Attachments

Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday 16 September 2026

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Date	Wednesday 16 September 2026
Time	3:30pm
Location	Shire of Wickepin Council Chambers 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370
Distribution Date	Friday 11 September 2026

7.1.1
Minutes of Previous Ordinary Council Meeting
19 August 2026

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday 19 August 2026

Date	Wednesday 19 August 2026
Time	3:30pm
Location	Shire of Wickepin Council Chambers 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370
Distribution Date	26 August 2026

Notice of Meeting

Please be advised that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Wickepin will be held at 3:30pm on Wednesday 19 August 2026 at the Shire of Wickepin Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer
14 August 2026

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1 Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 3.33pm.

The Presiding Member announced that the meeting is being recorded in accordance with section 14I of the Local Government Administrations Regulations 1996. The recordings will be made publicly available and serve as a public record of proceedings.

While section 9.57A of the Local Government Act 1995 provides the Local Government with limited protection from defamation liability for content published on its official website as part of a broadcast or recording of council proceedings, this does not extend to elected members or employees and I encourage all participants to ensure their contributions are respectful, professional, and consistent with the standards expected of Council meetings. Please remember that all comments will form part of the public record.

2 Attendance

2.1 Present

<u>Councillors</u>

J Russell	President
T Miller	Deputy President
F Allan	Councillor
W Astbury	Councillor
L Corke	Councillor
J Mearns	Councillor
D Gaull	Councillor

<u>Employees</u>

D Burton	Chief Executive Officer
E Clement	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
G Cross	Manager Works & Services
E Gee	Executive Support Officer

3 Public Question Time

3.1 Responses to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice

3.2 Public Question Time

Tom Sands- Public comments regarding 13.11 Air Conditioning in the Wickepin Town Hall.
He and other members of the public don’t support the installation of air conditioning in the Wickepin Town Hall as the Hall receives minimal use.

4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Previously Approved Leave of Absence

4.3 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

5 Petitions, Memorials and Deputations

5.1 Petitions

5.2 Memorials

5.3 Deputations

6 Declarations of Councillors and Officers Interest

A member or officer who has an impartiality, proximity or financial interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting must disclose the nature of the interest either in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest must not preside at the part of the meeting which deals with the matter, or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision-making process relative to the matter, unless the disclosing member is permitted to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The following declarations of interest have been disclosed –

W Astbury – Financial - 13.12 Application for Development Approval CBH – Shareholder
L Corke – Financial - 13.12 Application for Development Approval CBH - Shareholder
J Russell – Financial and Proximity - 13.12 Application for Development Approval CBH – Shareholder and Neighbouring Property

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday 15 July 2026

Officer Recommendation

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2026, as included in Attachment 7.1.1, as a true and accurate record.

Council Decision

Resolution **OCM-190826-01**
Moved **Cr Corke**
Second **Cr Miller**

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2026, as included in Attachment 7.1.1, as a true and accurate record.

Carried 7/0
For **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against **Nil**

8 Motions of Which Notice Has Been Given

9 Receipt of Committee Minutes or Reports and Consideration of Recommendations

9.1 Minutes of the RoeROC Executive Meeting held Monday 20 July 2026

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the minutes of the RoeROC Executive Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2026, as included in Attachment 9.1.1.

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-02**
Moved	**Cr Allen**
Second	**Cr Gaull**

That Council receives the minutes of the RoeROC Executive Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2026, as included in Attachment 9.1.1.

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

10 Report by the President

Farewell and Thank You to staff members Steve Atherton, Peter Lewis and Tony Brown who have recently resigned from the Works Crew. Thank you all for your time and efforts at the Shire of Wickepin, and Council wishes you well in your future endeavours.

Cheerio also to Plant Operator Mick, who is on extended leave due to medical reasons. Get Well Soon Mick.

A big Thank You to our Gardening Team – Caron, JD and Steve (before retirement) then Chrissy who have done an amazing job in installing a dust suppressant sprinkler system at our Sheep Saleyard Complex in Richter Street.
Due to their expertise and perseverance, this project has been installed professionally and at a much lower cost than was originally anticipated.
Great work, and it will be sure to assist in minimising the sheep dust at the ensuing sales in the future.

The LGIS Golf Tournament is soon to be held at Yealering Golf Club and Harrismith Golf Club. Thank you to everyone who has helped organise this and best of luck to our Shire Team who will be participating. We look forward to a report on the event in September.

Apart from the LEMC Meeting held on 30th July, as I have been away on annual leave, I have not recently attended any meetings.

Thank you to those Councillors who stepped in during my absence and attended the meetings that were held during that time.

11 Report by the Chief Executive Officer

7th July 2026	Budget Discussions
14th July 2026	Risk Management Action Group Webinar
15th July 2026	Budget discussions / Council Meeting
16th July 2026	Bushfire working Group Meeting
20th July 2026	RoeROC Executives Meeting
21st July 2026	Public Sector Commission Webinar
	Bushfire Risk Mitigation Meeting
	Golf Event Meeting
22nd July 2026	Meeting with WALGA – Services
23rd July 2026	ARIC Training – Corrigin
29th July 2026	Meeting with Wickepin Hotel Reps.
30th July 2026	LEMC Meeting
4th August 2026	Meeting with Wheatbelt Connect for post planting update.
6th August 2026	Doing Co – Streets Alive webinar with CRC.
12th August 2026	Western Power – Street Lighting Strategy Webinar
	Public Sector Commission – Webinar

Delegations exercised –

No.	Delegation Name		Delegation To	Delegation Exercised	When Exercised	Persons Affected
A1	**Cheque Signing and Account Authorisation**		**CEO**			CEO, DCEO
A2	**Septic Tank Application Approvals**		**EHO**			
A3	**Building Approvals**		**BO**			
A4	**Roadside Advertising**		**CEO**			
A5	**Application for Planning Consent**		**CEO**			
A6	**Appointment and Termination of Staff**		**CEO**			
A7	**Rates Recovery – Instalment Payments**		**CEO**			
A8	**Issue of Orders**		**CEO**			
A9	**Legal Advice**		**CEO**			
A10	**Permits to Use Explosives**		**CEO**			
A11	**Street Stalls**		**CEO**	Approval–Wickepin Market Day 27 September 2026-Wickepin CRC	16/07/2026	CEO
A12	**Liquor Consumption on Shire Owned Property**		**CEO**	Alcohol Consumption Approval – Yealering Bowling Club 24 July-26 July 2026 – Happy Campers Alcohol Consumption Approval -Wickepin Community Centre-Wickepin Football Club and Netball Club combined Presentation Night 12 September 2026-Wickepin Football Club	13/07/2026 29/07/2026	CEO
A13	**Hire of Community Halls / Community Centre**		**CEO**	Approval Fee Waiver-Wickepin Community Centre- Football and Netball Club Presentation Night 12 September 2026 – Wickepin Football Club Approval Fee Waiver– Yealering Town Hall 18 August 2026 – Yealering Primary School	10/07/2026 29/07/2026	CEO
A14	**The Food Act 2008 and the Food Regulations 2009**		**CEO**			
A15	**The Public Health Act 2016**		**CEO**			CEO
A16	**Sponsorship, contributions and donations to sporting and community groups**		**CEO**			
A17	**Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times – Vary**		**CEO**			
A18	**Disposal of Property**		**CEO**			
A19	**Native Flora – Seed Collection**		**CEO**			

12 Notices of Motions for the Following Meeting

13 Reports and Information

13.1 Monthly Schedule of Accounts Paid – July 2026

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Whole Shire
Name of Applicant	E Clement, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	FM.FR.1212
Author	E Clement, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	The author has no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in this item.
Report Written Date	10 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.1.1** – Monthly Schedule of Accounts Paid – July 2026

Summary

Council is required to have a Schedule of Accounts Paid produced each month containing relevant information, as legislated.

The purpose of this report is to present the –

- Schedule of Creditor Accounts Paid, including Corporate Credit Card Reconciliations, for July 2026.

Council is requested to confirm the Monthly Schedule of Accounts Paid, as included in the attachments.

Background

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires Shire officers to, monthly and within a prescribed timeframe, prepare a schedule of payments made from the Municipal Fund and the Trust Fund and present this to Council for confirmation.

Comments

Shire officers have prepared the Monthly Schedule of Accounts Paid, in accordance with legislative requirements, and is contained in **Attachment 13.1.1**.

The schedule of accounts, covering vouchers as listed below, have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and invoices which are submitted herewith and which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to prices computation, and costings and the amounts shown have been remitted.

For the month under review the following summarised details are presented –

Municipal Fund	**Vouchers**	**Amounts**
Electronic Funds Transfer	EFT 16290-16380	$441,174.93
Cheques	16063-16071	$22,751.64
Direct Deductions	July 2026	$2,168.54
Superannuation	July 2026	$17,621.90
Credit Card	July 2026	$596.31
BPay Payments	July 2026	$3,495.19
Payroll	July 2026	$99,545.00
Licensing	July 2026	$17,885.95
Municipal Fund Total		**$605,112.46**
Trust Fund		
Electronic Funds Transfer		$0
Cheques		$0
Trust Fund Total		**$0.00**
Total		**$605,112.46**

Statutory Environment
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.

Where the local government has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is to be prepared each month showing details for each account paid.

This list is to be presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council and recorded in the minutes.

Policy Implications
Council Policy 3.1.7 – EFT Payment and Cheque Issue

Council has authorised the Chief Executive Officer to make payments from the municipal fund and the trust fund.

Financial Implications
Current Financial Year
Payments included on the Schedule of Accounts Paid have been undertaken in accordance with appropriate processes and the Annual Budget.

Future Financial Years
Nil

Strategic Implications
Goal - Governance

Objective:	11	We are proactive about collaboration and forward planning our future success
Strategy	11.2	Long Term Financial Plan is reviewed on a regular basis
	11.3	Ensure integrated planning documents remain current via regular reviews

Voting Requirement
Simple majority

Officer Recommendation
*That Council, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 acknowledges payments from the Municipal Fund of $605,112.46 for July 2026, as included in **Attachment 13.1.1**.*

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-03**
Moved	**Cr Corke**
Second	**Cr Astbury**

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 acknowledges payments from the Municipal Fund of $605,112.46 for July 2026, as included in Attachment 13.1.1.

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council July-26				
Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Muni	
EFT16290	03/07/2026	AUSTRALIA POST	$	68.06
EFT16291	03/07/2026	AIR LIQUIDE WA PTY LTD	$	58.90
EFT16292	03/07/2026	GOODYEAR AUTOCARE NARROGIN	$	7,870.00
EFT16293	03/07/2026	BKS ELECTRICAL	$	143.00
EFT16294	03/07/2026	COUNTRY PAINT SUPPLIES	$	199.76
EFT16295	03/07/2026	COZY GROVES	$	368.80
EFT16296	03/07/2026	LANDGATE	$	7,104.29
EFT16297	03/07/2026	DAIMLER TRUCKS	$	544.49
EFT16298	03/07/2026	ELDERS WICKEPIN	$	4,683.80
EFT16299	03/07/2026	JOHN PARRY MEDICAL CENTRE	$	205.00
EFT16300	03/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES	$	17,649.01
EFT16301	03/07/2026	G & M DETERGENTS	$	520.00
EFT16302	03/07/2026	BERYLE HOLM	$	677.55
EFT16303	03/07/2026	IT VISION	$	43,543.58
EFT16304	03/07/2026	ID RENT	$	6,897.00
EFT16305	03/07/2026	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS WA (LG PRO)	$	1,780.00
EFT16306	03/07/2026	MADEJ CONCRETING	$	4,543.00
EFT16307	03/07/2026	MARKET CREATIONS	$	13,750.00
EFT16308	03/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE DISPOSAL	$	7,682.68
EFT16309	03/07/2026	NARROGIN GLASS	$	275.09
EFT16310	03/07/2026	NARROGIN HARDWARE MAKIT	$	47.00
EFT16311	03/07/2026	NARROGIN PACKAGING	$	90.00
EFT16312	03/07/2026	ONE MUSIC	$	402.37
EFT16313	03/07/2026	OWENS BUILDING	$	708.84
EFT16314	03/07/2026	PERFECT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS - PCS	$	340.00
EFT16315	03/07/2026	REPCO	$	345.40
EFT16316	03/07/2026	RHYS ANTHONY BARRON-ALLISON	$	92.00
EFT16317	03/07/2026	PETER ROBERT STRIBLING	$	380.52
EFT16318	03/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	$	34.46
EFT16319	03/07/2026	SSJ TRANSPORT PTY LTD	$	19,800.00
EFT16320	03/07/2026	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT INC	$	550.00
EFT16321	10/07/2026	GARY JOHN LANG	$	630.00
EFT16322	15/07/2026	GORDON PHILIP MCLEAN	$	630.00
EFT16323	20/07/2026	TUTT BRYANT EQUIPMENT	$	279.52
EFT16324	20/07/2026	KYLIE BOZANICH	$	69.50
EFT16325	20/07/2026	BRENTON CHIVERS	$	64.90
EFT16326	20/07/2026	DIGGAWEST & EARTHPARTS WA	$	2,580.82
EFT16327	20/07/2026	DUFFY ELECTRICS	$	387.56
EFT16328	20/07/2026	EWEN RURAL SUPPLIES	$	2,973.15
EFT16329	20/07/2026	ELDERS WICKEPIN	$	122.44
EFT16330	20/07/2026	FULFORD EARTHMOVING & CIVIL	$	4,312.00
EFT16331	20/07/2026	HC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	$	7,345.80
EFT16332	20/07/2026	READYTECH USER GROUP WA INC	$	962.50
EFT16333	20/07/2026	LGIS INSURANCE BROKING SERVICE	$	8,063.00
EFT16334	20/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE DISPOSAL	$	7,057.40
EFT16335	20/07/2026	NARROGIN GLASS	$	180.36
EFT16336	20/07/2026	NARROGIN PUMPS, SOLAR AND SPRAYING	$	433.25
EFT16337	20/07/2026	NARROGIN PACKAGING	$	691.72
EFT16338	20/07/2026	SHIRE OF NAREMBEEN	$	2,307.80
EFT16339	20/07/2026	NARROGIN & DISTRICTS PLUMBING SERVICE	$	520.30
EFT16340	20/07/2026	OFFICEWORKS SUPERSTORES PTY LTD	$	378.69
EFT16341	20/07/2026	QUEST INNALOO	$	1,080.15
EFT16342	20/07/2026	THINKPROJECT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	$	9,550.33
EFT16343	20/07/2026	REPCO	$	57.75
EFT16344	20/07/2026	SAFE ROADS WA	$	2,814.90
EFT16345	20/07/2026	SHIRE OF NARROGIN	$	1,564.50
EFT16346	20/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	$	48.24

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EFT16347	20/07/2026	WORLDWIDE ONLINE PRINTING	$ 1,120.00
EFT16348	20/07/2026	INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION	$ 4,587.00
EFT16349	20/07/2026	YEALERING SPRAYING SERVICE	$ 1,320.00
EFT16350	20/07/2026	YENER MAINTENANCE AND PLANT HIRE	$ 11,880.00
EFT16351	21/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	$ 4,011.00
EFT16352	28/07/2026	WHOLESALE PROMOTIONS WAREHOUSE PTY LTD	$ 2,618.55
EFT16353	29/07/2026	DYENAMIC SUBLIMINATION	$ 1,899.70
EFT16354	31/07/2026	ARCUS	$ 5,934.50
EFT16355	31/07/2026	AD ENGINEERING PTY LTD	$ 528.00
EFT16356	31/07/2026	AFGRI EQUIPMENT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	$ 3,179.08
EFT16357	31/07/2026	ARTFRAMERS VIC PARK PTY LTD	$ 320.00
EFT16358	31/07/2026	GOODYEAR AUTOCARE NARROGIN	$ 1,240.00
EFT16359	31/07/2026	BURGESS RAWSON (WA) PTY LTD	$ 4,371.03
EFT16360	31/07/2026	CLARK EQUIPMENT	$ 1,234.56
EFT16361	31/07/2026	COZY GROVES	$ 275.00
EFT16362	31/07/2026	Dews Excavations	$ 561.00
EFT16363	31/07/2026	BEFORE YOU DIG AUSTRALIA	$ 498.08
EFT16364	31/07/2026	EVERLON BRONZE	$ 333.30
EFT16365	31/07/2026	HITACHI CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AUSTRALIA	$ 978.22
EFT16366	31/07/2026	LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ANALYTICAL COMMITTEE	$ 420.74
EFT16367	31/07/2026	LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS ASSOCIATION	$ 1,145.00
EFT16368	31/07/2026	LGISWA	$ 138,955.59
EFT16369	31/07/2026	MHG CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD	$ 19,272.00
EFT16370	31/07/2026	NARROGIN & DISTRICTS PLUMBING SERVICE	$ 7,387.60
EFT16371	31/07/2026	OWENS BUILDING	$ 2,755.94
EFT16372	31/07/2026	REPCO	$ 261.78
EFT16373	31/07/2026	R J SMITH ENGINEERING	$ 240.00
EFT16374	31/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	$ 128.31
EFT16375	31/07/2026	MADDINGTON VALVOLINE GLOBAL OPERATIONS AUSTRALIA	$ 495.00
EFT16376	31/07/2026	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT	$ 551.67
EFT16377	31/07/2026	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION- WALGA	$ 23,568.97
EFT16378	31/07/2026	WURTH AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	$ 1,165.83
EFT16379	31/07/2026	WICKEPIN POST OFFICE	$ 1,050.00
EFT16380	31/07/2026	INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION	$ 399.30
		TOTALS EFT	$ 441,147.93
16063	03/07/2026	SYNERGY	$ 457.61
16064	03/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	$ 2,092.28
16065	20/07/2026	SYNERGY	$ 14,472.09
16066	20/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$ 1,400.00
16067	20/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$ 730.00
16068	20/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$ 348.00
16069	31/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$ 800.00
16070	31/07/2026	SYNERGY	$ 38.21
16071	31/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	$ 2,413.45
		TOTALS CHEQUE	$ 22,751.64
63030726	03/07/2026	TELSTRA	$ 1,765.57
63310726	31/07/2026	TELSTRA	$ 1,729.62
		TOTALS BPAY	$ 3,495.19
DD98010726	01/07/2026	CRISP WIRELESS PTY LTD	$ 238.00
DD16781.1	30/07/2026	3E ADVANTAGE PTY LTD	$ 1,217.26
DD16788.1	23/07/2026	WA TREASURY	$ 713.28
		TOTALS DIRECT DEBIT	$ 2,168.54
DD16725.1	08/07/2026	AWARE SUPER	$ 5,442.65
DD16725.2	08/07/2026	ANZ SUPER	$ 130.05
DD16725.3	08/07/2026	CARESUPER	$ 471.53
DD16725.4	08/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST SUPER SAVINGS	$ 310.99
DD16725.5	08/07/2026	FIRSTCHOICE WHOLESALE PERSONALSUPERANNUATION	$ 629.74
DD16725.6	08/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	$ 305.43
DD16725.7	08/07/2026	MLC SUPER FUND - PLUM SUPER	$ 562.69
DD16725.8	08/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	$ 279.25
DD16725.9	08/07/2026	REST INDUSTRY SUPER	$ 669.56

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DD16757.1	22/07/2026	AWARE SUPER	$	5,344.43
DD16757.2	22/07/2026	ANZ SUPER	$	195.23
DD16757.3	22/07/2026	CARESUPER	$	494.52
DD16757.4	22/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST SUPER SAVINGS	$	324.25
DD16757.5	22/07/2026	FIRSTCHOICE WHOLESALE PERSONALSUPERANNUATION	$	567.16
DD16757.6	22/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	$	319.69
DD16757.7	22/07/2026	MLC SUPER FUND - PLUM SUPER	$	582.39
DD16757.8	22/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	$	292.06
DD16757.9	22/07/2026	REST INDUSTRY SUPER	$	700.28
		TOTALS SUPERANNUATION	$	17,621.90
DD16763.1	22/06/2026	ANZ BANK	$	226.31
DD16792.1	22/07/2026	ANZ BANK	$	370.00
		TOTALS CREDIT CARD	**$**	**596.31**
98010726	01/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,775.15
98020726	02/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	32.00
98030726	03/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	726.30
98070726	07/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	888.20
98090726	09/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,065.50
98140726	14/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	6,532.00
98160726	16/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,791.45
98170726	17/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	574.90
98200726	20/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,956.75
98210726	21/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	172.00
98220726	22/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	877.65
98230726	23/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	126.55
98240726	24/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	225.00
98270726	27/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	741.80
98290726	29/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	329.80
98300726	30/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	70.90
		TOTALS LICENSING	$	17,885.95
25/06/2026	08/07/2026	PAYROLL	$	48,264.00
9/07/2026	22/07/2026	PAYROLL	$	51,281.00
		TOTALS PAYROLL	$	99,545.00
		ACCOUNT TOTALS	**$**	**605,212.46**
		TOTAL PAYMENTS JULY 2026	**$**	**605,212.46**

Credit Card Payment Summary

25/05/2026 TO 22/06/2026

CARD ENDING XXXX224175		
DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
26/05/2026	FLAG WORLD	176.31
12/06/2026	MAIN ROADS WA	50.00
		$ 226.31

CARD ENDING XXXX244131		
DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
		$ -
		$0.00
		$226.31

Credit Card Payment Summary

23/06/2026 TO 22/07/2026

CARD ENDING XXXX224175		
DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
30/06/2026	ROYAL LIFE SAVING BROADWAY	$ 130.00
2/07/2026	SPOTLIGHT PTY LTD	$ 240.00
		$ 370.00

CARD ENDING XXXX244131		
DATE	COMPANY	
		$ -
		$ -
		$ 370.00

FUEL CARD

Jun-26

Job	Job Description	Line Total
P475	CAT 444F2 BACKHOE LOADER	$ 452.05
P248	HINO 700 SERIES - FS 2848	$ 1,229.75
P342	HINO 700 SERIES FS2848	$ 237.22
P1955A	FUSO CANTER 7.5T CREW CAB	$ 4,341.58
P1915	HINO 500 SERIES 1628 MEDIUM NINE TRUCK	$ 495.85
P698	FUSO CANTER 815 7.5T TRUCK - GARDENERS	$ 384.37
P2433	HINO FG 1628 TRUCK	$ 557.67
P2489	BOBCAT T650 TRACK LOADER	$ 570.37
P2473	HINO 300 SERIES 921 AUTO TRADE ACE	$ 1,042.61
P468	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB - GARDENER'S UTE	$ 206.72
P706	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS 2.8L TURBO DIESEL UTE	$ 643.63
P632	ISUZZ D-MAX 4X4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS SX AUTO	$ 479.18
P468	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB - GARDENER'S UTE	$ 10.92
PCEO	ISUZU MU-X 4X4 LSU 3.0L AUTO MINERAL WHITE -CEO	$ 269.09
P237	TOYOTA COMMUNITY BUS	$ 105.15
P2567	ISUZU DMAX - WHITE CREW CAB CHASSIS SX 3.0L AUTO	$ 661.15
PMWS	ISUZU D MAX 4X4 MINERAL WHITE CREW CAB AUTO XT 3.0L	$ 1,538.93
P813	CAT 12H GRADER 2017	$ 1,326.93
	TOTAL	**$ 14,553.17**

13.2 Statement of Financial Activity – July 2026

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Whole Shire
Name of Applicant	E Clement, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	FM.FR.1212
Author	E Clement, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	The author has no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in this item.
Report Written Date	10 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.2.1** - Statement of Financial Activity – July 2026

Summary

Council is required to have a Statement of Financial Activity produced each month containing relevant information, as legislated.

The purpose of this report is to present the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended July 2026.

Council is requested to accept the Statement of Financial Activity.

Background

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require Shire officers, monthly and within a prescribed timeframe, to prepare financial reports covering prescribed information and present these to Council.

Comments

Shire officers have prepared the Statement of Financial Activity, and supporting documentation, in accordance with legislative requirements, and is contained in **Attachment 13.2.1**.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.4 Financial report

Local governments are required to prepare and present financial reports, on an annual basis and at any other time, and in any other format, as prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 34 Financial activity statement required each month (Act s. 6.4)

Shire officers are to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on revenue and expenditure as set out in the annual budget. Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by information explaining the composition of net assets less committed and restricted assets, any material variances and any other supporting information considered relevant.

Policy Implications

Council Policy 3.1.14.2 – Monthly Financial Reporting

The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure a monthly statement of financial activity complies with all aspects of the Act and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Financial Implications

Current Financial Year

Commentary on the current financial position is outlined within the body of the attached reports.

Future Financial Years

Nil

Strategic Implications

Goal - Governance

Objective:	11	We are proactive about collaboration and forward planning our future success
Strategy	11.2	Long Term Financial Plan is reviewed on a regular basis
	11.3	Ensure integrated planning documents remain current via regular reviews

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, accepts the Statement of Financial Activity and associated documentation for the period ending July 2026, as included in ***Attachment 13.2.1****.*

Council Decision

Resolution OCM-190826-04
Moved Cr Miller
Second Cr Gaull

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, accepts the Statement of Financial Activity and associated documentation for the period ending July 2026, as included in Attachment 13.2.1.

Carried 7/0

For Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull

Against Nil

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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Shire of Wickepin
Compilation Report
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

Report Purpose
This report is prepared to meet the requirements of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996,* Regulation 34 .

Overview
Summary reports and graphical progressive graphs are provided on page 3, 4 and 5.
No matters of significance are noted.

Statement of Financial Activity by reporting program
Is presented on page 6 and shows a surplus as at 31 July 2026 of $753,635.

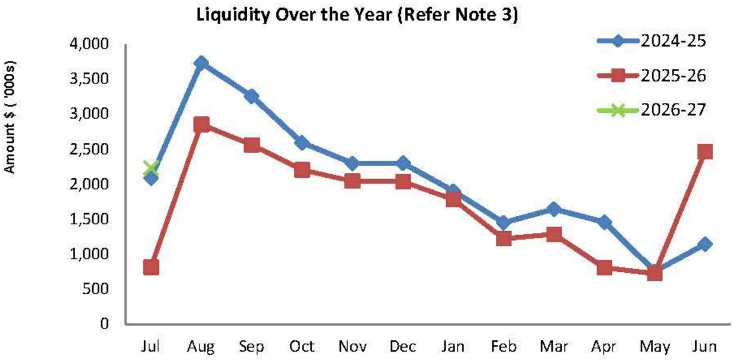
Note: The Statements and accompanying notes are prepared based on all transactions recorded at the time of preparation and may vary.

Preparation
Prepared by:	E.Clement DCEO
Date prepared:	10-Aug-26
Reviewed by:	David Burton CEO

Shire of Wickepin

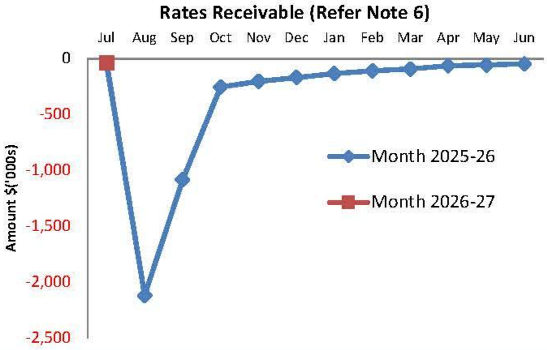
Monthly Summary Information

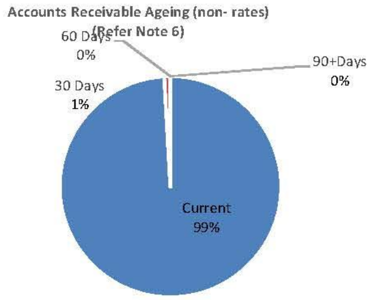
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026



Cash and Cash Equivalents as at period end		
Unrestricted	$	2,425,547
Restricted	$	3,238,457
	$	5,664,004

Receivables		
Rates	$	39,700
Other	$	8,754
	$	48,454





Comments

Unrestricted cash includes the following payments in advance

26/27 Grants Commission - General	$	1,712,000.00
26/27 Grants Commission - Roads		
Amounts paid in advance	$	1,712,000.00

Please note breakdown is not yet available

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

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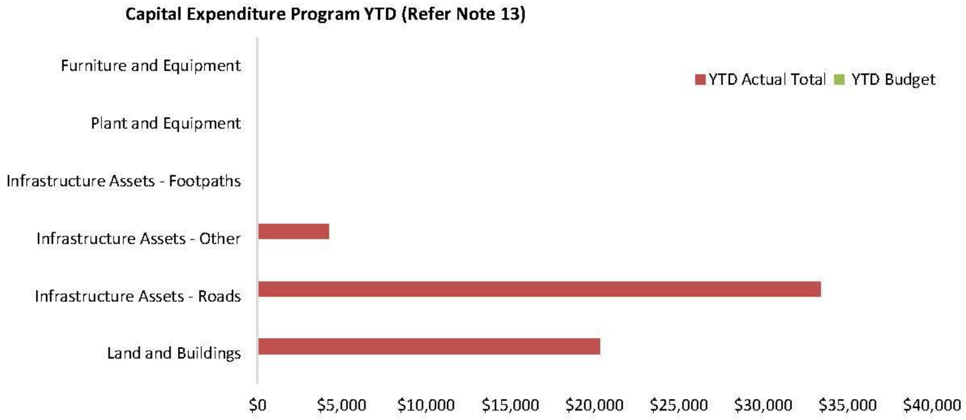
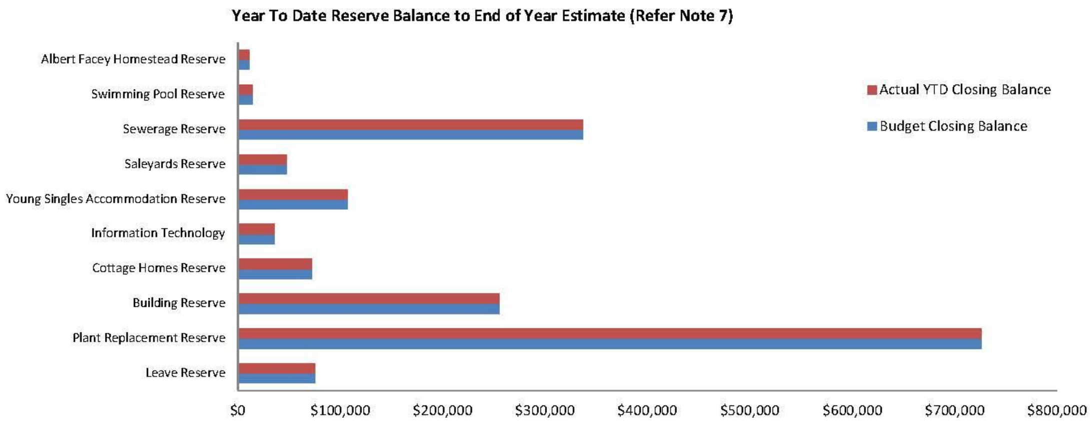
Shire of Wickepin
Monthly Summary Information
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026





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Shire of Wickepin
Monthly Summary Information
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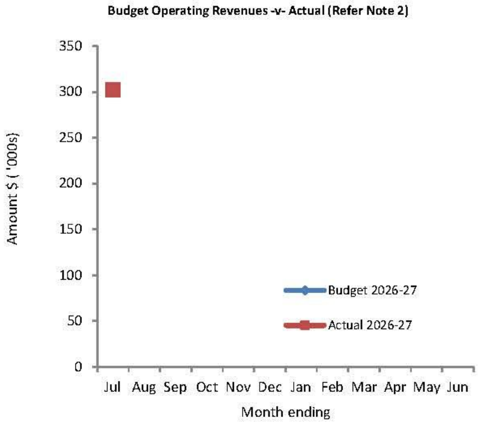
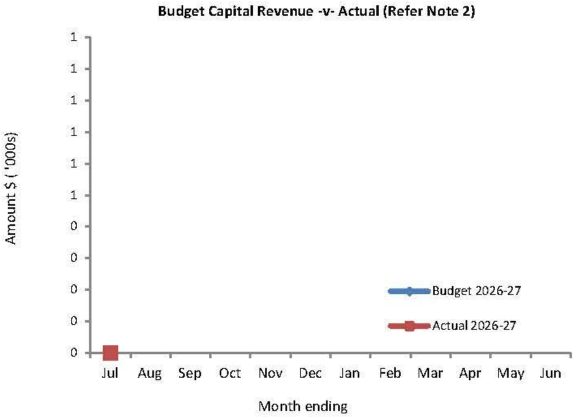
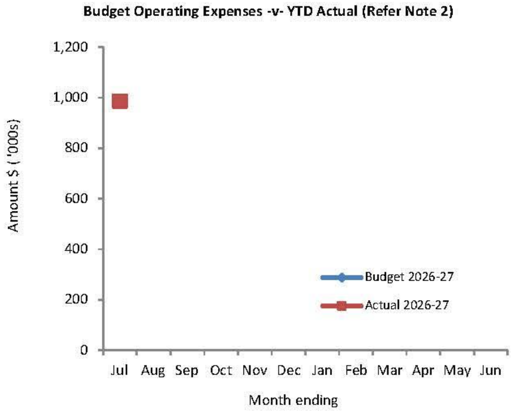
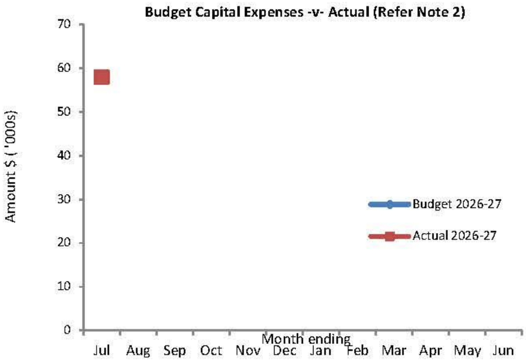




