



## CONFIRMED MINUTES

Shire of West Arthur  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
Thursday 27 August 2026

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting on 24 September 2026.

Signed:

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were Confirmed.

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**MINUTES OF SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026 AT 11:30 AM**

**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

The Presiding Member advised 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:          | Cr Karen Harrington | (Shire President)                |
|                       | Cr Duncan South     | (Deputy Shire President)         |
|                       | Cr Neil Morrell     | (Elected Member)                 |
|                       | Cr Graeme Peirce    | (Elected Member)                 |
|                       | Cr Russell Prowse   | (Elected Member)                 |
|                       | Cr Natalie O'Neill  | (Elected Member)                 |
|                       | Cr Helen Lubcke     | (Elected Member)                 |
| STAFF:                | Mark Hook           | (Acting Chief Executive Officer) |
|                       | Kylie Caley         | (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) |
|                       | Gary Rasmussen      | (Manager Works and Services)     |
|                       | Kerryn Chia         | (Projects Officer)               |
| APOLOGIES:            | Nil                 |                                  |
| ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  | Vin Fordham Lamont  | (Chief Executive Officer)        |
| ABSENT:               | Sharon Bell         | (Community Development Officer)  |
| MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: | Nil                 |                                  |

**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****7.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST - CR HARRINGTON****File Ref:** ADM053**Background**

Cr Harrington has submitted Requests for Leave of Absence from the 31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September to participate in the Pathway to Politics program at UWA and from the 24<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> September for personal leave.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-094**

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Cr Harrington for the 31<sup>st</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September and the 24<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> September.

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse, Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0****8 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD****9.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 23 JULY 2026**

**File Ref:** ADM378  
**Author:** Renee Schinzig, Administration Officer  
**Authorising Officer:** Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
**Date:** 31/07/2026

**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

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-095**

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell  
Seconded: Cr Helen Lubcke

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on 23 July 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse,  
Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke  
Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **10 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

### **Cr Karen Harrington (Shire President)**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Attended Downtown Dowerin luncheon as a guest of WALGA and spoke with WALGA President Mark Irwin and CEO Nick Sloan about current issues.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Attended 4WDL meeting at Lake Grace with Acting CEO. This was my first meeting as the chairperson of 4WDL and spent most of the meeting discussing priorities and strategies of the group for the next 12 months. We will be looking at commercial/industrial land opportunities to build off our success of the key worker housing strategy.

Attended the Community Benefit Fund Pilot Program online and later in the day hosted Cassy Beek of Harvest Housing Solutions where they presented an alternative housing model strategy with houses constructed via 3D printing.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August attended the Central Country Zone Executive meeting online

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August attended the community planning session with Rob Cossart and Jack Richardson-Cooke from Powering WA together with Acting CEO and Projects Officer. This session was around engagement and communication plans in readiness for the community benefit planning sessions to be held early next year.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August attended Community Benefit Pilot Program online. Later in the day was a short/informal meeting with The Energy Charter regarding their recent appointment by Powering WA.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August attended the Central Country Zone meeting at Kulin with Acting CEO and Cr South. We held a strategy planning meeting and some top priorities were promoted. These will now be presented in an action plan by 150 Square Consulting.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August attended the final budget workshop. Thank you to the finance staff, particularly our officer, Melinda King who has put an enormous amount of work into preparing the budget at a high standard. Later in the day I attended online a meeting with Powering WA and The Energy Charter to start initial discussions

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August attended Community Benefit Pilot Program online. Later in the day, attended an online a meeting with Powering WA and other government agencies to discuss issues specific to the energy transition in West Arthur.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August attended an online meeting with Aurecon who is a company appointed by Powering WA to undertake an extensive community analysis prior to the CBF community workshops.

### **Cr Duncan South (Deputy Shire President)**

Attended the Central Country Zone Meeting in Kulin on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Cr Neil Morrell**

Attended the Budget workshop held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 18th August.

### **Cr Graeme Peirce**

Attended the meeting of the West Arthur Community Resource Centre Committee on Wednesday 29th July.

### **Cr Russell Prowse**

Nil.

### **Cr Helen Lubcke**

Attended the Budget workshop held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 18th August.

### **Cr Natalie O'Neill**

Attended the meeting of the West Arthur Cottage Homes Committee on Tuesday 11th August.

The Cottage Homes Committee has asked me to pass on a thank you to the Works Manager Mr Gary Rassmutton for the works undertaken at the cottage homes gardens recently.

**11 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER****11.1 EXECUTION OF COMMON SEAL - THE SHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

|                                |                                                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Ref:</b>               | <b>ADM603</b>                                     |
| <b>Location:</b>               | <b>N/A</b>                                        |
| <b>Applicant:</b>              | <b>N/A</b>                                        |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | <b>Sharon Bell, Community Development Officer</b> |
| <b>Authorising Officer:</b>    | <b>Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer</b>  |
| <b>Date:</b>                   | <b>20/08/2026</b>                                 |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | <b>Nil</b>                                        |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>1. The Shed Memorandum of Understanding</b>    |

**SUMMARY:**

Council is requested to authorise by Council Resolution, the affixation of the Common Seal to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire of West Arthur and The Shed.

**BACKGROUND:**

Whilst applying for funding for The Shed, it was discovered that there is no official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Shire of West Arthur and The Shed. This is a requirement of the funding body, and as such, a MOU has been developed.

It was also discovered that The Shed has a Procedures Manual, dated November 2005, which states that "The Shed operates as a subcommittee of the West Arthur Shire Council. Appointments to the Committee are made in May every two years following the Council elections." it lists six Shed members as Committee members, along with a Shire representative and a Council representative.

The Community Development Officer is working with The Shed members to reinstate the Committee and review the Procedures Manual.

**COMMENT:**

The MOU was developed in August 2026, with input by The Shed members and the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

**CONSULTATION:**

The Shed  
Acting CEO

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

Local Government Act 1995:

- S9.49A Execution of Documents

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Policy C19 – Execution of Documents and Use of Common Seal

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Cost of preparation of MOU

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Community – Safe, Friendly and Inclusive

Outcome 1.2 - Support available for people of all ages and abilities

- Provide infrastructure to meet the needs of the community.

**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                                                  | Failure to ensure MOU is in place |
| Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)            | Possible (3)                      |
| Risk Consequence                                                         | Minor (2)                         |
| Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control):<br>Likelihood x Consequence | Medium (6)                        |
| Principal Risk Theme                                                     | Inadequate asset management       |
| Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)                        | Execute MOU as recommended        |

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-096**

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council authorise the Shire President and Acting Chief Executive Officer to execute the following attached document under the Common Seal of the Shire of West Arthur.

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire of West Arthur and The Shed.

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse, Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**



SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR

AND

THE SHED

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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TO UTILISE THE SHED  
LOCATED IN RAILWAY RESERVE  
DARKAN

The logo for "Forest to Wheatbelt" is located at the bottom of the page. It features a stylized landscape with a dark green foreground, a yellow and orange curved line representing a horizon or path, and a blue sky area. The text "Forest to Wheatbelt" is written in a yellow, italicized font on the right side of the logo.

*Forest to Wheatbelt*

## 1. PARTIES TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the following parties:

Shire of West Arthur  
31 Burrowes St, Darkan WA 6392  
(Lessor of building)

And

The Shed  
Railway Reserve, Darkan WA 6392  
(Lessee of building)

## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 This land, being Reserve 49176, is owned by the State of Western Australia, with a Management Order to the Shire of West Arthur.

2.2 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to regulate the occupation and use of the building known as The Shed, located on Reserve 49176.

2.3 The Memorandum of Understanding relates only to The Shed, located on Reserve 49176.

### **All parties agree as follows:**

2.4 The general terms and conditions for the use of the Site are set out in Section 3 (the Agreement)

2.5 All parties agree that the Shire of West Arthur are the recognised Site Owner of this facility.

2.6 The Shed members ensures all and any work, meetings, workshops, events and other activities are not detrimental to the Shire of West Arthur's core business and facilities.

### **3. THE AGREEMENT**

- 3.1 For the members of The Shed to use the facility for the purpose of conducting a Men's Shed Facility.
- 3.2 The Lessee is not to make or erect any alterations or improvements to the workshop without the Site Owner's express written agreement.
- 3.3 Any alterations, improvements, renovations, refurbishments must be submitted to the Shire of West Arthur prior to work commencement for approval.
- 3.4 To ensure any and all electrical, plumbing installation work to be carried out by a qualified tradesperson.
- 3.5 To ensure all insurances including public liability are kept current and/or in agreement with the Shire of West Arthur.
- 3.6 To ensure all equipment, structures etc are to be kept in a safe and good working condition.
- 3.7 That all effort is made to ensure all members, participants and guests of The Shed employ safe working practices during workshops and any practical demonstrations of equipment and machinery.

### **4. GRANT OF LEASE**

- 4.1 The Shire grants to The Shed and The Shed accepts a lease of the premises for a term of ten (10) years plus eleven (11) years) from the date of commencement (see Schedule).

### **5. AUTHORITY TO BIND**

- 5.1 Nothing contained in this MOU shall be deemed to constitute a relationship between the Shire and The Shed or that of principal and agent, and neither of the parties has the power or authority to incur any liability or expenses on behalf of the other without prior written consent.

### **6. TERMINATION**

- 6.1 Either party may terminate this MOU by giving the other not less than six (6) months' notice in writing.

### **7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 7.1 In the event of any dispute arising out in relation to the obligation of the Parties or a breach thereof the parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation.

### **Schedule**

**1. Owner of Land**

State of Western Australia, with a Management Order to the Shire of West Arthur

**2. Owner of Building**

Shire of West Arthur

**3. Tenant**

The Shed

**4. Land**

Reserve 49176, known as Railway Reserve Park

**5. Site**

This MOU relates only to the land and building outlined in a red square on the diagram contained within Appendix A

**6. Commencement Date**

This agreement commences on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, for a period of ten (10) years, plus eleven (11) years

**7. Option to Renew**

This agreement will be renewed prior to the expiration date of the MOU, if all parties are in agreement

**8. Termination**

Either party may terminate this MOU by giving the other not less than six (6) months' notice in writing

**9. Rent**

\$0

**10. Areas of Responsibility**

**Shire of West Arthur**

- Property Insurance
- Shire Rates (if levied)
- Water Rates and Consumption Charges
- Fire Extinguisher Service
- External Building Maintenance

- ESL Charges
- Rubbish Collection Charges
- Power Consumption Charges

#### The Shed

- Toiletries, cleaning products and other consumable items
- Internal painting
- Internal building maintenance
- Yard maintenance
- Internal building cleaning
- Provision and maintenance of all equipment and materials associated with the activities of The Shed
- Provision and maintenance of furniture, crockery/cutlery, cooking utensils, decorations, window treatments and floor coverings

#### Appendix A



**EXECUTED**

The Common Seal of the Shire of )  
West Arthur was hereunto affixed )  
in the presence of )

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Karen Harrington  
SHIRE PRESIDENT  
SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
DATED:

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Mark Hook  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
DATED:

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Phil Harrington  
ORGANISER  
THE SHED  
DATED:

## 12 CORPORATE SERVICES

### 12.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS - JULY 2026

|                                |                                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Ref:</b>               | <b>ADM339</b>                                      |
| <b>Location:</b>               | <b>N/A</b>                                         |
| <b>Applicant:</b>              | <b>N/A</b>                                         |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | <b>Melinda King, Manager Financial Reporting</b>   |
| <b>Authorising Officer:</b>    | <b>Kylie Caley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>                   | <b>12/08/2026</b>                                  |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | <b>Nil</b>                                         |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>1. Monthly Financial Report July 2026</b>       |

#### **SUMMARY:**

Council is requested to consider the financial reports for the period ending 31 July 2026.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The financial reports for the period ending 31 July 2026 are attached.

The annual budget for the 2026/2027 will be adopted in August 2026, accordingly there is no adopted budget or variance to budget reported in the July monthly financial report.

#### **COMMENT:**

As the adoption of the 2026/27 Budget is scheduled for August, the July financial reports have been prepared to meet statutory reporting obligations only. Meaningful year-to-date comparisons are not available at this stage, as the new financial year budget has not yet been formally adopted and there are no approved budget figures against which actual results can be compared.

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:**

This item reports on the current financial position of the Shire. The recommendation does not in itself have a financial implication.

**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:**

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**Risk Themes:**

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- 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<br>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                                                  | 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):<br>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

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-097**

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell  
 Seconded: Cr Helen Lubcke

That Council notes the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 July 2026.

