



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Shire of West Arthur
Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday 26 February 2026

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting on 26 March 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, 26 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.38pm.

The Presiding Member in accordance with regulation 14J of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, advised all attendees that the meeting is being recorded as required by s5.23A(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 14F - 14I of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

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:	Vin Fordham Lamont	(Chief Executive Officer)
	Rajinder S Sunner	(Manager Corporate Services)
	Sharon Bell	(Community Development Officer)
	Cassandra Squires	(Works Administration Officer)
APOLOGIES:	Tahnee-Lee Lubcke	(Projects Officer)
	Gary Rasmussen	(Manager Works and Services)
ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Nil	
ABSENT:	Nil	
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 HELEN LUBCKE

File Ref: ADM967
Author: Renee Schinzig, Administration Officer
Authorising Officer: Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 26/02/2026

A Leave of Absence Request was submitted by Cr Helen Lubcke for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held 26th March 2026 due to family reasons.

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-001

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell
 Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That the Leave of Absence Request from Cr Helen Lubcke be accepted for the March Ordinary Meeting of Council and leave of absence granted.

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

CARRIED 7/0

8 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Graeme Peirce declared a Financial interest in relation to item 12.6 Change of the basis of rates from UV to GRV.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD

9.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 18 DECEMBER 2025

File Ref: ADM378
Author: Renee Schinzig, Administration Officer
Authorising Officer: Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 06/02/2026

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-2026-002

Moved: Cr Duncan South
Seconded: Cr Graeme Peirce

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on 18 December 2025 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)

Monday 26th January – attended the Shire's Australia Day Awards breakfast and presentations. Was a well attended event and congratulations to the award winners, the volunteers and the organisers of the event.

Tuesday 3rd Feb – attended the CCZ Executive Committee meeting online and presided over the Annual Electors Meeting held in the chambers. Some great feedback and suggestions from the community. Thank you to the residents that attended.

Thursday 5th Feb – had a phone interview with Farm Weekly to discuss the media release regarding the state government and community benefit funds.

Wednesday 11th Feb – attended the Council Roads Bus Trip. A very well organised day which provided education for Council and discussions around future strategic road and town planning. We also visited the town dam to discuss future water security and options to maintain the dam.

Thursday 12th Feb – attended an online meeting with Re-Alliance and the Projects Officer. The session was WA focussed so it was good to get some updates from other areas. Re-Alliance have requested a meeting in late March with the Minister for Energy and other State Government Agencies involved in the energy transition when Re-Alliance will be in WA.

Friday 13th Feb – attended the Central Country Zone meeting in Corrigin with the Manager Corporate Services and Cr South.

Tuesday 17th Feb – attended a meeting with Western Power to meet the new Community Engagement Specialist. Cr O'Neill and Cr Prowse were also in attendance. Later that day I attended an online meeting with the new Deputy Director General of Powering WA, Tim Bray.

Tuesday 24th Feb – attended an online meeting with Western Power and the CEO to discuss the high number of planned and unplanned outages in the Shire. Relayed concerns from the community and also stated that the rebate was not enough for businesses affected by the outages. Also discussed was the high cost of power connection/upgrades for residential and commercial residences. There are no firm outcomes but the issues have been raised and noted.

Cr Duncan South (Deputy Shire President)

Cr South met with Steve Thomas MLC regarding renewable energy on Friday 23rd January and assisted with the Australia Day Breakfast at Lake Towerrinning on 26th January. In February he attended the Annual Electors meeting on Tuesday 3rd, went on the Council Roads Bus Trip on Wednesday 11th and, attended the Central Country Zone meeting in Corrigin on Friday 13th.

Cr Neil Morrell

Cr Morrell assisted with the Australia Day Breakfast at Lake Towerrinning on 26th January. In February he attended the Annual Electors meeting on Tuesday 3rd and went on the Council Roads Bus Trip on Wednesday 11th.

Cr Graeme Peirce

Cr Peirce assisted with the Australia Day Breakfast at Lake Towerrinning on 26th January. On Tuesday 3rd February he attended the Annual Electors meeting.

Cr Russell Prowse

Cr Prowse attended the Annual Electors meeting on Tuesday 3rd February, went on the Council Roads Bus Trip on Wednesday 11th and on Tuesday 24th attended an online meeting with Western Power and the CEO to discuss the high number of planned and unplanned outages in the Shire.

Cr Helen Lubcke

Cr Lubcke met with Steve Thomas MLC regarding renewable energy on Friday 23rd January and assisted with the Australia Day Breakfast at Lake Towerrinning on 26th January. In February Cr Lubcke attended the Annual Electors meeting on Tuesday 3rd and went on the Council Roads Bus Trip on Wednesday 11th.

Cr Natalie O'Neill

Cr O'Neill assisted with the Australia Day Breakfast at Lake Towerrinning on 26th January. On Thursday 5th February, Cr O'Neill attended the Cottage Homes Committee Meeting and on Tuesday 24th attended an online meeting with Western Power and the CEO to discuss the high number of planned and unplanned outages in the Shire

11 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**11.1 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

File Ref:	ADM185
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	02/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	The current CEO knows all the applicants and, in some cases, has worked with them and/or their businesses previously.
Attachments:	1. Policy C28 Temporary Employment or Appointment of an Acting CEO 2. 1 CV (Confidential) 3. 1 EOI (Confidential) 4. 2 EOI and CV (Confidential) 5. 3 EOI and CV (Confidential) 6. 4 CV (Confidential) 7. 4 EOI (Confidential) 8. Assessment Report for the Expressions of Interest (Confidential)

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to consider appointing an Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period during which the substantive Chief Executive Officer is on approved Long Service Leave (13 July 2026 to 11 September 2026 inclusive).

BACKGROUND:

The Chief Executive Officer has advised of his intention to take approved Long Service Leave for the period 13 July 2026 to 11 September 2026 inclusive. During any absence of the Chief Executive Officer, Council must ensure that the statutory functions of the office continue to be exercised to maintain lawful administration and continuity of operations.

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires Council to employ a suitably qualified person to perform the functions of Chief Executive Officer and permits Council to appoint an employee to act in the role for a defined period. Where the period of absence exceeds the CEO's delegated authority to appoint an Acting CEO, a formal Council resolution is required.

COMMENT:

The CEO issued a Request for Expressions of Interest for this acting opportunity and four submissions were received. The CEO considers that all four applicants would be able to fulfill the requirements of the position. They all offer many years of senior leadership experience in local government.

The four expressions of interest (including CVs) can be found as Attachments 2-7. The CEO has provided an assessment report (Attachment 8) to assist Council to make its decision on the successful applicant.

CONSULTATION:

Shire President

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**Local Government Act 1995:**

Section 5.36 – Council is responsible for the employment of the Chief Executive Officer and must be satisfied the person is suitably qualified.

Section 5.39C – Council must have a policy governing the appointment of an Acting or Temporary Chief Executive Officer for a term not exceeding one year.

Section 5.41 – Prescribes the statutory role and functions of the Chief Executive Officer.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:

Provides administrative and governance requirements relevant to senior employee appointments.

Comparable Western Australian local governments routinely appoint an Acting CEO by Council resolution where the substantive CEO is on Long Service Leave, ensuring compliance with sections 5.36, 5.39C and 5.41 of the Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire is required to act consistently with its adopted policy on the appointment of an Acting or Temporary Chief Executive Officer (or, if no current policy exists, consistent with section 5.39C of the Act). Existing Policy C28 is included as Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Remuneration associated with the Acting Chief Executive Officer appointment will be managed within the 2026/2027 budget and in accordance with the employee's contract of employment and relevant industrial instruments.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021- 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	Failure to comply with the relevant legislation/policy to appoint an acting CEO.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Likely (4)
Risk Consequence	Major (4)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	High (16)
Principal Risk Theme	Compliance failure
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Approve the appointment of an acting CEO as recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-003

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell
Seconded: Cr Graeme Peirce

That Council:

1. Pursuant to sections 5.36, 5.39C and 5.41 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, appoint Mr Mark Hook as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 13 July 2026 to 11 September 2026, being the duration of the substantive Chief Executive Officer's approved Long Service Leave;
2. Authorise the substantive Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President to execute any such documentation or undertake any actions necessary to affect the appointment of the Acting Chief Executive Officer; and
3. Authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to exercise all statutory functions, powers and duties of the Chief Executive Officer for the term of the appointment.

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

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11.2 DELEGATIONS REGISTER REVIEW 2025-2026

File Ref:	ADM058
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Renee Schinzig, Administration Officer
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	28/01/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Delegations Register 2026 (under separate cover) 2. Delegation 1-2-2 as Amended 3. Delegation Removed - Liquor Control Act - 711

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider noting the attached reviewed Delegations Register.

BACKGROUND:

All delegations made under the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) must be made by absolute majority and recorded in a register. Sections 5.18 and 5.46 of the Act require that at least once every financial year, delegations are to be reviewed by the delegator for those delegations under the Act, but this also presents an opportunity to review delegations made under other legislation.

The purpose of delegating power is to enable routine decision making to be undertaken in a cost effective and efficient manner, or rapidly where a time imperative may be involved. Council is required to make decisions of high importance, some of which require absolute majority decisions and cannot be delegated.

Council also has discretionary functions that involve making routine decisions that are high frequency and low risk. It is appropriate for Council to delegate these functions to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The Register of Delegations sets out the powers and functions delegated from Council to the CEO and, in some cases, from the CEO to other staff members.

COMMENT:

Council undertook its last annual review of delegations in November 2024 and has made subsequent amendments and additions as necessary.

Councillors and the CEO were provided with a copy of the current Delegation Register in December 2025 and asked to comment on the appropriateness of the contents. No feedback has been received from councillors, and the CEO has confirmed that he does not require any changes to the existing delegations.

Note that, in respect of s5.18 of the Act, Council has not provided any delegations to committees.

Legislative references were reviewed with mostly minor typographical corrections. Delegation 1.2.2 had a reference to *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1995* r.11(1a) and its corresponding function 1 was removed from the delegation. In the *Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2023*, the reference, and Form 2, which was referenced in function 1, were removed from the Regulations. Also, under advisement from WALGA, Delegation 7.1.1, attached, has been removed from the Register as the *Liquor Control Act 1988* does not provide a power of delegation.

Section 39 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* provides that any application to grant or remove a liquor licence (applications to Liquor and Gaming), must be accompanied by a certificate from the Local Government that

states whether the premises comply with relevant written law requirements. The s.39 provisions are not relevant to providing approval for the consumption of liquor on the Shire's property. Section 59 of this act provides an Occasional Licence to sell or supply or consume liquor, which requires the applicant (applications made to the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety, not to the Local Government) to evidence the consent of the authority having control of the premises for which the Occasional Licence is required.

Under the Shire's Property Local Law 2000, a permit is issued to enable the use of the Shire's property (e.g. hall hire), with such permit being subject to conditions. Clause 3.5 of the Shire's Property Local Law provides for Council to adopt a policy for the purpose of determining conditions applicable to a permit. The Shire may establish a policy under the Local Law's cl.3.5 to guide how the Shire imposes conditions applicable to Occasional Licences under the *Liquor Control Act 1988*.

CONSULTATION:

CEO

Councillors

WA Local Government Association (WALG) Governance Team

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995

s5.42. Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO

s5.43. Limits on delegations to CEO

s5.44. CEO may delegate powers and duties to other employees

s5.45. Other matters relevant to delegations under this Division

s5.46. Register of, and records relevant to, delegations to CEO and employees

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Community Strategic Plan West Arthur Towards 2031

Theme: Leadership and Management – inspirational, dynamic, transparent

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:

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Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

Description of Key Risk	Failure to review and bring to Council the Delegations Register on an annual basis.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Unlikely (2)
Risk Consequence	Insignificant (1)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (2)
Principal Risk Theme	Compliance failure.
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Council to note the reviewed Delegations Register as requested.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-004

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell
Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council

1. Notes the annual review of its delegations in accordance with Section 5.46(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, as outlined in this report; and
2. Delegates by absolute majority the local government functions listed in the Shire's Delegations Register as attached.

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

1.2.2 Electoral Enrolment Eligibility Claims and Electoral Roll

Delegator: <i>Power / Duty assigned in legislation to:</i>	Chief Executive Officer
Express Power to Delegate: <i>Power that enables a delegation to be made</i>	Local Government Act 1995: s.5.44 CEO may delegate some powers and duties to other employees
Express Power or Duty Delegated:	Local Government Act 1995: s.4.32(4), (5A) & (5) How to claim eligibility to enrol under s.4.30 s.4.34 Accuracy of enrolment details to be maintained s.4.35 Decision that eligibility to enrol under s.4.30 has ended s.4.37 New roll for each election Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1995: r.13(2) & (4) Register - s.4.32(6)
Delegate/s:	Manager Corporate Services
Function: <i>This is a precis only. Delegates must act with full understanding of the legislation and conditions relevant to this delegation.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authority to decide whether or not the claimant is eligible under s.4.30(1)(a) and (b) and accept or reject the claim accordingly [s.4.32(4)]. 2. Authority to decide to accept or reject a claim made before the close of enrolments, but less than 14-days before the close of nominations [s.4.32(5A)]. 3. Authority to make any enquiries necessary in order to make a decision on an eligibility claim [s.4.32(5)]. 4. Authority to approve the omission of an elector's address from the Owners and Occupiers Register on the basis of a declaration from the elector that the publication of this information would place the elector's or their family's safety at risk [Elections r.13(2)]. 5. Authority to amend the Owners and Occupiers Register from time to time to make sure that the information recorded in it is accurate [Elections r.13(4)]. 6. Authority to ensure that the information about electors that is recorded from enrolment eligibility claims is maintained in an up to date and accurate form [s.4.34]. 7. Authority to decide that a person is no longer eligible under s.4.30 to be enrolled on the Owners and Occupiers Electoral Roll [s.4.35(1)] and to give notice [s.4.35(2)] and consider submissions [s.4.35(6)], before making such determination. 8. Authority to determine to take any action necessary to give effect to advice received from the Electoral Commissioner [s.4.35(5)]. 9. Decide, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, that a new electoral roll is not required for an election day which is less than 100 days since the last election day [s.4.37(3)].
CEO Conditions on this Delegation:	a. Decisions on enrolment eligibility are to be recorded in the Enrolment Eligibility Register in accordance with s.4.32(6) and s.4.35(7).
Express Power to Sub-Delegate:	Nil.

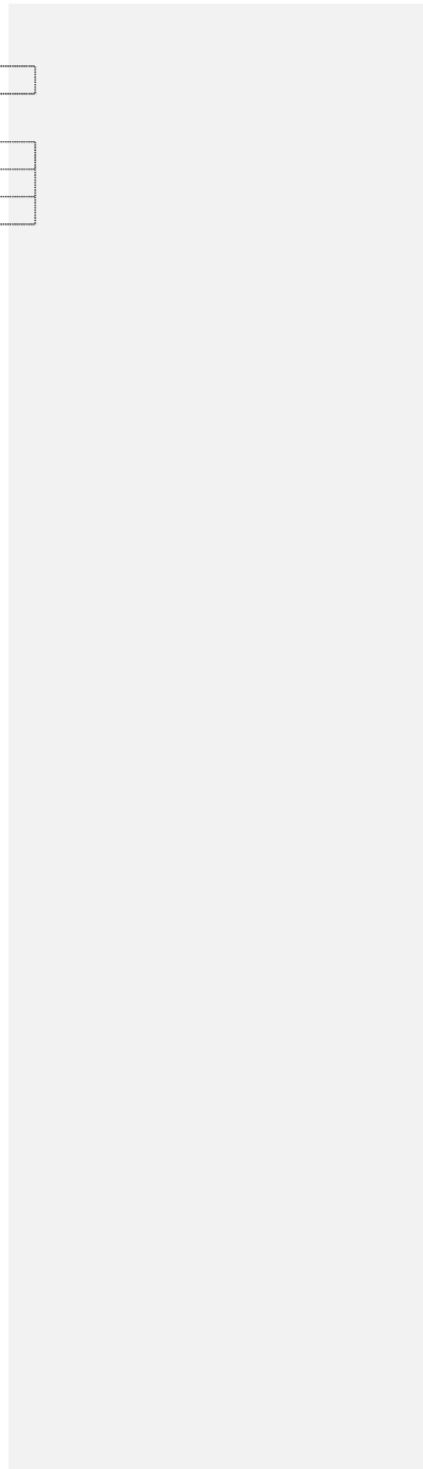
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Compliance Links:	Delegates are designated employees under s.5.74 and are required to provide Primary and Annual Returns. Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety: Conduct of Local Government Elections
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Record Keeping: In accordance with r19 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Version Control:

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7. Liquor Control Act 1988

7.1 Liquor Control Act Delegations – Council to CEO

7.1.1 Certificate of Compliance - Liquor Permit

Delegator: <i>Power / Duty assigned in legislation to:</i>	Local Government
Express Power to Delegate: <i>Power that enables a delegation to be made</i>	Liquor Control Act 1988: s.39 Certificate of Local Government
Express Power or Duty Delegated:	Food Act 2008: r.51 Enforcement agency may make list of food
Delegate:	Chief Executive Officer
Function: <i>This is a precis only. Delegates must act with full understanding of the legislation and conditions relevant to this delegation.</i>	1. Authority to issue Certificate of Compliance for the consumption of liquor on Council property.
Council Conditions on this Delegation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In accordance with s.118(3)(b), this delegation is subject to relevant Department of Health CEO Guidelines, as amended from time to time. b. Permits to expire no later than 1.00 am on the following day. c. The requirements of the <i>Liquor Control Act 1988, Health (Misc Provisions) Act 1911, Food Act 2008, Local Government Act 1995, and Building Act 2011</i> being fully complied with.
Express Power to Sub-Delegate:	NIL – Food Regulations 2009 do not provide for sub-delegation.

Compliance Links:	Local Government Act 1995 Liquor Control Act 1988
Record Keeping:	In accordance with r19 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Version Control:

1	Adoption by Council 28 November 2024
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11.3 2025 REVIEW OF LOCAL LAWS

File Ref:	ADM212
Location:	Shire of West Arthur
Applicant:	Shire of West Arthur
Author:	Leanne Parola, LG Best Practices Consultant
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	12/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2. By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades 3. Local Laws relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles 4. Local Government Property Local Law

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to review a number of local laws following a public consultation process.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 October 2025, Council resolved that it:

- 1. Gives local public notice stating that the Shire proposes to review the following local laws under s3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995:*
 - a. Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law*
 - b. By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades*
 - c. Local Laws relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles*
 - d. Local Government Property Local Law*
- 2. Notes that a copy of the local laws may be inspected or obtained at the Shire office or from its website;*
- 3. Advises that submissions about the local laws may be made to the Shire before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given; and*
- 4. Notes that the results of the above advertising are to be presented to Council for consideration of any submissions received.*

COMMENT:

No public submissions were received on the review of the local laws.

Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law

While the current local law appears to have been based on a Western Australian Local Government Association template local law, there are some significant differences.

The template is a lot more detailed and prescriptive, with additional divisions for vehicle crossings, verge treatments, property numbers, fencing, shopping trolleys, street entertainers, and outdoor eating facilities, and includes more offences and higher penalties.

In reviewing the Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law, Council can either elect to keep the current local law as adopted, repeal it or make a new local law to amend it. If the local law is repealed, the Shire would be able to make a new local law based on the latest template instead of amending the existing one.

Feedback from senior staff is that the current Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law is meeting organisational requirements and should be retained in its current form.

By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades

There are significant differences between the local law and the Western Australian Local Government Association's current template Bush Fire Brigade Local Laws. The new template is a comprehensive, multi-part law with detailed governance, membership, equipment, and procedural rules and is more reflective of the modern legislation, frameworks and expectations of bush fire brigades.

In reviewing the Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 1988, Council can either elect to keep the current local law as adopted, repeal it or make a new local law to amend it. If the local law is repealed, the Shire would be able to make a new local law based on the latest template instead of amending the existing one.

Feedback from senior staff is that the current By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades should be repealed and a new local law be made based on the WALGA template.

Local Laws relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles

There are significant variations between the local law and Western Australian Local Government Association's current template Parking Local Laws. The new template is a lot more detailed and prescriptive, with more offences and higher penalties.

In reviewing the local law, Council can either elect to keep it as adopted, repeal it or make a new local law to amend it. If the local law is repealed, the Shire would be able to make a new local law based on the latest template instead of amending the existing one.

Feedback from senior staff is that the current Parking and Use of Vehicles Local Law is meeting organisational requirements and should be retained in its current form.

Local Government Property Local Law

The current Western Australian Local Government Association's template Local Government Property Local Law includes additional sections to include facilities such as jetties, saleyards and golf courses and more detailed enforcement mechanisms including permits, penalties and authorised officers.

In reviewing the Property Local Law 2000, Council can either elect to keep the current local law as adopted, repeal it or make a new local law to amend it. If the local law is repealed, the Shire would be able to make a new local law based on the latest template instead of amending the existing one.

Feedback from senior staff is that the current Local Government Property Local Law is meeting organisational requirements and should be retained in its current form.

CONSULTATION:

The review of local laws was advertised for public submissions via local public notice boards, on the Shire's website, Facebook and in the local newspaper "The Bleat" in accordance with the local public notice requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

No submissions were received.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires local governments to review local laws at least once every fifteen years.

The Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations are currently under reform. One of the reforms was to extend the local law review period from eight years to fifteen years and to introduce the ability to adopt a Model Local Law with reduced advertising requirements to reduce costs and the public submission period.

Local Governments have been advised that they have until 7 December 2026 to review any local law which was due or overdue for a review at 7 December 2024 or it will be automatically repealed and no longer be applicable or enforceable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct policy implications in reviewing these local laws.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are costs associated with the review, advertising for public comment, amendment and/or making of existing or new local laws and their eventual Gazettal. The costs for the review process and potential additional local law making processes are included in the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Theme: Community – Safe, Friendly and Inclusive

Outcome: 1.1 A safe place to work, live and visit

Strategy: Support for the provision of emergency services and volunteers and Communication of risks and hazards to the community and assistance with management of these

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	The local laws will automatically be repealed if they are not reviewed, amended or replaced by 7 December 2026
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Unlikely (2)
Risk Consequence	Minor (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (4)
Principal Risk Theme	Compliance Failure
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Advertise intent to review local laws well before deadline

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-005

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council:

- 1) Note that no submissions were received during the consultation period for review of the following local laws:
 - a. Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law
 - b. By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades
 - c. Local Laws relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles
 - d. Local Government Property Local Law
- 2) Determine that having been reviewed, the following local laws remain unchanged:
 - a. Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law
 - b. Local Laws relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles
 - c. Local Government Property Local Law
- 3) Direct the CEO to prepare a draft Bush Fire Brigades Local Law to repeal and replace the By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades.

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

Against: Nil

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**ACTIVITIES ON THOROUGHFARES AND TRADING IN
THOROUGHFARES AND PUBLIC PLACES LOCAL LAW**

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of West Arthur resolved on 23rd August 1999 to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the Shire of West Arthur Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law.

1.2 Definitions

In this local law unless the context otherwise requires—

“**Act**” means the *Local Government Act 1995*;

“**applicant**” means a person who applies for a permit;

“**authorized person**” means a person authorized by the local government under section 9.10 of the Act to perform any of the functions of an authorized person under this local law;

“**built-up area**” has the meaning given to it in the *Road Traffic Code 1975*;

“**carriageway**” means the paved or made portion of a thoroughfare used or intended for use by vehicles;

“**CEO**” means the chief executive officer of the local government;

“**commencement day**” means the day on which this local law comes into operation;

“**Council**” means the council of the local government;

“**district**” means the district of the local government;

“**footpath**” means the paved or made portion of a thoroughfare used or intended for use by pedestrians and cyclists;

“**kerb**” includes the edge of a carriageway;

“**liquor**” has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*;

“**local government**” means the Shire of West Arthur;

“**local government property**” means anything except a thoroughfare—

(a) which belongs to the local government;

(b) of which the local government is the management body under the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or

(b) which is an ‘otherwise unvested facility’ within section 3.53 of the Act;

“**permit**” means a permit issued under this local law;

“**permit holder**” means a person who holds a valid permit;

“**person**” does not include the local government;

“**premises**” for the purpose of the definition of “public place” in both this clause and clause 5.1, means a building or similar structure, but does not include a carpark or a similar place;

“**public place**” includes any thoroughfare or place which the public are allowed to use, whether or not the thoroughfare or place is on private property, but does not include—

(a) premises on private property from which trading is lawfully conducted under a written law; and

(b) local government property;

“**Regulations**” means the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*;

“**sign**” includes a notice, flag, mark, structure or device on which may be shown words, numbers, expressions or symbols;

“**townsite**” means the townsite of [*insert names of townsites*] which are—

(a) constituted under section 26(2) of the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or

(b) referred to in clause 37 of Schedule 9.3 of the Act;

“**vehicle**” includes—

(a) every conveyance and every object capable of being propelled or drawn on wheels, tracks or otherwise; and

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- (b) an animal being ridden or driven,
but excludes—
- (a) a wheel-chair or any device designed for use by a physically impaired person on a footpath;
and
- (b) a pram, a stroller or a similar device; and

1.3 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

1.4 Repeal

(1) The following local laws are repealed—

Local Laws Relating to—

Control of Hawkers, published in the Government Gazette of 5 July 1967;

Prevention of Damage to Streets, published in the Government Gazette of 7 December 1967.

(2) Where a policy was made or adopted by the local government under or in relation to a local law repealed by this local law, then the policy is to be taken to no longer have any effect on and from the commencement day.

(3) The Council may resolve that notwithstanding subclause (2) specified policies continue, or are to be taken to have continued, to have effect on and from the commencement day.

PART 2—ACTIVITIES ON THOROUGHFARES AND PUBLIC PLACES*Division 1—General***2.1 General prohibitions**

A person shall not—

- (a) unless at the direction of the local government, damage, remove or interfere with any signpost, direction plate, guidepost, notice, shelter, shed, fence or any structure erected on a thoroughfare by the local government or a person acting under the authority of a written law;
- (b) play or participate in any game or sport so as to cause danger to any person or thing or impede the movement of vehicles or persons on a thoroughfare.

2.2 Activities allowed with a permit—general

(1) A person shall not, without a permit—

- (a) dig or otherwise create a trench through or under a kerb or footpath;
- (b) damage a thoroughfare;
- (c) light any fire or burn any thing on a thoroughfare other than in a stove or fireplace provided for that purpose or under a permit issued under clause 4.13;
- (d) fell any tree onto a thoroughfare; or
- (e) interfere with the soil of, or anything in a thoroughfare or take anything from a thoroughfare.

(2) The local government may exempt a person from compliance with subclause (1) on the application of that person.

2.3 No possession and consumption of liquor on thoroughfare

(1) A person shall not consume any liquor or have in her or his possession or under her or his control any liquor on a thoroughfare unless—

- (a) that is permitted under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988* or under another written law; or
- (b) the person is doing so in accordance with a permit.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply where the liquor is in a sealed container.

*Division 2—Driving on a closed thoroughfare***2.4 No driving on closed thoroughfare**

(1) A person shall not drive or take a vehicle on a closed thoroughfare unless—

- (a) that is in accordance with any limits or exceptions specified in the order made under section 3.50 of the Act; or
- (b) the person has first obtained a permit.

(2) In this clause—

“**closed thoroughfare**” means a thoroughfare wholly or partially closed under section 3.50 or 3.50A of the Act.

PART 3—OBSTRUCTING ANIMALS OR VEHICLES*Division 1—Animals and vehicles***3.1 Leaving animal or vehicle in public place or on local government property**

(1) A person shall not leave an animal or a vehicle, or any part of a vehicle, in a public place or on local government property so that it obstructs the use of any part of that public place or local government property, unless that person has first obtained a permit or is authorized to do so under a written law.

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(2) A person will not contravene subclause (1) where the animal is secured or tethered for a period not exceeding 1 hour.

(3) A person will not contravene subclause (1) where the vehicle is left for a period not exceeding 24 hours.

3.2 Prohibitions relating to animals

(1) In subclause (2), "owner" in relation to an animal includes—

- (a) an owner of it;
- (b) a person in possession of it;
- (c) a person who has control of it; and
- (d) a person who ordinarily occupies the premises where the animal is permitted to stay.

(2) An owner of an animal shall not—

- (a) allow the animal to enter or remain for any time on any thoroughfare except for the use of the thoroughfare as a thoroughfare and unless it is led, ridden or driven;
- (b) allow an animal which has a contagious or infectious disease to be led, ridden or driven in a public place; or
- (c) train or race the animal on a thoroughfare.

(3) An owner of a horse shall not lead, ride or drive a horse on a thoroughfare in a built-up area, unless that person does so under a permit or under the authority of a written law.

PART 4—ROADSIDE CONSERVATION

Division 1—Preliminary

4.1 Interpretation

In this Part—

"MRWA" means Main Roads Western Australia;

"protected flora" has the meaning given to it in section 6(1) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*;

"rare flora" has the meaning given to it in section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*;

"Roadside Conservation Committee" means the Roadside Conservation Committee established under the Land Resource Policy Council within the Office of Premier and Cabinet; and

"special environmental area" means an area designated as such under clause 4.7.

4.2 Application

This Part does not apply to the townsites.

Division 2—Flora roads

4.3 Declaration of flora road

The local government may declare a thoroughfare which has, in the opinion of the local government, high quality roadside vegetation to be a flora road.

4.4 Construction works on flora roads

Construction and maintenance work carried out by the local government on a flora road is to be in accordance with the 'Code of Practice for Roadside Conservation and Road Maintenance' prepared by the Roadside Conservation Committee.

4.5 Signposting of flora roads

The local government may signpost flora roads with the standard MRWA 'flora road' sign.

4.6 Driving only on carriageway of flora roads

(1) A person driving or riding a vehicle on a flora road shall only drive or ride the vehicle on the carriageway.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply where—

- (a) conditions on the thoroughfare do not reasonably permit a vehicle to remain on the carriageway;
- (b) there is no carriageway; or
- (c) an exemption from the application of subclause (1) has been obtained from the local government.

Division 3—Special environmental areas

4.7 Designation of special environmental areas

The local government may designate a thoroughfare, or any part of a thoroughfare, as a special environmental area which—

- (a) as protected flora or rare flora; or
- (b) in the opinion of the local government, has environmental, aesthetic or cultural significance.

4.8 Marking of special environmental areas

The local government is to mark and keep a register of each thoroughfare, or part of a thoroughfare, designated as a special environmental area.

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*Division 4—Planting in thoroughfares***4.9 Permit to plant**

A person shall not plant any plant or sow any seeds in a thoroughfare without first obtaining a permit.

4.10 Relevant considerations in determining application

In determining an application for a permit for the purpose of clause 4.9, the local government is to have regard to—

- (a) existing vegetation within that part of the thoroughfare in which the planting is to take place; and
- (b) the diversity of species and the prevalence of the species which are to be planted or sown.

*Division 5—Clearance of vegetation***4.11 Permit to clear**

A person shall not clear and maintain in a cleared state, the surface of a thoroughfare within 1m of that person's land without first obtaining a permit and any other approvals which may be required under any written law.

4.12 Application for permit

In addition to the requirements of clause 6.1(2), a person making an application for a permit for the purpose of clause 4.11 shall submit a sketch plan clearly showing the boundary of the person's land and the portions of the thoroughfare joining that person's land which are to be cleared.

*Division 6—Fire management***4.13 Permit to burn thoroughfare**

A person shall not burn part of a thoroughfare without first obtaining a permit or unless acting under the authority of any other written law.

4.14 Application for permit

In addition to the requirements of clause 6.1(2), an application for a permit for the purposes of clause 4.13 shall—

- (a) include a sketch plan showing the portions of a thoroughfare which are proposed to be burned; and
- (b) advise of the estimated fire intensity and the measures to be taken to protect upper storey vegetation from the burn.

4.15 When application for permit can be approved

The local government may approve an application for a permit for the purpose of clause 4.13 only if the burning of the particular part of the thoroughfare will—

- (a) reduce a fire hazard and alternative means of reducing that hazard, such as slashing or the use of herbicides, are considered by the local government to be not feasible or more detrimental to native flora and fauna than burning; or
- (b) in the opinion of the local government, be beneficial for the preservation and conservation of native flora and fauna.

4.16 Prohibitions on burning

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this local law, an application for a permit for the purpose of clause 4.13 is not to be approved by the local government—

- (a) for burning between 31 August and 1 May of the following year where the intensity of the burn could damage native flora and fauna; or
- (b) in any year to any person for any part of a thoroughfare which is on the opposite side of the carriageway to that portion of the thoroughfare for which a permit to burn has been approved in the same year.

*Division 7—Firebreaks***4.17 Permit for firebreaks on thoroughfares**

A person shall not construct a firebreak on a thoroughfare without first obtaining a permit.

4.18 When application for permit cannot be approved

- (1) The local government is not to approve an application for a permit for the purpose of clause 4.17 where the thoroughfare is less than 20m wide.
- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply where the firebreak is, in the opinion of the local government, desirable for the protection of roadside vegetation.

*Division 8—Commercial wildflower harvesting on thoroughfares***4.19 General prohibition on commercial wildflower harvesting**

Subject to clause 4.20, a person shall not commercially harvest native flora on a thoroughfare.

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4.20 Permit for revegetation projects

- (1) A person shall not collect seed from native flora on a thoroughfare without first obtaining a permit.
- (2) The local government may approve an application for a permit under subclause (1) only where—
 - (a) the seed is required for a revegetation project in any part of the district; and
 - (b) the thoroughfare, or the relevant part of it, is not a special environmental area.
- (3) Unless the local government specifically provides to the contrary on a permit, if the local government approves an application for a permit for the purpose of subclause (1) it is to be taken to be approved subject to the following conditions—
 - (a) the collection of the seed is to be carried out so as not to endanger the long time survival of the native flora on the thoroughfare; and
 - (b) any licence or approval which may be required under any other written law is to be obtained by the applicant.

PART 5—TRADING IN THOROUGHFARES AND PUBLIC PLACES*Division 1—Stallholders and traders**Subdivision 1—Preliminary***5.1 Interpretation**

In this Division, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**Competition Principles Agreement**” means the Competition Principles Agreement executed by each State and Territory of the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth of Australia on 11 April 1995;

“**public place**” includes—

- (a) any thoroughfare or place which the public are allowed to use whether or not the thoroughfare or place is on private property; and
- (b) local government property, but does not include premises on private property from which trading is lawfully conducted under a written law.

“**stall**” means a movable or temporarily fixed structure, stand or table in, on or from which goods or services are sold, hired or offered for sale or hire;

“**stallholder**” means a person in charge of a stall;

“**stallholder’s permit**” means a permit issued to a stallholder;

“**trader**” means a person who carries on trading;

“**trader’s permit**” means a permit issued to a trader; and

“**trading**” includes—

- (a) the selling or hiring of, the offering for sale or hire of or the soliciting of orders for goods or services in a public place;
- (b) displaying goods in any public place for the purpose of—
 - (i) offering them for sale or hire;
 - (ii) inviting offers for their sale or hire;
 - (iii) soliciting orders for them; or
 - (iv) carrying out any other transaction in relation to them; and
- (c) the going from place to place, whether or not public places, and—
 - (i) offering goods or services for sale or hire;
 - (ii) inviting offers or soliciting orders for the sale or the hire of goods or services; or
 - (iii) carrying out any other transaction in relation to goods or services,

but does not include—

- (d) the setting up of a stall or the conducting of a business at a stall under the authority of a stallholder’s permit;
- (e) the selling or the offering for sale of goods and services to, or the soliciting of orders for goods and services from a person who sells those goods or services;
- (f) the selling or the offering for sale or hire by a person of goods of her or his own manufacture or services which he or she provides; and
- (g) the selling or hiring or the offering for sale or hire of—
 - (i) goods by a person who represents a manufacturer of the goods; or
 - (ii) services by a person who represents a provider of the services, which are sold directly to consumers and not through a shop.

*Subdivision 2—Permits***5.2 Stallholder’s permit**

- (1) A person shall not conduct a stall on a public place unless that person is—
 - (a) the holder of a valid stallholder’s permit; or
 - (b) an assistant specified in a valid stallholder’s permit.

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- (2) Every application for a stallholder's permit shall—
- (a) state the full name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) specify the proposed number of assistants to be engaged by the applicant in conducting the stall, as well as their names and addresses if already engaged;
 - (c) specify the proposed location of the stall;
 - (d) specify the period of time for which the permit is sought, together with the proposed days and hours of operation;
 - (e) specify the proposed goods or services to be sold or hired or offered for sale or hire from the stall; and
 - (f) be accompanied by an accurate plan and description of the proposed stall.

5.3 Trader's permit

- (1) A person shall not carry on trading unless that person is—
- (a) the holder of a valid trader's permit; or
 - (b) an assistant specified in a valid trader's permit.
- (2) Every application for a trader's permit shall—
- (a) state the full name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) specify the proposed number of assistants, if any, to be engaged by the applicant in trading, as well as their names and addresses if already engaged;
 - (c) specify the location or locations in which the applicant proposes to trade;
 - (d) specify the period of time for which the permit is sought, together with the proposed days and hours of trading;
 - (e) specify the proposed goods or services which will be traded; and
 - (f) be accompanied by an accurate plan and description of any proposed structure or vehicle which may be used by the applicant in trading.
- (3) The conditions subject to which the local government may approve an application for a trader's permit include that the permit holder is permitted to remain at a particular location for as long as there is a customer making a purchase, but if there is no customer making a purchase the permit holder must move on from that location within a reasonable time of the last purchase having been made.

5.4 No permit required to sell newspaper

Notwithstanding any other provision of this local law, a person who sells, or offers for sale, a newspaper is not required to obtain a permit.

5.5 Relevant considerations in determining application for permit

- (1) In determining an application for a permit for the purposes of this Division, the local government is to have regard to—
- (a) any relevant policies of the local government;
 - (b) the desirability of the proposed activity;
 - (c) the location of the proposed activity;
 - (d) the principles set out in the Competition Principles Agreement; and
 - (e) such other matters as the local government may consider to be relevant in the circumstances of the case.
- (2) The local government may refuse to approve an application for a permit under this Division on any one or more of the following grounds—
- (a) that the applicant has committed a breach of any provision of this local law or of any written law relevant to the activity in respect of which the permit is sought;
 - (b) that the applicant is not a desirable or suitable person to hold a permit;
 - (c) that—
 - (i) the applicant is an undischarged bankrupt or is in liquidation;
 - (ii) the applicant has entered into any composition or arrangement with creditors; or
 - (iii) a manager, an administrator, a trustee, a receiver, or a receiver and manager has been appointed in relation to any part of the applicant's undertakings or property; or
 - (d) that the needs of the district, or the part for which the permit is sought, are adequately catered for by established shops or by persons who have valid permits to carry on trading or to conduct a stall; or
 - (e) such other grounds as the local government may consider to be relevant in the circumstances of the case.

5.6 Conditions of permit

- (1) If the local government approves an application for a permit under this Division subject to conditions, those conditions may include—
- (a) the place, the part of the district, or the thoroughfare to which the permit applies;
 - (b) the days and hours during which a permit holder may conduct a stall or trade;
 - (c) the number, type, form and construction, as the case may be, of any stand, table, structure or vehicle which may be used in conducting a stall or in trading;

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- (d) the goods or services in respect of which a permit holder may conduct a stall or trade;
 - (e) the number of persons and the names of persons permitted to conduct a stall or trade;
 - (f) the requirement for personal attendance at the stall or the place of trading by the permit holder and the nomination of assistants, nominees or substitutes for the permit holder;
 - (g) whether and under what terms the permit is transferable;
 - (h) any prohibitions or restrictions concerning the—
 - (i) causing or making of any noise or disturbance which is likely to be a nuisance to persons in the vicinity of the permit holder;
 - (ii) the use of amplifiers, sound equipment and sound instruments;
 - (iii) the use of signs; and
 - (iv) the use of any lighting apparatus or device;
 - (i) the manner in which the permit holder's name and other details of a valid permit are to be displayed;
 - (j) the care, maintenance and cleansing of the stall or any structure used for trading and the place of the stall or any structure;
 - (k) the vacating of the place of a stall or trading when the stall is not being conducted or trading is not being carried on;
 - (l) the acquisition by the stallholder or trader of public risk insurance;
 - (m) the period for which the permit is valid; and
 - (n) the designation of any place or places where trading is wholly or from time to time prohibited by the local government.
- (2) Where a permit holder by reason of illness, accident or other sufficient cause is unable to comply with this local law, the local government may at the request of that permit holder authorize another person to be a nominee of the permit holder for a specified period, and this local law and the conditions of the permit shall apply to the nominee as if he or she was the permit holder.

