgeted. Plant not sold - low value utes/plant and MCS vehicle not traded	(116,818)	(72.39%)	▼
Outflows from investing activities Payments for property, plant and equipment Road counters below budget. Manager of Works and Services vehicle below budget. Roller and ute below budget. Truck purchase below budget. Plant purchases below budget will require lower transfer from Reserve account. Shed construction at Darkan District Sports Club budget amendment authorised. Shed is Reserve funded. Additional cost to develop industrial land. Council approved budget amendment. Industrial land Funded by loan. Housing support program below budget - rebudgeted in 2026/2027 Detail provided in note 5.	2,929,894	72.73%	▲
Payments for construction of infrastructure R2R projects will be reallocated from Stewart Street project to Trigwell Bridge project. Total R2R projects below budget. WSNF project will be below budget this year. Grant income will not be received. Special project bridge funding was received to fund works on Boyup Arthur River Bridge. Budget amendment June 2026 SOWA building water project carried forward. Disaster recovery will not be complete - grant funding not received Truck parking bay survey design partly completed. Included in operating expenditure.	(456,148)	(27.44%)	▼
Inflows from financing activities Proceeds from new debentures Council decision approved loan to fund Western Power connection to industrial land in Growden Place.	110,000	0.00%	▲
Transfer from reserves Transfer from plant reserve below budget.	(54,878)	(5.40%)	▼
Outflows from financing activities Transfer to reserves Road reserve transfer reduced as Special Project Bridge project completed in June 2026 and approved by Council. \$579,212 Additional transfer to Leave reserve \$23947. Council decision approved Moodiarrup Sports complex contribution matched \$2,000 in accordance with committee AGM decision. Additional interest received on Reserve funds \$9,271.	547,828	57.26%	▲
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year Variance is due to insurance and bushfire reimbursements relating to 2425 received post budget adoption.	21,641	2.58%	▲
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates Due to variances described above	1,755,282	0.00%	▲

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$0.84 M	\$0.84 M	\$0.86 M	\$0.02 M
Closing	\$0.00 M	\$0.00 M	\$1.76 M	\$1.76 M
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity				

Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$5.33 M	% of total
Unrestricted Cash	\$3.67 M	68.7%
Restricted Cash	\$1.67 M	31.3%
Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets		

Payables	
	\$0.22 M
Trade Payables	\$0.00 M
0 to 30 Days	77.3%
Over 30 Days	22.7%
Over 90 Days	22.7%
Refer to 9 - Payables	

Receivables		
	\$0.11 M	% Collected
Rates Receivable	\$0.04 M	97.2%
Trade Receivable	\$0.11 M	% Outstanding
Over 30 Days		11.1%
Over 90 Days		5.8%
Refer to 7 - Receivables		

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$0.26 M	\$0.26 M	\$2.21 M	\$1.95 M
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity			

Rates Revenue			Grants and Contributions			Fees and Charges		
YTD Actual	\$2.25 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$2.99 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$0.42 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$2.25 M	0.0%	YTD Budget	\$1.67 M	79.1%	YTD Budget	\$0.41 M	2.2%
Refer to 10 - Rate Revenue			Refer to 13 - Grants and Contributions			Refer to Statement of Financial Activity		

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.07 M)	(\$1.07 M)	(\$1.89 M)	(\$0.82 M)
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity			

Proceeds on sale			Asset Acquisition			Capital Grants		
YTD Actual	\$0.04 M	%	YTD Actual	\$2.12 M	% Spent	YTD Actual	\$1.25 M	% Received
Adopted Budget	\$0.16 M	27.6%	Adopted Budget	\$1.66 M	127.4%	Adopted Budget	\$4.43 M	28.3%
Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets			Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions			Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions		

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$0.03 M)	(\$0.03 M)	\$0.57 M	\$0.60 M
Refer to Statement of Financial Activity			

Borrowings		Reserves	
Principal repayments	(\$0.09 M)	Reserves balance	\$1.67 M
Interest expense	(\$0.02 M)	Interest earned	\$0.08 M
Principal due	\$0.59 M		
Refer to 11 - Borrowings		Refer to 4 - Cash Reserves	

This information is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and notes.

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
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2 KEY INFORMATION - GRAPHICAL



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SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Restricted \$	Total Cash \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Municipal cash at bank	Cash and cash equivalents	3,262,131	0	3,262,131	0	NAB	0.01%	N/A
Municipal cash at bank - CM	Cash and cash equivalents	54,347	0	54,347	0	NAB	3.75%	N/A
Municipal cash at bank - at call	Cash and cash equivalents	350,000	0	350,000	0	WA Treasury	4.30%	N/A
Reserve - CM	Cash and cash equivalents	0	1,667,504	1,667,504	0	NAB	3.75%	N/A
Cash on hand	Cash and cash equivalents	100	0	100	0	CASH	0.00%	N/A
Total		3,666,578	1,667,504	5,334,082	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		3,666,578	1,667,504	5,334,082	0			
		3,666,578	1,667,504	5,334,082	0			

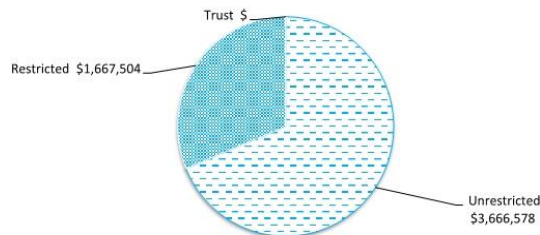
KEY INFORMATION

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.



**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve name	Budget Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Interest Earned	Actual Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council										
Leave Reserve	37,034	1,243	40,000	0	78,277	37,034	1,398	63,947	0	102,379
Plant Reserve	735,456	24,675	200,000	(652,420)	307,711	735,456	27,746	200,000	(573,117)	390,085
Building Reserve	83,703	2,808	0	(80,000)	6,511	83,703	3,158	0	(60,000)	26,861
Town Development Reserve	1,728	58	0	0	1,786	1,728	66	0	0	1,794
Recreation Reserve	41,676	1,398	0	(16,000)	27,074	41,676	1,572	0	(16,000)	27,248
Heritage Reserve	7,437	250	0	0	7,687	7,437	280	591	0	8,308
Community Housing Reserve	205,439	6,893	12,000	0	224,332	205,439	7,751	12,000	0	225,190
Waste Management Reserve	128,158	4,300	0	0	132,458	128,158	4,835	0	0	132,993
Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	41,361	1,388	0	(10,000)	32,749	41,361	1,560	0	(10,000)	32,921
Information Technology Reserve	22,166	744	0	0	22,910	22,166	836	0	0	23,002
Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve	270,835	9,087	40,000	0	319,922	270,835	10,218	40,000	(70,637)	250,416
Arthur River Country Club Reserve	64,240	2,155	6,000	0	72,395	64,240	2,424	6,000	0	72,664
Museum Reserve	136,563	4,582	0	(5,000)	136,145	136,563	5,153	0	(5,000)	136,716
Moodiarrup Sports Club Reserve	26,680	895	5,000	0	32,575	26,680	1,007	2,000	0	29,687
Landcare Reserve	21,626	726	0	(8,000)	14,352	21,626	816	0	0	22,442
Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve	5,034	169	0	0	5,203	5,034	190	0	0	5,224
Kids Central Reserve	7,971	267	0	0	8,238	7,971	301	318	0	8,590
The Shed Reserve	13,455	451	0	0	13,906	13,455	508	257	0	14,220
Recreation Trails Reserve	2,827	95	0	0	2,922	2,827	107	0	0	2,934
Community Gym Reserve	15,098	507	0	(10,000)	5,605	15,098	568	0	(3,200)	12,466
Economic Development Reserve	86,456	3,303	0	(50,927)	38,832	86,456	3,261	0	(39,515)	50,202
Road Reserve	264,850	8,482	579,212	(183,680)	668,864	264,850	9,992	0	(183,680)	91,162
	2,219,793	74,476	882,212	(1,016,027)	2,160,454	2,219,793	83,747	325,113	(961,149)	1,667,504

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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital acquisitions				
Land - freehold land	3,164,890	3,164,890	384,389	(2,780,501)
Buildings - non-specialised	114,525	114,525	54,083	(60,442)
Buildings - specialised	0	0	45,637	45,637
Furniture and equipment	6,000	6,000	0	(6,000)
Plant and equipment	743,006	743,006	614,418	(128,588)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	4,028,421	4,028,421	1,098,527	(2,929,894)
Infrastructure - roads	1,337,741	1,337,741	1,923,295	585,554
Infrastructure - Other	324,687	324,687	195,281	(129,406)
Acquisition of infrastructure	1,662,428	1,662,428	2,118,576	(5,403,640)
Total capital acquisitions	5,690,849	5,690,849	3,217,103	(8,333,534)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	4,428,614	4,428,614	1,252,174	(3,176,440)
Borrowings	0	0	110,000	110,000
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	161,364	161,364	44,546	(116,818)
Reserve accounts				
Plant Reserve	652,420	652,420	573,117	(79,303)
Building Reserve	80,000	80,000	60,000	(20,000)
Recreation Reserve	16,000	16,000	16,000	0
Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve	0	0	70,637	70,637
Museum Reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Landcare Reserve	8,000	8,000	0	(8,000)
Community Gym Reserve	10,000	10,000	3,200	(6,800)
Economic Development Reserve	50,927	50,927	39,515	(11,412)
Contribution - operations	268,524	268,524	1,032,914	764,390
Capital funding total	5,690,849	5,690,849	3,217,103	(2,473,746)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Each class of fixed assets within either plant and equipment or infrastructure, is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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 *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.

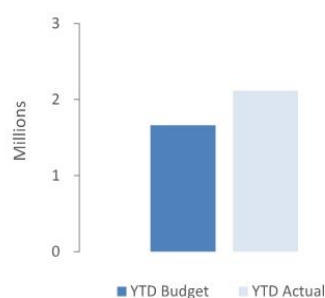
Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment is recognised at cost on acquisition in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A*. Where acquired at no cost the asset is initially recognise at fair value. Assets held at cost are depreciated and assessed for impairment annually.

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

In relation to this initial measurement, cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of 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.

Payments for Capital Acquisitions



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5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS - DETAILED

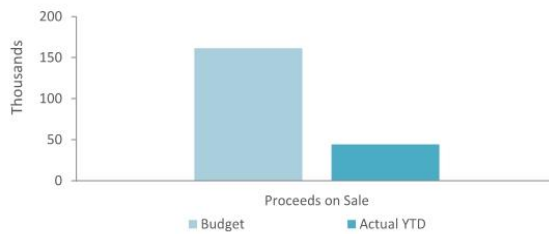
Account Description	Adopted		YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture				
 Replace Printer/Copier	(6,000)	(6,000)	0	-6000
Land & Buildings				
 Staff house - King Street completion	(114,525)	(114,525)	(51,431)	(63,094)
 Station Masters House completion of transfer	0	0	(2,652)	2,652
 Housing project head works HSP 1	(145,876)	(145,876)	(122,865)	(23,011)
 Housing project head works HSP 2	(2,992,014)	(2,992,014)	(141,594)	(2,850,420)
 Industrial Land Growden Place - Budget amendment to approve power connection	(27,000)	(27,000)	(119,930)	92,930
 Shed at golf course - Darkan District Sports Club budget amendment to approve	0	0	(45,637)	45,637
Infrastructure				
 Point to Point wireless - Darkan Hall	(9,954)	(9,954)	(10,622)	668
 Darkan Town Dam tank upgrade	(42,036)	(42,036)	(39,076)	(2,960)
 SOWA building water catchment	(37,438)	(37,438)	0	(37,438)
 Disaster ready - Darkan Town Hall	(91,371)	(91,371)	0	(91,371)
 Standpipe card readers	(86,242)	(86,242)	(79,735)	(6,507)
 Niche wall - Darkan Cemetary	(20,000)	(20,000)	(15,597)	(4,403)
 Darkan Gym replacement equipment	(10,000)	(10,000)	(7,736)	(2,264)
 Truck Parking Bay - Survey design	(10,743)	(10,743)	0	(10,743)
 Burrowes - Hillman back lane drainage	(16,903)	(16,903)	(3,725)	(13,178)
 Lake Towerrinning - carpark design Grant funded	0	0	(38,790)	38,790
Plant & Equipment				
 6 Wheeler 3 way Tip and dolly	(349,420)	(349,420)	(308,665)	(40,755)
 Ute replacement	(50,000)	(50,000)	(42,726)	(7,274)
 Works manager vehicle replacement	(65,000)	(65,000)	(52,896)	(12,104)
 MCS vehicle replacement	(41,586)	(41,586)	0	(41,586)
 Roller	(90,000)	(90,000)	(82,865)	(7,135)
 Pip Jeter trailer	(120,000)	(120,000)	(115,420)	(4,580)
 Road counters	(27,000)	(27,000)	(11,846)	(15,154)
Roads and bridges				
 Bowelling Duranillin Road - RRG	(348,838)	(348,838)	(348,849)	11
 Boyup Brook Road (Arthur River-Dinninup Road) - RRG	(265,203)	(265,203)	(265,531)	328
 Moodiarrup Changerup Road - RRG	(105,000)	(105,000)	(112,399)	7,399
 Darkan Williams Road - WSNF	(49,121)	(49,121)	(18,568)	(30,553)
 Bridge works Bokal North Road - R2R	(71,248)	(71,248)	(58,576)	(12,672)
 Bridge work Hughes Mill Road - R2R	(71,247)	(71,247)	(51,485)	(19,762)
 Bridge work Boyup Brook Arthur River Road - R2R	(8,460)	(8,460)	(10,206)	1,746
 Trigwell Bridge - R2R	(168,619)	(168,619)	(206,119)	37,500
 Stewart Street Memorial Drive - R2R	(94,751)	(94,751)	(19,384)	(75,367)
 Bokal North Road - R2R	(155,254)	(155,254)	(158,178)	2,924
 Boyup Arthur River Bridge Special Project Bridge funded	0	0	(674,000)	674,000
	(5,690,849)	(5,690,849)	(3,217,103)	(2,473,746)

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6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Land - freehold land								
	Industrial land Growden Place	64,059	50,000	0	(14,059)	0	0	0	0
	Plant and equipment								
	Holden Rodeo	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Toyota Hilux	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Toyota Hilux	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Works Manager Vehicle	40,381	47,000	6,619	0	44,198	39,091	0	(5,107)
	Cherry Picker	327	2,000	1,673	0	261	5,455	5,194	0
	MCS Vehicle	50,619	46,364	0	(4,255)	0	0	0	0
	Multi Roller	19,240	10,000	0	(9,240)	0	0	0	0
		174,626	161,364	14,292	(27,554)	44,459	44,546	5,194	(5,107)



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7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 June 2025	30 Jun 2026
Opening arrears previous years	\$ 280,916	\$ 218,668
Levied this year	2,114,496	2,253,147
Less - collections to date	(2,176,744)	(2,403,058)
Gross rates collectable	218,668	68,757
Allowance for impairment of rates receivable	(119,665)	(25,577)
Net rates collectable	99,003	43,180
% Collected	90.9%	97.2%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	0	50,268	1,835	1,104	3,248	56,455
Percentage	0.0%	89.0%	3.3%	2.0%	5.8%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						56,455
GST receivable						57,572
Total receivables general outstanding						114,027

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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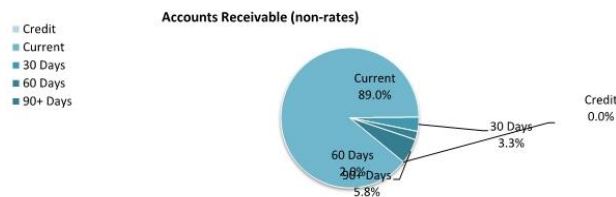
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectable amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Receivables which are generally due for settlement within 30 days except rates receivables which are expected to be collected within 12 months are classified as current assets. All other receivables such as, deferred pensioner rates receivable after the end of the reporting period are classified as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore the Shire measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.