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse,  
 Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke  
Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR**  
**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 (Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)  
**For the period ended 31 July 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 31 JULY 2026**

| Note                                                         | Adopted<br>Budget<br>Estimates<br>(a)<br>\$ | YTD<br>Budget<br>Estimates<br>(b)<br>\$ | YTD<br>Actual<br>(c)<br>\$ | Variance*<br>\$<br>(c) - (b)<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                  |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| <b>Revenue from operating activities</b>                     |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions                          | 0                                           | 0                                       | 90,719                     | 90,719                             |
| Fees and charges                                             | 0                                           | 0                                       | 31,304                     | 31,304                             |
| Interest revenue                                             | 0                                           | 0                                       | 5,965                      | 5,965                              |
| Other revenue                                                | 0                                           | 0                                       | 21,039                     | 21,039                             |
| Profit on asset disposals                                    | 0                                           | 0                                       | 56,162                     | 56,162                             |
|                                                              | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>205,189</b>             | <b>205,189</b>                     |
| <b>Expenditure from operating activities</b>                 |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| Employee costs                                               | 0                                           | 0                                       | (247,268)                  | (247,268)                          |
| Materials and contracts                                      | 0                                           | 0                                       | (151,947)                  | (151,947)                          |
| Utility charges                                              | 0                                           | 0                                       | (1,475)                    | (1,475)                            |
| Depreciation                                                 | 0                                           | 0                                       | (316,184)                  | (316,184)                          |
| Insurance                                                    | 0                                           | 0                                       | (81,030)                   | (81,030)                           |
|                                                              | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>(797,904)</b>           | <b>(797,904)</b>                   |
| Amounts excluded from operating activities                   | 0                                           | 0                                       | 260,022                    | 260,022                            |
| <b>Amount attributable to operating activities</b>           | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>(332,693)</b>           | <b>(332,693)</b>                   |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                  |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| <b>Inflows from investing activities</b>                     |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment      | 0                                           | 0                                       | 56,162                     | 56,162                             |
|                                                              | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>56,162</b>              | <b>56,162</b>                      |
| <b>Outflows from investing activities</b>                    |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment                 | 0                                           | 0                                       | (2,024)                    | (2,024)                            |
| Acquisition of infrastructure                                | 0                                           | 0                                       | (1,171)                    | (1,171)                            |
|                                                              | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>(3,195)</b>             | <b>(3,195)</b>                     |
| <b>Amount attributable to investing activities</b>           | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>52,967</b>              | <b>52,967</b>                      |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                                  |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| <b>Outflows from financing activities</b>                    |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| Transfer to reserves                                         | 0                                           | 0                                       | (3,007)                    | (3,007)                            |
| <b>Amount attributable to financing activities</b>           | <b>0</b>                                    | <b>0</b>                                | <b>(3,007)</b>             | <b>(3,007)</b>                     |
| <b>MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT</b>                        |                                             |                                         |                            |                                    |
| <b>Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year</b> | 2(a) 1,828,120                              | 1,828,120                               | 1,828,120                  | 0                                  |
| Amount attributable to operating activities                  | 0                                           | 0                                       | (332,693)                  | (332,693)                          |
| Amount attributable to investing activities                  | 0                                           | 0                                       | 52,967                     | 52,967                             |
| Amount attributable to financing activities                  | 0                                           | 0                                       | (3,007)                    | (3,007)                            |
| <b>Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates</b>  | <b>1,828,120</b>                            | <b>1,828,120</b>                        | <b>1,545,387</b>           | <b>(282,733)</b>                   |

**KEY INFORMATION**

- ▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data outside the adopted materiality threshold.
  - ▲ Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.
  - ▼ Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.
- Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026**

|                                                | <b>Actual<br/>30 June 2026</b> | <b>Actual as at<br/>31 July 2026</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                | <b>\$</b>                      | <b>\$</b>                            |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                          |                                |                                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 5,334,081                      | 5,003,223                            |
| Trade and other receivables                    | 185,705                        | 70,906                               |
| Other financial assets                         | 33,136                         | 33,136                               |
| Inventories                                    | 102,294                        | 102,294                              |
| Other assets                                   | 137,699                        | 105,573                              |
| Non-current assets classified as held for sale | 65,107                         | 65,107                               |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    | <b>5,858,022</b>               | <b>5,380,239</b>                     |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>                      |                                |                                      |
| Other financial assets                         | 299,540                        | 299,540                              |
| Property, plant and equipment                  | 20,100,486                     | 20,043,007                           |
| Infrastructure                                 | 111,341,644                    | 111,086,134                          |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>                | <b>131,741,670</b>             | <b>131,428,681</b>                   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                            | <b>137,599,692</b>             | <b>136,808,920</b>                   |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                     |                                |                                      |
| Trade and other payables                       | 312,746                        | 112,506                              |
| Other liabilities                              | 1,979,771                      | 1,979,771                            |
| Borrowings                                     | 97,168                         | 97,168                               |
| Employee related provisions                    | 413,858                        | 416,041                              |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>               | <b>2,803,543</b>               | <b>2,605,486</b>                     |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                 |                                |                                      |
| Borrowings                                     | 497,158                        | 497,158                              |
| Employee related provisions                    | 28,674                         | 28,674                               |
| Other provisions                               | 55,324                         | 55,324                               |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>           | <b>581,156</b>                 | <b>581,156</b>                       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                       | <b>3,384,699</b>               | <b>3,186,642</b>                     |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                              | <b>134,214,993</b>             | <b>133,622,278</b>                   |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                  |                                |                                      |
| Retained surplus                               | 6,947,624                      | 6,351,902                            |
| Reserve accounts                               | 1,667,504                      | 1,670,511                            |
| Revaluation surplus                            | 125,599,865                    | 125,599,865                          |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                            | <b>134,214,993</b>             | <b>133,622,278</b>                   |

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR**  
**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026**

**1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF PREPARATION**

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

**Local Government Act 1995 requirements**

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied with exception to the following:

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

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

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

**PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW**

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 18 August 2026

**The local government reporting entity**

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

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

**Material accounting policies**

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2026-27 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

**Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

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

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
  - Property, plant and equipment
  - Infrastructure
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Assets held for sale
- Measurement of employee benefits
- Measurement of provisions

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026**

**2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION**

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

|                                               | Adopted<br>Budget<br>Opening | Actual<br>as at  | Actual<br>as at  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Note                                          | 1 July 2026                  | 30 June 2026     | 31 July 2026     |
|                                               | \$                           | \$               | \$               |
| <b>Current assets</b>                         |                              |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                     | 0                            | 5,334,081        | 5,003,223        |
| Trade and other receivables                   | 0                            | 185,705          | 70,906           |
| Other financial assets                        | 0                            | 33,136           | 33,136           |
| Inventories                                   | 0                            | 102,294          | 102,294          |
| Other assets                                  | 0                            | 137,699          | 105,573          |
| Assets classified as held for sale            | 0                            | 65,107           | 65,107           |
|                                               | 0                            | 5,858,022        | 5,380,239        |
| <b>Less: current liabilities</b>              |                              |                  |                  |
| Trade and other payables                      | 0                            | (312,746)        | (112,506)        |
| Other liabilities                             | 0                            | (1,979,771)      | (1,979,771)      |
| Borrowings                                    | 0                            | (97,168)         | (97,168)         |
| Employee related provisions                   | 0                            | (413,858)        | (416,041)        |
|                                               | 0                            | (2,803,543)      | (2,605,486)      |
| Net current assets                            | 0                            | 3,054,479        | 2,774,753        |
| Less: Total adjustments to net current assets | 2(b)                         | 0                | (1,229,366)      |
| <b>Closing funding surplus / (deficit)</b>    | <b>0</b>                     | <b>1,828,120</b> | <b>1,545,387</b> |

**(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency**

|                                                                            |             |             |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Adjustments to net current assets</b>                                   |             |             |                    |
| Less: Reserve accounts                                                     | 0           | (1,667,504) | (1,670,511)        |
| Less: Current assets not expected to be received at end of year            |             |             |                    |
| - Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans               | 0           | (33,136)    | (33,136)           |
| - Land held for resale                                                     | 0           | (79,118)    | (79,118)           |
| - Assets Held for sale                                                     | 0           | (65,107)    | (65,107)           |
| Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year |             |             |                    |
| - Current portion of borrowings                                            | 0           | 97,168      | 97,168             |
| - Current portion of employee benefit provisions                           | 0           | 521,338     | 521,338            |
| <b>Total adjustments to net current assets</b>                             | <b>2(a)</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>(1,229,366)</b> |

**(c) Amounts excluded from operating activities**

|                                                         | Adopted<br>Budget<br>Estimates | YTD<br>Budget<br>Estimates | YTD<br>Actual  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
|                                                         | 30 June 2027                   | 31 July 2026               | 31 July 2026   |
|                                                         | \$                             | \$                         | \$             |
| Less: Profit on asset disposals                         | 0                              | 0                          | (56,162)       |
| Add: Depreciation                                       | 0                              | 0                          | 316,184        |
| <b>Total amounts excluded from operating activities</b> | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>                   | <b>260,022</b> |

**CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION**

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 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 2026-27 year is

Operating transactions the greater of 10% or \$10,000

Capital transactions the greater of 20% or \$25,000

There are no reportable variances for the period July 2026

**12.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTING - JULY 2026**

|                                |                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Ref:</b>               | <b>ADM338</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Location:</b>               | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Applicant:</b>              | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | <b>Kylie Whitaker, Finance Officer</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Authorising Officer:</b>    | <b>Kylie Caley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>Date:</b>                   | <b>12/08/2026</b>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | <b>Nil</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>1. Accounts for Payment Listing - 1 July 2026 - 31 July 2026</b><br><b>2. Corporate Card Summary Statement - 26 June 2026 to 25 July 2026</b> |

**SUMMARY:**

Council is requested to endorse payments of accounts for July 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):<br>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

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-098**

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Duncan South

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 July 2026 Municipal Fund vouchers 10072026.1-10072026.28, 24072026.1-24072026.26, Licensing, Salaries and Wages, EFT Transfers and Direct Debits totalling \$626,801.70 listed (attached) as approved for payment.
2. note the attached Corporate Credit Card facility transaction summary from 26 June 2026 to 25 July 2026.

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse, Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke

Against: Nil

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

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Reference</b> | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1/07/2026   | Bpay             | <b>Dept of Transport</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12,598.45     |
|             |                  | 2627 plant & vehicle licensing                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |
| 14/07/2026  | Bpay             | <b>Australian Communications &amp; Media</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | 118.00        |
|             |                  | Land Mobile System at Mount Fisher. Renewed to 28/7/27                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 3/07/2026   | Direct Debit     | <b>Aware Super Clearing House</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12,603.55     |
|             |                  | Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
| 7/07/2026   | Direct Debit     | <b>Synergy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,032.37      |
|             |                  | CRC Supply Charge & consumption 19/5 - 15/6/26                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |
| 8/07/2026   | Direct Debit     | <b>National Australia Bank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 39.99         |
|             |                  | Connect Fee May 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |
| 16/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Rentfind Technologies Pty Ltd</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | 22.00         |
|             |                  | Rent Find Monthly Fee July 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                 |               |
| 17/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Aware Super Clearing House</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12,075.95     |
|             |                  | Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |
| 21/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Telstra</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 45.00         |
|             |                  | Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/7/26                                                                                                                                                                         |               |
| 23/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>WA Treasury Corporation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2,127.80      |
|             |                  | Guarantee fee for Shire loans                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |
| 27/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>NAB Credit Card</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 684.00        |
|             |                  | See attached statement                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| 27/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Synergy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,526.93      |
|             |                  | Streetlights 25/5 - 24/6/26                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |
| 27/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Telstra</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,463.42      |
|             |                  | Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/7/26                                                                                                                                                                         |               |
| 27/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Telstra</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,514.12      |
|             |                  | Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/7/26                                                                                                                                                                         |               |
| 28/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Synergy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6,073.95      |
|             |                  | 6 & 22 Hillman, Admin office, Depot, 10 King, Darkan Hall, 162 Moodiarrup Rd, Arthur River Hall, Lake, Darkan Fire Shed, The Shed, Moodi Hall, Dura Water, Info Bay, Hull Park, 10 Gibbs Supply Charge & Consumption 7/5-6/7/26 |               |
| 29/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Motorpass</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 13.54         |
|             |                  | Management Fees - Arthur River & Darkan Fuel Card                                                                                                                                                                               |               |
| 29/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Synergy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2,291.73      |
|             |                  | Caravan Park, Rail Reserve House, Arthur River Historical Site Supply Charge & Consumption 7/5 - 6/7/26                                                                                                                         |               |
| 30/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>National Australia Bank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 48.23         |
|             |                  | Connect Fee Access & Usage                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |
| 31/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>National Australia Bank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 276.18        |
|             |                  | Merchant Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |
| 31/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>National Australia Bank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 31.00         |
|             |                  | Account Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |

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|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 31/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>National Australia Bank</b>                                         | 10.00         |
|             |                  | Account Fee 50-831-4406                                                |               |
| 31/07/2026  | Direct Debit     | <b>Aware Super Clearing House</b>                                      | 13,086.63     |
|             |                  | Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions                               |               |
| 2/07/2026   | Eft              | <b>Salaries and Wages</b>                                              | 80,526.09     |
|             |                  | Payroll                                                                |               |
| 16/07/2026  | Eft              | <b>Salaries and Wages</b>                                              | 62,097.82     |
|             |                  | Payroll                                                                |               |
| 30/07/2026  | Eft              | <b>Salaries and Wages</b>                                              | 64,831.69     |
|             |                  | Payroll                                                                |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.1       | <b>Air Liquide</b>                                                     | 57.28         |
|             |                  | Cylinder Fees                                                          |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.2       | <b>AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)</b>                                        | 249.35        |
|             |                  | Rate Recovery Costs A2685 & A406                                       |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.3       | <b>Australia Post</b>                                                  | 65.91         |
|             |                  | Registered post - new leases & postage bag for postage of history book |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.4       | <b>Australian Museums &amp; Galleries Association</b>                  | 165.00        |
|             |                  | AMAGA Annual Membership 2627                                           |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.5       | <b>Bookeasy Australia Pty Ltd</b>                                      | 220.00        |
|             |                  | Caravan Park Booking System - June 2026                                |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.6       | <b>Chargefox Pty Ltd</b>                                               | 79.86         |
|             |                  | EV Charging Station - monthly fee                                      |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.7       | <b>David Wills and Associates</b>                                      | 946.00        |
|             |                  | HSPS2 - Tender Documentation                                           |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.8       | <b>Dept of Local Govt, Industry Regulation &amp; Saf</b>               | 144.26        |
|             |                  | January 2026 Remittance & June 2026 Remittance                         |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.9       | <b>Fleays Store</b>                                                    | 44.56         |
|             |                  | Milk & biscuits for office & groceries for seniors meals               |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.10      | <b>Fuel Distributors of WA</b>                                         | 20,243.35     |
|             |                  | 11000L Diesel for depot, star card fees & fuel for executive vehicles  |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.11      | <b>JLT Risk Solutions</b>                                              | 346.50        |
|             |                  | Marine Cargo - Renewal M9M032560CAN                                    |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.12      | <b>Kelley Contracting Pty Ltd</b>                                      | 8,111.40      |
|             |                  | Supply & Install retaining wall 10 King Street                         |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.13      | <b>Local Health Authorities Analytical Comm</b>                        | 420.74        |
|             |                  | LHAAC Sampling Scheme Annual Fee 26/27                                 |               |
| 10/07/2026  | 10072026.14      | <b>Magiq Software Limited</b>                                          | 32,447.95     |
|             |                  | Subscription - Magiq Suite & Reporting                                 |               |