5.7 Exemptions from requirement to pay fee or to obtain a permit

(1) In this clause—

“**charitable organisation**” means an institution, association, club, society or body whether incorporated or not, the objects of which are of a charitable, benevolent, religious, cultural, educational, recreational, sporting or other like nature and from which any member does not receive any pecuniary profit except where the member is an employee or the profit is an honorarium; and

“**commercial participant**” means any person who is involved in operating a stall or in conducting any trading activity for personal gain or profit.

- (2) The local government may waive any fee required to be paid by an applicant for a stallholder's permit or a trader's permit on making an application for or on the issue of a permit, or may return any such fee which has been paid, if the stall is conducted or the trading is carried on—
- (a) on a portion of a public place adjoining the normal place of business of the applicant; or
 - (b) by a charitable organisation that does not sublet space to, or involve commercial participants in the conduct of a stall or trading, and any assistants that may be specified in the permit are members of that charitable organisation.
- (3) The local government may exempt a person or a class of persons, whether or not in relation to a specified public place, from the requirements of this Division.

Subdivision 3—Conduct of stallholders and traders

5.8 Conduct of stallholders and traders

(1) A stallholder while conducting a stall or a trader while trading shall—

- (a) display her or his permit to do so in a conspicuous place on the stall, vehicle or temporary structure or if there is no stall, vehicle or temporary structure, carry the permit with her or him while conducting a stall or trading;
- (b) not display a permit unless it is a valid permit; and
- (c) when selling goods by weight, carry and use for that purpose, scales tested and certified in accordance with the provisions of the *Weights and Measures Act 1915*.

(2) A stallholder or trader shall not—

- (a) attempt to conduct a business within a distance of 300m of any shop or permanent place of business that is open for business and has for sale any goods or services of the kind being offered for sale by the stall holder or trader.
- (b) deposit or store any box or basket containing goods on any part of a thoroughfare so as to obstruct the movement of pedestrians or vehicles;
- (c) act in an offensive manner;
- (d) use or cause to be used any apparatus or device including any flap or shelf, whereby the dimensions of a stall, vehicle or structure are increased beyond those specified in the permit; or
- (e) in the case of a trader, carry on trading from a public place, unless there is adequate parking for customers' vehicles reasonably close to the place of trading.

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PART 6—PERMITS*Division 1—Applying for a permit***6.1 Application for permit**

- (1) Where a person is required to obtain a permit under this local law, that person shall apply for the permit in accordance with subclause (2).
- (2) An application for a permit under this local law shall—
 - (a) be in the form determined by the local government;
 - (b) be signed by the applicant;
 - (c) provide the information required by the form; and
 - (d) be forwarded to the CEO together with any fee imposed and determined by the local government under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act.
- (3) The local government may require an applicant to provide additional information reasonably related to an application before determining an application for a permit.
- (4) The local government may require an applicant to give local public notice of the application for a permit.
- (5) The local government may refuse to consider an application for a permit which is not in accordance with subclause (2).

6.2 Decision on application for permit

- (1) The local government may—
 - (a) approve an application for a permit unconditionally or subject to any conditions; or
 - (b) refuse to approve an application for a permit.
- (2) If the local government approves an application for a permit, it is to issue to the applicant a permit in the form determined by the local government.
- (3) If the local government refuses to approve an application for a permit, it is to give written notice of that refusal to the applicant.
- (4) Where a clause of this local law refers to conditions which may be imposed on a permit or which are to be taken to be imposed on a permit, the clause does not limit the power of the local government to impose other conditions on the permit under subclause (1)(a).
- (5) Where a clause of this local law refers to the grounds on which an application for a permit may be or is to be refused, the clause does not limit the power of the local government to refuse the application for a permit on other grounds under subclause (1)(b).

*Division 2—Conditions***6.3 Conditions which may be imposed on a permit**

The local government may approve an application for a permit subject to conditions relating to—

- (a) the payment of a fee;
- (b) the duration and commencement of the permit;
- (c) the commencement of the permit being contingent on the happening of an event;
- (d) the rectification, remedying or restoration of a situation or circumstance reasonably related to the application;
- (e) the approval of another application for a permit which may be required by the local government under any written law;
- (f) the area of the district to which the permit applies;
- (g) where a permit is issued for an activity which will or may cause damage to a public place, the payment of a deposit or bond against such damage;
- (h) the obtaining of public risk insurance in an amount and on terms reasonably required by the local government; and
- (i) the provision of an indemnity from the permit holder indemnifying the local government in respect of any injury to any person or any damage to any property which may occur in connection with the use of the public place by the permit holder.

6.4 Imposing conditions under a policy

- (1) In this clause—

“**policy**” means a policy of the local government adopted by the Council containing conditions subject to which an application for a permit may be approved under clause 6.2(1)(a).
- (2) Under clause 6.2(1)(a) the local government may approve an application subject to conditions by reference to a policy.
- (3) The local government is to give a copy of the policy, or the part of the policy which is relevant to the application for a permit, with the form of permit referred to in clause 6.2(2).
- (4) An application for a permit is to be taken not to have been approved subject to the conditions contained in a policy until the local government gives the permit holder a copy of the policy or the part of the policy which is relevant to the application.
- (5) Sections 5.94 and 5.95 of the Act shall apply to a policy and for that purpose a policy is to be taken to be information within section 5.94(u)(i) of the Act.

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6.5 Compliance with and variation of conditions

(1) Where an application for a permit has been approved subject to conditions, or where a permit is to be taken to be subject to conditions under this local law, the permit holder shall comply with each of those conditions.

(2) The local government may vary the conditions of a permit, and the permit holder shall comply with those conditions as varied.

*Division 3—General***6.6 Duration of permit**

A permit is valid for one year from the date on which it is issued, unless it is—

- (a) otherwise stated in this local law or in the permit; or
- (b) cancelled under clause 6.10.

6.7 Renewal of permit

(1) A permit holder may apply to the local government in writing prior to expiry of a permit for the renewal of the permit.

(2) The provisions of—

- (a) this Part; and
- (b) any other provision of this local law relevant to the permit which is to be renewed,

shall apply to an application for the renewal of a permit *mutatis mutandis*.

6.8 Transfer of permit

(1) An application for the transfer of a valid permit is to—

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) be signed by the permit holder and the proposed transferee of the permit;
- (c) provide such information as the local government may require to enable the application to be determined; and
- (d) be forwarded to the CEO together with any fee imposed and determined by the local government under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act.

(2) The local government may approve an application for the transfer of a permit, refuse to approve it or approve it subject to any conditions.

(3) Where the local government approves an application for the transfer of a permit, the transfer may be effected by—

- (a) an endorsement on the permit signed by the CEO; or
- (b) issuing to the transferee a permit in the form determined by the local government.

(4) Where the local government approves an application for the transfer of a permit, it is not required to refund any part of any fee paid by the former permit holder.

6.9 Production of permit

A permit holder is to produce to an authorized person her or his permit immediately upon being required to do so by that authorized person.

6.10 Cancellation of permit

(1) Subject to clause 7.1, a permit may be cancelled by the local government on any one or more of the following grounds—

- (a) the permit holder has not complied with a—
 - (i) condition of the permit; or
 - (ii) provision of any written law which may relate to the activity regulated by the permit; or
- (b) if it is relevant to the activity regulated by the permit—
 - (i) the permit holder has become bankrupt, or gone into liquidation;
 - (ii) the permit holder has entered into any composition or arrangement with creditors; or
 - (iii) a manager, an administrator, a trustee, a receiver, or a receiver and manager is appointed in relation to any part of the permit holder's undertakings or property.

(2) On the cancellation of a permit the permit holder—

- (a) shall return the permit as soon as practicable to the local government; and
- (b) is to be taken to have forfeited any fees paid in respect of the permit.

PART 7—OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS**7.1 Application of Part 9 Division 1 of Act**

When the local government makes a decision—

- (a) under clause 6.2(1); or
- (b) as to whether it will renew, vary, or cancel a permit,

the provisions of Division 1 of Part 9 of the Act and regulations 33 and 34 of the Regulations apply to that decision.

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PART 8—MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

8.1 Notice to repair damage to thoroughfare

Where any portion of a thoroughfare has been damaged, the local government may by notice to the person who caused the damage order the person to repair or replace that portion of the thoroughfare to the satisfaction of the local government.

PART 9—ENFORCEMENT

Division 1—Notices given under this local law

9.1 Offence to fail to comply with notice

Whenever the local government gives a notice under this local law requiring a person to do any thing, if the person fails to comply with the notice, the person commits an offence.

9.2 Local government may undertake requirements of notice

Where a person fails to comply with a notice referred to in clause 9.1, the local government may do the thing specified in the notice and recover from that person, as a debt, the costs incurred in so doing.

Division 2—Offences and penalties

Subdivision 1—General

9.3 Offences

(1) Any person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

Subdivision 2—Infringement notices and modified penalties

9.4 Prescribed offences

(1) An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 1 is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the Act.

(2) The amount of the modified penalty for a prescribed offence is that specified adjacent to the clause in Schedule 1.

(3) For the purpose of guidance only, before giving an infringement notice to a person in respect of the commission of a prescribed offence, an authorized person should be satisfied that—

- (a) commission of the prescribed offence is a relatively minor matter; and
- (b) only straightforward issues of law and fact are involved in determining whether the prescribed offence was committed, and the facts in issue are readily ascertainable.

9.5 Forms

Unless otherwise specified, for the purposes of this local law—

- (a) where a vehicle is involved in the commission of an offence, the form of the notice referred to in section 9.13 of the Act is that of Form 1 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations;
- (b) the form of the infringement notice given under section 9.16 of the Act is that of Form 2 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations; and
- (c) the form of the notice referred to in section 9.20 of the Act is that of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations.

Schedule 1

PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

Clause	Description	Modified Penalty \$
2.1(a)	Damaging or interfering with signpost or structure on thoroughfare	300
2.1(b)	Playing games so as to impede vehicles or persons on thoroughfare	100
2.2(1)(a)	Digging a trench through a kerb or footpath without a permit	100
2.2(1)(c)	Lighting a fire on a thoroughfare without a permit	300
2.2(1)(d)	Felling tree onto thoroughfare without a permit	100
2.2(1)(e)	Interfering with anything on a thoroughfare without a permit	100
2.3(1)	Consumption or possession of liquor on thoroughfare	100
2.4(1)	Driving or taking a vehicle on a closed thoroughfare	300

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Clause	Description	Modified Penalty \$	
3.1(1)	Animal or vehicle obstructing a public place or local government property	100	
3.2(2)(a)	Animal on thoroughfare when not led, ridden or driven	100	
3.2(2)(b)	Animal on public place with infectious disease	100	
3.2(2)(c)	Training or racing animal on thoroughfare in built-up area	100	
3.2(3)	Horse led, ridden or driven on thoroughfare in built-up area	100	
4.6(1)	Driving a vehicle on other than the carriageway of a flora road	200	
4.9	Planting in thoroughfare without a permit	200	
4.11	Failure to obtain permit to clear a thoroughfare	500	
4.13	Burning of thoroughfare without a permit	500	
4.17	Construction of firebreak on thoroughfare without a permit	500	
4.19	Commercial harvesting of native flora on thoroughfare	500	
4.20(1)	Collecting seed from native flora on thoroughfare without a permit	300	
5.2(1)	Conducting of stall in public place without a permit	300	
5.3(1)	Trading without a permit	300	
5.8(1)(a)	Failure of stallholder or trader to display or carry permit	100	
5.8(1)(b)	Stallholder or trader not displaying valid permit	100	
5.8(1)(c)	Stallholder or trader not carrying certified scales when selling goods by weight	100	
5.8(2)	Stallholder or trader engaged in prohibited conduct	100	
6.5	Failure to comply with a condition of a permit	100	
6.9	Failure to produce permit on request of authorized person	100	
9.1	Failure to comply with notice given under local law	100	

Dated this 25th day of November 1999.

The Common Seal of the Shire of West Arthur was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

R. K. SAUNDERS, President.
N. C. WASMANN, Chief Executive Officer.

2. Subject to Paragraph Four (4) hereof all owners or occupiers of land within the Shire of Nungarin shall provide and maintain firebreaks during the firebreak period as prescribed in these by-laws.

Rural Land: To a width of Three metres wide inside and along all external boundaries of land and around areas of not more than 200 ha (500 acres) owned or occupied by you; and to a width of two metres wide around all buildings, haysheds and fuel storage areas.

Firebreaks may be ploughed, scarified or otherwise cleared of all debris of a flammable nature and must be maintained free of such materials.

Townsite Land—

(a) Where area of land is 5 000 square metres or less the Land shall be cleared of all flammable material and maintained free of such material.

(b) Where area of land exceeds 5 000 square metres a firebreak of not less than two metres wide shall be cleared of all flammable material and maintained free of such material, inside the external boundaries of that land, notwithstanding that where the common boundary adjoins a constructed road, the installation of the said firebreak is optional.

3. Licensed Fuel Depots and Ramps: Fire protection standards at all licensed fuel depots within the Shire of Nungarin will be in compliance with all the requirements of the Explosives and Dangerous Goods Act 1961 and the Flammable Liquids Regulations 1967.

All grass and similar flammable materials to be cleared from areas where drum ramps are located and where drums, full or empty, are stored and such areas maintained clear of grass and similar flammable materials.

4. If it is considered impractical to clear firebreaks or remove flammable material from the land as required by these By-Laws application may be made in writing to the Council or its duly authorised officer for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions. If permission is not granted by the Council or its duly authorised officer the requirements of these By-laws shall be complied with.

5. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

6. Penalty for Non-Compliance: A fine not exceeding \$1 000 and in default the Council may enter upon the land and perform the requisite works at the cost of the owner or occupier.

Dated this 31st Day of August, 1988.

The Common Seal of the Municipality of the Shire of Nungarin was affixed hereto in the presence of—
[L.S.]

R. R. CREAGH,
Shire President.
P. J. VARRIS,
Shire Clerk.

Recommended—

IAN TAYLOR,
Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Confirmed by His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council this 20th day of December 1988.

G. PEARCE,
Clerk of the Council.

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

Municipality of the Shire of West Arthur

By-laws relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the abovementioned Act, and of all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of West Arthur hereby records having resolved on the 18 August 1988, to make and submit for confirmation by the Governor, the following by-laws.

The by-laws published in the *Government Gazette* dated 21 March 1941 at page 361 and as amended in the *Government Gazette* dated 28 September 1960, relating to the establishment, maintenance and equipment of Bush Fires Brigades are hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

Establishment of Brigade

1. (a) By resolution, the Council may establish, maintain and equip a bush fire brigade under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and regulations thereunder. The brigade shall be formed in accordance with these by-laws; and a name shall be given to the brigade. Details of the brigade and its officers shall be entered in the register of Bush Fire Brigades held by Council.

(b) A bush fire brigade may be established for the whole of the Shire or for any specified area thereof.

Appointment of Officers

2. The Council shall appoint a captain, a first lieutenant, a second lieutenant and such additional lieutenants as it shall deem necessary to act as Officers of the brigade.

3. Members of the Brigade shall elect a person to act as Secretary to the Brigade and shall inform the Council accordingly.

4. The Council may appoint an equipment officer who shall be responsible for the custody and maintenance in good order and condition of all equipment and appliances acquired by the Council for the purpose of the brigade. Such officer may station such equipment at a depot approved by the captain.

Powers and Duties of Officers

5. The powers and duties of all officers appointed under these by-laws shall be laid down in the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and each officer so appointed shall be supplied with a copy of the Act and regulations.

Membership of Brigade

6. (1) The membership of a bush fire brigade may consist of the following:

- (a) subscribing members; and
- (b) firefighting members.

(2) Subscribing members shall be those persons, who being interested in forwarding the objects of the brigade, pay an annual subscription to the funds of the brigade at the following rates:

- (i) owner or occupier of land within the brigade area—minimum subscription of \$1.00
- (ii) other persons—minimum subscriptions of \$0.50

(3) Firefighting members shall be those persons, being able bodied persons over 15 years who are willing to render service at any bush fire when called upon; and who sign an undertaking in the form contained in the First Schedule to these by-laws.

(4) No fees or subscriptions shall be payable by firefighting members and the enrolment of persons as such members shall in every case be subject to the approval of the Council.

(5) A subscribing member shall be eligible for enrolment as a firefighting member.

Finance

7. The expenditure incurred by the Council in the purchase of equipment, payment for services and generally for the purpose of this Act, shall be a charge on the ordinary revenue of the Council and records of such expenditure shall be maintained in accordance with Municipal audit requirements.

Meetings of Brigades

8. Meetings will be held as necessary.

First Schedule

Form of Enrolment—Firefighting Member

I, the undersigned,
 hereby make application to be enrolled as a firefighting member of the Bush Fire Brigade.
 My Private address is
 My Business address is
 I can be contacted on Telephone No.
 I hereby declare that I am over years of age and in good health.

On enrolment as a firefighter member. I hereby undertake:

- 1. To promote the objects of the brigade as far as shall be in my power.
- 2. To be governed by the provisions of the constitution, such By-Laws and regulations as may from time to time be made thereunder.
- 3. To use my best endeavour to give assistance in firefighting measures when called upon and on such occasions to obey all orders and instructions issued by duly authorised officers of the brigade.

Applicant's Signature.....
 Date.....

Dated this 18th day of August, 1988.
 The Common Seal of the Shire of West Arthur was
 hereto affixed in the presence of
 [L.S.]

K. M. McINERNEY,
 President.
 G. S. WILKS,
 Shire Clerk.

Recommended—

IAN TAYLOR,
 Minister for Emergency Services.

Approved by His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council this 20th day of December 1988.

G. PEARCE,
 Clerk of the Council.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

THE SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR

LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO PARKING AND USE OF VEHICLES

Interpretation

1. In these Local laws, unless the context requires otherwise—

- “Authorised vehicle” means a vehicle authorised by the Council;
- “Carriageway” means a portion of a street that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic and includes the shoulders and areas, including embayments, at the side of centre of the carriageway used for the standing or parking of vehicles and where a street has two or more of these portions divided by a median strip, the expression means each of these portions separately;
- “Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer of the Council;
- “Council” means the Shire of West Arthur Council;
- “Crossover” means a pavement to the specification fixed by Council for use by vehicles over the verge from the carriageway to the nearest property line;
- “Driver” includes rider and the person in charge of a vehicle;
- “Footway” includes every footpath, lane or other place intended for use of pedestrians only, or habitually used by pedestrians and not by vehicles, except cycles where the path is set aside for dual use by both cyclists and pedestrians;
- “Inspector” means a Parking Inspector appointed by the Council under these Local laws;
- “Local Government” means the Shire of West Arthur;
- “No Parking Area” means a portion of a carriageway that lies between two consecutive white signs inscribed with the words “No Parking”, in red lettering, and each with an arrow pointing generally towards the other item;
- “Notice” means a notice in the form of Form 1, Form 2 or Form 3 issued pursuant to Local law 35;
- “Owner” of a vehicle means the person who is the holder of the requisite vehicle licence under the Road Traffic Act in respect of that vehicle, or, if the vehicle is not licensed under that Act, the person who owns the vehicle or is entitled to its possession;
- “Park” means to permit a vehicle, whether attended or not, to remain stationary, except for the purpose of avoiding conflict with other traffic, or complying with the provisions of any law or of immediately taking up or setting down persons or goods, and “parking” has a correlative meaning;
- “Parking area” means a portion of a carriageway between two consecutive white signs inscribed with the word “Parking”, in green lettering, each with an arrow pointing generally towards the other of them.
- “Parking region” means streets and reserves and any private land in respect of which the owner or occupier from time to time requests the Council to control parking under these Local laws within the Scheme Area of the Shire of West Arthur Town Planning Scheme;
- “Parking stall” means a section or part of a street or of a reserve car park which is marked or defined by painted lines, by metallic studs or similar devices for the purpose of indicating where a vehicle may stand or be parked whether on payment of a fee or charge or otherwise;
- “Property line” means the boundary between the land comprising a street and the land that abuts thereon;
- “Reserve” means any land, other than street reserves, owned by, vested in or otherwise under the care, control or management of the Local Government;
- “Reserve car park” means any portion of a reserve set aside by the Council for the purpose of the standing or parking of vehicles whether on payment of a fee or charge or otherwise;
- “Sign” means a traffic sign, mark, structure or device placed or erected on or near a street or reserve or within a reserve car park for the purpose of regulating, guiding or directing traffic;
- “Stand” in relation to a vehicle means to stop the vehicle and permit it to remain stationary, except for the purpose of avoiding conflict with other traffic or of complying with the provisions of any law and “standing” has a correlative meaning;
- “Street” has the meaning given to it by the Act;
- “Vehicle” includes any vehicle (excluding wheelchairs) which comes within the interpretation of that expression in the Road Traffic Act;
- “Verge” means that portion of a street which lies between the carriageway and the nearest property line.

2. In these Local laws a reference to the Council having the power to do something in its discretion and subject to any condition it thinks fit shall be deemed to include a reference to any person, committee or body to whom the Council has delegated the power or the doing of the thing exercising such discretion and imposing any conditions thought fit.

Council Powers to Control Parking and Erect Signs

3. The Council may provide for and control the standing and parking of vehicles within the parking region.
4. Any sign that was lawfully erected prior to the coming into operation of these Local laws and relates to the standing or parking of vehicles within the parking region shall be deemed, for the purposes of these Local laws, to have been erected by Council under the authority of these Local laws.
5. Where under these Local laws the standing or parking of vehicles in a street is controlled by a sign, such sign shall be read as applying to that part of the street which—
 - (a) lies beyond the sign;
 - (b) lies between that sign and the next sign beyond that sign;
 - (c) is that side of the carriageway of the street nearest to the sign.
6. An inscription on a sign operates and has effect according to its tenor and a person contravening the direction of a sign commits an offence under these Local laws.
7. A person shall not without the authority of the Council mark, set up or exhibit any sign purporting to be or resembling a sign marked, set up or exhibited by the Council under the authority of these Local laws.
8. A person shall not remove, damage, deface or misuse any sign or attempt to do such acts.
9. A person shall not, without the permission of the Council, affix any board, sign, placard, notice or other thing to or paint or write upon any part of a sign.

Standing or Parking of Vehicles in Street

10. Subject to Local law 11 a person standing or parking a vehicle in a street shall stand or park it—
 - (a) on a two-way carriageway, so that it is as near as practicable to and parallel with, the left boundary of the carriageway and headed in the direction of the movement of traffic on the side of the carriageway on which the vehicle is standing or parked.
 - (b) on a one-way carriageway, so that it is as near as practicable to and parallel with, either boundary of the carriageway and headed in the direction of the movement of traffic.
11. (1) Where a traffic sign associated with a parking area is not inscribed with the words “Angle Parking” then—
 - (a) where the parking area is adjacent to the boundary of a carriageway, a person standing a vehicle in the parking area shall stand it as near as practicable to and parallel with, that boundary;
 - (2) Where a traffic sign associated with a parking area is inscribed with the words “Angle Parking” a person standing a vehicle in the parking area shall stand the vehicle at an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the centre of the carriageway, unless otherwise indicated by the inscription on the sign or by marks on the carriageway.
12. Where a street is provided with parking stalls set at an angle to the kerb a person shall not stand a vehicle or permit a vehicle to stand on such street otherwise than wholly within a parking stall and as close to the kerb as is practicable.
13. A person parking a vehicle on a street shall park it—
 - (a) so that at least 3 metres of the width of the street is available for the passage of other vehicles;
 - (b) so that it is not less than 1.2 metres from any other vehicle, except a motor bicycle or a bicycle parked in accordance with these Local laws;
 - (c) so that it does not cause any undue obstruction on the street.
14. A person shall not stand a vehicle or permit a vehicle to stand in a street—
 - (a) in a parking area, other than in a manner indicated by the inscription on the sign or signs associated with the parking area and where the parking area includes parking stalls, except as in these Local laws provided, with reference to such parking stall;
 - (b) in a parking area contrary to any limitation in respect of time, days, periods of the day, classes of persons or classes of vehicles indicated by the inscription on the sign or signs associated with the area.
15. A person shall not park a vehicle in a street—
 - (a) in a “No Parking” area;
 - (b) partly within and partly outside a parking area, unless directed to do so by an Inspector or a member of the Police Force;
 - (c) for the purpose of effecting repairs to it, other than the minimum repairs necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved to a place other than a street;
 - (d) if the vehicle is exposed for sale.
16. A person shall not stand or park a vehicle in a street so that any portion of the vehicle is—
 - (a) between any other standing vehicle and the centre of the carriageway;
 - (b) obstructing a right of way, passage or private drive or carriageway or so close thereto as to deny vehicles reasonable access to or egress from the right of way, passage or private drive or carriageway;
 - (c) in front of a footway constructed across a reservation;
 - (d) on any footway or pedestrian crossing;

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- (e) within 1 metre of a fire hydrant or fire plug, or of any sign or mark indicating the existence of a fire hydrant or a fire plug;
- (f) within 3 metres of a public letter pillar box, unless the vehicles being used for the purpose of collecting postal articles from the pillar box;
- (g) within 6 metres of the nearer property line of any street intersecting the street on the side on which the vehicle is standing;

17. Subject to Local law 18 and 19 a person shall not drive or park or cause a vehicle to be driven or parked on a verge.

18. Local law 17 does not apply to a vehicle driven or parked on a crossover or other usual accessway to land adjoining a carriageway provided that such vehicle is driven or parked at right angles to the carriageway and not parked on or near a footway so as to cause an obstruction.

19. Local law 17 does not apply to the owner or occupier of the adjoining property or if the vehicles owner has the permission of the property owner or occupier, provided that—

- (a) A private vehicle is not parked on the street verge for more than 24 hours without being moved.
- (b) Vehicles over eight metres in length are not parked on the street verge for more than one hour in any 24 hour period.
- (c) A vehicle is not parked on the verge to effect repairs to it, other than the minimum repairs necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved to a place other than a street.
- (d) A vehicle is not parked on the verge to be wrecked.

Parking and Use of Vehicles on Reserves

20. A person, other than an employee of the Council carrying out official duties, shall not, without the permission of the Council, drive, ride, stand or park a vehicle on any portion of a reserve which is not set aside or intended for vehicular use.

21. Subject to Local law 20 a person shall not drive or ride a vehicle on any road or carriageway at a speed in excess of any maximum set by the Council and indicated by signs.

22. A person shall not stand or park a vehicle in any area of a reserve contrary to any prohibitions, regulations or restrictions indicated by the inscription on a sign or signs on or associated with the area.

23. A person shall not stand or park a vehicle so as to obstruct an entrance to, an exit from or a thoroughfare within a reserve or a reserve carpark or beyond the limits of any defined right-of-way within a reserve car park.

Standing and Parking of Vehicles Generally

24. A person shall not stand or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to stand in a street or reserve carpark—

- (a) which is by any sign thereon or adjacent thereto set apart for the standing or parking of vehicles of a different class;
- (b) if by any sign the standing of vehicles is prohibited or restricted during any period or periods, during such period or periods;
- (c) which is by any sign designated "Authorised Vehicles Only" or "Council Vehicles Only", unless the person first obtains the permission of the Council, the Chief Executive Officer or an Inspector.

25. A person shall not stand or park a vehicle on any part of a street or reserve if an Inspector or member of the Police Force directs the driver to remove it.

Miscellaneous

26. The Council may appoint such of its officers as it deems necessary as Inspectors for the purposes of these Local laws.

27. Inspectors appointed by the Council are authorised—

- (a) to take all reasonable necessary steps to enable the Local laws to be given full force and effect;
- (b) to initiate and conduct prosecutions as directed by the Council or the Chief Executive Officer from time to time.

28. An Inspector shall be furnished with a certificate of appointment in a form determined by the Council from time to time.

29. An Inspector shall on demand show a certificate of his or her appointment.

30. A person who is not an Inspector shall not in any way assume the duties of an Inspector.

31. A person shall not in any way obstruct or hinder an Inspector in the execution of his or her duties.

32. An Inspector may mark the tyres of a parked vehicle with chalk or any other non-indelible substance for any purpose connected with or arising out of his or her duties and powers and a person shall not remove such a mark made by an Inspector so that the purpose of affixing the mark is defeated or likely to be defeated.

33. An Inspector who finds a person committing or who on reasonable grounds suspects a person of having committed a breach of the provisions of these Local laws may demand from that person his or her name and place of abode.

34. A person who refuses a demand from an Inspector to state his or her name or place of abode, or who states a false name or place of abode, commits an offence.

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35. (1) A notice served under section 9.13 of the Act in respect of an offence alleged to have been committed against any provision of these Local laws shall be in or to the effect of Form 1 in the First Schedule.

(2) An infringement notice served under section 9.16 of the Act in respect of an offence alleged to have been committed against any provision of these Local laws shall be in or to the effect of Form 2 in the First Schedule.

(3) A notice sent under section 9.20 of the Act withdrawing an infringement notice served under that section in respect of an offence alleged to have been committed against any provision of these Local laws shall be in or to the effect of Form 3 in the First Schedule.

36. A person, other than the driver of the vehicle, shall not remove from the vehicle any notice affixed thereto or left therein or thereon by an Inspector.

37. The amount appearing in the final column of the Third Schedule directly opposite the offence described in that Schedule is the modified penalty for that offence if dealt with under section 9.16 of the Act.

38. The Council shall cause adequate records to be kept of all infringement notices served and modified penalties received under section 9.16 of the Act in respect of offences against these Local laws.

39. A penalty for an offence against these Local laws (not being a modified penalty) may be recovered by the Council by taking proceedings against the alleged offender in a Court of Petty Sessions.

40. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Local laws commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$200.

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Form 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of West Arthur

Local Laws Relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles

NOTICE REQUIRING OWNER OF VEHICLE TO IDENTIFY DRIVER

To: Date
Notice No.
Ranger No.
Registration No.
Amount Due \$

It is alleged that the above vehicle did in contravention of the provisions of Local law No of the Shire of West Arthur Parking and Use of Vehicle Local Laws.

You are hereby required to identify the person who was the driver or person in charge of the above vehicle at the time when the above offence is alleged to have been committed.

Unless within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of the service of this notice you—

- (a) inform the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of West Arthur in writing as to the identity and address of the person who was the driver or person in charge of the above vehicle at the time of the offence; or was being unlawfully used at the time of the above offence.
- (b) satisfy the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of West Arthur that the above vehicle had been stolen or was being unlawfully used at the time of the above offence.

YOU WILL IN THE ABSENCE OF PROOF OF THE CONTRARY, BE DEEMED TO HAVE COMMITTED THAT ABOVE OFFENCE AND COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE INSTITUTED AGAINST YOU.

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of West Arthur.

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Form 2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of West Arthur

Local Laws Relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

To: Ranger No.
Notice No.
Date of Service

You are hereby notified it is alleged on the day of at about you did in contravention of the provisions of Local-law No of the Shire of West Arthur Parking and Use of Vehicles Local Laws.

The modified penalty prescribed for this offence is \$

If you do not wish to have a complaint of the above offence heard and determined by a Court you may pay the modified penalty within twenty eight (28) days of the service of this notice.

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Unless payment is made within twenty eight (28) days of the date of the service of this notice Court proceedings may be instituted against you.

Payment may be made either by posting this form together with the amount of \$ To the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of West Arthur or by delivering this form and paying the amount at the Administration Centre, Burrowes Street, Darkan between 8:30am and 4:30pm Mondays to Fridays. If payment is not received within twenty eight (28) days of the date of this notice, it will be assumed that you wish to insist on your right to a Court Hearing, and Court proceedings will be issued against you in due course.

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of West Arthur.

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Form 3

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Local Laws Relating to Parking and Use of Vehicles

WITHDRAWAL OF INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

To: _____ Date _____
 Infringement Notice No. _____ Date _____
 Modified Penalty \$ _____ is hereby withdrawn.
 Signature of Authorised Officer:

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of West Arthur.

Second Schedule

Local law	Nature of Offence	Penalty
12	Parking not wholly within a Parking Stall.	\$20.00
13 (C)	Causing an obstruction	\$30.00
15(a)	Parking in a "No Parking" area.	\$30.00
16(1)b &	Causing an obstruction	\$30.00
16(1)c &	Causing an obstruction	\$30.00
16(1)d	Causing an obstruction	\$30.00
17	Parking or Driving on a Street Verge	\$30.00

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY LOCAL LAW

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of West Arthur resolved on [insert date] to make the following local law.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Citation

1.1 This local law may be cited as the Shire of West Arthur Local Government Property Local Law.

Definitions

1.2 In this local law unless the context otherwise requires—

“**Act**” means the *Local Government Act 1995*;

“**applicant**” means a person who applies for a permit under clause 3.2;

“**authorized person**” means a person authorized by the local government under section 9.10 of the Act to perform any of the functions of an authorized person under this local law;

“**boat**” means any ship, vessel or structure capable of being used in navigation by water, however propelled or moved, and includes a jet ski;

“**building**” means any building which is local government property and includes a –

(a) hall or room;

(b) corridor, stairway or annexe of any hall or room; and

(c) jetty;

“**CEO**” means the chief executive officer of the local government;

“**commencement day**” means the day on which this local law comes into operation;

“**Council**” means the council of the local government;

“**date of publication**” means, where local public notice is required to be given of a matter under this local law, the date on which notice of the matter is published in a newspaper circulating generally throughout the district;

“**determination**” means a determination made under clause 2.1;

“**district**” means the district of the local government;

“**function**” means an event or activity characterised by all or any of the following—

(a) formal organisation and preparation;

(b) its occurrence is generally advertised or notified in writing to particular persons;

(c) organisation by or on behalf of a club;

(d) payment of a fee to attend it; and

(e) systematic recurrence in relation to the day, time and place;

“**liquor**” has the same meaning as is given to it in section 3 of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*;

“**local government**” means the Shire of West Arthur;

“**local government property**” means anything except a thoroughfare—

(a) which belongs to the local government;

(b) of which the local government is the management body under the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or

(c) which is an ‘otherwise unvested facility’ within section 3.53 of the Act;

“**Manager**” means the person for the time being employed by the local government to control and manage a pool area or other facility which is local government property and includes the person’s assistant or deputy;

“**permit**” means a permit issued under this local law;

“**permit holder**” means a person who holds a valid permit;

“**person**” does not include the local government;

“**pool area**” means any swimming and wading pools and spas and all buildings, structures, fittings, fixtures, machinery, chattels, furniture and equipment forming part of or used in connection with such swimming and wading pools and spas which are local government property;

“**Regulations**” means the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*;

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“**sign**” includes a notice, flag, mark, structure or device approved by the local government on which may be shown words, numbers, expressions or symbols;

“**trading**” means the selling or hiring, or the offering for sale or hire of goods or services, and includes displaying goods for the purpose of—

- (a) offering them for sale or hire;
- (b) inviting offers for their sale or hire;
- (c) soliciting orders for them; or
- (d) carrying out any other transaction in relation to them; and

“**vehicle**” includes—

- (a) every conveyance and every object capable of being propelled or drawn on wheels, tracks or otherwise; and
 - (b) an animal being ridden or driven,
- but excludes –
- (c) a wheel-chair or any device designed for use, by a physically impaired person on a footpath;
 - (d) a pram, a stroller or a similar device; and
 - (e) a boat.

Interpretation

1.3 In this local law unless the context otherwise requires a reference to local government property includes a reference to any part of that local government property.

Application

1.4 (1) This local law applies throughout the district.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this local law, the local government may—

- (a) hire local government property to any person; or
- (b) enter into an agreement with any person regarding the use of any local government property.

Repeal

1.5 (1) The following local laws are repealed—

By-laws relating to –

Recreation Reserves, published in the Government Gazettes of 10 January 1986 and 8 May 1987; and

Control and Management of Darkan Shire Hall, Equipment and Property, published in the Government gazette of 4 October 1985.

(2) Where a policy was made or adopted by the local government under or in relation to a local law repealed by this local law, then the policy is to be taken to no longer have any effect on and from the commencement day.

(3) The Council may resolve that notwithstanding subclause (2), specified policies continue, or are to be taken to have continued, to have effect on and from the commencement day.

PART 2—DETERMINATIONS IN RESPECT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Division 1—Determinations

Determinations as to use of local government property

2.1 (1) The local government may make a determination in accordance with clause 2.2—

- (a) setting aside specified local government property for the pursuit of all or any of the activities referred to in clause 2.7;
- (b) prohibiting a person from pursuing all or any of the activities referred to in clause 2.8 on specified local government property;
- (c) as to the matters in clauses 2.7(2) and 2.8(2); and
- (d) as to any matter ancillary or necessary to give effect to a determination.

(2) The determinations in Schedule 2—

- (a) are to be taken to have been made in accordance with clause 2.2;
- (b) may be amended or revoked in accordance with clause 2.6; and
- (c) have effect on the commencement day.

Procedure for making a determination

2.2 (1) The local government is to give local public notice of its intention to make a determination.

(2) The local public notice referred to in subclause (1) is to state that—

- (a) the local government intends to make a determination, the purpose and effect of which is summarised in the notice;
- (b) a copy of the proposed determination may be inspected and obtained from the offices of the local government; and
- (c) submissions in writing about the proposed determination may be lodged with the local government within 21 days after the date of publication.

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- (3) If no submissions are received in accordance with subclause (2)(c), the Council is to decide to—
- (a) give local public notice that the proposed determination has effect as a determination on and from the date of publication;
 - (b) amend the proposed determination, in which case subclause (5) will apply; or
 - (c) not continue with the proposed determination.
- (4) If submissions are received in accordance with subclause (2)(c) the Council is to—
- (a) consider those submissions; and
 - (b) decide—
 - (i) whether or not to amend the proposed determination; or
 - (ii) not to continue with the proposed determination.
- (5) If the Council decides to amend the proposed determination, it is to give local public notice—
- (a) of the effect of the amendments; and
 - (b) that the proposed determination has effect as a determination on and from the date of publication.
- (6) If the Council decides not to amend the proposed determination, it is to give local public notice that the proposed determination has effect as a determination on and from the date of publication.
- (7) A proposed determination is to have effect as a determination on and from the date of publication of the local public notice referred to in subclauses (3), (5) and (6).
- (8) A decision under subclause (3) or (4) is not to be delegated by the Council.

Discretion to erect sign

2.3 The local government may erect a sign on local government property to give notice of the effect of a determination which applies to that property.

Determination to be complied with

2.4 A person shall comply with a determination.

Register of determinations

2.5 (1) The local government is to keep a register of determinations made under clause 2.1, and of any amendments to or revocations of determinations made under clause 2.6.

(2) Sections 5.94 and 5.95 of the Act are to apply to the register referred to in subclause (1) and for that purpose the register is to be taken to be information within section 5.94(u)(i) of the Act.

Amendment or revocation of a determination

2.6 (1) The Council may amend or revoke a determination.

(2) The provisions of clause 2.2 are to apply to an amendment of a determination as if the amendment were a proposed determination.

(3) If the Council revokes a determination it is to give local public notice of the revocation and the determination is to cease to have effect on the date of publication.