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8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 30 June 2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets				
Other financial assets at amortised cost				
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	32,059	33,136	(32,059)	33,136
Inventory				
Fuel and materials	22,979	0	0	22,979
Land held for resale	79,118		0	79,118
Total other current assets	134,156	33,136	(32,059)	135,233

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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Other financial assets at amortised cost

The Shire 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.

Inventory

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

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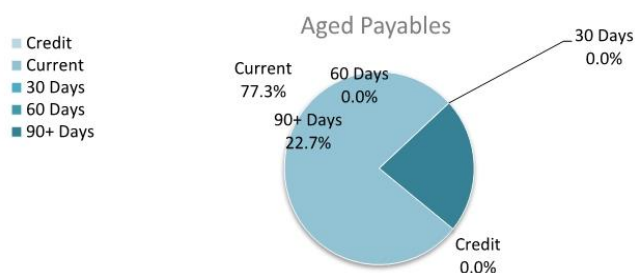
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9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	167,588	0	0	49,177	216,765
Percentage	0.0%	77.3%	0.0%	0.0%	22.7%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						1,353
Accrued salaries and wages						107,480
Other payables						49,177
Prepaid rates						18,506
Income Received in Advance						36,314
Accrued expenditure						259
Collections						3,676
Total payables general outstanding						216,765
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)						

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Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the period that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.



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10 RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue

RATE TYPE	Rate in	Number of	Rateable	Rate	Budget	Total	Rate	YTD Actual	Total
	\$ (cents)	Properties	Value	Revenue	Interim	Revenue	Revenue	Interim	Revenue
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross rental value									
GRV Townsite	0.076930	96	1,067,506	82,123	0	82,123	82,123	219	82,342
GRV Commercial	0.076930	11	228,540	17,582	0	17,582	17,582	0	17,582
GRV Industrial	0.076930	5	105,960	7,921	0	7,921	7,921	0	7,921
GRV Other Townsite	0.076930	15	125,944	9,689	0	9,689	9,689	0	9,689
Unimproved value									
UV Rural	0.002883	369	704,777,000	2,031,872	0	2,031,872	2,031,872	966	2,032,838
Sub-Total		496	706,304,950	2,149,187	0	2,149,187	2,149,187	1,185	2,150,372
Minimum payment									
Minimum Payment \$									
Gross rental value									
GRV Townsite	673	35	179,944	23,555	0	23,555	23,555	0	23,555
GRV Commercial	673	10	22,440	6,730	0	6,730	6,730	0	6,730
GRV Industrial	673	5	9,690	3,365	0	3,365	3,365	0	3,365
GRV Other Townsite	471	19	20,820	8,949	0	8,949	8,949	0	8,949
UV Rural	673	84	12,222,399	56,532	0	56,532	56,532	(522)	56,010
Sub-total		153	12,455,293	99,131	0	99,131	99,131	(522)	98,609
Amount from general rates						2,248,318			2,248,981
Ex-gratia rates						4,166	0	0	4,166
Total general rates						2,252,484			2,253,147

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES

11 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
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Industrial Land	72	5,798	0	0	(5,798)	(5,798)	0	0	(86)	(86)
ERP	75	117,196	0	0	(27,499)	(27,499)	89,697	89,697	(4,870)	(5,216)
Loader	74	204,133	0	0	(25,796)	(25,795)	178,337	178,338	(8,492)	(9,145)
Industrial Land Power	76	0	110,000	0	0	0	110,000	0	0	0
		327,127	110,000	0	(59,093)	(59,092)	378,034	268,035	(13,448)	(14,447)
Self supporting loans										
WA Cottage Homes	73	248,351	0	0	(32,059)	(32,059)	216,292	216,292	(8,711)	(9,505)
		248,351	0	0	(32,059)	(32,059)	216,292	216,292	(8,711)	(9,505)
Total		575,478	110,000	0	(91,152)	(91,151)	594,326	484,327	(22,159)	(23,952)
Current borrowings		91,151					97,168			
Non-current borrowings		484,327					497,158			
		575,478					594,326			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.
Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

New borrowings 2025-26

Particulars	Amount Borrowed	Amount Borrowed	Institution	Loan Type	Term Years	Total Interest & Charges	Interest Rate	Amount (Used)		Balance Unspent
	Actual	Budget						Actual	Budget	
	\$	\$				\$	%	\$	\$	\$
Industrial Land Power Connection	110,000	0	WATC	Fixed	10	35,926	5.44	0	0	110,000
	110,000	0				35,926		0	0	110,000

Unspent borrowings

Particulars	Date Borrowed	Unspent Balance 30 June 2025	Borrowed During Year	Expended During Year	Unspent Balance 30 June 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Industrial Land Power Connection	Feb-26	0	110,000	(110,000)	0
		0	110,000	(110,000)	0

The Shire has no unspent debenture funds as at 30th June 2025, nor is it expected to have unspent funds as at 30th June 2026.

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Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

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. Non-current borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

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12 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 30 June 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current liabilities						
Other liabilities						
Capital grant/contributions liabilities		30,198	0	3,271,017	(1,319,018)	1,982,197
Total other liabilities		30,198	0	3,271,017	(1,319,018)	1,982,197
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		143,723	0	0	0	143,723
Provision for long service leave		220,807	0	0	0	220,807
Other leave provisions		7,687	0	3,598	0	11,285
Total Provisions		372,217	0	3,598	0	375,815
Total other current liabilities		402,415	0	3,274,615	(1,319,018)	2,358,012

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note 14

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.

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13 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability 1 July 2025	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 30 Jun 2026	Current Liability 30 Jun 2026	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
Grants Commission - General (WALGGC)	0	0	0	0	0	328,274	328,274	328,274
Grants Commission - Roads (WALGGC)	0	0	0	0	0	356,592	356,592	356,592
Grants Commission - Special Project Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	674,000	674,000	674,000
Grants Commission - General (WALGGC) Prepay 2026/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	619,599
Grants Commission - Roads (WALGGC) Prepay 2026/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	683,243
Governance								
National Australia Day Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000
DFES Grant - Operating	0	59,550	(58,182)	1,368	1,368	58,000	58,000	58,182
DFES Grant - Operating 2425 additional funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,892
Community Amenities								
Protection of the Environment	0	0	0	0	0	7,200	7,200	0
Lake Towerrinning - Lotterywest funding	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
Lake Towerrinning - water planning grant	0	20,000	(20,000)	0	0	0	0	20,000
Direct Road Grant	0	0	0	0	0	199,388	199,388	199,388
Footpath Plan	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	25,000	25,000	0
	0	94,550	(78,182)	16,368	16,368	1,668,454	1,668,454	2,986,170
Contributions								
Contributions Minor	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	2,060
	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	2,060
TOTALS	0	94,550	(78,182)	16,368	16,368	1,668,654	1,668,654	2,988,230

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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

14 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability 1 July 2025	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 30 Jun 2026	Current Liability 30 Jun 2026	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
Law, Order, Public Safety								
Wi - Fi Grant	0	4,500	(4,500)	0	0	4,777	4,777	4,500
Disaster Ready Grant	0	0	0	0	0	73,097	73,097	0
Transport								
Roads to Recovery	10,289	427,368	(437,657)	0	0	569,579	569,579	437,657
Regional Road Group	0	473,361	(473,361)	0	0	479,361	479,361	473,361
WSFN	19,909	(6,458)	(13,451)	0	0	49,121	49,121	13,451
Economic Services								
Dwer Community Water	0	29,425	(29,425)	0	0	29,425	29,425	29,425
DWER Community Water tanks	0	13,014	0	13,014	13,014	26,026	26,026	0
DWER Standpipe readers		48,000	(48,000)	0		59,338	59,338	59,338
Housing Support Program Stream 1	0	92,848	(92,848)	0	0	145,876	145,876	92,848
Housing Support Program Stream 2	0	2,094,409	(141,594)	1,952,815	1,952,815	2,992,014	2,992,014	141,594
	30,198	3,176,467	(1,240,836)	1,965,829.00	1,965,829.00	4,428,614	4,428,614	1,252,174

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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15 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Amendments to original budget since budget adoption. Surplus/(Deficit)

Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment \$	Increase in Available Cash \$	Decrease in Available Cash \$	Amended Budget Running Balance \$
Budget adoption						0
Loan from WATC for Western Power connection of industrial land	SCM-2025-087	Capital revenue		110,000	0	110,000
Western Power expenditure industrial land connection of power	SCM-2025-087	Capital expenses			(110,000)	0
Reduction in Financial Assistance Grant - addressed in budget					0	0
Road closure expenditure postponed	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		24,400		24,400
Reduced wages parks and gardens	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		7,500		31,900
Printer replacement postponed	OCM-2025-136	Capital expenses		6,000		37,900
Lotterywest grant - Lake Towerrinning - included in budget	OCM-2025-136	Operating revenue		20,000	(20,000)	37,900
Landcare expenditure reduction	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		37,000		74,900
Variance in surplus - included in previous year.	OCM-2025-136	Operating revenue		20,630		95,530
Transfer to road reserve needs to increase by \$94,788. - address in budget review						95,530
Election cost reduction	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		7,500		103,030
Membership fees IPWEA	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(7,500)	95,530
Reduce reticulation at Admin Office	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		8,000		103,530
Purchase Starlink for Fire brigades and works	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(1,500)	102,030
Purchase CCTV cameras	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(3,500)	98,530
Purchase tablet for works manager	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(3,000)	95,530
Sale of Land - 17 Nanqip Crescent, Darkan. Reserve price not disclosed.	OCM-2026-016	Capital revenue		0	0	95,530
Construction of shed at Darkan District Sports Club Golf Club	OCM-2026-Item 23.3	Capital expenses			(70,637)	24,893
Transfer from Darkan District Sports Club Reserve	OCM-2026-Item 23.3	Capital revenue		70,637		95,530
Increase fuel and oil budgeted expenditure	OCM - 2026-Item 12.9	Operating expenses			(85,000)	10,530
Increase animal control expenditure	OCM - 2026-Item 12.9	Operating expenses			(12,500)	(1,970)
Increase ESL operating grant income	OCM - 2026-Item 12.9	Operating revenue		44,892		42,922
Increase interest income	OCM - 2026-Item 12.9	Operating revenue		39,000		81,922
Increase employee reimbursements budget	OCM - 2026-Item 12.9	Operating revenue		13,608		95,530
Increase Department of Water grant funding for Lake Towerrinning project design	OCM-2026-040	Operating revenue		38,790		134,320
Increase material expenditure Lake Towerrinning project design	OCM-2026-040	Operating expenses			(38,790)	95,530
Increase bridge funding - special project bridge funding received		Capital expenses			(674,000)	(578,470)
Decrease transfer to reserve - bridge funding transfer reduced and leave transfer increased.				549,030		(29,440)
Transfer from reserve less than budget.					(125,812)	(155,252)
				447,957	(352,427)	95,530

12.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTING - JUNE 2026

File Ref:	ADM338
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Kylie Whitaker, Finance Officer
Authorising Officer:	Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Date:	3/07/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Accounts for Payment Listing - 1 June 2026 - 30 June 2026 2. Corporate Card Summary Statement - 26 May to 25 June 2026

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to endorse payments of accounts for June 2026 as listed and note the attached credit card transactions.

BACKGROUND:

The schedule of accounts for payment is included as attachments for Council information.

COMMENT:

If you have any questions regarding payments in the listing, don't hesitate to contact the office before the Council meeting.

CONSULTATION:

No consultation required.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

12. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund, restrictions on making
 1. A payment may only be made from the municipal fund or the trust fund —
 - (a) if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from those funds — by the CEO; or
 - (b) otherwise, if the payment is authorised in advance by a resolution of the council.
 2. The council must not authorise a payment from those funds until a list prepared under regulation 13(2) containing details of the accounts to be paid has been presented to the council.
13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.
 1. If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
 - (a) the payee's name; and
 - (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
 2. A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —
 - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and

- (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- 3. A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be —
 - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy F29 – Purchasing Policy

Policy F2 – Corporate Transaction Cards Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications. Reported expenditure is assessed by management as being consistent with the adopted Annual Budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

West Arthur Towards 2031

Theme: Leadership and Management

Outcome: Establish and maintain sound business and governance structures

Strategy: Comply with regulations and best practice standards to drive good decision making by Council and Staff

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud
- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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

Description of Key Risk	Unauthorised (or incorrectly authorised) payments being made
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Rare (1)
Risk Consequence	Major (4)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (4)
Principal Risk Theme	Misconduct
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Payments listing provided to Council each month

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. in accordance with section 13 of the Financial Management Regulations of the Local Government Act 1995 and in accordance with delegation, note June 2026 Municipal Fund vouchers 11062026.1-11062026.48, 25062026.1-25062026.40, 30062026.1-30062026.24, Licensing, Salaries and Wages, EFT Transfers and Direct Debits totalling \$1,591,383.76 listed (attached) as approved for payment.
2. note the attached Corporate Credit Card facility transaction summary from 26 May 2026 to 25 June 2026.