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| Date       | Reference   | Detail                                                                                                  | Amount    |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.15 | <b>Market Creations</b>                                                                                 | 13,876.50 |
|            |             | Annual website subscription to 1/7/27 & SSL wildcard certificate                                        |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.16 | <b>Museum of Perth</b>                                                                                  | 548.90    |
|            |             | Annual subscription                                                                                     |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.17 | <b>Ocean Edge Plumbing &amp; Gas</b>                                                                    | 1,460.80  |
|            |             | Footy oval septic - assess & 11 King St leaking cistern                                                 |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.18 | <b>Pederick Engineering</b>                                                                             | 302.37    |
|            |             | Hydraulic Hose 2850mm long with fittings, Cut & weld out fitting to new crimp 2850mm long with fittings |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.19 | <b>Regional Communications Solutions</b>                                                                | 510.00    |
|            |             | Starlink subscription - 6 months                                                                        |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.20 | <b>Shire of Collie</b>                                                                                  | 1,268.40  |
|            |             | Pool Barricade Compliance Inspection Fees                                                               |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.21 | <b>Shire of Narrogin</b>                                                                                | 1,028.25  |
|            |             | Regional Environmental Health Officer Services June 2026 & Manager Services June 2026                   |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.22 | <b>Sprys Meat Market</b>                                                                                | 64.03     |
|            |             | Seniors Meals - meat                                                                                    |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.23 | <b>St Luke's Family Practice</b>                                                                        | 2,310.00  |
|            |             | Darkan Clinic Doctor Service & travel Fees - June 2026                                                  |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.24 | <b>Team Global Express</b>                                                                              | 73.57     |
|            |             | Express Print Freight                                                                                   |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.25 | <b>Think Project</b>                                                                                    | 9,655.27  |
|            |             | Digital Asset Register 01 Jul 2026 to 30 Jun 2027                                                       |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.26 | <b>Warren Blackwood Waste</b>                                                                           | 3,202.45  |
|            |             | Recycling, commercial & domestic waste June 26 incl fuel levy                                           |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.27 | <b>West Arthur Community Resource Centre</b>                                                            | 1,835.75  |
|            |             | Betty Brown Centre Advertising & Promo 2526, laminating & Dr's hours June 2026                          |           |
| 10/07/2026 | 10072026.28 | <b>WML Consultants</b>                                                                                  | 5,321.80  |
|            |             | Darkan Parking Bay Initial 2D Concept Design for Shire Review                                           |           |
| 24/07/2026 | 24072026.1  | <b>Auspire - Australia Day Council</b>                                                                  | 836.00    |
|            |             | Gold Membership Subscription                                                                            |           |
| 24/07/2026 | 24072026.2  | <b>Bell Sharon</b>                                                                                      | 1,020.75  |
|            |             | Reimbursement for seniors meals groceries, office supplies & uht milk for caravan park                  |           |

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|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.3       | <b>City of Kalamunda</b>                                                                                | 208.33        |
|             |                  | Building Services June 2026                                                                             |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.4       | <b>Darkan Agri Services</b>                                                                             | 1,796.37      |
|             |                  | Various items for maint./cleaning of shire buildings                                                    |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.5       | <b>DKM Workplace Solutions</b>                                                                          | 444.40        |
|             |                  | Monthly Workplace Subscription - July 26 etc                                                            |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.6       | <b>Exurban Rural and Regional Planning</b>                                                              | 1,553.36      |
|             |                  | Town Planning Consultancy Services June 2026                                                            |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.7       | <b>Filters Plus WA</b>                                                                                  | 1,089.33      |
|             |                  | Parts & Repairs                                                                                         |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.8       | <b>FL Costello and Co</b>                                                                               | 990.00        |
|             |                  | Replacement coin operating slot - washing machine                                                       |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.9       | <b>Fordham Lamont Vin</b>                                                                               | 59.00         |
|             |                  | Reimbursement for Optus Broadband - CEO Home Internet                                                   |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.10      | <b>Fortus Group</b>                                                                                     | 7,534.67      |
|             |                  | Grader blade, plow nut & freight                                                                        |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.11      | <b>Infinitum Technologies Pty Ltd</b>                                                                   | 10,035.84     |
|             |                  | Managed Service Agreement - Gold July 26 & Lenovo ThinkPad                                              |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.12      | <b>Institute of Public Works Engineering Aus IPW</b>                                                    | 2,090.00      |
|             |                  | BuildPlus subscription fee 26/27                                                                        |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.13      | <b>Landgate</b>                                                                                         | 132.20        |
|             |                  | UV Interim - Rural Areas & caveat document 17 Nangip                                                    |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.14      | <b>LGISWA</b>                                                                                           | 134,664.03    |
|             |                  | First instalment Insurances 2627                                                                        |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.15      | <b>Local Government Professionals Aus WA</b>                                                            | 1,220.00      |
|             |                  | 2026 - 2027 Bronze Local Government Shire of West Arthur & 2026-2027 Full membership Vin Fordham Lamont |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.16      | <b>Mcleods Lawyers Pty Ltd</b>                                                                          | 1,276.00      |
|             |                  | Review of lake lease                                                                                    |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.17      | <b>Metal Artwork Badges</b>                                                                             | 137.50        |
|             |                  | Desk Plates x2 - ACEO & DCEO, freight                                                                   |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.18      | <b>Monarch 360 Pty Ltd</b>                                                                              | 39,476.80     |
|             |                  | Monarch EDRMS - Licence 2026-2027                                                                       |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.19      | <b>Narrogin Betta</b>                                                                                   | 2,301.00      |
|             |                  | Replacement oven & dishwasher for shire housing                                                         |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.20      | <b>Peez Mark William</b>                                                                                | 214.00        |
|             |                  | Reimbursement for hire of Darkan Hall bond                                                              |               |
| 24/07/2026  | 24072026.21      | <b>Procare Locksmiths</b>                                                                               | 850.00        |
|             |                  | Airkey instal - sports club                                                                             |               |

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| 24/07/2026            | 24072026.22      | <b>Signs Plus</b>                                                                                          | 71.00         |
|                       |                  | 2 x Staff Deluxe Domed Magnetic Clip Badges                                                                |               |
| 24/07/2026            | 24072026.23      | <b>Source Machinery Pty Ltd</b>                                                                            | 408.32        |
|                       |                  | Parts & Repairs                                                                                            |               |
| 24/07/2026            | 24072026.24      | <b>Team Global Express</b>                                                                                 | 103.21        |
|                       |                  | SOS Office Freight & Filters Plus Freight                                                                  |               |
| 24/07/2026            | 24072026.25      | <b>WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Limited</b>                                                             | 1,039.50      |
|                       |                  | Ranger Services 2, 7, 9 July 2026                                                                          |               |
| 24/07/2026            | 24072026.26      | <b>WALGA</b>                                                                                               | 20,142.15     |
|                       |                  | Association Subscription 2627, Procurement Services 2627, Employee Relations 2627, Governance Service 2627 |               |
| <b>MUNICIPAL FUND</b> |                  | <b>VOUCHERS</b>                                                                                            |               |
|                       |                  | <b>BPAY</b>                                                                                                | 12,716.45     |
|                       |                  | <b>DIRECT DEBIT</b>                                                                                        | 54,966.39     |
|                       |                  | <b>EFT</b>                                                                                                 | 207,455.60    |
|                       |                  | <b>10072026.1-10072026.28</b>                                                                              | 105,000.25    |
|                       |                  | <b>24072026.1-24072026.26</b>                                                                              | 229,693.76    |
|                       |                  | <b>LICENSING JULY 2026 TRANSFERS</b>                                                                       | 16,969.25     |
|                       |                  | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                               | 626,801.70    |



SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS BY NAB VISA CARD  
FOR THE STATEMENT PERIOD: 26 June to 25 July 2025

FOR THE STATEMENT PERIOD: 26 June to 25 July 2025

| DATE                                               | PAYEE                                     | PO NUMBER | DESCRIPTION                                      | SOWA EXPENSE CODE                                                | EXPENSE DESCRIPTION                                                     | TOTAL                |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 29-Jun-26                                          | Transport WA                              | 104642    | Special plate series John Heberington            | 1. CARD NUMBER 4336-XXXX-XXXX-8951 R. SUNNER<br>E141025          | OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Private Works-Online Licensing                | \$225.00<br>\$225.00 |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | CARD 1 PAYMENTS                                                  |                                                                         |                      |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | MARK HOOK<br>Authorised by ACTING CEO                            | Signed                                                                  |                      |
| 13-Jul-26                                          | Starlink                                  | 104636    | Depot Wifi                                       | 2. CARD NUMBER 4336-XXXX-XXXX-1064 G. RASMUSSEN<br>E142070       | OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Administration-Overheads-Computer Maintenance | 150.00<br>\$150.00   |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | CARD 2 PAYMENTS                                                  |                                                                         |                      |
|                                                    | GARY RASMUSSEN<br>Cardholder Name         |           |                                                  | MARK HOOK<br>Authorised by ACTING CEO                            | Signed                                                                  |                      |
| 02-Jul-26                                          | Shire of West Arthur                      | 104560    | Movement permit for trailer inspection           | 3. CARD NUMBER 4336-XXXX-XXXX-2128 V. FORDHAM LAMONT<br>E120010  | TRANSPORT-Transport Administration-Traffic Support Admin & Permits      | \$25.20              |
| 03-Jul-26                                          | Shire of West Arthur                      | 104562    | Registration of trailer A95455                   | E144010                                                          | OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Plant Cost Overheads-Plant Maintenance        | \$58.40              |
| 06-Jul-26                                          | J & J Swart Pty Ltd                       | 104587    | Inspection of trailer at Shire inspection Centre | E120010                                                          | TRANSPORT-Transport Administration-Transport Admin & Permits            | \$225.40<br>\$225.40 |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | CARD 3 PAYMENTS                                                  |                                                                         | \$209.00             |
|                                                    | VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT<br>Cardholder Name |           |                                                  | KAREN HARRINGTON<br>Reviewed by Shire President                  | Signed                                                                  |                      |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | 4. CARD NUMBER 4336-XXXX-XXXX-2128 M. HOOK                       |                                                                         | \$0.00               |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | CARD 4 PAYMENTS                                                  |                                                                         |                      |
|                                                    | MARK HOOK<br>Cardholder Name              |           |                                                  | KAREN HARRINGTON<br>Reviewed by Shire President                  | Signed                                                                  |                      |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | 5. CARD NUMBER 4336-XXXX-XXXX-2128 K. CALEY (Card not activated) |                                                                         | \$0.00               |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | CARD 5 PAYMENTS                                                  |                                                                         |                      |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | MARK HOOK<br>Authorised by ACTING CEO                            | Signed                                                                  |                      |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | 6. CARD NUMBER 4336-XXXX-XXXX-2128 P. GIBSON (CSM)               |                                                                         | \$0.00               |
|                                                    |                                           |           |                                                  | CARD 6 PAYMENTS                                                  |                                                                         |                      |
|                                                    | MARK HOOK<br>Authorised by ACTING CEO     |           |                                                  |                                                                  | Signed                                                                  |                      |
| TOTAL MARI VISA CARD PAYMENTS: 4336-XXXX-XXXX-7507 |                                           |           |                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                         | \$684.00             |

Direct Debit Date 27-Jul-26

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

- Kyle Whitaker, Finance Officer have reviewed the NAB visa card payments and confirm that from the time of the audit all transactions are expenses incurred by the Shire of West Arthur;
- ... all purchases have been made in accordance with the Shire of West Arthur policies and procedures;
- ... all purchases are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations;
- ... no misuse of the corporate card is evident.

Kylie Whitaker

DATE: 29/1/26



**12.3 ADOPTION OF THE 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET**

|                                |                                                                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Ref:</b>               | <b>ADM130</b>                                                          |
| <b>Location:</b>               | <b>N/A</b>                                                             |
| <b>Applicant:</b>              | <b>N/A</b>                                                             |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | <b>Kylie Caley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer</b>                     |
| <b>Authorising Officer:</b>    | <b>Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer</b>                       |
| <b>Date:</b>                   | <b>12/08/2026</b>                                                      |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | <b>Nil</b>                                                             |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>1. Shire of West Arthur Statutory Budget 2026 2027 - As Adopted</b> |

**SUMMARY:**

Council is requested to consider and adopt the Municipal Fund Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year, along with supporting schedules. This includes the imposition of rates and minimum payments, endorsement of existing reserve funds, and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

**BACKGROUND:**

The *Local Government Act 1995* (Act) requires each Local Government to prepare a budget each financial year. The form, manner and content of the budget are prescribed in the Act and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. Council must adopt its budget by an Absolute Majority no later than 31 August in the budget year unless the Minister for Local Government has granted an extension.