Expenditure





Comments

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(Statutory Reporting Program)
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

	Note	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
Operating Revenues		$	$	$	$	%	
Governance		-	0	0	0		
General Purpose Funding - Rates	9	-	0	0	0		
General Purpose Funding - Other		-	0	2,268	2,268		
Law, Order and Public Safety		-	0	18,968	18,968		▲
Health		-	0	0	0		
Education and Welfare		-	0	68	68		
Housing		-	0	16,843	16,843		▲
Community Amenities		-	0	3,617	3,617		
Recreation and Culture		-	-	682	682		
Transport		-	0	210,057	210,057		▲
Economic Services		-	0	48,452	48,452		▲
Other Property and Services		-	0	1,455	1,455		
Total Operating Revenue		-	-	302,409	302,409		▲
Operating Expense							
Governance		0	0	(111,001)	(111,001)		▲
General Purpose Funding		0	0	(12,662)	(12,662)		▲
Law, Order and Public Safety		0	0	(27,653)	(27,653)		▲
Health		0	0	(1,720)	(1,720)		▲
Education and Welfare		0	0	(1,308)	(1,308)		
Housing		0	0	(25,476)	(25,476)		▲
Community Amenities		0	0	(40,363)	(40,363)		▲
Recreation and Culture		0	0	(132,759)	(132,759)		▲
Transport		0	0	(484,434)	(484,434)		▲
Economic Services		0	0	(46,898)	(46,898)		▲
Other Property and Services		0	0	(101,630)	(101,630)		▲
Total Operating Expenditure		0	0	(985,903)	(985,903)		▼
Funding Balance Adjustments							
Add back Depreciation		0	0	515,003	515,003		▲
Adjust (Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposal	8	0	0	0	0		
Adjust Provisions and Accruals		0	0	0	0		
Adjust Rounding		0	0	0	0		
Net Cash from Operations		0	0	(168,491)	(168,491)		
Capital Revenues							
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	8	0	0	0	0		
Total Capital Revenues		0	0	0	0		
Capital Expenses							
Land and Buildings	13	0	0	(20,285)	(20,285)		▲
Infrastructure - Roads	13	0	0	(33,392)	(33,392)		▲
Infrastructure - Footpaths	13	0	0	0	0		
Infrastructure -Other	13	0	0	(4,230)	(4,230)		
Plant and Equipment	13	0	0	0	0		
Furniture and Equipment	13	0	0	0	0		
Total Capital Expenditure		0	0	(57,908)	(57,908)		
Net Cash from Capital Activities		0	0	(57,908)	(57,908)		
Financing							
Transfer from Reserves	7		0	0	0		
Repayment of Debentures	10		0	0	0		
Transfer to Reserves	7		0	0	0		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		0	0	0	0		
Net Operations, Capital and Financing		0	0	(226,399)	(226,399)		
Opening Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	0	0	2,457,329	2,457,329		▲
Closing Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	0	0	2,230,930	2,230,930		

Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.
Refer to Note 2 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(By Nature or Type)
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

	Note	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
Operating Revenues		$	$	$	$	%	
Rates	9	0.00	0	0	0		
Rates excluding General Rates	9	0.00	0	0	0		
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	11	0.00	0	260,708	260,708		▲
Fees and Charges		0.00	0	39,602	39,602		▲
Interest Earnings		0.00	0	2,098	2,098		
Other Revenue		0.00	0	0	0		
Profit on Disposal of Assets	8	0.00	0	0	0		
Total Operating Revenue		0.00	0	302,409	302,409		▲
Operating Expense							
Employee Costs		0.00	0	(138,899)	(138,899)		▼
Materials and Contracts		0.00	0	(172,938)	(172,938)		▼
Utility Charges		0.00	0	(21,642)	(21,642)		▼
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets		0.00	0	(515,003)	(515,003)		▼
Interest Expenses		0.00	0	138	138		
Insurance Expenses		0.00	0	(131,019)	(131,019)		▼
Other Expenditure		0.00	0	(6,539)	(6,539)		
Loss on Disposal of Assets	8	0.00	0	0	0		
Total Operating Expenditure		0.00	0	(985,903)	(985,903)		▼
Funding Balance Adjustments							
Add back Depreciation		0.00	0	515,003	515,003		▲
Adjust (Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposal	8	0.00	0	0	0		
Adjust Provisions and Accruals		0.00	0	0	0		
Adjust Rounding		0.00	0	0			
Net Cash from Operations		**0.00**	**0**	**(168,491)**	**(168,491)**		
Capital Revenues							
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	11	0.00	0	0	0		
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	8	0.00	0	0	0		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		0.00	0	0	0		
Total Capital Revenues		0.00	0	0	0		
Capital Expenses							
Land and Buildings	13	0.00	0	(20,285)	(20,285)		▼
Infrastructure - Roads	13	0.00	0	(33,392)	(33,392)		▼
Infrastructure - Footpaths	13	0.00	0	0	0		
Infrastructure - Drainage	13	0.00	0	(4,230)	(4,230)		
Plant and Equipment	13	0.00	0	0	0		
Furniture and Equipment	13	0.00	0	0	0		
Total Capital Expenditure		0.00	0	(57,908)	(57,908)		
Net Cash from Capital Activities		**0.00**	**0**	**(57,908)**	**(57,908)**		
Financing							
Transfer from Reserves	7	0.00	0	0	0		
Repayment of Debentures	10	0.00	0	0	0		
Transfer to Reserves	7	0.00	0	0	0		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		**0.00**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Net Operations, Capital and Financing		**0.00**	**0**	**(226,399)**	**(226,399)**		
Opening Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**0.00**	**0**	**2,457,329**	**2,457,329**		▲
Closing Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**0**	**0**	**2,230,930**	**2,230,930**		

Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.
Refer to Note 2 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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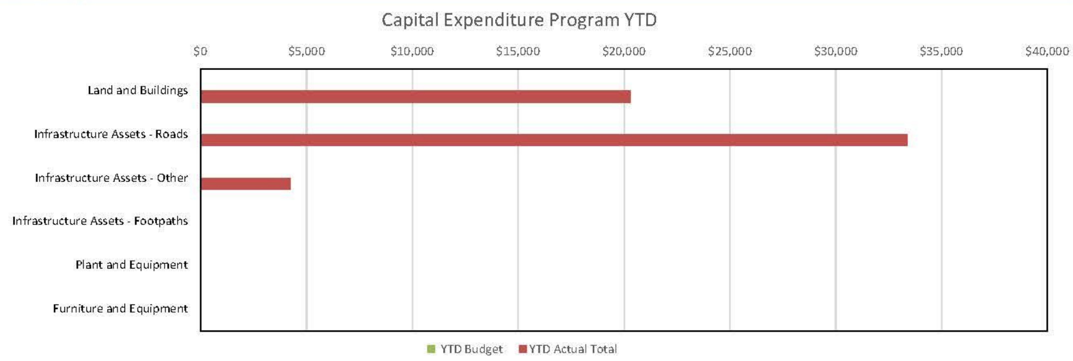
SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ACQUSITIONS AND CAPITAL FUNDING
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

Capital Acquisitions	Note	YTD Actual New /Upgrade (a)	YTD Actual (Renewal Expenditure) (b)	YTD Actual Total (c) = (a)+(b)	YTD Budget (d)	YTD 31 07 2026 Amended Annual Budget	Variance (d) - (c)
		$	$	$	$	$	$
Land and Buildings	13	20,285	0	20,285	0	0	20,285
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	13		33,392	33,392	0	0	33,392
Infrastructure Assets - Other	13	4,230	0	4,230	0	0	4,230
Infrastructure Assets - Footpaths	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and Equipment	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture and Equipment	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditure Totals		24,515	33,392	57,908	0	0	57,908

Funded By:

Capital Grants and Contributions	0	0	0	0
Borrowings	0	0	0	0
Other (Disposals & C/Fwd)	0	0	0	0
Own Source Funding - Cash Backed Reserves	0	0	0	0
Own Source Funding - Operations	0	0	0	0
Capital Funding Total	0	0	0	0



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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

This statement comprises a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. Material accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this statement are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the report has also 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.

Critical Accounting 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.
that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

All Funds through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in this statement.

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the statement, but a separate statement of those monies appears at Note 12.

(c) Rounding Off Figures

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

(d) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

(e) Goods and Services Tax

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

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

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

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(g) Trade and Other Receivables

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

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that they will not be collectible.

(h) Inventories

General

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

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

Land Held for Resale

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

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

Land held for sale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on Council's intentions to release for sale.

(i) Fixed Assets

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the local government includes the cost of all materials used in the construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Certain asset classes may be revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Assets carried at fair value are to be revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from that determined using fair value at reporting date.

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets
All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period. Major depreciation rates and periods are:

Buildings	30 to 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 15 years
Roads	20 to 50 years
Footpaths	20 years
Sewerage Piping	100 years
Water Supply Piping and Drainage Systems	75 years
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	30 to 50 years

(k) Trade and Other Payables
Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Council 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.

(l) Employee Benefits
The provisions for employee benefits relates to amounts expected to be paid for long service leave, annual leave, wages and salaries and are calculated as follows:

(i) Wages, Salaries, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Short-term Benefits)
The provision for employees' benefits to wages, salaries, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months represents the amount the Shire has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees services provided to balance date. The provision has been calculated at nominal amounts based on remuneration rates the Shire expects to pay and includes related on-costs.

(ii) Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Long-term Benefits)
The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the project unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, the liability is recognised as a current liability.

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities that are yield related are included as part of the carrying amount of the loans and borrowings.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Borrowing Costs

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.

(n) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when: The council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one of item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

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

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(p) Nature or Type Classifications

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

Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions
Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

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

Profit on Asset Disposal
Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments. Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

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

Service Charges
Service charges imposed under Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995. Regulation 54 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 identifies the These are television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Exclude rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

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

Other Revenue / Income
Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

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

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

Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water, etc.)
Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(q) Nature or Type Classifications (Continued)

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

Loss on asset disposal
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

Depreciation on non-current assets
Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

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

Other expenditure
Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or levies including WA Fire Brigade Levy and State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

(r) Statement of Objectives

Council has adopted a 'Plan for the future' comprising a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan to provide the long term community vision, aspirations and objectives.

Based upon feedback received from the community the vision of the Shire is:

A Collaborative Council, dedicated to maintaining and developing our community assets for the benefit of our residents whilst supporting a strong community, vibrant economy, successful businesses and a sound environment

The Strategic Community Plan defines the key objectives of the Shire as:
(1) Social – This theme describes the social aspects of life in the Shire incorporating community safety, recreation and leisure, as well as arts, culture and heritage.
(2) Environmental – This theme relates to valuing the environment, including natural resource management; sustainable land use, waste management, and recycling.
(3) Economic – This theme describes infrastructure planning, transport infrastructure, facilities and services c nd asset management.and inclusive community engagement
(4) Civic leadership – This theme describes how the Shire embraces a culture of leadership, customer service .

Council operations as disclosed in this statement encompass the following service orientatea activities/programs:

(s) GOVERNANCE
Expenses associated with provision of services to members of council and elections. Also included are costs associated with computer operations, corporate accounting, corporate records and asset management. Costs reported as administrative expenses are redistributed in accordance with the principle of activity based costing (ABC).

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING
Rates and associated revenues, general purpose government grants, interest revenue and other miscellaneous revenues such as commission on Police Licensing. The costs associated with raising the above mentioned revenues, eg. Valuation expenses, debt collection and overheads.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY
Enforcement of Local Laws, fire prevention, animal control and provision of ranger services.

HEALTH
Health inspection services, food quality control, mosquito control and contributions towards provision of medical health services.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(s) Reporting Programs (Continued)

HOUSING
Provision and maintenance of rented housing accommodation for pensioners and employees.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES
Sanitation, sewerage, stormwater drainage, protection of the environment, public conveniences, cemeteries and town planning.

RECREATION AND CULTURE
Parks, gardens and recreation reserves, library services, swimming facilities, walk trails, public halls and Community Centre.

TRANSPORT
Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, drainage works, parking facilities, traffic control, depot operations, plant purchase and cleaning of streets.

ECONOMIC SERVICES
Tourism, community development, pest control, building services, caravan parks and private works.

OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES
Plant works, plant overheads and stock of materials.

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
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Note 2: EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

Reporting Program	Var. $	Var. %	Var.	Timing/ Permanent	Explanation of Variance
Operating Revenues	$	%			As Budget has not yet been adopted - comparison figures are unavailable for this report
Governance	0				Revised July report will be presented in September with Buf=dgeted figures.
General Purpose Funding - Other	2,268				
Law, Order and Public Safety	18,968		▲		
Health	0				
Education and Welfare	68				
Housing	16,843		▲		
Community Amenities	3,617				
Recreation and Culture	682				
Transport	210,057		▲		
Economic Services	48,452		▲		
Other Property and Services	1,455				
Operating Expense					
Governance	(111,001)		▲		
General Purpose Funding	(12,662)		▲		
Law, Order and Public Safety	(27,653)		▲		
Health	(1,720)		▲		
Education and Welfare	(1,308)				
Housing	(25,476)		▲		
Community Amenities	(40,363)		▲		
Recreation and Culture	(132,759)		▲		
Transport	(484,434)		▲		
Economic Services	(46,898)		▲		
Other Property and Services	(101,630)		▲		
Capital Revenues					
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	0				
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	0				
Capital Expenses					
Land and Buildings	28,162		▲		
Infrastructure - Roads	12,744		▲		
Infrastructure - Footpaths	22,500				
Infrastructure - Other	29,057				
Plant and Equipment	321,302				
Furniture and Equipment	25,750				
Financing					
Loan Principal	0				

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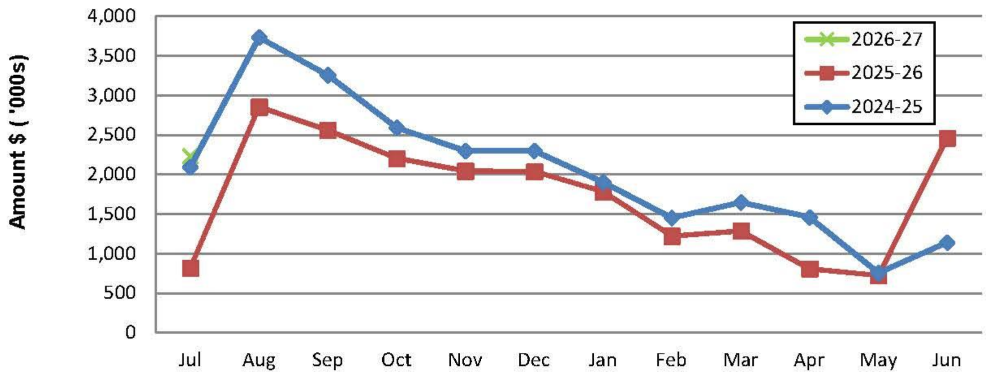
Note 3: NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION

	Note	YTD 31 Jul 2026	30 June 2026	YTD 31 Jul 2025
		Positive=Surplus (Negative=Deficit)		
		$	$	$
Current Assets				
Cash Unrestricted	4	2,425,547	2,697,324	994,263
Cash Restricted	4	3,238,457	3,238,457	3,681,298
Receivables - Rates	6	39,700	45,881	43,153
Receivables -Other	6	8,754	1,557	2,729
Interest / ATO Receivable/Trust		36,380	40,382	39,220
		5,748,838	6,023,601	4,760,663
Less: Current Liabilities				
Payables		(51,966)	(100,190)	(34,727)
Contract Liabilities		-	0	0
Provisions		(227,485)	(227,624)	(231,014)
		(279,451)	(327,814)	(265,741)
Less: Cash Reserves	7	(3,238,457)	(3,238,457)	(3,681,298)
Net Current Funding Position		**2,230,930**	**2,457,329**	**813,624**

Note 3 - Liquidity Over the Year



Comments - Net Current Funding Position

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Note 4: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	Interest Rate	Unrestricted $	Restricted $	Trust $	Total Amount $	Institution	Maturity Date
(a) **Cash Deposits**							
Municipal Account	0.00%	362,729			362,729	ANZ	At Call
Reserve Bank Account	0.00%		7		7	ANZ	At Call
Trust Bank Account	0.00%			8,049	8,049	ANZ	At Call
Cash On Hand	Nil	700.00			700	N/A	On Hand
(b) **Term Deposits**							
Municipal	4.27%				0	WA Treasury	11-Apr-25
Municipal					0		
Reserve	4.59%		3,000,000		3,000,000	WA Treasury	
Municipal	4.80%	2,062,118			2,062,118	WA Treasury	At Call
Reserve	4.53%		238,450		238,450	WA Treasury	
Trust	0.40%				0		
Total		2,425,547	3,238,457	8,049	5,672,054		

Comments/Notes - Investments

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Note 5: BUDGET AMENDMENTS
Amendments to original budget since budget adoption. Surplus/(Deficit)

GL Account Code	Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
				$	$	$	$
	Budget Adoption		Opening Surplus				
	Permanent Changes						0
							0
							0
							0
							0
							0
				0	0	0	

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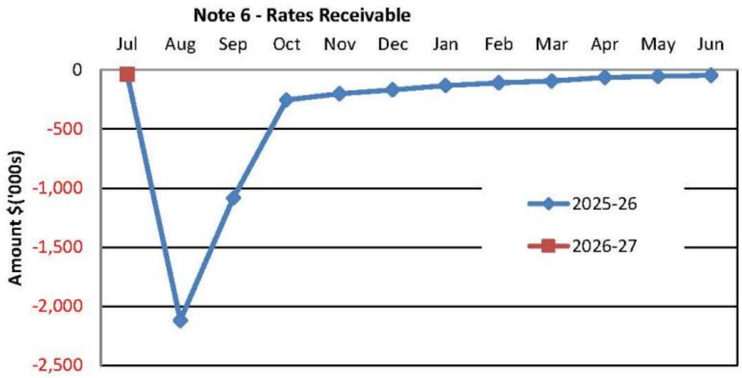
Note 6: RECEIVABLES

Receivables - Rates Receivable	YTD 31 Jul 2026	30 June 2026
	$	$
Opening Arrears Previous Years	45,378	44,774
Levied this year	27	1,992,410
Less Collections to date	(5,705)	(1,991,806)
Equals Current Outstanding	**39,700**	**45,378**
Net Rates Collectable	**39,700**	**45,378**
% Collected	12.56%	97.77%

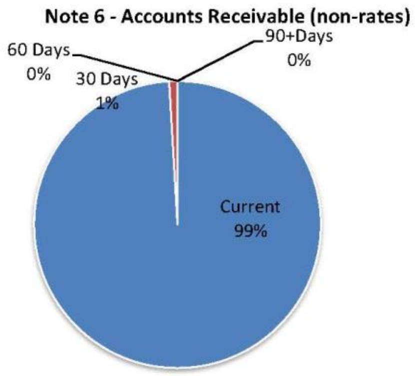


Comments/Notes - Receivables Rates

Receivables - General	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+Days
	$	$	$	$
Receivables - General	8,674	80	0	0

Total Receivables General Outstanding **8,753.91**

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)



Comments/Notes - Receivables General

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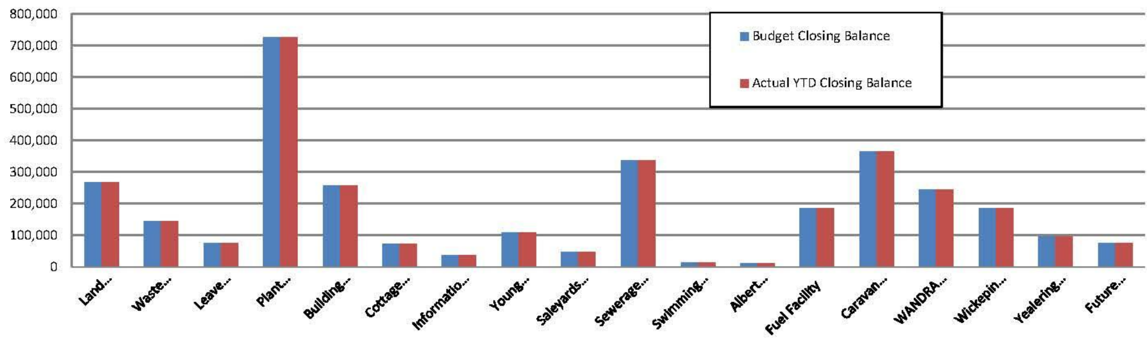
Note 7: Cash Backed Reserve

2026-27 Name	Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Actual Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Transfer out Reference	Budget Closing Balance	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$
Land Development Reserve	267,416								267,416	267,416
Waste Management Reserve	143,613								143,613	143,613
Leave Reserve	74,937								74,937	74,937
Plant Replacement Reserve	726,058								726,058	726,058
Building Reserve	255,493								255,493	255,493
Cottage Homes Reserve	71,821								71,821	71,821
Information Technology	35,281								35,281	35,281
Young Singles Accommodation Reserve	107,170								107,170	107,170
Saleyards Reserve	47,358								47,358	47,358
Sewerage Reserve	336,740								336,740	336,740
Swimming Pool Reserve	14,136								14,136	14,136
Albert Facey Homestead Reserve	10,696								10,696	10,696
Fuel Facility	185,953								185,953	185,953
Caravan Park & Accommodation Reserve	363,213								363,213	363,213
WANDRA events & Emergency Repairs Reserve	243,872								243,872	243,872
Wickepin Bowling Greens - Replacement	184,518								184,518	184,518
Yealering Bowling Green - Replacement	95,533								95,533	95,533
Future Projects Rerserve	74,651								74,651	74,651
	3,238,457	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,238,457	3,238,457

Note 7 - Year To Date Reserve Balance to End of Year Estimate



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Note 8 CAPITAL DISPOSALS

Actual YTD Profit/(Loss) of Asset Disposal					Amended Current Budget YTD 31 07 2026		
Cost	Accum Depr	Proceeds	Profit (Loss)		Amended Annual Budget Profit/(Loss)	Actual Profit/(Loss)	Variance
$	$	$	$		$	$	$
				Plant and Equipment			
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
			0			0	0
0	0	0	0		0	0.00	0

Comments - Capital Disposal/Replacements

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Note 9: RATING INFORMATION RATE TYPE	Rate in $	Number of Properties	Rateable Value $	Rate Revenue $	Interim Rates $	Back Rates $	Total Revenue $	Amended Budget Rate Revenue $	Amended Budget Interim Rate $	Amended Budget Back Rate $	Amended Budget Total Revenue $
Differential General Rate											
GRV							0				
UV							0				0
Mining UV							0				
Sub-Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minimum Payment	**Minimum $**										
GRV											
UV							0				
Mining UV											
Sub-Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0				0
Ex Gratia Rates							0				
Discount							0				0
Rates Writeoffs							0				0
Amount from General Rates							**0**				**0**
Specified Area Rates											
Totals							**0**				**0**

Comments - Rating Information

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10. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS
(a) Debenture Repayments

Particulars	Principal 1-Jul-26	New Loans	Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments		
			Actual $	Budget $	Actual $	Budget $	Actual $	Budget $	Loan Completion Date
Loan 103 -Staff House	147,532		-	41,168	208,757	147,532		1,665	2/12/2030
	147,532	0	0	41,168	208,757	147,532	0	1,665	

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

(b) New Debentures

No new debentures were raised during the reporting period.

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Note 11: GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Program/Details GL	Grant Provider	Approval	2026-27 Budget	Variations Additions (Deletions)	Operating	Capital	Recoup Status Received	Recoup Status Not Received
		(Y/N)	$	$	$	$	$	$
GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING								
Grants Commission - General	WALGGC	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants Commission - Roads	WALGGC	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOVERNANCE								
			0	0	0		0	0
LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY								
DFES Grant - Operating Bush Fire Brigade	DFES	Y	0	0	0	0	18,965	(18,965)
							0	0
COMMUNITY AMENITIES								
		N	0			0	0	0
RECREATION AND CULTURE								
		Y	0			0	0	0
		N	0			0	0	0
		N	0	0			0	0
ECONOMIC SERVICES								
LGIS Golf Day 2026.2027							33,018	
								0
TRANSPORT								
Roads To Recovery Grant - Cap	Roads to Recovery	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0
RRG Grants - Capital Projects	Regional Road Group	Y	0	0		0	0	0
Direct Grant - Maintenance	Dept. of Transport	Y	208,725		208,725		208,725	0
TOTALS			**208,725**	**0**	**208,725**	**0**	**260,708**	**(18,965)**

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Note 12: TRUST FUND

Funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control and which are not included in this statement are as follows:

Description	Opening Balance 1 Jul 26	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 31-Jul-26
	$	$	$	$
Housing Bonds	730	2,548	-3,278	**0**
Master Key Deposits	1,372	630	-1,260	**742**
Nomination Deposits	0	0	0	**0**
Building and BCITF	0	0	0	**0**
Wickepin Community Harvest Fund	0	0	0	**0**
Miscellaneous Trust	2,809	240	0	**3,049**
Licensing		17,886	-17,886	**0**
	9,911	**21,304**	**-22,424**	**8,791**

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Level of Completion Indicators
- 0% ○
- 20%
- 40%
- 60% ◉
- 80%
- 100% ●

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Note 13: CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

				31/07/2026			
	Infrastructure Assets		Annual Budget	Amended YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over	Strategic Reference / Comment
	Land & Buildings						
	Other Housing						
	Patio - 10 Smith St	XHS1	0	0	2,505	0	
●			0	0	0	0	
	Other Housing Total		0	0	2,505	0	
	Recreation and Culture						
○	Replace Roof and Ceiling Wickepin Tennis Club		0	0	0	0	
○	Netball Court Seating		0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○	Yealering Hall	CLPH2	0	0	17,780	(17,780)	
○			0	0	0.00		
○			0	0	0		
	Recreation And Culture Total		0	0	17,780	(17,780)	
	Transport						
○	Toolseum Restumping		0	0	0	0	
	Transport Total		0	0	0	0	
	Land and Buildings Total		0	0	20,285	(17,780)	
	Footpaths						
	Transport						
○	Footpaths	LFP1	0	0	0	0	
	Transport Total		0	0	0	0	
	Footpaths Total		0	0	0	0	
	Furniture & Equipment						
	Governance						
○	Various Locations - New CCTV System	XCTV	0	0	0	0	
○		XAB5	0	0	0	0	
	Governance Total		0	0	0	0	
	Furniture & Office Equip. Total		0	0	0	0	
	Plant , Equip. & Vehicles						
	Governance						
○	Ceo Vehicle 25/26 Trade 1		0	0	0	0	
○	Ceo Vehicle 25/26 Trade 2		0	0	0	0	
	Governance Total		0	0	0	0	
	Recreation And Culture Total					0	
	Law, Order and Public Safety						
○			0	0	0	0	
○					0	0	
	Law, Order and Publis Safety Total		0	0	0	0	
	Transport						
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
	Transport Total		0	0	0	0	
	Plant , Equip. & Vehicles Total		0	0	0	0	
	Infrastructure Other						
	Community Amenity Total		0	0	0	0	
	Recreation and Culture						
○			0	0	0.00	0	
○	Yealering Niche Wall	XYC1	0	0	4,230.00	(4,230)	
○			0	0	0.00	0	
○			0	0	0.00	0	
○			0	0	0.00		
	Recreation and Culture Total	0	0	0	4,230	(4,230)	
	Economic Services						
○			0	0	0	0	
	Economic Services Total		0	0	0	0	
	Transport						
○			0	0	0	0	
	Transport Total	0	0	0	0	0	
	Infrastructure Other Total		0	0	4,230	(4,230)	
	Roads						
	Transport Regional Road Group						
○	Wickepin - Corrigin Road	RRG001	0	0	6,171.26	(6,171)	
○	Lomos South Road	RRG155	0	0	515.78	(516)	
	Fence Road	WSC150	0	0	0.00	0	
	Regional Road Group Total		0	0	6,687	(6,687)	
	Transport Roads to Recovery						
○	Yilliminning Road	R2R004	0	0	0.00	0	
○	Stock Route Road	R2R163	0	0	0.00	0	
○	Gilliminning Road	R2R035	0	0	26,705.38	(26,705)	
○	Kirk Rock Road	R2014	0	0	0.00	0	
	Kirk Rock Road	R2014	0	0	0.00	0	
	86 Gate Road	R2013	0	0	0.00	0	
	86 Gate Road	R2013	0	0	0.00	0	
	Roads to Recovery Total		0	0	26,705	(26,705)	
	Council Resources Construction						
○			0	0	0	0	
○			0	0	0	0	
	Council Resources Construction Total		0	0	0	0	
	Roads Total		0	0	33,392	(33,392.42)	
	Capital Expenditure Total		0	0	57,907.82	(55,402)	

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13.3 2026/2027 Annual Budget Adoption

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Whole Shire
Name of Applicant	Shire of Wickepin
File Reference	FM.BU.1208
Author	E Clement – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	-
Report Written Date	5 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.3.1-** 2026/2027 Annual Budget (Under Separate Cover)

Summary

Council is required to adopt an annual budget by the 31st August for each financial year for the purposes of allocating resources towards the provision of works and services.

Council is requested to –

1. Adopt, by an absolute majority, the 2026/2027 Annual Budget which includes –
   - The Municipal Fund Budget for 2026/2027,
   - General rates, minimum payments, and instalment arrangements,
   - Fees and charges,
   - Council member payments, and

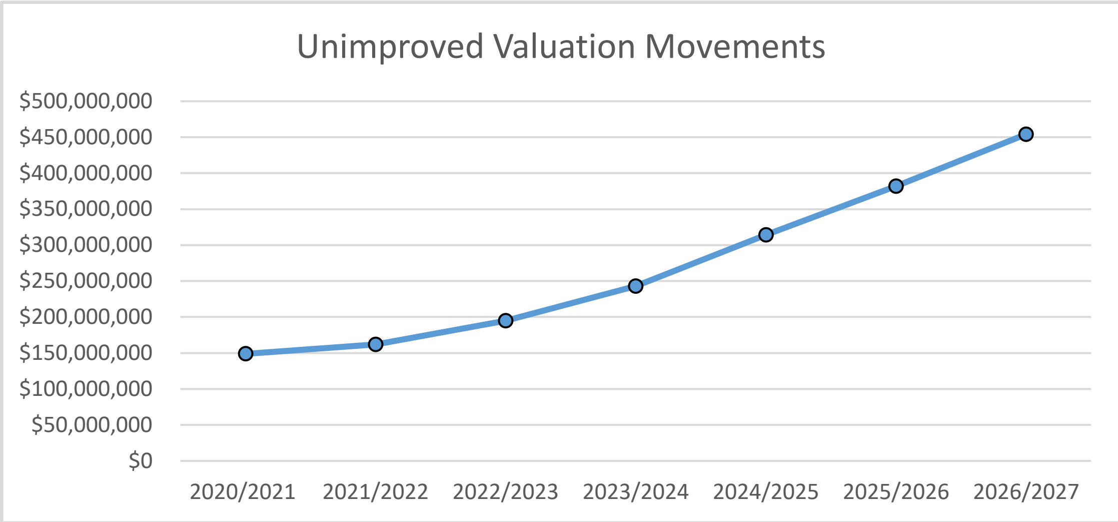
2. Adopt, by a simple majority, the 2026/2027 material variance reporting parameters.

Background

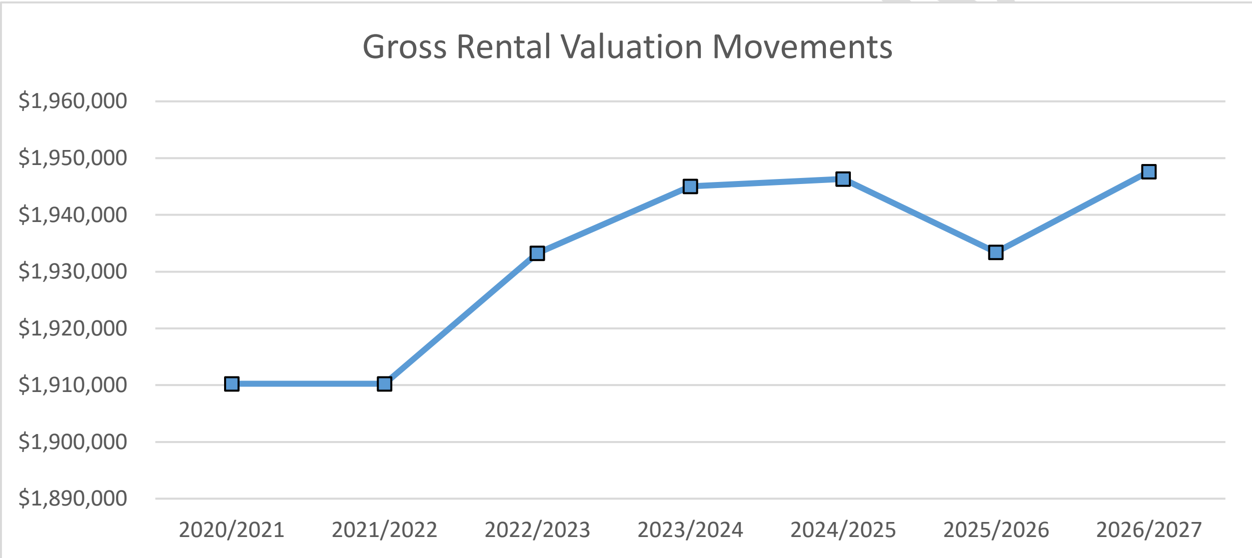
The 2026/2027 Annual Budget has been developed over several months, which has included –

- Workshops for council members aimed at delivering information, exploring concepts and clarifying options,
- Research with other local governments regarding the approach towards increased costs,
- Consideration of grant funding and the conditions for those funds and
- Consideration of Council's Integrated Planning Framework.
- Consideration of Financial impacts to ratepayers

The following chart highlights the total of the Shire's Unimproved Property Valuations over the past years. The valuations averaged an increase of 18.90 % across the Shire for the 2026/2027 financial year.