**Shire of West Arthur
Creditor Payments
June 2026**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
5/06/2026	Bpay	Australian Taxation Office	5,141.54
		Tax Office Payments	
25/06/2026	Bpay	Western Power	125,373.04
		Product & Services Charge - Lot 309 Burrowes St West, Darkan	
1/06/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	44.49
		NAB Connect Fee April 2026	
4/06/2026	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House	12,868.18
		Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	
5/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	89.36
		Dura Water Supply Charge & Consumption 7/1 - 26/2/26	
8/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	252.40
		Rees Rd Supply Charge & Consumption 20/2 - 23/4/26	
10/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	681.84
		CRC Supply Charge & consumption 21/4 - 18/5/26	
11/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	157.45
		Town Dam Loc 4537 Darkan Rd Supply Charge & Consumption 17/3 - 18/5/26	
15/06/2026	Direct Debit	Rentfind Technologies Pty Ltd	22.00
		Rent Find Monthly Fee Jun 2026	
15/06/2026	Direct Debit	Water Corporation	2,701.73
		10 & 18 Gibbs, 1/12, 6, 2/12, 2/10 Hillman, 15 & 25 Nangip, 10 & 11 King Supply Charge & Consumption 27/3 - 28/5/26	
18/06/2026	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House	12,691.21
		Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	
19/06/2026	Direct Debit	Water Corporation	8,718.81
		Growden Pl Rear of Lot 2, Moodiarrup Rd Darkan Res 15837, Growden Pl Rear of Lot 3, Perry Park, CRC, Depot, Caravan Park, Admin office, 8 Hillman Supply Charge & Consumption 27/3 - 28/5/26	
22/06/2026	Direct Debit	Telstra	45.00
		Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 2/6/26	
23/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	347.13
		Town Dam Lot 4573 & Dura School Supply Charge & Consumption 17/3 - 2/6/26	
24/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	136.19
		Dura Hall Supply Charge & Consumption 9/4 - 2/6/26	
24/06/2026	Direct Debit	Telstra	2,977.56
		Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 2/6/26	
25/06/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	1,477.70
		Streetlights 25/4 - 24/5/26	
29/06/2026	Direct Debit	Motorpass	13.54
		Management Fees - Dkn & A. River Fire Brigade Fuel Card	

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Creditor Payments
June 2026**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
29/06/2026	Direct Debit	NAB Credit Card	3,918.37
		See attached statement	
29/06/2026	Direct Debit	Water Corporation	1,271.06
		Horwood Standpipe Water Use & Supply Charge 2/3 - 28/5/26	
30/06/2026	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House	543.60
		Councillor Superannuation 4th Qtr 2526	
30/06/2026	Direct Debit	WA Treasury Corporation	26,363.75
		4th Qtr 2526 Capital & interest loan payments on Loan 73, 74 & 75	
30/06/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	160.62
		Merchant Fee	
30/06/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	10.00
		Account Fee 50-831-4406	
30/06/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	46.00
		Account Fee 086724 508314385	
4/06/2026	Eft	Salaries and Wages	63,735.92
		Payroll	
18/06/2026	Eft	Salaries and Wages	61,986.25
		Payroll	
11/06/2026	11062026.1	Air Liquide	57.28
		Cylinder Fees	
11/06/2026	11062026.2	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	291.50
		Rates Recovery Costs - A433 & A985	
11/06/2026	11062026.3	Australia Post	206.55
		Express post envelopes & a box of stamps	
11/06/2026	11062026.4	Avalon Surveys	763.20
		Freehold subdivision of Lot 9001 Growden	
11/06/2026	11062026.5	B & J Catalano Pty Limited	3,249.19
		75 Ton 20mm Rock Trigwell Bridge Road	
11/06/2026	11062026.6	Barnes Ian	39.40
		Caravan Park Refund	
11/06/2026	11062026.7	Bell Sharon	232.79
		Reimbursement for seniors meals groceries, office supplies & catering for WALGA visit	
11/06/2026	11062026.8	Blueforce	1,031.86
		CCTV - Video Software Licence - June 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.9	Bookeasy Australia Pty Ltd	220.00
		Caravan Park Booking System - May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.10	Burgess Rawson	526.80
		Water Use 27 Mar 2026 - 28 May 2026 L7348-1 West to Eastern Boundary	
11/06/2026	11062026.11	City of Kalamunda	423.00
		Building Services April 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.12	Coalfields Darkan Pty Limited	400.00
		Final 10% of IABD grant - Strategic Plan	

**Shire of West Arthur
Creditor Payments
June 2026**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
11/06/2026	11062026.13	Coastal Freightlines Pty Ltd	199.49
		Geofabrics Freight	
11/06/2026	11062026.14	Darkan Agri Services	850.90
		Various items for maint./cleaning of shire buildings	
11/06/2026	11062026.15	Dept of Local Govt, Industry Regulation & Saf	398.85
		May 2026 BSL Remittance	
11/06/2026	11062026.16	Dept Planning, Lands & Heritage	40,005.00
		Land Purchase price & document prep fee 186DP169054	
11/06/2026	11062026.17	DKM Workplace Solutions	324.50
		Drafting of DCEO contract	
11/06/2026	11062026.18	Everlon	3,919.72
		Sea & local freight of 7 plot granite dark grey niche wall for Darkan Cemetery	
11/06/2026	11062026.19	Exurban Rural and Regional Planning	3,379.16
		Wind farm town planning & general town planning services May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.20	Fleays Store	71.80
		Office Milk	
11/06/2026	11062026.21	Fordham Lamont Vin	59.00
		Reimbursement for Optus monthly broadband - CEO Home Internet	
11/06/2026	11062026.22	Fuel Distributors of WA	22,568.67
		Depot fuel & fuel for executive vehicles	
11/06/2026	11062026.23	Industrial Automation Group Pty Ltd	2,784.10
		SIM Card fee 6 months & annual cloud access fee for water standpipes	
11/06/2026	11062026.24	Jason Signmakers	4,122.29
		RHS powder coated steel post yellow	
11/06/2026	11062026.25	LG Best Practices Pty Ltd	990.00
		Repeal or Amend Local Laws	
11/06/2026	11062026.26	Malatesta Road Paving and Hot Mix	2,880.00
		4x 200L drums Emulsion	
11/06/2026	11062026.27	Mcleods Lawyers Pty Ltd	446.60
		Advice: Property Sale Part of Lot 9001 Growden Place, Darkan	
11/06/2026	11062026.28	Mike's Trade Services	730.00
		25 Nangip - replace skirting boards in hallway	
11/06/2026	11062026.29	P & S Griggs Plumbing	2,730.50
		18 Gibbs St - new hot water system	
11/06/2026	11062026.30	Pederick Engineering	577.50
		Rebuild drive coupler, cutting tow hitch, pin machined & made - free roller	
11/06/2026	11062026.31	Peirce Graeme	91.19
		Reimbursement for fire truck replacement nozzle	
11/06/2026	11062026.32	Phoenix Glass	1,385.00
		CRC - change lock on computer room door	

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Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
11/06/2026	11062026.33	Procare Locksmiths	3,312.00
		EVVA Airkey sports centre	
11/06/2026	11062026.34	Putland Motors	3.10
		Fuel hose - quarter inch 30 cm length approx	
11/06/2026	11062026.35	Rasmussen Gary	99.62
		Reimbursement for fuel purchase	
11/06/2026	11062026.36	Rasmussen Kathy	35.35
		Reimbursement for phone case purchased	
11/06/2026	11062026.37	Ros's Car Detailing - Roslyn King	9,103.67
		Cleaning May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.38	Shire of Narrogin	69.00
		Regional Environment Health Officer Services May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.39	South West Isuzu	192.67
		Bottom Radiator Hose	
11/06/2026	11062026.40	Sprys Meat Market	293.81
		Seniors Meals meat	
11/06/2026	11062026.41	St Luke's Family Practice	2,310.00
		Darkan Clinic Doctor service & travel Fees - May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.42	Statewide Bearings	462.00
		Heli Coil kit	
11/06/2026	11062026.43	Team Global Express	683.01
		Bullivants, SOS Office & Jason Signmakers freight	
11/06/2026	11062026.44	Truckline	1,115.11
		2R0754 Switch low water EXY52	
11/06/2026	11062026.45	WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Limited	1,848.00
		Ranger Services May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.46	Warren Blackwood Waste	3,412.37
		Recycling, commercial & domestic waste May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.47	West Arthur Community Resource Centre	607.00
		Drs hours May 2026	
11/06/2026	11062026.48	Zone 50 Engineering Surveys Pty Limited	19,844.00
		Lake Towerinning carpark works initial survey control & feature survey, accommodation/meals, process feature survey	
25/06/2026	25062026.1	A1 Sheds	5,577.80
		Shed for Golf club - Last 10% before delivery	
25/06/2026	25062026.2	ABCO Products	1,125.66
		Scott Toilet Paper Interleaved, interleaved toilet tissue dispenser, sharps lockable safe, freight	
25/06/2026	25062026.3	Acorn Trees and Stumps	5,500.00
		Powerline pruning as per Western Power	
25/06/2026	25062026.4	Arthur River Country Club	350.00
		Fire Shed power usage 25/26	

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Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
25/06/2026	25062026.5	B & J Catalano Pty Limited	28,233.78
		Road Base 534T, fuel levy, riprap - Arthur River Dinninup Road	
25/06/2026	25062026.6	Bell Sharon	437.39
		Reimbursement for seniors meals groceries, catering budget meeting, catering new DCEO	
25/06/2026	25062026.7	Broad Electrical & Air Conditioning	2,843.09
		Shire office - exterior lights on timer, 1/10 Hillman kitchen power point, 25 Nangip bedroom light switch, 18 Gibbs install new hot water system, hot water system REED Daycare, chalet bathroom light faulty	
25/06/2026	25062026.8	Bunnings Warehouse	103.76
		DWV pvc coupling slip 100mm DWVF0252, gutter guard leaf, storm pit everhard easy drain	
25/06/2026	25062026.9	Chargefox Pty Ltd	319.44
		Connector Management Fee Feb - May 2026	
25/06/2026	25062026.10	Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd	262.88
		Rammer compactor, enviro charge, ltd charge	
25/06/2026	25062026.11	Collie River Valley Medical Centre	311.50
		Pre-employment Medical staff member	
25/06/2026	25062026.12	Country Building and Maintenance	7,420.60
		18 Gibbs St - bathroom & ceiling repairs	
25/06/2026	25062026.13	Country Road Contracting Limited	2,970.00
		Roller Multi Hire	
25/06/2026	25062026.14	Darkan Agri Services	2,677.50
		Various items for maint./cleaning of shire buildings	
25/06/2026	25062026.15	Darkan Earthmoving	21,221.75
		Gravel Push 4000m3, piloting, bulldozer hire & mobilisation Bowelling Duranillin Road, Gibbs Rd Pit Rehabilitation bulldozer hire	
25/06/2026	25062026.16	David Wills and Associates	1,017.50
		Tender Documentation Lot 309 Burrowes Street, Darkan	
25/06/2026	25062026.17	Dept of Local Govt, Industry Regulation & Saf	113.30
		December 2025 BSL Remittance	
25/06/2026	25062026.18	Dept of Treasury & Finance	6,402.51
		Reimbursement of overpaid pensioner rates & esl payments to Shire of West Arthur	
25/06/2026	25062026.19	Enviroline Group	126,962.31
		Ranger R50D-70 75lpm / 4000psi trailer jetting system & freight	
25/06/2026	25062026.20	Fuel Distributors of WA	2,975.67
		Fuel for exec. vehicles & ad blue 210L, hydraulic & engine oil	
25/06/2026	25062026.21	G & M Detergents	1,154.74
		Sanitary bin liners, waste bin liners, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid, paper hand towels, dog waste bags	

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June 2026**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
25/06/2026	25062026.22	Harrington Pres. Karen	30.00
		Reimbursement for SEGRA: Regional Webinar Series	
25/06/2026	25062026.23	Infinitum Technologies Pty Ltd	6,588.44
		Managed Service Agreement - Gold - June 2026	
25/06/2026	25062026.24	JLT Risk Solutions	4,235.00
		Half yearly in arrears contributions for participation in LGIS Regional Risk Coordinator program	
25/06/2026	25062026.25	Kelley Contracting Pty Ltd	1,320.00
		Removal of tree roots at Football oval	
25/06/2026	25062026.26	Landgate	10,622.54
		UV & Mining Valuation Roll, UV interims	
25/06/2026	25062026.27	Little Grant	58.00
		Reimbursement for quick release grease coupler	
25/06/2026	25062026.28	Mike's Trade Services	6,308.40
		Various handyman duties on shire properties	
25/06/2026	25062026.29	Mitsui & Co. Wood Resources Oceania Pty Ltd	4,400.00
		2000m3 gravel push Trigwell Bridge Road	
25/06/2026	25062026.30	Morton Craig	40.75
		Reimbursement for sikaflex sealant 221	
25/06/2026	25062026.31	Officeworks	384.34
		3 drawers set desk drawers & administration items	
25/06/2026	25062026.32	P & S Griggs Plumbing	3,011.00
		Hot water system - REED daycare, shower drain grill installed at Unit 1/10 Hillman, gas heater at 25 Nangip not working - assess	
25/06/2026	25062026.33	Pederick Engineering	2,700.40
		Metal cage & door lock, deflector for pm8, repair guidepost driver, handrails & pipe, 3/8 hydraulic hose, broom sweeper, hydraulic oil tank breather cap	
25/06/2026	25062026.34	Putland Motors	10,036.07
		Parts & Repairs	
25/06/2026	25062026.35	Sprys Meat Market	380.06
		Seniors Meals - meat	
25/06/2026	25062026.36	Stabilisation Technology Pty Ltd	12,364.00
		Record video & convert to GIS dataset, data processing and reporting - Bowelling Duranillin Road	
25/06/2026	25062026.37	The Great Awakening Cafe	654.00
		May OCM Catering, final 10% of IABD Grant	
25/06/2026	25062026.38	Timber Insight Pty Ltd (Asset Worx)	4,972.78
		Bridge 4017 5 yearly periodic maintenance	
25/06/2026	25062026.39	Westrac Bunbury	540.32
		Bolt Hex Head & washer	
25/06/2026	25062026.40	Wurth Australia Pty Ltd	65.13
		PTFE thread sealing tape, insulating tape & freight	

**Shire of West Arthur
Creditor Payments
June 2026**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
30/06/2026	30062026.1	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	198.00
		Rates Recovery Costs - A10 & A647	
30/06/2026	30062026.2	Bell Sharon	260.09
		Reimbursement for staff farewell gift & catering for farewell	
30/06/2026	30062026.3	Broad Electrical & Air Conditioning	445.39
		Men's Shed - 3 x machines need electrical repairs	
30/06/2026	30062026.4	City of Kalamunda	377.86
		Building Services May 2026	
30/06/2026	30062026.5	Darkan Agri Services	15,419.99
		Various items for maint./cleaning of shire buildings	
30/06/2026	30062026.6	David Wills and Associates	2,884.20
		Tender documentation & electrical & communications design Lot 309 Burrowes Street, Darkan	
30/06/2026	30062026.7	Express Print	385.00
		DL w/face envelopes x 2000	
30/06/2026	30062026.8	Fuel Distributors of WA	86.00
		Fuel for Ford Everest AW01	
30/06/2026	30062026.9	Harrington Pres. Karen	3,996.15
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	
30/06/2026	30062026.10	Lubcke Cr Helen	1,204.29
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	
30/06/2026	30062026.11	Main Roads Western Australia	741,400.00
		Structure 0737 Arthur River - Dinninup Road over Beaufort river, West Arthur - repair works, traffic management band/multi band	
30/06/2026	30062026.12	Mike's Trade Services	335.00
		11 King St - front sensor light needs repairing & rear downpipe base is broken, 4/12 Hillman light globe change in carport cover is faulty	
30/06/2026	30062026.13	Morrell Cr Neil	1,539.76
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	
30/06/2026	30062026.14	O'Neill Cr Natalie Patricia	778.75
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	
30/06/2026	30062026.15	Peirce Cr Graeme	993.71
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	
30/06/2026	30062026.16	Prowse Cr Russell Wylie	1,003.39
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	
30/06/2026	30062026.17	Ros's Car Detailing - Roslyn King	8,916.67
		Cleaning June 2026	
30/06/2026	30062026.18	Shire of Narrogin	5,735.00
		Regional Environment Health Officer & Manager services Apr 26, Feb 26, Mar 26, May 26	
30/06/2026	30062026.19	SOS Office Equipment	177.94
		Photocopier Billing Job June 2026	
30/06/2026	30062026.20	South Cr Duncan	1,522.95
		4th Qtr 2526 Councillor claim	

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June 2026**

Date	Reference	Detail	Amount
30/06/2026	30062026.21	The Great Awakening Cafe	302.50
		June Council Meeting Catering	
30/06/2026	30062026.22	WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Limited	1,848.00
		Ranger Services June 2026	
30/06/2026	30062026.23	Westrac Bunbury	13,199.67
		Segment 04 - investigate not being able to move Multi Roller	
30/06/2026	30062026.24	Zone 50 Engineering Surveys Pty Limited	22,825.00
		Lake Towerinning survey design support water catchment program Progress claim 2	
MUNICIPAL FUND		VOUCHERS	
		BPAY	\$ 130,514.58
		DIRECT DEBIT	\$ 75,537.99
		EFT	\$ 125,722.17
		11062026.1-11062026.48	\$ 139,346.55
		25062026.1-25062026.40	\$ 286,692.41
		30062026.1-30062026.24	\$ 825,835.31
		LICENSING JUNE 2026 TRANSFERS	\$ 7,734.75
		TOTAL	\$ 1,591,383.76



SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS BY NAB VISA CARD
FOR THE STATEMENT PERIOD: 26 May 2026 - 25 June 2026

DATE	PAYEE	PO NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SOWA EXPENSE CODE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
29-May-26	Transport WA Perth	103865, 104156	157AW plate order, 095AW plate order	1141035	New Series AW plates	\$450.00
29-May-26	Transport WA Perth	104155	Payment of licence 0092AW to 30/6/26	E141004	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Plant Cost Overheads:Plant Licensing	\$27.10
01-Jun-26	Tyropower/foodship	104179	Wheel Alignment AW01	E141006	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Plant Cost Overheads:Parts & Repairs	\$90.00
09-Jun-26	Sterlink internet	104113	Deposit wifi	E141020	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Administration Overheads:computer Maintenance	\$30.00
16-Jun-26	Kennet	104281	Dinner sat, coffee mugs, drinking glasses, round mirror x 2	E132141	Chalet Costs	\$324.00
17-Jun-26	Australia Post Danden	104280	Diffuser for front office	E141070	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Administration Overheads:Other Admin Expenses	\$20.95
17-Jun-26	Sportlight	104280	Urn for chalet	E132141	Chalet Costs	\$1,168.00
18-Jun-26	State law publisher	104213	Gazette - Cemetery fees and charges 2026 2027	A011510	Payments in advance	\$507.37
CARD 1 PAYMENTS						
CARD 2 PAYMENTS						
16-Jun-26	Coles	103272	Food for Gary Kings farewell	E141005	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Works Overheads:Employee Costs Other	\$51.60
16-Jun-26	IT Framing Mamo	103645	AIT, Memorabilia and postage	E141005	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Works Overheads:Employee Costs Other	\$54.00
16-Jun-26	AEI Footy Shop	103645	AIT, Memorabilia and postage	E141005	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Works Overheads:Employee Costs Other	\$27.05
16-Jun-26	Liquorland	103272	Drinks for Gary Kings farewell	E141005	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Works Overheads:Employee Costs Other	\$420.05
CARD 3 PAYMENTS						
24-Jun-26	Woolworths Collie	104330	Refreshments for staff	E142070	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Administration Overheads:Other Admin Expenses	\$15.50
24-Jun-26	Bunbury Petrevison	104330	Coffee Machine	E142070	OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES: Administration Overheads:Other Admin Expenses	\$107.00
25-Jun-26	Spotlights	104281	Urn for chalet	E132141	Chalet Costs	\$134.00
TOTAL NAB VISA CARD PAYMENTS 436-XXXX-XXXX-7507						
Direct Debit Date						29-Jun-26

I, Kylie Whitaker, Finance Officer have reviewed the NAB visa card payments and confirm that from the descriptions on the documentation provided that:

1. all transactions are expenses incurred by the Shire of West Arthur;
2. all purchases have been made in accordance with the Shire of West Arthur policies and procedures;
3. all purchases are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations;
4. no misuse of funds or any other card is evident.

Kylie Whitaker

DATE: 29.6.26



12.3 AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026-2027

File Ref:	ADM130
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Renee Schinzig, Administration Officer
Authorising Officer:	Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Date:	02/07/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. SoWA Fees and Charges 2026-2027 Update 2 2. DAP Email Inbound Fees and Charges - July 2026

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider adopting the attached amended Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Shire adopted its Fees and Charges for the 2026-2027 financial year at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2026. These were subsequently amended at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026 following advice from the Fines Enforcement Registry regarding fee increases effective from 1 July 2026.

Following from the June 2026 OCM, various advice has been received requiring further amendments to the 2026-2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges. Details are as follows:

DAP Application Fees

On Monday, 29 June 2026, the Shire received further correspondence from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage advising that revised statutory fees and charges will apply from 1 July 2026.

Darkan Caravan Park Weekly Rate

From 1 July 2026, Shire staff have found issues arising from the weekly rate set for Powered and Unpowered Sites. The rate was previously applied as a 'Stay 7 Pay 6' deal in the booking system to enable additional nights to revert back to the standard daily rate.

Since July 1st, this structure no longer applies correctly in the booking system, creating a reduced nightly rate and will no longer revert to the standard nightly rate after the 7th night. The fact that the weekly rate is not evenly divisible by 6 and also does not equate to 6 times the daily rate, is not allowing the charges to be calculated accurately and is causing errors within the online booking system.

Darkan Caravan Park — RV Dump Point Use by Non-Patron

Although at times requested, there has not previously been an accessible dump-point within the Shire for non-patrons of the Caravan Park.

Rental Properties

Staff were advised by the Governance department at WALGA, that it is not a requirement to publish the rent payable for Shire properties under s3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Gym Membership

The fees for use of the Community Gym were raised for the 2026/27 year without consultation with the committee. The committee have raised concerns and requested that the rates be reverted back to that of last year.

Council is therefore requested to amend the adopted 2026-2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges to reflect these updates.

COMMENT:

DAP Application Fees

Under Planning and Development (Development Assessment panels - DAP) Regulation 2011 – Paid Directly to DAP:

1. A DAP application where the estimated cost of the development is (FORM 1: New Application):

	Old Fees	New Fees – 1 July 2026
(a) less than \$2 million	5,471	5,612
(b) not less than \$2 million and less than \$7 million	6,322	6,780
(c) not less than \$7 million and less than \$10 million	9,760	10,004
(d) not less than \$10 million and less than \$12.5 million	10,620	10,886
(d) not less than \$12.5 million and less than \$15 million	10,922	11,195
(f) not less than \$15 million and less than \$17.5 million	11,226	11,507
(g) not less than \$17.5 million and less than \$20 million	11,530	11,818
(h) not less than \$20 million and less than \$50 million	11,833	12,129
(i) not less than \$50 million or more	17,097	17,524

2. An application under regulation 17 (Form 2: Amendment)

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Darkan Caravan Park Weekly Rate

Bookeasy, the booking platform used by the Shire for Darkan Caravan Park bookings, has various functions to allow specials and discounts. Since 2022 we have found most beneficial, the 'Stay 7 Pay 6' offer to patrons staying for 1 week. This allows 1 free night in each seven-night block and any additional nights calculate at the standard daily rate.

For the offer to function correctly though, the weekly rate must be equal to 6 times the daily rate. Creating a reduced rate to fit into an alternate weekly rate, would mean that any nights after the 7th night are also charged at the reduced rate.

Due to the weekly rates set in the fees and charges for powered sites and unpowered sites not being divisible by 6 or equivalent to 1 free night, this feature is not working and following consultation with Bookeasy Support, it cannot be corrected.

An increase of the weekly rate of \$175 to \$180 for powered sites and from \$145 to \$150 for unpowered sites, would align with the 'Stay 7 Pay 6' offer at the currently set nightly rate.

There is also no function that allows extra persons staying to be discounted separately. It is recommended that the weekly rate for extra persons be removed from the Fees and Charges.

Darkan Caravan Park — RV Dump Point Use by Non-Patron

Fee for approved ad hoc use of the caravan park dump point by a person who is not a registered patron of the Darkan Caravan Park — **\$10.00 per use**. Use is subject to prior approval by the Shire, availability, and the facility being left in a clean and sanitary condition.

This is an ad hoc fee to avoid creating an implied ongoing entitlement consistent with the WA Department of Health's position that dump points are designed for **once-off discharge**, not for fixed or continual disposal.

Rental Properties

Due to the fact that it is not a requirement to publish the rent payable for Shire properties, it is suggested that the 2 sections listing the rental prices be removed from the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Community Gym

It is the Officer's suggestion that at the request of the Committee, the current fees be reverted back to last years and if necessary, consultation with the committee be conducted to consider any further adjustments at a later date.

CONSULTATION:

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Works and Services
Manager Financial Reporting
Administration Officer
WA Local Government Association
Bookeasy

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995
s.3.58 Disposing of property
s.6.16 Imposition of fees and charges
s.6.17 Setting level of fees and charges
s.6.18 Effect of other written laws

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Adopting fees and charges enables the Council to charge appropriate fees from 1 July 2026. Revenue raised from fees and charges set by the Council will contribute to its ability to provide services and facilities for the 2026-2027 financial year and into the future.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There is no reference to this report in the Council's Strategic Community Plan.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud

- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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

Description of Key Risk	Inability to charge fees before the adoption of the budget if not adopted.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Rare (1)
Risk Consequence	Insignificant (1)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (1)
Principal Risk Theme	Business Disruption
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Adopt and charge fees in accordance with the schedule of fees and charges 2026-2027 as presented.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council,

1. by absolute majority, adopt the amended 2026-2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges as attached, and in accordance with section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995 provide public notice of the fees and charges.

2. Note the following Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels - DAP) Regulations 2011 amended fees:

- a. A DAP Application where the estimated cost of the development is (FORM 1: New Application)

Amended Fees – 1 July 2026

(a) less than \$2 million	\$5,612
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- b. An application under regulation 17 (Form 2: Amendment) \$278
3. Amend the weekly fee for Powered Sites at the Darkan Caravan Park to \$180.
4. Amend the weekly fee for Unpowered Sites at the Darkan Caravan Park to \$150.
5. Remove the listed weekly rates for Extra persons staying in the Darkan Caravan Park Chalets, Unpowered Sites and Powered Sites.
6. Adopt a \$10 once-off disposal fee for ad-hoc usage of the caravan park dump point for non-registered patrons of the Darkan Caravan Park.
7. Remove the sections including rental prices listed for Shire properties.
8. Revert the fees for the Community Gym back to the 2025/26 years rates as follows;

Casual Daily Pass	\$10
Gym Fees - 1 Months Adult	\$25
Gym Fees - 12 Months Adult	\$120
Gym Fees - 6 Months Adult	\$75
Gym Fees - 12 Months Student/Concession	\$75
Gym Fees - 6 Months Student/Concession	\$40
Family - (1 Adult plus 1 kid over 18 years OR 2 Adults) 12 Months	\$200
Family - (1 Adult plus 1 kid over 18 years OR 2 Adults) 6 Months	\$100
FOB Key for Gym	\$35

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		Amended:	23-July-2026			
		Amended:				
COA/T#	ITEM	Statutory Fees	Details	2025/26	2026/27	Incl GST
Statutory fees and charges cannot be modified by Council but may be subject to change						
GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING						
	Rates					
I031714	Administration Fee - Rates Instalments per instalment (Per Notice, Excluding first Notice)	LG Act 1995 S6.45	Per Instalment	7.25	10.00	N
I031732	Combined Statement/Confirmation	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Request	135.00	180.00	Y
I033020	Credit Card Surcharge for Payment of Rates, ESL or Rubbish charge			0.75%	0.00%	Y
	Penalty Interest			7.00%	11.00%	N
	Instalment Interest			3.00%	5.50%	N
GOVERNANCE						
	Photocopying					
I043003	Photocopy (Black and White) A4	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Copy	0.80	0.85	Y
	Photocopy (Colour) A4		Per Copy	1.25	1.35	Y
	Photocopy (Black and White) A3		Per Copy	1.25	1.35	Y
	Photocopy (Colour) A3		Per Copy	2.10	2.25	Y
	(Copy of Shire documents only. General Photocopying Service Available at CRC)					
	Postage					
	Printing, Binding, Postage of Council Reports as per request		Per Document	30.00	33.00	Y
	(Agenda, Minutes, Annual Report, Strategic Documents)					
	Freedom of Information					
	Fees are Prescribed in the Freedom of Information Act Regulations 1993					
	Application Fees Non Personal - Per enquiry		Per Enquiry	30.00	33.00	N
	Application Fees Personal - Per enquiry					
	Charge for Time Dealing with the Application		Per Hour	30.00	30.00	N
	Access Time Supervised by Staff		Per Hour	30.00	30.00	N
	Photocopying Staff Time		Per Hour	30.00	30.00	N
	Per Photocopy - A4		Per Copy	0.25	0.20	N
	Transcribing from Tape, Film or Computer		Per Hour	31.00	30.00	N
	Duplicating a Tape, Film or Computer Information		Actual Cost	At Cost	At Cost	
	Delivery, Packaging and Postage		Actual Cost	At Cost	At Cost	



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LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY						
I051115	Fire Maps	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Map	25.00	25.00	Y
	Dog Registration - Per Dog		1 Nov - 31 Oct			
	** Registration fees are Prescribed in the Dog Act Regulations 1976					
	^^ Registrations after 31 May are only 50% of the fees below					
	** Concession of 50% available to eligible PENSIONERS					
	** Concession of 75% available for WORKING DOGS					
I052120	Sterilised dog for 1 year	Dog Regs 2013 R17	Per Dog	20.00	20.00	N
	Sterilised dog for 3 years		Per Dog	42.50	42.50	N
	Sterilised dog for Lifetime		Per Dog	100.00	100.00	N
	Unsterilised dog for 1 year		Per Dog	50.00	50.00	N
	Unsterilised dog for 3 years		Per Dog	120.00	120.00	N
	Unsterilised dog for Lifetime		Per Dog	250.00	250.00	N
	Cat Registration - Per Cat					
	** Registration fees are prescribed in the Cat Act Regulations 2012					
	^^ Registrations after 31 May are only 50% of the fees below					
	** Concession of 50% available to eligible PENSIONERS					
I052130	Sterilised cat for 1 year	Cat Regs 2012 Sch 3	Per Cat	20.00	20.00	N
	Sterilised cat for 3 years		Per Cat	42.50	42.50	N
	Sterilised cat for Lifetime		Per Cat	100.00	100.00	N
	Approval to Breed cats - 1 year		Per Breeding	100.00	100.00	N
	Fines and Penalties - Per animal					
	** Fines are as Prescribed in Dog Act 1976, and Cat Act 2011					
I052110	Seizure and Impounding of a Dog/Cat		Per Animal	75.00	75.00	N
	Daily Sustenance		Per Animal/Per day	30.00	30.00	Y
	Destruction of Dog/Cat		Per Animal	100.00	100.00	N
	Miscellaneous					
	Kennel License	Dog Regs 2013 R17	Per annum	200.00	200.00	N
	Kennel Inspection Fees		Per annum	100.00	100.00	Y
	Microchipping - Dog/Animal		Per Animal	65.00	65.00	Y
	Microchipping - Cat/Animal		Per Animal	65.00	65.00	Y
	Bond - Animal Trap			65.00	65.00	N
	Trap Hire Fee	First 7 days free then daily rate apply		1.35	1.35	Y
	Replacement Tags			5.00	5.00	Y



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Fines Enforcement (Applicable to all infringement) - Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Regulations 1994						
I051125	Issuing Final Demand	Fine Regs Schd 2		27.60	28.30	N
	Preparing Enforcement Certificate			23.50	24.10	N
	Registration of Infringement Notice			88.50	90.50	N
Fire Control						
I051125	Firebreaks - Cost Recovery	BFA 1954 s33(5)		at cost	at cost	N
	Infringements			at cost	at cost	N
Impounding Vehicles						
I051125	Impound Fees			140.00	150.00	N
	Impound Fee Per Day			21.00	23.00	N
	Towing Expense as Per Service			at cost	at cost	N
EDUCATION AND WELFARE						
Kids Central Membership						
I064010	Kids Central Yearly Family Membership (Pro-rata below 6 months)	LG ACT 1995 S6.16	Per Membership	40.00	43.00	Y
	Electric Swipe Key (Authorised for Kids Central)		Per Key	22.00	27.00	Y
Meal Services						
I061011	Main Meal	LG ACT 1995 S6.16	Per Meal	8.00	10.00	N
	Dessert		Per Dessert	3.50	5.00	N
HEALTH						
Wastewater Treatment System						
I071115	Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage (e.g. septic tank) Application	R4 TS		118.00	118.00	N
	Permit to use Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage (e.g. septic tank)	R4 TS		118.00	118.00	N
	Health Department of WA application fee to Construct or Install Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage, Chief Health Officer approval is required (With Local government report - not a LG Fee)	R4A		93.00	93.00	N