The draft 2026/2027 Annual Budget has been developed in alignment with the principals and information set out in the Strategic Community Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

The budget preparation process incorporated guidance and feedback from a series of Councillor workshops held in March, April, May, June, and August 2026. The workshops included detailed consideration of the Plant Replacement Program, Road Construction Program, and the prevailing economic environment. These discussions provided Councillors with the information and context necessary to make informed and well-considered decisions in the development of the 2026/2027 Budget.

**COMMENT:**

To give context to the components of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, an overview of the previous two (2) financial years along with the proposed budget for 2026/2027 is listed below:

| BUDGET OVERVIEW         | 2024/2025<br>Adopted Budget | 2025/2026<br>Adopted Budget | 2026/2027<br>Proposed Budget |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Operating Revenue       | \$3.4m                      | \$4.6m                      | \$4.1m                       |
| New Loans               | \$0m                        | \$0m                        | \$0m                         |
| Capital Grants          | \$1.7m                      | \$4.4m                      | \$4.5m                       |
| Sale of Assets          | \$0.19m                     | \$0.16m                     | \$0.31m                      |
| Transfers from Reserves | \$1.5m                      | \$1.0m                      | \$0.5m                       |
| Opening Balance         | \$1.4m                      | \$0.84m                     | \$1.8m                       |
|                         | <b>\$8.2m</b>               | <b>\$11m</b>                | <b>\$11.2m</b>               |
| Operating Expenditure   | \$7.2m                      | \$8.0m                      | \$8.5m                       |
| Non-Cash Added Back     | (\$3.0m)                    | (\$3.7m)                    | (\$3.9m)                     |
| Capital Expenditure     | \$3.5m                      | \$5.7m                      | \$5.7m                       |
| Transfers to Reserves   | \$0.4m                      | \$0.9m                      | \$0.8m                       |
| Loan Repayments         | \$0.1m                      | \$0.09m                     | \$0.09m                      |
|                         | <b>\$8.2m</b>               | <b>\$11m</b>                | <b>\$11.2m</b>               |

Key features of the proposed 2026/2027 budget include:

- A rate revenue increase of 7%
- A capital works program of \$5,685,084 which focuses on infrastructure investment, particularly housing support program projects, road construction, replacement of a grader, and water projects.
- Fees and charges have been reviewed to reflect statutory increases, cost recovery, and current economic conditions
- Emergency Services Levy continues to be levied by State Government and collected by local governments. The State Government has increased the levy from \$108 in 2025/2026 to \$113 in 2026/2027.
- Household and commercial waste charges are proposed to increase by \$50 per annum
- Reserve transfers have been included to fund expenditure in the proposed budget and for funds to be set aside for future strategic priorities.

#### Capital Expenditure

The proposed budget includes \$5,685,084 of capital expenditure continuing Council's commitment to asset renewal and upgrade. This is made up of 80% grant funding, 8% reserve funding, 6% proceeds on disposal of assets and 7% council own source funding.

The major capital grant funding sources include:

- Housing Support Program \$2,865,613
- Regional Road Group \$504,573
- Roads to Recovery \$527,791
- Federal Assistance Grant Scheme Special Bridge Project Funding \$166,000

#### Borrowings

No new borrowings have been included in the proposed budget. Details of existing borrowings are included in Note 7 of the budget document.

#### Elected Members Remuneration

Elected members remuneration included in the budget are in line with the allowances set out in the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal - Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Council Members Determination No 1 of 2026 for Band 4 councils. There is a 0% increase in the elected member allowances from 2025/2026 to 2026/2027.

**Brought Forward Balance**

The budget is based on an estimated opening surplus of \$1,828,120, of which \$1,302,842 is an advance payment of the Federal Assistance Grant Scheme 2026/2027 funding.

**CONSULTATION:**

Councillors

Staff

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, (Absolute Majority required) in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next 30 June.

Division 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The draft 2026/2027 budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.

Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* enables a local government to impose an annual charge in respect of premises provided with a waste service by the local government.

Section 7B(2) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* requires the Tribunal, at intervals of not more than 12 months, to inquire into and determine –

- the amount of fees to be paid to Council members;
- the amount of expenses to be reimbursed to Council members;
- the amount of allowances to be paid to Council members.

The Determination on Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members requires local governments to set an amount within the relevant range determined for fees, expenses, or allowances.

Section 5.98 of the *Local Government Act 1995* sets out fees, expenses, and reimbursements payable to Council members as determined by the Tribunal.

Section 5.98A of the *Local Government Act 1995* sets out fees, expenses, and reimbursements which may be paid to Deputy Presidents or Deputy Mayors up to a percentage determined by the Tribunal (Absolute Majority required).

Section 5.99 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides a local government may pay an annual fee in lieu of fees for attending meetings, as determined by the Tribunal (Absolute Majority required).

Section 5.99A of the *Local Government Act 1995* sets out a local government may pay an annual allowance for Council members in lieu of reimbursement of expenses, as determined by the Tribunal (Absolute Majority required).

Regulations 30, 31, 32, and 34ACA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* set the limits, parameters and types of allowances that can be paid to Council members.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The 2026/2027 budget considers Policy C8 – Council Member Entitlements

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The adopted budget of the Shire sets the financial direction for the proceeding financial year and is prepared following consideration of the Corporate Business Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and all other informing

documents and strategies. The adoption of the budget enables the operations of the Council to continue effectively and issue rates in a timely manner to assist with income generation and cash flow.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan – Towards 2031 provides:

#### Leadership and Management – inspirational, dynamic, transparent

Outcome 4.3 - Establish and maintain sound business and governance structures

- *Ensure that the local community is provided with value for money through the prudent expenditure of rates.*
- *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 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                                                  | Delays in the adoption of the 2026/27 Budget may lead to non-compliance with statutory requirements and disrupt the effective functioning of the Shire. |
| Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)            | Almost Certain (5)                                                                                                                                      |
| Risk Consequence                                                         | Major (4)                                                                                                                                               |
| Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control):<br>Likelihood x Consequence | Extreme (20)                                                                                                                                            |
| Principal Risk Theme                                                     | Compliance Failure                                                                                                                                      |
| Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)                        | Adoption of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget as presented.                                                                                                   |

*Officer's Note: Council were provided an updated version of the attachment prior to the meeting showing clarification in the following areas;*

*The President's Allowance disclosed in Note 10, was identified that the note had inadvertently been prepared using individual Councillor remuneration amounts rather than remuneration by position. The note has now been amended to present remuneration by position to improve clarity and avoid any further confusion.*

*In addition, remuneration for the independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) member was incorrectly included on the note and has now been removed.*

*As the remuneration note is provided for informational purposes only and is not linked to any of the budget statements, these corrections do not affect the budget figures or financial outcomes presented in the document.*

*The updated version is the version included in these Minutes.*

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute Majority

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-099**

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Neil Morrell

**PART 1 – BUDGET FOR 2026/2027**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, council adopt the Budget as contained in Attachment xx of this agenda for the Shire of West Arthur for the 2026/2027 financial year which includes the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income.
- Statement of Cash Flows.
- Statement of Financial Activity.
- Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget.

***Absolute Majority Required***

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse, Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke

Against: Nil

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0****VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute Majority

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-100**

Moved: Cr Duncan South

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

**PART 2 – GENERAL RATES, MINIMUM PAYMENTS, INSTALMENT**

For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Part 1 above, council pursuant to Sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995* impose the following general rates and minimum payments on Gross Rental Values (GRV) and Unimproved Values (UV) properties:

(a) General Rates

- Residential Townsite (GRV) 0.0838000 cents in the dollar
- Residential Other Townsites (GRV) 0.0838000 cents in the dollar
- Commercial/ Industrial (GRV) 0.0838000 Cents in the dollar
- Rural (UV) 0.0028580 cents in the dollar
- Mining (UV) 0.0028580 cents in the dollar

## (b) Minimum Payments

- Residential Townsite (GRV) \$730
- Residential Other Townsites (GRV) \$479
- Commercial/ Industrial (GRV) \$730
- Rural (UV) \$730
- Mining (UV) \$730

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council nominates the following due dates for the payment of rates either in full or by instalments:

## (a) Option 1 (Full Payment)

Full amount of rates and charges including arrears, to be paid on or before 12 October 2026 or 35 days after the date of issue appearing on the rate notice whichever is the later.

## (b) Option 2 (Four Instalments)

- First instalment to be made on or before 12 October 2026 or 35 days after the date of issue appearing on the rate notice, whichever is later, including all arrears and a quarter of the current rates and service charges;
- Second instalment to be made on or before 11 December 2026, or 2 months after the due date of the first instalment, whichever is later;
- Third instalment to be made on or before 11 February 2027, or 2 months after the due date of the second instalment, whichever is later; and
- Fourth instalment to be made on or before 12 April 2027, or 2 months after the due date of the third instalment, whichever is later.

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an instalment administration charge of \$10 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 68, Council adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates through the instalment option.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6.51(1) and subject to Section 6.51(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an interest rate of 11% for rates and charges that remain unpaid after the due date.

***Absolute Majority Required***

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse, Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke

Against: Nil

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0**

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

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**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-101**

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Neil Morrell

**PART 3 – OTHER STATUTORY FEES FOR 2026/2027**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* Council adopts a charge of \$405 per rubbish service per annum for the removal and deposit of domestic and commercial waste.

***Simple Majority Required***

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Russell Prowse, Natalie O'Neill, Helen Lubcke

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**  
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**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

|                                                                                 | Note | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                                                  |      | \$                | \$                | \$                |
| Rates                                                                           | 2(a) | 2,408,977         | 2,253,147         | 2,252,484         |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions                                             |      | 664,452           | 2,968,230         | 1,668,654         |
| Fees and charges                                                                | 14   | 464,390           | 415,330           | 406,331           |
| Interest revenue                                                                | 9(a) | 133,971           | 184,832           | 122,314           |
| Other revenue                                                                   |      | 257,247           | 237,529           | 139,059           |
|                                                                                 |      | 3,929,037         | 6,059,068         | 4,588,842         |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                 |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Employee costs                                                                  |      | (2,404,988)       | (2,284,839)       | (2,273,833)       |
| Materials and contracts                                                         |      | (1,758,198)       | (1,342,163)       | (1,668,570)       |
| Utility charges                                                                 |      | (118,360)         | (122,892)         | (119,390)         |
| Depreciation                                                                    | 6    | (3,979,816)       | (3,776,956)       | (3,676,619)       |
| Finance costs                                                                   | 9(c) | (29,098)          | (24,256)          | (23,952)          |
| Insurance                                                                       |      | (156,959)         | (158,967)         | (157,053)         |
| Other expenditure                                                               |      | (56,345)          | (43,519)          | (83,800)          |
|                                                                                 |      | (8,503,764)       | (7,753,592)       | (8,003,217)       |
|                                                                                 |      | (4,574,727)       | (1,694,524)       | (3,414,375)       |
| Capital grants, subsidies and contributions                                     |      | 4,532,557         | 1,395,011         | 4,428,614         |
| Profit on asset disposals                                                       | 5    | 171,487           | 5,194             | 14,292            |
| Loss on asset disposals                                                         | 5    | (68,260)          | (5,107)           | (27,554)          |
| Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss |      | 0                 | 56,668            | 0                 |
|                                                                                 |      | 4,635,784         | 1,451,766         | 4,415,352         |
| <b>Net result for the period</b>                                                |      | <b>61,057</b>     | <b>(242,758)</b>  | <b>1,000,977</b>  |
| <b>Total other comprehensive income for the period</b>                          |      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>                                |      | <b>61,057</b>     | <b>(242,758)</b>  | <b>1,000,977</b>  |

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

**Receipts**

|                                     | <b>Note</b> | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Budget</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rates                               |             | \$ 2,408,977              | \$ 2,403,058              | \$ 2,227,484              |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions |             | 664,452                   | 2,848,964                 | 1,918,654                 |
| Fees and charges                    |             | 464,390                   | 415,330                   | 406,331                   |
| Interest revenue                    |             | 133,971                   | 184,832                   | 122,314                   |
| Goods and services tax received     |             | 295,000                   | 328,432                   | 295,000                   |
| Other revenue                       |             | 257,247                   | 237,529                   | 139,059                   |
|                                     |             | 4,224,037                 | 6,418,145                 | 5,108,842                 |

**Payments**

|                             |  |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee costs              |  | (2,404,988) | (2,248,559) | (2,273,833) |
| Materials and contracts     |  | (1,622,787) | (1,223,015) | (1,686,872) |
| Utility charges             |  | (118,360)   | (122,892)   | (119,390)   |
| Finance costs               |  | (29,098)    | (24,256)    | (23,952)    |
| Insurance paid              |  | (156,959)   | (158,967)   | (157,053)   |
| Goods and services tax paid |  | (295,000)   | (330,475)   | (235,000)   |
| Other expenditure           |  | (56,345)    | (43,519)    | (83,800)    |
|                             |  | (4,683,537) | (4,151,683) | (4,579,900) |

|                                                            |          |                  |                  |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>(459,500)</b> | <b>2,266,462</b> | <b>528,942</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------------|