The following chart highlights the total of the Shire's Gross Rental Property Valuations over the past years. This year was a non-assessment year.



Comments

<u>Annual Budget</u>
The 2026/2027 Annual Budget has been prepared to include information required by legislation and Australian Accounting Standards.

The main features of the Annual Budget include –

- The budget has been prepared with an average 5% rate increase, which is comparative to increased costs currently being experienced for local governments.
- Minimum Payments for Rates has increased to $660, compared to $600 in 2025/2026
- The initial rates strike is $1.97 million, which compares to $1.85 million in 2025/2026.
- Individual salaries and wages have increased by 4.75 % in accordance with instruction from the Fair Work Commissioner.
- Fees and charges increased by 5%, where applicable, to reflect the increased cost in providing goods and services.
- Total capital expenses of $2.76 million, representing $2.76 million in new initiatives and
- $0.04 million of projects funded and carried forward from the previous year.

- No new loans are proposed.
- An estimated surplus of $2.53 million is anticipated to be brought forward from 30 June 2026. This is an unaudited figure which includes $1.71 million of prepaid Financial Assistance Grants (which has been notionally identified as Council's total annual grant allocation). However this is unaudited and may change. Any changes to this surplus value will be presented to Council at a future budget review.
- Household and commercial waste charge are proposed to increase beyond 5% to ensure coverage of rubbish fees. This will be done over several years to reduce financial impact.

<u>Material Variance</u>
Each year Council is required to adopt a percentage or value for the purposes of reporting material variances in the monthly Statement of Financial Activity.

This value or percentage is then used throughout the financial year to identify potential areas in Council's actual revenue and expenses which may be deviating from Council's budget.

The early identification of those potential issues can assist in better utilisation and allocation of Council funds and resources.

It is proposed to maintain the material variance adopted by Council in 2025/2026

The level for reporting is proposed is for 10% or $10,000, whichever is the greater.

It should be noted Shire Officers are monitoring variances at a more granular level on a weekly basis.

<u>Statement of Calculation of the Annual Budget</u>
In compiling the Annual Budget, Shire Officers have, in accordance with legislation and Australian Accounting Standards –

- Identified and reviewed recurring operating revenue and expense,
- Prepared salary and wage schedules, including proposed new employees (if applicable), employee increment changes, local government award increases, and the mandated 12 % for the superannuation guarantee,
- Prepared water, power, and other essential cost estimates and increase assumptions,
- Prepared capital expense forecasts based, where possible, on reasonably assumed estimates for construction and/or purchase, together with indicative timing (taking into account resourcing requirements),
- Confirmed grants reasonably expected to be received for both operating and capital initiatives,
- Forecast the opening position based on the information available at the time of collation,
- Identified committed carry forward funds from the previous financial year,
- Identified committed funds held as contract liabilities,
- Obtained revenue estimates for the disposal of non-current assets,
- Obtained estimates for insurance, including workers' compensation,
- Reviewed fees and charges, and Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995
Section 2.7 (Role of council)

Council is responsible for the performance of the local government's function and is responsible for the allocation of the local government's finances and resources.

Local Government Act 1995
Section 5.2 (Administration of local governments)

Council is to ensure there is an appropriate structure for administering the local government.

Local Government Act 1995
Section 5.56 (Planning for the future)
A local government is to plan for the future of the district and is to ensure plans are made.

Local Government Act 1995
Section 6.2 (Local government to prepare annual budget)

During the period 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, or such extended time the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, by absolute majority, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its Municipal Fund for the financial year end 30 June next following the 31 August.
In formulating the budget, Council is to have regard to the contents of the Strategic Community Plan and prepare detailed estimates for the applicable year.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Part 3 (Annual Budget)

This area establishes the form and content of the budget document and requires a copy of the Annual Budget to be submitted to the department responsible for local government within thirty (30) days of adoption by Council.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Regulation 34 (Financial activity statement required each month)
Council is required to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, to be used in the monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the purposes of reporting material variances.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Current Financial Year
This report makes recommendation to Council on the adoption of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, which includes –

- Operating revenue of $3.18 million,
- Operating expense of $10.92 million,
- Capital funding of $1.89 million,
- Capital expense of $2.74 million,

- No new loans,
- Transfers from Reserve of $0.017 million,
- Transfers to Reserve of $0.26 million and
- A surplus brought forward from the previous year of $2.53 million.

Strategic Implications

The Annual Budget has been prepared to deliver outcomes identified in the Strategic Community Plan.

Voting Requirement

Absolute majority for budget adoption, simple majority for material variance adoption (may be considered separately or together)

Officer Recommendation

That Council, with respect to the adoption of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget,

Recommendation 1

Municipal Fund Budget for 2026/2027
Adopts

a *In accordance with the provisions of Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, as included in the Attachments (under separate cover), which includes the following –*
- i *Statement of Comprehensive Income showing total comprehensive income*
- ii *Statement of Financial Activity*
- iii *Notes to, and forming part of, the budget,*
- iv *Capital initiatives for the year,*
- v *Fees and charges to be applied for the year, and*
- vi *Budgeted management schedules.*

Absolute Majority Required

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-05**
Moved	**Cr Allan**
Second	**Cr Gaull**

That Council,
Municipal Fund Budget for 2026/2027
Adopts

a In accordance with the provisions of Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, as included in the Attachments (under separate cover), which includes the following –
- **i Statement of Comprehensive Income showing total comprehensive income**
- **ii Statement of Financial Activity**
- **iii Notes to, and forming part of, the budget,**
- **iv Capital initiatives for the year,**

v Fees and charges to be applied for the year, and
vi Budgeted management schedules.

Carried 7/0
For Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull
Against Nil

Recommendation 2

General and Minimum Rates. Instalment Payment Arrangements:
Adopts

a *For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed in the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, and in accordance with Sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, imposes the following general rates and minimum payments –*

i	*General Rate – Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) rate in the dollar*	*0.092164*
ii	*General Rate – Unimproved Valuation (UV) rate in the dollar*	*0.003801*
iii	*Minimum Payment – Gross Rental Valuation (GRV)*	*$ 655.00*
iv	*Minimum Payment – Unimproved Valuation (UV)*	*$ 655.00*

b *In accordance with Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 64 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, determines the following due dates for rate payments in full and by instalments –*

i	*Option 1 Full payment due date*	*02 October 2026*
ii	*Option 2 Instalment 1 due date*	*02 October 2026*
	Instalment 2 due date	*02 December 2026*
	Instalment 3 due date	*02 February 2027*
	Instalment 4 due date	*02 April 2027*

c *In accordance with Section 6.46 of the Local Government Act 1995, offers a discount of 6% to ratepayers who have paid their rates in full, including any arrears and other charges, on or before 4:00pm 2 October 2026 or 35 days after the date of service appearing on the rate notice, whichever is the later.*

d *In accordance with Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through the instalment option.*

e *In accordance with Section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts an interest rate of 7% for rates and service charges and costs of proceedings to recover such charges remaining unpaid after becoming due and payable.*

Absolute Majority Required

Resolution OCM-190826-06
Moved Cr Miller
Second Cr Astbury

That Council,
<u>General and Minimum Rates. Instalment Payment Arrangements</u>:
Adopts

a For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed in the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, and in accordance with Sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, imposes the following general rates and minimum payments –

i	**General Rate – Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) rate in the dollar**	**0.092164**
ii	**General Rate – Unimproved Valuation (UV) rate in the dollar**	**0.0038301**
iii	**Minimum Payment – Gross Rental Valuation (GRV)**	**$ 655.00**
iv	**Minimum Payment – Unimproved Valuation (UV)**	**$ 655.00**

b In accordance with Section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 64 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, determines the following due dates for rate payments in full and by instalments –

i	**Option 1**	**Full payment due date**	**02 October 2026**
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e In accordance with Section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts an interest rate of 7% for rates and service charges and costs of proceedings to recover such charges remaining unpaid after becoming due and payable.

Carried 7/0
For Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull
Against Nil

Recommendation 3

Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/2027

a *Adopts in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, and other relevant legislation, adopts the fees and charges included in the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, as included in the Attachments- (Under separate Cover).*

Absolute Majority Required

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-07**
Moved	**Cr Corke**
Second	**Cr Miller**

That Council,
Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/2027

a Adopts in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, and other relevant legislation, adopts the fees and charges included in the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, as included in the Attachments- (Under separate Cover).

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

Recommendation 4:

Waste Charges for 2026/2027

Adopts in accordance with section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007, the following charges for the removal and deposit of domestic and commercial waste:

a. Residential

Domestic service (annual charge) $315.00 (GST free) Service includes:

1. *240 litre waste bin collected weekly;*
2. *240 litre yellow lidded recycling bin collected fortnightly*

b. Commercial Premises:

Commercial service (annual charge) $600.00 (GST free) Service includes:

1. *3 x 240 litre waste bin collected weekly;*
2. *3 x 240 yellow lidded recycle bins collected fortnightly*

c Refuse Site Levy

For access to the waste management sites

a Refuse site levy – GRV & UV $75.00

b Refuse site levy – GRV vacant land - $40.00

Notes all additional bin service is as per the first service cost and will include GST.

Simple Majority Required

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-08**
Moved	**Cr Mearns**
Second	**Cr Allan**

That Council,
Waste Charges for 2026/2027

Adopts in accordance with section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007, the following charges for the removal and deposit of domestic and commercial waste:

a. Residential
Domestic service (annual charge) $315.00 (GST free) Service includes:
1. 240 litre waste bin collected weekly;
2. 240 litre yellow lidded recycling bin collected fortnightly

b. Commercial Premises:
Commercial service (annual charge) $600.00 (GST free) Service includes:
1. 3 x 240 litre waste bin collected weekly;
2. 3 x 240 yellow lidded recycle bins collected fortnightly

c Refuse Site Levy
For access to the waste management sites
a Refuse site levy – GRV & UV $75.00
b Refuse site levy – GRV vacant land - $40.00

Notes all additional bin service is as per the first service cost and will include GST.

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

Recommendation 5

2026/2027 Elected Members Entitlements

Adopts, in accordance with Sections 5.98, 5.98A and 5.99A the following in relation to Elected Members Entitlements:

a *In accordance with Section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 30 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, adopts the following sitting fees for payment of council member's individual meeting attendance fees –*

i	*Council meetings – Shire President*	*$200.00*
ii	*Council meetings – Council member other than the Shire President*	*$150.00*
iii	*Committee meetings – All council members*	*$65.00*
iv	*Prescribed meetings – All council members*	*$65.00*
v	*Committee Meetings – Full Day - All council Members*	*$130.00*

b *In accordance with Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, adopts the annual local government allowance of $9,000.00 to be paid to the Shire President in addition to the individual meeting attendance fees.*

c *In accordance with Section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 33A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, adopts the annual local government* *allowance of $1,500.00 to be paid to the Deputy Shire President in addition to the individual meeting attendance fees.*

d *In accordance with Section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopts an annual Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Allowance of $526.00 for each council member.*

e *In accordance with Section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 32 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts a childcare / child minding reimbursement of the actual cost per hour or $35.00 per hour, whichever is the lesser, for council members requiring childcare / child minding services whilst undertaking their role as a council member.*

Simple Majority Required

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-09**
Moved	**Cr Gaull**
Second	**Cr Miller**

That Council,

<u>2026/2027 Elected Members Entitlements</u>

Adopts, in accordance with Sections 5.98, 5.98A and 5.99A the following in relation to Elected Members Entitlements:

a In accordance with Section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 30 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, adopts the following sitting fees for payment of council member's individual meeting attendance fees –

i	**Council meetings – Shire President**	**$200.00**
ii	**Council meetings – Council member other than the Shire President**	**$150.00**
iii	**Committee meetings – All council members**	**$65.00**
iv	**Prescribed meetings – All council members**	**$65.00**
v	**Committee Meetings – Full Day - All council Members**	**$130.00**

b In accordance with Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, adopts the annual local government allowance of $9,000.00 to be paid to the Shire President in addition to the individual meeting attendance fees.

c In accordance with Section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 33A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, adopts the annual local government allowance of $1,500.00 to be paid to the Deputy Shire President in addition to the individual meeting attendance fees.

d In accordance with Section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopts an annual Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Allowance of $526.00 for each council member.

e In accordance with Section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995, and Regulation 32 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts a childcare / child

minding reimbursement of the actual cost per hour or $35.00 per hour, whichever is the lesser, for council members requiring childcare / child minding services whilst undertaking their role as a council member.

Carried 7/0
For **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against **Nil**

Recommendation 6:

LEVELS OF MATERIALITY 2026/2027

Adopts in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts the level to be used in reporting material variances in the Statement of Financial Activity as 10% or $10,000.00, whichever is the greater.

Simple Majority Required

Council Decision

Resolution **OCM-190826-10**
Moved **Cr Mearns**
Second **Cr Allan**

That Council,

LEVELS OF MATERIALITY 2026/2027

Adopts in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts the level to be used in reporting material variances in the Statement of Financial Activity as 10% or $10,000.00, whichever is the greater.

Carried 7/0
For **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against **Nil**

13.4 Policy Review – Council Policies 5.1-10.3.6

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Whole Shire
Name of Applicant	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	Policy Manual
Author/s	David Burton - Chief Executive Officer Erika Clement – Deputy Chief Executive Officer Lara Marchei – Governance Officer
Interest Disclosures	The author/s have no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in this item.
Report Written Date	13 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.4.1** – Revised Council Policies 5.1-10.3.6

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council to amend the current Council Policies – Section 5.1, Employee Housing through Section 10.3.6, Fencing of Light Industrial Lots, so that it reflects current practice.

Background

Shire Officers have commenced the review of the policies to be presented to the Council. The review will identify to revoke, review or endorse work procedures due to their administrative functions.

The Council Policies – Section 5.1, Employee Housing through Section 10.3.6, Fencing of Light Industrial Lots have been endorsed since 2022 in its entirety and had individual reviews of certain policies during this time.

Comments

Shire Officers have reviewed and updated the changes to Council Policies 5.1 to 10.3.6 as contained in **Attachment 13.4.1.**

The changes are noted in BLUE for additional wording and the deletions are noted with ~~STRIKE OUT~~ in RED.

Statutory Environment

Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995, states:

2.7. Role of council

(1) The council —

(a) governs the local government's affairs; and

(b) is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —

(a) oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and

(b) determine the local government's policies.

Furthermore, section 5.41 of the *Local Government Act 1995* notes that one of the CEO's functions is to ensure that advice and information is available to Council so that informed decisions can be made.

Policy Implications

The policy will provide guidance for Council members and Administration when dealing with matters of governance.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this item.

Strategic Implications

GOAL - Governance
Objective: 10 Our organisation is well positioned and has capacity for the future.
Strategy: 10.1 Attract, train, develop and retain a skilled and effective workforce.

Objective: 11. We are proactive about collaboration and forward planning our future success
Strategy: 11.3 Ensure integrated planning documents remain current via regular reviews

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Original Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the revised Council Policies 5.1 – 10.3.6. with the relevant changes noted and contained in Attachment 13.4.1.

Council Decision

Resolution **OCM-190826-11**
Moved **Cr Miller**
Second **Cr Gaull**

That Council adopts the revised Council Policies 5.1 – 10.3.6. with the relevant changes noted and contained in Attachment 13.4.1. with the retention of surplus funds from the saleyards to the reserve account.

Carried 7/0
For **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against **Nil**

Council wanted to retain any surplus funds from the saleyard operations to be held in reserve for any improvements and maintenance.

13.5 Confirmation of Deputy of Presiding Member - ARIC

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Whole Shire
Name of Applicant	Shire of Wickepin
File Reference	CR.MEE.202
Author	David Burton, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	-
Report Written Date	10 August 2026
Attachments	-

Summary

For Council to confirm the appointment to the position of Deputy of Presiding Member – Independent for the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee for compliance.

Background

At the recent WALGA training for Audit Risk and Improvement Members, discussion took place over the wording of the position of Deputy of Presiding Member – Independent and the clash with the position of Deputy Independent Chair. These positions are appointed under different sections of the Local Government Act 1995, and if not done correctly, the Shire is non-compliant with the requirements for the ARIC.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 20th October 2025, Ms Tina Astbury was appointed to the position of Deputy Independent Chair. To clarify for compliance, this position should have been Deputy of Presiding Member – Independent.

Resolution OCM-201025-07

Moved Cr J Mearns
Second Cr T Miller

2. That Council appoint the following members to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

- ***Independent Chair Shelly Starr & Deputy Independent Chair Tina Astbury***
- ***All Councillors***

Carried 7/0
For Cr J Russell, Cr F Allan, Cr J Mearns, Cr W Astbury, Cr T Miller, Cr L Corke, Cr D Gaull
Against Nil

Comments

While the wording does seem similar, the way the position is appointed as per the Local Government Act 1995 is different as the titles refer to different sections. At the time of appointing Ms Astbury, the position was always to be the Independent Chair should the original Presiding Member not be available; if they were available, then this position would not be required for the meeting. The correct term for this position is Deputy of the Presiding Member – Independent.

To ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1995, it is requested that Council confirm the correct terminology of the appointment.

As per Section 5.11A, The Shire of Wickepin will appoint Ms Tina Astbury as the Deputy of the Presiding Member – Independent of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.11A

(1) The local government may appoint* a person to be a deputy of a member of a committee and may terminate such an appointment* at any time.

* Absolute majority required.

(2) person who is appointed as a deputy of a member of a committee is to be —

(a) if the member of the committee is a council member — a council member;

(b) or if the member of the committee is an employee — an employee;

(c) or if the member of the committee is not a council member or an employee — a person who is not a council member or an employee; or

(d) if the member of the committee is a person appointed under section 5.10(5) — a person nominated by the CEO.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

The confirmation of the position will not have financial impacts to the Shire.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Shire of Wickepin confirms the appointment of Ms Tina Astbury to the position of Deputy of Presiding Members – Independent, of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as per section 5.11A of the Local Government Act 1995.

Council Decision

Resolution **OCM-190826-12**
Moved **Cr Gaull**
Second **Cr Astbury**

That the Shire of Wickepin confirms the appointment of Ms Tina Astbury to the position of Deputy of Presiding Members – Independent, of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as per section 5.11A of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried 7/0

For **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**

Against **Nil**

13.6 Extension of Refuse Collection Contract

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Whole Shire
Name of Applicant	Shire of Wickepin
File Reference	LD.SA.3
Author	David Burton, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	
Report Written Date	11 August 2026
Attachments	Nil

Summary

For Council to consider the extension of the Refuse Collection Contract with Great Southern Waste for an additional 5 years as per the current agreement

Background

In September 2021, the Shire of Wickepin entered into an agreement with Great Southern Waste for the Refuse Collection Services for a contract period of 5 years.

At the time of the tender, Great Southern Waste was the only respondent to the tender requirements.

The agreement with Great Southern Waste was for a 5-year contract expiring in August 2026 and a possible extension of the contract for a further 5 years. To formalise the extension of the contract, the item is being brought to Council.

Comments

The original refuse collection tender was as per Tender 07-2021/22 Refuse Collection. This tender was to provide rubbish services to all the towns in the Shire of Wickepin and also a recycling service.

The Shire is the owner of the standard household bins, but the contractor is the owner of any bulk bins used (meaning a change of contractor would require new bulk bins).

Over the last five years of services from Great Southern, the Shire is not aware of any major issues with regard to the removal of the waste.

As tenders are time-consuming and heavy on administration resources, the extension of the current contract would be easier for the administration. Given that the current services meet our requirements, this may be easier than going through the tender process.

In general discussion with Great southern Waste, they would be happy to continue with the extension of the current contract.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The agreement would continue as per normal with annual adjustments. The financial implications would be as per the original agreement.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to extend the current Refuse Collection Service for a further 5 years as per the original tender.

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-13**
Moved	**Cr Mearns**
Second	**Cr Astbury**

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to extend the current Refuse Collection Service for a further 5 years as per the original tender.

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

13.7 Request to Keep Bees in the Town Site

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	34 Roberts Street, Yealering
Name of Applicant	Martin Stone
File Reference	A2512
Author	Kylie Bozanich – Customer service Officer
Approved By	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	
Report Written Date	13 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.7.1 –** Request Letter from Martin Stone and Certificate

Summary

For the council to consider Bee Hives to be kept on a premises in Yealering

Background

The Shire has received a letter from Mr Martin Stone requesting permission to keep bee hives on his property at 34 Roberts Street, Yealering. He is willing to abide by the following conditions:

1. Located minimum of 5 metres from all property boundaries
2. Ensure adequate water supply
3. Hives managed responsibly
4. Full compliance with Shires local laws

The administration is aware that bees are being kept within the Wickepin town site.

Comments

The staff are aware that other properties keep bees within the Shire of Wickepin. It is recommended that if approval is granted, it is done on the basis that no complaints are received, or the approval will be revoked.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the CEO be authorised to approve the keeping of bees at 34 Roberts Street, Yealering on the proviso that no complaints are received.

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-14**
Moved	**Cr Mearns**
Second	**Cr Astbury**

That the CEO be authorised to approve the keeping of bees at 34 Roberts Street, Yealering on the proviso that no complaints are received.

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

13.8 Review of LEMC Information

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Shire of Wickepin
Name of Applicant	
File Reference	ES.MEE.905
Author	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	
Report Written Date	13 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.8.1 –** LEMC Contact List **Attachment 13.8.2 –** Local Contacts List **Attachment 13.8.3 –** Emergency Evacuation Plan **Attachment 13.8.4 –** Recovery Plan 2026

Summary

The LEMC Committee is being requested to accept the revised documents listed below:

1. LEMC Contact Details 2026 – Refer **Attachment 13.8.1**
2. Shire of Wickepin Local Contact and Resource Register – Refer **Attachment 13.8.2**
3. Emergency Evacuation Plan – Refer **Attachment 13.8.3**
4. Recovery Plan 2026 - Refer **Attachment 13.8.4**

Background

The Chief Executive Officer has updated all documents as of 10 July 2026 or is providing the documents for review by the Committee.

Comments

The Chief Executive Officer is satisfied with all the updated/amended documents and contacted all members listed within the Local Contacts and Resource Register, requesting any changes.

The Local Emergency Management Arrangement is currently being finalised but needs to be updated with information from the Emergency Evacuation Plan and Recovery Plan.

Statutory Environment

- Emergency Management Act 2005
- Bush Fires Act 1954.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

GOAL - Community

9. Our communities are engaged, have a healthy lifestyle and are safe.
9.8 Emergency service planning is coordinated and articulated.
9.9 Recruiting volunteers is a partnership approach between the Shire and emergency services.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer/Committee Recommendation

That Council accept all revised documents and endorse the following –

1. *Emergency Evacuation Plan*
2. *Local Contact and Resource Register*
3. *Emergency Evacuation Plan 2026*
4. *Recovery Plan 2026*

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-15**
Moved	**Cr Gaull**
Second	**Cr Corke**

That Council accept all revised documents and endorse the following –

1. **Emergency Evacuation Plan**
2. **Local Contact and Resource Register**
3. **Emergency Evacuation Plan 2026**
4. **Recovery Plan 2026**

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

13.9 Review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Shire of Wickepin
Name of Applicant	
File Reference	ES.MEE.905
Author	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	
Report Written Date	13 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.9.1 –** Local Emergency Management Arrangement 2026

Summary

The LEMC Committee is being requested to accept the revised documents listed below:
1. Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2026 (if available) – Refer **Attachment 13.9.1**

Background

The Shire of Wickepin received AWARE Grant funding for the documentation for the LEMC, including the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) documentation.

This documentation has now been finalised

Comments

The documentation for the LEMA has been prepared for the Shire of Wickepin LEMC as a formal document for the consideration and management of emergencies in the area. This document will be used as the basis of the LEMC Meetings and assistance for future events.

Once the LEMA has been adopted by the LEMC, it will be adopted by the Shire of Wickepin Council, then forwarded to the District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC), then State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).

The LEMA carries information for:

Emergency Agencies for the area
Possible Risks for the area
Actions required in the event of an emergency
Contact information for various Agencies
Details of the Shire's evacuation Centre

The Chief Executive Officer is satisfied with all the updated/amended documents and is requesting any changes or confirmation of the report.

Statutory Environment

- Emergency Management Act 2005
- Bush Fires Act 1954.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

GOAL - Community

9. Our communities are engaged, have a healthy lifestyle and are safe.
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9.9 Recruiting volunteers is a partnership approach between the Shire and emergency services.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the Local Emergency Management Arrangements for the Shire of Wickepin.

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-16**
Moved	**Cr Corke**
Second	**Cr Gaull**

That Council adopts the Local Emergency Management Arrangements for the Shire of Wickepin.

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

13.10 LEMC Dates 2026/2027

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Shire of Wickepin
Name of Applicant	
File Reference	ES.MEE.905
Author	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	
Report Written Date	13 August 2026
Attachments	Nil

Summary

For the council to consider meeting dates for the 2026/27 Financial Year for the LEMC Meetings.

Background

The LEMC should meet on a regular basis, with the possibility of 4 meetings a year. This is to ensure that all members are current and the details of Emergency Arrangements in the Shire of Wickepin are kept up to date.

Comments

The July Meeting is earlier than normal, so the Shire can finalise the LEMA document and finalise the requirements of the grant funding received for the documentation.

The initial meeting for the start of the financial year was previously conducted in September to allow for the budget adoption and reduce the administrative impact on staff at this time of the year. As the meeting is held in July, the September meeting will be withheld, and the schedule will return to normal in future years.

It is recommended that the Schedule of meetings be held as follows:

Meeting 1: September (Held in July)
Meeting 2: 3rd December 2026
Meeting 3: 4th March 2027
Meeting 4: 3rd June 2027

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting dates be set for:

Meeting 2: 3rd December 2026
Meeting 3: 4th March 2027
Meeting 4 : 3rd June 2027

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-17**
Moved	**Cr Miller**
Second	**Cr Mearns**

That the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting dates be set for:

Meeting 2: 3rd December 2026
Meeting 3: 4th March 2027
Meeting 4 : 3rd June 2027

Carried 7/0

For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

13.11 Wickepin Town Hall Air Conditioning

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	Wickepin Town Hall
Name of Applicant	Shire of Wickepin
File Reference	CP.MAI.532
Author	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Disclosures	
Report Written Date	12 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.11.1 –** Air Response Quote **Attachment 13.11.2 –** Duffy Electrics Quote

Summary

For the council to consider the installation of air conditioning at the Wickepin Town Hall

Background

At the May Ordinary Meeting of Council, a member motion was adopted by Council for the following:

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-200526-14**
Moved	**Cr Gaull**
Second	**Cr Miller**

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the installation of air conditioning in the Wickepin Town Hall, including:

1. **The feasibility of installation, including any structural or electrical requirements;**
2. **Options available (e.g. split systems, ducted systems, or other suitable alternatives);**
3. **Estimated capital and ongoing operational costs; and**
4. **Potential funding sources and budget implications.**

Further, that a report be presented to Council for consideration.

Carried	**3/3**
For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke**

As the vote was tied, the Presiding Member used their casting vote.

Carried	**4/3**
For	**Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr D Gaull, Casting Vote**
Against	**Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke**

Comments

In consideration of the installation of air-conditioning for the Town Hall in Wickepin, several factors need to be considered as part of the proposal.

a) Is the installation of air-conditioning at the hall possible?

b) The Hall receives minimal use as most functions are held in the Community Centre (more modern, air-conditioned and better facilities)

c) Will the air conditioning increase the use of the facility?

d) What will be the increase in cost for use with air-conditioning?

e) What are the options for air conditioning?

f) What is the cost of the installation and ongoing costs?

g) Can the Shire get funding assistance with the costs?

Is it possible to install air-conditioning?

Information from Air Response indicates that the installation of air-conditioners at the Wickepin Town Hall is possible, and they have recommended the installation of 5 units.

They have also noted that the current power supply to the hall is insufficient and the main power boards would have to be upgraded to accommodate the extra power use of the air-conditioners. This would increase the cost of the installation.

Staff have not followed up with Western Power to ascertain if the additional power is available in the area at this time, as Western Power usually requires payment for this advice and additional time.

Current use of the facility

The main concern with the use was at the Primary School end-of-year function, which is held in December. Although doors were opened in the facility and large industrial fans were used to circulate the air, it was still very warm and uncomfortable inside the facility.

The Hall is used as per the attached table, which is extracted from the use for the financial year 2025/26 as an estimate.

Hall Bookings	**Usage**	**Fees paid**
Dance Group	40 days of 2 hour hire	Fees Waived
Art Narrogin	1 booking	Fees Waived
Wickepin Winter Weekend	1 weekend hire	Fees Waived
Facey Group	1 day hire (Community Centre unavailable)	$100.00
Wickepin Health Centre	1 day hire	Fees Waived
Wickepin Primary School	End of year function	Fees Waived
Wickepin History Group	2 bookings	$36.36
Total takings for hall		$136.36

Will air conditioning increase the use of the facility?

For most larger functions, the Community Centre is used as it is more modern and has better facilities. Regional Road Group Meetings and larger meetings of the Shire are usually conducted at the Community Centre as well.

Installing the air-conditioning units may increase the use of the Town Hall, but would this be an increase in facility use overall, or would it simply relocate users from other Shire facilities into the Town Hall. Being that growth is a major consideration for Wickepin and increased housing, the need for an extra facility with air conditioning may assist in catering for various groups.

If air conditioning is installed, it may be possible to use the hall as a town gymnasium, increasing the use of the facility. Memberships for the gymnasium may assist in recovering some of the operational costs of the hall.

Will air conditioning increase the cost of the facility?

The installation of air conditioners in the Hall would be impacted by how they are used. During warmer months, the use of air conditioners to cool the facility would extend beyond the use as the facility would need time to 'cool to an acceptable level'. Heating in the wintertime would also increase the cost of the facility, as people are more used to artificial environments, rather than relying on current weather conditions.

The use of the air conditioner would certainly increase the cost of using the facility pending on how long it is used to prepare the facility before the actual event.

It also needs to be considered that for several events, the hall use hire fee is waived, and the Shire receives no funding for the use of the hall. The installation of air conditioners would increase the cost to the Shire, but there would be no corresponding increase in revenue. The installation of the units may also lead to an increase in the hire charges, which may deter use as well.

Possible options for the facility?

The staff did consider possible alternatives, including using moisture fans, but concern was raised that the increased humidity inside the building may damage the photographs and artifacts on display. Therefore, this option was ruled out.

For ducted air conditioning, it would require a large system needing 3-phase power. Ducting would have to be done through a large pipe through the facility.

Multiple split systems was seen as the best option.

Cost of the installation.

An indicative quote has been received from Air Response for a recommended 5 units at a cost of around $31,000.00. As indicated in the quote, this does not include a power upgrade that they have recommended.

A second quote was received from Duffy Electrical, which included the power upgrade requirements, and this came in at $36,476.00

The Shire has not confirmed with Western Power if the additional power supply is in the lines of that area, as this process does take several months, but may be a consideration. If an extra transformer is required for power supply, the costs would have to be determined.

Operational costs for each event are difficult to calculate as it would depend on the use and any preheating or pre-cooling. This may require the air conditioners to run for 2-3 hours before the event.

The installation costs and operating costs are shown in the table below:

Installation of air conditioning				
Cost of Air Con units	5 units	$30,932.00		
Power upgrade to hall				
Total cost of installation		$30,932.00		
Not including Western Power upgrade if required				
Operating costs				
The unit quoted uses approximately 4kw	kw/5 units	.30c/pkw/hr	$6.00	per hour of operation
Annual Cleaning fee	$120 per unit		$600.00	
Units have a 7 year warranty - annual amortisation for replacement			$4,418.86	

Installation of air conditioning				
Cost of Air Con units	6 Units	$36,476.00		
Power upgrade to hall				
total cost of installation		$36,476.00		
Advice from Western Power, Main Board does not need to be upgraded.				
Operating costs				
The unit quotes uses approximately 4kw (est)	kw/5 units	.30c/pkw	$6.00	per hour of operation
Annual Cleaning fee	$120 per unit		$600.00	
Amortisation over 7 years			$5,210.86	

Funding to assist with installation

The Shire recently received funding from Lotterywest for upgrades to the Yealering Hall, including the installation of air conditioners. It may be possible to apply for similar funding for the Wickepin Town Hall and have 50% (as a base) of the costs funded, reducing the financial impact to $18,238

Conclusion

The installation of air conditioning in the Hall would be a benefit for the events that are held there but given the limited use and the fact that most events have the fees waived, this would be increasing the costs for the Shire for the operation of the Town Hall, which for the 2025-26 financial year was approximately $21,000. Any increase in costs for the Ratepayers may be deemed unwarranted, given that other facilities are available.