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	Food Business	<i>Refer to Health Department Scale of Fees</i>				
	New Food Business Notification - Charitable			Nil		N
	New Food Business Notification/Registration Form			115.00	123.00	N
	Food Business Surveillance/Inspection Fee					
	Very Low risk or Charitable			Nil		
	Low risk - At least 1 Inspection Annually			115.00	123.00	N
	Medium risk - At least 2 Inspection Annually			200.00	214.00	N
	High risk - At least 3 Inspection Annually			300.00	321.00	N
	Low Risk - Inspection Fee			30.00	32.10	N
	Medium Risk - Inspection Fee			80.00	85.60	N
	High Risk - Inspection Fee			145.00	155.00	N
	Temporary Food Stall/Vendor Permits					
	Annual Temporary Food Vendor/Stallholder			Nil	Nil	N
	Temporary Food Vendor/Stallholder per day			Nil	Nil	N
	Temporary Food Vendor/Stallholder Charitable			Nil	Nil	N
	Public Building					
	Public Building Fee - Licence premises (Commercial) Annually	s6.16 LGA	2 Inspections Per Year	140.00	150.00	N
	Public Building Fee - Non Licence premises (Commercial) Annually	s6.16 LGA	1 Inspections Per Year	70.00	75.00	N
	Public Building Fee - (Not for profit)	s6.16 LGA		Nil		



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COMMUNITY AMENITIES						
I102160	Asbestos Disposal - (Include Cost of Staff Time and Equipment per Hour)	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Cubic Meter	105.00	113.00	Y
	Free access for rate payers and residents who deliver capacities less than 1m3 to the refuse site, subject to proof of ratepayer or residential status in the Shire of West Arthur with proof being demonstrated via an acceptable process such as, Shire of West Arthur registration plates, rate notice or driver's licence.					
	* NOTE: Quantities are per cubic metre or part thereof					
	Commercial Waste per cubic metre (Greater than 1m3)	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Cubic Meter	17.50	18.75	Y
	Replacement or a new key or FOB for rubbish Tips	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per key or FOB	35.00	37.50	Y
	Rubbish Bins	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
I101110	Rubbish Collection	Per Service - Refuse and Recycle		355.00	405.00	N
	NEW Replacement Bins - Recycle		240L	125.00	135.00	Y
	NEW Replacement Bins - Waste		240L	125.00	135.00	Y
	Bin Parts - New Wheels		Each	55.00	60.00	Y
	Bin Parts - New Lid		Each	55.00	60.00	Y
	Cemetery Fees	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
I107140	Reopening of Existing Grave (Companion Plot)			1,256.00	1,345.00	Y
	Grave Exhumation - Fees plus Contractors used at Cost			1,256.00	1,345.00	Y
	Interment (up to 2.1m deep) - Machine			1,000.00	1,070.00	Y
	Interment (up to 2.1m deep) - By Hand			1,500.00	1,605.00	Y
	Additional depth 0.3M			360.00	385.00	Y
	Reservations (Gravesite and Niche Wall)					
	Grant of Right - 25 Years		per person	85.00	90.00	N
	Grant of Right - Renewals		per person	48.00	52.00	N
	Grant of Right - Transfer		per person	48.00	52.00	N
	Monumental Work					
	Permission to Erect a Headstone - Monument or Name Plate			62.00	67.00	N
	Removal and Replacement of Headstones, Kerbing or Monuments			at cost	at cost	Y
	Niche Wall					
	Interment of Ashes in Niche Wall - Single			70.00	75.00	Y
	Interment of Ashes in Niche Wall - Double			140.00	150.00	Y
	Niche Wall - Re-Open			70.00	74.00	Y
	Administration Fee - Niche Wall Plaque			78.00	85.00	Y
	Niche Wall Plaque - At Cost from Supplier			at cost	at cost	Y
	License					
	Funeral Directors - Annual License Fee			220.00	235.00	Y
	Single Funeral permit			110.00	120.00	Y
	Monumental Mason - Annual License			220.00	235.00	Y
	Single Monumental mason Permit			90.00	96.00	Y



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	Miscellaneous					
	Internment of Ashes in a Grave			250.00	267.00	Y
	Town Planning					
	<i>** Fees are Prescribed in the Planning and Development Regulations 2009</i>					
I106390	Town Planning Scheme					
	Application for Town Planning Scheme Amendments, Local Structure Plans and Development Plans			At Cost - estimate to be provided.	At Cost - estimate to be provided.	N
	Development Applications					
	a) No more than \$50,000			147.00	147.00	N
	b) More than \$50,000 but no more than \$500,000		0.32% of estimated development cost	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	c) More than \$500,000 but no more than \$2.5m		\$1,700 PLUS 0.257% for every \$1 in excess of \$500,000	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	d) More than \$2.5m but no more than \$5.0m		\$7,161 PLUS 0.206 % for every \$1 in excess of \$2.5m	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	e) More than \$5.0m but no more than \$21.5m		\$12,633 PLUS 0.123 % for every \$1 in excess of \$5.0m	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	f) More than \$21.5m			34,196.00	34,196.00	N
	<i>** If the development has commenced or been carried out, an additional amount, by way of penalty, that is twice the amount of the maximum fee payable for determination of the application under items (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) or (f) above is payable. **</i>					
	Determining an application to amend or cancel development approval.			295.00	295.00	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for not more than 5 lots.			73.00 per Lot	73.00 per Lot	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for more than 5 lots but not more than 195 lots.			73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for not more than 195 lots.			73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for not more than 195 lots.			7,393.00	7,393.00	N
	Public advertising of development applications, scheme amendments, Structure Plans, Activity Centre Plans or Development Plans.			At cost	At cost	N
	Extractive Industry - Development Applications					
	# Not Commenced - Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has not commenced or been carried out.		as per regs	739.00	739.00	N
	# Commenced - Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has not commenced or been carried out.		as per regs	2,217.00	2,217.00	N



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	Extractive Industry License					
	Initial Application		per year	550.00	550.00	N
	Renewal Application - less than 5 Hectares		per year	550.00	550.00	N
	Renewal Application - More than 5 Hectares		per year	750.00	750.00	N
	**This refers to the area under the extractive industry licence and not the planning consent, which may cover a greater area. **					
	Bond (Sand)		Per hectare	TBA	TBA	N
	Bond (Stone or Gravel)		Per hectare	TBA	TBA	N
	Road Contribution			TBA	TBA	N
	Transfer of license fee - per application			300.00	300.00	N
L01280	DAP - Fees of Applications					
	** Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 (Paid direct to DAP)					
	1. A DAP application where the estimated cost of the development is (FORM 1: New Application):					
	(a) less than \$2 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	5,475	5,612	N
	(b) not less than \$2 million and less than \$7 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	6,322	6,780	N
	(c) not less than \$7 million and less than \$10 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	9,760	10,004	N
	(d) not less than \$10 million and less than \$12.5 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	10,620	10,886	N
	(d) not less than \$12.5 million and less than \$15 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	10,922	11,195	N
	(f) not less than \$15 million and less than \$17.5 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	11,226	11,507	N
	(g) not less than \$17.5 million and less than \$20 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	11,530	11,818	N
	(h) not less than \$20 million and less than \$50 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	11,833	12,129	N
	(i) not less than \$50 million or more	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	17,097	17,524	N
	2. An Application under regulation 17 (Form 2: Amendment)			271	278	N
	<i>Note: The estimated cost of development is calculated exclusive of GST. The Application Fee is effective from 1 July 2026.</i>					
	<i>Example: If an application is received with a cost of development, exclusive of GST, valued at \$10 million, the associated fee is item 1(d). The application does not fall into lower threshold of item 1(b) as the estimated cost is not 'less than \$10 million'.</i>					
	Application for Home Occupation					
	Home Occupation License - Initial Applications			222.00	222.00	N
	** If home occupation has commenced an additional amount of twice the fee by way of penalty is payable. **					
	Home Occupation License - Renewal Fee			73.00	73.00	N
	** If application for renewal of home occupation license is made after the approval has expired, an additional amount of twice the renewal fee by way of penalty is payable. **					



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Application for change of use or for an alteration or extension or change of a non-conforming use to which a development application does not apply:-						
	Application Fee			295.00	295.00	N
** If alteration, extension or change has commenced an additional amount of twice the fee by way of penalty is payable. **						
	Issue of Zoning Certificate			73.00	73.00	N
	Reply to a Property Settlement questionnaire			73.00	73.00	N
	Issue of Written Planning Advice			73.00	73.00	N
** Development Application Fees do not Apply for Not for Profit Community Groups. **						
** All other Planning Fees - Maximum fees allowed by Department of Planning. **						
RECREATION AND CULTURE						
I111110	Darkan Town Hall	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
	Hire of Main Hall and Kitchen		Full Day Hire	135.00	145.00	Y
	Hire of Main Hall and Kitchen		Half Day Hire	90.00	95.00	Y
	Hire of Kitchen Only		Full Day Hire	95.00	100.00	Y
	Hire of Kitchen Only		Half Day Hire	65.00	70.00	Y
	Hire of Main Hall Only		Full Day Hire	65.00	70.00	Y
	Hire of Main Hall Only		Half Day Hire	35.00	38.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall and Kitchen		Full Day Hire	105.00	112.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall and Kitchen		Half Day Hire	55.00	59.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall Only		Full Day Hire	45.00	48.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall Only		Half Day Hire	25.00	27.00	Y
	Community Activities		Per Hire	35.00	38.00	Y
	Bond for Main Hall and Kitchen		Per Hire	200.00	214.00	N
	Bond for Main Hall ONLY		Per Hire	100.00	107.00	N
	Bond for Kitchen ONLY		Per Hire	100.00	107.00	N
** Local Community Groups and Not for Profit Groups have free use of Darkan Town Hall, b ut pay a bond of \$100.00.						
	** Hire of Chairs (only the old orange style hall chairs). **		Per Item	0.50	0.55	Y
	Hire of Tables - Darkan Town Hall		Per Item	11.00	11.80	Y
	Hire of Chairs - Darkan Town Hall		Per Item	2.20	2.35	Y
	Set up fees		Per Hour	60.00	65.00	Y
	Cleaning Fees (Failure to Clean and Tidy Venue and Equipment)		Per Hour	60.00	65.00	Y
I111110	Arthur River Hall	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
	Hire of Hall		Per Hire	130.00	140.00	Y
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I112110	Darkan Swimming Pool					
	Single Membership		Per Season	120.00	130.00	Y
	Family Membership (2 Adults plus 2 Children, or 1 Adult + 3 Children)		Per Season	200.00	215.00	Y
	Children (4-16 years)/Pensioner/Concession		Per Season	50.00	55.00	Y
	Individual Adult		Per Visit	5.00	5.50	Y
	Spectators Adult		Per Visit	1.00	1.10	Y
	Children (4-16 years)/Pensioner/Concession		Per Visit	4.00	4.30	Y
I113140	Community Gym Membership					
	Casual Daily Pass		Per Person	10.00	10.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 1 Months Adult		Per Person	25.00	25.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 12 Months Adult		Per Person	120.00	120.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 6 Months Adult		Per Person	75.00	75.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 12 Months Student/Concession		Per Person	75.00	75.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 6 Months Student/Concession		Per Person	40.00	40.00	Y
	Family - (1 Adult plus 1 kid over 18 years OR 2 Adults) 12 Months		2 Persons	200.00	200.00	Y
	Family - (1 Adult plus 1 kid over 18 years OR 2 Adults) 6 Months		2 Persons	100.00	100.00	Y
	FOB Key for Gym	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per FOB	35.00	35.00	Y
** No children under the age of 18 years are permitted to use Gym Equipment.**						
All NEW gym members are required to undertake a gym induction prior to first use of Gym.						
I116110	History Books					
	Hard Cover			30.00	30.00	Y
	Paper Back			22.00		Y
	Postage			at cost	at cost	
I147120	The Shed					
	Membership - Yearly (Pro-rata below 6 months)		Per Person	62.00	67.00	Y
	Membership - Pensioner/Seniors Concession		Per Person	42.00	45.00	Y
	Locker Hire			11.00	11.80	Y
	Hourly Rate		Per Hour	35.00	38.00	Y
	Social Membership		Per Person	5.00	5.35	Y
ECONOMIC SERVICES						
I134130	Scheme Standpipe Water					
	Community Standpipe Water 25mm - (Growden Place Tank, Depot Horwood Street)	LG Act S6.16	Per Kilolitre	3.50	5.00	N
	Commercial Standpipe Water 50mm - (Growden Place Overhead)	LG Act S6.16	Per Kilolitre	12.50	15.00	N
	Minimum Fees		Per Month	10.00	18.00	N
	Standpipe Smart Controller:					
	Swipe Card Bond (Refundable) - Non residents			25.00	27.00	N
	New Swipe Card and Replacement Swipe Card including Admin fees			66.00	70.00	Y



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	Building Control					
	** Fees are prescribed in the Building Act regulations 2012 - Schedule 2. **					
I133110	Application for Building Permits and Demolition Permits					
	Certified Application for a building permit (Section 16(1)).					
	a) For Building work for a Class 1 or Class 10 Building or Incidental structure	0.19% of the estimated value of the building work Minimum Fee \$110.00	as per schedule	as per schedule	N	
	b) For Building work for a Class 2 to Class 9 Building or Incidental structure	0.09% of the estimated value of the building work Minimum Fee \$110.00	as per schedule	as per schedule	N	
	Uncertified Application for a Building Permit for a Class 1A Only or Class 10 Building or Incidental structure	0.32% of the estimated value of the building work Minimum Fee \$110.00	as per schedule	as per schedule	N	
	Application for a Demolition Permit					
	a) For Building work for a Class 1 or Class 10 Building or Incidental structure			110.00	110.00	N
	b) For Building work for a Class 2 to Class 9 Building or Incidental structure	Per Storey of the Building		110.00	110.00	N
	Application to extend the time during which a Building or Demolition Permit has effect (section 32 (3) (f))			110.00	110.00	N
	Application for an Occupancy Permit for a Completed Building (section 46)			110.00	110.00	N
	Application for a Temporary Occupancy Permit for an Incompleted Building (section 47)			110.00	110.00	N
	Application for Modification of an Occupancy Permit for additional use of a Building on a Temporary basis (section 48)			110.00	110.00	N
	Application for Replacement Occupancy Permit for Permanent change of the Building use or Classification (section 49)			110.00	110.00	N
	Application for an Occupancy Permit for a Building in respect of which Unauthorised work has been done (section 51 (2))	0.18% of the estimated value of the building work, but not less than \$110.00	as per schedule	as per schedule	N	
	Application for a Building Approval Certificate for a Building in respect of which Unauthorised work has been done (section 51 (3))	0.38% of the estimated value of the building work, but not less than \$110.00	as per schedule	as per schedule	N	
	Application to Replace Occupancy Permit for existing Building (section 52 (1))			110.00	110.00	N
	Application for a Building Approval Certificate for an existing Building where Unauthorised work has not been done (section 52 (2))			110.00	110.00	N
	Application to Extend the time during which an Occupancy Permit or Building Approval Certificate has effect (section 65 (3) (a))			110.00	110.00	N
	BA19 Building Application Amendment Plans (Per Application)			110.00	110.00	N
	Application as Defined in Regulation 31 (For each building standard in respect of which a declaration is sought)			2160.15	2160.15	N
	Application for approval of Battery powered smoke alarm as per Building Regulation 2012 - Reg 61			179.40	179.40	N