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

|                                                                        |      |                    |                |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment                   | 5(a) | (3,544,253)        | (1,119,320)    | (4,028,421)        |
| Payments for construction of infrastructure                            | 5(b) | (2,140,831)        | (2,116,602)    | (1,662,428)        |
| Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions              |      | 2,552,786          | 3,344,584      | 4,398,416          |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment                | 5(a) | 317,600            | 44,546         | 161,364            |
| Proceeds on financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans | 7(a) | 33,136             | 32,059         | 32,059             |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>             |      | <b>(2,781,562)</b> | <b>185,267</b> | <b>(1,099,010)</b> |

**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

|                                                            |      |                 |               |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Repayment of borrowings                                    | 7(a) | (97,168)        | (91,150)      | (91,151)        |
| Proceeds from new borrowings                               | 7(a) | 0               | 110,000       | 0               |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b> |      | <b>(97,168)</b> | <b>18,850</b> | <b>(91,151)</b> |

**Net increase (decrease) in cash held**

|                                                         |          |                  |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                         |          | (3,338,230)      | 2,470,579        | (661,219)        |
| Cash at beginning of year                               |          | 5,334,081        | 2,863,502        | 2,863,502        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1,995,851</b> | <b>5,334,081</b> | <b>2,202,283</b> |

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

**Revenue from operating activities**

|                                                                                 |         |           |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| General rates                                                                   | 2(a)(i) | 2,294,906 | 2,149,440 | 2,149,187 |
| Rates excluding general rates                                                   | 2(a)    | 114,071   | 103,707   | 103,297   |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions                                             |         | 664,452   | 2,968,230 | 1,668,654 |
| Fees and charges                                                                | 14      | 464,390   | 415,330   | 406,331   |
| Interest revenue                                                                | 9(a)    | 133,971   | 184,832   | 122,314   |
| Other revenue                                                                   |         | 257,247   | 237,529   | 139,059   |
| Profit on asset disposals                                                       | 5       | 171,487   | 5,194     | 14,292    |
| Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss |         | 0         | 56,668    | 0         |

| Note | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

|  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|--|----|----|----|
|--|----|----|----|

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2,294,906 | 2,149,440 | 2,149,187 |
|  | 114,071   | 103,707   | 103,297   |
|  | 664,452   | 2,968,230 | 1,668,654 |
|  | 464,390   | 415,330   | 406,331   |
|  | 133,971   | 184,832   | 122,314   |
|  | 257,247   | 237,529   | 139,059   |
|  | 171,487   | 5,194     | 14,292    |
|  | 0         | 56,668    | 0         |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 4,100,524 | 6,120,930 | 4,603,134 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|

**Expenditure from operating activities**

|                         |      |             |             |             |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee costs          |      | (2,404,988) | (2,284,839) | (2,273,833) |
| Materials and contracts |      | (1,758,198) | (1,342,163) | (1,668,570) |
| Utility charges         |      | (118,360)   | (122,892)   | (119,390)   |
| Depreciation            | 6    | (3,979,816) | (3,776,956) | (3,676,619) |
| Finance costs           | 9(c) | (29,098)    | (24,256)    | (23,952)    |
| Insurance               |      | (156,959)   | (158,967)   | (157,053)   |
| Other expenditure       |      | (56,345)    | (43,519)    | (83,800)    |
| Loss on asset disposals | 5    | (68,260)    | (5,107)     | (27,554)    |

|  |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (2,404,988) | (2,284,839) | (2,273,833) |
|  | (1,758,198) | (1,342,163) | (1,668,570) |
|  | (118,360)   | (122,892)   | (119,390)   |
|  | (3,979,816) | (3,776,956) | (3,676,619) |
|  | (29,098)    | (24,256)    | (23,952)    |
|  | (156,959)   | (158,967)   | (157,053)   |
|  | (56,345)    | (43,519)    | (83,800)    |
|  | (68,260)    | (5,107)     | (27,554)    |

|  |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (8,572,024) | (7,758,699) | (8,030,771) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|

Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities

|      |           |           |           |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 3(c) | 3,876,589 | 3,799,035 | 3,689,881 |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

**Amount attributable to operating activities**

|  |           |           |         |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
|  | (594,911) | 2,161,266 | 262,244 |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|

**INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

**Inflows from investing activities**

|                                                                          |      |           |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions                |      | 4,532,557 | 1,395,011 | 4,428,614 |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment                  | 5(a) | 317,600   | 44,546    | 161,364   |
| Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans | 7(a) | 33,136    | 32,059    | 32,059    |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 4,532,557 | 1,395,011 | 4,428,614 |
|  | 317,600   | 44,546    | 161,364   |
|  | 33,136    | 32,059    | 32,059    |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 4,883,293 | 1,471,616 | 4,622,037 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|

**Outflows from investing activities**

|                                                                 |      |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment                    | 5(a) | (3,544,253) | (1,119,320) | (4,028,421) |
| Acquisition of infrastructure                                   | 5(b) | (2,140,831) | (2,116,602) | (1,662,428) |
| Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits |      | 0           | 0           |             |

|  |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (3,544,253) | (1,119,320) | (4,028,421) |
|  | (2,140,831) | (2,116,602) | (1,662,428) |
|  | 0           | 0           |             |

|  |             |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (5,685,084) | (3,235,922) | (5,690,849) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|

**Amount attributable to investing activities**

|  |           |             |             |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (801,791) | (1,764,306) | (1,068,812) |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|

**FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

**Inflows from financing activities**

|                                 |      |         |         |           |
|---------------------------------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Proceeds from new borrowings    | 7(a) | 0       | 110,000 | 0         |
| Transfers from reserve accounts | 8(a) | 488,678 | 961,149 | 1,016,027 |

|  |         |         |           |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|
|  | 0       | 110,000 | 0         |
|  | 488,678 | 961,149 | 1,016,027 |

|  |         |           |           |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 488,678 | 1,071,149 | 1,016,027 |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|

**Outflows from financing activities**

|                               |      |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Repayment of borrowings       | 7(a) | (97,168)  | (91,150)  | (91,151)  |
| Transfers to reserve accounts | 8(a) | (822,928) | (408,860) | (956,688) |

|  |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | (97,168)  | (91,150)  | (91,151)  |
|  | (822,928) | (408,860) | (956,688) |

|  |           |           |             |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|  | (920,096) | (500,010) | (1,047,839) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|

**Amount attributable to financing activities**

|  |           |         |          |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|
|  | (431,418) | 571,139 | (31,812) |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|

**MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT**

**Surplus remaining at the start of the financial year**

Amount attributable to operating activities

|   |           |         |         |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|
| 3 | 1,828,120 | 860,021 | 838,380 |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|

Amount attributable to investing activities

|  |           |           |         |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|
|  | (594,911) | 2,161,266 | 262,244 |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|

Amount attributable to financing activities

|  |           |             |             |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|
|  | (801,791) | (1,764,306) | (1,068,812) |
|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|

Amount attributable to financing activities

|  |           |         |          |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|
|  | (431,418) | 571,139 | (31,812) |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|

**Surplus remaining after the imposition of general rates**

|   |   |           |   |
|---|---|-----------|---|
| 3 | 0 | 1,828,120 | 0 |
|---|---|-----------|---|

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027  
INDEX OF NOTES TO THE BUDGET**

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**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR  
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

**1 BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The annual budget of the Shire of West Arthur which is a Class 4 local government is a forward looking document and 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 annual budget 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 Leases which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 11 to the annual budget.

**2025/26 actual balances**

Balances shown in this budget as 2025/26 Actual are estimates as forecast at the time of preparation of the annual budget and are subject to final adjustments.

**Budget comparative figures**

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in the budget relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

**Comparative figures**

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**Rounding off figures**

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

**Statement of Cashflows**

Investing and financing transactions that do not require the use of cash or cash equivalents shall be excluded from a statement of cash flows. Such transactions shall be disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements in a way that provides all the relevant information about these investing and financing activities.

**Initial application of accounting standards**

During the budget year, the below revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations are expected to be compiled, become mandatory and be applicable to its operations.

- AASB 2026-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures about Uncertainties in the Financial Statements
  - AASB 2024-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments
  - AASB 2024-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Standards – Annual Improvements Volume 11
  - AASB 2025-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity
- It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget on initial application.

**New accounting standards for application in future years**

The following new accounting standards will have application to local government in future years:

- AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture
  - AASB 2024-4b Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 [deferred AASB 10 and AASB 128 amendments in AASB 2014-10 apply]
- It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget on initial application.
- AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements
  - AASB 18 (NFP/super) Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – (Appendix D) [for not-for-profit and superannuation entities]
- These accounting standards will materially change the presentation of the annual financial report and annual budget

**Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The annual budget is a forward-looking statement and is comprised of management estimates. As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the annual budget.

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

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
  - Property, plant and equipment
  - Infrastructure
  - Expected credit losses on financial assets
  - Assets held for sale
  - Impairment losses of non-financial assets
  - Measurement of employee benefits
  - Measurement of provisions

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**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

**(a) Rating Information**

| Rate Description                                | Basis of valuation     | Rate in dollar    | Number of properties | Rateable value* | 2026/27 Budgeted rate revenue | 2026/27 Budgeted interim rates | 2026/27 Budgeted total revenue | 2025/26 Actual total revenue | 2025/26 Budget total revenue |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                 |                        |                   |                      | \$              | \$                            | \$                             | \$                             | \$                           | \$                           |
| <b>(i) General rates</b>                        |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
| GRV Townsite                                    | Gross rental valuation | 0.083800          | 96                   | 1,067,506       | 89,457                        | 0                              | 89,457                         | 82,300                       | 82,123                       |
| GRV Commercial                                  | Gross rental valuation | 0.083800          | 11                   | 228,540         | 19,152                        | 0                              | 19,152                         | 17,582                       | 17,582                       |
| GRV Industrial                                  | Gross rental valuation | 0.083800          | 5                    | 102,960         | 8,628                         | 0                              | 8,628                          | 7,921                        | 7,921                        |
| GRV Other Townsite                              | Gross rental valuation | 0.083800          | 17                   | 137,800         | 11,548                        | 0                              | 11,548                         | 9,689                        | 9,689                        |
| UV Rural                                        | Unimproved valuation   | 0.002858          | 361                  | 757,915,000     | 2,166,121                     | 0                              | 2,166,121                      | 2,031,948                    | 2,031,872                    |
| <b>Total general rates</b>                      |                        |                   | 490                  | 759,451,806     | 2,294,906                     | 0                              | 2,294,906                      | 2,149,440                    | 2,149,187                    |
| <b>(ii) Minimum payment</b>                     |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
|                                                 |                        | <b>Minimum \$</b> |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
| GRV Townsite                                    | Gross rental valuation | 730.00            | 35                   | 128,041         | 25,550                        | 0                              | 25,550                         | 23,555                       | 23,555                       |
| GRV Commercial                                  | Gross rental valuation | 730.00            | 10                   | 32,695          | 7,300                         | 0                              | 7,300                          | 6,730                        | 6,730                        |
| GRV Industrial                                  | Gross rental valuation | 730.00            | 5                    | 25,810          | 3,650                         | 0                              | 3,650                          | 3,365                        | 3,365                        |
| GRV Other Townsite                              | Gross rental valuation | 479.00            | 17                   | 8,655           | 8,143                         | 0                              | 8,143                          | 8,949                        | 8,949                        |
| UV Rural                                        | Unimproved valuation   | 730.00            | 89                   | 14,246,767      | 64,970                        | 0                              | 64,970                         | 56,942                       | 56,532                       |
| <b>Total minimum payments</b>                   |                        |                   | 156                  | 14,441,968      | 109,613                       | 0                              | 109,613                        | 99,541                       | 99,131                       |
| <b>Total general rates and minimum payments</b> |                        |                   | 646                  | 773,893,774     | 2,404,519                     | 0                              | 2,404,519                      | 2,248,981                    | 2,248,318                    |
| <b>(iii) Ex-gratia rates</b>                    |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
| Ex-gratia rates                                 |                        |                   |                      |                 | 4,458                         |                                | 4,458                          | 4,166                        | 4,166                        |
| <b>Total rates</b>                              |                        |                   |                      |                 | 2,408,977                     | 0                              | 2,408,977                      | 2,253,147                    | 2,252,484                    |
| Instalment plan charges                         |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 1,900                          | 1,914                        | 1,932                        |
| Instalment plan interest                        |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 5,500                          | 3,206                        | 2,773                        |
| Late payment of rate or service charge interest |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 15,000                         | 16,062                       | 17,216                       |
|                                                 |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 22,400                         | 21,182                       | 21,921                       |

The Shire did not raise specified area rates for the year ended 30th June 2027.

\*Rateable Value at time of adopting budget.

All rateable properties within the district used predominately for non-rural purposes are rated according to their Gross Rental Valuation (GRV), all other properties are rated according to their Unimproved Valuation (UV).

The general rates detailed for the 2026/27 financial year have been determined by Council on the basis of raising the revenue required to meet the estimated deficiency between the total estimated expenditure proposed in the budget and the estimated revenue to be received from all sources other than general rates and also considering the extent of any increase in rating over the level adopted in the previous year.

The minimum payments have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services/facilities.

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**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)**

**(b) Interest Charges and Instalments - Rates and Service Charges**

The following instalment options are available to ratepayers for the payment of rates and service charges.

| Instalment options  | Date due   | Instalment plan<br>admin charge | Instalment plan<br>interest rate | Unpaid rates<br>interest rates |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                     |            | \$                              | %                                | %                              |
| <b>Option one</b>   |            |                                 |                                  |                                |
| Single full payment | 12/10/2026 | 0                               | 5.5%                             | 11.0%                          |
| <b>Option two</b>   |            |                                 |                                  |                                |
| First instalment    | 12/10/2026 | 0                               | 5.5%                             | 11.0%                          |
| Second instalment   | 11/12/2026 | 10                              | 5.5%                             | 11.0%                          |
| Third instalment    | 11/02/2027 | 10                              | 5.5%                             | 11.0%                          |
| Fourth instalment   | 12/04/2027 | 10                              | 5.5%                             | 11.0%                          |

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**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)**

**(c) Service Charges**

The Shire did not raise service charges for the year ended 30th June 2027.