As the Shire is currently working on expanding the townsite and increasing our population, it may be warranted in future years, as a larger community may have more need of the extra facility and the use of the Hall could increase substantially.

As per the current Corporate Business Plan, the Shire does have considerable expenses over the next 4-5 years to meet the expectations of the Plan. As the cost of the installation has not been included as a project and the installation would increase costs of running the Town Hall, any savings should be considered while we are looking at larger projects.

It is recommended that Council not proceed with the installation of the air conditioners at this time, but may reconsider the purchase of the air conditioners in the next or future Corporate Business Plans when the requirements for use of the Town Hall change.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This item does not have any charge, however if the Shire proceeds with the installation of the air conditioner units, funds will need to be allocated.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Member Motion
Cr Gaull motioned that item 13.11 be laid on the table until September meeting for a 3rd quote

OCM-190826-18

Move Cr Gaull
Second Cr Mearns

Lost 2/5
For **Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke**

Officer Recommendation

That the Shire does not install air conditioning in the Wickepin Town Hall at the current time but re-examines the options in future planning if the need arises.

Council Decision

Resolution **OCM-190826-19**
Moved **Cr Astbury**
Second **Cr Allan**

That the Shire does not install air conditioning in the Wickepin Town Hall at the current time but re-examines the options in future planning if the need arises.

Carried 5/2
For **Cr J Russell, Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr W Astbury, Cr L Corke,**
Against **Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**

4.28pm

Cr Russell, Cr Astbury, Cr Corke declared interest in the next item and left the chambers.

Cr Miller assumed the Chair for the item.

13.12 Application for Development Approval CBH

Submission to	Ordinary Council Meeting
Location / Address	-
Name of Applicant	-
File Reference	A6346
Author	Kiralee Harris
Interest Disclosures	-
Report Written Date	5 August 2026
Attachments	**Attachment 13.12.1 –** Development Application Submission for CBH

Summary

Council is requested to consider an Application for Development Approval submitted by Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited (CBH) for three additional open grain storage bulkheads and associated infrastructure at its existing grain receival and storage facility on Lot 55 Bin Road, Wickepin.

The proposal is considered consistent with the General Agriculture zone and the relevant planning framework. It is recommended that Council conditionally approve the application, accompanied with advice notes.

Background

The subject property is Lot 55 on Deposited Plan 412971, Bin Road, Wickepin owned by CBH, and currently is an established grain receival, handling and storage facility.
The applications propose three additional open storage bulkheads, identified as TBH08, TBH09 and TBH10 as referred to in the attachment, together with associated Drive Over Grids (DOGs), grain handling equipment and drainage infrastructure. As referred to the cover letter, applicant outlines, the reason and intent to accommodate, for oversupply, if in case and predation for upcoming harvest, seasonal.
The applicant advises that the additional storage is required following increased grain production and the record 2025/26 harvest. The additional capacity will allow a greater volume of grain received at Wickepin to remain onsite during harvest rather than requiring transfer to alternative storage facilities. The subject land is zoned General Agriculture under the Shire of Wickepin Local Planning Scheme No. 4.

Comments

The proposal is considered an Industry – Rural use, which is a 'D' use within the General Agriculture zone and may be approved at the discretion of Council. The proposal represents an expansion of the established CBH grain receival, handling and storage facility and is considered consistent with the objectives of the General Agriculture zone.

Clause 4.19 of the Scheme requires consideration of services, roads and potential environmental impacts. The applicant advises that the additional storage will allow more grain to remain onsite during harvest and reduce the need for Harvest Essential Moves during peak periods. The proposal will utilise the existing access and internal vehicle circulation arrangements, with no new external access proposed. A significant increase in traffic movements on the surrounding road network is therefore not anticipated.

Clause 4.11.5 requires storage facilities and other open areas to be sealed, paved or landscaped to the satisfaction of the Shire and maintained in good condition. A condition is recommended requiring the proposed bulkhead areas to be constructed in accordance with the surface treatment shown on the approved plans and thereafter maintained in good condition.

Stormwater runoff from the proposed bulkheads is proposed to be directed through pipes and drains to onsite drainage basins. While the overall drainage approach has been identified, some components remain subject to detailed design. Conditions are recommended requiring final drainage details to be approved by the Shire and the drainage infrastructure to be installed prior to use of the bulkheads.

The proposed bulkheads are located within the established CBH facility and more than 200 metres from the nearest residence. Given the separation from nearby residences and the existing use of the site, significant amenity impacts are not anticipated. A condition is nevertheless recommended to address potential dust, noise, odour and other emissions.

The proposal has been considered against State Planning Policy 2.5 – Rural Planning and is considered consistent with the relevant provisions. State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas is not applicable to the development proposed.

The application does not require mandatory advertising as Industry – Rural is a ‘D’ use. Given the proposal is an expansion of an established facility, is located more than 200 metres from the nearest residence and does not propose a new external access, public advertising is not considered necessary.

Overall, the proposal is considered consistent with the General Agriculture zone and relevant planning requirements. The matters relating to surface treatment, stormwater and amenity can be appropriately addressed through conditions of approval. Approval is therefore recommended subject to conditions and advice notes.

Statutory Environment

- Planning and Development Act 2005
- Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 - Schedule 2
- Shire of Wickepin Local Planning Scheme No. 4

Policy Implications

- State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural Planning
- State Planning Policy 3.7 - Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (not applicable)

Financial Implications

Application fees have been paid in accordance with the Shire’s Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That with respect to the Development Application for three additional open storage bulkheads (TBH08, TBH09 and TBH10) and associated infrastructure at the existing grain handling and storage facility at Lot 55 on Deposited Plan 412971, Bin Road, Wickepin, Council:

1. Determine that the proposed use ‘Industry - Rural’ is consistent with the objectives of the General Agriculture zone in accordance with Clause 3.4.2 of the Shire of Wickepin Local Planning Scheme No. 4; and
2. Grant Development Approval for the three additional open storage bulkheads (TBH08, TBH09 and TBH10) and associated infrastructure, subject to the following conditions and advice notes.

Conditions of approval
1. The development shall be undertaken in a manner consistent with the information and plans submitted in support of the application unless otherwise approved by the Shire of Wickepin.
2. The open bulkhead storage areas shall incorporate the sealed surface treatment shown on the approved plans and thereafter be maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Shire of Wickepin.
3. The use herby permitted shall not cause injury to or prejudicially affect the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of smoke, dust, fumes, odour, noise, vibration, waste product or otherwise.
4. Vehicle access, manoeuvring and loading/unloading areas associated with the proposed bulkheads shall be constructed and maintained to a standard satisfactory to the Shire of Wickepin.
5. Any outside lighting to comply with Australian Standard AS4282-1997 for the control of obstructive effects of outdoor lighting and not spill into any adjacent residential premises.
6. Prior to commencement of development, final details of the proposed stormwater drainage system shall be submitted to and approved by the Shire of Wickepin, including the location, dimensions and capacity of the proposed drainage basins and associated pipes and drains.
7. All stormwater generated by the development shall be retained and managed onsite in accordance with the approved stormwater drainage details, with the required drainage infrastructure installed prior to use of the proposed bulkheads and thereafter maintained in good working order.
8. Appropriate dust management measures shall be implemented during construction and operation of the development to minimise dust leaving the site.

ADVICE NOTES
1. The applicant is advised that construction work should be undertaken between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm Monday to Saturday, with no construction work on Sundays or public holidays, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. Construction work outside these hours requires approval under the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.
2. The development shall be substantially commenced within two (2) years from the date of this approval. If the development is not substantially commenced within this period, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect.
3. This is a development approval only and is not a building permit or an approval to commence or carry out development under any other law. It is the responsibility of the applicant/landowner to obtain any other necessary approvals, consents, permits and licences required under any other law and to carry out the development in accordance with all relevant laws.
4. Noise generated by activities associated with the development, including machinery and vehicles, is required to comply with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.

If the applicant/landowner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with Part 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2005. An application for review must be lodged within 28 days of the determination.

Council Decision

Resolution	**OCM-190826-20**
Moved	**Cr Gaull**
Second	**Cr Allan**

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Carried	**4/0**
For	**Cr T Miller, Cr F Allan, Cr J Mearns, Cr D Gaull**
Against	**Nil**

4.31pm Cr Russell, Cr Astbury, Cr Corke returned to chambers.
Cr Russell resumed the Chair.

14 Confidential Reports and Information

15 Urgent Business

16 Closure

With no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.32pm.

9.1.1
Minutes of the Central Country Zone Meeting held Friday 14 August 2026

WALGA

Central Country Zone Minutes Friday, 14 August

Hosted by the Shire of Kulin
Freebairn Recreation Centre, Kulin-Lake Grace Road, Kulin

Strategic Priorities Workshop commencing at 9:30am

Zone meeting commencing at 11:30am

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

The full State Council Agenda can be found on the WALGA website.

1. OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1. OPENING

The Chair, Cr Des Hickey opened the meeting at 11:25am.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	**2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council**
Shire of Beverley	President Cr Dee Ridgway Mr Simon Marshall, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Brookton	Cr Gary Crouch Cr Lachlan McCabbe Mr Gary Sherry, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Corrigin	President Cr Sharon Jacobs Cr Des Hickey (Chair) Ms Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Cuballing	President Cr Adrian Kowald Deputy President Cr Rob Harris
Shire of Dumbleyung	President Cr Amy Knight Ms Anika Serer, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting Cr Ben Stangoni (observer)
Shire of Kulin	Cr Robbie Bowey President Cr Grant Robbins, non-voting Mr Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Lake Grace	President Cr Len Armstrong Mr Alan George, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Narrogin	President Leigh Ballard Cr Clive Bartron Mr Andrew Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Pingelly	Mr Andrew Dover, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Quairading	President Cr Trevor Stacey Deputy President Cr Jo Hayes Mr Nic Warren, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Wagin	Deputy President Cr Bryan Kilpatrick Dr Kenneth Parker, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wandering	Deputy President Cr Alan Price Cr Peter Latham Dr Alistair Pinto, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of West Arthur	President Cr Karen Harrington Deputy President Cr Duncan South Mr Mark Hook, Acting Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Wickepin	Cr Lindsey Corke, non-voting Mr David Burton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Williams	Cr Heidi Cowcher

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Forestry; Small Business; Mid West *(attended electronically from 12:00pm – 12:20pm)*

GUESTS

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Dr Mia Carbon, Incident Controller – Avian Flu *(attended electronically from 12:00pm – 12:20pm)*
Main Roads WA	Ms Vicky Eckersley, Customer Service Manager
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Ms Renee Manning, Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms Emma Everett, Local Content Adviser
WALGA RoadWise	Mr Rodney Thornton, Regional Road Safety Advisor Ms Essie Ware, Senior Coordinator Road Safety

WALGA

Ms Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance
Ms Sammy Bevan, Member Services Executive Administrator
Ms Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste *(attended electronically from 12:00pm – 12:20pm)*

1.3. APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Beverley	Deputy President Cr Alan Sattler Mr Stephen Gollan, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Brookton	President Cr Rod Wallis
Shire of Cuballing	Mr Chris Paget, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dumbleyung	Deputy President Cr David Head
Shire of Kulin	Deputy President Cr Brad Smoker Mr Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Lake Grace	Deputy President Cr Stephen Hunt
Shire of Pingelly	President Cr Jackie McBurney Deputy President Cr Peter Wood
Shire of Wagin	President Cr Phillip Blight Cr Jason Reed
Shire of Wandering	President Cr Sheryl Little
Shire of Wickepin	President Cr Julie Russell Deputy President Cr Tyron Miller
Shire of Williams	President Cr Jarrad Logie Mr Peter Stubbs, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

GUESTS

Main Roads	Mohammad Siddiqui, Director Wheatbelt Region
Regional Development Australia WA	Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development
CBH Group	Ms Kellie Todman, Manager – Government & Industry Relations

Apologies were received from the following Members of Parliament:

Mr Lachlan Hunter, MP
Hon Parwinder Kaur
Hon Amanda Dorn
Hon Anthony Spagnolo
Hon Jackie Jarvis
Hon Sophie McNeill
Hon Nick Goiran
Hon Rob Horstman
Hon Steve Martin

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. HOST COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Shire of Kulin President, Cr Grant Robbins, welcomed Delegates and guests and provided a presentation on the Shire.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

Minister Jarvis will join the meeting from 12:00pm to present on the H5 Bird Flu outbreak.

5.1. SPEAKERS FOR THE NOVEMBER ZONE MEETING

5.1.1. LUMEN WHEATBELT REGIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDY HUB

At the June meeting, it was resolved to support a presentation to the Zone from the Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Hub. Hannah Crute, Project and Communications Officer will attend from Lumen to provide an update on the Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Study Hubs and the work they are doing with the region.

Noted

5.1.2. WESTERN POWER

Ms Lidia Rea, Senior Stakeholder and Major Customer Relationship Specialist from Western Power recently contacted the Shire of Kulin to request to present at the November Zone meeting. The presentation will focus on Pole Top Fires, the reason these occur, how they impact the network and community and the current and emerging mitigation strategies.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Robbie Bowey**
Seconded: **Cr Bryan Kilpatrick**

That the Central Country Zone SUPPORTS the proposal from Western Power to speak at the November Zone meeting.

CARRIED

5.2. SPEAKERS FOR 2027 ZONE MEETINGS

5.2.1. DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, TOURISM AND SPORT (CITS)

The Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) is responsible for supporting and growing Western Australia's creative industries, tourism, sport and active recreation sectors. The Department works in partnership with government, industry and community stakeholders to deliver social, cultural and economic benefits across the State. CITS is interested in engaging further with Local Governments through the Zones.

For those Zones that are interested, the presentation will provide an overview of CITS, including its responsibilities, strategic priorities and key areas of focus. The session will explore the Department's role in supporting communities across Western Australia and highlight opportunities for engagement and collaboration between CITS and Local Governments. The presentation will conclude with a question-and-answer session, providing Zone members with the opportunity to discuss matters of interest relevant to their communities and regions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Central Country Zone SUPPORTS a presentation from the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) at a future Zone meeting

RESOLUTION

Moved: **President Cr Dee Ridgway**
Seconded: **President Cr Karen Harrington**

That the Central Country Zone SUPPORTS a presentation from the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) at a future Zone meeting, with the Zone providing questions prior to the meeting.

CARRIED

6. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil.

7. AGENCY REPORTS

7.1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY REGULATIONS AND SAFETY

An update report from the Local Government Division of the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulations and Safety was attached to the Agenda.

Noted

7.2. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Ms Renee Manning, Chief Executive Officer and Ms Emma Everett, Local Content Adviser

Ms Manning and Ms Everett provided a verbal update to the Zone on current projects and advocacy that the Wheatbelt Development Commission have been undertaking.

Noted

7.3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT

Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development

Mr Pomykala was an apology for this meeting. A written report was attached to the Agenda.

Noted

7.4. MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Ms Vicky Eckersley, Customer Service Manager

Ms Vicky Eckersley provided a verbal update to the Zone and took questions on notice.

Noted

7.5. HON JACKIE JARVIS MLC

Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food, presented to the Zone electronically from 12:00pm – 12:20pm, providing an update on the current H5 Bird Flu outbreak. The Minister advised next steps and how to report suspected Bird Flu as well as grants currently open for Local Governments.

Noted

8. MINUTES

8.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2026

The Minutes of the Central Country Zone meeting held on 12 June 2026 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Gary Crouch**
Seconded: **President Cr Adrian Kowald**

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

CARRIED

8.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2026

Item Number and Title	Resolution	Action/s
9.1 – Water Corporation – Vegetation Maintenance of Scheme Pipelines and Regional Infrastructure Advocacy	*That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to:* *1. Note concerns relating to vegetation encroachment and apparent lack of maintenance surrounding sections of Water Corporation regional scheme pipeline infrastructure; and* *2. Advocate to the Water Corporation, State Government, Minister for Water and Shadow Minister for Water for improved vegetation management, corridor maintenance and preservation of regional scheme pipeline infrastructure assets servicing rural and regional communities, <u>as a matter of urgency</u>.*	This resolution was referred by State Council to the relevant Advisory Group for further work. An update is provided in the Zone Status Report.
13.1 – Late Item – Major Land Transaction Provisions – Regional Workforce Housing Projects	*That the WALGA Central Country Zone:* *1. Supports advocacy to the Minister for Local Government and to the Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works seeking a review of the Major Land Transaction exemption provisions contained within the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 as they relate to local government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose.* *2. Requests WALGA State Council investigate and advocate for regulatory amendments which recognise workforce housing projects delivered by local governments to support essential services, workforce attraction and workforce retention in regional Western Australia.* *3. Requests WALGA engage with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulations and Safety and relevant State Government agencies to identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers impacting delivery of local government workforce housing projects.*	A letter was sent to the Minister of Local Government on behalf of the Zone. No response has been received to date. A copy of the correspondence was attached to the agenda. Points 2 and 3 of the resolution requesting WALGA to act were referred by State Council to the relevant Advisory Group for further work. An update on these items is provided in the Zone Status Report.

Noted

9. ZONE BUSINESS

9.1. WANDERING LIVESTOCK

By Shire of Wagin

BACKGROUND

From time to time wandering livestock is an issue that can occur in every rural local government. In March 2026, the problem in multiple local governments across the region was raised in the media with concerns raised by the State Member for Roe. The Minister in response stated that the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's stock identification and traceability legislation did not require amendment.

Stock identification and traceability is a related issue but does not deal with the core issue.

Local governments are not looking for greater compliance responsibilities but at the same time the powers provided to local governments are antiquated.

Local governments powers are taken from the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960*.

This Act is a hold-over of the *Local Government Act 1960* and has received scant attention during the local government reform process being last reprinted in 2012.

While the entire Act is outdated, certain sections stand out for their obsolescence to the point of ridiculousness. Section 459 of the Act for example provides a role for the local police constable in the receipt and assessment of animal hides of livestock that have been killed following an impoundment period:

> *"[A] justice may order the destruction of the cattle in such manner as he thinks fit, and*
> *may, if the animal is a horse, mare, filly, foal, gelding, colt, camel, bull, bullock, cow, heifer, steer, calf, ass, or mule, order the production and delivery to a police constable of the hide of the animal and by the order give such direction as to the disposal of the hide as he thinks fit, and an order so made has effect according to its tenor and is not subject to appeal."*

The specific fines and penalties that a local government can impose are set in the Act. This means that it requires an Act of Parliament to amend and have not been updated in two decades.

Section 454 of the Act provides that a person who milks an impounded cow or goat is liable for a minimum penalty of $4. While a pound keeper can be fined a maximum of $40 for not supplying cattle with food.

Leaving aside the peculiarities of the legislation, the issue for local governments is in the disproportionately small penalties associated with wandering livestock.

Under section 484 of the Act the penalty for straying livestock is $200.

This is same penalty as the minimum penalty for not having a dog on a leash (the maximum penalty under the *Dog Act 1976* is $5,000) and is the vicinity of some parking infringements for metropolitan Councils.

The *Victorian Impounding of Livestock Act 1994* provides an example of a more modern regulatory approach. Under the legislation, authorised officers are provided with a structured and escalating enforcement framework. The Act enables councils to issue a notice objecting to trespass where livestock have entered land unlawfully, followed by a formal notice to confine livestock, requiring the owner to take corrective action such as improving fencing or containment. If an owner fails to comply, livestock can be impounded and further enforcement action taken.

Importantly, the Victorian framework also provides for substantially higher and indexed penalties, expressed in penalty units rather than fixed dollar amounts. This ensures that penalties maintain their deterrent value over time and better reflect the seriousness of the risk posed by wandering livestock. For example, offences such as failing to confine livestock or allowing repeated trespass can attract penalties of up to 60 penalty units (currently over $12,000), supported by the ability to issue infringement notices for less serious breaches.

This modern model represents a shift from a purely reactive “impound and recover costs” system to a proactive compliance-based approach, focused on preventing incidents before they occur, improving public safety (particularly on roads), and ensuring that livestock owners take responsibility for adequate containment.

It is proposed that the Zone advocate for a contemporary legislative framework that reflects modern community expectations around safety, accountability and risk management. The current system, grounded in a reactive impounding model, does not provide a proportionate or effective regulatory response to the risks posed by wandering livestock, particularly in relation to road safety and public liability.

A revised framework should adopt graduated and proportionate compliance tools, similar to those found in contemporary regimes such as public health legislation, including the use of improvement notices, compliance orders, infringement notices and scalable penalties.

This approach would allow local governments to intervene early to prevent harm, escalate enforcement where non-compliance persists, and align penalties with the level of risk and impact. Importantly, such a model would move beyond punishment alone and instead support behavioural change, risk mitigation and shared responsibility, ensuring regulation is both effective and fair while meeting modern community standards.

It is also worth noting that successive Western Australian Governments have not been shy about looking to Victoria when local government legislation has needed updating (the Local Government Inspector being a prime example).

The Victorian model for dealing with wandering livestock is well established, practical and already doing the job in a comparable jurisdiction.

Rural local governments know that from time-to-time stock will get out. We're not asking for heavy-handed rules or more State interference, and we certainly don't want to make things harder for responsible landholders. But the reality is, when someone repeatedly lets their stock roam and doesn't fix the problem, Councils lack the tools to deal with it properly.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT
The *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960* residual provisions are severely outdated and not fit for purpose. WALGA has previously recommended the Department of Local Government consider transferring these provisions either into the *Local Government Act 1995* or other relevant legislation. As the principal function is dealing with wandering livestock, this could be addressed through new legislation that is contemporary and flexible, consistent with the Zone's proposed advocacy.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Bryan Kilpatrick**
Seconded: **Cr Clive Bartron**

That the Central Country Zone writes to the Minister for Local Government and Minister for the Wheatbelt calling for a modernisation of the wandering livestock provisions in the *Local Government Act 1960* and points to the *Victorian Impounding of Livestock Act 1994* as potential framework to emulate.

CARRIED

9.2. RATE EXEMPTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PROTECTION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S PRODUCTIVE FARMING LAND

By the Shire of West Arthur

BACKGROUND
Local Governments across regional Western Australia are experiencing a gradual erosion of their rate base resulting from the acquisition of privately owned agricultural land by State Government agencies, Government Trading Enterprises (GTEs), and other public authorities.

In many cases, land that was previously subject to local government rates becomes exempt from rates following acquisition due to its ownership by a government entity. In other cases, freehold agricultural land is converted to Crown land status, resulting in the cessation of local government rating income.

The loss of rateable land directly impacts a local government's ability to maintain infrastructure, provide services and support local communities. This issue is particularly significant for rural local governments where rates are the principal source of own-source revenue and where even relatively small reductions in the rate base can have a disproportionate financial impact. As an example, this year alone the Shire of West Arthur will lose at least $45,633 worth of rates as a result of land purchased by Forest Products Commission, DBCA and Western Power which equates to approximately 2% of Shire rates revenue. Furthermore, there are three properties that are currently rated by the Shire, however, are pending transfer to DBCA.

The issue is becoming increasingly relevant due to the growing acquisition of agricultural land for a range of purposes, including:

- Conservation reserves and environmental protection;
- Carbon farming and tree plantations;
- Environmental offsets;
- Renewable energy projects and associated infrastructure;
- Mining and resources developments;
- Expansion of public infrastructure corridors;
- Urban expansion and industrial development.

Beyond the direct financial impact on local governments, there is growing concern regarding the cumulative loss of productive agricultural land across Western Australia.

Agricultural land is a finite and strategic resource. Western Australia already faces significant challenges associated with:

- A drying climate and reduced rainfall in many agricultural regions;
- Salinity and land degradation;
- Growing domestic and international food security concerns;
- Population growth and increasing demand for food production;
- Geopolitical instability affecting global food supply chains.

The continued conversion of productive agricultural land to alternative uses has potential long-term implications for food production capacity, regional economies and community sustainability.

The Central Country Zone has previously identified the importance of preserving the economic viability of regional communities and advocating for equitable treatment of Local Governments affected by external policy decisions. This issue aligns closely with those objectives.

COMMENT
The Central Country Zone is requested to consider advocating through WALGA for a comprehensive investigation into:

1. The extent of local government rate revenue losses resulting from:
    - Government acquisition of privately owned agricultural land;
    - Conversion of freehold agricultural land to Crown land;
    - Expansion of rate-exempt government-owned land holdings.
2. Mechanisms to compensate local governments for ongoing revenue losses where land is removed from the rate base due to State Government policy or government agency acquisitions.
3. The development of a State Government policy framework to better protect strategically important agricultural land from irreversible conversion to non-agricultural purposes.
4. The cumulative impacts of competing land uses on Western Australia's productive agricultural land base, including:
    - Tree plantations;
    - Renewable energy developments;
    - Environmental offsets;
    - Conservation estates;
    - Mining operations;
    - Industrial development;

- Urban expansion.

5. Options to ensure that Western Australia's future land-use planning framework appropriately balances:
   - Food production;
   - Economic development;
   - Environmental objectives;
   - Energy transition requirements;
   - Regional community sustainability.

The issue affects many rural and regional local governments and has implications for local government financial sustainability, agricultural productivity, food security and regional development.

Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework

Factor	Assessment
Impact on Local Government Sector	High
Reach	Significant - affects many regional and agricultural local governments
Influence	Medium to High
Principles	Strong alignment with financial sustainability, local autonomy and equitable treatment
Clarity	Clear - investigation and policy response sought
Decision-maker Support	Medium
Public Support	Likely High in agricultural communities
Positive Consequences for WALGA	High
Negative Consequences for WALGA if no action	Medium to High
Partnerships	Yes - agricultural, regional development and planning stakeholders

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

This matter aligns with longstanding WALGA Advocacy Positions regarding rating, including the following:

> **2.1.1 Rating Exemptions Review**
> A broad review be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under Section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

2.1.4 Rating Exemptions – Rate Equivalency Payment
Legislation should be amended so rate equivalency payments made by LandCorp and other Government Trading Entities are made to the relevant Local Governments instead of the State Government.

Additionally, WALGA's 2026-27 State Budget Submission calls for an independent organisation to undertake a broad review of rating exemptions.

WALGA acknowledges the significant impact that rating exemptions have on Local Government revenue, and their ability to provide essential community services. Changes in land acquisition practices by State agencies may have significant impacts on the financial position of affected Local Governments.

Heightened concerns regarding rating and rating exemptions have emerged across the sector over the past 6–12 months. This includes motions from this Zone, and others, regarding the cessation of Forest Products Commission rates equivalency payments and increased land acquisitions.

WALGA is undertaking scoping work to consider the most effective way to address these matters through a coordinated, overarching and sector wide advocacy approach.

Regarding recommendations 3 and 4, WALGA *Advocacy Position 6.18 Priority Agriculture* recognises the importance of protecting priority agricultural land from the cumulative impacts of competing and potentially incompatible land uses. WALGA has previously advocated for a review or "health check" of the State planning framework to assess its effectiveness in identifying and protecting priority agricultural land and supporting the long-term viability of the agricultural sector.

The recommendations are also consistent with the objectives of *State Planning Policy 2.5 – Rural Planning*, which recognises the strategic importance of agricultural land to Western Australia's economy, food production capacity and regional communities. WALGA acknowledges increasing pressure on productive agricultural land from a range of uses including renewable energy developments, conservation estates, environmental offsets, mining activities and industrial development. Consideration of the cumulative impacts of these land uses, and whether existing State planning policies and frameworks are adequately managing emerging land use pressures, would be consistent with existing WALGA advocacy and assist in informing future land use planning decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA State Council to advocate to the State Government for:
1. An investigation into the financial impact on Western Australian Local Governments resulting from the acquisition of rateable agricultural land by State Government agencies, Government Trading Enterprises and other public authorities where that land subsequently becomes rates-exempt or is converted to Crown land.
2. The development of appropriate mechanisms to compensate Local Governments for the loss of rating revenue arising from such acquisitions.

3. A review of the cumulative impact of competing land uses on Western Australia's productive agricultural land base, including renewable energy developments, conservation estates, environmental offsets, tree plantations, mining activities, industrial development and urban expansion.
4. The establishment of a State planning and land-use framework that recognises the strategic importance of productive agricultural land to Western Australia's economic prosperity, food security, climate resilience and regional communities, and provides greater protection for such land from unnecessary conversion to non-agricultural uses.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Karen Harrington
Seconded: Cr Heidi Croucher

That the Central Country Zone:

1. **requests WALGA State Council to advocate to the State Government for:**
    a. **An investigation into the financial impact on Western Australian Local Governments resulting from the acquisition of rateable agricultural land by State Government agencies, Government Trading Enterprises and other public authorities where that land subsequently becomes rates-exempt or is converted to Crown land.**
    b. **The development of appropriate mechanisms to compensate Local Governments for the loss of rating revenue arising from such acquisitions.**
    c. **A review of the cumulative impact of competing land uses on Western Australia's productive agricultural land base, including renewable energy developments, conservation estates, environmental offsets, tree plantations, mining activities, industrial development and urban expansion.**
    d. **The establishment of a State planning and land-use framework that recognises the strategic importance of productive agricultural land to Western Australia's economic prosperity, food security, climate resilience and regional communities, and provides greater protection for such land from unnecessary conversion to non-agricultural uses.**
2. **<u>organise a delegation of representatives to Perth, preferably during the week of the Local Government Convention, to meet with the relevant Ministers regarding this issue. Further, that the Zone compile data from member Local Governments on the impacts of the acquisition of rateable land to inform and support the delegation's advocacy.</u>**

CARRIED

9.3. UNREGISTERED VOLUNTEERS AND REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS – RESPONSIBILITES AND PROTECTIONS UNDER WHS AND FES ACT

By the Shire of Wagin

BACKGROUND

Consider the following scenario:

> *A fire occurs on a farm during harvest. The farm operator who is not a brigade member goes to extinguish the fire with some farmhands. Some of the farmhands are members of a volunteer brigade.*
>
> *One of the farmhands who is a brigade member takes charge and directs some of the people responding that can hear him. As it becomes clear that the fire will not be easily extinguished help is called. Around this time three people are injured:*
>
> 1. *one is registered volunteer*
> 2. *one is a farmhand who was with a registered volunteer, and*
> 3. *one is a person who happened to be driving past and stopped and helped when asked by the farm operator.*

Now, consider the following questions:

- Who has an obligation to report the incident under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*?
- Who is afforded protection under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*?
- Who is the PCBU? Are there multiple PCBU? Does that change?
- Who is insured and from whom can they claim?
- Does this change depending on whether the volunteers were operating a registered or unregistered vehicle?
- Who enjoys protection from civil liability under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998* and does that protection change during the scenario?
- Who can be investigated and prosecuted?

For members of the Zone to whom fire is a known quantity and to whom many are either themselves brigade members and/or operate agricultural businesses, or indeed Local Government CEOs, these questions are pertinent and should be simple.

The introduction of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* and its intersections with the *Bush Fire Act 1954* and *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998* was intended to provide greater protection for volunteers. However, as demonstrated in the above scenario, it has also introduced complexity that detracts from the capacity of rural communities to protect themselves from fire.

The attached issues paper was attached to the agenda and describes these complexities and presents the potential consequences for those living, working, volunteering and running businesses in rural communities.

COMMENT

The attached issues paper highlights a growing misalignment between the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* (WHS Act), the *Bush Fire Act 1954*, the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998* (FES Act), and the realities of rural fire response. While these legislative frameworks were intended to improve protections for volunteers, their interaction has instead created complexity, uncertainty, and unintended legal exposure for those most actively involved in protecting their communities.

This is particularly evident in agricultural settings, where fires are often first attacked by landholders, workers, and nearby community members before formal resources arrive.

A central concern is the treatment of unregistered volunteers, who are critical to early fire suppression in rural areas. The paper identifies that these individuals may only receive protection under the FES Act when operating under the direction of a registered volunteer; however, in fast-moving and informal fireground conditions, such direction is often unclear or cannot be substantiated.

At the same time, the WHS Act may deem those same individuals to be “workers” if they are directed or controlled, thereby triggering safety obligations for whoever is perceived to be in control. This creates a fundamental tension where providing direction can both extend protection and generate liability, leaving responders uncertain about their legal position.

Under the FES Act, an unregistered volunteer becomes a volunteer if they are acting under the direction of any registered volunteer. This means that responsibility for volunteer safety can daisy-chain quickly on the fireground in a haphazard manner – but one that is essential to fighting fire in the real world.

The paper further emphasises the “multiple PCBU” problem, particularly on farms, where overlapping duties may rest with the landholder, Local Government, DFES, and others present at an incident. These duties are concurrent and cannot be transferred, meaning that several parties may simultaneously bear responsibility depending on their level of control or influence.

For farm operators—many of whom are also volunteers—this creates a heightened and often unrecognised risk. Actions taken in good faith, such as directing neighbours or workers to assist, may later be interpreted as the exercise of control, exposing them to WHS obligations and potential liability.