*Division 2—Activities which may be pursued or prohibited under a determination***Activities which may be pursued on specified local government property**

2.7 (1) A determination may provide that specified local government property is set aside as an area on which a person may—

- (a) bring, ride or drive an animal;
 - (b) take, ride or drive a vehicle, or a particular class of vehicle;
 - (c) fly or use a motorised model aeroplane;
 - (d) use a children's playground provided that the person is under an age specified in the determination, but the determination is not to apply to a person having the charge of a person under the specified age;
 - (e) launch, beach or leave a boat;
 - (f) take or use a boat, or a particular class of boat;
 - (g) deposit refuse, rubbish or liquid waste, whether or not of particular classes, and whether or not in specified areas of that local government property;
 - (h) play or practice—
 - (i) golf or archery;
 - (ii) pistol or rifle shooting, but subject to the compliance of that person with the *Firearms Act 1973*; or
 - (iii) a similar activity, specified in the determination, involving the use of a projectile which, in the opinion of the local government may cause injury or damage to a person or property;
 - (i) ride a bicycle, a skateboard, rollerblades, a sandboard or a similar device; and
 - (j) wear no clothing.
- (2) A determination may specify the extent to which and the manner in which an activity referred to in subclause (1) may be pursued and in particular—
- (a) the days and times during which the activity may be pursued;

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- (b) that an activity may be pursued on a class of local government property, specified local government property or all local government property;
- (c) that an activity is to be taken to be prohibited on all local government property other than that specified in the determination;
- (d) may limit the activity to a class of vehicles, boats, equipment or things, or may extend it to all vehicles, boats, equipment or things;
- (e) may specify that the activity can be pursued by a class of persons or all persons; and
- (f) may distinguish between different classes of the activity.

Activities which may be prohibited on specified local government property

2.8 (1) A determination may provide that a person is prohibited from pursuing all or any of the following activities on specified local government property—

- (a) smoking on premises;
 - (b) riding a bicycle, a skateboard, rollerblades, a sandboard or a similar device;
 - (c) taking, riding or driving a vehicle on the property or a particular class of vehicle;
 - (d) riding or driving a vehicle of a particular class or any vehicle above a specified speed;
 - (e) taking or using a boat, or a particular class of boat;
 - (f) the playing or practice of—
 - (i) golf, archery, pistol shooting or rifle shooting; or
 - (ii) a similar activity, specified in the determination, involving the use of a projectile which, in the opinion of the local government may cause injury or damage to a person or property;
 - (g) the playing or practice of any ball game which may cause detriment to the property or any fauna on the property; and
 - (h) the traversing of sand dunes or land which in the opinion of the local government has environmental value warranting such protection, either absolutely or except by paths provided for that purpose.
- (2) A determination may specify the extent to which and the manner in which a person is prohibited from pursuing an activity referred to in subclause (1) and, in particular—
- (a) the days and times during which the activity is prohibited;
 - (b) that an activity is prohibited on a class of local government property, specified local government property or all local government property;
 - (c) that an activity is prohibited in respect of a class of vehicles, boats, equipment or things, or all vehicles, boats, equipment or things;
 - (d) that an activity is prohibited in respect of a class of persons or all persons; and
 - (e) may distinguish between different classes of the activity.
- (3) In this clause—
“premises” means a building, stadium or similar structure which is local government property, but not an open space such as a park or a playing field.

Division 3—Transitional

Signs taken to be determinations

2.9 (1) Where a sign erected on local government property has been erected under a local law of the local government repealed by this local law, then it is to be taken to be and have effect as a determination on and from the commencement day, except to the extent that the sign is inconsistent with any provision of this local law or any determination made under clause 2.1.

(2) Clause 2.5 does not apply to a sign referred to in subclause (1).

PART 3—PERMITS

Division 1—Preliminary

Application of Part

3.1 This Part does not apply to a person who uses or occupies local government property under a written agreement with the local government to do so.

Division 2—Applying for a permit

Application for permit

3.2 (1) Where a person is required to obtain a permit under this local law, that person shall apply for the permit in accordance with subclause (2).

(2) An application for a permit under this local law shall—

- (a) be in the form determined by the local government;
- (b) be signed by the applicant;
- (c) provide the information required by the form; and
- (d) be forwarded to the CEO together with any fee imposed and determined by the local government under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act.

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(3) The local government may require an applicant to provide additional information reasonably related to an application before determining an application for a permit.

(4) The local government may require an applicant to give local public notice of the application for a permit.

(5) The local government may refuse to consider an application for a permit which is not in accordance with subclause (2).

Decision on application for permit

3.3 (1) The local government may—

- (a) approve an application for a permit unconditionally or subject to any conditions; or
- (b) refuse to approve an application for a permit.

(2) If the local government approves an application for a permit, it is to issue to the applicant, a permit in the form determined by the local government.

(3) If the local government refuses to approve an application for a permit, it is to give written notice of that refusal to the applicant.

Division 3—Conditions

Conditions which may be imposed on a permit

3.4 (1) Without limiting the generality of clause 3.3(1)(a), the local government may approve an application for a permit subject to conditions relating to—

- (a) the payment of a fee;
- (b) compliance with a standard or a policy of the local government adopted by the local government;
- (c) the duration and commencement of the permit;
- (d) the commencement of the permit being contingent on the happening of an event;
- (e) the rectification, remedying or restoration of a situation or circumstance reasonably related to the application;
- (f) the approval of another application for a permit which may be required by the local government under any written law;
- (g) the area of the district to which the permit applies;
- (h) where a permit is issued for an activity which will or may cause damage to local government property, the payment of a deposit or bond against such damage; and
- (i) the obtaining of public risk insurance in an amount and on terms reasonably required by the local government.

(2) Without limiting clause 3.3(1)(a) and subclause (1), the following paragraphs indicate the type and content of the conditions on which a permit to hire local government property may be issued –

- (a) when fees and charges are to be paid;
- (b) payment of a bond against possible damage or cleaning expenses or both;
- (c) restrictions on the erection of material or external decorations;
- (d) rules about the use of furniture, plant and effects;
- (e) limitations on the number of persons who may attend any function in or on local government property;
- (f) the duration of the hire;
- (g) the right of the local government to cancel a booking during the course of an annual or seasonal booking, if the local government sees fit;
- (h) a prohibition on the sale, supply or consumption of liquor unless a liquor licence is first obtained for that purpose under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*;
- (i) whether or not the hire is for the exclusive use of the local government property;
- (j) the obtaining of a policy of insurance in the names of both the local government and the hirer, indemnifying the local government in respect of any injury to any person or any damage to any property which may occur in connection with the hire of the local government property by the hirer; and
- (k) the provision of an indemnity from the hirer, indemnifying the local government in respect of any injury to any person or any damage to any property which may occur in connection with the hire of the local government property by the hirer.

Imposing conditions under a policy

3.5 (1) In this clause—

“**policy**” means a policy of the local government adopted by the Council containing conditions subject to which an application for a permit may be approved under clause 3.3(1)(a).

(2) Under clause 3.3(1)(a) the local government may approve an application subject to conditions by reference to a policy.

(3) The local government shall give a copy of the policy, or the part of the policy which is relevant to the application for a permit, with the form of permit referred to in clause 3.3(2).

(4) An application for a permit shall be deemed not to have been approved subject to the conditions contained in a policy until the local government gives the permit holder a copy of the policy or the part of the policy which is relevant to the application.

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(5) Sections 5.94 and 5.95 of the Act shall apply to a policy and for that purpose a policy shall be deemed to be information within section 5.94(u)(i) of the Act.

Compliance with and variation of conditions

3.6 (1) Where an application for a permit has been approved subject to conditions, the permit holder shall comply with each of those conditions.

(2) The local government may vary the conditions of a permit, and the permit holder shall comply with those conditions as varied.

*Division 4—General***Agreement for building**

3.7 Where a person applies for a permit to erect a building on local government property the local government may enter into an agreement with the permit holder in respect of the ownership of the materials in the building.

Duration of permit

3.8 A permit is valid for one year from the date on which it is issued, unless it is—

- (a) otherwise stated in this local law or in the permit; or
- (b) cancelled under clause 3.12.

Renewal of permit

3.9 (1) A permit holder may apply to the local government in writing prior to expiry of a permit for the renewal of the permit.

(2) The provisions of this Part shall apply to an application for the renewal of a permit *mutatis mutandis*.

Transfer of permit

3.10 (1) An application for the transfer of a valid permit is to—

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) be signed by the permit holder and the proposed transferee of the permit;
- (c) provide such information as the local government may require to enable the application to be determined; and
- (d) be forwarded to the CEO together with any fee imposed and determined by the local government under and in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act.

(2) The local government may approve an application for the transfer of a permit, refuse to approve it or approve it subject to any conditions.

(3) Where the local government approves an application for the transfer of a permit, the transfer may be effected by an endorsement on the permit signed by the CEO.

(4) Where the local government approves the transfer of a permit, it is not required to refund any part of any fee paid by the former permit holder.

Production of permit

3.11 A permit holder is to produce to an authorized person her or his permit immediately upon being required to do so by that authorized person.

Cancellation of permit

3.12 (1) Subject to clause 7.1, a permit may be cancelled by the local government if the permit holder has not complied with a—

- (a) condition of the permit; or
- (b) determination or a provision of any written law which may relate to the activity regulated by the permit.

(2) On the cancellation of a permit the permit holder—

- (a) shall return the permit as soon as practicable to the CEO; and
- (b) is to be taken to have forfeited any fees paid in respect of the permit.

*Division 5—When a permit is required***Activities needing a permit**

3.13 (1) A person shall not without a permit—

- (a) subject to subclause 3, hire local government property;
- (b) advertise anything by any means on local government property;
- (c) erect a structure for public amusement or for any performance, whether for gain or otherwise, on local government property;
- (d) teach, coach or train, for profit, any person in a pool area or an indoor recreation facility which is local government property;
- (e) plant any plant or sow any seeds on local government property;
- (f) carry on any trading on local government property unless the trading is conducted—
 - (i) with the consent of a person who holds a permit to conduct a function, and where the trading is carried on under and in accordance with the permit; or

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- (ii) by a person who has a licence or permit to carry on trading on local government property under any written law;
 - (g) unless an employee of the local government in the course of her or his duties or on an area set aside for that purpose—
 - (i) drive or ride or take any vehicle on to local government property; or
 - (ii) park or stand any vehicle on local government property;
 - (h) conduct a function on local government property ;
 - (i) charge any person for entry to local government property, unless the charge is for entry to land or a building hired by a voluntary non-profit organisation;
 - (j) light a fire on local government property except in a facility provided for that purpose;
 - (k) parachute, hang glide, abseil or base jump from or on to local government property;
 - (l) erect a building or a refuelling site on local government property;
 - (m) make any excavation on or erect or remove any fence on local government property;
 - (n) erect or install any structure above or below ground, which is local government property, for the purpose of supplying any water, power, sewer, communication, television or similar service to a person; or
 - (o) depasture any horse, sheep, cattle, goat, camel, ass or mule on local government property.
- (2) The local government may exempt a person from compliance with subclause (1) on the application of that person.
- (3) The local government may exempt specified local government property or a class of local government property from the application of subclause (1)(a).

Permit required to camp outside a facility

3.14 (1) In this clause—

“**facility**” has the same meaning as is given to it in section 5(1) of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*.

(2) This clause does not apply to a facility operated by the local government.

(3) A person shall not without a permit—

- (a) camp on, lodge at or occupy any structure at night for the purpose of sleeping on local government property; or
- (b) erect any tent, camp, hut or similar structure on local government property other than a beach shade or windbreak erected for use during the hours of daylight and which is dismantled during those hours on the same day.

(4) The maximum period for which the local government may approve an application for a permit in respect of paragraph (a) or (b) of subclause (3) is that provided in regulation 11(2)(a) of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*.

Permit required for possession and consumption of liquor

3.15 (1) A person, on local government property, shall not consume any liquor or have in her or his possession or under her or his control any liquor, unless—

- (a) that is permitted under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988*; and
- (b) a permit has been obtained for that purpose.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply where the liquor is in a sealed container.

Division 6—Responsibilities of permit holder

Responsibilities of permit holder

3.16 A holder of a permit shall in respect of local government property to which the permit relates -

- (a) ensure that an authorized person has unobstructed access to the local government property for the purpose of inspecting the property or enforcing any provision of this local law;
- (b) leave the local government property in a clean and tidy condition after its use;
- (c) report any damage or defacement of the local government property to the local government; and
- (d) prevent the consumption of any liquor on the local government property unless the permit allows it and a licence has been obtained under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1988* for that purpose.

PART 4—BEHAVIOUR ON ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Division 1—Behaviour on and interference with local government property

Behaviour which interferes with others

4.1 A person shall not in or on any local government property behave in a manner which—

- (a) is likely to interfere with the enjoyment of a person who might use the property; or
- (b) interferes with the enjoyment of a person using the property.

Behaviour detrimental to property

4.2 (1) A person shall not behave in or on local government property in a way which is or might be detrimental to the property.

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- (2) In subclause (1)—
 ‘detrimental to the property’ includes—
 (a) removing any thing from the local government property such as a rock, a plant or a seat provided for the use of any person; and
 (b) destroying, defacing or damaging any thing on the local government property, such as a plant, a seat provided for the use of any person or a building.

Taking or injuring any fauna

4.3 (1) A person shall not, take, injure or kill or attempt to take, injure or kill any fauna which is on or above any local government property, unless that person is authorized under a written law to do so.

- (2) In this clause—
 “**animal**” means any living thing that is not a human being or plant; and
 “**fauna**” means any animal indigenous to or which periodically migrates to any State or Territory of the Commonwealth or the territorial waters of the Commonwealth and includes in relation to any such animal—
 (a) any class of animal or individual member;
 (b) the eggs or larvae; or
 (c) the carcass, skin, plumage or fur.

Intoxicated persons not to enter local government property

4.4 A person shall not enter or remain on local government property while under the influence of liquor or a prohibited drug.

No prohibited drugs

4.5 A person shall not take a prohibited drug on to, or consume or use a prohibited drug on, local government property.

Division 2—Signs

Signs

- 4.6 (1) A local government may erect a sign on local government property specifying any conditions of use which apply to that property.
 (2) A person shall comply with a sign erected under subclause (1).
 (3) A condition of use specified on a sign erected under subclause (1) is—
 (a) not to be inconsistent with any provision of this local law or any determination; and
 (b) to be for the purpose of giving notice of the effect of a provision of this local law.

PART 5—MATTERS RELATING TO PARTICULAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Division 1—Fenced or closed property

No entry to fenced or closed local government property

5.1 A person must not enter local government property which has been fenced off or closed to the public by a sign or otherwise, unless that person is authorized to do so by the local government.

Division 2—Toilet blocks and change rooms

Only specified gender to use entry of toilet block or change room

- 5.2 Where a sign on a toilet block or change room specifies that a particular entry of the toilet block or change room is to be used by—
 (a) females, then a person of the male gender shall not use that entry of the toilet block or change room; or
 (b) males, then a person of the female gender shall not use that entry of the toilet block or change room.

PART 6—FEES FOR ENTRY ON TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

No unauthorized entry to function

- 6.1 (1) A person shall not enter local government property on such days or during such times as the property may be set aside for a function for which a charge for admission is authorized, except—
 (a) through the proper entrance for that purpose; and
 (b) on payment of the fee chargeable for admission at the time.
 (2) The local government may exempt a person from compliance with subclause (1)(b).

PART 7—OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Application of Division 1, Part 9 of the Act

- 7.1 When the local government makes a decision as to whether it will—
 (a) grant a person a permit or consent under this local law; or
 (b) renew, vary, or cancel a permit or consent that a person has under this local law,

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the provisions of Division 1 of Part 9 of the Act and regulations 33 and 34 of the Regulations apply to that decision.

PART 8—MISCELLANEOUS

Authorized person to be obeyed

8.1 A person on local government property shall obey any lawful direction of an authorized person and shall not in any way obstruct or hinder an authorized person in the execution of her or his duties.

Persons may be directed to leave local government property

8.2 An authorized person may direct a person to leave local government property where she or he reasonably suspects that the person has contravened a provision of any written law.

Disposal of lost property

8.3 An article left on any local government property, and not claimed within a period of 3 months, may be disposed of by the local government in any manner it thinks fit.

Liability for damage to local government property

8.4 (1) Where a person unlawfully damages local government property, the local government may by notice in writing to that person require that person within the time required in the notice to, at the option of the local government, pay the costs of—

- (a) reinstating the property to the state it was in prior to the occurrence of the damage; or
- (b) replacing that property.

(2) Unless there is proof to the contrary, a person is to be taken to have damaged local government property within subclause (1) where—

- (a) a vehicle or a boat caused the damage, the person was the person responsible, at the time the damage occurred, for the control of the vehicle or the boat; or
- (b) the damage occurred under a permit, the person is the permit holder in relation to that permit.

(3) On a failure to comply with a notice issued under subclause (1), the local government may recover the costs referred to in the notice as a debt due to it.

PART 9—ENFORCEMENT

Division 1—Notices given under this local law

Offence to fail to comply with notice

9.1 Whenever the local government gives a notice under this local law requiring a person to do any thing, if a person fails to comply with the notice, that person commits an offence.

Local government may undertake requirements of notice

9.2 Where a person fails to comply with a notice referred to in clause 9.1, the local government may do the thing specified in the notice and recover from the person to whom the notice was given, as a debt, the costs incurred in so doing.

Division 2—Offences and penalties

Subdivision 1—General

Offences and general penalty

9.3 (1) Any person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

Subdivision 2—Infringement notices and modified penalties

Prescribed offences

9.4 (1) An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 1 is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the Act.

(2) The amount of the modified penalty for a prescribed offence is that specified adjacent to the clause in Schedule 1.

(3) For the purpose of guidance only, before giving an infringement notice to a person in respect of the commission of a prescribed offence, an authorized person should be satisfied that—

- (a) commission of the prescribed offence is a relatively minor matter; and
- (b) only straightforward issues of law and fact are involved in determining whether the prescribed offence was committed, and the facts in issue are readily ascertainable.

Form of notices

9.5 (1) For the purposes of this local law—

- (a) where a vehicle is involved in the commission of an offence, the form of the notice referred to in section 9.13 of the Act is that of Form 1 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations;

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- (b) the form of the infringement notice given under section 9.16 of the Act is that of Form 2 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations; and
 - (c) the form of the notice referred to in section 9.20 of the Act is that of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the Regulations.
- (2) Where an infringement notice is given under section 9.16 of the Act in respect of an alleged offence against clause 2.4, the notice is to contain a description of the alleged offence.

Division 3—Evidence in legal proceedings

Evidence of a determination

- 9.6 (1) In any legal proceedings, evidence of a determination may be given by tendering the register referred to in clause 2.5 or a certified copy of an extract from the register.
- (2) It is to be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that the determination was properly made and that every requirement for it to be made and have effect has been satisfied.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not make valid a determination that has not been properly made.

**Schedule 1
PRESCRIBED OFFENCES**

Clause	Description	Modified Penalty \$
2.4	Failure to comply with determination	100
3.6	Failure to comply with conditions of permit	100
3.13(1)	Failure to obtain a permit	100
3.14(3)	Failure to obtain permit to camp outside a facility	100
3.15(1)	Failure to obtain permit for liquor	100
3.16	Failure of permit holder to comply with responsibilities	100
4.2(1)	Behaviour detrimental to property	100
4.4	Under influence of liquor or prohibited drug	100
4.6(2)	Failure to comply with sign on local government property	100
5.1	Unauthorized entry to fenced or closed local government property	100
5.2	Gender not specified using entry of toilet block or change room	100
6.1(1)	Unauthorized entry to function on local government property	100
9.1	Failure to comply with notice	200

**Schedule 2
DETERMINATIONS**

The following determinations are to be taken to have been made by the local government under clause 2.1.

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Definitions

1.1 In these determinations unless the context otherwise requires—
 “local law” means the *Local Government Property Local Law* made by the local government;

Interpretation

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, where a term is used but not defined in a determination and that term is defined in the local law then the term shall have the meaning given to it in the local law.

Dated 25th of November 1999.

The Common Seal of the Shire of West Arthur was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

R. K. SAUNDERS, President.
 N. C. WASMANN, Chief Executive Officer.

11.4 EXECUTION OF COMMON SEAL - DARKAN GOLF CLUB LEASE

File Ref:	ADM705
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Sharon Bell, Community Development Officer
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	04/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. 20251219 - Section 18 Approval letter 2. SoWA and Darkan Golf Club Lease

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to authorise by Council Resolution, the affixation of the Common Seal to execute the Lease between the Shire of West Arthur and the Darkan Golf Club Inc.

BACKGROUND:

The Agreement for Lease was originally made between the Shire of West Arthur and the Darkan Golf Club Inc, commencing on 1 August 2015 for a period of 10 years. The facility is located on Reserve 15837.

COMMENT:

The Shire of West Arthur prepared a new lease in October 2025. Agnew and Machin Pty Ltd, Land and Engineering Surveyors, were engaged in June 2025 to carry out the required survey work to identify the portion of Reserve 15837 to be included in the new lease, as required under Section 18 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* – Ministers Consent. Consent from the Minister was received on the 19 December 2025, and the lease finalised.

CONSULTATION:

Darkan Golf Club
Shire of West Arthur staff
Agnew & Machin Pty Ltd Surveyors

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

- Local Government Act 1995:
 - S9.49A Execution of Documents
- Land Administration Act 1997
 - S18 Ministers Consent

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy C19 – Execution of Documents and Use of Common Seal

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost of preparation of new lease

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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 new lease is in place.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Almost Certain (5)
Risk Consequence	Major (4)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Extreme (20)
Principal Risk Theme	Ineffective facility or event management
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Execute lease as recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-006

Moved: Cr Russell Prowse

Seconded: Cr Helen Lubcke

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

1. Lease of Reserve 15837 – Darkan Golf Club

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0



Department of Planning,
Lands and Heritage



Land Use Management

Our ref: Case 2503892
File ref: 05144-1914
Enquiries: Helen Watts, Ph: 6551 9591
Email: helen.watts@dplh.wa.gov.au

Sharon Bell
Community Development Officer
Shire of West Arthur

By Email: CDO@westarthur.wa.gov.au

Dear Sharon,

Section 18 Ministers Consent for proposed Lease over Lot 361 on Deposited Plan 71868, being Reserve 15837, Shire of West Arthur between Shire of West Arthur and Darkan Golf Club.

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding permission to Lease, Lot 361 on Deposited Plan 71868 being Reserve 15837 which is set aside for the purpose of Sporting Club and Community Purposes and managed by the Shire of West Arthur with power to lease for any term not exceeding 21 years subject to the consent of the Minister for Lands.

In accordance with section 18 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) approval from the Minister for Lands is granted to the proposed Lease provided to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) by email dated 18 December 2025 on the condition that the final Lease executed by the parties is on the same terms as that provided to DPLH with that email. If the final document executed by the parties is not on the approved terms, then it may be void under section 18 LAA.

Please note that this approval is for the purposes of section 18 LAA only and does not constitute an endorsement as to the terms and effect of the document. DPLH cannot provide any advice in respect of the Lease and recommends that each party obtain their own independent advice as to their rights and obligations under the Lease.

This approval is subject to the registration requirements of the *Transfer of Land Act 1893*. You will need to provide a copy of this letter to Landgate if the documents are to be lodged for registration at Landgate.

Should you have any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact me on any of the above details.

Yours sincerely

Helen Watts
Senior State Land Officer
Case Delivery
19 December 2025

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Lease Agreement

between

Shire of West Arthur
("The Lessor")

and

Darkan Golf Club
("The Lessee")



Forest to Wheatbelt

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DETAILS

This lease agreement is made on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

PARTIES

Shire of West Arthur of 31 Burrowes Street, Darkan, WA 6392
ABN 96 9123 207 95
(the Lessor)

Darkan Golf Club (Inc.) of 1 Memorial Drive, Darkan, WA 6392
ABN 91 453 369 637
(the Lessee)

THE LAND

Pursuant to Section 46 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, the Minister for Lands has by order placed with the Shire the care, control and Management of Reserve 15837 (Lot 361 on Deposited Plan 71868), commonly known as the Darkan Sport and Recreation Precinct, for sporting club and community purposes as shown for identification purposes only on the sketched annexed hereto marked "Schedule 1".

THE TERM

Twenty-one (21) years for which the commencement date of the Lease Agreement shall be as from the date consent hereof by the Minister for Lands under Section 18 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

TERMINATION/NOTICE OF TERMINATION

PROVIDE ALWAYS, and it is hereby agreed as follows:

- a) If the reserved rent or any part thereof, having been demanded, shall be in arrears for twenty-eight (28) days, or if there shall be a breach of any stipulation or provision contained in the Schedule hereto or if the Lessee shall cease to exist, the Lessor may re-enter on the deemed property and thereupon the term hereby created shall forthwith determine without prejudice to the Lessors' right and remedies in respect of any such breach.
 - i. The Lessor may give notice of termination of this Agreement to the Lessee upon the grounds that the Lessee has breached a term of this Agreement, after a notice requiring the remedy of that breach within no less than twenty-eight (28) days has been given and the breach has not been remedied in accordance with the terms of that notice.
 - ii. The Lessee may give twenty-eight (28) days' notice of termination of this Agreement to the Lessor upon the grounds that the Lessee cannot meet its obligations in respect of this Agreement.
- b) The Lease may be terminated by the mutual agreement of both parties with a minimum time frame of six (6) months to allow for community consultation. All lease money payable and other liabilities will be settled by the Lessee within twenty-eight (28) days if not settled immediately on the day of lease termination.
- c) If, during the lease term, buildings and sporting surfaces subject to this Agreement shall be damaged by fire, storm, tempest, earthquake, or explosion so as to become unfit for occupation

or use, then the term hereby created shall thereupon terminate, subject to agreement by both parties.

- d) If any dispute shall arise between the parties in relation to any rights or liabilities hereunder, the same shall be referred to a member of The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators (IAMA) for mediation and resolution.
- e) Any notice required to be given to the Lessee shall be duly served if sent by post in a prepaid letter addressed to the Secretary of the Lessee at the demised property, and any notice to the Lessee shall be duly served if sent in a like manner addressed to it as its then last known registered office. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been received on the day which it ought in due course of post to have been delivered.

ANNUAL RENT

\$100.00 per annum (inclusive of GST) payable on the demand of the Lessor.

Annual Rent may be reviewed and altered (increased or decreased) upon the basis of the Club's financial position, Shire contributions, and Council's annual Schedule of Fees and Charges.

RENT REVIEW DATES

Annually from the Commencement date and every anniversary of that date throughout the Term.

USE OF LEASED PREMISES

For sport, recreation, and community purposes.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Minister for Lands Consent. This Lease is made subject to and is conditional upon the granting of consent by the Minister for Lands pursuant to the *Land Administration Act* (if necessary) and shall be applied for by the Shire at the cost in all things of the Shire.

OWNERSHIP

This facility is owned by the Shire of West Arthur.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Darkan Golf Club (Inc.) will establish and maintain a Management Committee responsible for communicating with the Darkan and District Sports Club (DDSC) regarding the day-to-day running costs of its club, such as equipment and consumables necessary for the running of the sport.

PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY/PURPOSE

The purpose of the Darkan Golf Club (Inc.) is to manage the Darkan Sport and Recreation Precinct for all community members for the purpose of Sporting Club and Community Purposes, and will include:

- An 18-hole golf course.

OUTGOINGS AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

The Darkan Golf Club (Inc.) Management Committee will be responsible for all outgoings and operational costs of managing the Precinct.

INSURANCES

1. The Lessee must provide Certificates of Currency from an insurer, acceptable to the Lessor, confirming that there is in place as a minimum the following cover:
 - a. **Public Liability**
A minimum of \$20,000,000 in respect of any one claim, or such sum nominated by the Lessor.
 - b. **Building, Property and Contents Cover**
To a value agreed and through an insurer approved by the Lessor for the loss of or damage to any property (including the Lessee's own property and that of the Lessor). Alternatively, the Shire may obtain property and landlords' contents insurance and seek reimbursement of the cost from the DDSC committee.
 - c. **Workers Compensation**
To be in effect for all employees and contractors to the satisfaction of the Lessor.
2. The Lessee indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified the Minister for Lands, Shire of West Arthur, and its officers and employees in respect of Loss incurred as a result of:
 - a. Any breach of this Agreement by the Lessee; or
 - b. Any negligent act, error or omission in connection with the performance of this Agreement by the third party or its officers, employees or agents; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity does not apply to the extent that Loss is caused by or contributed to by the Shire of West Arthur or its officers, employees or agents.

MAINTENANCE

The Lessee will be responsible for the total cost of operating and maintaining the Leased area, including the cost for any damage, vandalism/graffiti, corrective maintenance or damage. It is the responsibility of the Lessee to liaise with DDSC regarding requests for maintenance and to report any issues to the Shire.

EXECUTION BY REPRESENTATIVES

This Lease is executed by signature on behalf of the Parties by their duly authorised representatives under seal.

EXECUTED BY:

THE COMMON SEAL of)
SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR)
(ABN 96 9123 207 95))
was hereunto affixed by a)
resolution of the Council and in accordance with)
provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA))
in the presence of

Signature of Authorised Officer

Signature of Shire President

Name (please print)

Name (please print)

Date

THE COMMON SEAL of)
DARKAN GOLF CLUB (INC.)
(ABN 91 453 369 637))
was hereunto affixed by a)
resolution of the Committee)
in the presence of

Signature of Authorised Officer

Signature of Authorised Officer

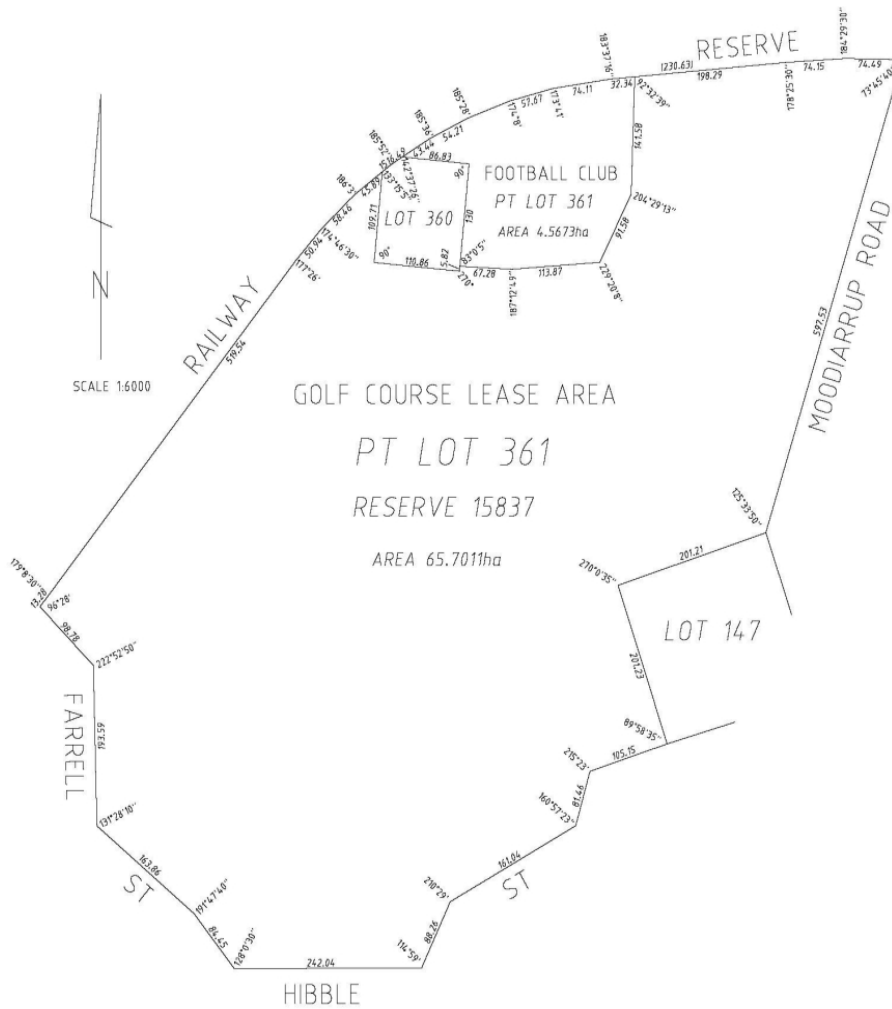
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SCHEDULE 1

Darkan Sport and Recreation Precinct ("the Precinct")



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11.5 WALGA CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION CONSULTATION PAPER

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Attachments:	1. 2026 Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Paper 2. Draft Shire of West Arthur Submission

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to endorse the feedback provided by Officers on the attached draft Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) 2026 Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Paper.

BACKGROUND:

On 28 January 2026, WALGA released a consultation paper seeking Local Government feedback on a revised climate change advocacy position.

WALGA's current position was endorsed by State Council in 2018. Given significant changes in the legislative, policy, technological and scientific environment since that time it is important to ensure that the position reflects the sector's views, needs and priorities and provides a sound basis for WALGA's climate change advocacy.

The **attached** Consultation Paper includes background on these changes and a draft revised advocacy position.

WALGA is seeking **Council endorsed feedback** on the draft advocacy position. An extended 3 month consultation period is being provided to ensure that all councils and WALGA zones have sufficient time to consider the position.

Feedback can be provided to environment@walga.asn.au by **COB Friday, 1 May 2026**.

COMMENT:

The CEO has review WALGA consultation paper and makes the following comments:

We support WALGA's proposed two-point position and the intent to update the 2018 statement. To strengthen alignment with regional Local Governments' realities (capacity, funding and risk exposure), we recommend minor but material wording additions so the final position explicitly calls for long-term, dedicated funding and practical supports, calibrated for small/regional LGs and consistent with new statutory expectations (e.g., Local Government Act changes to plan for and mitigate climate risk).

Full details can be found in the attached draft Shire of West Arthur submission.

CONSULTATION:

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Climate Change Act 2022 (Cth)
Western Australian Climate Change Bill 2023
Local Government Amendment Act 2023

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No direct financial costs associated with this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031
Theme: Natural Environment - our natural assets are valued and meet the needs of the community
Outcome: Various outcomes

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	Failure to have our climate change concerns considered in WALGA’s advocacy position.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Unlikely (2)
Risk Consequence	Insignificant (1)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (2)
Principal Risk Theme	Inadequate environmental management
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Endorse the draft submission as requested.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-007

Moved: Cr Duncan South

Seconded: Cr Helen Lubcke

That Council endorse the attached Shire of West Arthur submission in respect of the draft WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position and direct the CEO to forward it to WALGA by the due date of **COB Friday, 1 May 2026.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0



WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position

Consultation Paper

January 2026



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1. Introduction

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

The impacts and implications of climate change and opportunities for action differ depending on a Local Government's location, size and capacity. For example, coastal Local Governments are managing erosion and inundation risks, urban Local Governments are seeking to mitigate the impact of prolonged periods of heat on the liveability and health of their communities and in regional areas, water availability, heat stress and the transition to renewable energy are key concerns.

WALGA's policy and advocacy on climate change is longstanding, with the Association's first Climate Change Policy Statement adopted in 2009. In 2018 a new [Climate Change Policy Statement](#) and advocacy position were endorsed by WALGA State Council following extensive sector consultation. The 2018 Advocacy Position states:

Local Government acknowledges:

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

Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.

Local Government is calling for:

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

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Since the 2018 Advocacy Position was adopted there have been significant legislative, policy, technological and scientific changes, including:

- The national *Climate Change Act 2022* and the Western Australian Climate Change Bill 2023.
- The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, which expanded Western Australian Local Governments' general function to include planning for, and mitigating, the risks associated with climate change.



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

It is important that the WALGA climate change advocacy position is updated to reflect these changes and the consequent needs and priorities of Local Governments. An updated climate change advocacy position, which complements other WALGA advocacy positions, will provide a sound basis for WALGA's advocacy.

Following initial consultation, consideration by State Council in March 2025 and feedback from the Environment Policy Team, WALGA has developed a revised, draft Climate Change Advocacy Position for Local Government feedback:

1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to, addressing climate change.*
2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:*
 - a. *Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.*
 - b. *Provide dedicated funding, guidance and practical support to assist Local Governments to undertake emissions reduction and adaptation actions.*

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

This Paper provides an overview of matters which were considered in the development of the updated draft Advocacy Position including the legislation and policy (Section 2), technological changes (Section 3), climate science information (Section 4), feedback from Local Government on their needs, activities and barriers in relation to climate change (Section 5), and WALGA advocacy (Section 6). Section 7 provides detail on the rationale for the draft Advocacy Position.

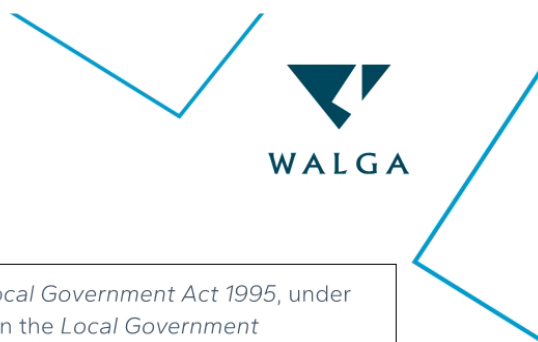


2. Legislation and Policy

Since WALGA's Climate Change Policy Statement was endorsed in 2018, there have been significant Australian and Western Australian legislative and policy changes, these are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Government climate legislation and policy

Document	Summary
Climate Change Legislation	
Climate Change Act 2022	<p>The Australian Government <i>Climate Change Act 2022</i> establishes a national framework for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhancing climate resilience in Australia. It mandates setting emission reduction targets, annual reporting to Parliament and developing policies to support the transition to a low-carbon economy.</p> <p>Australia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement commits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 43% below 2005 levels by 2030.</p>
Annual Climate Change Statement 2025	<p>The Annual Climate Change Statement is a requirement under the <i>Climate Change Act 2022</i>. It provides an overview of the country's progress in reducing GHG emissions and enhancing climate resilience. The Statement includes updates on emission reduction targets, government initiatives and programs supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy. The Statement also identifies additional areas for further action.</p>
WA Climate Change Bil 2023	<p>The WA Climate Change Bill was introduced to Parliament in November 2023. The Bill sought to commit to net zero GHG emissions by 2050 and an interim whole of WA Government 2030 reduction target of 80% below 2020 levels. It also focuses on adapting to climate change impacts through sectorial adaptation planning and ensuring transparent progress reporting to the community and Parliament.</p> <p>The Bill has not progressed. In May 2025 the Premier indicated that climate change legislation introduced in WA would need to be carefully considered, particularly in regard to net zero targets, as WA is captured by national net zero legislation.</p>



<p>Local Government Amendment Act 2023</p>	<p>Amendments made to the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>, under the first tranche of changes in the <i>Local Government Amendment Act 2023</i>, expanded the requirements for Local Government in regard to their general functions to ensure good governance outcomes for their communities. Under Part 3 s3.1(1A) General Function, Local Governments are now required (change in bold):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district; and</i> b. to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change; and c. <i>in making decisions, to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations.</i> <p>These legislative changes were made without any sustainable investment model, or tools, to support the new responsibility.</p>
<p>State Public Health Plan 2025 - 2030</p>	<p>Under Stage 5 of the <i>Public Health Act 2016</i>, which commenced in June 2024, Local Governments are required to prepare and publish local public health plans by 4 June 2026 that consider the State Public Health Plan objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The objectives for the State Public Health Plan include “Protect against public and environmental health risks, effectively manage emergencies, reduce impacts of disaster, and lessen the health impacts of climate change”.</p>
<p>Climate Change Mitigation</p>	
<p>Paris Agreement (2022 update)</p>	<p>The Paris Agreement, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, aims to limit global warming to 1.5°C by the end of this Century, requires a 43% cut in global GHG emissions by 2030.</p>
<p>6th Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report (2023)</p>	<p>The 6th IPCC Report summarises the state of knowledge of climate change, its widespread impacts and risks, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>
<p>United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28) 2023</p>	<p>The COP 28 Agreement calls for a tripling of renewable energy capacity and doubling of energy efficiency improvements by 2030.</p>



<p>Net Zero Plan 2025</p>	<p>The Australian Government's Net Zero Plan guides Australia's transition to the legislated target of net zero emissions by 2050, covering all major parts of the economy and is consistent with international and domestic targets.</p> <p>The Plan sets out Government priorities, establishes policies and measures to reduce emissions and support ongoing and new investment in low emissions and renewable activities. The Plan is supported by Treasury Modelling on the impact of the transition.</p>
<p>Western Australian Climate Change Policy 2020</p>	<p>The Western Australian Climate Change Policy outlines the State Government's plan for a climate-resilient future. It highlights actions to be taken in collaboration with all sectors of the economy to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.</p> <p>Key programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low carbon transition • Clean Energy Future Fund • Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy • Building WA's climate resilient future • Sectoral Emissions Reduction Strategy (SERS).
<p>Climate Change Adaptation</p>	
<p>National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy 2021-2025</p>	<p>The National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy 2021-2025 outlines how the Australian Government will fulfil its 2012 COAG Roles and Responsibilities through three objectives for effective adaptation across Australia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drive investment and action through collaboration 2. Improve climate information and services 3. Assess progress and improve over time.
<p>National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA) 2025</p>	<p>The NCRA is the first comprehensive evaluation of how climate change will impact key systems and regions across Australia and provides a solid evidence base for coordinated adaptation planning. The assessment identified 63 nationally significant risks with a more detailed analysis of 10 priority hazards.</p>
<p>National Adaptation Plan 2025</p>	<p>The Plan builds on the National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy and forms Australia's new framework for preparing for and responding to climate change impacts. The Plan represents the 'prioritise and plan' steps in the adaptation cycle, following the 'understand and assess' steps outlined in the NCRA.</p>



Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Roles and Responsibilities for Climate Change Adaptation in Australia	The Council of Australian Governments (previously COAG, now known as National Cabinet) defined roles and responsibilities for managing climate risk and adaptation across all levels of government. This highlighted that all levels of government play a significant role in climate change adaptation and risk management. Whilst this was agreed to in 2012, it is still referred to in national and state climate adaptation policy.
Western Australian Climate Adaptation Strategy 2023	Sets out directions to support climate adaptation in WA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce and communicate credible climate information and resources 2. Build public sector climate capability and strengthen accountability 3. Enhance sector-wide and community partnerships 4. Empower and support the climate resilience of Aboriginal people.
Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Policy and Advocacy	
Advocacy	ALGA has positions on both Climate Adaptation and Emissions Reduction and calls for a range of funding Programs and support for Local Government.
Adapting Together – Local Government Leadership in a Changing Climate Report 2025	The Report uses more than 200 examples of Local Governments showing leadership and taking action to address climate impacts, and five case studies to model the national value of Local Government climate adaptation.