**(d) Waivers or concessions**

The Shire does not anticipate any waivers or concessions for the year ended 30th June 2027.

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**3. NET CURRENT ASSETS**

**(a) Composition of estimated net current assets**

**Current assets**

Cash and cash equivalents  
Financial assets  
Receivables  
Inventories  
Other assets  
Non-current assets held for sale

**Less: current liabilities**

Trade and other payables  
Capital grant/contributions liabilities  
Long term borrowings  
Employee provisions

**Net current assets**

**Less: Total adjustments to net current assets**

**Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity**

**(b) 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.

**Adjustments to net current assets**

Less: Reserve accounts  
Less: Current assets not expected to be received at end of year  
- Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans  
- Inventory - land held for resale  
- Assets held for sale  
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year  
- Current portion of borrowings  
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions

**Total adjustments to net current assets**

| Note | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>30 June 2027<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|      | \$                                                   | \$                                                   | \$                                                   |
| 4    | 1,995,851                                            | 5,334,081                                            | 2,202,283                                            |
|      | 34,250                                               | 33,136                                               | 33,136                                               |
|      | 185,705                                              | 185,705                                              | 202,562                                              |
|      | 102,294                                              | 102,294                                              | 100,597                                              |
|      | 2,288                                                | 137,699                                              | 3,936                                                |
|      | 65,107                                               | 65,107                                               | 0                                                    |
|      | 2,385,495                                            | 5,858,022                                            | 2,542,514                                            |
|      | (312,746)                                            | (312,746)                                            | (334,729)                                            |
|      | 0                                                    | (1,979,771)                                          | 0                                                    |
| 7    | (99,115)                                             | (97,168)                                             | (88,646)                                             |
|      | (413,858)                                            | (413,858)                                            | (366,876)                                            |
|      | (825,719)                                            | (2,803,543)                                          | (790,251)                                            |
|      | 1,559,776                                            | 3,054,479                                            | 1,752,263                                            |
| 3(b) | (1,559,776)                                          | (1,226,359)                                          | (1,752,263)                                          |
|      | 0                                                    | 1,828,120                                            | 0                                                    |
| 8    | (2,001,754)                                          | (1,667,504)                                          | (2,160,454)                                          |
|      | (34,250)                                             | (33,136)                                             | (33,136)                                             |
|      | (79,118)                                             | (79,118)                                             | (79,118)                                             |
|      | (65,107)                                             | (65,107)                                             | 0                                                    |
|      | 99,115                                               | 97,168                                               | 88,646                                               |
|      | 521,338                                              | 521,338                                              | 431,799                                              |
|      | (1,559,776)                                          | (1,226,359)                                          | (1,752,263)                                          |

**EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE IN SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)**

**Items excluded from calculation of budgeted deficiency**

When calculating the budget deficiency for the purpose of Section 6.2 (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following amounts have been excluded as provided by *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 32* which will not fund the budgeted expenditure.

**(c) Amounts excluded from operating activities**

Less: Profit on asset disposals  
Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit and loss  
Add: Loss on asset disposals  
Add: Depreciation  
Movement in current liabilities:  
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions  
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:  
- Employee benefit provisions

**Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities**

| Note | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>30 June 2027<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|      | \$                                                   | \$                                                   | \$                                                   |
| 5    | (171,487)                                            | (5,194)                                              | (14,292)                                             |
|      | 0                                                    | (56,668)                                             | 0                                                    |
| 5    | 68,260                                               | 5,107                                                | 27,554                                               |
| 6    | 3,979,816                                            | 3,776,956                                            | 3,676,619                                            |
|      | 0                                                    | 84,195                                               | 0                                                    |
|      | 0                                                    | (5,361)                                              | 0                                                    |
|      | 3,876,589                                            | 3,799,035                                            | 3,689,881                                            |

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**3. NET CURRENT ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

**(d) MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION**

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current or non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

**TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year 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.

**PREPAID RATES**

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire recognises revenue for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

**INVENTORIES**

**General**

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.

**INVENTORY - LAND HELD FOR RESALE**

Land held for development and sale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development. Finance costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss at the time of signing an unconditional contract of sale if significant risks and rewards, and effective control over the land, are passed on to the buyer at this point.

Inventory - land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

**SUPERANNUATION**

The Shire contributes to a number of superannuation funds on behalf of employees and council members. All funds to which the Shire contributes are defined contribution plans.

**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

**CONTRACT LIABILITIES**

Contract liabilities represent the Shire's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Shire has received consideration from the customer.

Contract liabilities represent obligations which are not yet satisfied. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

**TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

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

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional, unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value.

Trade 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.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

The Shire applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, rates receivable are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security for rates receivable.

**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 BENEFITS**

**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 determination of the net current asset position.

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the determination of the net current asset position.

**Other long-term employee benefits**

Long-term employee benefits provisions 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 ASSETS**

Contract assets primarily relate to the Shire's right to consideration for work completed but not billed at the end of the period.

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**4. RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

**(a) Reconciliation of cash**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Estimated cash at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Note | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                                                          |      | \$ 1,995,851      | \$ 5,334,081      | \$ 2,202,283      |
| <b>Restrictions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |      |                   |                   |                   |
| The following classes of financial assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used: |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                                                          |      | 2,001,754         | 3,647,275         | 2,160,454         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |      | 2,001,754         | 3,647,275         | 2,160,454         |
| The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:                                                                                   |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Reserve accounts                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8    | 2,001,754         | 1,667,504         | 2,160,454         |
| Contract liabilities                                                                                                                                                                               |      | 0                 | 0                 |                   |
| Capital grant/contributions liabilities                                                                                                                                                            |      | 0                 | 1,979,771         |                   |
| <b>Total restricted financial assets</b>                                                                                                                                                           |      | 2,001,754         | 3,647,275         | 2,160,454         |
| <b>(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities</b>                                                                                                                             |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Net result                                                                                                                                                                                         |      | 61,057            | (242,758)         | 1,000,977         |
| Non-cash items:                                                                                                                                                                                    |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Depreciation                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6    | 3,979,816         | 3,776,956         | 3,676,619         |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of assets                                                                                                                                                                    | 5    | (103,227)         | (87)              | 13,262            |
| Adjustments to fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss                                                                                                                |      | 0                 | (56,668)          | 0                 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:                                                                                                                                                                 |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Decrease in receivables                                                                                                                                                                            |      | 0                 | 28,602            | 285,000           |
| (Increase)/decrease in inventories                                                                                                                                                                 |      | 0                 | (197)             | 1,500             |
| Decrease in other assets                                                                                                                                                                           |      | 135,411           | 202,978           |                   |
| (Decrease) in trade and other payables                                                                                                                                                             |      | 0                 | (83,633)          | (19,802)          |
| Increase/(decrease) in capital grant/contributions liabilities                                                                                                                                     |      | (1,979,771)       | 1,949,573         | (30,198)          |
| Increase in employee related provisions                                                                                                                                                            |      | 0                 | 36,280            |                   |
| Capital grants, subsidies and contributions                                                                                                                                                        |      | (2,552,786)       | (3,344,584)       | (4,398,416)       |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities                                                                                                                                                |      | (459,500)         | 2,266,462         | 528,942           |

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES**

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

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

Term deposits are presented as cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition and are repayable with 24 hours notice with no loss of interest.

Bank overdrafts are shown as short term borrowings in current liabilities in Note 3 - Net Current Assets.

**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.

Interest received is presented under cashflows from operating activities in the Statement of Cash Flows where it is earned from financial assets that are held for cash management purposes.

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5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|                                          | 2026/27 Budget   |                                  |                                 |                       |                     | 2025/26 Actual   |                                  |                                 |                       |                     | 2025/26 Budget   |                                  |                                 |                       |                     |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                          | Additions        | Disposals -<br>Net Book<br>Value | Disposals -<br>Sale<br>Proceeds | Disposals -<br>Profit | Disposals -<br>Loss | Additions        | Disposals -<br>Net Book<br>Value | Disposals -<br>Sale<br>Proceeds | Disposals -<br>Profit | Disposals -<br>Loss | Additions        | Disposals -<br>Net Book<br>Value | Disposals -<br>Sale<br>Proceeds | Disposals -<br>Profit | Disposals -<br>Loss |
| <b>(a) Property, Plant and Equipment</b> | \$               | \$                               | \$                              | \$                    | \$                  | \$               | \$                               | \$                              | \$                    | \$                  | \$               | \$                               | \$                              | \$                    | \$                  |
| Land - freehold land                     | 2,879,451        | (112,874)                        | 115,000                         | 56,162                | (54,036)            | 390,708          | 0                                | 0                               |                       | 0                   | 3,164,890        | (64,059)                         | 50,000                          | 0                     | (14,059)            |
| Buildings - non-specialised              | 50,027           | 0                                | 0                               |                       | 0                   | 59,544           | 0                                | 0                               |                       | 0                   | 114,525          | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| Buildings - specialised                  | 25,000           | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 48,289           | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 0                | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| Furniture and equipment                  | 7,500            | 0                                | 0                               |                       | 0                   | 6,361            | 0                                | 0                               |                       | 0                   | 6,000            | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| Plant and equipment                      | 582,275          | (101,499)                        | 202,600                         | 115,325               | (14,224)            | 614,418          | (44,459)                         | 44,546                          | 5,194                 | (5,107)             | 743,006          | (110,567)                        | 111,364                         | 14,292                | (13,495)            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>3,544,253</b> | <b>(214,373)</b>                 | <b>317,600</b>                  | <b>171,487</b>        | <b>(68,260)</b>     | <b>1,119,320</b> | <b>(44,459)</b>                  | <b>44,546</b>                   | <b>5,194</b>          | <b>(5,107)</b>      | <b>4,028,421</b> | <b>(174,626)</b>                 | <b>161,364</b>                  | <b>14,292</b>         | <b>(27,554)</b>     |
| <b>(b) Infrastructure</b>                |                  |                                  |                                 |                       |                     |                  |                                  |                                 |                       |                     |                  |                                  |                                 |                       |                     |
| Infrastructure - roads                   | 1,228,991        | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 1,129,955        | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 1,337,741        | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - other                   | 690,180          | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 192,380          | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 324,687          | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - bridges                 | 221,660          | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 794,267          | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 0                | 0                                | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>2,140,831</b> | <b>0</b>                         | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>            | <b>2,116,602</b> | <b>0</b>                         | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>            | <b>1,662,428</b> | <b>0</b>                         | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>5,685,084</b> | <b>(214,373)</b>                 | <b>317,600</b>                  | <b>171,487</b>        | <b>(68,260)</b>     | <b>3,235,922</b> | <b>(44,459)</b>                  | <b>44,546</b>                   | <b>5,194</b>          | <b>(5,107)</b>      | <b>5,690,849</b> | <b>(174,626)</b>                 | <b>161,364</b>                  | <b>14,292</b>         | <b>(27,554)</b>     |

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

RECOGNITION OF ASSETS

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.

GAINS AND LOSSES ON DISPOSAL

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in profit or loss in the period which they arise.

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**6. DEPRECIATION**

**By Class**

Buildings - non-specialised  
Buildings - specialised  
Furniture and equipment  
Plant and equipment  
Infrastructure - roads  
Infrastructure - Other  
Infrastructure - bridges

**By Program**

Governance  
General purpose funding  
Law, order, public safety  
Health  
Housing  
Community amenities  
Recreation and culture  
Transport  
Economic services  
Other property and services

| 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$                | \$                | \$                |
| 48,036            | 48,210            | 34,726            |
| 252,394           | 221,018           | 219,967           |
| 43,164            | 37,985            | 11,373            |
| 475,029           | 461,919           | 423,596           |
| 2,054,325         | 1,954,534         | 1,947,796         |
| 257,832           | 219,886           | 207,462           |
| 849,036           | 833,404           | 831,699           |
| 3,979,816         | 3,776,956         | 3,676,619         |
| 6,214             | 6,214             | 0                 |
| 0                 |                   | 437               |
| 113,950           | 113,949           | 78,313            |
| 44,700            | 44,700            | 44,700            |
| 11,892            | 11,892            | 11,892            |
| 23,398            | 22,539            | 8,053             |
| 353,171           | 294,075           | 295,615           |
| 2,924,425         | 2,809,017         | 2,802,448         |
| 56,025            | 41,405            | 35,744            |
| 446,041           | 433,165           | 399,417           |
| 3,979,816         | 3,776,956         | 3,676,619         |

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**DEPRECIATION**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Major depreciation periods used for each class of depreciable asset are:

|                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Buildings                                | 30 to 100 years |
| Furniture and equipment                  | 4 to 10 years   |
| Plant and equipment                      | 5 to 15 years   |
| Sealed roads and streets                 |                 |
| formation                                | not depreciated |
| pavement                                 | 70 years        |
| seal                                     |                 |
| bituminous seals                         | 15 to 25 years  |
| asphalt surfaces                         | 15 to 25 years  |
| Gravel roads                             |                 |
| formation                                | not depreciated |
| pavement                                 | 50 years        |
| gravel sheeting                          | 10 to 15 years  |
| Formed roads (unsealed)                  |                 |
| formation                                | not depreciated |
| pavement                                 | 50 years        |
| Footpaths - slab                         | 20 years        |
| Sewerage piping                          | 100 years       |
| Water supply piping and drainage system: | 75 years        |
| Bridges                                  | 60 to 90 years  |

**AMORTISATION**

The depreciable amount of all intangible assets with a finite useful life, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held for use.