Compounding this issue is the lack of clarity in operational control on the fireground, where roles can shift rapidly between landholders, brigade members, Fire Control Officers, Local Government personnel, and DFES. The paper demonstrates that, in practice, responsibility is often only assessed after the event, based on technical interpretations of control, direction, and status. This uncertainty is reinforced by inconsistent regulatory and insurance outcomes, where entitlement to protection or compensation can depend on fine distinctions that are neither visible nor practical to determine in real time.

Importantly, the paper argues that the current framework does not reflect the operational reality of rural fire response, which depends on immediate, community-led action and the willingness of individuals to assist without hesitation. The risk is that increasing legal complexity and uncertainty will discourage participation, undermine early intervention, and ultimately diminish community safety. Those with the greatest capacity to respond—farmers, workers, and experienced locals—are placed in the most precarious position under the current system.

In summary, the issues paper presents a case that the existing legislative settings are not fit for purpose in rural emergency contexts. It calls for reform to provide clear, consistent, and practical protections for all responders, particularly unregistered volunteers, and to better align WHS obligations with the realities of emergency response.

This paper has been presented for consideration at both the Central Country Zone and the Shire of Wagin has discussed the matter with the Shire of Kent with the view that it be presented also to the Great Southern Country Zone. It is suggested that advocacy of the 27-member Local Governments of the respective Zones is required to sufficiently raise the profile of this issue.

In this instance it is argued that the collective advocacy by the member Local Governments is a more appropriate response than calling on WALGA to advocate on our behalf.

It is the communities of these 27 Local Governments that are most impacted by the muddled legislation and who understand the importance of the first few minutes in responding to a fire that cannot be delayed by indecision and second-guessing.

WALGA's position on this matter cannot enjoy this lived experience and must reflect the sensibilities of urban fringe Local Government and communities that have a different experience with fire and fire response.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA acknowledges the important issues raised in this discussion paper regarding the interaction between the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*, the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998*. The paper highlights the significant uncertainty that can arise in relation to volunteer, spontaneous volunteer and PCBU responsibilities during bushfire response.

Western Australia's bushfire management arrangements are unique nationally, with Local Governments retaining statutory responsibility for managing Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and undertaking initial bushfire response across most of the State. This creates a distinct operational and legal environment that was not adequately contemplated when the current WHS framework was developed and has resulted in ongoing uncertainty regarding responsibilities, liability and the practical application of WHS duties during emergency operations

WALGA has previously raised these issues in its submission to the Statutory Review of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* in December 2025. Greater legislative clarity and practical guidance are required to ensure volunteers remain protected, Local Governments can confidently meet their obligations, and community-based bushfire response remains sustainable. WALGA also continues to advocate for a contemporary and integrated legislative framework for emergency services in Western Australia, including through the proposed Consolidated Emergency Services Legislation.

WALGA further notes that findings from the recent Local Government Emergency Management Survey demonstrate that spontaneous volunteer management remains an area of significant variability and uncertainty across the sector. In bushfire response, regional Local Governments continue to rely heavily on informal local support: 60% of metro Local Governments do not accept spontaneous volunteers; while regional Local Governments report greater integration into low risk roles (42%) and bushfire response (39%). These findings reinforce the need for legislative clarity and practical guidance regarding the management of spontaneous volunteers, recognising both the risks involved and the critical role these individuals often play in early bushfire suppression and community resilience.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Central Country Zone writes to the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Commerce and Minister for the Wheatbelt providing the Issues Paper and calling for a review of the intersections of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*, *Bush Fire Act 1954* and *Fire Emergency Services Act 1998* to ensure the sustainability of volunteer fire response and protect volunteers and emergency services personnel from prosecution.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Bryan Kilpatrick**
Seconded: **President Leigh Ballard**

That the Central Country Zone:

1. **writes to the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Commerce and Minister for the Wheatbelt providing the Issues Paper and calling for a review of the intersections of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*, *Bush Fire Act 1954* and *Fire Emergency Services Act 1998* to ensure the sustainability of volunteer fire response and protect volunteers and emergency services personnel from prosecution.**
2. **invites LGIS Chief Executive Officer, James Sheridan, to the November Zone meeting to speak on this topic.**

CARRIED

9.4. REVIEW OF REGIONAL MIGRATION SETTINGS

By the Shire of Quairading

BACKGROUND

The Australian Government's Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visa program (Subclass 417 and Subclass 462) enables eligible visa holders to apply for a second and third year visa where they complete a prescribed period of "specified work" in eligible industries and locations.

Currently, hospitality and tourism employment qualifies as "specified work" only when undertaken in locations classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) as Northern, Remote or Very Remote Australia.

A number of local governments within the WALGA Central Country Zone are classified as Outer Regional Australia. These communities continue to experience significant workforce shortages across the hospitality and tourism sectors but are unable to access the same labour market incentives available to neighbouring "remote" local governments.

Within the Central Country Zone, the following classifications apply:

Beverley	*Outer Regional Australia*
Brookton	Outer Regional Australia
Corrigin	Remote Australia
Cuballing	Outer Regional Australia
Dumbleyung	Remote Australia
Kulin	Remote Australia
Lake Grace	Remote Australia
Narrogin	Outer Regional Australia
Pingelly	Outer Regional Australia
Quairading	Outer Regional Australia
Wagin	Outer Regional Australia
Wandering	Outer Regional Australia
West Arthur	Outer Regional Australia
Wickepin	Outer Regional Australia
Williams	*Outer Regional Australia*

In June 2024, the Australian Government commenced a Review of Regional Migration Settings, releasing a discussion paper and inviting public submissions. The review sought feedback on whether Australia's migration settings appropriately reflect the needs of regional communities and whether existing classifications and visa settings continue to meet workforce demands. While submissions closed in July 2024, the outcomes of the review have not yet been publicly released.

COMMENT

Workforce shortages continue to present a significant challenge for regional Western Australian businesses, particularly within the hospitality and tourism sector. Cafés, pubs, clubs and hotels are regularly reporting difficulty attracting and retaining staff, limiting business operations and constraining economic growth.

In Quairading, several local hospitality and tourism businesses have written to the Shire seeking support to advocate for a review of the regional migration settings, citing difficulties in attracting staff or alternatively losing staff due to the 88 day "specified work" requirements not applying in the district.

The current specified work framework creates an inequity between communities that may experience similar labour market challenges but are treated differently solely because of their ABS remoteness classification. A location-based eligibility model does not necessarily reflect contemporary labour market conditions. A more flexible approach that considers demonstrated workforce needs could better support regional communities while maintaining the integrity of the Working Holiday Maker program.

In correspondence provided by Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor sent by the Hon Tony Burke MP, the Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, it states that "*The primary focus of the WHM program remains cultural exchange*". Citing the Federal Members statement, if the programs primary focus is cultural exchange, then widening the application of "specified work" for hospitality and tourism to include a needs-based assessment process for districts classified as Outer Regional Australia, would continue to provide cultural opportunities already seen within the remote and very remote areas, whilst also assisting local businesses within an area of proven need to attract and retain workers within the hospitality and tourism industries.

The Australian Government's Review of Regional Migration Settings provides an appropriate opportunity to reconsider the Working Holiday Maker arrangements. Releasing the findings of the review would provide clarity to regional communities and inform future advocacy if required.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT
Regional WA continue to seek solutions to workforce challenges, with remoteness, lack of housing, and limited services all inhibiting the attraction of workers. The incentives tying second and third Working Holiday visas to employment in regional and remote areas has been an effective way to meet these labour needs while offering valuable cultural exchange.

Some regional workforce challenges were previously ameliorated through regional DAMA schemes, but these are being wound up in favour of a state-wide DAMA. Furthermore, seasonal roles such as those in tourism may be better met through a Working Holiday visa pathway.

The suggested approach would help broaden the program to be responsive to place-based needs in regional WA, whose communities rely on a broader economic base than just agriculture, mining and construction. Noting Diversify WA's goal of economic diversification, many parts of regional WA have worked to build a tourism market, which includes direct tourism product as well as hospitality. Ensuring the Regional Migration Settings are updated to meet the realities of regional WA would assist these communities. The Review of Regional Migration Settings may have incorporated a broader suite of eligible industries for regional areas, but at this point in time the findings of the review have not been released.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **President Cr Trevor Stacey**
Seconded: **President Cr Sharon Jacobs**

That the Central Country Zone:
1. **Requests WALGA to advocate to the Australian Government seeking the completion and public release of the Review of Regional Migration Settings; and**
2. **If not adequately addressed via the Federal Government's Review of Regional Migration Settings, requests WALGA advocate to the Australian Government for the introduction of a needs-based assessment pathway within the Working Holiday Maker program that would enable local governments or districts classified as Outer Regional Australia and experiencing verified labour shortages to apply for hospitality and tourism to be deemed eligible for "Specified Work".**

CARRIED

President Cr Amy Knight requested to add the classification for the two Zone Shires that were not listed in the report. The Executive Officer has added the classifications for the Shires of Beverley and Williams within the body of the report.

9.5. RURAL HEALTH ADVOCACY UPDATE

By Hannah Godsave, Manager Community Policy

WALGA continues to advocate for measures to address the cost impost borne by Local Governments supporting GP services. The WALGA 2025 General Practice Support Survey Report (the Report) identified that in 2024-25, West Australian Local Governments incurred over $9.5 million in costs associated with supporting GP services.

WALGA is progressing advocacy efforts to advance the priorities and strategic objectives of the revised Rural and Remote Healthcare Services Advocacy Position endorsed by State Council in September 2025 across three related streams:

- raising awareness of the scale of support Local Governments are providing and that this is not a Local Government responsibility, including in:
  - meetings with State and Federal Ministers, Members of Parliament and the National Rural Health Commissioner;
  - discussions with key health stakeholders including key State Government agencies;
  - a submission and evidence provided to the Commonwealth Inquiry into rural, regional and remote Medicare access and funding;
  - presenting at the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance Canberra Session in June 2026; and
  - sharing insights and progress with ALGA and Local Government Associations, including sharing the WALGA survey methodolgy to support the collection of nationally comparable data.
- calling for sector reimbursement, including the $9.5 million per annum reimbursement fund ask within the WALGA 2026-27 Federal and State Budget Submissions.
- facilitating cross-sector collaboration with health organisations to develop and advocate for sustainable service and funding model reforms that would reduce or remove the need for Local Government support and identifying opportunities to engage with the Commonwealth and State Governments' strategic reform direction.

Building on the existing partnership with Rural Health West, WALGA has brought together key health organisations to investigate practical, WA focussed alternative service and funding models. This approach also provides joint advocacy opportunities to increase the reach and impact of WALGA advocacy. The group provides a strong foundation for the development of sustainable, system-wide policy solutions responsive to the needs of communities, service providers and government stakeholders. The group includes:

- the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA;
- Australian Medical Association WA Rural Doctors Group;
- Health Consumers' Council WA; and
- Curtin University Medical School.

The work has also been informed by input from WA Country Health Service, the WA Primary Health Alliance and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, and discussions with the National Rural Health Commissioner in late July.

The group's findings and recommendations will be shared and tested with Members ahead of finalisation. WALGA is also considering mechanisms to support ongoing Member engagement and collaboration on this issue, including opportunities for participation in advocacy activities.

WALGA welcomes ongoing Member engagement and collaboration on this important issue. Local Governments are uniquely placed to demonstrate the real community and human impacts of this issue, which is critical to ensuring advocacy is credible, meaningful and effective.

Noted

10. ZONE REPORTS

10.1. WALGA ROADWISE

Mr Rodney Thornton, WALGA RoadWise

Mr Thornton provided a verbal update to the Zone and reminded Delegates of the upcoming Road Vegetation Field Day being held at the Shire of Dumbleyung on Wednesday, 3 September.

Mr Thornton announced that he is leaving WALGA RoadWise as of Friday, 21 August and introduced Ms Essie Ware to the Zone as the primary contact.

Rodney thanked the Zone for their support during his time with RoadWise.

Noted

11. WALGA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

11.1. WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Noted

11.2. STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

State Councillor, President Cr Phil Blight

Presentations at the July Strategic Forum included:

- Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM, DFES.
- Ms Mairead Connolly, Executive Director, Nudge.
- Discussion of proposed amendments to the Corporate Governance Charter and State Council Standing Orders.
- State Council Chair Mark Irwin gave a extensive report on his interactions with Government on various issues. This was a very refreshing report that is welcomed by Council.

State Council meeting

At the July meeting, State Council endorsed:

- an update to the Climate Change Advocacy Position;

  It was disappointing to note that less than a third of Councils responded to the request for Council sanctioned responses. It does make it difficult to represent the sector if the sector does not avail themselves of the opportunity. It should also be noted that this Advocacy position is a result of the Central Country Zone resisting the initial proposal of February 2025. 15 months later we have a policy that is largely aligned with the Central Country Zone position. It should be noted of the large amount of effort taken by the Environment Policy Forum chair Cr Les Price to achieve this outcome.

- the creation of a new Train Stations Advocacy Position;
- a submission on the Cat Act Review;
- updates to the Corporate Governance Charter and State Council Standing Orders; and
- the 2026-27 WALGA Budget.

Information Forum

Information Forums are informal briefing sessions for State Council, held bimonthly between State Council meetings. Discussions at the August 5 Information Forum included:

- Mr Rob Cossart, Fuel Security State Controller provided an update on fuel supply challenges;
- an update on the Community Sporting and Recreational Facilities Fun (CSRFF) and Club Night Lights Program (CLNP);
- an update on the H5 Bird Flu;
- State Council Performance Evaluation timeline and process;
- State Council sitting fee review; and
- 2027-28 State Budget Submission.

Noted

11.3. STATUS REPORT

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
12 June 2026 Zone Agenda Item **9.1 Water Corporation – Vegetation Maintenance of Scheme Pipelines and Regional Infrastructure Advocacy**	That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to: 1. Note concerns relating to vegetation encroachment and apparent lack of maintenance surrounding sections of Water Corporation regional scheme pipeline infrastructure; and 2. Advocate to the Water Corporation, State Government, Minister for Water and Shadow Minister for Water for improved vegetation management, corridor maintenance and preservation of regional scheme pipeline infrastructure assets servicing rural and regional communities, as a matter of urgency.	This item will be considered at the State Council Infrastructure Advisory Group meeting in August. WALGA recognizes that this is a problem impacting any Local Governments with above-ground Water Corporation pipeline infrastructure, with Shire across the Wheatbelt, Great Southern and South West regional potentially affected. Water Corporate pipeline infrastructure maintenance is not the subject of any current WALGA advocacy positions. The images provided by the Shire of Kulin supported the reasonable assumption that the vegetation may be close to or older than 10 years, which would trigger the need for a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit. This may add additional urgency/complexity to the request for maintenance.	**August 2026**	**Ian Duncan** **Executive Manager Infrastructure** **iduncan@walga.asn.au** **9213 2031**
12 June 2026 Zone Agenda Item **13.1 Major Land Transaction Provisions – Regional Workforce Housing Projects**	That the Central Country Zone: 4. Supports advocacy to the Minister for Local Government and to the Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works seeking a review of the Major Land Transaction exemption provisions contained within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* as they relate to Local Government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose. 5. Requests WALGA State Council investigate and advocate for regulatory amendments which recognise workforce housing projects delivered by Local Governments to support essential services, workforce attraction and workforce retention in regional Western Australia. 6. Requests WALGA engage with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety and relevant State Government agencies to identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary regulatory	WALGA recognises that lack of available housing is a significant constraint for regional Local Governments. As a result, a growing number of Local Governments are increasingly compelled to provide housing to attract and retain key workers. Further investigation may identify opportunities to reduce red tape for Local Governments. This may be suitable in circumstances where key projects meet pre-determined public purpose criteria. In addition, it would be reasonable to review the value thresholds prescribed for Major Land Transactions to consider whether they reflect current property and construction values, and future market growth. While the tender threshold prescribed in the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* was increased in 2020, values prescribed for Major Land Transactions and Major Trading Undertakings have not been adjusted since 2011. Some values prescribed for exempt disposals of property have not been increased since the regulations were introduced in 1996. This matter has been referred to the State Council Governance Advisory Group. The Zone will be updated on the outcome.	**August 2026**	**Kirsty Martin** **Executive Manager Member Services** **kmartin@walga.asn.au** **9213 2051**

	barriers impacting delivery of Local Government workforce housing projects.			
17 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item **13.1 Ministerial Decision to Allow Heavier Loads on Local Government Roads**	That the Central Country Zone: 1. Writes to the Minister for Transport to express concern about this decision. 2. Notes the Ministerial decision to temporarily upgrade RAV networks to AMMS permit on Local Government roads. 3. Expresses concern that the decision was made without consultation with Local Governments or WALGA. 4. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia seeking clarification on: a. risk assessments without route-specific road safety or asset capacity assessment for Local Government roads, b. compliance and enforcement arrangements, c. duration and process for revocation of the upgrade, d. opt-out options for Local Government roads, and e. additional funding support for impacted Local Government road assets.	Local Government delegates to the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) communicated the concerns raised regarding short and medium term risks arising from the decision to allow more heavier vehicles to access the local road network, without the controls purported to be in place with accredited vehicle operators. Main Roads confirmed that this was a Ministerial decision and to date there is no process in place to review the benefits and the impacts. Delegates were advised that compliance and enforcement activities continue to be undertaken.	**June 2026**	**Ian Duncan** **Executive Manager Infrastructure** **iduncan@walga.asn.au** **9213 2031**
17 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item **9.1 Urgent Advocacy: Forest Products Commission (FPC) "Rates-Equivalent" Payments Diverted to State Treasury – Immediate Local Government Budget Impacts (2025/26)**	That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to advocate as a matter of urgency, prior to the Local Government Budget cycle, to the State Government (including the Treasurer, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Forestry) to: 1. Establish a formal cross-portfolio arrangement (Treasury/Local Government/ Forestry, with WALGA and affected Local Governments) to: a. confirm a transparent method for calculating and timing the rates-equivalent amounts under the current legislative settings; and b. implement an agreed mechanism to allocate and remit the rates-equivalent payments to the impacted Local Governments from 2026/27 onward. 2. Provide impacted Local Governments with certainty and forward estimates regarding:	WALGA recognises the impact that the Forest Products Commission's (FPC) change to the payment of rates-equivalent amounts has on Local Governments. These issues will be included in the rating and exemptions project WALGA is undertaking. An RFQ will be developed for an external consultant to undertake this work.	**August 2026**	**Kirsty Martin** **Executive Manager Member Services** **kmartin@walga.asn.au** **9213 2051**

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

	c. Timely isolation of downed or compromised power lines during emergency incidents; d. Protection of volunteer bush fire brigade members operating near live electrical infrastructure; and e. Improved transparency, reporting and communication protocols between Western Power and local governments. 4. Requests WALGA to formally engage with Western Power and the Minister for Energy seeking systemic review, strengthened operational response protocols and enhanced safety protections for volunteer emergency responders across rural and regional Western Australia. 5. Requests that WALGA report back to Member Local Governments on advocacy actions undertaken and outcomes achieved.			
21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item **9.6.1 Cost Shift Compliance Project Update**	That the Central Country Zone refer Position 1 in the Zone's Cost Shifting and Compliance Report to State Council for consideration as a WALGA Advocacy Position. That is, to "reinstate the requirement for a Regulatory Impact Assessment for all amendments to legislation and regulation".	Cost shifting has been a longstanding advocacy priority for WALGA on behalf of the Local Government sector. WALGA's submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Financial Sustainability highlighted the impacts of cost shifting, regulatory burden, and increasing service delivery expectations on the sector's long term financial sustainability. These impacts were reinforced through WALGA's appearance before the Inquiry, advocating for greater recognition of the financial pressures being placed on Local Governments and the need for responsibilities to be matched with appropriate funding. WALGA will seek clarification from the Government on the status of the Better Regulation Program, which establishes the framework for Regulatory Impact Statements.	**August 2026**	**Kirsty Martin** **Executive Manager Member Services** **kmartin@walga.asn.au** **9213 2051**

Noted

12. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, this Agenda and can be found via the link here.

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

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

12.1. MATTERS FOR DECISION

12.1.1. RETIREMENT OF ADVOCACY POSITIONS ACHIEVED BY REFORM (State Council Agenda Item 8.1)

By Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA has been undertaking a process of reviewing and updating Advocacy Positions.
- Five Advocacy Positions within Section 2 (Governance and Organisational Services) of the Advocacy Position Manual have been reviewed, with a recommendation to retire these Positions as their intended outcomes have been achieved through legislative changes.
- The Governance Advisory Group considered these positions at their meeting held on 22 July 2026 and recommends the retirement of these positions to State Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report recommends that the below items be retired from the existing WALGA Advocacy Positions Manual.

2.5.17 – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Vote Eligibility

The Local Government sector supports reforms to prevent the use of 'sham leases' in Council elections, including:

1. *Requiring a minimum lease period of 12 months for anyone to register a person to vote or run for Council;*
2. *Making home-based businesses ineligible to register a person to vote or run for Council because any residents are already eligible voter(s) for that address;*
3. *Clarifying the minimum criteria for leases eligible to register a person to vote or run for Council; and*
4. *Publishing the basis of eligibility for each candidate (e.g. type of property and suburb of property), including in the candidate pack for electors.*

2.5.19 Re-Counts

The Local Government sector supports the introduction of standard processes for vote re-counts if there is a very small margin (e.g. 10 or fewer votes) between candidates, inclusive of Regulations that specify the circumstances in which the Returning Officer must arrange for some or all of the votes to be re-counted.

2.5.27 – Annual Review of Certain Employee's Performance
Section 5.38 of the Local Government Act 1995 should be deleted, or amended so there is only a specific requirement for Council to conduct the Chief Executive Officer's annual performance review.

2.5.33 – Vexatious and Frivolous Complainants
A statutory provision should be developed, permitting a Local Government to:
1. *Enable discretion to refuse to further respond to a complainant where the CEO of the Local Government is of the opinion that the complaint is trivial, frivolous or vexatious or is not made in good faith, or has been determined to have been previously properly investigated and concluded, similar to the terms of section 18 of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971.*
2. *Provide for a complainant, who receives a Local Government discretion to refuse to deal with that complainant, to refer the Local Government's decision for third party review.*
3. *Enable Local Government discretion to declare a member of the public a vexatious or frivolous complainant for reasons, including abuse of process; harassing or intimidating an individual, Elected Member or employee of the Local Government; or unreasonably interfering with the operations of the Local Government.*

2.6 Group Ticket Voting
The Local Government sector supports the removal of group ticket voting from the Legislative Council electoral system, and supports reforms modelled on the Senate reforms of 2016.

BACKGROUND
The Governance Advisory Group currently oversees approximately 100 Advocacy Positions on a wide range of issues. As part of a comprehensive review program, the WALGA Governance team is assessing these positions to identify opportunities to streamline and strengthen existing Advocacy Positions, while also updating or retiring those that have become outdated or superseded. At the meeting held on 22 July 2026, the Governance Advisory Group agreed to recommend to State Council the retirement of the positions outlined in this report.

COMMENT
Following recent legislative changes, particularly the ongoing reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act), several positions have been identified for retirement as their objectives have been achieved.

2.5.17 – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Vote Eligibility
This Position was adopted at the February 2022 Special State Council meeting.

Amendments to the Act and *Local Government (Elections) Regulations* 1997 have achieved the following:
- Requirement of a right of occupation for a period of 12 months prior to an enrolment eligibility claim (Section 4.32(3)).
- Occupation of a residence does not constitute occupation for the basis of enrolment, with the effect that home based businesses are ineligible, while residents are enrolled on the residents' roll (Elections r.10A(2)(a)).
- Detailed minimum requirements for leases to constitute a basis for enrolment (Section 4.23, Elections r.10A, 12B, 12C).

- The basis of enrolment eligibility (resident, owner or occupier) must be identified by the Returning Officer and included in the information that must be published about each candidate for election (Elections r.29A).

Given that all elements of Position Statement 2.5.17 have been addressed through legislative reform, it is recommended that this Advocacy Position be retired.

2.5.19 Re-Counts
This Position was adopted at the December 2023 State Council meeting.

Amendments to the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997* in 2025 introduced a new Part 12D, establishing requirements for mandatory recounts if the margin is less than a defined re-count threshold.

Given that the objective of the Position has now been achieved, it is recommended that this policy position be retired.

2.5.27 – Annual Review of Certain Employee's Performance
Section 5.38 of the Act has been amended to specify that the Local Government (Council) is responsible for the Chief Executive Officer's performance review, while the CEO is responsible for ensuring that the performance of each other employee for more than 1 year is reviewed.

When the *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* takes full effect, Section 5.38 will be further amended to expand on the process required for a CEO performance review and remove all references to employees other than the CEO.

As the required change has been achieved it is recommended that Position 2.5.27 be retired.

2.5.33 – Vexatious and Frivolous Complainants
This Position was adopted at the March 2019 State Council meeting.

On 1 January 2026, amendments to the Act took effect inserting a new Part 5, Division 11 – Restricting communication about complaints.

The new provisions:
- Provide CEOs with the authority to restrict communication with complainants in certain circumstances, including where the complaint has been responded to, would divert substantial resources, is vexatious, misconceived, frivolous or without substance.
- Provide a mechanism for review and oversight by the Local Government Inspector.

Considering these legislative changes, it is proposed that that Position 2.5.33 be retired, as the intent of the Advocacy Position has been substantially addressed through the Act.

2.6 Group Ticket Voting
This Position was adopted at the June 2021 State Council meeting.

Amendments to the *Electoral Act 1907* have implemented reforms that abolish group ticket voting and introduce optional preferential voting for the Legislative Council. These changes were affected through legislative amendments, including the removal of Part IV (ss. 104–133) by the *Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Act 2023*.

Given that the objective of Position 2.6 has now been achieved, it is recommended that this Advocacy Position be retired.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION That State Council retire the following Advocacy Positions: 1. 2.5.17 – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Vote Eligibility 2. 2.5.19 – Re-Counts 3. 2.5.27 – Annual Review of Certain Employee's Performance 4. 2.5.33 – Vexatious and Frivolous Complainants 5. 2.6 – Group Ticket Voting

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Robbie Bowey
Seconded: Cr Clive Barton

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

CARRIED

12.1.2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY ADVOCACY POSITION
(State Council Agenda Item 8.2)

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A new Advocacy Position on circular economy is proposed.
- To focus future advocacy, a draft Advocacy Position was developed for sector feedback, supported by a Background Paper.
- The paper identified the potential that transitioning to a circular economy has to reduce cost of living pressures, maximise use of resources and reduce a range of environmental impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.
- The Advocacy Position was endorsed by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its final meeting on 18 June 2026 and noted by the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group at its 13 July 2026 meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

A new policy position on circular economy is proposed:

1. *Local Government supports the principle of a circular economy and recognises its potential to:*
    a. *maximise the value and use of resources through a products life cycle*
    b. *minimise environmental and financial impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.*
2. *Local Government calls on the:*
    a. *State Government to undertake a detailed study to determine how Western Australia can move toward a circular economy.*
    b. *Australian Government to:*
        i. *establish and maintain a regulated product stewardship framework for products entering the Australian market*
        ii. *set standards to ensure products are designed to be durable, reused, repaired and recycled at their highest value*
        iii. *implement Right to Repair Legislation, including incentives, training and cost-effective insurance options.*
    c. *Australian and State Governments to take a collaborative approach to:*
        i. *identify and remove legislative barriers to enable more circular approaches*
        ii. *streamline Government approvals processes and facilitate innovation*
        iii. *embed circular procurement practices across Government*
        iv. *support and provide incentives for recovered materials infrastructure and market development for priority materials across Western Australia.*

BACKGROUND

Circular economy is defined as 'an economic strategy that maintains the value of materials for as long as possible and ensures materials are used efficiently across all phases of their life cycle'. WALGA submissions on the review of the State Waste Strategy identified that an overall State Government position on a circular economy for Western Australia is needed, recommending that State Government, in consultation with Local Governments, develop a position and plan for a circular economy in Western Australia which includes consideration of costs, benefits and options.

WALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Opportunities in the Circular Economy further highlighted priority action areas to promote circularity. This included the important role of procurement, the need for quality assurance and market development for recovered materials, specific programs and incentives to shift consumer behaviours, the Right to Repair and a mandated product stewardship framework.

A defined circular economy position and plan is required to back up the vision and identify the role of each sector in achieving a circular economy, both nationally and in Western Australia. There has been only limited discussion outside of the waste management context on what a circular economy is and its potential.

COMMENT
In April 2026, WALGA released the [Circular Economy Advocacy Position Background Paper]. The Paper outlines that transitioning to a circular economy has the potential to reduce cost of living pressures, maximise use of resources and reduce a range of environmental impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.

In drafting the draft Circular Economy Advocacy Position, WALGA drew on international, national and local circular economy policies and activities to identify the barriers and opportunities to move toward a circular economy in WA. The Advocacy Position outlines the actions needed from all levels of Government to change legislation and policies where required, put in place relevant incentives and lead by example.

Consultation on the Paper and draft Advocacy Position was carried out from 20 April to 15 May 2026. Responses were received from 10 Local Governments, five Metropolitan and five Regional. Of the submissions received, eight supported the Advocacy Position without amendments and two supported the Advocacy Position with minor suggested changes, which have been incorporated.

WALGA updated the Advocacy Position following feedback from the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 18 June 2026 meeting. The Advocacy Position was noted by the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group at its 13 July 2026 meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following new Circular Economy Advocacy Position:

1. *Local Government supports the principle of a circular economy and recognises its potential to:*
    a. *maximise the value and use of resources through a products life cycle; and*
    b. *minimise environmental and financial impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.*
2. *Local Government calls on the:*
    a. *State Government to undertake a detailed study to determine how Western Australia can move toward a circular economy.*
    b. *Australian Government to:*
        i. *establish and maintain a regulated product stewardship framework for products entering the Australian market;*
        ii. *set standards to ensure products are designed to be durable, reused, repaired and recycled at their highest value; and*
        iii. *implement Right to Repair Legislation, including incentives, training and cost-effective insurance options.*
    c. *Australian and State Governments to take a collaborative approach to:*
        i. *identify and remove legislative barriers to enable more circular approaches;*
        ii. *streamline Government approvals processes and facilitate innovation;*
        iii. *embed circular procurement practices across Government; and*

iv.	*support and provide incentives for recovered materials infrastructure and market development for priority materials across Western Australia.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Cr Clive Barton**
Seconded: **Cr Bryan Kilpatrick**

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

CARRIED

12.2. OTHER STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

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

13. EMERGING ISSUES

13.1. UPCOMING SPEAKERS

President Leigh Ballard requested to confirm the speakers for the upcoming November Zone meeting and requested all Delegates to think of questions to provide to the speakers prior to the November meeting.

The meeting AGREED that in future, the email distribution of Zone Minutes will include reference to the speakers for the next meeting, and request questions to be submitted to the secretariat.

13.2. HOUSING HEADWORKS

President Leigh Ballard raised for discussion the issue of delays with housing headworks being completed.

The meeting AGREED that the Shire of Narrogin should submit an item inclusion on the November Zone Agenda on this topic.

13.3. ZONE MEETING IN PERTH

Mr Andrew Dover raised for discussion the possibility of conducting a Zone meeting in Perth next year.

The Secretariat will prepare an item on this for consideration at the November meeting, as part of the broader 2027 Zone meeting calendar.

13.4. ZONE DELEGATION

In recognition of the Zone's decision in item 9.2 (Rate Exemption of Agricultural Land and Protection of Western Australia's Productive Farming Land) to send a delegation of Zone representatives to Perth, **the Zone AGREED on the following delegation members:**

1. **President Cr Karen Harrington, Shire of West Arthur**
2. **President Leigh Ballard, Shire of Narrogin**
3. **Dr Kenneth Parker, Shire of Wagin**

The Secretariat will liaise directly with the members to progress item 9.2.

13.5. CSRFF AND CLUB NIGHT LIGHTS FUNDING REVIEW

Cr Robbie Bowey raised for noting the current review underway in relation to funding for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) and Club Night Lights Program.

WALGA has provided an update on this review to Members in the September State Council Agenda (item 10.4).

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 November commencing at 7:30am, via MSTeams.

The next Central Country Zone meeting will be held on Friday, 13 November commencing at 9:30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Lake Grace.

15. CLOSURE

The Chair thanked the Shire of Kulin for their hospitality.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:04pm.

9.2.1
Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday 25 August 2026

Minutes

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday 25 August 2026

Date	Tuesday 25 August 2026
Time	6.30pm
Location	Shire of Wickepin 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370
Distribution Date	Thursday 20 August 2026

Terms of Reference

1. Name
Bush Fire Advisory Committee

2. Members

Voting Members
- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- All Fire Control Officers

Non-Voting Members
- Representative(s) from DFES
- Representative(s) from Wickepin Police
- Shire of Wickepin CEO and nominated staff

3. Function of the Committee
To provide advice to Council in regard to all matters relating to bush fire control, prevention and management including recommendations on the annual firebreak requirements, capital (equipment) purchase, review of firefighting/prevention practices, firefighting training, etc.