3. Technology

Technological changes most relevant to Local Government include the transition to renewable energy, uptake of electric vehicles and changes to energy efficiency standards under the National Construction Code.

In line with legislated net zero targets, the [Australian Government](#) is also targeting 82% renewable energy in the country's electricity grids by 2030. It is essential that the energy transition currently underway delivers economic opportunities, ensures reliable and affordable electricity and benefits for the local community. In 2024 WALGA developed a suite of advocacy positions (see Section 6) related to the renewable energy transition, forming the basis of WALGA's advocacy on behalf of the sector on this issue.



4. Climate Change projections and economic impact

Analysis of [historic trends](#) indicates Western Australia is already experiencing the impacts of climate change:

- Western Australia has warmed since 1910, with an average temperature increase of 1.3 °C.
- Since 1900, rainfall has increased over most of Western Australia, apart from the far west and southwest where it has declined; the decline in southwest Western Australia has been larger than anywhere else in Australia.
- The number of days with dangerous weather conditions for bushfires increased in nearly all locations.

In 2025, the Australian Climate Service released the first [National Climate Risk Assessment](#) (NCRA) in conjunction with the Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Geoscience Australia, which provides an important evidence base on climate risks across Australia. The NCRA assembles data and analysis in a nationally consistent way to be used by Government and community to inform adaptation at a national, regional and local level. It identifies and assesses the impact of 10 priority hazards, over four time horizons, under emissions scenarios of 1.5°C, 2°C and 3°C for 11 geographic regions (including Western Australia north and south). The NCRA also considers the key risks to various systems, including communities in urban, regional and remote areas, primary industries and food, health and social support and the natural environment.

The most up to date projections of WA's climate up to 2100 are being produced by the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) as part of the State Government's [Climate Science Initiative \(CSI\)](#). The CSI is intended to provide a better understanding of climate change at a local level by producing climate projections at smaller scales (20 km and 4 km resolution). At these scales, regional influences like topography, land use and coastlines can be better understood, as well as extreme events like storms.

Statewide temperature and rainfall climate projections have been produced for the whole of WA at a grid resolution of 20 km up to 2099 under low and high emissions scenarios. Projections at a grid scale of 4 km are anticipated to be available for the South West in early 2026 and for the North West, covering the Pilbara and Kimberly regions, in late 2026.

There is significant [evidence](#) identifying the negative impact on the economy from increasing climate change risks and hazards ([Productivity Commission Inquiry](#)) with [infrastructure and agricultural](#) sectors likely to face some of the most significant challenges. The [Insurance Council of Australia](#), reports that the cost of extreme weather events has resulted in payments to policy holders impacted by extreme weather events rising from an average of \$2.1 billion p.a. in real terms over the last 30 years to an average



of \$4.5 billion p.a. over the last five years. [Deloitte Access Economics](#) (2022), estimate that climate change will cost the nation up to \$1 trillion by 2050 and that \$380 billion of these costs could be avoided if immediate action is taken to reduce emissions and adapt.

5. Local Government activities and barriers

Reflecting the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as of July 2025, 79 Local Government's Strategic Community Plans make specific reference to climate change, with a further 40 mentioning sustainability more broadly. Of these, 50 have targeted climate change plans or strategies.

Figure 1 identifies metrics relating to Local Governments' climate change related commitments and activities.

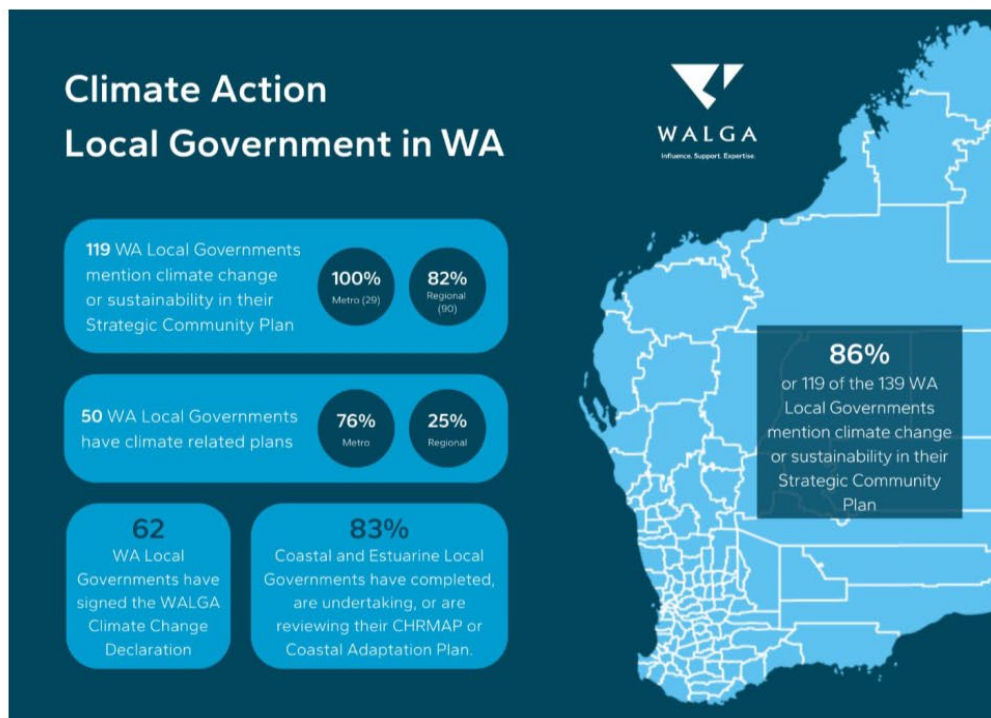


Figure 1: Local Government Climate Change commitments and activities

WALGA has undertaken a regular Climate Change Survey of Local Governments since the 2018 position was adopted, with surveys undertaken in 2020, 2022 and 2024 (see Table 2).



Table 2: Snapshot of WALGA climate change survey responses

<i>Year</i>	<i>Metropolitan (no. and % of respondents)</i>	<i>Regional (no. and % of respondents)</i>	<i>Total Respondents</i>
2020	29 (79.1%)	110 (79.1%)	139
2022	16 (32.6%)	33 (67.3%)	49
2024	27 (31.3%)	59 (68.6%)	86

These surveys consistently identify the main barriers to undertaking emissions reduction and adaptation actions for Local Government as **limited capacity, expertise, funding and support**. These issues are particularly significant for smaller, regional Local Governments, whose assets and communities are more vulnerable to the [impacts of climate change](#), such as extreme weather events.

Findings from the 2024 climate change survey reinforced that these issues remain the main barriers for Local Governments and are compounded by the many **competing priorities** within Local Governments. Survey respondents understood requirements for Local Government to incorporate climate change considerations into their operational planning, however reported limited knowledge or resources to undertake change. The Australian Local Government Climate Review identified that this is a critical issue for the sector in relation to emergency management. When emergency events occur, [Local Governments](#) have the most significant and immediate burden of managing the consequences compared to other levels of Government (Figure 2).

Coastal erosion is an example of the inequitable cost burden placed on Local Government. The State Government has identified 55 coastal erosion 'hotspots' (15 metropolitan, 40 regional) and flagged an additional 31 locations (8 metropolitan and 23 regional) for future consideration. 23 Local Government areas have been recognised as requiring active management over the next 25 years.

Under State Planning Policy 2.6, Local Government is responsible for planning and addressing predicted erosion and inundation hazards, through the preparation of Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plans (CHRMAP). Through the CoastWA Program, the State Government has delivered funding and support to Local Governments to manage current impacts of coastal erosion and inundation and to plan and prepare for increased impacts in the future. However, the level of funding provided for the CoastWA Program is inadequate and is due to expire in 2025-26. Only \$33.5 million was allocated to the Program over five years to 2025-26, despite the State Government estimating in 2019 that the cost to manage the 55 hotspots was \$110 million over the same period – with more funding required over the medium to long-term.



Figure 2: Snapshot of 2024 WALGA Local Government Climate Change Data in relation to main barriers faced by Local Government in addressing climate change.

6. WALGA Advocacy

WALGA's 2025 [State Election Priorities](#) and [2026-27 State Budget Submission](#) advocates for State Government support and investment under Climate Resilience, Low Carbon and Disaster Ready themes including funding for emergency management, waste, water availability and infrastructure, coastal erosion and inundation, urban tree canopy and EV charging infrastructure.

WALGA has a suite of [Advocacy Positions](#) that relate to these priority areas and are supported by WALGA's current Climate Change Policy Position, including:

- Water Management (4.3)
- Urban Forest (4.5)
- Street Lighting (5.5)
- Vehicle Emissions (5.14)
- Renewable Energy (6.16, 6.17, 6.18)
- Building Act and Regulations (6.6)
- Coastal Planning (6.8)
- Emergency Management (8.1, 8.2, 8.11).

In 2021-23, WALGA secured State Government funding to deliver a [Regional Climate Alliance \(RCA\) Pilot Program](#), an initiative under the [Western Australian Climate Policy](#).



Modelled on successful programs in other jurisdictions, two groupings of Local Governments, the South Coast Alliance and Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC), focused on accelerating climate action at the regional scale. WALGA continues to advocate to the State Government to implement a statewide program to assist to Local Governments, particularly in regional communities, and secure State Government investment in the management of climate risks.

Local Governments own energy use provides an opportunity for renewable energy and enhanced disaster resilience, with many Local Governments upgrading their assets and facilities with solar and battery storage capabilities. In April 2022, WALGA commenced an aggregated purchase arrangement on behalf of the sector to deliver both economic savings and emission reductions to participating Local Governments. It is estimated that the first three-year term of the contract collectively delivered cost savings of approximately \$34 million and sustainability benefits through carbon offsets. The second iteration of the project, involving 50 Local Governments, commenced in early 2025 has projected savings of \$34 million to participating members in addition to substantial renewable energy and sustainability co-benefits.

The uptake of electric vehicles has also gained momentum with the Australian and State Governments investing in charging infrastructure and implementing programs to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles. Many Local Governments have also been transitioning their fleets and installing corporate and public use charging infrastructure.

In 2024, after two years of project development, WALGA successfully secured \$4.51 million (\$3.51 million funding from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and \$1 million from the State Government) to fund charging infrastructure and energy upgrades to support the transition to electric vehicles across 22 Local Governments. 105 charging stations were delivered under the project and participating Local Governments co-invested \$7.68 million to roll out more than 140 Electric Vehicles to replace petrol and diesel vehicles.

In May 2025, [changes](#) to the National Construction Code came into effect. These changes included a strong focus on energy efficiency of new builds and expanding requirements for commercial buildings to facilitate electric vehicle charging infrastructure, solar and battery storage.

Local Governments play a role in the compliance and uptake of these standards both with industry and their communities. To support this, WALGA developed a discussion paper in 2022 to explore the opportunities for Local Government in supporting the Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings. The Trajectory is a national plan to achieve net zero carbon and energy residential and commercial buildings and provides recommendations to improve energy efficiency in existing buildings. WALGA's State Council endorsed its support of the Trajectory in 2021.

WALGA also provides secretariat support to the Western Australian Local Government Climate and Sustainability Alliance (WASCA), a growing sector-led officer network with over 100 officers from 45 Local Governments seeking to share knowledge and build capacity across the sector in climate related activities.



7. Draft Advocacy Position

The current climate change [Advocacy Position](#) reflects the policy and legislative environment and lower level of political consensus regarding the science of climate change at that time.

Importantly, the Australian Government has legislated Australia's emissions reductions targets of 43 per cent below 2005 by 2030 and net zero by 2050, consistent with Australia's commitments under the Paris Agreement. The Western Australian Government has indicated that it is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 in line with the national legislated target, although it has not committed to progressing with legislating this target.

Local Governments' general function under the *Local Government Act 1995* has also been expanded to include planning for, and mitigating, the risks associated with climate change.

Climate analysis and projections emphasise the need for action to adapt to the escalating impacts from climate change on Australia and Western Australia, including more frequent and severe disaster events, as well as more heatwaves and rising sea levels.

Taking these factors into consideration, along with the feedback provided by the sector regarding the need for dedicated funding and support for emissions reduction and adaptation, WALGA has developed the following revised, draft Climate Change Advocacy Position:

1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to, addressing climate change.*
2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:*
 - a. *Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.*
 - b. *Provide dedicated funding, guidance and practical support to assist Local Governments to undertake emissions reduction and adaptation actions.*

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

Submission to WALGA – Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Paper (Jan 2026)

1) Our overall response to the draft position

We support WALGA's proposed two-point position and the intent to update the 2018 statement. To strengthen alignment with regional Local Governments' realities (capacity, funding and risk exposure), we recommend minor but material wording additions (Section 5 below) so the final position explicitly calls for long-term, dedicated funding and practical supports, calibrated for small/regional LGs and consistent with new statutory expectations (e.g., Local Government Act changes to plan for and mitigate climate risk).

2) Context we face locally (South-West Wheatbelt)

- **Dry-2030 conditions are effectively here.** In West Arthur, observed rainfall (2000–2020) is ~13% below the 1961–90 baseline, mirroring the “dry-2030” scenario used for water planning. This has already translated into non-potable shortfalls for Darkan and reliability issues for Duranillin.
- **Compound heat, fire weather and cost pressures.** Southwest WA is a nationally significant hotspot for declining cool-season rainfall and rising bushfire danger; our small workforce and budget amplify climate-related service pressures. WALGA's paper recognises the statewide warming, SW rainfall decline, and rising disaster costs borne by communities and insurers.

3) Targeted comments on WALGA's paper (by theme)

A. Governance, roles and financing

- **Recognise the unfunded expansion of LG climate duties.** The Local Government Amendment Act 2023 broadened LGs' general function to include planning for, and mitigating, climate risks—without a matching, sustainable investment model. The final advocacy position should call for a dedicated, recurrent funding mechanism and tools that reflect this statutory shift.
- **Back a scaled-up Regional Climate Alliance program.** The WALGA-led RCA pilot (South Coast Alliance & GVROC) proved the value of regional collaboration. We support WALGA's request for a statewide program so smaller LGs can access shared expertise, templates and procurement leverage.

- **Endorse continuity and uplift for CoastWA.** With 55 erosion “hotspots” identified and CoastWA funding due to expire in 2025–26, WALGA should advocate for a long-term funding line commensurate with the 2019 cost estimates and the need for medium/long-term works and CHRMAP follow-through.

B. Adaptation (health, water, emergencies, infrastructure)

- **Heat & health (Public Health Plans due by 4 June 2026).** WALGA’s position should highlight Local Governments’ new planning obligations under the State Public Health Plan and call for ready-to-use guidance on heat-health risk management for small towns (e.g., shade/urban forest, cool refuges, communications to vulnerable residents).
- **Water security (regional).** In our Shire, Darkan’s irrigation demand (~37,010 kL/yr) exceeds average Town Dam storage under “dry-2030”; top-ups of ~18,000 kL/yr are needed from Nangip Creek in an average year (up to ~50,000 kL in a minimum-flow year). WALGA should frame fit-for-purpose, flexible non-potable portfolios (stormwater harvesting, palaeochannel groundwater, rainwater; scheme as last resort) as a mainstream adaptation pathway for Wheatbelt LGs.
- **Emergency management & critical services.** The paper notes LGs carry the “most significant and immediate burden” in emergencies. We support advocacy for: (i) non-scheme firefighting and stock-water assets (scheme is not assured during fire); (ii) standing protocols with Water Corporation to temporarily relax 49 kL/day standpipe caps in declared events; and (iii) resilience investments (backup power/solar-battery or microgrids for evacuation centres, depots, water pumps).
- **Risk information & projections.** We endorse embedding DWER’s Climate Science Initiative outputs (20-km statewide grids to 2099; 4-km South West projections due 2026) into sector guidance, with practical “how-to” on applying them to asset, financial and land-use planning.

C. Mitigation (energy, fleets, buildings, waste)

- **Energy transition, reliability and community benefit.** WALGA’s 2024 energy advocacy is timely. For regional grids, we support calls for: hosting-capacity upgrades, community-benefit frameworks for renewables, and enabling behind-the-meter solar-battery at critical LG sites. WALGA’s aggregated electricity procurement and the new ARENA-supported EV charging program demonstrate strong sector leadership that should continue.
- **Fleets & charging (regional realities).** Endorse fit-for-purpose fleet decarbonisation (EVs where duty cycles allow; interim low-carbon fuels where range/charging are constraints) and regional charging corridors to support both council and community uptake.
- **Buildings (NCC 2025).** LGs now help implement higher energy-efficiency standards and EV/solar readiness in commercial buildings. We support WALGA advocacy for resourcing and guidance to help small building survey teams interpret and enforce the changes, plus retrofit toolkits for existing stock.

- **Waste & circular economy.** Support for organics diversion and regional processing (to cut landfill methane) should sit within WALGA's low-carbon suite alongside renewable energy and transport measures.

D. Data, capability and procurement

- **Metering and monitoring as "the basics".** Sector barriers remain capacity, funding and technical knowledge. We back a WALGA ask for a micro-grant package so small LGs can install meters/staff gauges on priority assets (dams, bores, standpipes) and maintain a simple register for volumes/salinity to underpin decisions.
- **Templates and shared procurement.** Extend WALGA's proven aggregated models (electricity, EVs/charging) to solar-battery, efficient streetlighting, and climate-ready design services, easing participation for small/regional LGs.

4) Specific, locality-anchored asks WALGA could advance

1. Climate duties funding line: Advocate for a recurrent, indexed State funding program to operationalise s3.1(1A) climate functions (planning and mitigation) for LGs, with a regional weighting.
2. Regional Climate Alliance (statewide): Long-term funding and guidance to replicate the RCA pilot benefits for more regional groupings.
3. Emergency water and power resilience: State-level protocols on standpipes in declared events; grants for backup power/solar-battery at LRCs, depots, water pump sites; recognition of non-scheme assets as emergency infrastructure.
4. CoastWA continuity and scale-up: Commit to funding beyond 2025–26 at levels reflecting identified hotspot costs and long-horizon adaptation.
5. CSI uptake support: Practical guidance for applying 20-km/4-km projections in asset management, land-use planning, and long-term financial plans.

5) Suggested wording edits to the draft advocacy position

Current draft (Section 7):

1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to, addressing climate change.
2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:
 - a. Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.
 - b. Provide dedicated funding, guidance and practical support to assist Local Governments to undertake emissions reduction and adaptation actions.

Recommended additions (new sub-clauses; no extra technical detail):

- Add to 2(b): “with particular attention to the needs of small and regional Local Governments, whose communities and assets face disproportionate exposure to climate risks and who report constrained technical capacity and funding.”
- Insert new 2(c): “Establish sustained, fit-for-purpose funding programs (e.g., regional alliances, CoastWA continuation, emergency resilience, metering/monitoring) to enable practical, locally-appropriate action and to operationalise recent legislative changes to LG functions.”

6) Administrative details

Endorsement: This submission is Council-endorsed feedback on WALGA’s consultation paper dated January 2026.

Lodgement deadline: Friday, 1 May 2026 (environment@walga.asn.au).

7) Closing

We appreciate WALGA’s leadership in updating the sector’s advocacy. The suggested clarifications keep the statement concise, while ensuring it reflects regional WA’s realities and equips WALGA to advocate for the practical funding and supports our communities’ need to meet both mitigation and adaptation duties.

11.6 SECTOR CONSULTATION - ELECTORAL REFORM DISCUSSION PAPER

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SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider providing feedback to the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) submission on the State Government proposals for Local Government electoral reform.

BACKGROUND:

WALGA is seeking Council-endorsed feedback from Local Governments to inform a sector-wide response to anticipated State Government proposals for Local Government electoral reform.

As outlined in the attached InfoPage and accompanying Discussion Paper, the State Government is expected to progress reforms relating to:

- the introduction of **full spill elections every four years**; and
- **compulsory voting** at Local Government elections.

The Discussion Paper summarises these emerging reform considerations and provides example questions that the Shire of West Arthur may wish to address.

COMMENT:

WALGA is undertaking sector engagement regarding Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government.

In June 2025, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government, expressed support for a four-year election cycle, citing concerns about voter fatigue and the rising costs of conducting biennial elections. These messages were repeated in Minister Beazley's address at WALGA's 2025 Local Government Convention, which also raised the possibility of compulsory voting. These comments have prompted renewed interest and discussion across the sector.

WALGA has contacted both the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulations and Safety (LGIRS) and the Minister's office seeking details of any consultation on these matters, but no further information has been provided.

By proactively progressing this consultation, WALGA is seeking to obtain sector feedback that will ensure WALGA's positions reflect the sector's current views and enable timely, well-informed and effective engagement with the anticipated State Government reform proposals.

Specifically, WALGA is asking local governments to address the following questions:

1. Does your Local Government support half spill elections every two years or full spill elections every four years?
2. What are the key considerations informing this view?

3. If full spill elections every four years were introduced, what transitional arrangements and consequential amendments may be required?
4. Any other comments?
5. Does your Local Government support compulsory voting or voluntary voting in Local Government elections?
6. If the frequency of Local Government elections were changed to every 4 years, would your Local Government support compulsory or voluntary voting?
7. What are the key considerations informing this view?
8. Any other comments?

Proposed responses to the above questions:

1. **The Shire of West Arthur supports retaining the current Western Australian model of councillors serving four-year terms with half of Council positions contested every two years (half spill).** This position is consistent with WALGA's existing advocacy position and the strong sector support identified through WALGA's 2024 review (98% support for half spills).
2. The Shire's view is informed by the following considerations, particularly relevant to a small, rural local government with a modest elector base:
 - a. **Continuity, corporate knowledge and mentorship**

Half-spill elections support continuity of governance, knowledge retention and mentoring of incoming councillors. For smaller councils, continuity is especially important to maintain oversight of long-lived projects and complex regulatory responsibilities with a limited elected-member cohort.
 - b. **Candidate recruitment and community capacity**

The Shire has a relatively small community and elector base (WALGA directory notes 612 electors and population 773). Requiring a full council election at one time would increase the risk of:

 - uncontested positions,
 - a limited candidate field, and
 - reduced choice for electors, compared with staggered elections where fewer vacancies arise at each cycle.
 - c. **Managing the risks of wholesale turnover**

While WALGA's analysis indicates that in other jurisdictions full-spill elections generally still return a significant proportion of councillors, the discussion paper also identifies rare cases of very high turnover. For a small local government, even moderate turnover can have a disproportionate impact on governance capability and stability, particularly when combined with normal levels of elected member attrition over time.
 - d. **Administrative requirements and operational burden**

Local government elections currently occur every two years in WA, with half the councillors retiring at each ordinary election. For small administrations, election preparation, candidate management, community information, and associated governance processes create a real workload. However, this burden is partly mitigated by the smaller number of vacancies at each election under the half-spill model.
 - e. **Costs and the need for credible modelling**

The Shire acknowledges the Minister has cited rising costs and "voter fatigue" as reasons for considering a four-year cycle. However, WALGA also highlights that:

 - WAEC election costs have increased over recent cycles,
 - cost transparency is a sector concern, and
 - the WAEC uses the number of vacancies as a factor in quotations, meaning a full-spill model could increase per-election costs even if elections are less frequent.

The Shire supports WALGA's call for cost modelling and improved transparency (including SLAs and audit mechanisms) before any structural change is progressed.

3. If the State Government proceeds with full-spill quadrennial elections, the Shire recommends a transition that is orderly, fair to current office holders and electors, and minimises governance disruption. Key matters include:
 - a. **Transitional term arrangements**

A transition will require legislative change to the current framework (ordinary elections every two years with half retiring). The Shire recommends that transition should avoid truncating existing terms wherever possible and instead use a one-off extension (or staged alignment) so that the first full-spill election occurs when terms can be aligned with minimal disruption.
 - b. **Consequential amendments across the Local Government Act and regulations**

Legislation and associated instruments would need amendment to address, at minimum:

 - ordinary election provisions (timing, vacancies, term structures),
 - interactions with extraordinary vacancies and backfilling mechanisms, which are currently described and operationalised within the existing election cycle framework,
 - resourcing, training and guidance for returning officers and councils, noting differing approaches depending on whether elections are postal (conducted by WAEC) or in-person.
 - c. **Cost and service arrangements with WAEC**

Given WALGA's documented concerns regarding transparency of WAEC costing and service delivery, a move to a new election model should be accompanied by:

 - up-front modelling for both frequency change and vacancy change, and
 - implementation of clearer service and costing frameworks (e.g., service level agreements and audit/reporting).
4. The Shire supports WALGA's proactive consultation approach given no formal State Government consultation materials have yet been provided. Should reforms proceed, the Shire strongly encourages:
 - a. evidence-based sector consultation,
 - b. full publication of cost modelling assumptions, and
 - c. transition planning that protects governance stability in small rural local governments.
5. **The Shire of West Arthur supports retaining voluntary voting for local government elections.** The Shire acknowledges the democratic legitimacy concerns raised by low participation rates in WA local government elections (WALGA reports participation around 31.2% in 2023, similar in 2021 and 2019). However, the Shire's support for voluntary voting reflects the particular impacts compulsory voting may have in small rural communities, including:
 - a. administrative and enforcement complexity, especially where electors include non-resident owners/occupiers who must apply for enrolment and may be harder to contact and manage under an enforcement regime;
 - b. the likelihood of cost increases under compulsory voting, as WALGA notes higher participation can increase postal return and count costs;
 - c. evidence from Tasmania's introduction of compulsory local government voting, where WALGA reports a participation increase but also a reported cost increase per elector (from \$6.92 in 2018 to \$9.32 in 2022).

The Shire prefers improving turnout through engagement and accessibility measures rather than compulsion (see comments under Q7).
6. **Even if elections moved to every four years, the Shire's preference would remain voluntary voting.** That said, if compulsory voting were to be pursued by the State Government in conjunction

with a four-year cycle, the Shire considers it essential that reforms be cost-neutral to local governments, and that the State clearly sets out:

- a. who is responsible for enforcement and compliance processes,
- b. how owner/occupier electors will be managed, and
- c. how postal/in-person election choices would be affected.

7. Key considerations informing this view

a. Participation and legitimacy

The Shire recognises that compulsory voting generally correlates with higher turnout; for example, WALGA's comparative table shows jurisdictions with compulsory voting reporting participation rates commonly above 80%, while WA and SA (voluntary) are around the low-30% range. The Australian Electoral Commission also notes compulsory voting has historically maintained high participation in federal elections and discusses legitimacy arguments commonly advanced in favour of compulsion.

b. Enforcement and administrative impacts

Compulsory voting is not only a voting method change; it introduces an enforcement system (e.g., follow-up non-voters, "valid and sufficient reasons", penalties/appeals). These resource implications are highlighted in the general Australian context. At a local government level, WALGA also identifies "administrative and enforcement requirements" and practical application to owner/occupier rolls as key considerations.

c. Cost impacts and uncertainty

WALGA notes the WAEC uses expected participation rates to inform quotations, meaning higher turnout may increase postal reply-paid charges and count staffing requirements. The Shire is particularly concerned that any cost increases would be disproportionately felt by small rural councils and supports WALGA's request for modelling before decisions are taken.

d. Accessibility and practical voting methods in large rural districts

Local government elections in WA may be conducted in-person or by post, and postal elections are conducted by WAEC. In geographically dispersed rural areas, postal voting is often the most accessible method. If compulsory voting were introduced, the State would need to ensure that voting methods remain practical and accessible for rural electors.

e. Alternative measures to lift turnout without compulsion

The Shire considers there is scope to increase participation under voluntary voting by strengthening:

- voter education and reminders,
- clearer candidate information (including consistent profiles), and
- local, community-based engagement around the relevance of local government decisions.

8. If the State Government advances compulsory voting proposals, the Shire recommends any reform package should also include:

- a. **Clear funding responsibility** (State-funded enforcement and compliance, not cost-shifted to local government).
- b. **WAEC cost-modelling and transparency reforms** consistent with WALGA's adopted positions, to ensure councils understand and can plan for cost impacts.
- c. **Practical provisions for owner/occupier electors**, including communication and ballot delivery reliability to reduce inadvertent non-compliance.
- d. A commitment that voting methods remain workable for rural and remote electors (postal options retained and well-supported).

Councillors are requested to consider the proposed feedback and suggest any changes.

CONSULTATION:

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this item. The result of WALGA advocacy on this matter, however, may result in increased or decreased election costs for the Shire of West Arthur and other Western Australian local governments.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Theme: Leadership and Management – inspirational, dynamic, transparent

Outcome: Councillors represent the community and are well trained

Strategy: The Shire Council is representative of the community and collaborates with Shire staff to ensure the best outcomes for 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 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	By not providing constructive feedback to LGIRS via WALGA, the State government may enforce changes that are not to the benefit of local government and its communities.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Unlikely (2)
Risk Consequence	Minor (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (4)
Principal Risk Theme	External threat or fraud
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Support the proposed feedback as presented.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-008

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council support the proposed feedback to the Western Australian Local Government Association as presented, in order that it can better advocate to the State Government on behalf of Local Government.

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

Against: Nil

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INFOPAGE

To: All Local Governments **From:** Kirsty Martin,
Executive Manager Member Services

Date: 13 February 2026

Subject: Sector Consultation – Electoral Reform Discussion Paper

Operational Area:	Governance
Key Issues:	Local Governments are requested to provide Council-endorsed feedback to inform WALGA's advocacy on Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full spill elections every 4 years; and • compulsory voting at Local Government elections
Action Required:	Response to WALGA by 4:00pm Friday 27 March 2026

WALGA is undertaking sector engagement regarding Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government.

In June 2025, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government, expressed support for a four-year election cycle, citing concerns about voter fatigue and the rising costs of conducting biennial elections. These messages were repeated in Minister Beazley's address at WALGA's 2025 Local Government Convention, which also raised the possibility of compulsory voting. These comments have prompted renewed interest and discussion across the sector.

WALGA has contacted both the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulations and Safety (LGIRS) and the Minister's office seeking details of any consultation on these matters, but no further information has been provided.

By proactively progressing this consultation, WALGA is seeking to obtain sector feedback that will ensure WALGA's positions reflect the sector's current views and enable timely, well-informed and effective engagement with the anticipated State Government reform proposals.

Attached to this Infopage is a brief Discussion Paper. The Discussion Paper outlines some example considerations that Local Governments may choose to address when preparing their feedback. It is not intended to present an exhaustive or prescriptive list.

Local Governments are requested to provide Council endorsed responses to the Discussion Paper by 27 March 2026. This feedback will inform an item to be presented to State Council.

For more information, please contact Kirsty Martin on 9213 2051 or Felicity Morris on 9213 2093. Please send responses to governance@walga.asn.au



Electoral Reform Discussion Paper

1. Background

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this discussion paper is to request Council-endorsed Local Government feedback to inform WALGA's advocacy on Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government, specifically:

- full spill elections every 4 years; and
- compulsory voting at Local Government elections

These options have been raised in statements by the Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, but no formal proposals have yet been provided for consultation. While WALGA has relevant advocacy positions (discussed further below), the purpose of this discussion paper is to undertake early sector engagement to ensure WALGA's positions reflect the sector's current views and enable timely, well-informed and effective engagement with the anticipated State Government reform proposals.

1.2. WALGA existing advocacy positions

1.2.1. Elections

WALGA has established advocacy positions reflecting the sector's support of voluntary voting and elections of half the offices on Council every two years. These advocacy positions are provided in Appendix 1.

In late 2024 WALGA conducted a review of its Elections Advocacy Positions to ensure they reflected the sector's contemporary view.

Local Government responses at that time indicated strong (98%) support for half spills every two years, which was reflected in the adopted Advocacy Position [2.5.16 Elections](#).

While voluntary voting was supported by an overall majority of responses (74%), compulsory voting was supported by a majority (64%) of metropolitan respondents and a majority (61%) of Class 1 and 2 respondents.

State Council requested that the WALGA secretariat undertake further investigation of the implications of compulsory and voluntary participation in Local Government elections before reporting back to State Council.

In the interim, Advocacy Position [2.5.15 Participation in Local Government Elections](#) was retained, expressing support for voluntary voting with a note that further work was being undertaken.

This investigation was ongoing when the Minister for Local Government raised the prospect of further Local Government election reform.

A State by State comparison of electoral statistics is provided in Appendix 2.



1.2.2. Election costs

In 2024, WALGA conducted a review of five Local Government biennial election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government elections. The review demonstrated significant cost increases and concerns about the lack of transparency in costings provided by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC).

In September 2024, State Council adopted Advocacy Position [2.5.18 Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023](#), calling for an independent audit of the WAEC's cost allocation methods and the introduction of Service Level Agreements to ensure transparency of costing methodology.

Cost implications are a relevant consideration in assessing the appropriateness of any proposed electoral reform. However, the current lack of transparency in costing methodology makes it impossible to confidently forecast cost impacts.

This discussion paper seeks to identify the factors associated with each reform proposal that may affect election costs. This is further complicated by the interaction of possible reform options and external economic factors.

WALGA has requested that the Department of Local Government, Regulation and Industry Safety (LGIRS) and the Western Australian Electoral Commission, undertake modelling to identify the cost implications of any proposed reforms.

A comparison of available electoral costs data, State by State, is included as Table 4 in Appendix 2.

WALGA has contacted other Local Government associations to ask if they have experienced changes in costs associated with compulsory four-year, all-in all-out, local government elections. As this has been the approach in most jurisdictions for some time, responses were largely unable to address changes in cost.

2. Election Frequency

Current situation

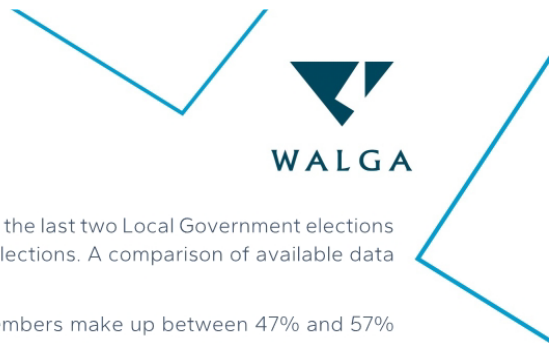
Western Australia holds biennial elections, with half of the offices on Council elected every two years for four-year terms. All other Australian jurisdictions hold full spill elections every four years (four-year terms).

Considerations

Considerations include:

- Voter participation and fatigue
- Continuity, knowledge retention and mentorship for new Council Members
- Stable whole-of-Council mandate and collective accountability
- Capacity for candidate recruitment
- Administrative requirements
- Extraordinary vacancies and backfilling
- Timing and transitional arrangements

Re-election rates



WALGA has analysed the composition of Councils following the last two Local Government elections in other Australian jurisdictions, all of which have full spill elections. A comparison of available data on re-election rates is included as Table 2 in Appendix 2.

This data suggests that on average, re-elected Council Members make up between 47% and 57% of Council following full spill elections.

By comparing over 700 consecutive ordinary election results, the review identified nine occasions when the membership of Council following an ordinary election was 100% different from the Council following the previous ordinary election. However, four of these local governments held mid-term extraordinary elections, meaning the changes in membership occurred over two or more elections within a four-year period.

Costs

In one respect, a change to a four-year cycle would reduce costs by reducing the number of elections. However, the cost of each election may increase. The WAEC uses the number of vacancies to inform quotations for the conduct of elections. Full spill elections would double the number of vacancies, with possible increased costs associated with printing and postage and increased staffing for the count.

WALGA cannot definitively determine an overall cost impact to Local Government without the requisite cost-modelling from the WAEC. WALGA has requested that the WAEC provide this modelling to LGIRS. The cost impact of a change in election frequency may also vary between Local Governments.

Questions

1. Does your Local Government support half spill elections every two years or full spill elections every four years?
2. What are the key considerations informing this view?
3. If full spill elections every four years were introduced, what transitional arrangements and consequential amendments may be required?
4. Any other comments?

3. Compulsory or Voluntary Voting

Current situation

Voting in Local Government elections is voluntary in Western Australia and South Australia. All other Australian jurisdictions have compulsory voting.

Considerations

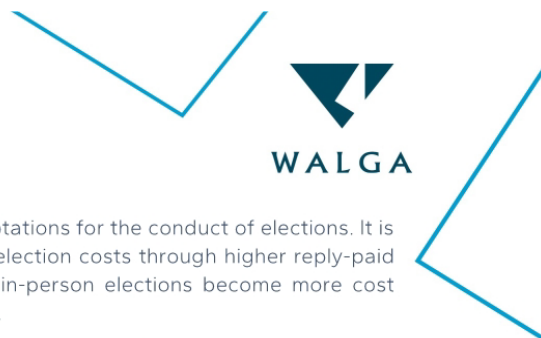
Considerations include:

- Voter participation and democratic legitimacy
- Voter engagement, awareness and/or fatigue
- Administrative and enforcement requirements
- Application to owner and occupier rolls

Participation rates

A comparison of available participation data is included as Table 3 in Appendix 1.

Costs



The WAEC uses expected participation rates to inform quotations for the conduct of elections. It is likely that an increased participation rate would increase election costs through higher reply-paid charges and increased staffing for the count. However, in-person elections become more cost effective than postal elections at higher participation rates.

WALGA cannot definitively determine an overall cost impact to Local Government without the requisite cost-modelling from the WAEC. WALGA has requested that the WAEC provide this modelling to LGIRS. The cost impact of compulsory voting may also be different for each Local Government depending on their current participation rates and methods for holding elections, and whether these would change significantly.

Tasmania implemented compulsory voting in Local Government elections in 2022. Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT) advised that this resulted in reasonably significant cost increases. The Tasmanian Electoral Commission reported a \$9.32 per elector cost for the first compulsory Local Government elections in 2022, a 35% increase from \$6.92 in 2018. An analysis of the factors contributing to this increase is not available and it may be challenging to draw direct comparisons between Tasmania and WA.

It is likely that the cost impact of compulsory voting would be moderated if elections also transition to a 4 yearly cycle.