The assets residual value of intangible assets is considered to be zero and useful live and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each financial year.

Amortisation is included within Depreciation on non-current assets in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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7. BORROWINGS

(a) Borrowing repayments

Movement in borrowings and interest between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

| Purpose                      | Loan Number | Institution | Interest Rate | Budget Principal 1 July 2026 | 2026/27 Budget New Loans | 2026/27 Budget Principal Repayments | Budget Principal outstanding 30 June 2027 | 2026/27 Budget Interest Repayments | Actual Principal 1 July 2025 | 2025/26 Actual New Loans | 2025/26 Actual Principal Repayments | Actual Principal outstanding 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Actual Interest Repayments | Budget Principal 1 July 2025 | 2025/26 Budget New Loans | 2025/26 Budget Principal Repayments | Budget Principal outstanding 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Budget Interest Repayments |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                              |             |             |               | \$                           | \$                       | \$                                  | \$                                        | \$                                 | \$                           | \$                       | \$                                  | \$                                        | \$                                 | \$                           | \$                       | \$                                  | \$                                        | \$                                 |
| Industrial Land              | 72          | WATC        | 3.3%          | 0                            | 0                        | 0                                   | 0                                         | 0                                  | 5,798                        | 0                        | (5,798)                             | 0                                         | (391)                              | 5,798                        | 0                        | (5,798)                             | 0                                         | (86)                               |
| ERP                          | 75          | WATC        | 4.1%          | 89,697                       | 0                        | (28,665)                            | 61,032                                    | (3,854)                            | 117,196                      | 0                        | (27,499)                            | 89,697                                    | (5,216)                            | 117,196                      | 0                        | (27,499)                            | 89,697                                    | (5,216)                            |
| Loader                       | 74          | WATC        | 4.0%          | 178,339                      | 0                        | (26,845)                            | 151,494                                   | (7,914)                            | 204,133                      | 0                        | (25,794)                            | 178,339                                   | (9,145)                            | 204,133                      | 0                        | (25,795)                            | 178,338                                   | (9,145)                            |
| Industrial Land              | 75          | WATC        | 5.4%          | 110,000                      | 0                        | (8,522)                             | 101,478                                   | (9,131)                            | 0                            | 110,000                  | 0                                   | 110,000                                   | 0                                  | 0                            | 0                        | 0                                   | 0                                         | 0                                  |
|                              |             |             |               | 378,036                      | 0                        | (64,032)                            | 314,004                                   | (20,899)                           | 327,127                      | 110,000                  | (59,091)                            | 378,036                                   | (14,752)                           | 327,127                      | 0                        | (59,092)                            | 268,035                                   | (14,447)                           |
| <b>Self Supporting Loans</b> |             |             |               |                              |                          |                                     |                                           |                                    |                              |                          |                                     |                                           |                                    |                              |                          |                                     |                                           |                                    |
| WA Cottage Homes             | 73          | WATC        | 3.3%          | 216,292                      | 0                        | (33,136)                            | 183,156                                   | (8,199)                            | 248,351                      | 0                        | (32,059)                            | 216,292                                   | (9,504)                            | 248,351                      | 0                        | (32,059)                            | 216,292                                   | (9,505)                            |
|                              |             |             |               | 216,292                      | 0                        | (33,136)                            | 183,156                                   | (8,199)                            | 248,351                      | 0                        | (32,059)                            | 216,292                                   | (9,504)                            | 248,351                      | 0                        | (32,059)                            | 216,292                                   | (9,505)                            |
|                              |             |             |               | 594,328                      | 0                        | (97,168)                            | 497,160                                   | (29,098)                           | 575,478                      | 110,000                  | (91,150)                            | 594,328                                   | (24,256)                           | 575,478                      | 0                        | (91,151)                            | 484,327                                   | (23,952)                           |

All borrowing repayments, other than self supporting loans, will be financed by general purpose revenue.  
The self supporting loan(s) repayment will be fully reimbursed.

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**7. BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)**

**(b) New borrowings - 2026/27**

The Shire does not intend to undertake any new borrowings for the year ended 30th June 2027

**(c) Unspent borrowings**

The Shire had no unspent borrowing funds as at 30th June 2026 nor is it expected to have unspent borrowing funds as at 30th June 2027.

**(d) Credit Facilities**

|                                        | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Budget</b> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                        | \$                        | \$                        | \$                        |
| <b>Undrawn borrowing facilities</b>    |                           |                           |                           |
| <b>credit standby arrangements</b>     |                           |                           |                           |
| Bank overdraft limit                   | 150,000                   | 150,000                   | 150,000                   |
| Bank overdraft at balance date         | 0                         | 0                         | 0                         |
| Credit card limit                      | 15,000                    | 15,000                    | 15,000                    |
| Credit card balance at balance date    | 0                         | (225)                     | 0                         |
| <b>Total amount of credit unused</b>   | <b>165,000</b>            | <b>164,775</b>            | <b>165,000</b>            |
| <b>Loan facilities</b>                 |                           |                           |                           |
| Loan facilities in use at balance date | 497,160                   | 594,328                   | 484,327                   |

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BORROWING COSTS**

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

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

Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

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8. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

(a) Reserve Accounts - Movement

|                                               | 2026/27 Budget  |             |                 |                 | 2025/26 Actual  |             |                 |                 | 2025/26 Budget  |             |                 |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                               | Opening Balance | Transfer to | Transfer (from) | Closing Balance | Opening Balance | Transfer to | Transfer (from) | Closing Balance | Opening Balance | Transfer to | Transfer (from) | Closing Balance |
|                                               | \$              | \$          | \$              | \$              | \$              | \$          | \$              | \$              | \$              | \$          | \$              | \$              |
| <b>Restricted by council</b>                  |                 |             |                 |                 |                 |             |                 |                 |                 |             |                 |                 |
| (a) Leave Reserve                             | 102,379         | 188,323     | (15,366)        | 275,336         | 37,034          | 65,345      | 0               | 102,379         | 37,034          | 41,243      | 0               | 78,277          |
| (b) Plant Reserve                             | 390,085         | 321,603     | (374,400)       | 337,288         | 735,456         | 227,746     | (573,117)       | 390,085         | 735,456         | 224,675     | (652,420)       | 307,711         |
| (c) Building Reserve                          | 26,861          | 157,074     | (25,000)        | 158,935         | 83,703          | 3,158       | (60,000)        | 26,861          | 83,703          | 2,808       | (80,000)        | 6,511           |
| (d) Town Development Reserve                  | 1,794           | 72          | 0               | 1,866           | 1,728           | 66          | 0               | 1,794           | 1,728           | 58          | 0               | 1,786           |
| (e) Recreation Reserve                        | 27,248          | 1,090       | 0               | 28,338          | 41,676          | 1,572       | (16,000)        | 27,248          | 41,676          | 1,398       | (16,000)        | 27,074          |
| (f) Heritage Reserve                          | 8,308           | 332         | 0               | 8,640           | 7,437           | 871         | 0               | 8,308           | 7,437           | 250         | 0               | 7,687           |
| (g) Community Housing Reserve                 | 225,190         | 15,008      | (5,000)         | 235,198         | 205,439         | 19,751      | 0               | 225,190         | 205,439         | 18,893      | 0               | 224,332         |
| (h) Waste Management Reserve                  | 132,993         | 5,320       | 0               | 138,313         | 128,158         | 4,835       | 0               | 132,993         | 128,158         | 4,300       | 0               | 132,458         |
| (i) Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve              | 32,921          | 51,317      | (30,000)        | 54,238          | 41,361          | 1,560       | (10,000)        | 32,921          | 41,361          | 1,388       | (10,000)        | 32,749          |
| (j) Information Technology Reserve            | 23,002          | 920         | 0               | 23,922          | 22,166          | 836         | 0               | 23,002          | 22,166          | 744         | 0               | 22,910          |
| (k) Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve | 250,416         | 50,016      | 0               | 300,432         | 270,835         | 50,218      | (70,637)        | 250,416         | 270,835         | 49,087      | 0               | 319,922         |
| (l) Arthur River Country Club Reserve         | 72,664          | 8,907       | 0               | 81,571          | 64,240          | 8,424       | 0               | 72,664          | 64,240          | 8,155       | 0               | 72,395          |
| (m) Museum Reserve                            | 136,716         | 5,469       | (5,000)         | 137,185         | 136,563         | 5,153       | (5,000)         | 136,716         | 136,563         | 4,582       | (5,000)         | 136,145         |
| (n) Moodiarup Sports Club Reserve             | 29,687          | 6,187       | 0               | 35,874          | 26,680          | 3,007       | 0               | 29,687          | 26,680          | 5,895       | 0               | 32,575          |
| (o) Landcare Reserve                          | 22,442          | 898         | 0               | 23,340          | 21,626          | 816         | 0               | 22,442          | 21,626          | 726         | (8,000)         | 14,352          |
| (p) Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve  | 5,224           | 209         | 0               | 5,433           | 5,034           | 190         | 0               | 5,224           | 5,034           | 169         | 0               | 5,203           |
| (q) Kids Central Reserve                      | 8,590           | 344         | (1,500)         | 7,434           | 7,971           | 619         | 0               | 8,590           | 7,971           | 267         | 0               | 8,238           |
| (r) The Shed Reserve                          | 14,220          | 569         | (1,000)         | 13,789          | 13,455          | 765         | 0               | 14,220          | 13,455          | 451         | 0               | 13,906          |
| (s) Recreation Trails Reserve                 | 2,934           | 117         | 0               | 3,051           | 2,827           | 107         | 0               | 2,934           | 2,827           | 95          | 0               | 2,922           |
| (t) Community Gym Reserve                     | 12,466          | 3,499       | 0               | 15,965          | 15,098          | 568         | (3,200)         | 12,466          | 15,098          | 507         | (10,000)        | 5,605           |
| (u) Economic Development Reserve              | 50,202          | 2,008       | (31,412)        | 20,798          | 86,456          | 3,261       | (39,515)        | 50,202          | 86,456          | 3,303       | (50,927)        | 38,832          |
| (v) Road Reserve                              | 91,162          | 3,646       | 0               | 94,808          | 264,850         | 9,992       | (183,680)       | 91,162          | 264,850         | 587,694     | (183,680)       | 668,864         |
|                                               | 1,667,504       | 822,928     | (488,678)       | 2,001,754       | 2,219,793       | 408,860     | (961,149)       | 1,667,504       | 2,219,793       | 956,688     | (1,016,027)     | 2,160,454       |

(b) Reserve Accounts - Purposes

In accordance with Council resolutions in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside are as follows:

| Reserve name                                  | Anticipated date of use | Purpose of the reserve                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Restricted by legislation</b>              |                         |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Restricted by council</b>                  |                         |                                                                                                                                                            |
| (a) Leave Reserve                             | Ongoing                 | To be used to fund long service leave and annual leave requirements                                                                                        |
| (b) Plant Reserve                             | Ongoing                 | To be used for the purchase of major plant                                                                                                                 |
| (c) Building Reserve                          | Ongoing                 | To be used for the construction and maintenance of Council buildings                                                                                       |
| (d) Town Development Reserve                  | Ongoing                 | To be used to enhance town infrastructure                                                                                                                  |
| (e) Recreation Reserve                        | Ongoing                 | To be used to enhance recreation infrastructure                                                                                                            |
| (f) Heritage Reserve                          | Ongoing                 | To be used to maintain and improve the heritage buildings of the Shire                                                                                     |
| (g) Community Housing Reserve                 | Ongoing                 | To be used for the maintenance and provision of housing within the Shire                                                                                   |
| (h) Waste Management Reserve                  | Ongoing                 | To assist with funding future infrastructure requirements for waste management and to provide for the costs of closing landfill sites within the district. |
| (i) Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve              | Ongoing                 | To be used to assist with funding works at the Darkan Swimming Pool                                                                                        |
| (j) Information Technology Reserve            | Ongoing                 | To be used for upgrades to computers and office equipment                                                                                                  |
| (k) Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve | Ongoing                 | To be used to maintain and improve the Darkan Sport and Community Centre                                                                                   |
| (l) Arthur River Country Club Reserve         | Ongoing                 | To be used to maintain and improve the Arthur River Country Club                                                                                           |
| (m) Museum Reserve                            | Ongoing                 | To be used to maintain and to provide new displays in the Museum                                                                                           |
| (n) Moodiarup Sports Club Reserve             | Ongoing                 | To be used to maintain and improve the Moodiarup Sports Club                                                                                               |
| (o) Landcare Reserve                          | Ongoing                 | To be used to fund the landcare expenditure of the Shire                                                                                                   |
| (p) Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve  | Ongoing                 | To be used to fund the corporate planning and valuation expenditure of the Shire                                                                           |
| (q) Kids Central Reserve                      | Ongoing                 | To be used to fund the renewal of equipment and infrastructure                                                                                             |
| (r) The Shed Reserve                          | Ongoing                 | To be used to fund the renewal of equipment and infrastructure                                                                                             |
| (s) Recreation Trails Reserve                 | Ongoing                 | To be used for the construction and maintenance of recreation trails                                                                                       |
| (t) Community Gym Reserve                     | Ongoing                 | To be used for the renewal of gym equipment and activities                                                                                                 |
| (u) Economic Development Reserve              | Ongoing                 | To be used for economic development initiatives that benefit the Shire                                                                                     |
| (v) Road Reserve                              | Ongoing                 | To be used to fund road improvements or urgent repairs                                                                                                     |