4. Role and Scope of the Committee
To advise the local government regarding all matters relating to the preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires, the planning of the layout of fire-breaks in the district, the formation of bush fire brigades and the grouping thereof under group brigade officers, the ensuring of co-operation and co-ordination of bush fire brigades in their efforts and activities, and any other matter relating to bush fire control whether of the same kind as, or a different kind from, those specified in this subsection.

5. Meeting Frequency
Twice per annum with scope to call additional meeting if need arises (i.e. post-emergency events) – actual dates to be determined by the Presiding Member in consultation with Committee Members and applicable Shire officers.

6. Delegated Powers
The Committee has no delegated powers and is an advisory committee to Council only. Recommendations of Committee meetings are to be presented to Council by Shire officers for noting or consideration as soon as practicable after unconfirmed minutes of Committee meetings are available.

Contents

1 Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.40 pm

2 Attendance

2.1 Present

Members

L Lansdell	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
T Russell	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
T Leeson	Fire Control Officer
C Sims	Fire Control Officer
D White	Fire Control Officer
D Bird	Fire Control Officer
J Hamilton	Fire Control Officer
M Pockran	Fire Control Officer
B Halford	DFES - AO Upper Great Southern

Employees

D Burton	Chief Executive Officer y
G Cross	Manager Works and Services y

Apologies

T Mullan	Fire Control Officer
W Astbury	Fire Control Officer
D Stacey	Fire Control Officer
P Russell	Fire Control Officer
P Milne	Wickepin Police Sergeant
A Spencer	Wickepin Police

3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

3.1 Apologies

4 Presentations

4.1 Presentations

5 Declarations of Members and Officers Interest

A member or officer who has an impartiality, proximity or financial interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting must disclose the nature of the interest either in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest must not preside at the part of the meeting which deals with the matter, or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision-making process relative to the matter, unless the disclosing member is permitted to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The following declarations of interest have been disclosed –
Nil

6 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1 Minutes of the Bush Fire Control Officers Meeting held on 9 March 2026

Officer Recommendation M: D Bird S: T Russell

That the minutes of the Bush Fire Control Officers Meeting held on 9 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

For: L Lansdell, T Russell, T Leeson, C Sims, D white, D Bird, J Hamilton, M Pockran
Against: Nil
CARRIED

6.2 Business Arising From Minutes

7 Status Report

Where a resolution is formal, procedural or lost it has not been recorded (e.g. confirmation of minutes, meeting behind closed doors, lapsed, etc.).

Subject/Action	Officer	Progress	Status	Comment
Blackspot Areas What is timeline for satelite. Do we look at mobile Starlink stations possible for fire truck Starlink Mini. Narrogin and Williams have purchased.	CEO	To investigate the blackspot areas	✓	CEO to provide information to meeting Due to satellite technology, Telstra unlikely to put up any new towers. Shire to follow up with Starlink mini options

CESM/ Fire Liaison Officer possible Kondinin Kulin and Wickepin	CEO	Request for Shire to be engaged in a CESM or Fire Liaison Officer.	❍	In discussions with shire of Kulin. DFES advised the possibility of 6 CESMs over the next 6 years. We have placed an application in, waiting to be confirmed. CESM's have been allocated for current financial year.
Yealering/86Gate Fire Brigade - Lockable Storage	CEO	Small lockable shed with cement floor to be erected.	❍	Expected to be completed by end June 2026. Pad completed, shed to be constructed.
Upgrade to various fire stations	CEO	As part of the LGGS, the shire has applied for upgrades to various Fire Stations to improve conditions and also a new station for Townsendale. the LGGS Grant is annual and it may take several years to complete all purchases.	❍	The submission for LGGS was made to DFES, and confirmation that the grant email was received, but somehow it got lost in the DFES system and was not included in current year projects.

If not noted, please insert numbers of items once attended to and return sheet to CEO.
❍ = in progress ✓ = completed ✕ =superseded

8 Motions of Which Notice Has Been Given

9 Notices of Motions for the Following Meeting

10 Reports and Information

10.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer's Report

Blake left 6.50pm returned 6.55pm, Luke left 6.50pm returned 6.52pm

Report Tabled:
Butlers Fire - Incident 775877 on 21st/22nd March 2026. Debrief with FCO's Shire staff and DFES was held following.
Letter from Shire was sent to Roger Butler, who has since resigned from his FCO role.
Would like to acknowledge Rogers efforts for the Bush Fire Brigades for many years.

Other Incidents in the last couple of months have been calls from 000, where the public has reported fires that were permitted burns by landowners over the winter season.

Concerns for upcoming fire season, dry conditions due to lack of winter rains. While this means a lower fire fuel loads, it also brings challenges around water supplies for fire fighting.

10.2 Wickepin Central Brigade

Truck sent to Collie for major service.
Brigade will be holding AGM meeting in about 2 -3 weeks.
Will also include a possible stocktake of items in truck for fire season.

10.3 Townsendale Brigade

Will be having AGM meeting in October.
Brigade had good use of fast fill pump this year; it worked well.

10.4 Yealering Brigade

New Tanks have been locked, can we get them unlocked for fire season.
Tanks of water at CBH are for firefighting. Can we change to combination locks, with signs for firewater only
Brigade need more PPE - 3 helmets for trucks, and for FCO's
Truck Serviced and returned. All is working well now.
Radios required for some FCO's - M Pockran needs radio.

10.5 Tincurrin/Toolibin/Harrismith Brigade

AGM Meeting in a couple of weeks.
Has a recent tidy up around shed for fire season.

10.6 Wickepin East Brigade

PPE - a lot of gear is "out of date" will need replacing. Shire may need to order more for replacements.

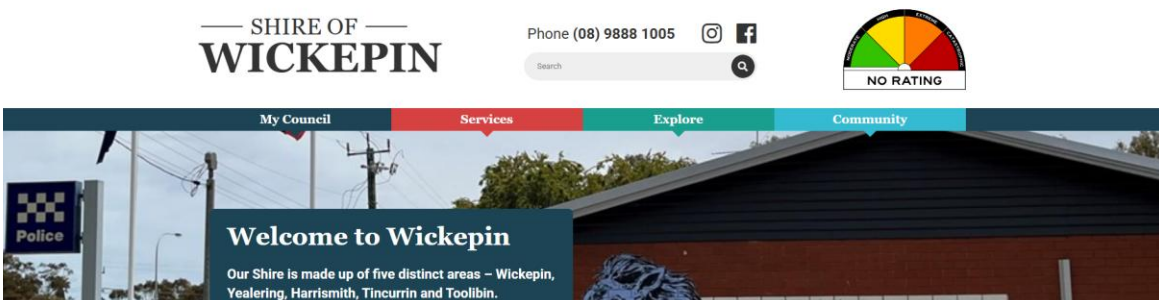
10.7 DFES Report

Blake Halford provided the report for DFES:
A lot of time was spent in Boddington fires.
Thanks to the Brigades for assistance throughout the season.
Water Bombers - possible locations being considered as harvest season moves through state. Main sites Geraldton, Esperance and Narrogin.
Training Calendar available, can look at training before fire season.
Note for when approaching burning electric cars - they contain Lithium Ion Batteries - don’t get in smoke, stay upwind of electric car fires. Online learning on E-academy for batteries.
New Superintendent for the region will be Pete Thomas.

Pre-Season Bush Fire Forum, closest in Kulin 13th October - possible change of location due to double booking.
Stickers for QR Codes, will be a link to cheat sheets for FCO's can stick in vehicles for instant access to information.
No Radio Servicing this year. Report any issues with radios. Possible MOU with Shires for additional radios. Cuballing and Wandering have done this.

10.8 Shire Update

- Kestral Weather Units on hand. The Shire has several units in stock if they are required by FCO's. These units are expensive, so please look after them.
- The Shire is looking at starting a policy on vehicle inspections with an Annual Inspection in June/July (to allow for repairs before the fire season) and a report after each incident on the vehicles and any issues. We will also be performing Class B Service Maintenance on the vehicles every two (2) years to ensure optimal performance
- Yealering and Wickepin Trucks have had major service; Tincurrin to be sent shortly.
- The Shire now displays the current Fire Danger Rating at the top of our Webpage.
- Revised Bush Fire Policies 4.1.1 - 4.1.15 by Council at the April 2026 Ordinary Meeting as attached.



11 Appointments 2026/27 Fire Season

11.1 Dual Fire Control Officers from adjoining Shires

Noting that the following persons have so far been endorsed by Council for the 2026/2027 Bush Fire Season as Dual Fire Control Officers;

TBC		Shire of Narrogin
Craig Jespersen	0427 887 075	Shire of Corrigin
Joel Bell	0429 657 097	Shire of Corrigin
Brett Blechynden	0473 879 022	Shire of Pingelly
Brodie Cunningham	0488 008 444	Shire of Pingelly
Robert Lee	0428 879 049	Shire of Pingelly
Rodney Shaddick	0427 871 328	Shire of Pingelly
Sam MacNamara	0427 693 275	Shire of Pingelly
Clinton Mullan	0429 001 651	Shire of Kulin
David Lewis	0429 001 651	Shire of Kulin

Officers Recommendation M:D White S: C Sims carried.
That the BFCO notes the advice of Dual Fire Control Officers for the surrounding local governments.

For: L Lansdell, T Russell, T Leeson, C Sims, D white, D Bird, J Hamilton, M Pockran
Against: Nil
CARRIED

12 General Business

12.1 Burning Periods

Restricted Burning – 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
Prohibited Burning – 1 November 2026 to 7 February 2027
Restricted Burning – 8 February 2027 to 14 April 2027

Noting any dates to be changed due to the current season?

Matt left 7.02pm returned 7.03pm

12.2 Harvest and Fire Ban 2026/2027 Season

Shire to advertise dates for media posts.
Harvesting is banned on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
Lighting of fires is banned on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The Shire will be required to change the message service for the Harvest Ban notices from Telstra Desktop Messaging to Telstra Integrated Messaging. This should not impact the service, but may limit the number of people who can access it.

12.3 ROAC update

No information at this time.

General Items

An email sent to CBFCO for standpipes being locked. Can these be opened all through season. Kulin opens, can we see what their usage is?
Possible access for Julie / Jenna to have access to unlock access.
Is it possible for Hoses to be left an standpipes for fire season to assist with refills. Grant to check.

Resignation of Roger Butler - Need to change radio locations, Roger has 3 units, 2 mobiles + base station.
Dan Bird needs a mobile station as well.
Luke approached Rick Dougall about becoming an FCO for area. Rick happy to do role
Possible FCO training for Rick and other members as a refresher.

Safety concerns - possible Safety Debrief after events.

Trevor - Possible reforms for Fire Brigade possible to cut Shire down to 3 Brigades - redrafting of Brigade areas. Possible fire zones for Shire - see attached notes.

Training Requests:
Training for being on truck / also truck driving training
Rural Fire Awareness required for BFB,

Blake left 8.39pm returned 8.42pm

Blake noted some Bush Fire Mitigation works in towns - Shire also working with other Shires for funding for Bush Fire Mitigation.

Luke - Water Tanks around Shire - Can the shire look at transportable tanks from D&E for Kirk Rock

13 Closure

The next Bush Fire Control Officers Committee meeting will be held TBC March

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

CBFCO Report for Meeting 25th August 2026

- Butlers Fire- Incident 775877 on 21st/22nd March 2026. Debrief with FCOs, Shire Staff and DFES was held following.
  Letter from Shire was sent to Roger Butler, who has since resigned from his FCO role.

- Other incidents in the last couple of months have been calls from 000, where the public has reported fires that were permitted burns by landowners over the winter season.

- Concerns for upcoming fire season, dry conditions due to lack of winter rains. While this means lower fire fuel loads, it also brings challenges around water supplies for fire fighting.

- PPE

BUSH FIRE BRIGADE BOUNDARY PROPOSAL

With our current farming circumstances changing year on year, whether the land is leased, share farmed or sold, it has resulted in less volunteers available in each brigade due to the growing number of absentee farmers and less people living in these locations.

A quite a few local and FCO farmers are now absentee farmers due to seeking opportunities within other brigades of the Wickepin shire or in another shire all together. This is the reality of our current and future agricultural sector.

I believe we need to be proactive on this and at least start the conversation and planning going forward.

I will use Townsendale brigade as an example. With the latest changes of farmland circumstances, we only have about 8 active family farming businesses left in our brigade. A couple of farmers living in this location would be classed as absentee at times. Whilst we are a very active brigade our numbers are made up of absentee farmers and attendees that should probably be more based in the Wickepin brigade.

I feel this issue is also occurring in other brigades within the shire. Some people are in multiple brigades and only get involved with the brigade that they choose too. This results in land occupiers not knowing who their closest points of contacts are within each brigade let alone in some cases not even knowing who their neighbours are for each property that they farm.

Yealering/86gate Brigade amalgamated quite some time ago before my time as an FCO. With their current boundary this has created a lot more farmer involvement with the Yealering fire truck. The Tincurrin fire Truck is also very well supported by farmer volunteers as well with their current Harrismith/Tincurrin catchment. If the Townsendale brigade were to amalgamate with the Wickepin brigade this would create more support for the Wickepin fire truck. This would result in less reliance on the same volunteers that already exceed expectations within their roles.

This would be very much appreciated by the CBFCO/DBFCO as when they get a

call to assist neighbouring shires, it gives them confidence that they can get a crew together for either of the trucks to attend ASAP and also arrange a shift change if required.

I would like to propose a change to the number of Brigades within our shire and form some clear boundaries that will coincide with our fire trucks and fast fill pump locations.

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This would result in just three Brigades within our shire. Tincurrin, Wickepin and Yealering.

Benefits

- More active members in each brigade.

- One bigger brigade meeting would be more valuable for the individual and I would think they would make more effort for themselves, family members and employees for those that do to attend their meeting.

- Absentee farmers might be more willing to attend meetings and become more active in our brigades when they are in the area.

- More volunteers (farmers) to encourage to get training for the fire trucks.

- Results in more volunteers available to attend to the fire trucks for local and neighbouring fires. Also more volunteers available for shift changes for the bigger fires. (less fatigue)

- Less number of brigade administration volunteers required.

- 3 brigades would assist the shire for administration correspondence.

- A better structure resulting in a better reaction time for the fire trucks and fast fill pumps.

- Less boundary confusion, Improved communication, creates a safer environment for volunteers.

CBFCO, DBFCO and FCO Benefits

- Time efficiency, 3 brigades to communicate and manage in an emergency.
- Just 3 brigade Whatsapp groups and 1 for the FCO's.
- 3 Core brigades equipped with a fire truck and fast fill pumps available with trained volunteers to operate this equipment.
- Clear brigade boundaries so FCO's know who to call upon or have on standby.
- These boundaries could have the potential to create zones within the shire for harvest and vehicle movement bans for situations like the following example:
  A fire in the Corrigin shire bordering north Wickepin shire. This would allow FCO's to impose a HVMB in the Yealering zone. This would result in close Yealering fire units and Yealering fire truck to attend the Corrigin shire fire and everyone else on standby in the Yealering brigade. This would not then affect farm activities in Tincurrin or Wickepin Brigades. However, if circumstances were to change it's easy to put either both or one other zone on a HVMB/ standby or attend.

- Due to the climate differences within the 3 proposed boundary brigades opens up the opportunity to have brigade zones for HVMB. This would have to be managed accordingly, more used in situations where the weather conditions were over the threshold in one zone and well under in the others. We don't want it to be confusing having zones put on a HVMB 1 hour apart from one another.
- Clear brigade boundaries/zones for both locals and the absentee farmers.
- More efficient management of brigade volunteers and firefighting equipment.

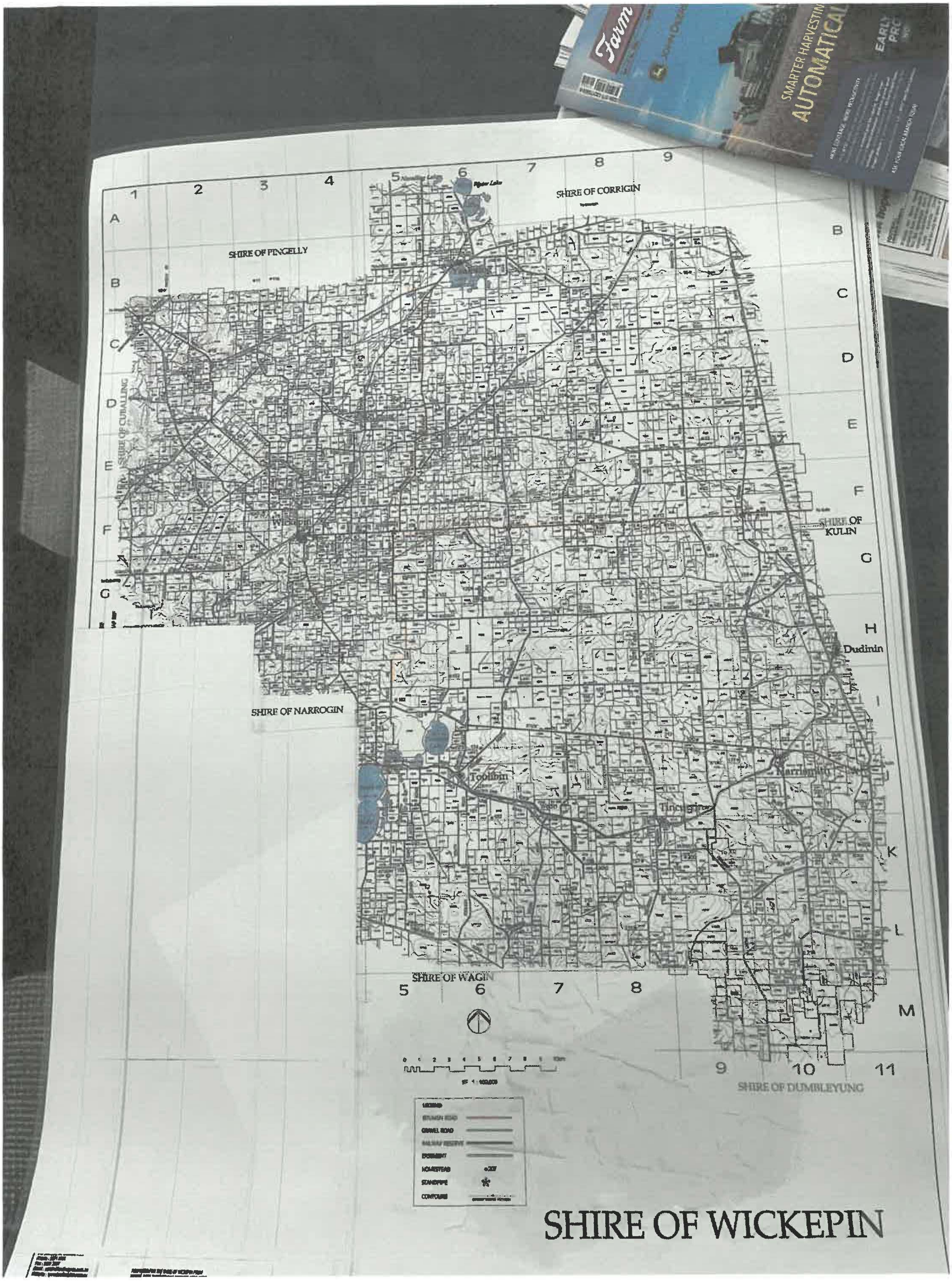
The map attached is just a draft and may come across with uneven areas for each brigade. This will not affect our firefighting operations as we are one shire, and everyone will volunteer their services accordingly. The highlighted boundary in orange is what I see as clear boundaries, mostly major roads but more importantly the most climatic boundary suited to our shire for the proposed zones.

This is a proposal adapting to our agricultural land holding changes and the climate differences within the brigades. This will help protect the shire of Wickepin's general public more efficiently and create a safer environment for volunteers going forward into the future.

Look forward to everyone's thoughts to see if this boundary change is worth pursuing.

Kind regards

Trevor Leeson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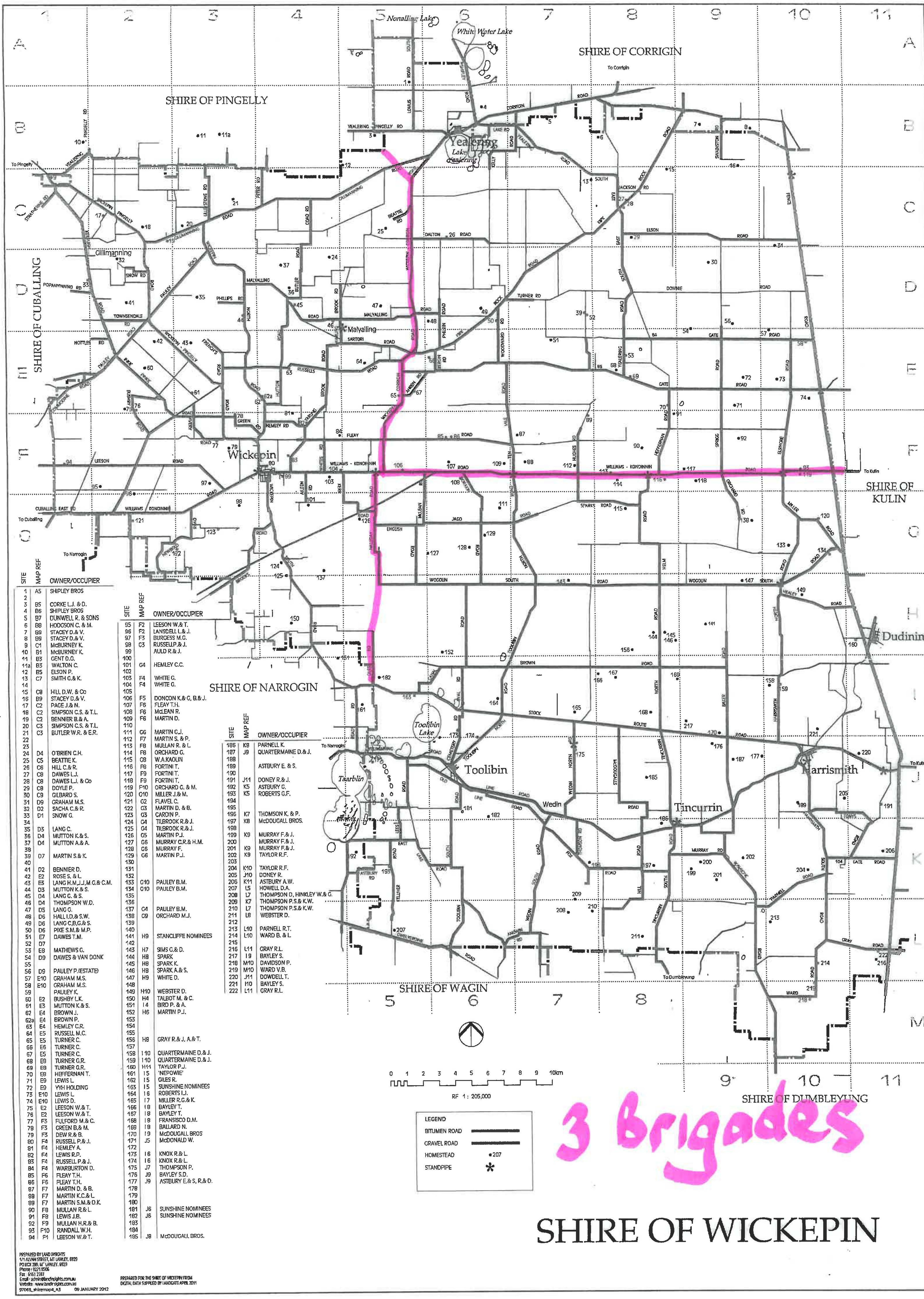

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1	A5	SHIPLEY BROS
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3	B5	CORKE L.J. & D.
4	B6	SHIPLEY BROS
5	B7	DUNWELL R. & SONS
6	B8	HODGSON C. & M.
7	B9	STACEY D.& V.
8	B9	STACEY D.& V.
9	C1	McBURNEY K.
10	B1	McBURNEY K.
11	B3	GENT D.G.
11a	B3	WALTON C.
12	B5	ELSON P.
13	C7	SMITH G.& K.
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15	C8	HILL D.W. & Co
16	B9	STACEY D.& V.
17	C2	PAGE J.& N.
18	C2	SIMPSON C.S. & T.L.
19	C2	BENNIER B.& A.
20	C3	SIMPSON C.S. & T.L.
21	C3	BUTLER W.R. & E.R.
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24	D4	O'BRIEN C.H.
25	C5	BEATTIE K.
26	C6	HILL C.& R.
27	C8	DAWES L.J.
28	C8	DAWES L.J. & Co
29	C8	DOYLE P.
30	C9	GILBARD S.
31	D9	GRAHAM M.S.
32	D2	SACHA C.& R.
33	D1	SNOW G.
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35	D3	LANG C.
36	D4	MUTTON K.& S.
37	D4	MUTTON A.& A.
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39	D7	MARTIN S.& K.
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41	D2	BENNIER D.
42	E2	ROSE S. & L.
43	E3	LANG H.M,J.J,M.G.& C.M.
44	D3	MUTTON K.& S.
45	D4	LANG G. & S.
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47	D5	LANG G.
48	D6	HALL I.D.& S.W.
49	D6	LANG C,B,G.& S.
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185	J8	McDOUGALL BROS.

SITE	MAP REF	OWNER/OCCUPIER
186	K8	PARNELL K.
187	J9	QUARTERMAINE D.& J.
188		
189		ASTBURY E. & S.
190		
191	J11	DONEY R.& J.
192	K5	ASTBURY G.
193	K5	ROBERTS G.F.
194		
195		
196	K7	THOMSON K. & P.
197	K8	McDOUGALL BROS.
198		
199	K9	MURRAY F.& J.
200		MURRAY F.& J.
201	K9	MURRAY F.& J.
202	K9	TAYLOR R.F.
203		
204	K10	TAYLOR R.F.
205	J10	DONEY R.
206	K11	ASTBURY A.W.
207	L5	HOWELL D.A.
208	L7	THOMPSON D, HINKLEY W.& G.
209	K7	THOMPSON P.S.& K.W.
210	L7	THOMPSON P.S.& K.W.
211	L8	WEBSTER D.
212		
213	L10	PARNELL R.T.
214	L10	WARD B. & L.
215		
216	L11	GRAY R.L.
217	I9	BAYLEY S.
218	M10	DAVIDSON P.
219	M10	WARD V.B.
220	J11	DOWDELL T.
221	I10	BAYLEY S.
222	L11	GRAY R.L.

3 Brigades

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

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List of Accounts Paid
August 2026

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council

August-26

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Trust	Muni
EFT16420	21/08/2026	CEJAY HILL	$ 120.00	
		TOTALS TRUST	**$ 120.00**	
EFT16381	14/08/2026	AUSTRALIA POST		$ 33.60
EFT16382	14/08/2026	AIR LIQUIDE WA PTY LTD		$ 60.86
EFT16383	14/08/2026	BEST OFFICE SYSTEMS		$ 69.93
EFT16384	14/08/2026	BKS ELECTRICAL		$ 495.00
EFT16385	14/08/2026	DUFFY ELECTRICS		$ 24,495.15
EFT16386	14/08/2026	DAVID NOEL BURTON		$ 22.98
EFT16387	14/08/2026	EWEN RURAL SUPPLIES		$ 7,202.02
EFT16388	14/08/2026	EVERLON BRONZE		$ 563.20
EFT16389	14/08/2026	ELDERS WICKEPIN		$ 644.68
EFT16390	14/08/2026	FULFORD EARTHMOVING & CIVIL		$ 15,092.00
EFT16391	14/08/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES		$ 14,553.17
EFT16392	14/08/2026	ELIZABETH HEFFERNAN		$ 117.00
EFT16393	14/08/2026	BERYLE HOLM		$ 378.15
EFT16394	14/08/2026	HC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES		$ 8,054.20
EFT16395	14/08/2026	ID RENT		$ 6,517.50
EFT16396	14/08/2026	MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA		$ 16,638.55
EFT16397	14/08/2026	LGISWA		$ 5,647.95
EFT16398	14/08/2026	MHG CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD		$ 18,337.00
EFT16399	14/08/2026	STEVEN BRUCE MANNERS		$ 647.00
EFT16400	14/08/2026	NARROGIN GLASS		$ 655.11
EFT16401	14/08/2026	NARROGIN PACKAGING		$ 524.95
EFT16402	14/08/2026	NARROGIN & DISTRICTS PLUMBING SERVICE		$ 1,237.50
EFT16403	14/08/2026	PERFECT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS - PCS		$ 340.00
EFT16404	14/08/2026	PRINT MEDIA GROUP		$ 49.90
EFT16405	14/08/2026	PROMPT SAFTEY SOLUTIONS		$ 2,200.00
EFT16406	14/08/2026	PRINT FINISHING LINE		$ 904.20
EFT16407	14/08/2026	REPCO		$ 266.65
EFT16408	14/08/2026	PETER ROBERT STRIBLING		$ 401.93
EFT16409	14/08/2026	R J SMITH ENGINEERING		$ 478.00
EFT16410	14/08/2026	SHIRE OF NARROGIN		$ 3,209.16
EFT16411	14/08/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD		$ 78.42
EFT16412	14/08/2026	TINCURRIN RURAL SERVICES		$ 136.00
EFT16413	14/08/2026	TROPHY SHOP AUSTRALIA		$ 107.45
EFT16414	14/08/2026	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT		$ 2,788.27
EFT16415	14/08/2026	SSJ TRANSPORT PTY LTD		$ 550.00
EFT16416	14/08/2026	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION- WALGA		$ 1,430.00
EFT16417	14/08/2026	WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS		$ 445.00
EFT16418	21/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE FBT		$ 16.99
EFT16421	26/08/2026	WCP CIVIL PTY LTD		$ 391,909.27
EFT16422	27/08/2026	GOODYEAR AUTOCARE NARROGIN		$ 1,280.00
EFT16423	27/08/2026	BKS ELECTRICAL		$ 143.00
EFT16424	27/08/2026	BRANDO'S AUTOMOTIVE		$ 412.25
EFT16425	27/08/2026	BMR MECHANICAL PTY LTD		$ 2,120.25
EFT16426	27/08/2026	CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA ASSN OF WA- CCAWA		$ 130.00
EFT16427	27/08/2026	COZY GROVES		$ 26.00
EFT16428	27/08/2026	ELDERS WICKEPIN		$ 792.00
EFT16429	27/08/2026	EDGE PLANNING AND PROPERTY		$ 373.72
EFT16430	27/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY (DFES)		$ 19,295.40
EFT16431	27/08/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE DISPOSAL		$ 6,277.63
EFT16432	27/08/2026	NARROGIN HARDWARE MAKIT		$ 270.00
EFT16433	27/08/2026	NARROGIN PACKAGING		$ 93.30
EFT16434	27/08/2026	NARROGIN BETTA HOME LIVING		$ 149.00
EFT16435	27/08/2026	NARROGIN & DISTRICTS PLUMBING SERVICE		$ 2,520.10
EFT16436	27/08/2026	PERFECT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS - PCS		$ 297.50
EFT16437	27/08/2026	REPCO		$ 531.50
EFT16438	27/08/2026	ROE TOURISM ASSOCIATION		$ 25.00

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EFT16439	27/08/2026	R J SMITH ENGINEERING		$ 8.00
EFT16440	27/08/2026	SHIRE OF NARROGIN		$ 1,568.50
EFT16441	27/08/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD		$ 63.51
EFT16442	27/08/2026	MADDINGTON VALVOLINE GLOBAL OPERATIONS AUSTRALIA		$ 1,073.03
EFT16444	27/08/2026	SSJ TRANSPORT PTY LTD		$ 15,642.00
EFT16445	27/08/2026	WURTH AUSTRALIA PTY LTD		$ 587.74
EFT16446	27/08/2026	WA COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES		$ 1,906.30
EFT16447	27/08/2026	YENER MAINTENANCE AND PLANT HIRE		$ 11,440.00
EFT16448	27/08/2026	WILDE AND WOOLLARD		$ 2,585.00
EFT16449	27/08/2026	WICKEPIN P&C ASSOCIATION		$ 1,406.00
		TOTALS EFT		**$ 598,315.47**
16072	14/08/2026	WATER CORPORATION		$ 2,428.78
16073	14/08/2026	SYNERGY		$ 5,519.29
16074	14/08/2026	WATER CORPORATION		$ 1,717.69
16075	27/08/2026	SYNERGY		$ 529.87
16076	27/08/2026	WATER CORPORATION		$ 826.71
		TOTALS CHEQUE		**$ 11,022.34**
DD16796.1	05/08/2026	AWARE SUPER		$ 5,135.37
DD16796.2	05/08/2026	ANZ SUPER		$ 135.81
DD16796.3	05/08/2026	CARESUPER		$ 494.52
DD16796.4	05/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST SUPER SAVINGS		$ 324.25
DD16796.5	05/08/2026	FIRSTCHOICE WHOLESALE PERSONALSUPERANNUATION		$ 674.93
DD16796.6	05/08/2026	PRIME SUPER		$ 319.69
DD16796.7	05/08/2026	MLC SUPER FUND - PLUM SUPER		$ 582.39
DD16796.8	05/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER		$ 292.06
DD16796.9	05/08/2026	REST INDUSTRY SUPER		$ 700.27
DD16824.1	19/08/2026	AWARE SUPER		$ 4,818.90
DD16824.2	19/08/2026	REST INDUSTRY SUPER		$ 700.28
DD16824.3	19/08/2026	ANZ SUPER		$ 186.74
DD16824.4	19/08/2026	CARESUPER		$ 490.84
DD16824.5	19/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST SUPER SAVINGS		$ 324.25
DD16824.6	19/08/2026	FIRSTCHOICE WHOLESALE PERSONALSUPERANNUATION		$ 668.63
DD16824.7	19/08/2026	PRIME SUPER		$ 318.64
DD16824.8	19/08/2026	ESSENTIAL SUPER		$ 33.96
DD16824.9	19/08/2026	MLC SUPER FUND - PLUM SUPER		$ 582.39
DD16824.10	19/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER		$ 292.06
		TOTALS SUPERANNUATION		**$ 11,940.61**
DD16809.1	01/08/2026	CRISP WIRELESS PTY LTD		$ 238.00
		TOTALS DIRECT DEBIT		**$ 238.00**
63250826	25/08/2026	ANZ BANK		$ 4,076.09
		TOTALS CREDIT CARD		**$ 4,076.09**
63270826	27/08/2026	TELSTRA		$ 1,760.17
		TOTALS BPAY		**$ 1,760.17**
98030826	03/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 1,231.05
98040826	04/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 90.90
98050826	05/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 1,188.90
98100826	10/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 981.00
98110826	11/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 517.70
98130826	13/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 1,239.65
98140826	14/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 255.80
98170826	17/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 613.85
98180826	18/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 653.85
98190826	19/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 50.40
98200826	20/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 1,529.45
98210826	21/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 172.00
98240826	24/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 1,106.90
98250826	25/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 2,454.20
98260826	26/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 225.00
98270826	27/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 54.35
98280826	28/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 1,888.30
98310826	31/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE		$ 13,835.05