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Questions

5. Does your Local Government support compulsory voting or voluntary voting in Local Government elections?
6. If the frequency of Local Government elections were changed to every 4 years, would your Local Government support compulsory or voluntary voting?
7. What are the key considerations informing this view?
8. Any other comments?

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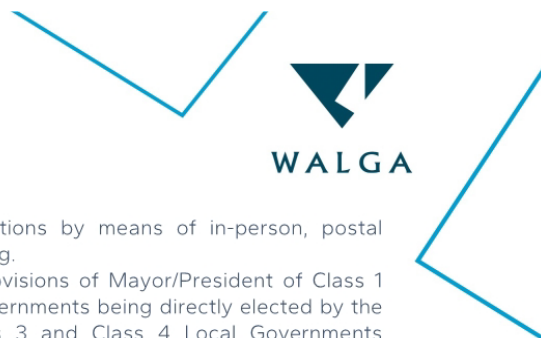
Appendix 1- WALGA Elections Advocacy Positions

2.5.15 Participation in Local Government Elections

Position Statement	<p>The Local Government sector supports voluntary participation in Local Government elections.</p> <p><i>Noting that State Council at its 6 December 2024 State Council meeting resolved that the WALGA Secretariat further investigate implications of compulsory and voluntary participation in Local Government elections and report back to State Council.</i></p>
Background	<p>Voluntary participation in Local Government elections is a long-established position of the Local Government sector, and was confirmed as a result of sector feedback received during the Local Government reform process.</p>
State Council Resolution	<p>December 2024 - 090.5/2024</p> <p>February 2022 – 312.1/2022</p> <p>December 2020 – 142.6/2020</p> <p>March 2019 – 06.3/2019</p> <p>December 2017 – 121.6/2017</p> <p>October 2008 – 427.5/2008</p>
Supporting Documents	<p>Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act</p> <p>WALGA submission: Local Government Reform Proposal (February 2022)</p>

2.5.16 Elections

Position Statement	<p>The Local Government sector supports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors serve four-year terms with elections every two years and half of the Council positions spilled at each election. 2. First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for Local Government elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections. 3. First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for internal Council elections.
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4. Councils holding elections by means of in-person, postal and/or electronic voting.
5. Current legislative provisions of Mayor/President of Class 1 and Class 2 Local Governments being directly elected by the community and Class 3 and Class 4 Local Governments determining whether its Mayor or President is elected by the Council or by the community.

Background

The sector positions on Local Government elections have been long-established. This was confirmed as a result of sector feedback received during the Local Government reform process.

Following the 2023 Local Government Elections where legislative reforms to Local Government elections processes were first implemented, sector wide consultation was conducted on key elements of the elections advocacy positions to determine if they accurately reflected the sector's contemporary view.

State Council Resolution

- December 2024 - 091.5/2024
- February 2022 - 312.1/2022
- December 2020 - 142.6/2020
- March 2019 - 06.3/2019
- December 2017 - 121.6/2017
- October 2008 - 427.5/2008

2.5.18 Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023

Position Statement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government:

1. For an independent Local Government election audit, focusing on the Western Australia Electoral Commission's (WAEC) service delivery and cost allocation methods and costing applications used, to confirm that marginal cost recovery principles are applied and that the costing program is being effectively managed.
2. For the requirement for the WAEC to develop and implement Service Level Agreements with Local Governments, similar to those agreements currently used in New South Wales and Victorian Local Government elections and that includes:
 - a. transparency of costing methodology,
 - b. direct engagement with Local Governments pre and post elections, and
 - c. the roles and responsibilities of the WAEC and Local Governments in the conduct of elections.



3. For a review of the legislative framework that would allow for more than one election services provider to conduct Local Government elections.
4. For a mandated WAEC Report to Parliament specific to Local Government elections post each election cycle, outlining costs, results, voter turnout and matters for improvement both in the conduct of elections and the legislation, if relevant.

Background

A comprehensive review and analysis of five election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government election against the backdrop of legislative reforms to the Local Government electoral process in Western Australia was carried out by WALGA.

With a focus on postal elections conducted exclusively by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC), the analysis has found evidence of the rising cost and reduced service level of conducting Local Government elections in Western Australia.

Elected Member feedback, costs vs service comparisons and engagement by the sector with WALGA's governance services over the 2023 Local Government election period, are the basis for the position outlined above.

State Council Resolution

September 2024 - 065.4/2024





Appendix 2 - Election Statistics

The data in the following tables is derived from publicly available reports issued by the respective State Electoral Commissions for the elections they conducted. The different content and format of reporting in each jurisdiction can make direct comparisons challenging.

Table 1: Comparative overview

Jurisdiction	Compulsory/optional voting	Frequency	Postal/In Person
Western Australia	Optional	Half spill every 2 years	Postal or in person
South Australia	Optional	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal.
Northern Territory	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	Postal or in person.
Queensland	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal or in person.
New South Wales	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	In person.
Victoria	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal
Tasmania	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years.	Postal

Table 2: Average percentage of returning Council Members (at individual Council level)

States with full spills only. Calculated using publicly reported ordinary election results including elections conducted by private providers.

State	Most recent election year Average % of Council Members who were Council Members the previous term	Previous election year Average % of Council Members who were Council Members the previous term
Queensland	2024 47%	2021 49%
New South Wales	2024 54%	2021 49%
Victoria	2024 46%	2020 47%
South Australia	2022 57%	2018 48%
Tasmania	2022 53%	2018 54%



Table 3: Percentage of all elected candidates who were returning Council Members (at State level)

States with full spills only. Official state level percentage reported by electoral commissions for elections they conducted.

State	Most recent election year % of returning Council Members	Previous election year % of returning Council Members
Queensland	2024 43.2%	2021 46.0%
New South Wales	2021 56.8%	2016/17 (amalgamations) 60.6%
Victoria	2024 43.0%	2020 51.9%
South Australia	2022 50.0%	2018 55.3%
Tasmania	2022 46.0%	2018 48.0%

Table 4: Election participation rates

State	Election Year	Election Year	Election Year
WA	2023 31.2%	2021 30.2%	2019 29.1%
NSW	2024 84.54%	2021 (2020 postponed) 83.56%	2016/2017 (amalgamations) 2017: 79.58% 2016: 79.27%
NT	2025 <i>Official report not yet available.</i>	2021 61.3%	2017 58.5%
QLD	2024 82.31%	2020 (COVID impacted) 77.71%	2016 83.04%
SA	2022 32.9%	2018 31.6%	2014 31.99%
TAS	2022 (First election with compulsory voting) 84.79%	2018 58.72%	2014 54.58%
VIC	2024 81.46%	2020 81.47%	2016 72.15%



Table 5: Election costs

Election costs invoiced to Local Governments.

State	Election Year	Election Year	Election Year
WA	2023 <i>postal elections only</i> \$5.17 per elector 1,763,392 electors (115 districts)	2021 <i>postal elections only</i> \$4.06 per elector 1,727,712 electors (92 districts)	2019 <i>postal elections only</i> \$3.70 per elector 1,619,431 electors (86 districts)
NSW	2024 \$55.67million 5,242,086 electors (125 councils)	2021 \$46million (<i>budgeted</i>) 4,838,137 electors (122 councils)	2016/2017 2017 \$19.17 million 2.73 million electors (45 councils) 2016 \$14.11 million 1.97million electors (76 councils)
NT	2025 NA	2021 \$1,864,193 142,546 electors	2017 \$1,593,775 133,927 electors
SA	2022 \$8.93million (ex GST) \$6.93 per elector (ex GST)	2018 \$6.57million (ex GST) \$5.41 per elector (ex GST)	2014 \$4.36million (ex GST) \$3.77 per elector (ex GST)
TAS	2022 <i>voting became compulsory</i> \$9.32 per elector 410,975 electors	2018 \$6.92 per elector 356,810 electors	2014 <i>first all-in all-out</i> \$5.59 per elector 375,355 electors

Note: Data in this table is taken from reports published by the relevant Electoral Commissions. Due to differences in the ways electoral costs are apportioned, a per elector cost is only provided if it was reported. Data for QLD and VIC is not clearly discernible in Election Reports, and therefore not presented in this table.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS - DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

File Ref:	ADM339
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Melinda King, Manager Financial Reporting
Authorising Officer:	Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Date:	12/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Monthly Financial Report December 2025 2. Monthly Financial Report January 2026

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to consider the financial reports for the periods ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The financial reports for the periods ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 are attached.

COMMENT:

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

CONSULTATION:

No consultation required.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

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

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

West Arthur Towards 2031

Theme: Leadership and Management

Outcome: Establish and maintain sound business and governance structures

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

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

Risk Themes:

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

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

Risk Matrix:

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

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-009

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell
 Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council accept the financial reports for the periods ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 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 December 2025

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 DECEMBER 2025**

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b)	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b)	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
	10	2,252,484	2,252,484	2,251,345	(1,139)	(0.05%)	
	13	1,668,654	908,598	955,461	46,863	5.16%	▲
		406,331	243,458	249,247	5,789	2.38%	
		122,314	30,154	30,798	644	2.14%	
		139,059	51,530	81,782	30,252	58.71%	▲
	6	14,292	6,619	39,091	32,472	490.59%	▲
		4,603,134	3,492,843	3,607,724	114,881	3.29%	
Expenditure from operating activities							
		(2,273,833)	(1,330,094)	(1,291,701)	38,393	2.89%	▲
		(1,668,570)	(761,559)	(779,316)	(17,757)	(2.33%)	▼
		(119,390)	(49,746)	(45,108)	4,638	9.32%	
		(3,676,619)	(344,831)	(335,400)	9,431	2.73%	
		(23,952)	(10,525)	(10,525)	0	0.00%	
		(157,053)	(157,053)	(158,967)	(1,914)	(1.22%)	
		(83,800)	(26,533)	(19,108)	7,425	27.98%	▲
	6	(27,554)	0	0	0	0.00%	
		(8,030,771)	(2,680,341)	(2,640,125)	40,216	1.50%	
	Note 2(b)	3,689,881	274,752	231,629	(43,123)	(15.70%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		262,244	1,087,254	1,199,228	111,974	10.30%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
	14	4,428,614	165,500	164,304	(1,196)	(0.72%)	
	6	161,364	47,000	39,091	(7,909)	(16.83%)	▼
		32,059	15,897	15,897	0	0.00%	
		4,622,037	228,397	219,292	(9,105)	(3.99%)	
Outflows from investing activities							
	5	(4,028,421)	(268,000)	(230,848)	37,152	13.86%	▲
	5	(1,662,428)	(435,514)	(438,414)	(2,900)	(0.67%)	
		(5,690,849)	(703,514)	(669,262)	34,252	4.87%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,068,812)	(475,117)	(449,970)	25,147	5.29%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
	4	1,016,027	0	0	0	0.00%	
		1,016,027	0	0	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities							
	11	(91,151)	(48,070)	(48,070)	0	0.00%	
	4	(956,688)	(5,548)	(6,148)	(601)	(10.82%)	▼
		(1,047,839)	(53,618)	(54,218)	(601)	(1.12%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities		(31,812)	(53,618)	(54,218)	(601)	(1.12%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
		838,380	838,380	860,021	21,641	2.58%	▲
		262,244	1,087,254	1,199,228	111,974	10.30%	▲
		(1,068,812)	(475,117)	(449,970)	25,147	5.29%	▲
		(31,812)	(53,618)	(54,218)	(601)	(1.12%)	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		0	1,396,900	1,555,061	158,162		▲

KEY INFORMATION

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

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

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Supplementary Information	30 June 2025 \$	31 December 2025 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,863,502	5,774,355
Trade and other receivables		554,984	452,607
Other financial assets		32,059	16,162
Inventories	8	102,097	102,097
Other assets	8	0	1,428
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,552,642	6,346,649
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets		276,008	276,008
Property, plant and equipment Infrastructure		19,859,864	19,763,048
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		132,368,738	132,702,600
TOTAL ASSETS		135,921,380	139,049,249
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	396,377	153,647
Other liabilities	12	30,198	2,316,720
Borrowings	11	91,151	43,081
Employee related provisions	12	372,217	372,461
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		889,943	2,885,909
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	484,327	484,327
Employee related provisions		34,035	34,035
Other provisions		55,324	55,324
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		573,686	573,686
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,463,629	3,459,595
NET ASSETS		134,457,751	135,589,654
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		6,638,093	7,763,848
Reserve accounts	4	2,219,793	2,225,941
Revaluation surplus		125,599,865	125,599,865
TOTAL EQUITY		134,457,751	135,589,654

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

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

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

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

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

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

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

Judgements and estimates

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

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

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

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

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

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 11 February 2026

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2025	Last Year Closing 30 June 2025	Year to Date 31 December 2025
(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	3	\$ 2,863,502	\$ 2,863,502	\$ 5,774,355
Trade and other receivables		487,562	554,984	452,607
Other financial assets		32,059	32,059	16,162
Inventories	8	102,097	102,097	102,097
Other assets	8	3,936	0	1,428
		<u>3,489,156</u>	<u>3,552,642</u>	<u>6,346,649</u>
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	9	(354,531)	(396,377)	(153,647)
Other liabilities	12	(30,198)	(30,198)	(2,316,720)
Borrowings	11	(91,151)	(91,151)	(43,081)
Employee related provisions	12	(366,876)	(372,217)	(372,461)
		<u>(842,756)</u>	<u>(889,943)</u>	<u>(2,885,909)</u>
Net current assets		2,646,400	2,662,699	3,460,740
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(c)	(1,808,020)	(1,802,678)	(1,905,679)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		838,380	860,021	1,555,061

(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

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

	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities			
	\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	6	(14,292)	(6,619)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	6	27,554	0
Add: Depreciation		3,676,619	344,831
Movement in current employee provisions associated with restricted cash		0	(63,460)
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		3,689,881	274,752
			231,629

(c) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

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

	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2025	Last Year Closing 30 June 2025	Year to Date 31 December 2025
Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	4	(2,219,793)	(2,219,793)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	8	(32,059)	(32,059)
- Current financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans			0
- Land held for resale		(79,118)	(79,118)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year:			
- Current portion of borrowings	11	91,151	91,151
- Employee Benefit Provision		431,799	437,141
Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(a)	(1,808,020)	(1,802,678)
			(1,905,679)

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

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

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3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

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

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	46,863	5.16%	▲
ESL grant received for 2024/2025 ESL overexpenditure \$44,892			
Other revenue	30,252	58.71%	▲
Workers comp greater than budget \$29,000			
Profit on asset disposals	32,472	490.59%	▲
Profit on sale to be processed. No material variance expected.			
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	38,393	2.89%	▲
Employee costs are below budget due to staff changeover			
Materials and contracts	(17,757)	(2.33%)	▼
Ranger services are \$11,000 greater than expected year to date. Fuel is \$15,000 greater than budget. Offset partially by other plant op costs and repairs below budget year to date.			
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	(43,123)	(15.70%)	▼
Profit/Loss on sale of vehicle to be processed - no material variance expected.			
Outflows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	37,152	13.86%	▲
Road counters below budget. Manager of Works and Services vehicle below budget. Roller and ute below budget.			
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	21,641	2.58%	▲
Variance is due to insurance and bushfire reimbursements relating to 2425 received post budget adoption.			
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	158,162	0.00%	▲
Due to variances described above			

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1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$0.84 M	\$0.84 M	\$0.86 M	\$0.02 M
Closing	\$0.00 M	\$1.40 M	\$1.56 M	\$0.16 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$5.77 M	% of total
Unrestricted Cash	\$3.55 M	61.5%
Restricted Cash	\$2.23 M	38.5%

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets

Payables	
	\$0.15 M
	% Outstanding
Trade Payables	\$0.00 M
0 to 30 Days	68.0%
Over 30 Days	32.0%
Over 90 Days	32.0%

Refer to 9 - Payables

Receivables		
	\$0.03 M	% Collected
Rates Receivable	\$0.42 M	78.1%
Trade Receivable	\$0.03 M	% Outstanding
Over 30 Days		70.4%
Over 90 Days		18.8%

Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$0.26 M	\$1.09 M	\$1.20 M	\$0.11 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Rates Revenue		
YTD Actual	\$2.25 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$2.25 M	(0.1%)

Refer to 10 - Rate Revenue

Grants and Contributions		
YTD Actual	\$0.96 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$0.91 M	5.2%

Refer to 13 - Grants and Contributions

Fees and Charges		
YTD Actual	\$0.25 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$0.24 M	2.4%

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.07 M)	(\$0.48 M)	(\$0.45 M)	\$0.03 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Proceeds on sale		
YTD Actual	\$0.04 M	%
Adopted Budget	\$0.16 M	24.2%

Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets

Asset Acquisition		
YTD Actual	\$0.44 M	% Spent
Adopted Budget	\$1.66 M	26.4%

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Capital Grants		
YTD Actual	\$0.16 M	% Received
Adopted Budget	\$4.43 M	3.7%

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$0.03 M)	(\$0.05 M)	(\$0.05 M)	(\$0.00 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Borrowings	
Principal repayments	(\$0.05 M)
Interest expense	(\$0.01 M)
Principal due	\$0.53 M

Refer to 11 - Borrowings

Reserves	
Reserves balance	\$2.23 M
Interest earned	\$0.01 M

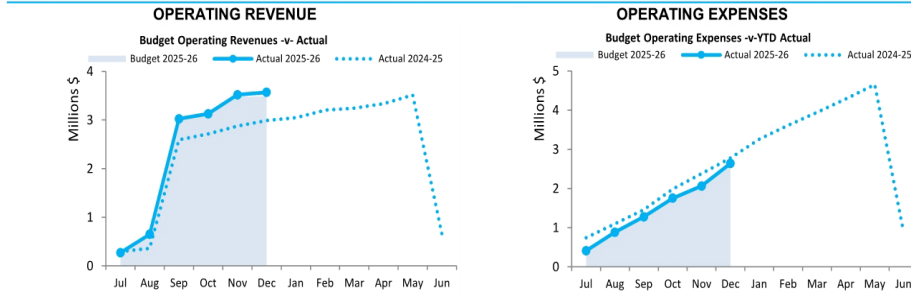
Refer to 4 - Cash Reserves

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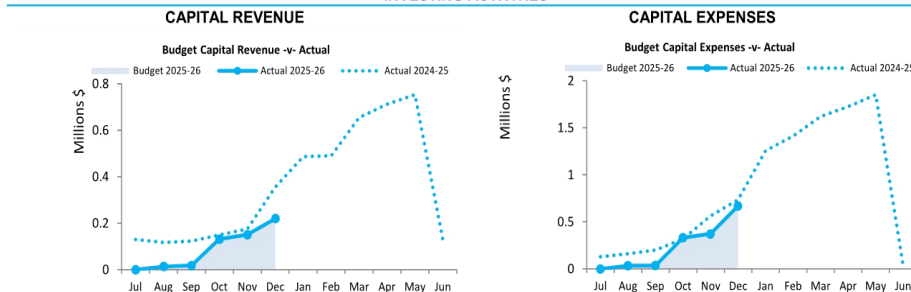
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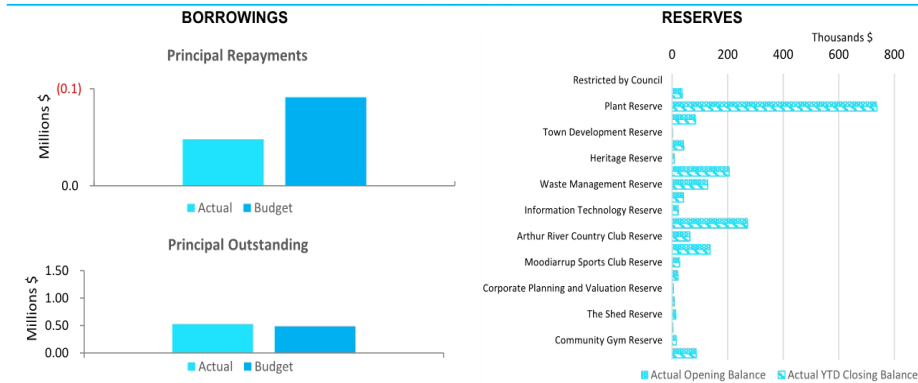
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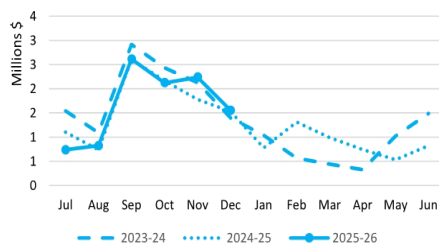
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Restricted \$	Total Cash \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Municipal cash at bank	Cash and cash equivalents	338,649	0	338,649	0	NAB	0.01%	N/A
Municipal cash at bank - CM	Cash and cash equivalents	59,665	0	59,665	0	NAB	0.50%	N/A
Municipal cash at bank - at call	Cash and cash equivalents	1,150,000	0	1,150,000	0	WA Treasury	3.55%	N/A
Municipal term deposit	Cash and cash equivalents	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	NAB	4.10%	3/3/2026
Reserve - CM	Cash and cash equivalents	0	174	174	0	NAB	0.50%	N/A
Reserve	Cash and cash equivalents	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	NAB	4.10%	16/6/2026
Cash on hand	Cash and cash equivalents	100	0	100	0	CASH	0.00%	N/A
Reserve - BOQ	Cash and cash equivalents	0	725,767	725,767	0	BOQ	4.05%	3/2/2026
Total		3,548,414	2,225,941	5,774,355	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		3,548,414	2,225,941	5,774,355	0			
		3,548,414	2,225,941	5,774,355	0			

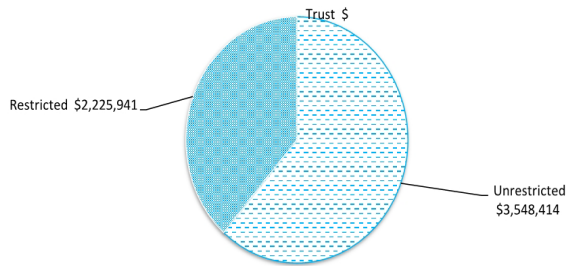
KEY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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



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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve name	Budget Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Interest Earned	Actual Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council										
Leave Reserve	37,034	1,243	40,000	0	78,277	37,034	103	0	0	37,137
Plant Reserve	735,456	24,675	200,000	(652,420)	307,711	735,456	2,037	0	0	737,493
Building Reserve	83,703	2,808	0	(80,000)	6,511	83,703	232	0	0	83,935
Town Development Reserve	1,728	58	0	0	1,786	1,728	5	0	0	1,733
Recreation Reserve	41,676	1,398	0	(16,000)	27,074	41,676	115	0	0	41,791
Heritage Reserve	7,437	250	0	0	7,687	7,437	21	0	0	7,458
Community Housing Reserve	205,439	6,893	12,000	0	224,332	205,439	569	0	0	206,008
Waste Management Reserve	128,158	4,300	0	0	132,458	128,158	355	0	0	128,513
Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	41,361	1,388	0	(10,000)	32,749	41,361	115	0	0	41,476
Information Technology Reserve	22,166	744	0	0	22,910	22,166	61	0	0	22,227
Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve	270,835	9,087	40,000	0	319,922	270,835	750	0	0	271,585
Arthur River Country Club Reserve	64,240	2,155	6,000	0	72,395	64,240	178	0	0	64,418
Museum Reserve	136,563	4,582	0	(5,000)	136,145	136,563	378	0	0	136,941
Moodiarup Sports Club Reserve	26,680	895	5,000	0	32,575	26,680	74	0	0	26,754
Landcare Reserve	21,626	726	0	(8,000)	14,352	21,626	60	0	0	21,686
Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve	5,034	169	0	0	5,203	5,034	14	0	0	5,048
Kids Central Reserve	7,971	267	0	0	8,238	7,971	22	0	0	7,993
The Shed Reserve	13,455	451	0	0	13,906	13,455	37	0	0	13,492
Recreation Trails Reserve	2,827	95	0	0	2,922	2,827	8	0	0	2,835
Community Gym Reserve	15,098	507	0	(10,000)	5,605	15,098	42	0	0	15,140
Economic Development Reserve	86,456	3,303	0	(50,927)	38,832	86,456	239	0	0	86,695
Road Reserve	264,850	8,482	579,212	(183,680)	668,864	264,850	734	0	0	265,584
	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2,219,793	74,476	882,212	(1,016,027)	2,160,454	2,219,793	6,148	0	0	2,225,941

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5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital acquisitions				
Land - freehold land	3,164,890	34,000	33,518	(482)
Buildings - non-specialised	114,525	2,000	6,332	4,332
Furniture and equipment	6,000	0	0	0
Plant and equipment	743,006	232,000	190,998	(41,002)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	4,028,421	268,000	230,848	(37,152)
Infrastructure - roads	1,337,741	377,560	381,373	3,813
Infrastructure - Other	324,687	57,954	57,041	(913)
Acquisition of infrastructure	1,662,428	435,514	438,414	(71,404)
Total capital acquisitions	5,690,849	703,514	669,262	(108,556)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	4,428,614	165,500	164,304	(1,196)
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	161,364	47,000	39,091	(7,909)
Reserve accounts				
Plant Reserve	652,420	0	0	0
Building Reserve	80,000	0	0	0
Recreation Reserve	16,000	0	0	0
Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	10,000	0	0	0
Museum Reserve	5,000	0	0	0
Landcare Reserve	8,000	0	0	0
Community Gym Reserve	10,000	0	0	0
Economic Development Reserve	50,927	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	268,524	491,014	465,867	(25,147)
Capital funding total	5,690,849	703,514	669,262	(34,252)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

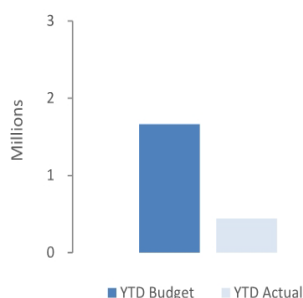
Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

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

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

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

Payments for Capital Acquisitions

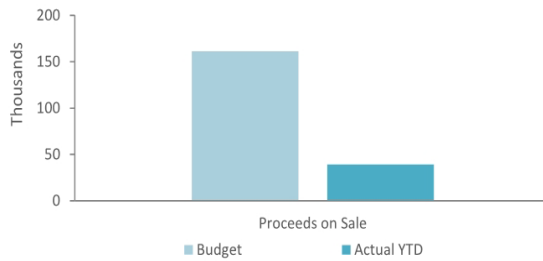


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6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

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



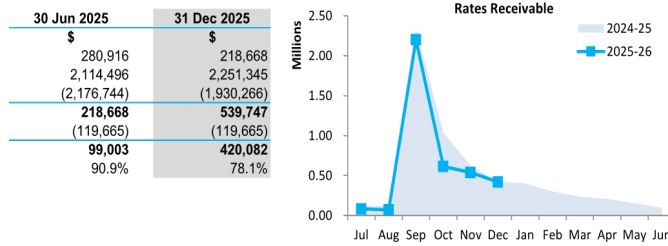
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7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 Jun 2025	31 Dec 2025
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	280,916	218,668
Levied this year	2,114,496	2,251,345
Less - collections to date	(2,176,744)	(1,930,266)
Gross rates collectable	218,668	539,747
Allowance for impairment of rates receivable	(119,665)	(119,665)
Net rates collectable	99,003	420,082
% Collected	90.9%	78.1%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	0	9,633	16,282	491	6,119	32,525
Percentage	0.0%	29.6%	50.1%	1.5%	18.8%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						32,525
Total receivables general outstanding						32,525

KEY INFORMATION

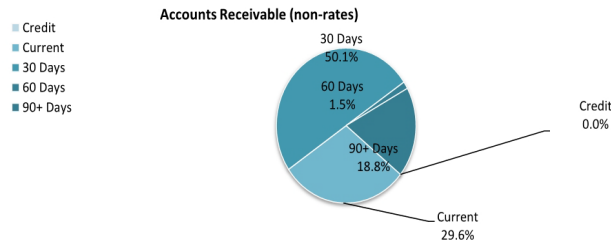
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

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

Classification and subsequent measurement

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

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



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8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 31 December 2025
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets				
Other financial assets at amortised cost				
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	32,059		(15,897)	16,162
Inventory				
Fuel and materials	22,979	0	0	22,979
Land held for resale	79,118		0	79,118
Other assets				
Prepayments	0	1,428	0	1,428
Total other current assets	134,156	1,428	(15,897)	119,687

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Other financial assets at amortised cost

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

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

Inventory

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

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

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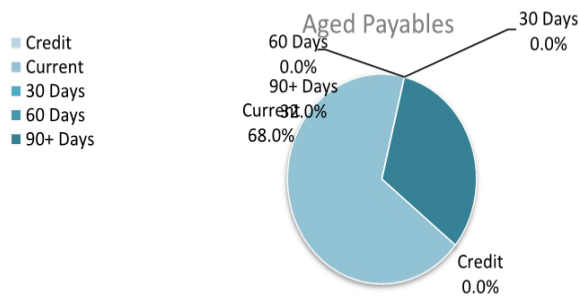
9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	104,470	0	0	49,177	153,647
Percentage	0.0%	68.0%	0.0%	0.0%	32.0%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						2,505
ATO liabilities						22,933
Other payables						94,347
Collections						33,862
Total payables general outstanding						153,647

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

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



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10 RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue

RATE TYPE	Rate in	Number of	Rateable	Rate	Budget	Total	Rate	YTD Actual	Total
	\$ (cents)	Properties	Value	Revenue	Interim	Revenue	Revenue	Interim	Revenue
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross rental value									
GRV Townsite	0.076930	96	1,067,506	82,123	0	82,123	82,123	219	82,342
GRV Commercial	0.076930	11	228,540	17,582	0	17,582	17,582	0	17,582
GRV Industrial	0.076930	5	105,960	7,921	0	7,921	7,921	0	7,921
GRV Other Townsite	0.076930	15	125,944	9,689	0	9,689	9,689	0	9,689
Unimproved value									
UV Rural	0.002883	369	704,777,000	2,031,872	0	2,031,872	2,031,872	(627)	2,031,245
Sub-Total		496	706,304,950	2,149,187	0	2,149,187	2,149,187	(408)	2,148,779
Minimum payment									
Minimum Payment \$									
Gross rental value									
GRV Townsite	673	35	179,944	23,555	0	23,555	23,555	0	23,555
GRV Commercial	673	10	22,440	6,730	0	6,730	6,730	0	6,730
GRV Industrial	673	5	9,690	3,365	0	3,365	3,365	0	3,365
GRV Other Townsite	471	19	20,820	8,949	0	8,949	8,949	0	8,949
UV Rural	673	84	12,222,399	56,532	0	56,532	56,532	(731)	55,801
Sub-total		153	12,455,293	99,131	0	99,131	99,131	(731)	98,400
Amount from general rates						2,248,318			2,247,179
Ex-gratia rates						4,166	0	0	4,166
Total general rates						2,252,484			2,251,345

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES

11 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings	Particulars	Loan No.	New Loans			Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			1 July 2025	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Industrial Land	72	5,798	0	0	(5,798)	(5,798)	0	0	(71)	(86)
	ERP	75	117,196	0	0	(13,606)	(27,499)	103,590	89,697	(2,377)	(5,216)
	Loader	74	204,133	0	0	(12,769)	(25,795)	191,364	178,338	(4,020)	(9,145)
			327,127	0	0	(32,173)	(59,092)	294,954	268,035	(6,468)	(14,447)
	Self supporting loans										
	WA Cottage Homes	73	248,351	0	0	(15,897)	(32,059)	232,454	216,292	(4,057)	(9,505)
			248,351	0	0	(15,897)	(32,059)	232,454	216,292	(4,057)	(9,505)
	Total		575,478	0	0	(48,070)	(91,151)	527,408	484,327	(10,525)	(23,952)
	Current borrowings		91,151					43,081			
	Non-current borrowings		484,327					484,327			
			575,478					527,408			

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

KEY INFORMATION

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

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature. Non-current borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

12 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 31 December 2025
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other liabilities						
Capital grant/contributions liabilities		30,198	0	2,450,826	(164,304)	2,316,720
Total other liabilities		30,198	0	2,450,826	(164,304)	2,316,720
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		143,723	0	0	0	143,723
Provision for long service leave		220,807	0	0	0	220,807
Other leave provisions [describe]		7,687	0	244	0	7,931
Total Provisions		372,217	0	244	0	372,461
Total other current liabilities		402,415	0	2,451,070	(164,304)	2,689,181

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

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

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

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

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

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

Other long-term employee benefits

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

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

Contract liabilities

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

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

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

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

13 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2025		(As revenue)	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2025	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
Grants Commission - General (WALGGC)	0	0	0	0	0	328,274	164,138	164,137
Grants Commission - Roads (WALGGC)	0	0	0	0	0	356,592	178,296	178,296
Grants Commission - Special Project Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	674,000	337,000	337,000
Governance								
National Australia Day Grant	0	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	0
DFES Grant - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	58,000	29,776	29,775
DFES Grant - Operating 2425 additional funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,892
Community Amenities								
Protection of the Environment	0	0	0	0	0	7,200	0	0
Lake Towerrinning	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0
Direct Road Grant	0	0	0	0	0	199,388	199,388	199,388
Footpath Plan	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	25,000	0	0
	0	12,000	0	12,000	12,000	1,668,454	908,598	953,488
Contributions								
Contributions Minor	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	1,973
	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	1,973
TOTALS	0	12,000	0	12,000	12,000	1,668,654	908,598	955,461

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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14 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2025		(As revenue)	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2025	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
Law, Order, Public Safety								
Wi - Fi Grant	0	4,500	(4,500)	0	0	4,777	4,500	4,500
Disaster Ready Grant	0	0	0	0	0	73,097	0	0
Transport								
Roads to Recovery	10,289	0	0	10,289	10,289	569,579	0	0
Regional Road Group	0	189,343	(81,056)	108,287	108,287	479,361	82,000	81,056
WSFN	19,909	0	(15,230)	4,679	4,679	49,121	15,000	15,230
Economic Services								
Dwer Community Water	0	14,712	0	14,712	14,712	29,425	0	0
DWER Community Water tanks	0	13,014	0	13,014	13,014	26,026	0	0
DWER Standpipe readers		30,000	(30,000)	0	0	59,338	30,000	30,000
Housing Support Program Stream 1	0	92,848	(33,518)	59,330	59,330	145,876	34,000	33,518
Housing Support Program Stream 2	0	2,094,409	0	2,094,409	2,094,409	2,992,014	0	0
	30,198	2,438,826	(164,304)	2,304,720.00	2,304,720.00	4,428,614	165,500	164,304

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

15 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash	Increase in	Decrease in	Amended Budget
			Adjustment	Available Cash	Available Cash	Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Budget adoption						0
Loan from WATC for Western Power connection of industrial land	SCM-2025-087	Capital revenue		110,000	0	110,000
Western Power expenditure - connection of power	SCM-2025-087	Capital expenses			(110,000)	0
Reduction in Financial Assistance Grant - addressed in budget					0	0
Road closure expenditure postponed	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		24,400		24,400
Reduced wages parks and gardens	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		7,500		31,900
Printer replacement postponed	OCM-2025-136	Capital expenses		6,000		37,900
Lotterywest grant - Lake Towerrinning - included in budget	OCM-2025-136	Operating revenue		20,000	0	57,900
Landcare expenditure reduction	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		37,000		94,900
Variance in surplus - included in previous year.	OCM-2025-136	Operating revenue		20,630		115,530
Transfer to road reserve needs to increase by \$94,788. - address in budget review						115,530
Election cost reduction	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		7,500		123,030
Membership fees IPWEA	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(7,500)	115,530
Reduce reticulation at Admin Office	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		8,000		123,530
Purchase Starlink for Fire brigades and works	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(1,500)	122,030
Purchase CCTV cameras	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(3,500)	118,530
Purchase tablet for works manager	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(3,000)	115,530
				241,030	(125,500)	115,530

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

Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance*	Variance*	Var.
	Estimates (a)	Estimates (b)	Actual (c)	\$ (c) - (b)	% ((c) - (b))/(b)	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Revenue from operating activities						
General rates	10	2,252,484	2,252,484	2,251,345	(1,139)	(0.05%)
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13	1,668,654	923,486	974,849	51,363	5.56% ▲
Fees and charges		406,331	270,604	278,010	7,406	2.74%
Interest revenue		122,314	33,255	36,460	3,205	9.64%
Other revenue		139,059	51,979	83,555	31,576	60.75% ▲
Profit on asset disposals	6	14,292	6,619	39,091	32,472	490.59% ▲
		4,603,134	3,538,427	3,663,310	124,883	3.53%
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs		(2,273,833)	(1,528,941)	(1,486,811)	42,130	2.76% ▲
Materials and contracts		(1,668,570)	(887,325)	(909,547)	(22,222)	(2.50%) ▼
Utility charges		(119,390)	(59,695)	(52,967)	6,728	11.27% ▲
Depreciation		(3,676,619)	(402,303)	(392,350)	9,953	2.47%
Finance costs		(23,952)	(12,512)	(12,512)	0	0.00%
Insurance		(157,053)	(157,053)	(158,967)	(1,914)	(1.22%)
Other expenditure		(83,800)	(26,533)	(19,108)	7,425	27.98% ▲
Loss on asset disposals	6	(27,554)	0	0	0	0.00%
		(8,030,771)	(3,074,362)	(3,032,262)	42,100	1.37%
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Note 2(b)	3,689,881	332,224	289,181	(43,043)	(12.96%) ▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		262,244	796,289	920,229	123,940	15.56%
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	14	4,428,614	165,500	164,719	(781)	(0.47%)
Proceeds from disposal of assets	6	161,364	47,000	39,091	(7,909)	(16.83%) ▼
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		32,059	15,897	15,897	0	0.00%
		4,622,037	228,397	219,707	(8,690)	(3.80%)
Outflows from investing activities						
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5	(4,028,421)	(617,420)	(540,609)	76,811	12.44% ▲
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5	(1,662,428)	(483,414)	(485,172)	(1,758)	(0.36%)
		(5,690,849)	(1,100,834)	(1,025,781)	75,053	6.82%
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,068,812)	(872,437)	(806,074)	66,363	7.61%
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from financing activities						
Proceeds from new debentures	11	0	110,000	110,000	0	0.00%
Transfer from reserves	4	1,016,027	0	0	0	0.00%
		1,016,027	110,000	110,000	0	0.00%
Outflows from financing activities						
Repayment of borrowings	11	(91,151)	(48,070)	(48,070)	0	0.00%
Transfer to reserves	4	(956,688)	(5,548)	(6,150)	(602)	(10.86%) ▼
		(1,047,839)	(53,618)	(54,220)	(602)	(1.12%)
Amount attributable to financing activities		(31,812)	56,383	55,780	(602)	(1.07%)
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT						
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		838,380	838,380	860,021	21,641	2.58% ▲
Amount attributable to operating activities		262,244	796,289	920,229	123,940	15.56% ▲
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,068,812)	(872,437)	(806,074)	66,363	7.61% ▲
Amount attributable to financing activities		(31,812)	56,383	55,780	(602)	(1.07%)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		0	818,615	1,029,956	211,342	▲

KEY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

	Supplementary Information	30 June 2026 \$	31 January 2026 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,863,502	5,316,777
Trade and other receivables		554,984	363,639
Other financial assets		32,059	16,162
Inventories	8	102,097	102,097
Other assets	8	0	1,428
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,552,642	5,800,103
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets		276,008	276,008
Property, plant and equipment Infrastructure		19,859,864	20,418,833
		112,232,866	112,307,328
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		132,368,738	133,002,169
TOTAL ASSETS		135,921,380	138,802,272
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	396,377	134,619
Other liabilities	12	30,198	2,314,305
Borrowings	11	91,151	43,081
Employee related provisions	12	372,217	373,063
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		889,943	2,865,068
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	484,327	594,327
Employee related provisions		34,035	34,035
Other provisions		55,324	55,324
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		573,686	683,686
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,463,629	3,548,754
NET ASSETS		134,457,751	135,253,518
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		6,638,093	7,427,710
Reserve accounts	4	2,219,793	2,225,943
Revaluation surplus		125,599,865	125,599,865
TOTAL EQUITY		134,457,751	135,253,518