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	Construction Training Fund Levy					
	Building Service Levy					
L01265	BSL - Levy on Building or Demolition Permit		0.137% of the value of the Construction with minimum fee of \$61.65 (Includes \$5.00 commission to be retained by SOWA)	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
I133120	BSL - Commission			5.00	5.00	N
L01265	Occupancy Permit or Building Approval Certificate for Approved Building work under sections 47, 49, 50 or 52 of the Building Act			61.65	61.65	N
L01265	Occupancy Permit or Building Approval Certificate for Unauthorised Building work under section 51 of the Building Act		0.274% of the value of the Construction with minimum fee of \$123.30 (Includes \$5.00 commission to be retained by SOWA)	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	Other Licenses and Fees					
I13314015	Swimming Pool Periodic Inspection fees (Regs 53A(3))	Building Regulations 2012, r.53A(3)		58.45	58.45	N
I13315015	Application for Grant or renewal (Caravan Park or Camping Ground) of License (Regs 45)	Caravan Park and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997	\$6 per long/short stay site \$3 per Campsite \$1.50 per overflow or minimum \$200	200.00	200.00	Y
	Darkan Caravan Park					
I132040	Powered Site (2 persons)		Per Night	27.00	30.00	Y
	Powered Site Extra Person		Per Night	7.50	8.00	Y
	Un-Powered Site (2 persons)		Per Night	22.00	25.00	Y
	Un-Powered Site Extra Person		Per Night	5.50	6.00	Y
	Casual Shower - Daily per person		Per Day	7.50	8.00	Y
	Powered Site (2 persons) - Weekly		Per Week	162.00	180.00	Y
	Un-Powered Site (2 persons) - Weekly		Per Week	132.00	150.00	Y
	Chalet (2 Persons) Staying one Night Only		Per Night	175.00	190.00	Y
	Chalet (2 Persons) two or more nights		Per Night	145.00	155.00	Y
	Chalet Extra person per night		Per Night	22.00	24.00	Y
	Washing Machine		Per Cycle	5.00	5.50	Y
	Dryer		Per Cycle	3.00	3.50	Y
	Nissen Hut		Per Night	75.00	80.00	Y
	Nissen Hut - Weekly		Per Week	450.00	480.00	Y
All Cancellations that require refunds will be less service provider fees.						
	7 days Notice or less					
	Administration Fee			27.50	30.00	Y
	Less than 48 Hours Prior to check in					
	Administration Fee			27.50	30.00	Y
	Plus: One Night Booking fee			at cost	at cost	Y
	Ad-hoc use of RV Dump Point		Per Use	0.00	10.00	Y



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OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES						
	Private Works					
	** Deposit of 50% to be paid prior to commencement of works. Hire time commences from mobilisation of plant item. Penalty rates will apply for Weekends and Public Holidays. **					
I141110	Graders		Per Hour	260.00	280.00	Y
	Prime Mover only or Six Wheeler		Per Hour	190.00	205.00	Y
	Prime Mover with One Trailer		Per Hour	260.00	280.00	Y
	Additional Trailer		Per Hour	0.00	85.00	Y
	Truck - 5 Tonne		Per Hour	170.00	180.00	Y
	Truck - 10 Tonne		Per Hour	190.00	205.00	Y
	JCB Backhoe		Per Hour	200.00	215.00	Y
	Excavator Including attachment- CASE 20T		Per Hour	0.00	255.00	Y
	Loader		Per Hour	260.00	280.00	Y
	Rollers		Per Hour	195.00	210.00	Y
	Tractor		Per Hour	115.00	125.00	Y
	Tractor with Implement		Per Hour	145.00	155.00	Y
	Bobcat		Per Hour	145.00	155.00	Y
	Kubota Zero Turn Lawnmower		Per Hour	0.00	75.00	Y
	Road Broom (Ute and one operator included)		Per Hour	150.00	160.00	Y
	Tree Saw (Includes loader and one operator)		Per Hour	300.00	320.00	Y
	** All plant items above include operator. **					
	Labour (Labourer/operator)		Per Hour	80.00	85.00	Y
	Works Manager		Per Hour	140.00	150.00	Y
	Labour (time & 1/2)		Per Hour	120.00	130.00	Y
	Labour (Double time)		Per Hour	155.00	165.00	Y
	Ute		Per km	1.50	1.60	Y
	Compactor		Per Day	80.00	85.00	Y
	** Gravel or sand supplied to ratepayers will be at cost plus plant and labour. Cartage to be charged at private works cost. **					
				at cost plus		
	Second Hand Grader Blades (or sold with scrap metal)			6.00	6.50	Y
I141035	Special Series - AW Number Plates					
	DPI Fee			at cost	at cost	N
	Shire additional fee			50.00	55.00	Y



Rajinder S Sunner

From: Shire of West Arthur
Sent: Monday, 29 June 2026 8:24 AM
To: Vin FORDHAM LAMONT; Rajinder S Sunner; Kylie Whitaker; Melinda King
Subject: FW: Development Assessment Panel (DAP) Fee Increase - 1 July 2026
Attachments: DAP Schedule 1 - Application Fees.pdf

Kind Regards

Shire of West Arthur

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Dear Local Government Chief Executive Officer,

Please note changes to Development Assessment Panel (DAP) application fees effective 1 July 2026. Please refer to attached updated fee schedule.

The revised schedule of fees is also available on the DAP website [HERE](#).

These updated fees apply to all new DAP applications (Form 1 and 2) that are received by the Responsible Authority on or after 1 July.

Should you have any queries, please contact the DAP Secretariat on 6551 9919 or via email daps@dplh.wa.gov.au.

Kind Regards
Ryan

Ryan Keys

Executive Director | Development Assessment Panels

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Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011

Schedule 1 — Fees for Applications

(Regulation 10, 17)

Application Cost of Development	Application Fee
1. A DAP application where the estimated cost of the development is (Form 1: New Application) -	
(a) less than \$2 million	\$5,612
(b) not less than \$2 million and less than \$7 million	\$6,480
(c) not less than \$7 million and less than \$10 million	\$10,004
(d) not less than \$10 million and less than \$12.5 million	\$10,886
(e) not less than \$12.5 million and less than \$15 million	\$11,195
(f) not less than \$15 million and less than \$17.5 million	\$11,507
(g) not less than \$17.5 million and less than \$20 million	\$11,818
(h) not less than \$20 million and less than \$50 million	\$12,129
(i) Not less than \$50 million	\$17,524
2. An application under regulation 17 (Form 2: Amendment)	\$278

Note:

The estimated cost of development is calculated *exclusive* of GST. The application fee is effective from 1 July 2026.

Example: If an application is received with a cost of development, exclusive of GST, valued at \$10 million, the associated fee of Item 1(d). The application does not fall into the lower threshold of Item 1(b) as the estimated cost is not 'less than \$10 million'.

12.4 ADOPTION OF POLICY F37 - INFORMATION BREACH POLICY

File Ref:	ADM015
Location:	Shire of West Arthur
Applicant:	Shire of West Arthur
Author:	Amy White, Records Officer
Authorising Officer:	Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Date:	16/07/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. F37 - Information Breach Policy

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider the adoption of F37 – Information Breach Policy

BACKGROUND:

With the new state legislation of the *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024*, all public entities, including Councils, where personal information is held and stored to carry out services, were given a timeline to have a policy and procedures in place by 1 July 2026. The attached policy provides guidance on the process that needs to be followed if there was a breach of information that is held under the Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing (PRIS) policy.

COMMENT:

The Information Breach Policy will give a strong framework for Shire Staff to adhere to when investigating and notifying appropriate persons due to an information breach outcome.

CONSULTATION:

Manager Corporate Services
Chief Executive Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995
Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024
State Records Act 2000

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Should the policy be adopted it will apply to situations where personal information has been breached. This provides the guidelines in how the investigation should be carried out and who needs to be informed of the information breach. The following documents and policies are related to this proposed policy

- Freedom of Information Statement
- Privacy Statement
- C23 – Public Questioning Time
- F12 – Customer Service, Presentations, Deputations and Petitions Policy
- F17 – Record Keeping
- F36 – Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications to the Council would be significant if a breach was to occur and the Council was found to be non-compliant with the Act it would result in a fine from the Office of Information Commissioner.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Community Strategic Plan 2025-2031

Outcome 5.1 Councillors represent the community and are well trained

- Council process is open and transparent to the general community.

Outcome 5.2 - Shire staff are well trained, motivated and customer focused

- Continuously strive to be customer focused and serve Council and the community Outcome 5.3 - Established and maintain sound business and governance structures
- Provide informed decision making based on our strategic directions and legal requirements and that these are open, transparent and adequately communicated with the community.
- Comply with regulations and best practices standards to drive good decision making by Council and Staff.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud
- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Medium (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
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Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

Description of Key Risk	Description content goes here
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Almost Certain (5)
Risk Consequence	Catastrophic (5)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Extreme (25)
Principal Risk Theme	
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Information Breach Policy as presented and direct the CEO to add it to Council's Policy Manual.

Policy Title	F37 – Information Breach Policy
Policy Type	Corporate and Community Services
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer



Purpose

This policy outlines the responsibility of the Shire of West Arthur (the Shire) in the event of Information Breach threats or occurrences within the Shire. It aims to ensure that the process is managed appropriately to comply with legislative requirements of the Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024 ("the PRIS Act") and documents the reporting requirements to ensure relevant stakeholders are notified in accordance with the PRIS Act.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Define an information breach threat and/or event.
- Establish clear consistent protocols for all identified parties involved in an incident response and define responsibilities and accountabilities when managing an Information Breach.
- Formalise the roles of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO), Incident Management Response Team and Employees.
- Identify the operational scenarios and activation parameters.
- Identify the Breach Committee Formation Trigger.
- Outline reporting requirements and their significance.
- Identify the approved response process to be initiated and adopted.
- Identify and event cessation marker and post event activity.
- Comply with relevant legislation requirements.

Scope

This policy applies to Council members, employees, external partners, contracted service providers and volunteers who collect, receive or access data and information or who manages data, personal information or sensitive personal information, in the course of their duties or work for the Shire.

Definitions

Shire means Shire of West Arthur

Incident Management Response Team is personnel of the Shire who are responsible for the management, communications and remediation of the Information Breach incident.

Information breach "means

- (a) unauthorised access to, or unauthorised disclosure of information
- (b) loss of information" PRIS Act 2024

Information Sharing Officer means mandated role assumed by the Shire's nominates IT officer responsible for reporting under the State Privacy Act.

IPP entity - "An IPP entity is –

- (a) A minister.
- (b) A Parliamentary Secretary.
- (c) A public Entity.
- (d) A contract service provider.” PRIS Act 2024

Loss means the exposure of proprietary, sensitive, or classified information through either data theft or data leakage.

Malware means malicious software designed to gain unauthorised access to computers; or to steal information and disrupting use of ICT systems.

Misuse means the use of information in ways it was not intended for.

Notifiable Information Breach “means (1) A notifiable information breach occurs if –

- (a) there is an unauthorised access to, or unauthorised disclosure of, personal information held by an IPP entity.
- (b) a reasonable person would consider that the access or disclosure is likely to result in serious harm to any individual to whom the information relates.” PRIS Act 2024

Personal information “means

- (a) information or an opinion, whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material for or not, that relates to an individual, whether living or dead, whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained from the information or opinion.
- (b) includes information of the following kinds to which paragraph (a) applies –
 - i. a name, date of birth or address.
 - ii. a unique identifier, online identifier or pseudonym.
 - iii. contact information.
 - iv. information that relates to an individual’s location.
 - v. technical or behavioural information in relation to an individual’s activities, preferences or identity.
 - vi. inferred information that relates to an individual, including predictions in relation to an individual’s behaviour or preferences and profiles generated from aggregated information.
 - vii. information that relates to 1 or more features specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, behavioural, economic, cultural or social identity of an individual.” PRIS Act

Sensitive Personal information “means personal information –

- (a) that relates to an individual’s –
 - i. racial or ethnic origin.
 - ii. gender identity, in a case where the individual’s gender identity does not correspond with their designated sex at birth.
 - iii. sexual orientation or practices.
 - iv. political opinions.
 - v. membership of a political association.
 - vi. religious beliefs or affiliation.
 - vii. philosophical beliefs.
 - viii. membership of a professional or trade association.

- ix. membership of a trade union.
- x. criminal record.
- (b) that is health information.
- (c) that is genetic or genomic information (other than health information).
- (d) that is biometric information.
- (e) from which information of a kind referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (d) can reasonably be inferred.” PRIS Act

Serious harm means damage caused to an individual via such methods as emotional, reputational, physical, financial, or material harm.

Unauthorised Access means a situation where an individual gains access to resources, information, or data without express permission of the owner or administrator.

Unauthorised User means a person how is not authorised to use or access the organisation’s stored information.

Policy Statement

Information Breach Scenarios

A breach is any incident in which unauthorised parties gain access to information or data in the Shire’s custody. A breach is considered to have eventuated when data held in the Shire’s custody is:

- Lost, stolen or corrupted.
- Accessed by an unauthorised user.
- Modified (with or without malicious intent) by an unauthorised user.
- Discloses to an alternative source without authorised approval.
- Misused by an internal or external user.
- Infected by Malware.
- Damaged during major hardware failure.

Information Breach Threats are when there is potential for a breach to occur. Tracking threats ensures the Shire is aware of potential breaches and allows mitigation processes to be implemented, further reducing the likelihood of a breach.

Information Breaches involving Personal or sensitive personal information

An information Breach involving personal or sensitive personal information occurs when:

- There is an instance of unauthorised access to, or disclosure of an individual’s personal or sensitive personal information held by the Shire.
- There is an instance of a loss of an individual’s personal or sensitive personal information held by the Shire and/or its systems repositories.

Notifiable Information Breaches

Notifiable breaches are the occurrence of a breach event involving unauthorised access to, loss of, or disclosure of, personal or sensitive personal information held by the Shire where a reasonable person would conclude that it is likely to result in serious harm to any individual to whom the information relates, and the access, disclosure, or loss occurs in circumstances set out in a notifiable breach determination under section 60 of the *PRIS Act*.

The Shire must inform the Western Australian Information Commissioner as soon as practicable upon

determining if there are reasonable grounds to suspect a Notifiable Information Breach has occurred.

The Shire must also take reasonable steps to mitigate any harm caused by the breach including providing written notice to the affected individuals. In the event it is not reasonably practicable for the Shire to contact every affected Individual, a written notice of the notifiable information breach is to be made publicly available for a period of at least 12 months as outlined in the *PRIS Act*.

Formation of an Incident Management Response Team

In response to an identified Information Breach incident, the DCEO will initiate the formation of an incident Management Response Team, as per the F-27 Incident Management Procedures.

The Team will respond to the Information Breach event and provide oversight and input to the investigation, response, mitigation and reporting mechanisms.

Breach Actions

When an Information Breach complaint is lodged, Shire employees will comply with the Information Breach and Compliant Procedure and complete an Information Breach Complaint Notification Form.

In the event of an identified breach incident, relevant employees will comply with the procedures documented in the Shires ICT Incident Management Procedures.

The Shire's Chief Information Officer is responsible for confirming any breach incident status, and ensuring the Shire's CEO is notified of an event, response progress, mitigation, and systems normalisation.

The Information Sharing Officer reports directly to the CIO and is responsible for the maintenance of the Information Breach Register.