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**9. OTHER INFORMATION**

**The net result includes as revenues**

**(a) Interest earnings**

|                        |         |         |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Investments            | 113,471 | 165,564 | 102,325 |
| Other interest revenue | 20,500  | 19,268  | 19,989  |
|                        | 133,971 | 184,832 | 122,314 |

**The net result includes as expenses**

**(b) Auditors remuneration**

|                |        |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Audit services | 52,000 | 50,671 | 50,000 |
|                | 52,000 | 50,671 | 50,000 |

**(c) Interest expenses (finance costs)**

|                              |        |        |        |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Borrowings (refer Note 7(a)) | 29,098 | 24,256 | 23,952 |
|                              | 29,098 | 24,256 | 23,952 |

**(d) Write offs**

|              |   |        |   |
|--------------|---|--------|---|
| General rate | 0 | 94,088 | 0 |
|              | 0 | 94,088 | 0 |

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**10. COUNCIL MEMBERS REMUNERATION**

|                                          | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                          | \$                | \$                | \$                |
| <b>President</b>                         |                   |                   |                   |
| President's allowance                    | 6,400             | 6,400             | 6,400             |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 5,000             | 5,200             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 535               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 721               | 1,918             | 2,200             |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 1,349             | 1,392             |
|                                          | 12,304            | 15,202            | 15,727            |
| <b>Deputy President</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Deputy President's allowance             | 1,600             | 1,200             | 1,600             |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 3,460             | 8,200             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 535               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 721               | 954               | 3,650             |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 0                 | 1,176             |
|                                          | 7,504             | 6,149             | 15,161            |
| <b>Council member 3</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 3,565             | 2,850             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 535               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 721               | 831               | 1,150             |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 447               | 342               |
|                                          | 5,904             | 5,378             | 4,877             |
| <b>Council member 4</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 3,020             | 2,000             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 535               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 721               | 288               | 50                |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 0                 | 240               |
|                                          | 5,904             | 3,843             | 2,825             |
| <b>Council member 5</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 2,800             | 3,800             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 535               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 720               | 775               | 1,150             |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 0                 | 456               |
|                                          | 5,903             | 4,110             | 5,941             |
| <b>Council member 6</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 1,830             | 0                 |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 401               | 0                 |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 720               | 2                 | 0                 |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 0                 | 0                 |
|                                          | 5,903             | 2,233             | 0                 |
| <b>Council member 7</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 4,020             | 2,485             | 0                 |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 535               | 401               | 0                 |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 720               | 154               | 0                 |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 628               | 0                 | 0                 |
|                                          | 5,903             | 3,040             | 0                 |
| <b>Council member 8</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 0                 | 755               | 3,500             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 0                 | 134               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 0                 | 115               | 400               |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 0                 | 0                 | 420               |
|                                          | 0                 | 1,004             | 4,855             |
| <b>Council member 9</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 0                 | 650               | 2,450             |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 0                 | 134               | 535               |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 0                 | 0                 | 400               |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 0                 | 219               | 294               |
|                                          | 0                 | 1,003             | 3,679             |
| <b>Total Council Member Remuneration</b> | 49,325            | 41,962            | 53,065            |
| President's allowance                    | 6,400             | 6,400             | 6,400             |
| Deputy President's allowance             | 1,600             | 1,200             | 1,600             |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 28,140            | 23,565            | 28,000            |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,745             | 3,745             | 3,745             |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 5,044             | 5,037             | 9,000             |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 4,396             | 2,015             | 4,320             |
|                                          | 49,325            | 41,962            | 53,065            |

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**11. MAJOR LAND TRANSACTIONS**

**Residential Land Development Project**

**(a) Details**

Undertake subdivision, headworks and construction of land for worker housing in Darkan.

**(b) Current year transactions**

|                                  | Note | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                  |      | \$                | \$                | \$                |
| <b>Capital revenue</b>           |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Housing Support Program Stream 2 |      | 2,847,993         | 144,021           | 2,992,014         |
| <b>Capital expenditure</b>       |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Housing Support Program Stream 2 | 5(a) | (2,847,993)       | (144,021)         | (2,992,014)       |
|                                  |      | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |

**(c) Expected future cash flows**

|                                  | 2026/27     | 2027/28 | 2028/29 | 2029/30 | 2030/31 | Total       |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
|                                  | \$          | \$      | \$      | \$      | \$      | \$          |
| <b>Cash outflows</b>             |             |         |         |         |         |             |
| Housing Support Program Stream 2 | (2,847,993) | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | (2,847,993) |
|                                  | (2,847,993) | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | (2,847,993) |
| <b>Cash Inflows</b>              |             |         |         |         |         |             |
| Housing Support Program Stream 2 | 2,847,993   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 2,847,993   |
|                                  | 2,847,993   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 2,847,993   |
| <b>Net cash flows</b>            | 0           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0           |

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**12. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

**(a) Revenue and Expenditure Classification**

**REVENUES  
RATES**

All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specific area rates, minimum payment, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts offered.  
Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears, service charges and sewerage rates.

**GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

All amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not capital grants.

**CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of non-current assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

**REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS**

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when the local government satisfies its performance obligations under the contract.

**FEES AND CHARGES**

Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees.  
Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

**SERVICE CHARGES**

Service charges imposed under *Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995*. Regulation 54 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies the charges which can be raised. These are television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services and water.  
Exclude rubbish removal charges which should not be classified as a service charge. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

**INTEREST REVENUE**

Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

**OTHER REVENUE**

Other revenue, which cannot be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

**PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL**

Gain on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long-term investments.

**EXPENSES**

**EMPLOYEE COSTS**

All costs associated with the employment of person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences, safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.

Note: *AASB 119 Employee Benefits* provides a definition of employee benefits which should be considered.

**MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS**

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses (such as telephone and internet charges), advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc.  
Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology and rental or lease expenditures.

**UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER)**

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water.  
Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

**INSURANCE**

All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

**LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL**

Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

**DEPRECIATION ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

Depreciation and amortisation expenses raised on all classes of assets.

**FINANCE COSTS**

Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

**OTHER EXPENDITURE**

Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or levies including DFES levy and State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

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**12. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)**

**(b) Revenue Recognition**

Recognition of revenue from contracts with customers is dependant on the source of revenue and the associated terms and conditions associated with each source of revenue and recognised as follows:

| <b>Revenue Category</b>                                                         | <b>Nature of goods and services</b>                                                                              | <b>When obligations typically satisfied</b> | <b>Payment terms</b>                                                   | <b>Returns/Refunds/Warranties</b>           | <b>Timing of Revenue recognition</b>                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grant contracts with customers                                                  | Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services                           | Over time                                   | Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting | Contract obligation if project not complete | Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared |
| Grants, subsidies or contributions for the construction of non-financial assets | Construction or acquisition of recognisable non-financial assets to be controlled by the local government        | Over time                                   | Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting | Contract obligation if project not complete | Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared |
| Grants with no contractual commitments                                          | General appropriations and contributions with no specific contractual commitments                                | No obligations                              | Not applicable                                                         | Not applicable                              | When assets are controlled                                                                                               |
| Licences/ Registrations/ Approvals                                              | Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming. | Single point in time                        | Full payment prior to issue                                            | None                                        | On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval                                                            |
| Waste management collections                                                    | Kerbside collection service                                                                                      | Over time                                   | Payment on an annual basis in advance                                  | None                                        | On issue of rate notice                                                                                                  |
| Fees and charges for other goods and services                                   | Cemetery services, library fees, reinstatements and private works                                                | Single point in time                        | Payment in full in advance                                             | None                                        | Output method based on provision of service or completion of works                                                       |

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**13. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Key Terms and Definitions - Reporting Programs**

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the community, Council has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis, reflected by the Shire's Community Vision, and for each of its broad activities/programs.

**OBJECTIVE**

To set and achieve Council's goals and objectives for the ratepayers by providing high level direction, co-ordination and management policy.

**ACTIVITIES**

Cost associated with meetings, elections, preparing annual reports and other statutory reporting requirements, public relations and policy development and review.

**General purpose funding**

To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

Costs associated with raising and collecting rates, rate enquiries, preparing general purpose grant returns and investing the Shire's surplus funds.

**Law, order, public safety**

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.

Fire control and prevention, and animal control.

**Health**

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.

Provision and maintenance of medical buildings and subsidies to health services, services of an Environmental Health Officer including food control.

**Education and welfare**

To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth.

School bus routes, support to families and childrens services including schools, support for seniors and welfare services.

**Housing**

To provide housing for employees of local industry and government departments.

Maintenance and provision of GROH and community housing.

**Community amenities**

To provide services required by the community.

Rubbish collection services, operation of refuse site, administration of the town planning scheme, storm water drainage, protection of the environment, cemetery maintenance.

**Recreation and culture**

To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

Maintenance of halls, provision of library services, maintenance of historical buildings and maintenance of reserves and recreation facilities.

**Transport**

To provide a smooth, safe, efficient and clearly defined road network that is environmentally acceptable and which enhances travels throughout the Shire.

Maintenance of roads, drainage works, footpaths, street lighting, median strips, traffic management, parking facilities and roadworks program.

**Economic services**

To help promote the local government and its economic wellbeing.

Tourism and area promotion, caravan park, standpipes, pest control services and implementation of building controls.

**Other property and services**

To monitor and control operating accounts.

Public works overheads, plant/vehicle operations, stock and materials, depot operations and private works.

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**14. FEES AND CHARGES**

|                             | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Budget</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                             | \$                        | \$                        | \$                        |
| <b>By Program:</b>          |                           |                           |                           |
| General purpose funding     | 6,600                     | 7,396                     | 9,996                     |
| Law, order, public safety   | 3,315                     | 3,812                     | 2,500                     |
| Health                      | 750                       | 1,105                     | 1,500                     |
| Education and welfare       | 18,290                    | 20,039                    | 13,250                    |
| Housing                     | 98,500                    | 94,765                    | 88,000                    |
| Community amenities         | 147,955                   | 99,473                    | 88,085                    |
| Recreation and culture      | 14,880                    | 13,496                    | 11,200                    |
| Economic services           | 146,400                   | 144,065                   | 145,500                   |
| Other property and services | 27,700                    | 31,179                    | 46,300                    |
|                             | <b>464,390</b>            | <b>415,330</b>            | <b>406,331</b>            |

## 13 WORKS AND SERVICES

### 13.1 FRUIT FLY MANAGEMENT

|                                |                                                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>File Ref:</b>               | <b>ADM905</b>                                     |
| <b>Location:</b>               | <b>N/A</b>                                        |
| <b>Applicant:</b>              | <b>N/A</b>                                        |
| <b>Author:</b>                 | <b>Gary Rasmussen, Manager Works and Services</b> |
| <b>Authorising Officer:</b>    | <b>Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer</b>  |
| <b>Date:</b>                   | <b>11/08/2026</b>                                 |
| <b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> | <b>Nil</b>                                        |
| <b>Attachments:</b>            | <b>Nil</b>                                        |

#### **SUMMARY:**

Council is requested to consider the following recommendations from the Fruit Fly discussion at the Council Briefing Session in May 2026.

1. Keep the Status Quo - Using the natural trapping. This comes with a cost of \$4000.00, no shire labour required, outside of purchasing.
2. Residents to spray their own trees and the shire to supply the insecticide \$800.00 - \$1000.00.
3. The shire stops the program completely - The cost is \$0.00. Most shires have stopped completely. Narrogin, Williams, Boyup Brook, Kojonup, Wagin and Collie stopped. Wickepin Shire is on a natural trapping program like Darkan to keep costs down.
4. To reintroduce the baiting program by spraying. Total cost is \$9000.00 which has been allowed in this year's budget.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2025/2026, 215 trees were registered for the trapping program. In 2024/2025, 116 of these trees were registered. 37 residents registered in 2025/2026 to take the natural trapping, and only 20 residents registered in 2024/2025 to take the baiting. There has been an increase of 17 residents treating for fruit fly with the trapping program.

The shire has received 7 complaints in 2025/2026 about the natural trapping out of the 37 residents registered which equates to 19 per cent.

#### **COMMENT:**

The officer's recommendation will be based on the figures and information above.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Gary Rasmussen  
Public  
Councillors  
CEO  
All Other Staff Members

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

There is no direct policy for the Fruit Fly.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budgeted expenditure for the 2026/2027 financial year.

**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    |   | 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 (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                                                  | Harmful to Nature                   |
| Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)            | Possible (3)                        |
| Risk Consequence                                                         | Moderate (3)                        |
| Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control):<br>Likelihood x Consequence | Medium (9)                          |
| Principal Risk Theme                                                     | No risk to the Shire of West Arthur |
| Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)                        | Cease fruit fly program             |

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve of:

Option 1 - the cessation of the fruit fly spraying program in West Arthur.

Or

Option 2 - residents maintaining fruit fly controls on their own properties with the Shire of West Arthur supplying insecticides.

Cr Lubcke proposed an alternative motion to continue the control of fruit fly in the Shire.

**RESOLUTION OCM-2026-102**

Moved: Cr Helen Lubcke

Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council revert back to the chemical spraying of fruit fly or at the very least the natural baiting program with an education program on use and an 'opt-out' rather than 'opt-in'.

In Favour: Crs Karen Harrington, Duncan South, Russell Prowse, Helen Lubcke

Against: Crs Neil Morrell, Graeme Peirce, Natalie O'Neill

**CARRIED 4/3**

**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 declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.