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

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026**

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

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

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

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

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

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

Judgements and estimates

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

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

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

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

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

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 19 February 2026

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

2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2025	Last Year Closing 30 June 2025	Year to Date 31 January 2026
(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,863,502	2,863,502	5,316,777
Trade and other receivables		487,562	554,984	363,639
Other financial assets		32,059	32,059	16,162
Inventories	8	102,097	102,097	102,097
Other assets	8	3,936	0	1,428
		<u>3,489,156</u>	<u>3,552,642</u>	<u>5,800,103</u>
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	9	(354,531)	(396,377)	(134,619)
Other liabilities	12	(30,198)	(30,198)	(2,314,305)
Borrowings	11	(91,151)	(91,151)	(43,081)
Employee related provisions	12	(366,876)	(372,217)	(373,063)
		<u>(842,756)</u>	<u>(889,943)</u>	<u>(2,865,068)</u>
Net current assets		2,646,400	2,662,699	2,935,035
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(c)	(1,808,020)	(1,802,678)	(1,905,079)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		838,380	860,021	1,029,956

(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

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

	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities			
	\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	6	(14,292)	(6,619)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	6	27,554	0
Add: Depreciation		3,676,619	402,303
Movement in current employee provisions associated with restricted cash		0	(63,460)
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		3,689,881	332,224
			289,181

(c) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

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

	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2025	Last Year Closing 30 June 2025	Year to Date 31 January 2026
Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	4	(2,219,793)	(2,219,793)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	8	(32,059)	(32,059)
- Current financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans			0
- Land held for resale		(79,118)	(79,118)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year:			
- Current portion of borrowings	11	91,151	91,151
- Employee Benefit Provision		431,799	437,141
Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(a)	(1,808,020)	(1,802,678)
			(1,905,079)

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

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

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

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

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

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	51,363	5.56%	▲
ESL grant received for 2024/2025 ESL overexpenditure \$44,892			
Other revenue	31,576	60.75%	▲
Workers compensation reimbursement received \$29,473.			
Profit on asset disposals	32,472	490.59%	▲
Profit on sale to be processed. No material variance expected.			
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	42,130	2.76%	▲
Employee costs are below budget due to staff changeover			
Materials and contracts	(22,222)	(2.50%)	▼
Ranger services are \$12,000 greater than expected year to date. Plant operating costs are \$12,595 greater than budget.			
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	(43,043)	(12.96%)	▼
Profit/Loss on sale of vehicle to be processed - no material variance expected.			
Inflows from investing activities			
Outflows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	76,811	12.44%	▲
Road counters below budget. Manager of Works and Services vehicle below budget. Roller and ute below budget. Truck purchase below budget. Plant purchases below budget will require lower transfer from Reserve account.			
Inflows from financing activities			
Proceeds from new debentures	0	0.00%	
Council decision made to fund Industrial land in Growden Place Western Power connection. Loan \$110,000.			
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	21,641	2.58%	▲
Variance is due to insurance and bushfire reimbursements relating to 2425 received post budget adoption.			
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	211,342	0.00%	▲
Due to variances described above			

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026**

1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$0.84 M	\$0.84 M	\$0.86 M	\$0.02 M
Closing	\$0.00 M	\$0.82 M	\$1.03 M	\$0.21 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$	% of total
Unrestricted Cash	\$3.09 M	58.1%
Restricted Cash	\$2.23 M	41.9%

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets

Payables		
	\$	% Outstanding
Trade Payables	\$0.00 M	
0 to 30 Days		63.5%
Over 30 Days		36.5%
Over 90 Days		36.5%

Refer to 9 - Payables

Receivables		
	\$	% Collected
Rates Receivable	\$0.33 M	81.6%
Trade Receivable	\$0.03 M	72.4%
Over 30 Days		
Over 90 Days		19.5%

Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$0.26 M	\$0.80 M	\$0.92 M	\$0.12 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Rates Revenue		
YTD Actual	\$	% Variance
YTD Actual	\$2.25 M	
YTD Budget	\$2.25 M	(0.1%)

Refer to 10 - Rate Revenue

Grants and Contributions		
YTD Actual	\$	% Variance
YTD Actual	\$0.97 M	
YTD Budget	\$0.92 M	5.6%

Refer to 13 - Grants and Contributions

Fees and Charges		
YTD Actual	\$	% Variance
YTD Actual	\$0.28 M	
YTD Budget	\$0.27 M	2.7%

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.07 M)	(\$0.87 M)	(\$0.81 M)	\$0.07 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Proceeds on sale		
YTD Actual	\$	%
YTD Actual	\$0.04 M	
Adopted Budget	\$0.16 M	24.2%

Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets

Asset Acquisition		
YTD Actual	\$	% Spent
YTD Actual	\$0.49 M	
Adopted Budget	\$1.66 M	29.2%

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Capital Grants		
YTD Actual	\$	% Received
YTD Actual	\$0.16 M	
Adopted Budget	\$4.43 M	3.7%

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$0.03 M)	\$0.06 M	\$0.06 M	(\$0.00 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Borrowings	
Principal repayments	(\$0.05 M)
Interest expense	(\$0.01 M)
Principal due	\$0.64 M

Refer to 11 - Borrowings

Reserves	
Reserves balance	\$2.23 M
Interest earned	\$0.01 M

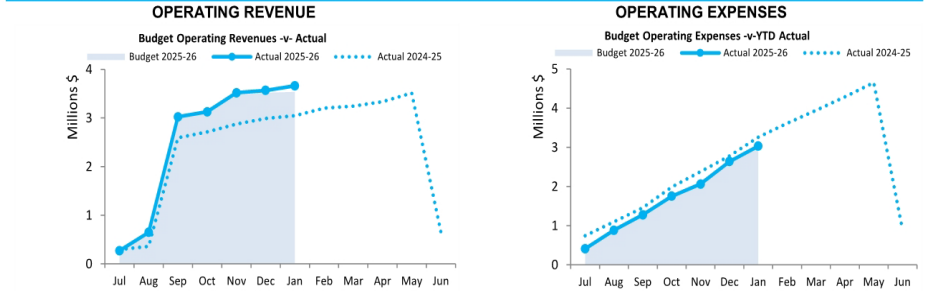
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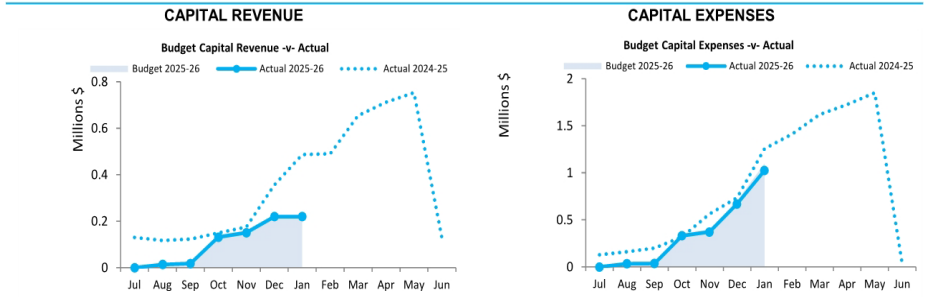
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2 KEY INFORMATION - GRAPHICAL

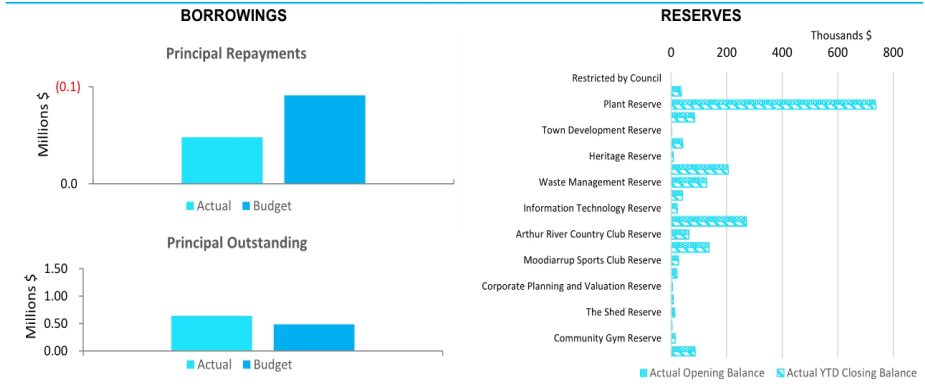
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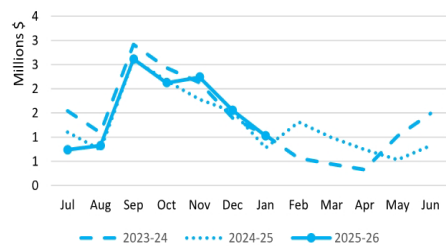
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Restricted \$	Total Cash \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Municipal cash at bank	Cash and cash equivalents	77,601	0	77,601	0	NAB	0.01%	N/A
Municipal cash at bank - CM	Cash and cash equivalents	263,133	0	263,133	0	NAB	0.50%	N/A
Municipal cash at bank - at call	Cash and cash equivalents	750,000	0	750,000	0	WA Treasury	3.55%	N/A
Municipal term deposit	Cash and cash equivalents	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	NAB	4.10%	3/3/2026
Reserve - CM	Cash and cash equivalents	0	175	175	0	NAB	0.50%	N/A
Reserve	Cash and cash equivalents	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	NAB	4.10%	16/6/2026
Cash on hand	Cash and cash equivalents	100	0	100	0	CASH	0.00%	N/A
Reserve - BOQ	Cash and cash equivalents	0	725,768	725,768	0	BOQ	4.05%	3/2/2026
Total		3,090,834	2,225,943	5,316,777	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		3,090,834	2,225,943	5,316,777	0			
		3,090,834	2,225,943	5,316,777	0			

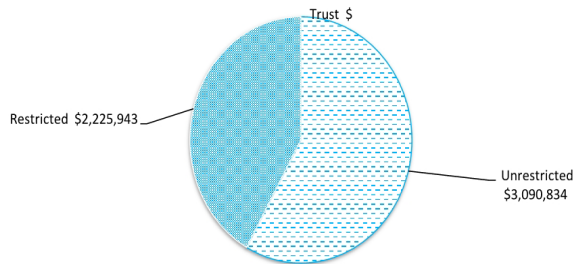
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Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash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

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

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

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



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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve name	Budget Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Interest Earned	Actual Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council										
Leave Reserve	37,034	1,243	40,000	0	78,277	37,034	103	0	0	37,137
Plant Reserve	735,456	24,675	200,000	(652,420)	307,711	735,456	2,038	0	0	737,494
Building Reserve	83,703	2,808	0	(80,000)	6,511	83,703	232	0	0	83,935
Town Development Reserve	1,728	58	0	0	1,786	1,728	5	0	0	1,733
Recreation Reserve	41,676	1,398	0	(16,000)	27,074	41,676	115	0	0	41,791
Heritage Reserve	7,437	250	0	0	7,687	7,437	21	0	0	7,458
Community Housing Reserve	205,439	6,893	12,000	0	224,332	205,439	569	0	0	206,008
Waste Management Reserve	128,158	4,300	0	0	132,458	128,158	355	0	0	128,513
Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	41,361	1,388	0	(10,000)	32,749	41,361	115	0	0	41,476
Information Technology Reserve	22,166	744	0	0	22,910	22,166	61	0	0	22,227
Darkan Sport and Community Centre Reserve	270,835	9,087	40,000	0	319,922	270,835	750	0	0	271,585
Arthur River Country Club Reserve	64,240	2,155	6,000	0	72,395	64,240	178	0	0	64,418
Museum Reserve	136,563	4,582	0	(5,000)	136,145	136,563	378	0	0	136,941
Moodiarup Sports Club Reserve	26,680	895	5,000	0	32,575	26,680	74	0	0	26,754
Landcare Reserve	21,626	726	0	(8,000)	14,352	21,626	60	0	0	21,686
Corporate Planning and Valuation Reserve	5,034	169	0	0	5,203	5,034	14	0	0	5,048
Kids Central Reserve	7,971	267	0	0	8,238	7,971	22	0	0	7,993
The Shed Reserve	13,455	451	0	0	13,906	13,455	37	0	0	13,492
Recreation Trails Reserve	2,827	95	0	0	2,922	2,827	8	0	0	2,835
Community Gym Reserve	15,098	507	0	(10,000)	5,605	15,098	42	0	0	15,140
Economic Development Reserve	86,456	3,303	0	(50,927)	38,832	86,456	240	0	0	86,696
Road Reserve	264,850	8,482	579,212	(183,680)	668,864	264,850	734	0	0	265,584
	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2,219,793	74,476	882,212	(1,016,027)	2,160,454	2,219,793	6,150	0	0	2,225,943

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5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital acquisitions				
Land - freehold land	3,164,890	34,000	34,083	83
Buildings - non-specialised	114,525	2,000	6,332	4,332
Furniture and equipment	6,000	0	0	0
Plant and equipment	743,006	581,420	500,194	(81,226)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	4,028,421	617,420	540,609	(76,811)
Infrastructure - roads	1,337,741	387,460	389,782	2,322
Infrastructure - Other	324,687	95,954	95,390	(564)
Acquisition of infrastructure	1,662,428	483,414	485,172	(151,864)
Total capital acquisitions	5,690,849	1,100,834	1,025,781	(228,675)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	4,428,614	165,500	164,719	(781)
Borrowings	0	110,000	110,000	0
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	161,364	47,000	39,091	(7,909)
Reserve accounts				
Plant Reserve	652,420	0	0	0
Building Reserve	80,000	0	0	0
Recreation Reserve	16,000	0	0	0
Darkan Swimming Pool Reserve	10,000	0	0	0
Museum Reserve	5,000	0	0	0
Landcare Reserve	8,000	0	0	0
Community Gym Reserve	10,000	0	0	0
Economic Development Reserve	50,927	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	268,524	778,334	711,971	(66,363)
Capital funding total	5,690,849	1,100,834	1,025,781	(75,053)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

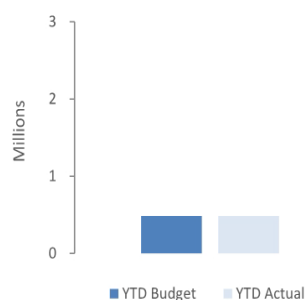
Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

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

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

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







Payments for Capital Acquisitions



































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5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS - DETAILED

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

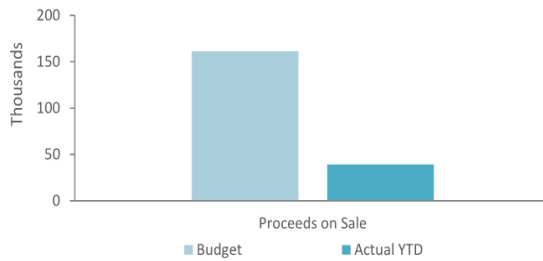
Account Description	Adopted			Variance (Under)/Over
	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture				0
 Replace Printer/Copier	(6,000)	0	0	0
Land & Buildings				
 Staff house - King Street completion	(114,525)	0	0	0
 Station Masters House completion of transfer	0	0	(2,652)	2,652
 Housing project head works HSP 1	(145,876)	(34,000)	(34,083)	83
 Housing project head works HSP 2	(2,992,014)	0	0	0
 Industrial Land Growden Place	(27,000)	(2,000)	(3,680)	1,680
Infrastructure				
 Point to Point wireless - Darkan Hall	(9,954)	(9,954)	(10,623)	669
 Darkan Town Dam tank upgrade	(42,036)	0	0	0
 SOWA building water catchment	(37,438)	0	0	0
 Disaster ready - Darkan Town Hall	(91,371)	0	0	0
 Standpipe card readers	(86,242)	(78,000)	(77,030)	(970)
 Niche wall - Darkan Cemetary	(20,000)	0	0	0
 Darkan Gym replacement equipment	(10,000)	(8,000)	(7,737)	(263)
 Truck Parking Bay - Survey design	(10,743)	0	0	0
 Burrowes - Hillman back lane drainage	(16,903)	0	0	0
Plant & Equipment				
 6 Wheeler 3 way Tip and dolly	(349,420)	(349,420)	(309,196)	(40,224)
 Ute replacement	(50,000)	(50,000)	(43,026)	(6,974)
 Works manager vehicle replacement	(65,000)	(65,000)	(53,261)	(11,739)
 MCS vehicle replacement	(41,586)	0	0	0
 Roller	(90,000)	(90,000)	(82,865)	(7,135)
 Pip Jeter trailer	(120,000)	0	0	0
 Road counters	(27,000)	(27,000)	(11,846)	(15,154)
Roads				
 Bowelling Duranillin Road - RRG	(348,838)	(5,000)	(5,103)	103
 Boyup Brook Road (Arthur River-Dinninup Road) - RRG	(265,203)	(10,000)	(10,478)	478
 Moodiarrup Changerup Road - RRG	(105,000)	(105,000)	(105,778)	778
 Darkan Williams Road - WSN	(49,121)	(15,000)	(15,230)	230
 Bridge works Bokal North Road - R2R	(71,248)	(58,000)	(58,576)	576
 Bridge work Hughes Mill Road - R2R	(71,247)	(47,000)	(46,494)	(506)
 Bridge work Boyup Brook Arthur River Road - R2R	(8,460)	(8,460)	(10,206)	1,746
 Trigwell Bridge - R2R	(168,619)	(35,000)	(34,283)	(717)
 Stewart Street Memorial Drive - R2R	(94,751)	(19,000)	(19,304)	304
 Bokal North Road - R2R	(155,254)	(85,000)	(84,330)	(670)
	(5,690,849)	(1,100,834)	(1,025,781)	(75,053)

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6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

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



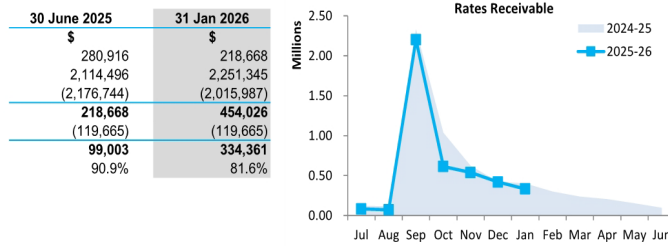
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7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 June 2025	31 Jan 2026
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	280,916	218,668
Levied this year	2,114,496	2,251,345
Less - collections to date	(2,176,744)	(2,015,987)
Gross rates collectable	218,668	454,026
Allowance for impairment of rates receivable	(119,665)	(119,665)
Net rates collectable	99,003	334,361
% Collected	90.9%	81.6%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	0	8,089	5,730	9,738	5,721	29,278
Percentage	0.0%	27.6%	19.6%	33.3%	19.5%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						29,278
Total receivables general outstanding						29,278

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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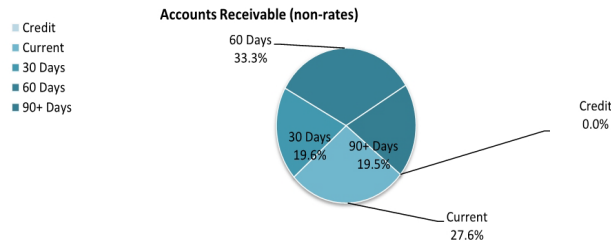
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

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

Classification and subsequent measurement

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

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



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8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 31 January 2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets				
Other financial assets at amortised cost				
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	32,059		(15,897)	16,162
Inventory				
Fuel and materials	22,979	0	0	22,979
Land held for resale	79,118		0	79,118
Other assets				
Prepayments	0	1,428	0	1,428
Total other current assets	134,156	1,428	(15,897)	119,687

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Other financial assets at amortised cost

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

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

Inventory

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

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

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9 PAYABLES

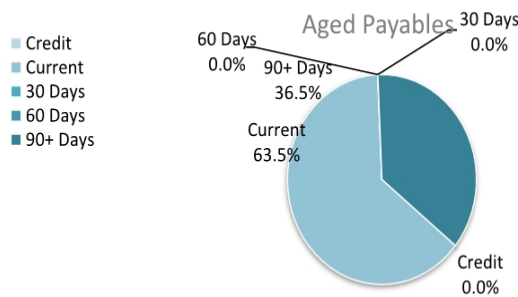
Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	85,442	0	0	49,177	134,619
Percentage	0.0%	63.5%	0.0%	0.0%	36.5%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						474
ATO liabilities						4,383
Other payables						94,347
Prepaid rates						1,220
Collections						34,195
Total payables general outstanding						134,619

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

\$49,177 greater than 90 days is funds held on behalf of community organisations.

KEY INFORMATION

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



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10 RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue

RATE TYPE	Rate in	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rate	Budget Interim	Total	Rate	YTD Actual Interim	Total
	\$ (cents)			Revenue	Rate Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Rate Revenue	Revenue
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross rental value									
GRV Townsite	0.076930	96	1,067,506	82,123	0	82,123	82,123	219	82,342
GRV Commercial	0.076930	11	228,540	17,582	0	17,582	17,582	0	17,582
GRV Industrial	0.076930	5	105,960	7,921	0	7,921	7,921	0	7,921
GRV Other Townsite	0.076930	15	125,944	9,689	0	9,689	9,689	0	9,689
Unimproved value									
UV Rural	0.002883	369	704,777,000	2,031,872	0	2,031,872	2,031,872	(627)	2,031,245
Sub-Total		496	706,304,950	2,149,187	0	2,149,187	2,149,187	(408)	2,148,779
Minimum payment									
Minimum Payment \$									
Gross rental value									
GRV Townsite	673	35	179,944	23,555	0	23,555	23,555	0	23,555
GRV Commercial	673	10	22,440	6,730	0	6,730	6,730	0	6,730
GRV Industrial	673	5	9,690	3,365	0	3,365	3,365	0	3,365
GRV Other Townsite	471	19	20,820	8,949	0	8,949	8,949	0	8,949
UV Rural	673	84	12,222,399	56,532	0	56,532	56,532	(731)	55,801
Sub-total		153	12,455,293	99,131	0	99,131	99,131	(731)	98,400
Amount from general rates						2,248,318			2,247,179
Ex-gratia rates						4,166	0	0	4,166
Total general rates						2,252,484			2,251,345

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES

11 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings	Loan No.	New Loans			Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
		1 July 2025	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Particulars		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Industrial Land	72	5,798	0	0	(5,798)	(5,798)	0	0	(71)	(86)
ERP	75	117,196	0	0	(13,606)	(27,499)	103,590	89,697	(2,377)	(5,216)
Loader	74	204,133	0	0	(12,769)	(25,795)	191,364	178,338	(4,020)	(9,145)
Industrial Land Development	76	0	110,000	0	0	0	110,000	0	0	0
		327,127	110,000	0	(32,173)	(59,092)	404,954	268,035	(6,468)	(14,447)
Self supporting loans										
WA Cottage Homes	73	248,351	0	0	(15,897)	(32,059)	232,454	216,292	(4,057)	(9,505)
		248,351	0	0	(15,897)	(32,059)	232,454	216,292	(4,057)	(9,505)
Total		575,478	110,000	0	(48,070)	(91,151)	637,408	484,327	(10,525)	(23,952)
Current borrowings		91,151					43,081			
Non-current borrowings		484,327					594,327			
		575,478					637,408			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

New borrowings 2025-26

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

Unspent borrowings

Particulars	Date Borrowed	Unspent	Borrowed	Expended	Unspent
		Balance 30 June 2025	During Year	During Year	Balance 31 January 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Industrial Land Power Connection	46,044	0	110,000	0	110,000
		0	110,000	0	110,000

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

KEY INFORMATION

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

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature. Non-current borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES

12 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2025	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 31 January 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other liabilities						
Capital grant/contributions liabilities		30,198	0	2,448,826	(164,719)	2,314,305
Total other liabilities		30,198	0	2,448,826	(164,719)	2,314,305
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		143,723	0	0	0	143,723
Provision for long service leave		220,807	0	0	0	220,807
Other leave provisions [describe]		7,687	0	846	0	8,533
Total Provisions		372,217	0	846	0	373,063
Total other current liabilities		402,415	0	2,449,672	(164,719)	2,687,368

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

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

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

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

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

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

Other long-term employee benefits

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

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

Contract liabilities

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

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

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

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES

13 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2025			31 Jan 2026	31 Jan 2026	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
Grants Commission - General (WALGGC)	0	0	0	0	0	328,274	164,138	164,137
Grants Commission - Roads (WALGGC)	0	0	0	0	0	356,592	178,296	178,296
Grants Commission - Special Project Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	674,000	337,000	337,000
Governance								
National Australia Day Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000
DFES Grant - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	58,000	44,664	44,663
DFES Grant - Operating 2425 additional funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,892
Community Amenities								
Protection of the Environment	0	0	0	0	0	7,200	0	0
Lake Towerrinning	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	0	0
Direct Road Grant	0	0	0	0	0	199,388	199,388	199,388
Footpath Plan	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	25,000	0	0
	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	1,668,454	923,486	970,376
Contributions								
Contributions Minor	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	4,473
	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	4,473
TOTALS	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	1,668,654	923,486	974,849

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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

14 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability 1 July 2025	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 31 Jan 2026	Current Liability 31 Jan 2026	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
Law, Order, Public Safety								
Wi - Fi Grant	0	4,500	(4,500)	0	0	4,777	4,500	4,500
Disaster Ready Grant	0	0	0	0	0	73,097	0	0
Transport								
Roads to Recovery	10,289	0	0	10,289	10,289	569,579	0	0
Regional Road Group	0	189,343	(80,906)	108,437	108,437	479,361	82,000	80,906
WSFN	19,909	0	(15,230)	4,679	4,679	49,121	15,000	15,230
Economic Services								
Dwer Community Water	0	14,712	0	14,712	14,712	29,425	0	0
DWER Community Water tanks	0	13,014	0	13,014	13,014	26,026	0	0
DWER Standpipe readers	0	30,000	(30,000)	0	0	59,338	30,000	30,000
Housing Support Program Stream 1	0	92,848	(34,083)	58,765	58,765	145,876	34,000	34,083
Housing Support Program Stream 2	0	2,094,409	0	2,094,409	2,094,409	2,992,014	0	0
	30,198	2,438,826	(164,719)	2,304,305.00	2,304,305.00	4,428,614	165,500	164,719

**SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
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15 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash	Increase in	Decrease in	Amended Budget
			Adjustment	Available Cash	Available Cash	Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Budget adoption						0
Loan from WATC for Western Power connection of industrial land	SCM-2025-087	Capital revenue		110,000	0	110,000
Western Power expenditure - connection of power	SCM-2025-087	Capital expenses			(110,000)	0
Reduction in Financial Assistance Grant - addressed in budget					0	0
Road closure expenditure postponed	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		24,400		24,400
Reduced wages parks and gardens	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		7,500		31,900
Printer replacement postponed	OCM-2025-136	Capital expenses		6,000		37,900
Lotterywest grant - Lake Towerrinning - included in budget	OCM-2025-136	Operating revenue		20,000	0	57,900
Landcare expenditure reduction	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		37,000		94,900
Variance in surplus - included in previous year.	OCM-2025-136	Operating revenue		20,630		115,530
Transfer to road reserve needs to increase by \$94,788. - address in budget review						115,530
Election cost reduction	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		7,500		123,030
Membership fees IPWEA	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(7,500)	115,530
Reduce reticulation at Admin Office	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses		8,000		123,530
Purchase Starlink for Fire brigades and works	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(1,500)	122,030
Purchase CCTV cameras	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(3,500)	118,530
Purchase tablet for works manager	OCM-2025-136	Operating expenses			(3,000)	115,530
						115,530
				241,030	(125,500)	115,530

12.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT LISTING - DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

File Ref:	ADM338
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Kylie Whitaker, Finance Officer
Authorising Officer:	Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Date:	06/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Accounts for Payment Listing - 1 December - 31 December 2025 2. Corporate Card Summary Statement - December 2025 3. Accounts for Payment Listing - 1 January - 31 January 2026 4. Corporate Card Summary Statement - January 2026

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to endorse payments of accounts for December 2025 and January 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 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
Almost Certain	5	Medium (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Medium (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (25)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Medium (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-010

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

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 December 2025 Municipal Fund vouchers 02122025.1-02122025.34, 11122025.1-11122025.48, 23122025.1-23122025.55, Licensing, Salaries and Wages, EFT Transfers and Direct Debits totalling \$893,910.26 listed (attached) as approved for payment.
2. note the attached Corporate Credit Card facility transaction summary from 26 November 2025 to 24 December 2025.
3. in accordance with section 13 of the Financial Management Regulations of the Local Government Act 1995 and in accordance with delegation, note January 2026 Municipal Fund vouchers 14012026.1-14012026.31, 30012026.1-30012026.32, Licensing, Salaries and Wages, EFT Transfers and Direct Debits totalling \$729,390.86 listed (attached) as approved for payment.
4. note the attached Corporate Credit Card facility transaction summary from 25 December 2025 to 23 January 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
Creditor Payments
December 2025**

Date	Reference	Details	Amount
22/12/2025	Bpay	Australian Taxation Office Nov 2025 BAS	29,630.00
24/12/2025	Bpay	Western Power Power Costs - Growden Place Subdivision	1,750.98
1/12/2025	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank Connect Fee Access & Usage	49.98
1/12/2025	Direct Debit	Motorpass Management Fees - Darkan & Arthur River Fuel Card	13.54
1/12/2025	Direct Debit	Synergy Town Dam Supply Charge & Consumption 1/10 - 6/11/25	96.78
5/12/2025	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	13,720.64
8/12/2025	Direct Debit	Synergy CRC Supply Charge & consumption 21/10 - 17/11/25	393.53
15/12/2025	Direct Debit	Rentfind Technologies Pty Ltd MRI Inspect Subscription Dec 25	22.00
17/12/2025	Direct Debit	Water Corporation 10 Gibbs, 15 & 25 Nangip, 31 Arthur, 1/10, 2/10, 1/12, 2/12, 22 & 52 Hillman, 10 & 11 King, Rail Reserve House Supply Charge & Consumption 2/10 - 28/11/25	1,158.07
17/12/2025	Direct Debit	Water Corporation 18 Gibbs Supply Charge & Consumption 2/10-28/11/25	191.21
18/12/2025	Direct Debit	Synergy Town Dam, Dura School, Dura Hall Supply Charge & Consumption 12/9 - 27/11/25	483.08
18/12/2025	Direct Debit	Water Corporation 8 Hillman Supply Charge & Consumption 2/10 - 28/11/25	47.56
19/12/2025	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	12,618.42
22/12/2025	Direct Debit	Water Corporation Growden Pl Rear 2 & Rear 3, Caravan Park, Perry Park, Admin Office, Depot, Cemetery, CRC Supply Charge & Consumption 2/10 - 28/11/25	3,092.40
23/12/2025	Direct Debit	Telstra Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/12/25	45.00
24/12/2025	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House Councillor quarterly superannuation contributions	324.60
24/12/2025	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	16,350.29
24/12/2025	Direct Debit	Telstra Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/12/25	2,916.77
29/12/2025	Direct Debit	Motorpass Management Fees - Darkan & Arthur River Fuel Card	13.54
29/12/2025	Direct Debit	NAB Credit Card See attached statement	533.90

**Shire of West Arthur
Creditor Payments
December 2025**

Date	Reference	Details	Amount
29/12/2025	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	28.99
		Connect Fee Access & Usage	
30/12/2025	Direct Debit	WA Treasury Corporation	7,991.69
		2nd Qtr 2526 Loan repayments	
31/12/2025	Direct Debit	WA Treasury Corporation	21,305.64
		2nd Qtr 2526 Loan repayments	
31/12/2025	Direct Debit	Water Corporation	228.91
		Horwood Standpipe Supply Charge & Consumption 2/10 - 28/11/25	
31/12/2025	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	236.89
		Merchant Fee	
31/12/2025	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	46.00
		Account Fees 086724 508314385	
31/12/2025	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	10.00
		Account Fees 50-831-4406	
4/12/2025	EFT	Salaries and Wages	66,801.34
		Payroll	
18/12/2025	EFT	Salaries and Wages	60,953.28
		Payroll	
31/12/2025	EFT	Salaries and Wages	62,029.72
		Payroll	
2/12/2025	02122025.1	ABCO Products	912.60
		Toilet roll dispensers & freight	
2/12/2025	02122025.2	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	603.00
		Rate Recovery costs A718	
2/12/2025	02122025.3	Blueforce	1,031.80
		CCTV - Video Software Licence - December 25	
2/12/2025	02122025.4	Bookeasy Australia Pty Ltd	220.00
		Caravan Park Booking System - November 25	
2/12/2025	02122025.5	Bruins Abbey	464.26
		Reimbursement for costs incurred during DoT training	
2/12/2025	02122025.6	Bunnings Warehouse	336.63
		Concrete epoxy repair, long handle shovel, fire extinguishers	
2/12/2025	02122025.7	CGS Tyres	3,690.00
		Grader tyres	
2/12/2025	02122025.8	Contract Aquatic	22,110.00
		Pool Management Fee - December 25 - January 26	
2/12/2025	02122025.9	Darkan Agri Services	4,858.63
		Various items for maint./cleaning of shire buildings	
2/12/2025	02122025.10	Darkan Earthmoving	40,320.50
		Gibbs rd pit, Sandalwood Rd & Trigwell Bridge Road	
2/12/2025	02122025.11	Darkan Primary School P&C	400.00
		Christmas Tree support	

**Shire of West Arthur
Creditor Payments
December 2025**

Date	Reference	Details	Amount
2/12/2025	02122025.12	DKM Workplace Solutions	213.40
		Dec 25 Workplace Employment Support Services Subscription	
2/12/2025	02122025.13	Exurban Rural and Regional Planning	9,245.81
		Town Planning Consultancy Services November 25	
2/12/2025	02122025.14	Fuel Distributors of WA	23,950.31
		Diesel & fuel for management vehicles	
2/12/2025	02122025.15	Harrington Pres. Karen	100.00
		Return of councillor nomination deposit	
2/12/2025	02122025.16	Lubcke Cr Helen	100.00
		Return of councillor nomination deposit	
2/12/2025	02122025.17	Meals on Wheels WA Inc.	100.00
		Seniors Meals - MOW Annual Membership	
2/12/2025	02122025.18	Metal Artwork Badges	313.28
		5 x Council Desk Plaques	
2/12/2025	02122025.19	Mitsui & Co. Wood Resources Oceania Pty Ltd	562.03
		Overpayment of rates	
2/12/2025	02122025.20	Quest Innaloo	1,055.64
		Abbey Bruins DOT training	
2/12/2025	02122025.21	Ros's Car Detailing - Roslyn King	8,916.67
		Caravan Park cleaning & caretaking, cleaning of halls, public conveniences, CRC & admin office - November 25	
2/12/2025	02122025.22	SD and A DeGaris	3,474.90
		To supply fitted 25m x 3" layflat hose	
2/12/2025	02122025.23	Shelle's Fancy Face Painting	55.00
		Deposit for CRC/Shire event	
2/12/2025	02122025.24	Signs Plus	130.00
		5 x Deluxe Domed Magnetic Clip Badges	
2/12/2025	02122025.25	Source Machinery Pty Ltd	262.89
		Seat belt assy & freight	
2/12/2025	02122025.26	South Cr Duncan	100.00
		Return of councillor nomination deposit	
2/12/2025	02122025.27	South Lomond Valerie	100.00
		Return of councillor nomination deposit	
2/12/2025	02122025.28	Sprys Meat Market	138.31
		Seniors Meals - meat	
2/12/2025	02122025.29	St Luke's Family Practice	3,080.00
		Darkan Clinic Doctor Service & Travel Fees - Nov & Dec 25	
2/12/2025	02122025.30	Team Global Express	453.80
		SW Isuzu, Source Machinery, Jas Oceania, Filters Plus, Chemcentre Freight Costs	
2/12/2025	02122025.31	Thomsons Auto Parts	385.00
		Mirror R/H Mitsubishi Triton	
2/12/2025	02122025.32	Warriv Pty Limited	3,773.57
		Overpayment of rates	

**Shire of West Arthur
Creditor Payments
December 2025**

Date	Reference	Details	Amount
2/12/2025	02122025.33	West Arthur Community Resource Centre	5,352.45
		Library & Medical Funding 1/10-31/12/25 & laminating	
2/12/2025	02122025.34	Zone 50 Engineering Surveys Pty Limited	16,753.00
		Darkan Williams Road WSFN	
11/12/2025	11122025.1	Advanced Autologic Pty Ltd	3,193.00
		Solvent, Solvent degreaser, Fleet Clean, Grease, Window Cleaner	
11/12/2025	11122025.2	Air Liquide	57.28
		Cylinder Fees November 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.3	Albany Records Management	303.05
		Collection of Record bins	
11/12/2025	11122025.4	Allied Forklifts Pty Limited	1,292.50
		Fork extension slippers & freight	
11/12/2025	11122025.5	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	335.50
		Rate Recovery Costs A727	
11/12/2025	11122025.6	Australia Post	192.43
		2526 Rates second instalment notices and monthly postage expenses	
11/12/2025	11122025.7	Bell Sharon	809.61
		Reimbursement for seniors meals, staff christmas party groceries	
11/12/2025	11122025.8	Broons Group P/L aft Bowes & Co Machinery Uni	91,151.50
		Graderoll Mono, freight, tyre scraper, solid filled tyres, recovery hitch, manual control system, LED brake & indicator lights	
11/12/2025	11122025.9	Bunbury Kia, Bunbury GWM & The Jones Boys Mot	47,299.05
		2025 GWM Cannon Tray Back	
11/12/2025	11122025.10	Central Garage	884.40
		Starter motor, remove & replace starter motor	
11/12/2025	11122025.11	City of Kalamunda	816.66
		Building Services - 31/7-19/11/25	
11/12/2025	11122025.12	Coastal Freightlines Pty Ltd	166.32
		Pathwest & water samples freight	
11/12/2025	11122025.13	Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd	300.43
		340kg Plate Compactor, enviro charge & waiver charge	
11/12/2025	11122025.14	Collie Mowers & More	303.00
		Whipper snip heads, chain picco micro, file holder 2in	
11/12/2025	11122025.15	CTEC Mechanical	110.00
		Wheel alignment	
11/12/2025	11122025.16	Darkan Self-Contained Accommodation	436.00
		2 nights accommodation for intern	
11/12/2025	11122025.17	Filters Plus WA	693.01
		Radial seal air filter, fuel filter, oil filter, radial seal inner air filter, filter service kit hilux	

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Date	Reference	Details	Amount
11/12/2025	11122025.18	Firecore Solutions	1,830.40
		Inspect Admin Office, Darkan Hall, CRC, Pool, Caravan Park, The Shed, Darkan, Duranillin & Arthur River Fire Brigade Shed, Depot, Arthur River Hall, Moodiarrup Hall, Duranillin Hall	
11/12/2025	11122025.19	Fleays Store	50.80
		Office refreshments Nov 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.20	Fuel Distributors of WA	263.50
		Fuel for management vehicles	
11/12/2025	11122025.21	Henderson Hardware	36.00
		Keys Cut - parks chain locks	
11/12/2025	11122025.22	Hersey's Safety Pty Ltd	1,288.00
		Fly Nets, Bag of rags, earplugs, latex gloves, stinga gloves, danger tape, can contact cleaner, Pest repellent, safety glasses, sunscreen, spray & mark, breakdown triangles, freight	
11/12/2025	11122025.23	Horticulture Trade Corporation International	3,414.05
		Go Natural Traps	
11/12/2025	11122025.24	Landgate	96.96
		Rural UV Interim Valuation Shared	
11/12/2025	11122025.25	Magiq Software Limited	522.50
		Recording Plant op cost via timesheet	
11/12/2025	11122025.26	Mcleods Lawyers Pty Ltd	63.80
		Advice: Property Sale Growden Place	
11/12/2025	11122025.27	O'Neill Cr Natalie Patricia	100.00
		Return of councillor nomination deposit	
11/12/2025	11122025.28	Parker Black and Forrest Pty. Ltd.	204.60
		Twin cylinder 570 & freight	
11/12/2025	11122025.29	Pederick Engineering	147.40
		Supply hydraulic hose as per sample	
11/12/2025	11122025.30	Putland Motors	1,462.25
		Parts & Repairs	
11/12/2025	11122025.31	QHSE Integrated Solutions Pty Ltd T/As Skytru	218.90
		Skytrust intelligence System	
11/12/2025	11122025.32	Schinzig Renee	73.34
		Reimburse Catering Items - Council Meeting Oct 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.33	Shelle's Fancy Face Painting	495.00
		Final payment for face painting for Shire/CRC event	
11/12/2025	11122025.34	SOS Office Equipment	230.94
		Photocopier Billing Job November 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.35	Source Machinery Pty Ltd	769.21
		Blade (54 H30T 22mm hole), Blade (H30T), Spring (tension) & freight	
11/12/2025	11122025.36	Sprys Meat Market	362.48
		Seniors Meals - meat	