External Breach Reporting

- The CEO is responsible for the reporting a notifiable information breach to the WA Information Commissioner as soon as practicable.
- The CIO and CEO are responsible for coordinating the notification of the breach to affected users.
- The Shire's Annual Report is to include about notifiable information breaches in accordance with the *PRIS Act*.

Information Breach Complaints

If an individual believes their information has been breached as a result of actions or inactions by the Shire, they must report their concerns to the Shire's Information Sharing Officer for investigation. If they are not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation, they should then lodge an external application with the Officer of the Office of the Information Commissioner

Office of the Information commissioner

Albert Facey House, 469 Wellington Street, Perth, WA, 6000

08 6551 788

info@oic.wa.gov.au

History	New policy
Delegation	Nil
Relevant Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024</i> <i>Electronic Transaction Act 2001</i> <i>Evidence Act 1906</i> <i>Financial Management Act 2006</i> <i>Freedom of Information Act 1992</i> <i>Limitation Act 2005</i> <i>State Records Act 2000</i> <i>Australian Privacy Act 1988</i> <i>Public Disclosure Act 2003</i>
Related Documentation	F23 – Acceptable Use F24 – ICT Risk Management F26 – ICT Disaster Recovery Plan F27 – ICT Incident Management Procedures F36 – Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Policy

13 WORKS AND SERVICES

13.1 POLICY W10 - ROAD HIERARCHY AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

File Ref:	ADM384
Location:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable
Author:	Sharon Bell, Community Development Officer
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	08/07/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. W10 - Road Hierarchy and Construction Standards

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider the adoption of W10 – Road Hierarchy and Construction Standards Policy.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 2026, Council accepted the Road Hierarchy and Construction Standards and adopted the Standards as the Shire's consolidated document for road hierarchy, construction standards and associated operational requirements.

After consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, it was decided to amend the document to be a formal policy of Council.

The *Local Government Act 1995* provides that the Council governs the local government's affairs and that its governing role includes determining the local government's policies, planning strategically for the future of the district, determining the services and facilities to be provided, and making decisions on the basis of evidence, on the merits and in accordance with the law while taking account of the local government's finances and resources.

COMMENT:

Adoption of the policy will provide Council and administration with a clearer and more consistent basis for future road investment, maintenance prioritisation, technical design decisions and discussions with developers regarding road upgrading contributions and subdivision works. It should also reduce ambiguity for staff and external parties.

CONSULTATION:

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Works and Services

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Under section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Council's role includes governing the local government's affairs, determining the local government's policies, planning strategically for the future of the district, determining the services and facilities to be provided, and providing strategic direction to the CEO.

Section 3.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that the general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district, and that this function is to be performed having regard to sustainability, long-term consequences, future generations and collaboration where relevant.

Section 1.3 of the Local Government Act 1995 states that the Act is intended to promote better decision making, greater accountability and more efficient and effective local government.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Should the policy be adopted it will operate as the Shire's technical standard for road hierarchy, construction requirements and associated operational expectations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Adoption of the document does not of itself commit the Shire to a particular capital expenditure program. However, the document is intended to inform future planning, works programming, prioritisation, upgrades, maintenance responses and developer contribution discussions. The document also contains specific provisions regarding defects bonds, supervision fees and possible developer-funded or developer contributed road upgrades associated with subdivision and development.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Theme: Built Environment – well maintained roads and infrastructure which reflects our identity

Outcome: Our road network is well maintained

Strategy: Regularly review and update our long-term road construction and maintenance program

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

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- Inadequate supplier / contract management
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- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices

- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

Description of Key Risk	Inconsistent decision-making, duplication, uncertainty in project scoping, and inconsistent expectations for staff, contractors and developers.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Unlikely (2)
Risk Consequence	Minor (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (4)
Principal Risk Theme	Inadequate Asset Management
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Adopt the policy as presented

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Road Hierarchy and Construction Standard Policy as presented and direct the CEO to add it to Council's Policy Manual.

Policy Title	W10 – Road Hierarchy and Construction Standards
Policy Type	Works and Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Works & Services



Purpose

To provide a safe, efficient and effective road system; define minimum standards for road construction, maintenance and associated civil works; provide a rational basis for upgrades and developer contributions; guide staff, contractors and developers; and support consistent levels of service across the Shire road network.

Scope

This policy applies to the Shire of West Arthur's road infrastructure and aims to define how the Shire of West Arthur manages the extensive network of local roads that support the agricultural economy, connect communities and enable safe and efficient transport across the district.

Definitions

Primary Distributor means state-controlled roads, managed by Main Roads WA.

Regional Distributor means high-order Shire roads carrying through traffic and strategic freight movements.

Local Distributor means roads distributing traffic between local areas, rural properties and regional routes.

Access means roads providing direct access to rural properties, local farms and low-volume movements.

Town Streets means urban/town streets, including residential, industrial, commercial and rural residential streets.

Policy Statement

This policy requires that the following commitments to be adopted as part of a strategic framework for the implementation of road construction standards.

The Shire of West Arthur manages an extensive network of local roads that support the agricultural economy, connect communities, and enable safe and efficient transport across the district. This policy brings together the road hierarchy, construction standards and associated requirements to support consistent planning, design, construction, maintenance, and investment decisions.

Road Hierarchy Framework

For consistency, this policy adopts five road hierarchy categories. Primary Distributor roads are non-Shire roads managed by Main Roads Western Australia. Shire-controlled roads are classified as Regional Distributor, Local Distributor, Access and Town Streets.

Road Classification Register

The road classification register below consolidates the road lists within the Shire of West Arthur.

Regional Distributor		
ARTHUR RIVER-DINNINUP RD	DARKAN-MOODIARRUP RD	MOODIARRUP-CHANGERUP RD
PIESSEVILLE-TARWONGA RD	WILLIAMS-DARKAN RD	
Local Distributor		
BEAUFORT RD	BOKAL EAST ARTHUR RD	BOKAL NORTH RD
BOSCABEL CHITTINUP RD	BOWELLING MCALINDEN RD	BOWELLING-DURANILLIN RD
CAPERCUP NORTH RD	CAPERCUP SOUTH RD	CARYMUNNA RD
CLARKE RD	COLLIE SOUTHEAST RD	CORDERING NORTH RD
CORDERING SOUTH RD	DARDADINE SOUTH RD	DARKAN SOUTH RD
EULIN CROSSING RD	GIBBS RD	GLENORCHY SOUTH RD
HILLMAN DARDADINE RD	HILLMAN RD	HOWIE RD
HUGHES MILL RD	MOODIARRUP WEST RD	QUILL RD
QUINDANNING-DARKAN RD	SANDALWOOD RD	TRIGWELL BRIDGE RD
Access		
ABBOTT RD	ADCOCK RD	AGG RD
AIRLIE RD	ANDERSON RD	ANGEL RD
BALLOCK RD	BEER BOTTLE RD	BELLOTTI RD
BOKAL SIDING	BROWN RD	BUNCE KING RD
BURNETT RD	CAPERCUP SOUTHWEST RD	CARBERDINE POOL RD
CLIFTON RD	COBEN SOAK RD	COCHRANE RD
COLTART RD	CRAIGIE RD	CUSACK RD
D BROWN RD	DARLING RD	DAWSON RD
DELLA RD	DELLYANINE RD	DON RD
DOYLE RD	DUNLEATH RD	EARNSHAW RD
FARRELL RD	FERRARI RD	FLEAYS RD
GIBBS RD NORTH	GIBBS RD SOUTH	GORN RD
GROWDEN PLACE	GROWDEN RD	HALL RD
HAMERSLEY RD	HEBB RD	HORLEY RD
HOWIE RD	HULSE RD	JACKSON RD

JOHNSTON DRIVE	KINGS RD	KNAPP RD
KNIGHT RD	KYLIE CATCHMENT RD	KYLIE SIDING RD
LAKE TOWERRINNING RD	LLOYD RD	MARLEY RD
MARSH'S ACCESS RD	MCALINDEN EAST RD	MCDONALD RD
MERCER RD	MOODIARRUP SOUTH RD	MOORE ROGERS RD
MORRELL RD	NOBLE RD	NUNENDINE RD
O'CONNELL RD	O'CONNER RD	OLD COALFIELDS RD
OLD COLLIE RD	PEDERICK RD	PERRY RD
POLLARD RD	PROWSE RD	QUARTERMAINE RD
RAJANDER RD	RD NO 133	REAPER RD
REES RD	REID RD	RHODESDALE RD
ROAD NO 002 (MWS trying to locate)	ROBINS RD	RUTHERFORD RD
RYAN RD	SCHINZIG BULLER RD	SCOTT RD
SHIELD RD	SLOAN RD	SMITH RD
SOUTH RD	SPENCER RD	STEDDY ROAD
STEWART RD	STRICKLANDS RD	TELFER RD
UNNAMED RD (off Bokal Rd North to the west at SLK 7.6)	VANZETTI RD	VARIS RD
WAYS RD	WEIR EAST RD	WEIR WEST RD
WIRELESS STATION RD	WOOLDRIDGE RD	WRIGHT RD
W-TREE GULLY RD	WUNNENBERG RD	
Town Streets		
ARTHUR ST	BURROWES ST	BUTLER ST
EWING ST	FISHER ST	GIBBS ST
HIBBLE ST	HILL ST	HILLMAN ST
HORLEY ST	HORWOOD ST	HULL ST
KING ST	MEMORIAL DRIVE	NANGIP CRESCENT
PERRY ST	ROELANDS LAKE KING RD (carpark)	STEWART ST
THOMPSON ST	WILLIAM ST	

Priority for Construction, Maintenance and Emergency Response

Where budget, resource availability, weather or other operational constraints prevent the Shire from full achieving minimum service levels, equivalent road needs or risks should be prioritised in the following order:

Priority	Road Classification
1	Regional Distributor
2	Local Distributor
3	Access
4	Town Streets
5	Primary Distributor / interface issues, with Shire roads prioritised first in a declared event or emergency response context

Construction Standards Summary

The table below reflects the detailed technical standards as the operative minimums for new construction unless otherwise approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

Category	Formation / Reserve	Running Surface / Seal	Shoulders / Footpaths	Vegetation Management
Regional Distributor	Minimum 10m gravel formation	Minimum 7.2m sealed running surface	Target 1.5 m shoulders each side (may reduce to 1m where constrained)	Minimum 15m
Local Distributor	Minimum 9m gravel formation	Minimum 7m running surface, if ADT is 90 or above, consider 7.2m seal	Target 1.5m shoulders were applicable	Minimum 10m
Access	Minimum 8m gravel formation	Minimum 7m paved/gravel running surface	No standard sealed shoulder requirement	Minimum 8m
Gravel Track Access	Minimum 7m gravel formation	Minimum 6m running surface	No standard sealed shoulder requirement	Minimum 8m
Town Access Streets	Minimum 20m road reserve	Minimum 10m between kerbs	Concrete/asphalt footpath on at least one side; cul-de-sac min 18m diameter; T-heads not permitted	Context specific
Town Streets – Industrial/ Commercial Thoroughfares / Rural Residential	Minimum 20m road reserve	Industrial/commercial thoroughfares: min 10m between kerbs; rural residential: min 7m pavement width	Unsealed or sealed footpaths as determined by context and connection needs	Context specific

The Shire recognises Main Roads WA Specification 501 for pavement construction.

Detailed Design Standards**1. Flexible Pavement Structure**

A typical flexible pavement may comprise the following layers (top down), subject to site conditions, design and Main Roads WA requirements.

- Surface course / running surface: typically, 10 mm asphalt stone mix with extra fines, generally 30-50mm thick. A 7mm surfacing may be used for very quiet roads to a maximum thickness of 28mm.
- Binder course: typically, 14mm asphalt stone mix, generally 50-100mm thick. A 14mm mix may also be used as a running surface where appropriate.
- Base course: typically, asphalt or compacted road base/gravel/20mm road base rock; commonly around 300mm compacted, potentially in two 150mm layers depending on roller capacity.
- Sub-base: commonly natural gravel or rock-type gravel, approximately 300mm compacted.
- Compactable subgrade: suitable selected material, compacted and proof-rolled; unsuitable material to be removed and replaced.
- Natural subgrade: must be tested for deflection. Where deflection exceeds 10mm, treatment is required.

2. Subgrade Treatment Guide

Where soft subgrade is encountered, excavation should generally not exceed 900mm. Geofabric may be placed at the base with backfill using selected lower-layer material. Each 300mm layer is to be compacted, and the final layer checked for deflection using a multi-tyre roller.

3. Gravel Roads

- Compacted subgrade thickness: minimum 150mm of natural in-situ material, clear of vegetation.
- Compacted gravel pavement thickness: minimum 150mm.
- Crossfall: generally, 4-6% for unsealed roads; 3% for sealed roads; superelevation may range to 6-8% on curves.
- Shoulders: future sealed roads should ideally provide 1.5m shoulders on each side, which may reduce to 1m on minor dual-lane roads.

Drainage Works**1. Table Drains**

- On higher order roads (RAV Type 5 ADT 101-500 and Type 4 roads as applicable), table drains should generally be a minimum of 600mm below the road crown.
- On RAV Type 3 roads (AD T 31-50), table drains should generally be a minimum of 300mm below the road crown.
- Drains are to be kept free of vegetation and obstructions to maintain hydraulic performance and sight distance.

2. Culverts and Headwalls

- On new works or widening, culverts more than 20 years old should be replaced rather than extended, subject to assessment and Main Roads standards.
- Culvert bedding should comprise cement-stabilised gravel or sand in a minimum compacted thickness of 150mm

- Backfill should generally be cement-stabilised gravel in maximum 150mm compacted layers.
- Box culverts are to have a continuous concrete slab base.
- All culverts and headwalls are to be concrete or grouted stone pitched headwalls with wingwalls, aprons and cut-off walls. Culverts greater than 750mm diameter/height are to have steel reinforcement in headwalls.

3. Batters and Benches

- Cut batters should generally be no steeper than 3H:1V.
- For embankments or cuttings exceeding 10m vertical height, or unstable material, benches should be considered for stability, scour control and maintenance.

Levels of Service

Service Activity	Minimum Standard
Condition / asset data capture	Regional Distributor: Annual Local Distributor: Bi-Annual Access Roads and Town Streets: Bi-Annual
Road serviceability inspections	Regional Distributor: minimum 4 per year Local Distributor: minimum 4 per year Access Roads and Town Streets: minimum 1 per year
Road resealing	Typically, every 18-25 years, subject to traffic volumes, pavement conditions, and funding.
Grading	The Shire is divided into six grading areas with graders rotating through areas on a cyclical basis. Regional Distributors receive shoulder grading approximately once every three years; Local Distributors receive at least two grades per year and as required; Access Roads receive up to two grades per year and as required following inspection.
Reported maintenance issues	Repairs within 5 working days of notification, or through the grading cycle where appropriate.
Reported hazards	Initial safety response within 4 hours where practicable, with rectification as soon as availability and practicality allow.
Roadside vegetation	Managed within the maintenance zone using mechanical treatment and herbicide spraying in accordance with program priorities and environmental requirements.

Bridges

Bridges are critical assets that interconnect the road network. Prioritisation and maintenance programming are to reflect network criticality, traffic significance and safety risk, with Regional Distributor bridges generally taking precedence, followed by Local Distributor and Access Road bridges.

Development and Subdivision Requirements

1. Road Upgrading Contributions

The Shire may require a developer to contribute to, or fully fund, the upgrade of an existing road where a subdivision or development increases traffic demand or relies upon a road connection that is not of an adequate standard. Where an unsealed road services a proposed development, the Council may require contribution toward road construction or upgrade to the nearest sealed road, together with any associated drainage or services.