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Date	Reference	Details	Amount
11/12/2025	11122025.37	The Great Awakening Cafe	357.50
		Catering November Council Meeting	
11/12/2025	11122025.38	Thomsons Auto Parts	124.95
		Fuel Gauge	
11/12/2025	11122025.39	Tuffa Products Pty Ltd	1,512.50
		Custom Prestart Books	
11/12/2025	11122025.40	Turvey Donna	200.00
		Return of bond on Hall Hire	
11/12/2025	11122025.41	WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Limited	4,677.75
		Ranger Services November 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.42	WALGA	7,098.70
		E-Learning Subscription - Council Member Essential Nov 25 - Oct 26 & Cert III in Local Govt	
11/12/2025	11122025.43	Wamerinoco Pty Ltd	720.50
		6 x Shire Staff Polo Shirts - Space Navy, 2 x Shire Council Polo Shirts & freight	
11/12/2025	11122025.44	Warren Blackwood Waste	3,159.60
		Commercial, Domestic & Recycling Waste Services November 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.45	West Arthur Community Resource Centre	510.00
		Drs hours November 25	
11/12/2025	11122025.46	Westrac Bunbury	878.27
		Glass rear 233-3235	
11/12/2025	11122025.47	Whitaker Geoffrey & Kylie	197.50
		Reibursement for accommodation for Payroll training	
11/12/2025	11122025.48	Young Jeff	170.00
		Reimbursement of Work Boots	
23/12/2025	23122025.1	A C Chapman and Sons	8,800.00
		Supply Gravel	
23/12/2025	23122025.2	ABCO Products	673.31
		1 ply interleaved toilet tissue paper & freight	
23/12/2025	23122025.3	Advanced Autologic Pty Ltd	1,056.00
		Grease, Citra Care Plus	
23/12/2025	23122025.4	Air Response	543.59
		Servicing air conditioner at 15 Nangip	
23/12/2025	23122025.5	AMD Audit and Assurance Pty Limited	2,178.00
		Roads to Recovery Audit	
23/12/2025	23122025.6	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	35.80
		Rate Recovery Costs A718	
23/12/2025	23122025.7	Ausrecord Pty Limited	101.20
		Rolls of full size alphabet labels	
23/12/2025	23122025.8	Bell Sharon	670.67
		Reimbursement for staff christmas grocery items & seniors meals grocery items	
23/12/2025	23122025.9	Bruins Abbey	311.76
		Reimbursement for meals while on DoT training	

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Date	Reference	Details	Amount
23/12/2025	23122025.10	Bunbury Machinery	297.32
		Wacker Packer Throttle Cable, Rubber Mounts, switch stop & freight	
23/12/2025	23122025.11	Bunnings Warehouse	586.64
		BBQ Flat Jumbuck 6 bnr, bug spray, key ring tags, ant killer, rangehood, batten fix white, mushroom cowl vent, potting mix	
23/12/2025	23122025.12	Burgess Rawson	443.97
		Water Use 02/10/25 - 28/11/25	
23/12/2025	23122025.13	Chem Centre	220.00
		One sample of water received on 21/11/25. Sample Reference: Lake Towerrining	
23/12/2025	23122025.14	Contract Aquatic	22,110.00
		Pool Management Fee - January - February 26	
23/12/2025	23122025.15	Darkan Agri Services	6,521.19
		Various items for maint./cleaning of shire buildings	
23/12/2025	23122025.16	Darkan Self-Contained Accommodation	2,484.00
		IABD 90% funding	
23/12/2025	23122025.17	Dept of Fire and Emergency Services	21,602.40
		25/26 ESLB 2nd Qtr Contribution	
23/12/2025	23122025.18	DKM Workplace Solutions	213.40
		Jan 26 Workplace Employment Support Services Subscription	
23/12/2025	23122025.19	Duff Electrical Contracting	6,092.19
		Install 2kW split system A/C & install 20amp 3 phase supply in kiosk	
23/12/2025	23122025.20	Ergolink Ergonomics	1,907.79
		Brent mesh back moulded foam chair x 3	
23/12/2025	23122025.21	Filters Plus WA	313.50
		Radial seal air filter & radial seal inner air filter	
23/12/2025	23122025.22	Fordham Lamont Vin	59.00
		Reimbursement for Optus Monthly Broadband - CEO Home Internet	
23/12/2025	23122025.23	Fraser & Jenkins Pty Ltd T/as Print Media Gro	285.76
		Stationery items for fire incident controller	
23/12/2025	23122025.24	Fuel Distributors of WA	91.62
		Fuel for Ford Everest AW01 16/12/25	
23/12/2025	23122025.25	Harrington Pres. Karen	3,016.23
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.26	Henderson Hardware	120.00
		30m of 50mm blueline polypipe	
23/12/2025	23122025.27	Industrial Automation Group Pty Ltd	40,534.45
		Tank Controller - Growden Place	

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Date	Reference	Details	Amount
23/12/2025	23122025.28	Infinitum Technologies Pty Ltd	21,941.11
		Server migration - Issues & Tickets, Managed Service Agreement Dec 25, Samsung Galaxy Tablet & cover, Hall wifi labour	
23/12/2025	23122025.29	JAS Oceania Pty Ltd	96.86
		LED Rotator Beacon	
23/12/2025	23122025.30	Lotex Filter Cleaning Service	1,029.82
		Air filters & air con panel	
23/12/2025	23122025.31	Lubcke Cr Helen	1,020.35
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.32	Morrell Cr Neil	1,052.91
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.33	O'Neill Cr Natalie Patricia	888.75
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.34	Office of the Auditor General	53,428.10
		Fee for the attest audit for year end	
23/12/2025	23122025.35	Officeworks	591.81
		Office stationery	
23/12/2025	23122025.36	Pederick Engineering	202.07
		Blow pipe handle Platinum series	
23/12/2025	23122025.37	Peirce Cr Graeme	793.63
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.38	Phoenix Glass	455.00
		Louvres 7 Hillman, flyscreen repair Chalet 2, flyscreen repair 1/10 Hillman, glass sliding door handle for 18 Gibbs	
23/12/2025	23122025.39	Putland Motors	1,623.00
		Parts & Repairs	
23/12/2025	23122025.40	Cr Russell W Prowse	596.15
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.41	Scavenger Fire & Safety	3,630.00
		Fire Retardant Foam	
23/12/2025	23122025.42	Shire of Dumbleyung	1,666.50
		Regional Housing Support Fund Grant Application	
23/12/2025	23122025.43	South Cr Duncan	1,363.95
		Councillor Claim 2nd Qtr 2526	
23/12/2025	23122025.44	South West Isuzu	171.61
		Gasket switch	
23/12/2025	23122025.45	Sprys Meat Market	997.32
		Meat for christmas staff & councillors party & seniors meals	
23/12/2025	23122025.46	St John Ambulance WA Ltd	382.50
		Snake Bite Kits	
23/12/2025	23122025.47	St Luke's Family Practice	2,310.00
		Darkan Clinic Doctor Service & travel Fees - December 25	

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Date	Reference	Details	Amount
23/12/2025	23122025.48	Strategic Leadership Consulting	6,568.56
		CEO Performance Review 25/26	
23/12/2025	23122025.49	Team Global Express	1,175.78
		Horticulture Trade, ABCO, SW Isuzu, Pathwest, Filters Plus, Source Machinery, Herseys Safety, Bunbury Machinery Freight	
23/12/2025	23122025.51	The Great Awakening Cafe	2,916.00
		IABD 90% funding	
23/12/2025	23122025.52	Thomsons Auto Parts	14.00
		Twin Mini Blade Fuse Holder	
23/12/2025	23122025.53	Timber Insight Pty Ltd (Asset Worx)	21,817.27
		Level 1 inspections & reporting Bridge 735A, 736A, 737, 738, 739, 4014, 4016A, 4017, 4018A, 4020, 4021, 4022, 4074, 4075, 4828 Expansion joint maintenance Bridge 4018A, Expansion joint seals on Bridge 4017	
23/12/2025	23122025.54	Whitaker Geoffrey & Kylie	88.00
		Reimbursement for SMS Global credit	
23/12/2025	23122025.55	White Amy	84.00
		Reimbursement for Micro SD Cards for Dash Cams & Drone	
		VOUCHERS	
		MUNICIPAL FUND	
		BPAY	31,380.98
		DIRECT DEBIT	81,919.43
		EFT	189,784.34
		0212025.1-02122025.34	153,563.48
		11122025.1-11122025.48	179,581.14
		23122025.1-23122025.55	248,174.84
		LICENSING DECEMBER 2025 TRANSFERS	9,506.05
		TOTAL	893,910.26

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
 PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS BY NAB VISA CARD
 FOR THE STATEMENT PERIOD: 26 November to 24 December 2025



DATE	PAYEE	PO NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	1. CARD NUMBER	SOWA EXPENSE CODE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
08-Dec-25	Stratlink Australia	102413	Depot wifi	E14200		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Administration Overheads-Computer Maintenance	\$139.00
22-Dec-25	Cellcast	103394	SMS Messaging Service	E051020		LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY-Fire Prevention-Control Other	\$170.50
CARD 1 PAYMENTS							
	RAINIER SUNNER Cardholder Name				VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT Reviewed by CEO		\$309.50
CARD 2 PAYMENTS							
08-Dec-25	Anasonda Pty Ltd	103284	Gators - Snake	E143005		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Works Overheads-Occupational Health & Safety	\$128.99
12-Dec-25	LEBS Gannington	103416	Forklift Licence	E143020		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Works Overheads-Training & Development	\$223.99
CARD 3 PAYMENTS							
	GARY BASMUSSEN Cardholder Name				VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT Reviewed by CEO		\$359.63
08-Dec-25	Fireflies International	103413	Fireplans plan and international transaction fee	E142070		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES-Administration Overheads-Other Admin Expenses	\$59.63
CARD 3 PAYMENTS							
	VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT Cardholder Name				KAREN HARRINGTON Reviewed by Shire President		\$59.63
TOTAL NAB VISA CARD PAYMENTS 4336-XXXX-XXXX-7507							\$991.12
Direct Debit Date							29-Dec-25

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

- 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.

Kyle Whitaker

DATE: 31/12/25



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January 2026**

Date	Reference		Amount
30/01/2026	Bpay	Australian Taxation Office	6,279.00
		December 25 BAS	
5/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	1,617.48
		Streetlights 25 Oct - 24 Nov 25	
8/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	403.01
		CRC Supply Charge & consumption 18 Nov - 15 Dec 25	
15/01/2026	Direct Debit	Rentfind Technologies Pty Ltd	22.00
		Rent Find Monthly Fee	
16/01/2026	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House	12,601.00
		Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	
16/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	71.30
		52 Hillman Supply Charge & Consumption 1 Sep - 2 Sep 25 establishment fee	
21/01/2026	Direct Debit	Telstra	45.00
		Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/1/26	
22/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	3,861.04
		Depot, 6, 8 & 22 Hillman, 162 Moodiarrup Road, Admin, Darkan Hall, 10 King, The Shed, Arthur River Hall, Hull Park, 10 Gibbs Supply Charge & Consumption 31 Oct - 31 Dec 25	
23/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	1,565.31
		Streetlights 25 Nov - 24 Dec 25	
23/01/2026	Direct Debit	WA Treasury Corporation	1,986.63
		Guarantee Fee to 31/12/25	
27/01/2026	Direct Debit	NAB Credit Card	3,163.25
		See attached statement	
27/01/2026	Direct Debit	Telstra	2,906.61
		Mobile, Landlines & Data for Shire facilities to 1/1/26	
28/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	2,759.27
		Caravan Park, Rail Reserve, Lake, Moodi Hall, Info Bay Supply Charge & Consumption 5 Nov 25 - 6 Jan 26	
29/01/2026	Direct Debit	Motorpass	323.09
		Management Fees - Darkan & Arthur River Fuel Card & Arthur River Fuel	
29/01/2026	Direct Debit	Synergy	73.12
		Dura Water Supply Charge & Consumption 5 Nov 25 - 6 Jan 26	
29/01/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	61.23
		Connect Fee Access & Usage	
30/01/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	274.52
		Merchant Fee	
30/01/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	22.00
		Account Fee	
30/01/2026	Direct Debit	National Australia Bank	10.00
		Account Fee	

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Date	Reference		Amount
30/01/2026	Direct Debit	Aware Super Clearing House	12,556.01
		Fortnightly Superannuation Contributions	
15/01/2026	Eft	Salaries and Wages	62,742.85
		Payroll	
29/01/2026	Eft	Salaries and Wages	63,227.85
		Payroll	
14/01/2026	14012026.1	Air Liquide	57.28
		Cylinder Fees	
14/01/2026	14012026.2	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	924.00
		Rate Recovery Costs A985, A986 & A727	
14/01/2026	14012026.3	Australia Post	170.00
		x1 box of stamps	
14/01/2026	14012026.4	Bell Sharon	36.00
		Reimbursement for certificate frames for Australia Day	
14/01/2026	14012026.5	Blueforce	1,031.80
		CCTV - Video Software Licence - January 26	
14/01/2026	14012026.6	Bookeasy Australia Pty Ltd	220.00
		Caravan Park Booking System - December 25	
14/01/2026	14012026.7	Bunnings Warehouse	1,816.04
		52 Hillman St repairs	
14/01/2026	14012026.8	Central Garage	1,105.50
		Check air con pressure - Issues & travel on various plant	
14/01/2026	14012026.9	Coalfields Darkan Pty Limited	3,730.00
		Darkan Hotel IABD 90% funding & Seniors week event	
14/01/2026	14012026.10	Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd	200.29
		Compactor 80kg	
14/01/2026	14012026.11	DKM Workplace Solutions	968.00
		CEO performance review 25, PD review/update	
14/01/2026	14012026.12	Exurban Rural and Regional Planning	4,540.01
		Town Planning Consultancy Services December 25	
14/01/2026	14012026.13	Filters Plus WA	103.95
		Cabin air filter on 2014 Cat 12m Grader	
14/01/2026	14012026.14	Fleays Store	464.80
		Celebrate Local Event Catering & refreshments for office & council meetings	
14/01/2026	14012026.15	Fordham Lamont Vin	59.00
		Reimbursement for Optus monthly broadband - CEO Home Internet	
14/01/2026	14012026.16	Fuel Distributors of WA	22,888.78
		Diesel depot 15000L & fuel for MCS vehicle	
14/01/2026	14012026.17	Great Southern Fuel Supplies	1,969.85
		1000L Diesel	
14/01/2026	14012026.18	Hidderley Mike	293.84
		Reimbursement for 52 Hillman St Repairs	

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Date	Reference		Amount
14/01/2026	14012026.19	JLT Risk Solutions	4,235.00
		Half yearly in arrears contributions for the Shire participation in the LGIS Regional Risk Coordinator program	
14/01/2026	14012026.20	Market Creations	5,500.00
		Register modules for website	
14/01/2026	14012026.21	Marketforce	622.53
		Major Land Transaction West Aus Advertisement	
14/01/2026	14012026.22	QHSE Integrated Solutions Pty Ltd T/As Skytru	218.90
		Skytrust intelligence System	
14/01/2026	14012026.23	Regional Communications Solutions	1,450.90
		Waterproof Easy 12 Volt Starlink Mini Booster, Magnetic Roof Mount - Starlink	
14/01/2026	14012026.24	Ros's Car Detailing - Roslyn King	9,290.67
		Caravan Park cleaning & caretaking, cleaning of halls, public conveniences, CRC & admin office - December 25	
14/01/2026	14012026.25	Royal Life Saving WA	440.00
		Watch Around Water membership	
14/01/2026	14012026.26	SD and A DeGaris	166.66
		Reimbursement for fuel Arthur River truck	
14/01/2026	14012026.27	SOS Office Equipment	228.04
		Photocopier Billing Job December 25	
14/01/2026	14012026.28	Team Global Express	471.35
		Freight - Fire suppression foam	
14/01/2026	14012026.29	WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Limited	2,887.50
		Ranger Services December 25	
14/01/2026	14012026.30	Warren Blackwood Waste	3,597.38
		Waste & recycling services December 25	
14/01/2026	14012026.31	West Arthur Community Resource Centre	649.53
		Celebrate local event refreshments, laminating	
30/01/2026	30012026.1	Afgri Equipment Australia Pty Limited	66.00
		Latch & freight for 2017 John Deere	
30/01/2026	30012026.2	AMPAC Debt Recovery (WA)	70.14
		Rate Recovery Costs A727	
30/01/2026	30012026.3	Bell Sharon	368.72
		Reimbursement for Australia Day - groceries	
30/01/2026	30012026.4	Bunbury Machinery	66.00
		Bearing & freight	
30/01/2026	30012026.5	Bunnings Warehouse	15.18
		Cable management dline 2m white	
30/01/2026	30012026.6	Coates Hire Operations Pty Ltd	240.35
		80kg compactor 1 week hire	
30/01/2026	30012026.7	Contract Aquatic	22,110.00
		Pool Management Fee - February - March 26	

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Date	Reference		Amount
30/01/2026	30012026.8	Country Road Contracting Limited	1,452.00
		Contract Machinery - Loader - Cordering Fire 20251215	
30/01/2026	30012026.9	Darkan Earthmoving	5,546.75
		Hire of bulldozer & operator	
30/01/2026	30012026.10	DKM Workplace Solutions	132.00
		Draft Secondary Appointment letter	
30/01/2026	30012026.11	Down to Earth Training & Assessing	9,538.00
		Traffic management + Traffic control 5 x full course 3 days, TMP + TC 2 x refresher course, travel, accommodation	
30/01/2026	30012026.12	Fuel Distributors of WA	948.30
		Fuel for executive vehicles	
30/01/2026	30012026.13	G & M Detergents	460.65
		Foam soap, bin liners, toilet brushes & stands, raytex cloths, mops & fly spray	
30/01/2026	30012026.14	GCM Agencies Pty Ltd	164.45
		Left Hand Mirror & freight	
30/01/2026	30012026.15	Industrial Automation Group Pty Ltd	42,184.45
		Tank Controller - Growden Place & Horwood St	
30/01/2026	30012026.16	Infinitum Technologies Pty Ltd	1,402.50
		Replacement UPS, 5 year License smartconnect advance & shipping	
30/01/2026	30012026.17	Landgate	96.96
		Rural UV Interim Valuation Shared	
30/01/2026	30012026.18	Lawson Brett	27.00
		Caravan Park Refund	
30/01/2026	30012026.19	Narrogin Auto Electrics	185.17
		Electrical Issue - wiring harness for water cart	
30/01/2026	30012026.20	Narrogin Mitsubishi	621.17
		Vehicle service for AW 0	
30/01/2026	30012026.21	Nuccini Chimney Sweeping	2,150.00
		Annual chimney sweeping & travel for shire housing	
30/01/2026	30012026.22	Petroltec Pty Ltd	2,434.08
		Urgent Re-calibration on FMT Fuel System	
30/01/2026	30012026.23	PFD Food Services Pty Ltd	275.25
		Sauce tubs, uht milk portions, salad dressing portions, foil, gravy mix & cling wrap	
30/01/2026	30012026.24	Putland Motors	3,636.88
		Parts & repairs	
30/01/2026	30012026.25	Ros's Car Detailing - Roslyn King	8,916.67
		Caravan Park cleaning & caretaking, cleaning of halls, public conveniences, CRC & admin office - January 26	
30/01/2026	30012026.26	Shire of Narrogin	7,050.68
		CESM Claim - Oct 25 - Dec 25	

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Date	Reference		Amount
30/01/2026	30012026.27	Sprys Meat Market	484.92
		Catering - Australia Day Breakfast	
30/01/2026	30012026.28	Team Global Express	44.19
		FP Filters freight	
30/01/2026	30012026.29	Total Tools Bunbury	9,729.00
		Toolkit 10 1045PC	
30/01/2026	30012026.30	WA Hino Sales & Service	340,062.65
		Hino 700S FS 2848 13.0L Turbo Deisel AMT	
30/01/2026	30012026.31	West Arthur Community Resource Centre	931.75
		Laminating FCO Handouts, community vouchers & drs hours December 25 (5, 12 and 19/12)	
30/01/2026	30012026.32	Westrac Bunbury	6,648.33
		Coolant 200L, Perform Maintenance on Air Conditioner, 500hr service & labour	
MUNICIPAL FUND		VOUCHERS	
		BPAY	\$ 6,279.00
		DIRECT DEBIT	\$ 44,321.87
		EFT	\$ 125,970.70
		14012026.1-14012026.31	\$ 70,337.60
		30012026.1-30012026.32	\$ 468,060.19
		LICENSING JANUARY 2026 TRANSFERS	\$ 14,421.50
		TOTAL	\$ 729,390.86



SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS BY NAB VISA CARD
FOR THE STATEMENT PERIOD: 25 December to 23 January 2026

DATE	PAVEE	PO NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	1. CARD NUMBER (3366-XXXX-XXXX-8951)	SOMA EXPENSE CODE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
29-Dec-26	Transport WA Perth	103347	Special plate series	E141025		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Private Works:Online Licensing	\$1,350.00
06-Jan-26	Stanlink Internet	102413	Dupont wifi	E142030		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Administration Overheads:Computer Maintenance	\$139.00
14-Jan-26	SP Turbopost Oz	103481	Blower Turbopost	E144001		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Plant Cost Overheads:Expendable Tools	\$204.98
14-Jan-26	SP Turbopost Oz	103481	Blower Turbopost	E144001		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Plant Cost Overheads:Expendable Tools	\$170.00
19-Jan-26	Grammarly	103533	Grammarly subscription and International transaction fee	E145003		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Administration Overheads:Computer Maintenance	\$834.01
19-Jan-26	Callcast	103549	SMS Credit top up for harvest ban messages	E145010		LAW ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY:Fire Prevention:Bush Fire Advisory Brigades	\$300.08
22-Jan-26	Post Darkhan LPO	103505	Wall calendar	E142070		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Administration Overheads:Other Admin Expenses	\$14.99
CARD 1 PAYMENTS							
	RAJINDER SUNNER Cardholder Name		<i>R Sunner</i>		VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT Reviewed by CEO		Reviewed By
22-Jan-26	Total Tools	103543	Strap Ratcheting 35mm Bdg	E144006		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Plant Cost Overheads:Parts & Repairs	\$15.00
CARD 2 PAYMENTS							
	GARY RASMUSSEN Cardholder Name		<i>Rasmus</i>		VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT Reviewed by CEO		Reviewed By
19-Jan-26	Construction Training Belmont	103491	CTF Levy for 10 King St Retaining walls	E143015		OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES:Works Overheads:Housing	\$135.19
CARD 3 PAYMENTS							
	VINCENT FORDHAM LAMONT Cardholder Name		<i>On</i>		KAREN HARRINGTON Reviewed by Shire President		Authorised by
TOTAL NAB VISA CARD PAYMENTS: 4336-XXXX-XXXX-7507							\$3,163.25
Direct Debit Date							27-Jan-26

I, Kylie Whitaker, Finance Officer have reviewed the NAB visa card payments and confirm that from the descriptions on the documentation provided that:
 1. all transactions are expenses incurred by the Shire of West Arthur;
 2. all purchases have been made in accordance with the Shire of West Arthur policies and procedures;
 3. all purchases are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations;
 4. no misuse of the corporate card is evident.

DATE: 31/1/26

Kylie Whitaker *[Signature]*



12.3 2026 MEETING DATES - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

File Ref:	ADM422
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	06/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to approve the dates and start times for the 2026 Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meetings, to enable timely publication of meeting details, in-line with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

BACKGROUND:

As of 1 January 2026, pursuant to s7.1A(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, all local governments must establish an Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee. The CEO, pursuant to Admin Reg. 14(1) must convene meetings with the required notice and agenda.

Pursuant to Admin Reg. 12(2), the CEO is required to publish meeting details (date, time, place) on the Shire's website before the beginning of the year in which the meetings are to be held. Early setting of the schedule facilitates this publication requirement. With this being a new legislative requirement, Officers have not been able to comply with the legislation this year.

COMMENT:

It is proposed that the 2026 Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Meetings be held in the Council Chambers, 31 Burrowes Street, Darkan, at 5.00pm on the dates listed below. The proposed dates provide transparency and review of audit and financial compliance in a timely manner.

- Monday, 16 March 2026.
- Monday, 15 June 2026.
- Monday, 14 September 2026.
- Monday, 07 December 2026.

CONSULTATION:

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**Local Government Act 1995:**

S5.25 – Regulations about council and committee meetings –

(1) Without limiting the generality of section 9.59, regulations may make provision in relation to –

- (g) the giving of public notice of the date and agenda for council or committee meetings; and
- (j) the circumstances and time in which notice papers and agenda relating to any council or committee meeting and reports and other documents which are to be made available for inspection by members of the public.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:

Reg 12 – Publication of meeting details (Act s.5.25 (1)(g))

Reg 14 – Notice papers, agendas etc., public inspection of (Act s.5.25 (1)(j))

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Provision for meeting preparation and member attendance fees is included in the annual budget; no additional allocation is required for adopting the dates.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Shire of West Arthur Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Theme: Leadership and Management

Outcome: Councillors represent the community and are well trained

Strategy: Council process is open and transparent to the general 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 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	Failure to correctly advertise Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting dates
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Rare (1)
Risk Consequence	Minor (2)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (2)
Principal Risk Theme	Compliance failure
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Advertise Meeting dates as per legislative requirements

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-011

Moved: Cr Helen Lubcke
 Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council set the following Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting dates for 2026, to be held in the Council Chambers, 31 Burrowes Street, Darkan, and authorise the CEO to publish the meeting details on the Shire’s website in accordance with r.12 (2) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*:

- Monday, 16 March 2026.
- Monday, 15 June 2026.
- Monday, 14 September 2026.
- Monday, 07 December 2026.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12.4 AMENDMENT - F29 PURCHASING POLICY

File Ref:	ADM015
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	06/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. F29 - Purchasing Policy

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to update the existing F29 Purchasing Policy to give the Shire's new Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) authority to incur debts of up to \$1,000 in emergencies.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this Policy is to guide the purchase of goods, services and/or works and, in terms of the proposed amendment, to authorise the CESM to procure goods and services in emergencies.

The objective of this Policy is to:

1. Deliver best value for money outcomes;
2. Ensure sustainable benefits;
3. Ensure the use of equitable competitive processes; and
4. Ensure that risks are identified and managed as per the Shire's Risk Management Policy and related documents.

COMMENT:

This Policy applies to the purchasing of goods, services and/or works by the Shire of West Arthur.

On 18 December 2025, the revised policy was introduced at the regular council meeting and was adopted by the council.

RESOLUTION OCM-2025-150

Moved: Cr Neil Morrell

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council adopt updated F29 – Purchasing Policy as presented and approve its inclusion in the Policy Manual.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

When we approached our banking institution to request a new credit card for the CESM, we were advised that the minimum limit available for issue is \$1,000. Importantly, the overall limit for the Shire's credit cards remains unchanged at \$15,000. To accommodate the new card for the CESM within this overall limit, we have reduced the limit of an existing cardholder to \$4,000, ensuring we remain within our approved credit facility and continue to meet operational needs efficiently.

CONSULTATION:

Chief Executive Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995

2.7 Role of Council

- 1) The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.
- 2) The council's governing role includes the following –
 - (a) overseeing the allocation of the local government's finances and resources;
 - (b) determining the local government's policies;
 - (c) planning strategically for the future of the district;
 - (d) determining the services and facilities to be provided by the local government in the district;
 - (e) selecting the CEO and reviewing the CEO's performance;
 - (f) providing strategic direction to the CEO.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Annual Review of Policy – F29 Purchasing Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

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:

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Description of Key Risk	Lack of transparency and accountability in decision making process
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Likely (4)
Risk Consequence	Major (4)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	High (16)
Principal Risk Theme	Business disruption
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Adopt updated F29 – Purchasing Policy

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-012

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce
 Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council adopt the updated F29 – Purchasing Policy as presented and approve its inclusion in the Policy Manual.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Policy Title	F29 – Purchasing Policy
Policy Type	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Corporate Services



Purpose

The Shire of West Arthur (the “Shire”) is committed to purchasing Goods and/or Services, and/or Works in compliance with this Policy.

Scope

In carrying out its purchasing activities, the Shire will:

- i. ensure compliance with the [Local Government Act 1995](#) (the “Act”);
- ii. deliver best Value for Money outcomes;
- iii. ensure sustainable benefits, such as environmental, social and local economic factors (including maximising participation of local businesses) are considered in the overall Value for Money assessment;
- iv. ensure the use of equitable competitive processes and the engagement of potential suppliers impartially, honestly and consistently;
- v. ensure probity and integrity, including the avoidance of bias and of perceived and actual conflicts of interest;
- vi. ensure that risks are identified and managed as outlined in the Shire’s Risk Management Policy and related documents;
- vii. ensure that records are created and maintained to evidence purchasing activities in accordance with the State Records Act and the Shire’s internal Record Keeping Policy; and
- viii. ensure that confidentiality protocols are established and adhered to so as to protect commercial-in-confidence information with the release of information where appropriately approved.

Definitions

Nil

Policy Statement

The Shire is committed to establishing efficient, effective, economical, and sustainable procedures in all purchasing activities. This Policy must be read/adopted in accordance with the requirements of the Procurement Procedures Manual, which will cover further and comprehensive details, practices, and the operational requirements for the relevant Policy item.

Ethics and Integrity

The Shire’s Code of Conduct applies when undertaking purchasing activities and decision making.

Purchasing Policy Non-Compliance

The Purchasing Policy is mandated under the Act & Regulations and non-compliance therefore represents a breach of the Act & Regulations.

Threshold Levels and Requirements

The adoption of these threshold levels shall be carried out in conjunction with the supply order of priority requirements outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

Where the value of procurement (excluding GST) for the Contract over the full contract period* (including options to extend) is, or is expected to be:

Threshold Level (ex GST)	Requirements
<p>Up to \$5,000 (Works/Corporate Services Manager, Manager Financial Reporting, Community Development Officer, Project Officer, or CEO approval) <i>Coordinator Town and Public Facilities – up to \$500</i> <i>Community Emergency Services Manager – to \$1,000</i></p>	<p>Goods and services of a low risk, consumable item and occasional nature may be purchased without the need for a quotation. These goods or services must be ad hoc and not of a repetitive nature.</p>
<p>\$5,001 to \$10,000 (Works/Corporate Services Manager or CEO approval)</p>	<p>Seek at least one verbal or written quotations from a suitable supplier.</p>
<p>\$10,001 to \$50,000 (Works/Corporate Services Manager or CEO approval)</p>	<p>Seek at least two written quotations from a suitable supplier.</p>
<p>\$50,001 to \$249,999 (CEO approval)</p>	<p>Seek at least three written quotations from suitable suppliers.</p>
<p>\$250,000 and Above (CEO approval)</p>	<p>Conduct a public tender or other public procurement process. or Seek at least three (3)</p>

	<p>quotations from an appropriate exempt arrangement. (When procuring through a WALGA preferred panel, and the CEO and Shire President determine that it is in the Shire’s best interest to do so, only one (1) acceptable quotation is required.)</p>
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* The “contract period” can mean “a one-off purchase” or “a pre-defined period”.

A similar process must be followed for other public procurement processes such as Expressions of Interests or Request for Proposal.

Exempt Provisions

The most common exempt provision from a public procurement process are:

1. WALGA Preferred Supply Arrangements;
2. Goods and services or works obtained through State, Commonwealth or other Local Government arrangement;
3. Goods and services or works as a result of an emergency provision;
4. Where there is a genuine sole source of supply;
5. Where the goods to be supplied are petrol or oil (lubricant); or any other liquid, or gas, used for internal combustion engines;
6. Goods, services or works supplied through an Australian Disability Enterprise;
7. The contract is for a renewal or extension of an existing contract; or
8. For LGIS services.

6.2 Sole Source Supply

The procurement of Goods and/or Services, and/or works available from only one private sector source of supply, (i.e. manufacturer, supplier or agency) is permitted without the need to call competitive quotations provided that there must genuinely be only one source of supply.

Emergency Provision

An emergency purchase is defined as an unanticipated purchase which is required in response to an emergency situation as provided for in the Act. In such instances, quotes and tenders are not required to be obtained prior to the purchase being undertaken.

Time constraints are not a justification for an emergency purchase. Every effort must be made to anticipate purchases in advance and to allow sufficient time to obtain quotes and tenders, whichever may apply.

6.4 Obtaining Quotations

Written quotations will be obtained in accordance with the steps outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

6.5 Selection Criteria and Weightings

Sustainability (as defined in Section 9.0 of this policy) will be included as a qualitative assessment element for all purchases above \$25,000 (ex GST).

Price consideration will not be weighed as part of the evaluation process. Price will be considered separate to non-price selection criteria and a Value for Money assessment will take a balanced view between price and non-price considerations.

6.6 Anti-Avoidance

The Shire will not conduct multiple purchasing activities with the intent (inadvertent or otherwise) of "splitting" the purchase value or the contract value, avoiding a particular purchasing threshold or the need to call a public tender.

6.7 Probity Experts

Probity experts ensure a transparent and fair procurement process and to achieve the best Value for Money. An independent person may be appointed to act as a probity expert as outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

The decision to appoint a probity expert will be at the complete discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

6.8 Contract Management

All Shire Contracts will be managed during their lifecycle by the responsible officer in accordance with good contract management practices and consistent with the procedures outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

6.9 Notification of Outcome

Each tenderer or respondent to a public procurement process shall be notified in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

Each unsuccessful respondent shall be offered a debrief on their response to the procurement process.

Engaging Contracted Suppliers

A properly completed "Purchase Order" must be issued to the contracted supplier as part of the engagement process.

Sponsorship and Trials

Sponsorship for events and trials by current and prospective suppliers must undergo a similar process to that required for sourcing of goods and services, and/or works. Threshold levels as outlined in Section 6.0 would apply as would other elements of this Policy.

7.0 Other Procurement Processes

Other procurement processes include Expressions of Interest and Request for Proposal. In both cases, similar rules to a Request for Tender and quotation apply, and they should be conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

8.0 Value for Money Consideration

The Shire will apply Value for Money principles when assessing purchasing decisions and acknowledges that the lowest price may not always be the most advantageous. The Value for Money consideration will be applied to all threshold levels of purchase.

Sustainable Procurement

Sustainable procurement is defined as the procurement of goods and services, and/or works that has the most positive environmental, social, and local economic impacts possible over the entire life cycle of a product or services.

The Shire is committed to implementing sustainable procurement where appropriate, by providing a preference to suppliers that demonstrate sustainable business practices (social advancement, environmental protection, local economic benefits, and good governance).

Regional Price Preference

The Shire encourages the development of competitive local businesses within its boundary first and second within its broader region i.e. adjoining Shires.

The Shire has adopted the following Regional Price Preference Policy, which will be applied when undertaking all purchasing activities.

A price preference will apply to suppliers who are based in, operate from or source goods or services from within the Shire/region.

A supplier of goods or services who submits a quotation/tender is regarded as being a local tenderer if:

- i. The supplier has a physical business premises (in the form of an office, depot, shop, outlet, headquarters or other premises where goods or services are being supplied from), located within the Shire. This does not exclude suppliers whose registered business is located outside the Shire but undertake the business from premises located in the Shire / region;
- ii. A business having permanent staff that are based at the business premises located within the Shire / region;
- iii. Management or delivery of the majority of the outcomes will be carried out from the business premises located in the shire / region; and

In order for the policy to apply, the supplier is required to provide to the Shire sufficient evidence which demonstrates compliance with the above criteria.

Regional Price Preference Value – Local Supplier – West Arthur Shire

The following levels of preference will be applied under this policy:

- a) 10% - where the contract is for goods or services, up to a maximum price reduction of \$50,000 excluding GST;
- b) 5% - where the contract is for construction (building) services, up to a maximum price reduction of \$50,000 excluding GST; or
- c) 10% - where the contract is for goods or services (including construction (building) services), up to a maximum price reduction of \$500,000 excluding GST, if the local government is seeking tenders/Quotes for the provision of those goods and services for the first time, due to those goods or services having been, until then, undertaken by the local government.

Regional Price Preference Value – Local Supplier – Region

- a) 5% - where the contract is for goods or services, up to a maximum price reduction of \$50,000 excluding GST;
- b) 2.5% - where the contract is for construction (building) services, up to a maximum price reduction of \$50,000 excluding GST; or
- c) 5% - where the contract is for goods or services (including construction (building) services), up to a maximum price reduction of \$500,000 excluding GST, if the local government is seeking tenders/Quotes for the provision of those goods and services for the first time, due to those goods or services having been, until then, undertaken by the local government.

For the purpose of this policy the Region is specified as the entire geographical area of a shire which shares a boundary with the Shire of West Arthur.

Only those goods and services identified in the tender as being supplied locally will be included in the discounted calculation that forms a part of the assessment of a tender/Quote.

A regional price preference applies whenever tenders/Quotes are called, unless the local government, or the Chief Executive Officer by delegated authority, resolves otherwise in reference to a particular tender/Quote.

It should be noted that price is only one criteria when considering tenders/Quotes. Value for money principals will be used to achieve the best possible outcome for the tender/Quote.

Purchasing from Aboriginal Businesses

The Shire will support the purchasing of requirements from Aboriginal businesses. This will be in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

Purchasing from Australian Disability Enterprises

The Shire will support the purchasing of requirements from Australian Disability Enterprises. This will be in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

Environmental Sustainability

The Shire will adopt an approach to procurement that supports sound environmental considerations in its purchasing activities.

10.0 Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers

The Shire will consider creating a Panel of Pre-qualified Suppliers ("Panel") when a range of similar goods and services are required to be purchased on a continuing and regular basis.

The Panel will be established in accordance with the Regulations and requirements outlined in the Procurement Procedures Manual.

11.0 Records Management

All purchasing activity including for competitive procurement and direct purchase processes, communications and transactions must be evidenced and retained as Shire records in accordance with the State Records Act 2000 and the Shire's internal Records Management Policy.

12.0 Review

This policy is to be reviewed every year, next review date December 2027.

History	23 November 2023 F20 – Purchasing and Tenders OCM 25 May 2023 18 December 2025 Amended to add CESM as purchaser 26 February 2026 Amended Limit for CESM
Delegation	2.2 Defer, Grant Discounts, Waive or Write off Debts. 2.13 Property & Rates - Recovery of Rates or Service Charges
Relevant Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 s6.56 Bush Fire Act 1954
Related Documentation	Nil

12.5 STANDPIPE SWIPECARD FEES AND UPDATE OF 2025-2026 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

File Ref:	ADM130
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	05/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. SoWA Fees and Charges 2025-2026 Feb 2026

SUMMARY:

The Council is asked to approve a new Standpipe Swipe card fee for 2025-2026, effective immediately. The fees are for issuance of new swipe card and deposit.

BACKGROUND:

The Shire installed a new smart controller at two standpipes in town with the funding from state government in January 2026. Previously, an honesty system was used where users would manually record the amount of water they took. However, there were instances where people forgot to record the correct water usage, leading to inaccuracies. The introduction of the smart controller will provide the Shire with significantly better control and monitoring of the town's precious water resources.

COMMENT:

The Fees and Charges are reviewed annually during the budget process or amended as needed.