2. Provision of Subdivisional Roads and Civil Works

- Detailed design drawings and supporting information must be submitted to the CEO for approval before works commence.
- Designs are to be prepared by a consulting engineer, a suitably qualified practicing civil engineer, or another appropriately qualified person approved by the CEO.
- The subdivider is responsible for engaging a contractor with capacity to complete the works to the approved standard.
- A defects bond equal to 7.5% of the total cost of the work is to be provided for the first 12 months after clearance of the relevant condition(s).
- Council supervision fees apply: 1.5% of estimated construction cost where day-to-day supervision is provided by the consulting engineer/site supervisor or 3% where it is not.
- Public access is not permitted until a completion certificate is issued by the consulting engineer and accepted by the CEO.
- Where works remain incomplete, security may be negotiated at the CEO's discretion, generally based on the value of incomplete works plus 20%.

3. Outline Specification for Bitumen Construction

Bitumen construction is to be undertaken in accordance with best accepted engineering practice, Main Roads WA specifications and approved design drawings. As a guide, reference may be made to local government subdivisional development guidelines. Designs are to include plans, longitudinal sections, cross sections, levels, drainage details and pavement structure. Surface treatment and seal design require CEO approval prior to application.

4. Outline Specification for Unsealed Construction

Unsealed road construction is to follow approved design drawings, with drainage, earthworks, formation and pavement design appropriate to the site and traffic task. Crossfalls are to be not less than 4% and the compacted road base depth is not to be less than 200mm unless otherwise approved or justified by testing.

5. Minimum Internal Road Standards

Road Type	Minimum Standard
Minimum Gravel Track	Farm gate situation servicing 1-4 rural properties: 7m gravel formation, 6m running surface, vegetation cleared to minimum 8m.
Standard Gravel Road	Typical rural road servicing 5-10 rural properties: 8m gravel formation, 7m running surface, vegetation cleared to minimum 9m.
Bitumen – 6m without kerbs	Minimum main internal road for special rural subdivision: kerbing for drainage, traffic control and entry only.

Bitumen – 6m with kerbs	Minimum residential standard and minimum special residential standard.
Bitumen – 7.4m with/without kerbs	Main internal distributor/feeder road standard for larger special rural, special residential or residential subdivisions.

Ancillary Standards and Operational Requirements

1. Crossovers

Council may require owners or occupiers to make or repair crossovers in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and applicable local specifications. Council may subsidise up to 50% of the cost of a standard 4m urban or 6m rural crossover, subject to budget constraints, approval and inspection. Maintenance of the crossover remains the owner's responsibility.

2. Footpaths

Footpaths and dual-use paths are to be provided in accordance with the Shire's footpath planning priorities and relevant Austroads standards.

3. Verge Clearing and Vegetation Management

Road reserve clearing, construction and maintenance are to be undertaken in accordance with environmental legislation, applicable permits and the Shire maintenance corridor approach. Clearing should be minimised where practicable and any dangerous vegetation may be removed following inspection and in accordance with applicable requirements.

4. Services and Utilities

Service alignments should minimise impacts on roadside vegetation. Utility providers are expected to liaise with the Shire on service locations, trench reinstatement and rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

5. Signs

Directional and other signs on Shire-controlled road reserves are to comply with Shire sign standards regarding mounting, visibility, colour, size, location and overall number of signs. Signs are generally to be mounted on metal plates supported by galvanised pipe posts and installed to maintain visibility and road safety.

6. Gravel Supplies and Rehabilitation

Gravel extraction is to be managed through written agreement with landowners, fair compensation, site management planning and rehabilitation. A standard rate per compacted cubic meter removed from private property is to be negotiated with the landowner and charged to the relevant works program. Gravel pits are to be rehabilitated progressively and managed in accordance with environmental obligations.

7. Clearing of Vegetation for Road Construction

Before major road construction clearing commences, adjoining owners should be advised of proposed clearing and the Shire should endeavour to reach agreement on the extent of clearing, while maintaining safe sight distance and unobstructed access at intersections and along roads.

Appendix 1

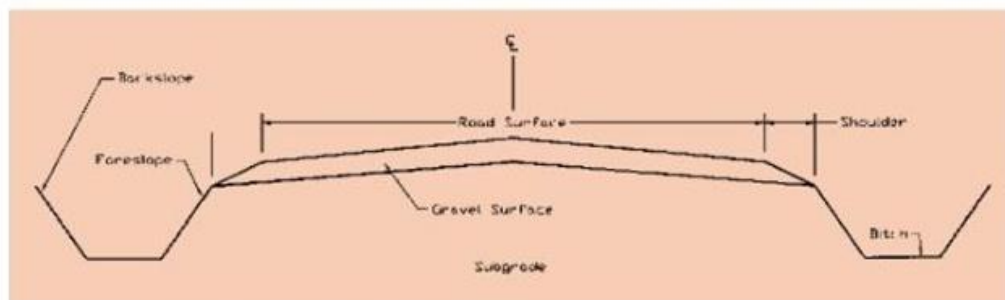
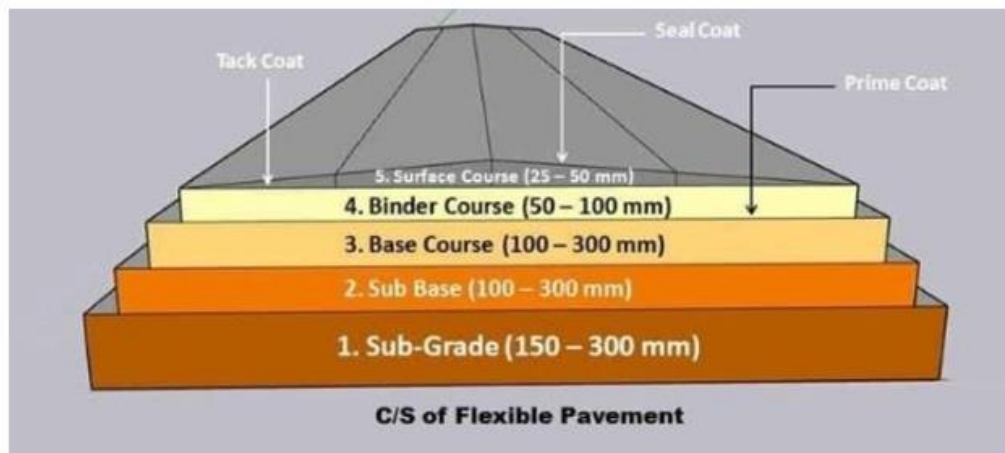
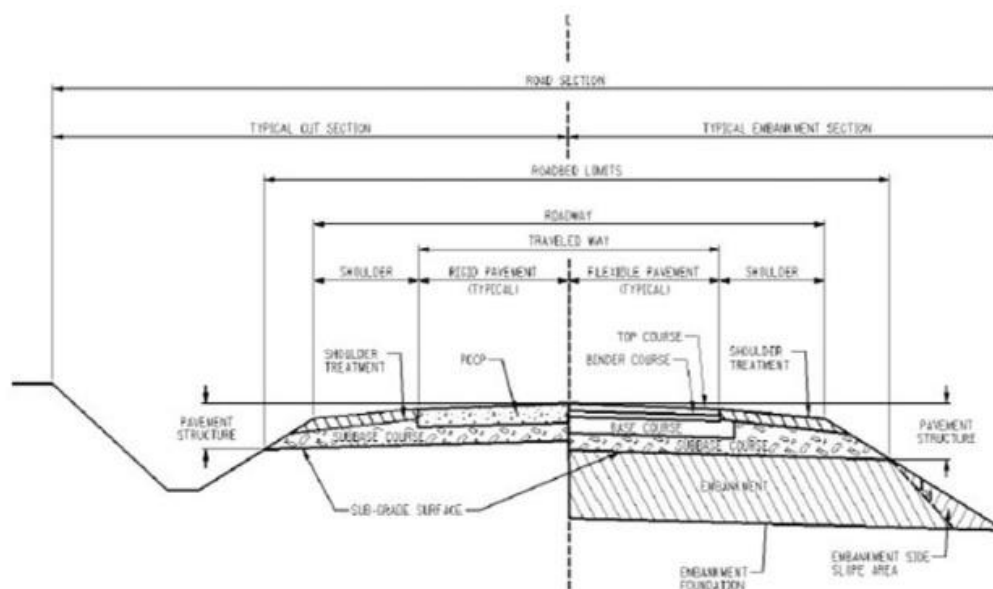
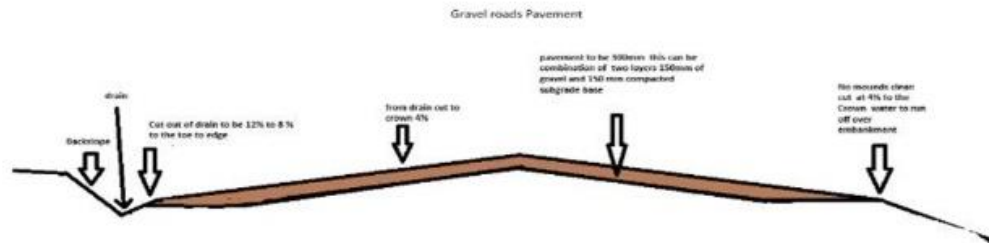


Figure 1: The components of the roadway cross section.

Appendix 2



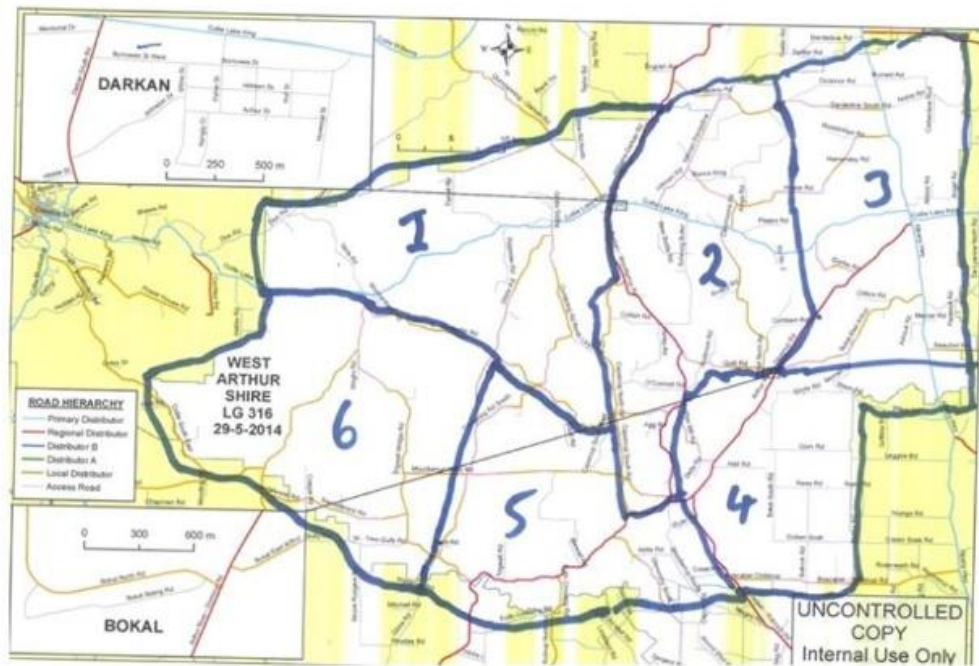
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History	
Delegation	
Relevant Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
Related Documentation	

13.2 EARLY ADOPTION OF 2026-2027 BUDGET FOR ROAD CAPITAL PROJECTS AND GOLF SHED

File Ref:	W13.0
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Gary Rasmussen, Manager Works and Services
Authorising Officer:	Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Date:	14/07/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY:

Road Capital Projects require early adoption of 2026/2027; To prepare Multi Criteria Assessment (MCA) paperwork for Regional Road Group (RRG) and Reporting and Program Management (RPM) paperwork for Roads to Recovery (RTR) these are required to be completed before the 31st of July 2026. The attached draft of the 2026/2027 Road Capital Projects Budget is recommended to the Council for adoption.

Council will need to cater for the carried over amount of \$25,000 for the Darkan Sporting Complex Golf Shed that will need to be paid prior to the adoption of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The draft 2026/2027 Road Capital Projects budget has been compiled based on the principles and information in Council's Strategic Community Plan, the information in its Long-Term Financial Plan, and the presentations made to Council at budget workshops.

COMMENT:

The major items of income in the draft 2026/2027 Road Capital Budget are as follows:

Roads program totalling \$1,284,651 funded from:

- Roads to Recovery \$527,791
- Regional Road Group \$504,573
- Shire contribution to RRG \$252,287

These works are principally funded via federal and state government grants. Delivery of this work will require \$252,287 from general revenue.

All RFQ's and Tenders required for these projects also need to be submitted once the adoption of the Road Capital Projects for 2026/2027.

Council has carried over the final construction of the Darkan Sporting Complex Golf Shed of \$25,000 from the 2025/2026 financial year. This needs to be paid prior to the adoption of the 2026/2027 annual Budget.

CONSULTATION:

Councillors
Chief Executive Officer
Manager Works and Services
Manager Financial Reporting
Other Staff Members

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995

6.2. Local government to prepare annual budget

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

here are no direct policy implications in reviewing the 2026/2027 Road Capital Projects budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budgeted income and expenditure for the 2026/2027 financial year.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031

Theme: Built Environment – well maintained roads and infrastructure which reflects our identity.

Outcome 4.1 – Our road network is well maintained

Our strategies and plans to achieve this include:

- Regularly review and update our long-term road construction and maintenance program
- Collaborate with surrounding Shires and State government to ensure sound planning and resource utilization
- Enhance road safety strategies for road users

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Risk management is the removal of uncertainty from business decisions. Risk is expressed in terms of likelihood it may occur and the consequences that may flow from it. The consequences may be positive or negative or simply a deviation from the expected. The risk or consequence may be related to health and safety; financial; business or service interruption; compliance; reputation; or the environment. ***Reference to the risk matrix below will generate a risk rating by assessing the likelihood and consequence and multiplying these scores by each other.*** The greater the risk rating, the greater the risk and the higher the need for specific plans to be developed. All items with a risk rating greater than 10 should be added to the Risk Register and specific controls developed.

Risk Themes:

A risk theme is the categorising of risk. For example, the collection of risks that represent compliance failure. The risk themes in the shire Risk Register include:

- Business Disruption
- Community Disruption
- IT or Communications Failure
- External Threat or Fraud
- Misconduct
- Inadequate safety or security practices
- Inadequate project or change management
- Errors Omissions or Delays
- Inadequate Document Management Processes
- Inadequate supplier / contract management
- Providing inaccurate advice / information
- Ineffective Employment practices
- Compliance failure
- Inadequate asset management
- Inadequate engagement practices
- Ineffective facility or event management
- Inadequate environmental management

Risk Matrix:

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

Description of Key Risk	Capital Road Projects not being adopted before 31 st July 2026.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Almost Certain (5)
Risk Consequence	Catastrophic (5)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Extreme (25)
Principal Risk Theme	Late financial payments
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Early adoption of the Capital Roads Project for 2026/2027 Budget

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

1. That council adopts the Roads to Recovery and Regional Road Group projects for 2026/2027.
2. Authorise the payment of \$25,000 for the completion of the Darkan Sporting Complex Golf Shed carried forward from the 2025/2026 Financial Year prior to the 2026/2027 Annual Budget being adopted.

14 REGULATORY SERVICES

Nil

15 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

16 NEW OR URGENT BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil

17 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting is closed.