Following the installation of smart controllers at two standpipes—Growden Place and Horwood Street—it became necessary to introduce a new fee to recover the cost of the new system.

Swipe card bond (Refundable) – Non-Residents	\$25.00
New Swipe Card and replacement Swipe card including Admin fee	\$66.00 GST Inclusive

CONSULTATION:

Chief Executive Officer
Shire Staff

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995

s6.16 A local government may impose and recover a fee or charge for any goods or services it provides or proposes to provide.

s6.19 Adopted fees are to be advertised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Adopting fees enables the Council to charge appropriate fees each financial year.

Revenue raised from fees set by the Council will contribute to its ability to provide services and facilities for the 2025-2026 financial year and beyond.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

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- 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	Inability to charge fees before the adoption of the new fees.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Rare (1)
Risk Consequence	Insignificant (1)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	Low (1)
Principal Risk Theme	Business Disruption
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Implement the new fees in alignment with the revised 2025-2026 schedule as outlined.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-013

Moved: Cr Russell Prowse

Seconded: Cr Neil Morrell

That Council

1. Adopt the new fees for Standpipe Swipe card, effective immediately:

- Swipe card bond (Refundable) – Non-Residents \$25.00
- New Swipe Card and replacement Swipe card including Admin fee \$66.00 GST inclusive

2. Instruct the CEO under section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995 to publish the updated 2025-2026 Fees and Charges Schedule on the Shire website.

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

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GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING						
	Rates					
I031714	Administration Fee - Rates Instalments per instalment (Per Notice, Excluding first Notice)	LG Act 1995 S6.45	Per Instalment	7.00	7.25	N
I031732	Rate Enquiry/Order and Requisition Fee Per Request	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Request	0.00		Y
I031732	Combined Statement/Confirmation	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Request	135.00	135.00	Y
I033020	Credit Card Surcharge for Payment of Rates, ESL or Rubbish charge			0.75%	0.75%	Y
	Penalty Interest			7%	7%	N
	Instalment Interest			3%	3%	N
GOVERNANCE						
	Photocopying					
I043003	Photocopy (Black and White) A4	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Copy	0.75	0.80	Y
	Photocopy (Colour) A4		Per Copy	1.20	1.25	Y
	Photocopy (Black and White) A3		Per Copy	1.20	1.25	Y
	Photocopy (Colour) A3		Per Copy	2.00	2.10	Y
	<i>(Copy of Shire documents only. General Photocopying Service Available at CRC)</i>					
	Postage					
	Printing, Binding, Postage of Council Reports as per request (Agenda, Minutes, Annual Report, Strategic Documents)		Per Document	27.50	30.00	Y
	Freedom of Information					
	<i>Fees are Prescribed in the Freedom of Information Act Regulations 1993</i>					
	Application Fees Non Personal - Per enquiry		Per Enquiry	30.00	30.00	N
	Application Fees Personal - Per enquiry					
	Charge for Time Dealing with the Application		Per Hour	30.00	30.00	N
	Access Time Supervised by Staff		Per Hour	30.00	30.00	N
	Photocopying Staff Time		Per Hour	30.00	30.00	N
	Per Photocopy - A4		Per Copy	0.20	0.25	N
	Transcribing from Tape, Film or Computer		Per Hour	30.00	31.00	N
	Duplicating a Tape, Film or Computer Information		Actual Cost	At Cost	At Cost	
	Delivery, Packaging and Postage		Actual Cost	At Cost	At Cost	
LAW, ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY						
I051115	Fire Maps	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Map	25.00	25.00	Y
	Dog Registration - Per Dog		1 Nov - 31 Oct			
	<i>** Registration fees are Prescribed in the Dog Act Regulations 1976</i>					
	<i>^^ Registrations after 31 May are only 50% of the fees below</i>					
	<i>** Concession of 50% available to eligible PENSIONERS</i>					
	<i>** Concession of 75% available for WORKING DOGS</i>					



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I052120	Sterilised dog for 1 year	Dog Regs 2013 R17	Per Dog	20.00	20.00	N
	Sterilised dog for 3 years		Per Dog	42.50	42.50	N
	Sterilised dog for Lifetime		Per Dog	100.00	100.00	N
	Unsterilised dog for 1 year		Per Dog	50.00	50.00	N
	Unsterilised dog for 3 years		Per Dog	120.00	120.00	N
	Unsterilised dog for Lifetime		Per Dog	250.00	250.00	N
	Cat Registration - Per Cat					
	<i>**Registration fees are prescribed in the Cat Act Regulations 2012</i>					
	<i>^^ Registrations after 31 May are only 50% of the fees below</i>					
	<i>** Concession of 50% available to eligible PENSIONERS</i>					
I052130	Sterilised cat for 1 year	Cat Regs 2012 Sch 3	Per Cat	20.00	20.00	N
	Sterilised cat for 3 years		Per Cat	42.50	42.50	N
	Sterilised cat for Lifetime		Per Cat	100.00	100.00	N
	Approval to Breed cats - 1 year		Per Breeding	100.00	100.00	N
	Fines and Penalties - Per animal					
	<i>** Fines are as Prescribed in Dog Act 1976, and Cat Act 2011</i>					
I052110	Seizure and Impounding of a Dog/Cat		Per Animal	75.00	75.00	N
	Daily Sustainance		Per Animal/Per day	30.00	30.00	Y
	Destruction of Dog/Cat		Per Animal	100.00	100.00	N
	Miscellaneous					
	Kennel License	Dog Regs 2013 R17	Per annum	200.00	200.00	N
	Kennel Inspection Fees		Per annum	100.00	100.00	Y
	Microchipping - Dog/Animal		Per Animal	65.00	65.00	Y
	Microchipping - Cat/Animal		Per Animal	65.00	65.00	Y
	Bond - Animal Trap			65.00	65.00	N
	Trap Hire Fee		First 7 days free then daily rate apply	1.35	1.35	Y
	Replacement Tags			5.00	5.00	Y
	Fines Enforcement (Applicable to all infringement) - Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Regulations 1994					
I051125	Issuing Final Demand	Fine Regs Schd 2		26.90	27.60	N
	Preparing Enforcement Certificate			22.90	23.50	N
	Registration of Infringement Notice			86.00	88.50	N
	Fire Control					
I051125	Firebreaks - Cost Recovery	BFA 1954 s33(5)		at cost	at cost	N
	Infringements			at cost	at cost	N



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	Impounding Vehicles					
I051125	Impound Fees			135.00	140.00	N
	Impound Fee Per Day			20.00	21.00	N
	Towing Expense as Per Service			at cost	at cost	N
EDUCATION AND WELFARE						
	Kids Central Membership					
I064010	Kids Central Yearly Family Membership (Pro-rata below 6 months)	LG ACT 1995 S6.16	Per Membership	40.00	40.00	Y
	Electric Swipe Key (Authorised for Kids Central)		Per Key	22.00	22.00	Y
	Meal Services					
I061011	Main Meal	LG ACT 1995 S6.16	Per Meal	8.00	8.50	N
	Dessert		Per Dessert	3.50	4.00	N
HEALTH						
	Wastewater Treatment System					
I071115	Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage (e.g. septic tank) Application	R4 TS		118.00	118.00	N
	Permit to use Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage (e.g. septic tank)	R4 TS		118.00	118.00	N
	Health Department of WA application fee to Construct or Install Apparatus for the Treatment of Sewage, Chief Health Officer approval is required (With Local government report - not a LG Fee)	R4A		93.00	93.00	N
	Food Business	<i>Refer to Health Department Scale of Fees</i>				
	New Food Business Notification - Charitable			Nil		N
	New Food Business Notification/Registration Form			110.00	115.00	N
	Food Business Surveillance/Inspection Fee					
	Very Low risk or Charitable			Nil		
	Low risk - At least 1 Inspection Annually			110.00	115.00	N
	Medium risk - At least 2 Inspection Annually			195.00	200.00	N
	High risk - At least 3 Inspection Annually			295.00	300.00	N
	Low Risk - Inspection Fee			29.00	30.00	N
	Medium Risk - Inspection Fee			78.00	80.00	N
	High Risk - Inspection Fee			142.00	145.00	N
	Temporary Food Stall/Vendor Permits					
	Annual Temporary Food Vendor/Stallholder			Nil	Nil	N
	Temporary Food Vendor/Stallholder per day			Nil	Nil	N
	Temporary Food Vendor/Stallholder Charitable			Nil	Nil	N



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	Public Building					
	Public Building Fee - Licence premises (Commercial) Annually	s6.16 LGA	2 Inspections Per Year	140.00	140.00	N
	Public Building Fee - Non Licence premises (Commercial) Annually	s6.16 LGA	1 Inspections Per Year	70.00	70.00	N
	Public Building Fee - (Not for profit)	s6.16 LGA		Nil		
	HOUSING					
	Community Housing	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
I091110	Unit 1/10 Hillman Street		Per Week	130.00	135.00	N
	Unit 3/12 Hillman Street		Per Week	145.00	150.00	N
	Unit 4/12 Hillman Street		Per Week	130.00	135.00	N
	25 Nangip Crescent		Per Week	150.00	155.00	N
	18 Gibbs Street		Per Week	150.00	155.00	N
	Shire Houses by Non-Staff	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
I091111	52 Hillman Street - Used by Shire Staff		Per Week	200.00	0.00	N
	10 Gibbs Street - Staff House Under Renovation		Per Week	200.00	0.00	N
	31 Arthur Street - Used by Shire Staff		Per Week	163.00	0.00	N
	7 Hillman Street - Pool Manager (Available for use by the Pool Contractor for the term of the Agreement)		Per Week	137.00	0.00	N
	8 Hillman Street - Used by Shire Staff		Per Week	175.00	0.00	N
	GROH Housing	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
	11 King Street -	GROH Lease	Per Week	590.00	590.00	N
	Unit 2/10 Hillman Street	GROH Lease	Per Week	320.00	320.00	N
	COMMUNITY AMENITIES					
I102160	Asbestos Disposal - (Include Cost of Staff Time and Equipment per Hour)	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Cubic Meter	100.00	105.00	Y
	<i>Free access for rate payers and residents who deliver capacities less than 1m3 to the refuse site, subject to proof of ratepayer or residential status in the Shire of West Arthur with proof being demonstrated via an acceptable process such as, Shire of West Arthur registration plates, rate notice or driver's licence.</i>					
	<i>* NOTE: Quantities are per cubic metre or part thereof</i>					
	Commercial Waste per cubic metre (Greater than 1m3)	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per Cubic Meter	16.50	17.50	Y
	Replacement or a new key or FOB for rubbish Tips	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per key or FOB	35.00	35.00	Y
	Rubbish Bins	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
I101110	Rubbish Collection		Per Service - Refuse and Recycle	305.00	355.00	N
	NEW Replacement Bins - Recycle		240L	120.00	125.00	Y
	NEW Replacement Bins - Waste		240L	120.00	125.00	Y
	Bin Parts - New Wheels		Each	50.00	55.00	Y
	Bin Parts - New Lid		Each	50.00	55.00	Y



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	Cemetery Fees	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
I107140	Interment (up to 1.8m deep) - Weekdays			610.00		Y
	Interment (up to 1.8m deep) - Weekend/Public Holidays			765.00		Y
	Interment (up to 2.4m deep) - Weekdays			1,220.00		Y
	Interment (up to 2.4m deep) - Weekend/Public Holidays			1,530.00		Y
	Reopening of Existing Grave (Companion Plot)			610.00	1,256.00	Y
	Grave Exhumation - Fees plus Contractors used at Cost			610.00	1,256.00	Y
	Interment (up to 2.1m deep) - Machine				1,000.00	Y
	Interment (up to 2.1m deep) - By Hand				1,500.00	Y
	Additional depth 0.3M				360.00	Y
	Reservations (Gravesite and Niche Wall)					
	Grant of Right - 25 Years		per person	80.00	85.00	N
	Grant of Right - Renewals		per person	46.00	48.00	N
	Grant of Right - Transfer		per person	46.00	48.00	N
	Monumental Work					
	Permission to Erect a Headstone - Monument or Name Plate			60.00	62.00	N
	Removal and Replacement of Headstones, Kerbing or Monuments			at cost	at cost	Y
	Niche Wall					
	Interment of Ashes in Niche Wall - Single			68.00	70.00	Y
	Interment of Ashes in Niche Wall - Double			135.00	140.00	Y
	Niche Wall - Re-Open			68.00	70.00	Y
	Administration Fee - Niche Wall Plaque			75.00	78.00	Y
	Niche Wall Plaque - At Cost from Supplier			at cost	at cost	Y
	License					
	Funeral Directors - Annual License Fee				220.00	Y
	Single Funeral permit				110.00	Y
	Monumental Mason - Annual License				220.00	Y
	Single Monumental mason Permit				90.00	Y
	Miscellaneous					
	Internment of Ashes in a Grave				250.00	Y
	Town Planning					
	** Fees are Prescribed in the Planning and Development Act Regulations 2009					
I106390	Town Planning Scheme					
	Application for Town Planning Scheme Amendments, Local Structure Plans and Development Plans			At Cost - estimate to be provided.	At Cost - estimate to be provided.	N



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	Development Applications					
	a) No more than \$50,000			147.00	147.00	N
	b) More than \$50,000 but no more than \$500,000		0.32% of estimated development cost	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	c) More than \$500,000 but no more than \$2.5m		\$1,700 PLUS 0.257% for every \$1 in excess of \$500,000	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	d) More than \$2.5m but no more than \$5.0m		\$7,161 PLUS 0.206 % for every \$1 in excess of \$2.5m	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	e) More than \$5.0m but no more than \$21.5m		\$12,633 PLUS 0.123 % for every \$1 in excess of \$5.0m	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
	f) More than \$21.5m			34,196.00	34,196.00	N
	** If the development has commenced or been carried out, an additional amount, by way of penalty, that is twice the amount of the maximum fee payable for determination of the application under items (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) or (f) above is payable. **					
	Determining an application to amend or cancel development approval.			295.00	295.00	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for not more than 5 lots.			73.00 per Lot	73.00 per Lot	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for more than 5 lots but not more than 195 lots.			73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for not more than 195 lots.			73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	73.00 per lot for the first 5 lots and then \$35 per lot.	N
	Providing a subdivision clearance for not more than 195 lots.			7,393.00	7,393.00	N
	Public advertising of development applications, scheme amendments, Structure Plans, Activity Centre Plans or Development Plans.			At cost	At cost	N
	Extractive Industry - Development Applications					
	# Not Commenced - Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has not commenced or been carried out.		as per regs	739.00	739.00	N
	# Commenced - Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has not commenced or been carried out.		as per regs	2,217.00	2,217.00	N
	Extractive Industry License					
	Initial Application		per year	550.00	550.00	N
	Renewal Application - less than 5 Hectares		per year	550.00	550.00	N
	Renewal Application - More than 5 Hectares		per year	750.00	750.00	N
	**This refers to the area under the extractive industry licence and not the planning consent, which may cover a greater area. **					
	Bond (Sand)		Per hectare	TBA	TBA	N
	Bond (Stone or Gravel)		Per hectare	TBA	TBA	N
	Road Contribution			TBA	TBA	N
	Transfer of license fee - per application			300.00	300.00	N



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L01280	DAP - Fees of Applications					
	** Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 (Paid direct to DAP)					
	1. A DAP application where the estimated cost of the development is (FORM 1: New Application):					
	(a) less than \$2 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	5,341	5,475	N
	(b) not less than \$2 million and less than \$7 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	6,168	6,322	N
	(c) not less than \$7 million and less than \$10 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	9,522	9,760	N
	(d) not less than \$10 million and less than \$12.5 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	10,361	10,620	N
	(d) not less than \$12.5 million and less than \$15 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	10,656	10,922	N
	(f) not less than \$15 million and less than \$17.5 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	10,952	11,226	N
	(g) not less than \$17.5 million and less than \$20 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	11,249	11,530	N
	(h) not less than \$20 million and less than \$50 million	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	11,544	11,833	N
	(i) not less than \$50 million or more	Sch 1 r.10,17 PDR	Each	16,680	17,097	N
	2. An Application under regulation 17 (Form 2: Amendment)			264	271	N
	<i>Note: The estimated cost of development is calculated exclusive of GST.</i>					
	<i>Example: If an application is received with a cost of development, exclusive of GST, valued at \$10 million, the associated fee is item 1(c). The application does not fall into lower threshold of item 1(b) as the estimated cost is not 'less than \$10 million'.</i>					
	Application for Home Occupation					
	Home Occupation License - Initial Applications			222.00	222.00	N
	** If home occupation has commenced an additional amount of twice the fee by way of penalty is payable. **					
	Home Occupation License - Renewal Fee			73.00	73.00	N
	** If application for renewal of home occupation license is made after the approval has expired, an additional amount of twice the renewal fee by way of penalty is payable. **					
	Application for change of use or for an alteration or extension or change of a non-conforming use to which a development application does not apply:-					
	Application Fee			295.00	295.00	N
	** If alteration, extension or change has commenced an additional amount of twice the fee by way of penalty is payable. **					
	Issue of Zoning Certificate			73.00	73.00	N
	Reply to a Property Settlement questionnaire			73.00	73.00	N
	Issue of Written Planning Advice			73.00	73.00	N
	** Development Application Fees do not Apply for Not for Profit Community Groups. **					
	** All other Planning Fees - Maximum fees allowed by Department of Planning. **					



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RECREATION AND CULTURE						
I111110	Darkan Town Hall	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
	Hire of Main Hall and Kitchen		Full Day Hire	130.00	135.00	Y
	Hire of Main Hall and Kitchen		Half Day Hire	85.00	90.00	Y
	Hire of Kitchen Only		Full Day Hire	90.00	95.00	Y
	Hire of Kitchen Only		Half Day Hire	60.00	65.00	Y
	Hire of Main Hall Only		Full Day Hire	60.00	65.00	Y
	Hire of Main Hall Only		Half Day Hire	30.00	35.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall and Kitchen		Full Day Hire	100.00	105.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall and Kitchen		Half Day Hire	50.00	55.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall Only		Full Day Hire	40.00	45.00	Y
	Hire of Pioneer Hall Only		Half Day Hire	20.00	25.00	Y
	Community Activities		Per Hire	30.00	35.00	Y
	Bond for Main Hall and Kitchen		Per Hire	200.00	200.00	N
	Bond for Main Hall ONLY		Per Hire	100.00	100.00	N
	Bond for Kitchen ONLY		Per Hire	100.00	100.00	N
	** Local Community Groups and Not for Profit Groups have free use of Darkan Town Hall, but pay a bond of \$100.00.					
	** Hire of Chairs (only the old orange style hall chairs).**					
	Hire of Tables - Darkan Town Hall		Per Item	0.45	0.50	Y
	Hire of Chairs - Darkan Town Hall		Per Item	10.00	11.00	Y
	Hire of Chairs - Darkan Town Hall		Per Item	2.00	2.20	Y
	Set up fees		Per Hour	55.00	60.00	Y
	Cleaning Fees (Failure to Clean and Tidy Venue and Equipment)		Per Hour	55.00	60.00	Y
I111110	Arthur River Hall	LG Act 1995 S6.16				
	Hire of Hall		Per Hire	125.00	130.00	Y
	** Local Community Groups and Not for Profit Groups have free use of Arthur River Hall, but pay a bond of \$100.00.					
I112110	Darkan Swimming Pool					
	Single Membership		Per Season	90.00	120.00	Y
	Family Membership (2 Adults plus 2 Children, or 1 Adult + 3 Children)		Per Season	140.00	200.00	Y
	Children (4-16 years)/Pensioner/Concession		Per Season	30.00	50.00	Y
	Individual Adult		Per Visit	4.50	5.00	Y
	Spectators Adult		Per Visit		1.00	Y
	Children (4-16 years)/Pensioner/Concession		Per Visit	3.50	4.00	Y
	Group Course fees		Per Person	20.00		N
	Individual Course fees		Per Person	55.00		N
	Baby Swim Classes - Pool Member		Per Lesson	10.00		N
	Baby Swim Classes - Non-Pool Member		per Lesson	13.00		N
	Swipe Key (Authorised for Darkan Swimming Pool)		Per Key	35.00		Y
	Swim Coaching		Per Lesson	at cost		N
	Swim Club - Pool Member		Per Lesson	8.00		Y
	Swim Club - Non-Pool Member		Per Lesson	10.00		Y



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Statutory fees and charges cannot be modified by Council but may be subject to change						
I113140	Community Gym Membership					
	Casual Daily Pass		Per Person		10.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 1 Months Adult		Per Person		25.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 12 Months Adult		Per Person	90.00	120.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 6 Months Adult		Per Person	50.00	75.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 12 Months Student/Concession		Per Person	45.00	75.00	Y
	Gym Fees - 6 Months Student/Concession		Per Person	25.00	40.00	Y
	Family - (1 Adult plus 1 kid over 18 years OR 2 Adults) 12 Months		2 Persons	150.00	200.00	Y
	Family - (1 Adult plus 1 kid over 18 years OR 2 Adults) 6 Months		2 Persons	80.00	100.00	Y
	FOB Key for Gym	LG Act 1995 S6.16	Per FOB	35.00	35.00	Y
	** No children under the age of 18 years are permitted to use Gym Equipment.**					
	All NEW gym members are required to undertake a gym induction prior to first use of Gym.					
I116110	History Books					
	Hard Cover			30.00	30.00	Y
	Paper Back			22.00	22.00	Y
	Postage			at cost	at cost	
I147120	The Shed					
	Membership - Yearly (Pro-rata below 6 months)		Per Person	60.00	62.00	Y
	Membership - Pensioner/Seniors Concession		Per Person	40.00	42.00	Y
	Locker Hire			10.00	11.00	Y
	Hourly Rate		Per Hour	30.00	35.00	Y
	Social Membership		Per Person	5.00	5.00	Y
ECONOMIC SERVICES						
	Scheme Standpipe Water					
I134130	Community Standpipe Water	LG Act S6.16	Per Kilolitre	3.50	3.50	N
	Commercial Standpipe Water	LG Act S6.16	Per Kilolitre	12.50	12.50	N
	Minimum Fees		Per Month		10.00	N
	Deposit Growden Place Standpipe Key (Held in Shire Account)			25.00	25.00	N
	Standpipe Smart Controller:					
	Swipe Card Bond (Refundable) - Non residents			25.00	25.00	N
	New Swipe Card and Replacement Swipe Card including Admin fees			60.00	66.00	Y
	Duranillin Water Supply (Not available after October 2024)					
I136110	Annual Service Charge		Per Annum	120.00		N
	Water Usage (First 100kl)		Per Kilolitre	3.50		N
	Water Usage (Next 300kl)		Per Kilolitre	5.00		N
	Water Usage (Above 400kl)		Per Kilolitre	8.00		N
	Building Control					
	** Fees are prescribed in the Building Act regulations 2012 - Schedule 2. **					



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



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Construction Training Fund Levy						
L01262	CTF Levy		0.2% of the estimated value of Construction if over \$20,000 (Includes \$8.25 commission to be retained by SOWA)	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
I133130	CTF Commission			8.25	8.25	Y
Building Service Levy						
L01265	BSL - Levy on Building or Demolition Permit		0.137% of the value of the Construction with minimum fee of \$61.65 (Includes \$5.00 commission to be retained by SOWA)	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
I133120	BSL - Commission			5.00	5.00	N
L01265	Occupancy Permit or Building Approval Certificate for Approved Building work under sections 47, 49, 50 or 52 of the Building Act			61.65	61.65	N
L01265	Occupancy Permit or Building Approval Certificate for Unauthorised Building work under section 51 of the Building Act		0.274% of the value of the Construction with minimum fee of \$123.00 (Includes \$5.00 commission to be retained by SOWA)	as per schedule	as per schedule	N
Other Licenses and Fees						
I13314015	Swimming Pool Inspection fees (Regs 53) - Effective 1 October 2024	Building Regulations 2012, r53		58.45	58.45	N
I13315015	Application for Grant or renewal (Caravan Park or Camping Ground) of License (Regs 45) - Effective 1 October 2024	Caravan Park and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997	Per Site	200.00	200.00	Y
Darkan Caravan Park						
I132040	Powered Site (2 persons)		Per Night	25.00	27.00	Y
	Powered Site Extra Person		Per Night	7.00	7.50	Y
	Un-Powered Site (2 persons)		Per Night	20.00	22.00	Y
	Un-Powered Site Extra Person		Per Night	5.00	5.50	Y
	Casual Shower - Daily per person		Per Day	7.00	7.50	Y
	Powered Site (2 persons) - Weekly		Per Week	150.00	162.00	Y
	Powered Site Extra Person - Weekly		Per Week	42.00	45.00	Y
	Un-Powered Site (2 persons) - Weekly		Per Week	120.00	132.00	Y
	Un-Powered Site Extra Person - Weekly		Per Week	30.00	33.00	Y
	Chalet (2 Persons) Staying one Night Only		Per Night	170.00	175.00	Y
	Chalet (2 Persons) two or more nights		Per Night	140.00	145.00	Y
	Chalet (2 Persons) - Weekly		Per Week	840.00	870.00	Y
	Chalet Extra person per night		Per Night	20.00	22.00	Y
	Chalet Extra person - Weekly		Per Week	120.00	132.00	Y
	Washing Machine		Per Cycle	4.00	5.00	Y
	Dryer		Per Cycle	2.00	3.00	Y
	Nissen Hut		Per Night	70.00	75.00	Y
	Nissen Hut - Weekly		Per Week	0.00	450.00	Y
Cancellation Fees (Refund Required) - Refund will be net of merchant fees.						
7 days Notice						
	Administration Fee			27.50	27.50	Y
Less than 48 Hours Prior to check in						
	Administration Fee			27.50	27.50	Y
	Plus: One Night Booking fee			at cost	at cost	Y



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OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES						
Private Works						
<i>** Deposit of 50% to be paid prior to commencement of works. Hire time commences from mobilisation of plant item. Penalty rates will apply for Weekends and Public Holidays. **</i>						
I141110	Graders		Per Hour	250.00	260.00	Y
	Prime Mover only or Six Wheeler		Per Hour	185.00	190.00	Y
	Prime Mover with One Trailer		Per Hour	250.00	260.00	Y
	Truck - 5 Tonne		Per Hour	165.00	170.00	Y
	Truck - 10 Tonne		Per Hour	185.00	190.00	Y
	JCB Backhoe		Per Hour	190.00	200.00	Y
	Dozer		Per Hour	275.00	285.00	Y
	Loader		Per Hour	250.00	260.00	Y
	Rollers		Per Hour	190.00	195.00	Y
	Tractor		Per Hour	109.00	115.00	Y
	Tractor with Implement		Per Hour	140.00	145.00	Y
	Bobcat		Per Hour	140.00	145.00	Y
	Squirrel (One operator included)		Per Hour	109.00	115.00	Y
	Road Broom (Ute and one operator included)		Per Hour	145.00	150.00	Y
	Tree Saw (Includes loader and one operator)		Per Hour	290.00	300.00	Y
	<i>** All plant items above include operator. **</i>					
	Labour (Labourer/operator)		Per Hour	75.00	80.00	Y
	Works Manager		Per Hour	135.00	140.00	Y
	Labour (time & 1/2)		Per Hour	112.50	120.00	Y
	Labour (Double time)		Per Hour	150.00	155.00	Y
	Ute		Per km	1.25	1.50	Y
	Compactor		Per Day	75.00	80.00	Y
	<i>** Gravel or sand supplied to ratepayers will be at cost plus plant and labour. Cartage to be charged at private works cost. **</i>			at cost plus		
	Second Hand Grader Blades (or sold with scrap metal)			5.50	6.00	Y
	Staff Housing	<i>charge)</i>				
	15 Nangip Crescent		Per Week	as per Contract		N
	52 Hillman Street		Per Week	93.50	104.00	N
	10 Gibbs Street - Under Renovation		Per Week	93.50	104.00	N
	22 Hillman Street		Per Week	as per Contract	as per Contract	N
	31 Arthur Street		Per Week	76.50	85.00	N
	6 Hillman Street		Per Week	as per Contract	as per Contract	N
	10 King Street		Per Week	as per Contract	as per Contract	
	7 Hillman Street		Per Week	64.00	71.00	N
	8 Hillman Street		Per Week	81.50	90.00	N
I141035	Special Series - AW Number Plates					
	DPI Fee			at cost	at cost	N
	Shire additional fee			50.00	50.00	Y



Cr Graeme Peirce left the meeting at 8.14pm, with a declared financial interest.

12.6 CHANGE OF THE BASIS OF RATES FROM UV TO GRV

File Ref:	A2633-A2634-A2512-A2562-A2511-A2633-A508
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Author:	Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer:	Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	16/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lot 69 Coalfields Road, Arthur River2. Lot 27 Growden Place, Darkan3. Lot 30 Growden Place, Darkan4. 204 Agg Road, Duranillin (second parcel of land)5. 204 Agg Road, Duranillin6. Lot 181 Growden Place, Darkan7. Lot 183 Growden Place, Darkan8. Lot 182 Growden Place, Darkan9. Lot 29 Growden Place, Darkan10. Lot 28 Growden Place, Darkan

SUMMARY:

Officers seek Council endorsement to apply to the Minister for Local Government for a determination under Section 6.28(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to alter the rating methodology from Unimproved Valuation (UV) to Gross Rental Valuation (GRV).

BACKGROUND:

Officers are requesting Council's formal endorsement to apply to the Minister for Local Government. This application is made in accordance with Section 6.28(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The purpose of the request is to seek approval for a change in the rating methodology from the current Unimproved Valuation (UV) system to the Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) system for the following properties:

	Assess No	Lot No	Property Address	Zoning	Subdivision	Deposit Plan #
1.	A2633	28	28 Growden Place	UV Industrial	Darkan	28DP409160
2.	A2634	29	29 Growden Place	UV Industrial	Darkan	29DP409160
3.	A2512	182	85 Growden Place	UV Industrial	Darkan	182DP27669
4.	A2560	183	183 Growden Place	UV Industrial	Darkan	182P27669
5.	A2511	181	42 Growden Place	UV Industrial	Darkan	181P27669
6.	A2633	69	69 Coalfields Road	UV Rural	Arthur River	69P410925
7.	A508		204 Agg Road	UV Rural	Duranillin	2344DP128722 and 2353DP128721
8.		30	30 Growden Place	Still to settle and have requested valuation	Darkan	30DP409160
9.		27	27 Growden Place	Settled and have requested valuation	Darkan	27DP409160

Aerial photos of each of the above properties are attached for information purposes.

Council has used GRVs for land with mainly non-rural purposes to keep rating methods consistent for such properties.

To switch from UV to GRV, Council must notify affected property owners and get Ministerial approval before making changes.

Council’s usual process is to apply for these changes and implement them from the date of Ministerial approval.

COMMENT:

Impacts of Changing the Basis of Rates from UV to GRV

The proposed shift from Unimproved Value (UV) to Gross Rental Value (GRV) as the basis for property rates will alter how rates are allocated within the community. This change is expected to bring both benefits and challenges for property owners and ratepayers.

Positive Impacts

- **Enhanced Equity:** By connecting rates more directly to the level of property development and usage, the new system aims to distribute the rating burden more fairly among property owners.
- **Alignment with Council Services:** Contributions toward Council services and infrastructure will better reflect the demand generated by property improvements and activities.
- **Revenue Stability:** The transition to GRV provides a more stable revenue base, supporting Council’s capacity for long-term financial planning.

- Reduced Exposure to Land Value Fluctuations: Reliance on GRV lessens the impact of changing land values on rate calculations, making Council finances less volatile.

Negative Impacts

- Potential Rate Increases: Owners of properties that are improved, rented, or commercially utilised may experience higher rates under the GRV system.
- Financial Pressure on Vulnerable Groups: Small businesses and households on fixed incomes could face increased financial strain because of higher rates.
- Pass-Through Costs to Tenants: Property owners may respond to increased rates by raising rents, which would affect tenants.
- Perceived Fairness During Transition: Some ratepayers may view the change as unfair, particularly during the initial period of adjustment.

While the change to GRV has the potential to improve fairness and support Council's financial sustainability, it is important that implementation is managed carefully. Ongoing monitoring will be needed to address impacts on vulnerable residents and local businesses and ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Management will notify the property owners who are affected by the proposed change in the rating method. This notification will outline the intention to alter the Basis of Rates from Unimproved Value (UV) to Gross Rental Value (GRV) for the properties listed above.

Following the notification process, Management will apply to the Minister seeking approval for this change. The transition from UV to GRV will take effect from the date on which the Minister grants approval for the application.

CONSULTATION:

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Financial Reporting
Finance Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Section 6.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995*

6.28. Basis of rates

- (1) *The Minister is to –*
 - (a) *determine the method of valuation of land to be used by a local government as the basis for a rate; and*
 - (b) *publish a notice of the determination in the Government Gazette.*
- (2) *In determining the method of valuation of land to be used by a local government the Minister is to have regard to the general principle that the basis for a rate on any land is to be –*
 - (a) *where the land is used predominantly for rural purposes, the unimproved value of the land; and*
 - (b) *where the land is used predominantly for non-rural purposes, the gross rental value of the land.*
- (3) *The unimproved value or gross rental value, as the case requires, of rateable land in the district of a local government is to be recorded in the rate record of that local government.*

- (4) *Subject to subsection (5), for the purposes of this section the valuation to be used by a local government is to be the valuation in force under the Valuation of Land Act 1978 as at 1 July in each financial year.*
- (5) *Where during a financial year –*
- (a) *an interim valuation is made under the Valuation of Land Act 1978;*
 - (b) *a valuation comes into force under the Valuation of Land Act 1978 as a result of the amendment of a valuation under that Act; or*
 - (c) *a new valuation is made under the Valuation of Land Act 1978 in the course of completing a general valuation that has previously come into force,*
- the interim valuation, amended valuation or new valuation, as the case requires, is to be used by a local government for the purposes of this section.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If Council adopts the recommendation contained in this Agenda Item, the individual Lots will cease to be rated under the UV basis and will be rated under the GRV basis from the date of Ministerial approval. At this time, Officers are unable to determine whether these changes will result in any increase/decrease in rate revenue.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Strategic Plan – West Arthur Towards 2031

Theme: 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.

This recommendation supports the Council's goal of exercising sound financial management and optimising the utilisation of Shire assets.

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	Lower rate payable per property than is fair and reasonable.
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Likely (4)
Risk Consequence	Major (4)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control): Likelihood x Consequence	High (16)
Principal Risk Theme	Loss of Revenue.
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Approve the officer recommendations as presented.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to correspond with the affected landowners advising them of the proposed change and forward an application to the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety seeking the Minister’s approval to change the Basis of Rates from Unimproved Valuation (UV) to Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) for the following properties:

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Cr Prowse moved the following motion.

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-015

Moved: Cr Russell Prowse

Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council defers consideration of Item 12.6 – Change of the Basis of Rates from UV to GRV to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 26th March 2026, to allow further investigation of the matter by officers and affected property owners, and for the outcomes of that investigation to be reported back to Council.

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

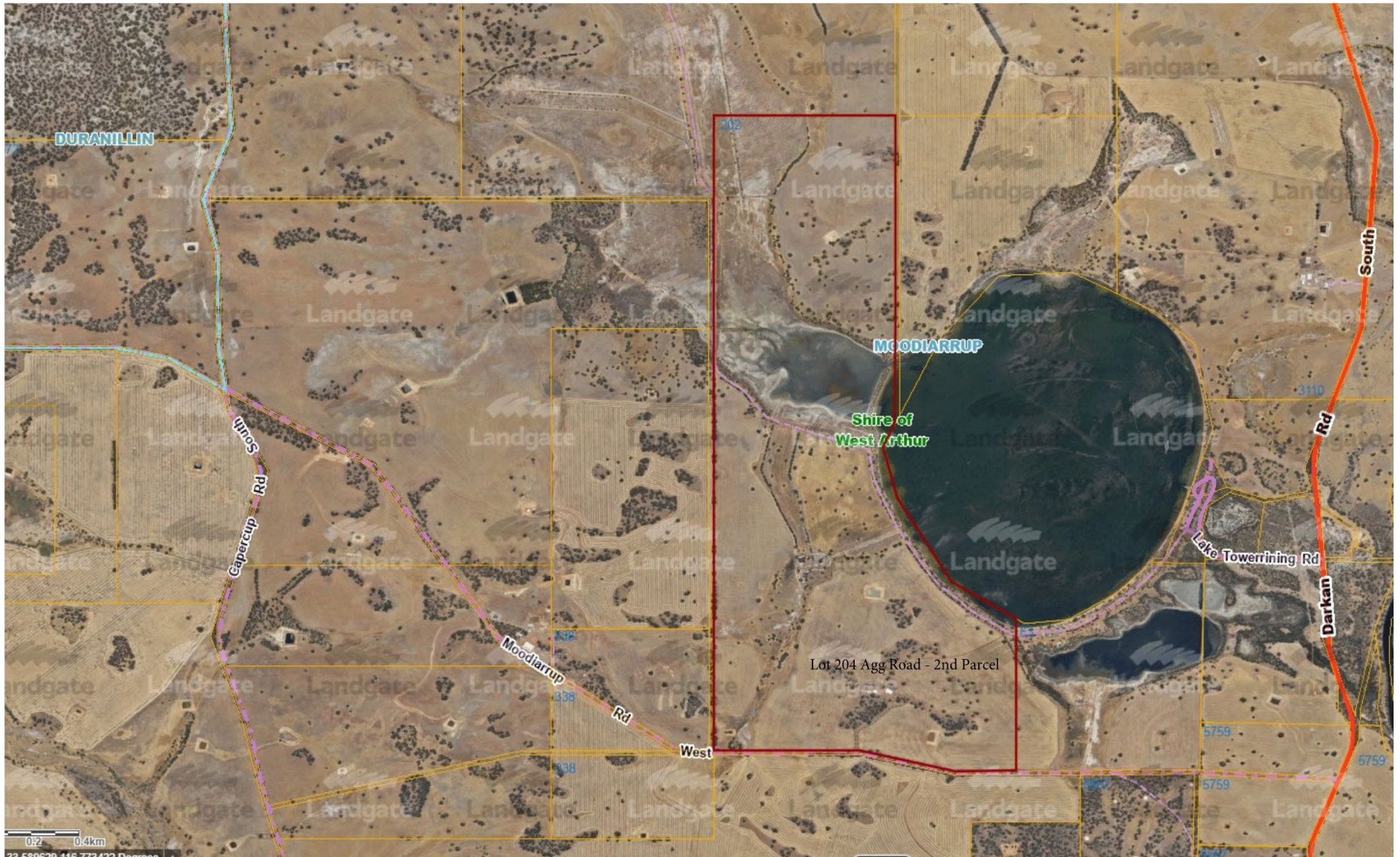
Against: Nil

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0





















Cr Graeme Peirce returned to the Chambers at 8.18pm.

13 WORKS AND SERVICES

Nil

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

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-016

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce
 Seconded: Cr Neil Morrell

That Council accepts the Late Item 17.1 - Sale of Land - 17 Nangip Crescent Darkan and considers the report as confidential in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 4A(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

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

CARRIED 7/0

17.1 SALE OF LAND - 17 NANGIP CRESCENT DARKAN

File Ref: ADM937
Location: N/A
Applicant: N/A
Author: Rajinder S Sunner, Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer: Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 16/02/2026
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments:

1. 2026 01 22 Shire of West Arthur Appraisal - Elders - CONFIDENTIAL
2. 17 Nangip Crescent Darkan Raine and Horne - CONFIDENTIAL
3. Reserve Price - CONFIDENTIAL

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 4A(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, and Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to public interest as it deals with the price, or potential price, for the sale or purchase of property by the local government and any information relating to the price or potential price.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-017

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

The Council:

1. Set the reserve price for the sale of 17 Nangip Crescent, Darkan as per the figure recommended in Attachment 3.
2. Grant authority to the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to execute, and if required, affix the common Seal of the Shire to all documentation necessary for completing the property sale referenced in part 1 of the Officer Recommendation.

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

RESOLUTION OCM-2026-018

Moved: Cr Duncan South

Seconded: Cr Graeme Peirce

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0**18 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.