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		TOTALS LICENSING		$ 28,088.35
6/08/2026	06/08/2026	PAYROLL		$ 48,648.00
19/08/2026	19/08/2026	PAYROLL		$ 46,937.00
		TOTALS PAYROLL		**$ 95,585.00**
		ACCOUNT TOTALS	**$ 120.00**	**$ 751,026.03**
		TOTAL PAYMENTS AUGUST 2026		**$ 751,146.03**

Credit Card Payment Summary

23/07/2026 TO 25/08/2026

CARD ENDING XXXX224175

DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
23/07/2026	CANVA	164.99
24/07/2026	SEEK	544.50
4/08/2026	BOOKING.COM	850.00
17/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	32.00
17/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	465.85
21/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	50.40
24/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	50.40
24/08/2026	GOLF BOX	1392.50
24/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	86.15
25/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	61.85
25/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	32.00
25/08/2026	SPOTLIGHT	283.60
25/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	61.85
		$ 4,076.09

CARD ENDING XXXX244131

DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
		$0.00

TOTAL FOR SHIRE OF WICKEPIN **$4,076.09**

FUEL CARD

Jul-26

Job	Job Description	Amount
P475	CAT 444F2 BACKHOE LOADER	$ 452.05
P248	HINO 700 SERIES - FS 2848	$ 1,229.75
P342	HINO 700 SERIES FS2848	$ 237.22
P1955A	FUSO CANTER 7.5T CREW CAB	$ 4,341.58
P1915	HINO 500 SERIES 1628 MEDIUM NINE TRUCK	$ 495.85
P698	FUSO CANTER 815 7.5T TRUCK - GARDENERS	$ 384.37
P2433	HINO FG 1628 TRUCK	$ 557.67
P2489	BOBCAT T650 TRACK LOADER	$ 570.37
P2473	HINO 300 SERIES 921 AUTO TRADE ACE	$ 1,042.61
P468	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB - GARDENER'S UTE	$ 206.72
P706	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS 2.8L TURBO DIESEL UTE - MEHCANIC UTE	$ 643.63
P632	ISUZZ D-MAX 4X4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS SX AUTO	$ 479.18
P468	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB - GARDENER'S UTE	$ 10.92
PCEO	ISUZU MU-X 4X4 LSU 3.0L AUTO MINERAL WHITE -CEO	$ 269.09
P237	TOYOTA COMMUNITY BUS	$ 105.15
P2567	ISUZU DMAX - WHITE CREW CAB CHASSIS SX 3.0L AUTO	$ 661.15
PMWS	ISUZU D MAX 4X4 MINERAL WHITE CREW CAB AUTO XT 3.0L	$ 1,538.93
P813	CAT 12H GRADER 2017	$ 1,326.93
		$ 14,553.17

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List of Accounts Paid
Amended - July 2026

List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Council

July-26

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Muni
EFT16290	03/07/2026	AUSTRALIA POST	$ 68.06
EFT16291	03/07/2026	AIR LIQUIDE WA PTY LTD	$ 58.90
EFT16292	03/07/2026	GOODYEAR AUTOCARE NARROGIN	$ 7,870.00
EFT16293	03/07/2026	BKS ELECTRICAL	$ 143.00
EFT16294	03/07/2026	COUNTRY PAINT SUPPLIES	$ 199.76
EFT16295	03/07/2026	COZY GROVES	$ 368.80
EFT16296	03/07/2026	LANDGATE	$ 7,104.29
EFT16297	03/07/2026	DAIMLER TRUCKS	$ 544.49
EFT16298	03/07/2026	ELDERS WICKEPIN	$ 4,683.80
EFT16299	03/07/2026	JOHN PARRY MEDICAL CENTRE	$ 205.00
EFT16300	03/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES	$ 17,649.01
EFT16301	03/07/2026	G & M DETERGENTS	$ 520.00
EFT16302	03/07/2026	BERYLE HOLM	$ 677.55
EFT16303	03/07/2026	IT VISION	$ 43,543.58
EFT16304	03/07/2026	ID RENT	$ 6,897.00
EFT16305	03/07/2026	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS WA (LG PRO)	$ 1,780.00
EFT16306	03/07/2026	MADEJ CONCRETING	$ 4,543.00
EFT16307	03/07/2026	MARKET CREATIONS	$ 13,750.00
EFT16308	03/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE DISPOSAL	$ 7,682.68
EFT16309	03/07/2026	NARROGIN GLASS	$ 275.09
EFT16310	03/07/2026	NARROGIN HARDWARE MAKIT	$ 47.00
EFT16311	03/07/2026	NARROGIN PACKAGING	$ 90.00
EFT16312	03/07/2026	ONE MUSIC	$ 402.37
EFT16313	03/07/2026	OWENS BUILDING	$ 708.84
EFT16314	03/07/2026	PERFECT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS - PCS	$ 340.00
EFT16315	03/07/2026	REPCO	$ 345.40
EFT16316	03/07/2026	RHYS ANTHONY BARRON-ALLISON	$ 92.00
EFT16317	03/07/2026	PETER ROBERT STRIBLING	$ 380.52
EFT16318	03/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	$ 34.46
EFT16319	03/07/2026	SSJ TRANSPORT PTY LTD	$ 19,800.00
EFT16320	03/07/2026	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT INC	$ 550.00
EFT16321	10/07/2026	GARY JOHN LANG	$ 630.00
EFT16322	15/07/2026	GORDON PHILIP MCLEAN	$ 630.00
EFT16323	20/07/2026	TUTT BRYANT EQUIPMENT	$ 279.52
EFT16324	20/07/2026	KYLIE BOZANICH	$ 69.50
EFT16325	20/07/2026	BRENTON CHIVERS	$ 64.90
EFT16326	20/07/2026	DIGGAWEST & EARTHPARTS WA	$ 2,580.82
EFT16327	20/07/2026	DUFFY ELECTRICS	$ 387.56
EFT16328	20/07/2026	EWEN RURAL SUPPLIES	$ 2,973.15
EFT16329	20/07/2026	ELDERS WICKEPIN	$ 122.44
EFT16330	20/07/2026	FULFORD EARTHMOVING & CIVIL	$ 4,312.00
EFT16331	20/07/2026	HC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	$ 7,345.80
EFT16332	20/07/2026	READYTECH USER GROUP WA INC	$ 962.50
EFT16333	20/07/2026	LGIS INSURANCE BROKING SERVICE	$ 8,063.00
EFT16334	20/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE DISPOSAL	$ 7,057.40
EFT16335	20/07/2026	NARROGIN GLASS	$ 180.36
EFT16336	20/07/2026	NARROGIN PUMPS, SOLAR AND SPRAYING	$ 433.25
EFT16337	20/07/2026	NARROGIN PACKAGING	$ 691.72
EFT16338	20/07/2026	SHIRE OF NAREMBEEN	$ 2,307.80
EFT16339	20/07/2026	NARROGIN & DISTRICTS PLUMBING SERVICE	$ 520.30
EFT16340	20/07/2026	OFFICEWORKS SUPERSTORES PTY LTD	$ 378.69
EFT16341	20/07/2026	QUEST INNALOO	$ 1,080.15
EFT16342	20/07/2026	THINKPROJECT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	$ 9,550.33
EFT16343	20/07/2026	REPCO	$ 57.75
EFT16344	20/07/2026	SAFE ROADS WA	$ 2,814.90
EFT16345	20/07/2026	SHIRE OF NARROGIN	$ 1,564.50
EFT16346	20/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	$ 48.24

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EFT16347	20/07/2026	WORLDWIDE ONLINE PRINTING	$	1,120.00
EFT16348	20/07/2026	INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION	$	4,587.00
EFT16349	20/07/2026	YEALERING SPRAYING SERVICE	$	1,320.00
EFT16350	20/07/2026	YENER MAINTENANCE AND PLANT HIRE	$	11,880.00
EFT16351	21/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	$	4,011.00
EFT16352	28/07/2026	WHOLESALE PROMOTIONS WAREHOUSE PTY LTD	$	2,618.55
EFT16353	29/07/2026	DYENAMIC SUBLIMINATION	$	1,899.70
EFT16354	31/07/2026	ARCUS	$	5,934.50
EFT16355	31/07/2026	AD ENGINEERING PTY LTD	$	528.00
EFT16356	31/07/2026	AFGRI EQUIPMENT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	$	3,179.08
EFT16357	31/07/2026	ARTFRAMERS VIC PARK PTY LTD	$	320.00
EFT16358	31/07/2026	GOODYEAR AUTOCARE NARROGIN	$	1,240.00
EFT16359	31/07/2026	BURGESS RAWSON (WA) PTY LTD	$	4,371.03
EFT16360	31/07/2026	CLARK EQUIPMENT	$	1,234.56
EFT16361	31/07/2026	COZY GROVES	$	275.00
EFT16362	31/07/2026	Dews Excavations	$	561.00
EFT16363	31/07/2026	BEFORE YOU DIG AUSTRALIA	$	498.08
EFT16364	31/07/2026	EVERLON BRONZE	$	333.30
EFT16365	31/07/2026	HITACHI CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AUSTRALIA	$	978.22
EFT16366	31/07/2026	LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ANALYTICAL COMMITTEE	$	420.74
EFT16367	31/07/2026	LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS ASSOCIATION	$	1,145.00
EFT16368	31/07/2026	LGISWA	$	138,955.59
EFT16369	31/07/2026	MHG CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD	$	19,272.00
EFT16370	31/07/2026	NARROGIN & DISTRICTS PLUMBING SERVICE	$	7,387.60
EFT16371	31/07/2026	OWENS BUILDING	$	2,755.94
EFT16372	31/07/2026	REPCO	$	261.78
EFT16373	31/07/2026	R J SMITH ENGINEERING	$	240.00
EFT16374	31/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	$	128.31
EFT16375	31/07/2026	MADDINGTON VALVOLINE GLOBAL OPERATIONS AUSTRALIA	$	495.00
EFT16376	31/07/2026	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT	$	551.67
EFT16377	31/07/2026	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION- WALGA	$	23,568.97
EFT16378	31/07/2026	WURTH AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	$	1,165.83
EFT16379	31/07/2026	WICKEPIN POST OFFICE	$	1,050.00
EFT16380	31/07/2026	INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION	$	399.30
		TOTALS EFT	$	441,147.93
16063	03/07/2026	SYNERGY	$	457.61
16064	03/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	$	2,092.28
16065	20/07/2026	SYNERGY	$	14,472.09
16066	20/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$	1,400.00
16067	20/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$	730.00
16068	20/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$	348.00
16069	31/07/2026	DMIRS - BOND ADMINISTRATOR	$	800.00
16070	31/07/2026	SYNERGY	$	38.21
16071	31/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	$	2,413.45
		TOTALS CHEQUE	$	22,751.64
63030726	03/07/2026	TELSTRA	$	1,765.57
63310726	31/07/2026	TELSTRA	$	1,729.62
		TOTALS BPAY	$	3,495.19
DD98010726	01/07/2026	CRISP WIRELESS PTY LTD	$	238.00
DD16781.1	30/07/2026	3E ADVANTAGE PTY LTD	$	1,217.26
DD16788.1	23/07/2026	WA TREASURY	$	713.28
		TOTALS DIRECT DEBIT	$	2,168.54
DD16725.1	08/07/2026	AWARE SUPER	$	5,442.65
DD16725.2	08/07/2026	ANZ SUPER	$	130.05
DD16725.3	08/07/2026	CARESUPER	$	471.53
DD16725.4	08/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST SUPER SAVINGS	$	310.99
DD16725.5	08/07/2026	FIRSTCHOICE WHOLESALE PERSONALSUPERANNUATION	$	629.74
DD16725.6	08/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	$	305.43
DD16725.7	08/07/2026	MLC SUPER FUND - PLUM SUPER	$	562.69
DD16725.8	08/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	$	279.25
DD16725.9	08/07/2026	REST INDUSTRY SUPER	$	669.56

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Muni	
DD16757.1	22/07/2026	AWARE SUPER	$	5,344.43
DD16757.2	22/07/2026	ANZ SUPER	$	195.23
DD16757.3	22/07/2026	CARESUPER	$	494.52
DD16757.4	22/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN RETIREMENT TRUST SUPER SAVINGS	$	324.25
DD16757.5	22/07/2026	FIRSTCHOICE WHOLESALE PERSONALSUPERANNUATION	$	567.16
DD16757.6	22/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	$	319.69
DD16757.7	22/07/2026	MLC SUPER FUND - PLUM SUPER	$	582.39
DD16757.8	22/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	$	292.06
DD16757.9	22/07/2026	REST INDUSTRY SUPER	$	700.28
		TOTALS SUPERANNUATION	$	17,621.90
DD16763.1	22/06/2026	ANZ BANK	$	226.31
DD16792.1	22/07/2026	ANZ BANK	$	370.00
		TOTALS CREDIT CARD	**$**	**596.31**
98010726	01/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,775.15
98020726	02/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	32.00
98030726	03/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	726.30
98070726	07/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	888.20
98090726	09/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,065.50
98140726	14/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	6,532.00
98160726	16/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,791.45
98170726	17/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	574.90
98200726	20/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	1,956.75
98210726	21/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	172.00
98220726	22/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	877.65
98230726	23/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	126.55
98240726	24/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	225.00
98270726	27/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	741.80
98290726	29/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	329.80
98300726	30/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE	$	70.90
		TOTALS LICENSING	$	17,885.95
25/06/2026	08/07/2026	PAYROLL	$	48,264.00
9/07/2026	22/07/2026	PAYROLL	$	51,281.00
		TOTALS PAYROLL	$	99,545.00
		ACCOUNT TOTALS	**$**	**605,212.46**
		TOTAL PAYMENTS JULY 2026	**$**	**605,212.46**

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Muni

Credit Card Payment Summary

25/05/2026 TO 22/06/2026

CARD ENDING XXXX224175

DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
26/05/2026	FLAG WORLD	176.31
12/06/2026	MAIN ROADS WA	50.00
	Total For This Card	**$ 226.31**

CARD ENDING XXXX244131

DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
		$ -
	Total For This Card	**$0.00**
	TOTAL FOR SHIRE OF WICKEPIN	**$226.31**

Credit Card Payment Summary

23/06/2026 TO 22/07/2026

CARD ENDING XXXX224175

DATE	COMPANY	AMOUNT
30/06/2026	ROYAL LIFE SAVING BROADWAY	$ 130.00
2/07/2026	SPOTLIGHT PTY LTD	$ 240.00
	Total For This Card	**$ 370.00**

CARD ENDING XXXX244131

DATE	COMPANY	
		$ -
	Total For This Card	**$ -**
	TOTAL FOR SHIRE OF WICKEPIN	**$ 370.00**

FUEL CARD

Jun-26

Job	Job Description	Line Total
P475	CAT 444F2 BACKHOE LOADER	$ 206.22
P248	HINO 700 SERIES - FS 2848	$ 2,469.92
P342	HINO 700 SERIES FS2848	$ 1,487.22
P1955A	FUSO CANTER 7.5T CREW CAB	$ 4,299.79
P1915	HINO 500 SERIES 1628 MEDIUM NINE TRUCK	$ 747.92
P698	FUSO CANTER 815 7.5T TRUCK - GARDENERS	$ 197.28
P2433	HINO FG 1628 TRUCK	$ 216.01
P2489	BOBCAT T650 TRACK LOADER	$ 193.41
P454	2012 TORO GROUNDMASTER MOWER	$ 41.10
P2473	HINO 300 SERIES 921 AUTO TRADE ACE	$ 1,647.08
P468	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB - GARDENER'S UTE	$ 195.01
P706	HOLDEN COLORADO 4X4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS 2.8L TURBO DIESEL UTE - MEHCANIC UTE	$ 564.02
P632	ISUZZ D-MAX 4X4 SINGLE CAB CHASSIS SX AUTO	$ 1,633.96
P910A	FIRE TENDER WICKEPIN TOWNSITE	$ 232.75
PCEO	ISUZU MU-X 4X4 LSU 3.0L AUTO MINERAL WHITE -CEO	$ 317.38
P2567	ISUZU DMAX - WHITE CREW CAB CHASSIS SX 3.0L AUTO	$ 823.19
PMWS	ISUZU D MAX 4X4 MINERAL WHITE CREW CAB AUTO XT 3.0L	$ 1,407.94
P813	CAT 12H GRADER 2017	$ 915.80
P2495	TORO REELMASTER 5510	$ 47.51
P813	CAT 12H GRADER 2017	$ 2.75
PMWS	ISUZU D MAX 4X4 MINERAL WHITE CREW CAB AUTO XT 3.0L	$ 2.75
	TOTAL	**$ 17,649.01**

13.2.1
Monthly Financial Report
July 2026

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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Report Purpose

This report is prepared to meet the requirements of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996,* Regulation 34 .

Overview

Summary reports and graphical progressive graphs are provided on page 3, 4 and 5.
No matters of significance are noted.

Statement of Financial Activity by reporting program

Is presented on page 6 and shows a surplus as at 31 August 2026 of $753,635.

Note: The Statements and accompanying notes are prepared based on all transactions recorded at the time of preparation and may vary.

Preparation

Prepared by:	E.Clement DCEO
Date prepared:	9-Aug-26
Reviewed by:	David Burton CEO

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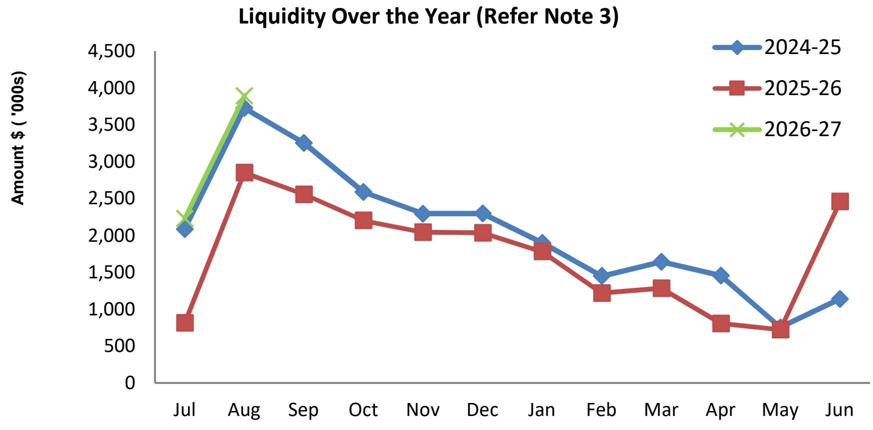
Monthly Summary Information

For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

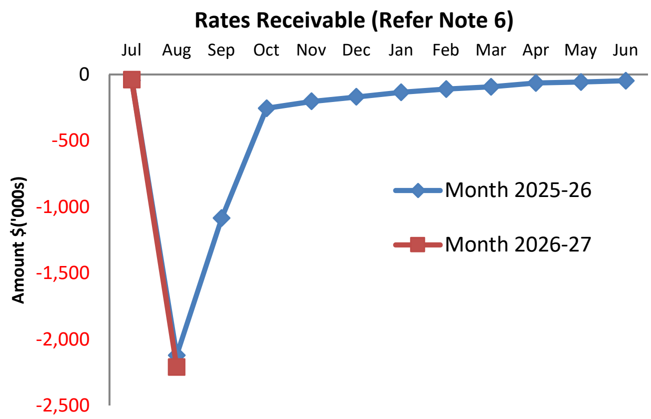


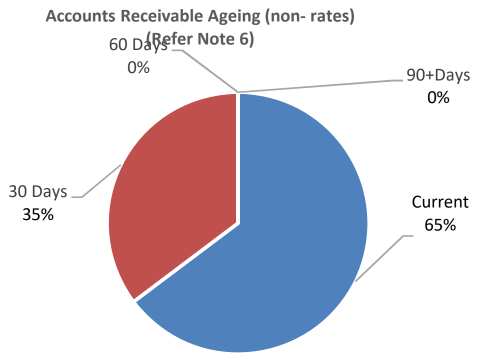
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at period end

Unrestricted	$	1,887,677
Restricted	$	3,238,457
	$	5,126,134

Receivables

Rates	$	2,209,965
Other	$	6,164
	$	2,216,129





Comments

Unrestricted cash includes the following payments in advance

26/27 Grants Commission - General	$	1,047,174.00
26/27 Grants Commission - Roads	$	664,923.00
Amounts paid in advance	$	1,712,097.00

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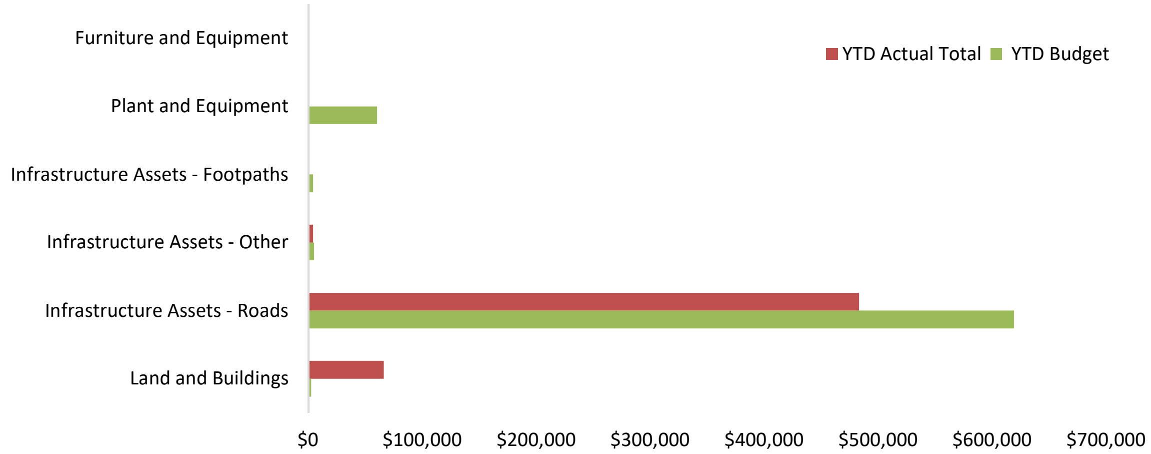
Capital Expenditure Program YTD (Refer Note 13)



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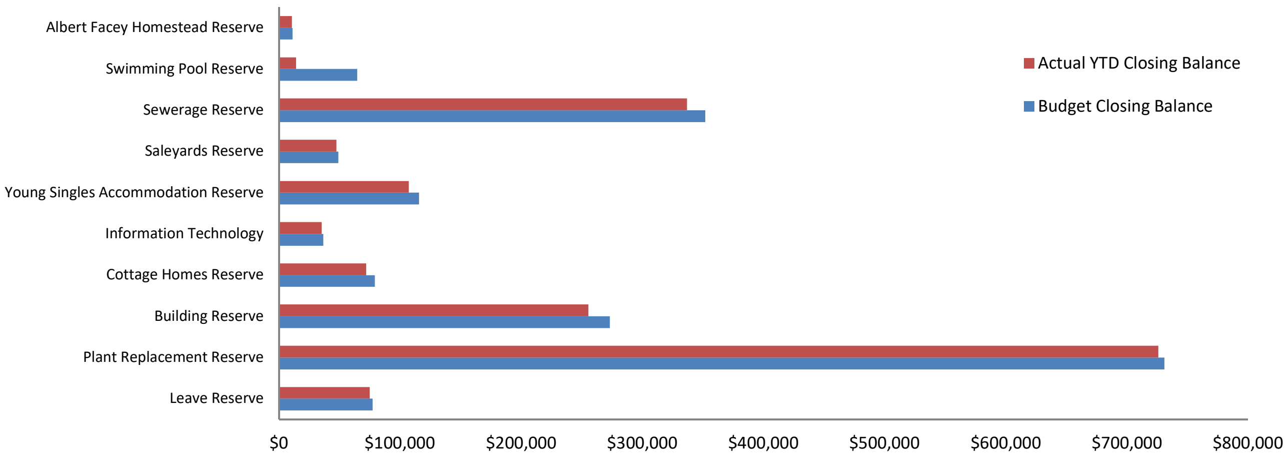

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Monthly Summary Information
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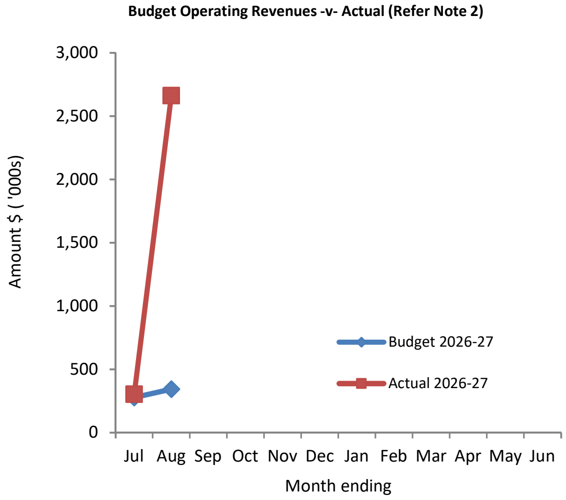

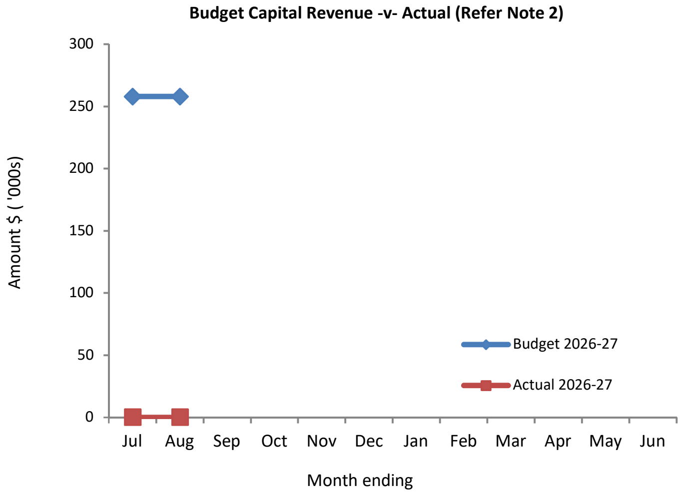

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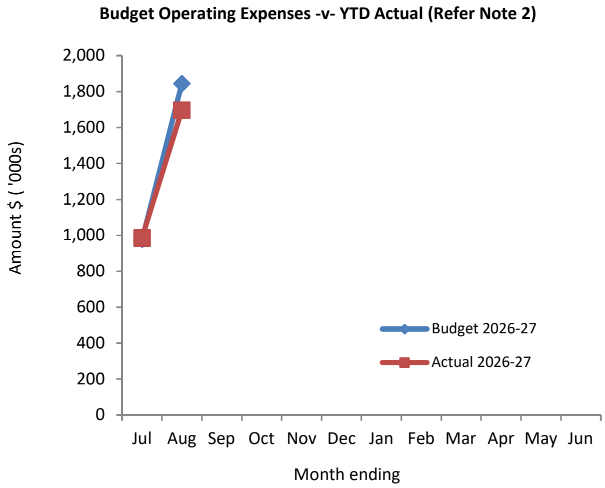

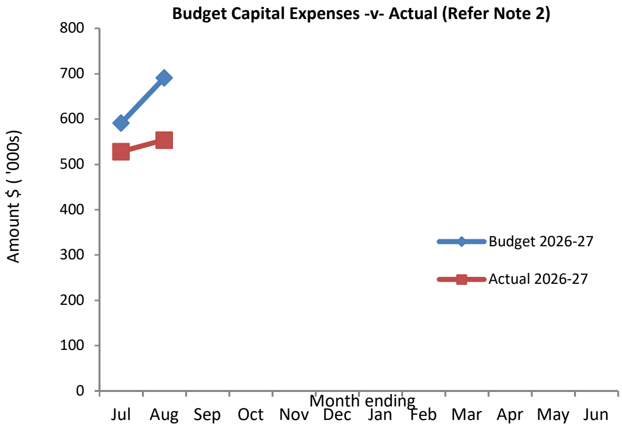

Comments

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(Statutory Reporting Program)
For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

	Note	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
Operating Revenues		$	$	$	$	%	
Governance		2,005	332	**0**	(332)	(100.00%)	
General Purpose Funding - Rates	9	1,871,583	1,954,396	**1,953,535**	(861)	(0.04%)	
General Purpose Funding - Other		347,287	41,210	**99,629**	58,419	141.76%	▲
Law, Order and Public Safety		197,084	20,775	**83,539**	62,764	302.11%	▲
Health		220	36	**1,610**	1,574	4371.97%	
Education and Welfare		300	50	**68**	18	36.36%	
Housing		118,850	19,802	**26,679**	6,877	34.73%	
Community Amenities		220,755	7,184	**186,108**	178,924	2490.59%	▲
Recreation and Culture		60,473	2,744	**1,674**	(1,070)	(38.99%)	
Transport		2,157,911	213,829	**212,800**	(1,029)	(0.48%)	
Economic Services		118,425	31,400	**56,972**	25,572	81.44%	▲
Other Property and Services		34,000	5,664	**40,259**	34,595	610.79%	▲
Total Operating Revenue		**5,128,893**	**2,297,422**	**2,662,872**	365,450		
Operating Expense							
Governance		(800,190)	(176,723)	**(137,255)**	39,468	22.33%	▼
General Purpose Funding		(152,699)	(25,446)	**(18,332)**	7,114	27.96%	▼
Law, Order and Public Safety		(299,148)	(49,108)	**(54,521)**	(5,413)	(11.02%)	
Health		(30,647)	(5,094)	**(4,036)**	1,058	20.76%	
Education and Welfare		(34,192)	(5,684)	**(1,525)**	4,159	73.17%	▼
Housing		(296,961)	(48,482)	**(39,391)**	9,091	18.75%	▼
Community Amenities		(709,681)	(118,158)	**(87,448)**	30,710	25.99%	▼
Recreation and Culture		(1,657,875)	(271,582)	**(240,912)**	30,670	11.29%	▼
Transport		(5,869,530)	(978,200)	**(947,473)**	30,727	3.14%	
Economic Services		(428,400)	(71,358)	**(68,384)**	2,974	4.17%	
Other Property and Services		(475,362)	(95,916)	**(98,854)**	(2,938)	(3.06%)	
Total Operating Expenditure		(10,754,684)	(1,845,751)	**(1,698,132)**	147,619		
Funding Balance Adjustments							
Add back Depreciation		6,118,030	1,019,660	**1,030,005**	10,345	1.01%	
Adjust (Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposal	8	(18,912)	(3,152)	**0**	3,152	(100.00%)	
Adjust Provisions and Accruals		0	0	**0**	0		
Adjust Rounding		0	0	**0**	0		
Net Cash from Operations		**473,327**	**1,468,180**	**1,994,746**	**526,566**		
Capital Revenues							
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	8	258,183	258,183	**0**	(258,183)	(100.00%)	▼
Total Capital Revenues		258,183	258,183	**0**	(258,183)		
Capital Expenses							
Land and Buildings	13	(108,000)	(2,500)	(66,065)	(63,565)	(2542.62%)	▲
Infrastructure - Roads	13	(2,164,091)	(619,374)	(483,346)	136,028	21.96%	▼
Infrastructure - Footpaths	13	(25,000)	(4,168)	0	4,168	100.00%	▼
Infrastructure -Other	13	(28,000)	(5,000)	(4,230)	770	15.40%	▼
Plant and Equipment	13	(646,400)	(60,400)	0	60,400	100.00%	▼
Furniture and Equipment	13	(18,000)	0	0	0		
Total Capital Expenditure		(2,989,491)	(691,442)	**(553,641)**	137,801		
Net Cash from Capital Activities		**(2,731,308)**	**(433,259)**	**(553,641)**	**(120,382)**		
Financing							
Transfer from Reserves	7	17,000	0	**0**	0		
Repayment of Debentures	10	(41,168)	0	**0**	0		
Transfer to Reserves	7	(250,000)	0	**0**	0		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		**(274,168)**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Net Operations, Capital and Financing		**(2,532,149)**	**1,034,921**	**1,441,104**	**406,184**		
Opening Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**2,532,149**	**2,532,149**	**2,457,329**	**(74,820)**	(2.95%)	
Closing Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**0**	**3,567,070**	**3,898,433**	**331,364**		

Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.
Refer to Note 2 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(By Nature or Type)
For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

	Note	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
Operating Revenues		$	$	$	$	%	
Rates	9	1,854,772	1,954,396	**1,953,535**	(861)	(0.04%)	
Rates excluding General Rates	9	16,811	0	**0**	0		
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	11	533,512	261,486	**356,897**	95,411	36.49%	▲
Fees and Charges		605,612	71,604	**347,377**	275,773	385.14%	▲
Interest Earnings		139,000	6,498	**5,064**	(1,434)	(22.08%)	
Other Revenue		0	0	**0**	0		
Profit on Disposal of Assets	8	20,632	3,438	**0**	(3,438)		
Total Operating Revenue		3,170,339	2,297,422	**2,662,872**	365,450		
Operating Expense							
Employee Costs		(2,014,787)	(331,646)	**(245,828)**	85,818	25.88%	▲
Materials and Contracts		(2,099,111)	(360,188)	**(244,946)**	115,242	31.99%	▲
Utility Charges		(225,552)	(36,944)	**(34,205)**	2,739	7.42%	
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets		(6,118,030)	(1,019,660)	**(1,030,005)**	(10,345)	(1.01%)	
Interest Expenses		(1,665)	0	**136**	136		
Insurance Expenses		(282,819)	(95,195)	**(136,154)**	(40,959)	(43.03%)	▼
Other Expenditure		(11,000)	(1,832)	**(7,129)**	(5,297)	(289.16%)	
Loss on Disposal of Assets	8	(1,720)	(286)	**0**	286	100.00%	
Total Operating Expenditure		(10,754,684)	(1,845,751)	**(1,698,132)**	147,619		
Funding Balance Adjustments							
Add back Depreciation		6,118,030	1,019,660	**1,030,005**	10,345	1.01%	
Adjust (Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposal	8	(18,912)	(3,152)	**0**	3,152	(100.00%)	
Adjust Provisions and Accruals		0	0	**0**	0		
Adjust Rounding		0	0	**0**			
Net Cash from Operations		**(1,485,227)**	**1,468,180**	**1,994,746**	**526,566**		
Capital Revenues							
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	11	1,958,554	0	**0**	0		
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	8	258,183	258,183	**0**	(258,183)	(100.00%)	▼
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		0	0	**0**	0		
Total Capital Revenues		2,216,737	258,183	**0**	(258,183)		
Capital Expenses							
Land and Buildings	13	(108,000)	(2,500)	(66,065)	(63,565)	(2542.62%)	▼
Infrastructure - Roads	13	(2,164,091)	(619,374)	(483,346)	136,028	21.96%	▲
Infrastructure - Footpaths	13	(25,000)	(4,168)	0	4,168	100.00%	▲
Infrastructure - Drainage	13	(28,000)	(5,000)	(4,230)	770	15.40%	▲
Plant and Equipment	13	(646,400)	(60,400)	0	60,400	100.00%	▲
Furniture and Equipment	13	(18,000)	0	0	0		
Total Capital Expenditure		**(2,989,491)**	**(691,442)**	**(553,641)**	137,801		
Net Cash from Capital Activities		**(772,754)**	**(433,259)**	**(553,641)**	**(120,382)**		
Financing							
Transfer from Reserves	7	17,000	0	0	0		
Repayment of Debentures	10	(41,168)	0	0	0		
Transfer to Reserves	7	(250,000)	0	0	0		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		**(274,168)**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Net Operations, Capital and Financing		**(2,532,149)**	**1,034,921**	**1,441,104**	**406,184**		
Opening Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**2,532,149**	**2,532,149**	**2,457,329**	**(74,820)**	(2.95%)	
Closing Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**0**	**3,567,070**	**3,898,433**	**331,364**		

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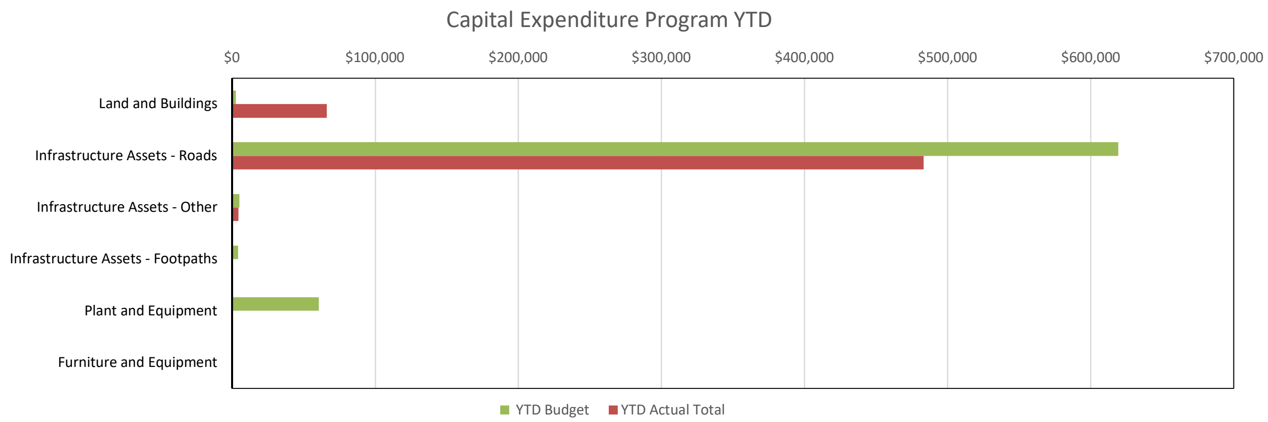
SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ACQUSITIONS AND CAPITAL FUNDING
For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

Capital Acquisitions	Note	YTD Actual New /Upgrade (a)	YTD Actual (Renewal Expenditure) (b)	YTD Actual Total (c) = (a)+(b)	YTD Budget (d)	YTD 31 08 2026 Amended Annual Budget	Variance (d) - (c)
		$	$	$	$	$	$
Land and Buildings	13	66,065.40	0.00	66,065.40	2,500.00	108,000.00	63,565.40
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	13		483,346.05	483,346.05	619,374.00	2,164,091.00	(136,027.95)
Infrastructure Assets - Other	13	4,230.00	0.00	4,230.00	5,000.00	28,000.00	(770.00)
Infrastructure Assets - Footpaths	13	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,168.00	25,000.00	(4,168.00)
Plant and Equipment	13	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,400.00	646,400.00	(60,400.00)
Furniture and Equipment	13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure Totals		70,295.40	483,346.05	553,641.45	691,442.00	2,989,491.00	(137,800.55)

Funded By:

Capital Grants and Contributions	0	1,958,554	1,918,554	1,958,554
Borrowings	0	0	0	0
Other (Disposals & C/Fwd)	0	258,183	(18,912)	258,183
Own Source Funding - Cash Backed Reserves	0	0	0	0
Own Source Funding - Operations	0	(1,525,295)	1,089,849	1,525,295
Capital Funding Total	0	691,442	2,989,491	(691,442)



1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

This statement comprises a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. Material accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this statement are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the report has also 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.

Critical Accounting 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.
that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

All Funds through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in this statement.

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the statement, but a separate statement of those monies appears at Note 12.

(c) Rounding Off Figures

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

(d) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

(e) Goods and Services Tax

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

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

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

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(g) Trade and Other Receivables

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

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that they will not be collectible.

(h) Inventories

General

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

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

Land Held for Resale

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

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

Land held for sale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on Council's intentions to release for sale.

(i) Fixed Assets

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the local government includes the cost of all materials used in the construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Certain asset classes may be revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Assets carried at fair value are to be revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from that determined using fair value at reporting date.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period. Major depreciation rates and periods are:

Buildings	30 to 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 15 years
Roads	20 to 50 years
Footpaths	20 years
Sewerage Piping	100 years
Water Supply Piping and Drainage Systems	75 years
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	30 to 50 years

(k) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Council 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.

(l) Employee Benefits

The provisions for employee benefits relates to amounts expected to be paid for long service leave, annual leave, wages and salaries and are calculated as follows:

(i) Wages, Salaries, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Short-term Benefits)

The provision for employees' benefits to wages, salaries, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months represents the amount the Shire has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees services provided to balance date. The provision has been calculated at nominal amounts based on remuneration rates the Shire expects to pay and includes related on-costs.

(ii) Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Long-term Benefits)

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the project unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, the liability is recognised as a current liability.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities that are yield related are included as part of the carrying amount of the loans and borrowings.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Borrowing Costs

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.

(n) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when: The council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one of item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

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

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(p) Nature or Type Classifications

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

Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions
Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

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

Profit on Asset Disposal
Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments.
Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

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

Service Charges
Service charges imposed under Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995. Regulation 54 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 identifies the These are television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Exclude rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

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

Other Revenue / Income
Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

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

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

Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water, etc.)
Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(q) Nature or Type Classifications (Continued)

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

Loss on asset disposal
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

Depreciation on non-current assets
Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

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

Other expenditure
Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or levies including WA Fire Brigade Levy and State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

(r) Statement of Objectives

Council has adopted a 'Plan for the future' comprising a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan to provide the long term community vision, aspirations and objectives.

Based upon feedback received from the community the vision of the Shire is:

A Collaborative Council, dedicated to maintaining and developing our community assets for the benefit of our residents whilst supporting a strong community, vibrant economy, successful businesses and a sound environment

The Strategic Community Plan defines the key objectives of the Shire as:
(1) Social – This theme describes the social aspects of life in the Shire incorporating community safety, recreation and leisure, as well as arts, culture and heritage.
(2) Environmental – This theme relates to valuing the environment, including natural resource management; sustainable land use, waste management, and recycling.
(3) Economic – This theme describes infrastructure planning, transport infrastructure, facilities and services a nd asset management.and inclusive community engagement
(4) Civic leadership – This theme describes how the Shire embraces a culture of leadership, customer service .

Council operations as disclosed in this statement encompass the following service orientated activities/programs:

(s) GOVERNANCE
Expenses associated with provision of services to members of council and elections. Also included are costs associated with computer operations, corporate accounting, corporate records and asset management. Costs reported as administrative expenses are redistributed in accordance with the principle of activity based costing (ABC).

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING
Rates and associated revenues, general purpose government grants, interest revenue and other miscellaneous revenues such as commission on Police Licensing. The costs associated with raising the above mentioned revenues, eg. Valuation expenses, debt collection and overheads.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY
Enforcement of Local Laws, fire prevention, animal control and provision of ranger services.

HEALTH
Health inspection services, food quality control, mosquito control and contributions towards provision of medical health services.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(s) Reporting Programs (Continued)

HOUSING
Provision and maintenance of rented housing accommodation for pensioners and employees.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES
Sanitation, sewerage, stormwater drainage, protection of the environment, public conveniences, cemeteries and town planning.

RECREATION AND CULTURE
Parks, gardens and recreation reserves, library services, swimming facilities, walk trails, public halls and Community Centre.

TRANSPORT
Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, drainage works, parking facilities, traffic control, depot operations, plant purchase and cleaning of streets.

ECONOMIC SERVICES
Tourism, community development, pest control, building services, caravan parks and private works.

OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES
Plant works, plant overheads and stock of materials.

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
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Note 2: EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

Reporting Program	Var. $	Var. %	Var.	Timing/ Permanent	Explanation of Variance
Operating Revenues	$	%			
Governance	(332)	(100%)			
General Purpose Funding - Other	58,419	142%	▲	Permanent	Increase in Fags First Payment
Law, Order and Public Safety	62,764	302%	▲	**Timing**	Rates
Health	1,574	4372%			
Education and Welfare	18	36%			
Housing	6,877	35%			
Community Amenities	178,924	2491%	▲	Timing	Rates
Recreation and Culture	(1,070)	(39%)			
Transport	(1,029)	(0%)			
Economic Services	25,572	81%	▲	Permanent	LGIS Golf Day Income/Sponsership
Other Property and Services	34,595	611%	▲	Permanent	Works Compensation Reimbursement
Operating Expense					
Governance	39,468	22.33%	▼	Timing	Expenditure not yet occurred
General Purpose Funding	7,114	27.96%	▼	Timing	Expenditure not yet occurred
Law, Order and Public Safety	(5,413)	(11.02%)			
Health	1,058	20.76%			
Education and Welfare	4,159	73.17%	▼	Timing	Expenditure not yet occurred
Housing	9,091	18.75%	▼	Timing	Expenditure not yet occurred
Community Amenities	30,710	25.99%	▼	Timing	Expenditure not yet occurred
Recreation and Culture	30,670	11.29%	▼	Timing	Expenditure not yet occurred
Transport	30,727	3.14%			
Economic Services	2,974	4.17%			
Other Property and Services	(2,938)	(3.06%)			
Capital Revenues					
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	0				
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	(258,183)	(100.00%)	▼	Timing	Plant not yet disposd of
Capital Expenses					
Land and Buildings	28,162	(2542.62%)	▲	Timing	Yealering Hall expnediture
Infrastructure - Roads	12,744	21.96%	▼	Timing	Roads not yet done
Infrastructure - Footpaths	22,500	100.00%	▼	Timing	No footpaths done yet
Infrastructure - Other	29,057	15.40%	▼	Timing	Capital Works not yet done
Plant and Equipment	321,302	100.00%	▼	Timing	Plant not yet purchased
Furniture and Equipment	25,750				
Financing					
Loan Principal	0				

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
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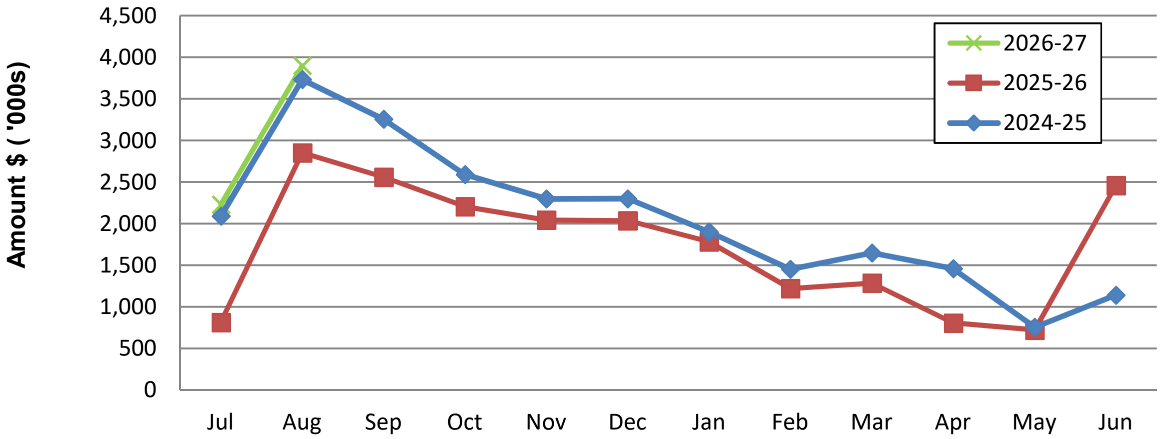
Note 3: NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION

	Note	YTD 31 Aug 2026	30 June 2026	YTD 31 Aug 2025
		Positive=Surplus (Negative=Deficit)		
		$	$	$
Current Assets				
Cash Unrestricted	4	1,887,677	2,697,324	994,263
Cash Restricted	4	3,238,457	3,238,457	3,681,298
Receivables - Rates	6	2,209,965	45,881	43,153
Receivables -Other	6	6,164	1,557	2,729
Interest / ATO Receivable/Trust		52,422	40,382	39,220
		7,394,685	6,023,601	4,760,663
Less: Current Liabilities				
Payables		(30,310)	(100,190)	(34,727)
Contract Liabilities		-	0	0
Provisions		(227,485)	(227,624)	(231,014)
		(257,795)	(327,814)	(265,741)
Less: Cash Reserves	7	(3,238,457)	(3,238,457)	(3,681,298)
Net Current Funding Position		**3,898,433**	**2,457,329**	**813,624**

Note 3 - Liquidity Over the Year



Comments - Net Current Funding Position

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Note 4: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

		Interest Rate	Unrestricted $	Restricted $	Trust $	Total Amount $	Institution	Maturity Date
(a)	**Cash Deposits**							
	Municipal Account	0.00%	222,276			222,276	ANZ	At Call
	Reserve Bank Account	0.00%		7		7	ANZ	At Call
	Trust Bank Account	0.00%			11,791	11,791	ANZ	At Call
	Cash On Hand	Nil	700.00			700	N/A	On Hand
(b)	**Term Deposits**							
	Municipal	4.27%				0	WA Treasury	11-Apr-25
	Municipal					0		
	Reserve	4.59%		3,000,000		3,000,000	WA Treasury	
	Municipal	4.80%	1,664,701			1,664,701	WA Treasury	At Call
	Reserve	4.53%		238,450		238,450	WA Treasury	
	Trust	0.40%				0		
	Total		1,887,677	3,238,457	11,791	5,137,925		

Comments/Notes - Investments

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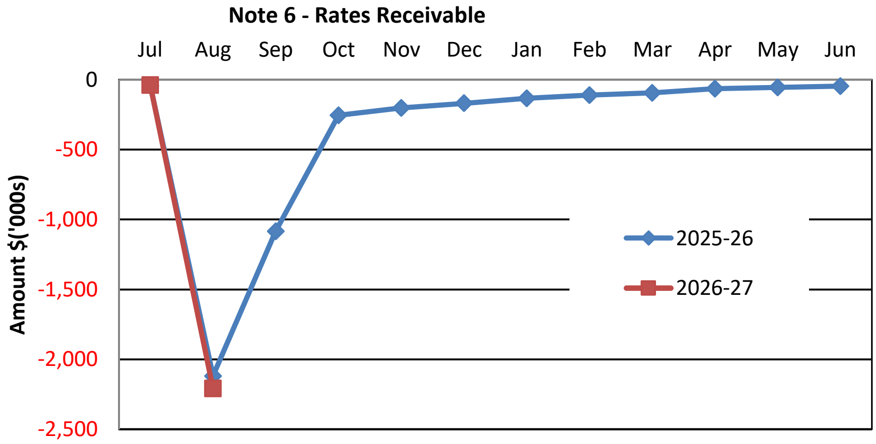
Note 5: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

GL Account Code	Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
				$	$	$	$
	Budget Adoption		Opening Surplus				
	Permanent Changes						0
							0
							0
							0
							0
							0
				0	0	0	

Note 6: RECEIVABLES

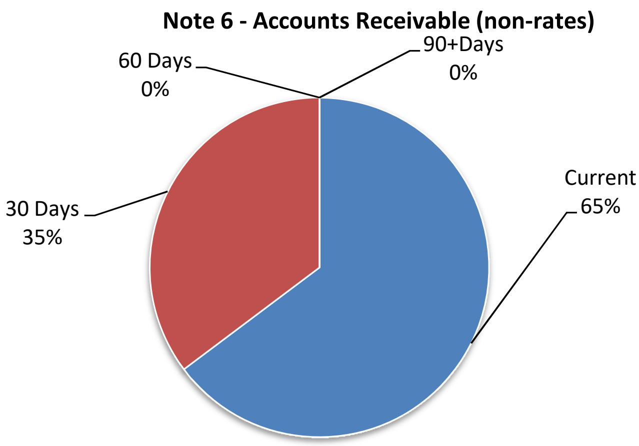
Receivables - Rates Receivable	YTD 31 Aug 2026	30 June 2026
	$	$
Opening Arrears Previous Years	46,485	45,881
Levied this year	2,197,206	1,992,410
Less Collections to date	(33,842)	(1,991,806)
Equals Current Outstanding	**2,209,965**	**46,485**
Net Rates Collectable	**2,209,965**	**46,485**
% Collected	1.51%	97.72%



Comments/Notes - Receivables Rates

Receivables - General	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+Days
	$	$	$	$
Receivables - General	3,991	2,173	0	0
Total Receivables General Outstanding				**6,164.21**

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)



Comments/Notes - Receivables General

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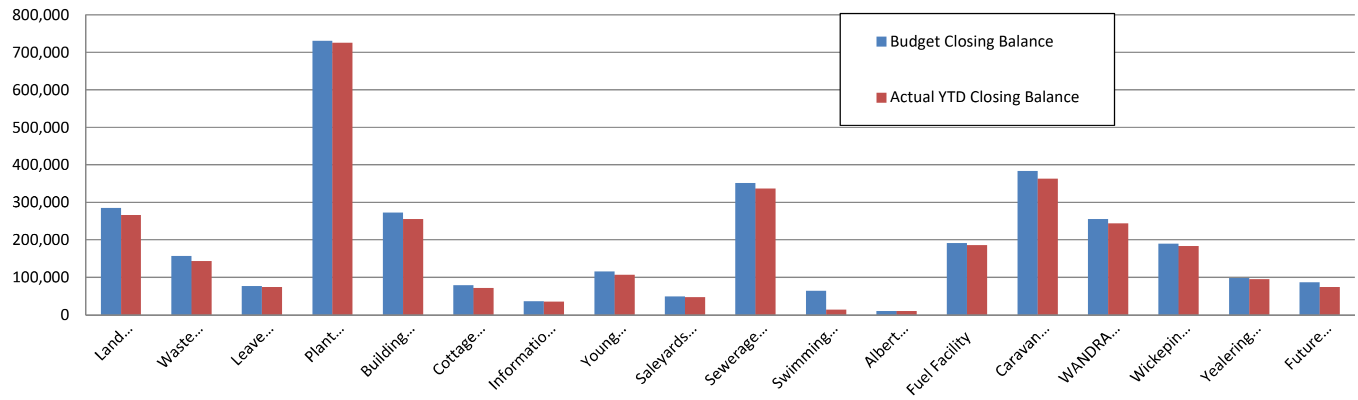
Note 7: Cash Backed Reserve

2026-27 Name	Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Actual Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Transfer out Reference	Budget Closing Balance	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$
Land Development Reserve	267,416	8,115		10,000					285,531	267,416
Waste Management Reserve	143,613	4,359		10,000					157,972	143,613
Leave Reserve	74,937	2,274							77,211	74,937
Plant Replacement Reserve	726,058	22,057				17,000			731,115	726,058
Building Reserve	255,493	7,754		10,000					273,247	255,493
Cottage Homes Reserve	71,821	2,335		5,000					79,156	71,821
Information Technology	35,281	1,072							36,353	35,281
Young Singles Accommodation Reserve	107,170	3,260		5,000					115,430	107,170
Saleyards Reserve	47,358	1,446							48,804	47,358
Sewerage Reserve	336,740	10,218		5,000					351,958	336,740
Swimming Pool Reserve	14,136	441		50,000					64,577	14,136
Albert Facey Homestead Reserve	10,696	325							11,021	10,696
Fuel Facility	185,953	5,644							191,597	185,953
Caravan Park & Accommodation Reserve	363,213	11,022		10,000					384,235	363,213
WANDRA events & Emergency Repairs Reserve	243,872	7,400		5,000					256,272	243,872
Wickepin Bowling Greens - Replacement	184,518	5,600							190,118	184,518
Yealering Bowling Green - Replacement	95,533	2,899							98,432	95,533
Future Projects Rerserve	74,651	2,265		10,000					86,916	74,651
Software Reserve	0	1,514		30,000					31,514	0
	3,238,457	**100,000**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**17,000**	**0**	**0**	**3,439,943**	**3,238,457**

Note 7 - Year To Date Reserve Balance to End of Year Estimate



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Note 8 CAPITAL DISPOSALS

Actual YTD Profit/(Loss) of Asset Disposal					Amended Current Budget YTD 31 08 2026			
Cost	Accum Depr	Proceeds	Profit (Loss)		Amended Annual Budget Profit/(Loss)	Actual Profit/(Loss)	Variance	Comments
$	$	$	$		$	$	$	
				Plant and Equipment				
			0	XPM13	43,730	0	(43,730)	
			0	XPW4	(23,098)	0	23,098	
			0	XCEO6	(860)	0	860	
			0	XCEO7	(860)	0	860	
			0			0	0	
			0			0	0	
			0			0	0	
			0			0	0	
0	**0**	**0**	**0**		**18,912**	**0.00**	**(18,912)**	

Comments - Capital Disposal/Replacements

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Note 9: RATING INFORMATION RATE TYPE	Rate in $	Number of Properties	Rateable Value $	Rate Revenue $	Interim Rates $	Back Rates $	Total Revenue $	Amended Budget Rate Revenue $	Amended Budget Interim Rate $	Amended Budget Back Rate $	Amended Budget Total Revenue $
Differential General Rate											
GRV	9.129400	136	1,452,688	132,622			132,622	132,622	250		132,872
UV	0.380100	269	449,629,065	1,709,040			1,709,040	1,709,040	250		1,709,290
Mining UV	0.380100						0				
Sub-Totals		405	451,081,753	1,841,662	0	0	1,841,662	1,841,662	500	0	1,842,162
Minimum Payment	**Minimum $**										
GRV	9.1294	126	494,923	82,530			82,530	82,530			82,530
UV	0.3801	46	5,003,729	30,130			30,130	30,130			30,130
Mining UV	0.3801										
Sub-Totals		172	5,498,652	112,660	0	0	112,660	112,660	0	0	112,660
							1,954,322				1,954,822
Ex Gratia Rates							0				16,811
Discount							(784)				(100,000)
Rates Writeoffs							(4)				(50)
Amount from General Rates							**1,953,535**				**1,871,583**
Specified Area Rates											
Totals							**1,953,535**				**1,871,583**

Comments - Rating Information

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10. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS
(a) Debenture Repayments

Particulars	Principal 1-Jul-26	New Loans	Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments		
			Actual $	Budget $	Actual $	Budget $	Actual $	Budget $	Loan Completion Date
Loan 103 -Staff House	147,532		-	41,168	208,757	147,532		1,665	2/12/2030
	147,532	0	0	41,168	208,757	147,532	0	1,665	

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

(b) New Debentures

No new debentures were raised during the reporting period.

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Note 11: GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Program/Details GL	Grant Provider	Approval	2026-27 Budget	Variations Additions (Deletions)	Operating	Capital	Recoup Status Received	Recoup Status Not Received
		(Y/N)	$	$	$	$	$	$
GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING								
Grants Commission - General	WALGGC	Y	152,090	0	152,090	0	66,513	85,577
Grants Commission - Roads	WALGGC	Y	50,697	0	50,697	0	27,713	22,985
GOVERNANCE								
			0	0	0		0	0
LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY								
DFES Grant - Operating Bush Fire Brigade	DFES	Y	77,000	0	77,000	0	18,965	58,035
							0	0
COMMUNITY AMENITIES								
		N	0			0	0	0
RECREATION AND CULTURE								
		Y	0			0	0	0
		N	0			0	0	0
		N	0	0			0	0
ECONOMIC SERVICES								
LGIS Golf Day 2026.2027			15,000				34,982	(34,982)
								0
TRANSPORT								
Roads To Recovery Grant - Cap	Roads to Recovery	Y	1,078,954	0	0	1,078,954	0	1,078,954
RRG Grants - Capital Projects	Regional Road Group	Y	839,600	0		839,600	0	839,600
Direct Grant - Maintenance	Dept. of Transport	Y	208,725		208,725		208,725	0
TOTALS			**2,422,066**	**0**	**488,512**	**1,918,554**	**356,897**	**2,050,169**

Note 12: TRUST FUND

Funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control and which are not included in this statement are as follows:

Description	Opening Balance 1 Jul 26	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 31-Aug-26
	$	$	$	$
Housing Bonds	730	2,548	-3,278	**0**
Master Key Deposits	1,372	630	-1,260	**742**
Nomination Deposits	0	0	0	**0**
Building and BCITF	0	62	0	**62**
Miscellaneous Trust	2,809	240	-120	**2,929**
Yealering Bowling Club Greens	5,000	3,800	0	**8,800**
Licensing		45,974	-45,974	**0**
	9,911	**53,254**	**-50,632**	**12,533**

Level of Completion Indicators
0% ○
20% ○
40% ○
60% ◉
80% ○
100% ●

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ended 31 August 2026

Note 13: CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

					31/08/2026		
	Infrastructure Assets		Annual Budget	Amended YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over	Strategic Reference / Comment
	Land & Buildings						
	Other Housing						
	Patio - 10 Smith St	XHS1	5,000	5,000	2,505	0	
●							
	Other Housing Total		**5,000**	**0**	**2,505**	**0**	
	Recreation and Culture						
○	Replace Roof and Ceiling Wickepin Tennis Club	XWTC	20,000	0	0	0	
○	Netball Court Seating	XNC1	5,000	0	0	5,000	
○	Wickepin Town Hall	CLPH1	8,000	0	0	8,000	
○	Yealering Bowling Club - Capital	YBCC	25,000	0	0	25,000	
○	Yealering Hall -Roof	CLPH2	15,000	2,500	63,560	(48,560)	
○	Wickepin Community Resource Centre 26.27	XCRC1	25,000	0	0.00		
○	Yealering Hall - Grant	CLPH2					
	Recreation And Culture Total		**98,000**	**2,500**	**63,560**	**(10,560)**	
	Transport						
○	Toolseum Restumping	LPWC	5,000	0	0	0	
	Transport Total		**5,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Land and Buildings Total		108,000	2,500	66,065	(10,560)	
	Footpaths						
	Transport						
○	Footpaths	LFP1	25,000	4,168	0	4,168	
	Transport Total		**25,000**	**4,168**	**0**	**4,168**	
	Footpaths Total		25,000	4,168	0	4,168	
	Furniture & Equipment						
	Governance						
○	Various Locations - New CCTV System	XCTV	18,000	0	0	0	
○							
	Governance Total		**18,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Furniture & Office Equip. Total		18,000	0	0	0	
	Plant , Equip. & Vehicles						
	Governance						
○	Ceo Vehicle 26/27 Trade 1	XCEO6	60,400	60,400	0	60,400	
○	Ceo Vehicle - Trade 2 26.27	XCEO7	60,400	0	0	0	
	Governance Total		**120,800**	**60,400**	**0**	**60,400**	
	Recreation And Culture Total					**0**	
	Law, Order and Public Safety						
○						0	
○						0	
	Law, Order and Publis Safety Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Transport						
○	Grader	XPM13	400,000	0	0	400,000	
○	Generators	XGE1	60,000	0	0	60,000	
○	Mws Vehicle 26/27	XPW4	65,600	0	0	65,600	
	Transport Total		**525,600**	**0**	**0**	**525,600**	
	Plant , Equip. & Vehicles Total		646,400	60,400	0	586,000	
	Infrastructure Other						
	Community Amenity Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Recreation and Culture						
○	Wickepin Cemetery Upgrade	WCU1	18,000	0	0.00	18,000	
○	Yealering Niche Wall	XYC1	5,000	5,000	4,230.00	770	
○	Wickepin Skate Park Lighting 26/27	WSKP1	5,000	0	0.00	5,000	
○							
○			0	0			
	Recreation and Culture Total	**0**	**28,000**	**5,000**	**4,230**	**23,770**	
	Economic Services						
○						0	
	Economic Services Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Transport						
○			**0**	**0**		**0**	
	Transport Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Infrastructure Other Total		28,000	5,000	4,230	23,770	
	Roads						
	Transport Regional Road Group						
○	Wickepin - Corrigin Road	RRG001	599,739	99,956	24,867.54	574,871	
○	Lomos South Road	RRG155	342,000	57,002	57,684.40	284,316	
	Fence Road	WSC150	227,850	0	0.00	227,850	
	Rrg - Wickepin-Harrismith Rd	RG157	0	0	8,657.42	0	
	Regional Road Group Total	**0**	**1,169,589**	**156,958**	**91,209**	**1,087,037**	
	Transport Roads to Recovery						
○	Yilliminning Road	R2R004	350,000	350,000	356,281.15	**(6,281)**	
○	Stock Route Road	R2R163		0	3,225.16	**(3,225)**	
○	Gilliminning Road	R2R035		0	32,630.38	**(32,630)**	
○	Kirk Rock Road	R2014	160,988	53,662	0.00	**160,988**	
	Kirk Rock Road	R2014a	160,988			**160,988**	
	86 Gate Road	R2013	161,263	53,754	0.00	**161,263**	
	86 Gate Road	R2013a	161,263			**161,263**	
	Roads to Recovery Total		**994,502**	**457,416**	**392,137**	**602,365**	
	Council Resources Construction						
○	Curlew Way - Wsc Construction	CO161	0	5,000	0	**5,000**	
○							
	Council Resources Construction Total		**0**	**5,000**	**0**	**5,000**	
	Roads Total		2,164,091	619,374	483,346	1,694,402.37	
○	**Capital Expenditure Total**		2,989,491	691,442	553,641.45	2,297,780	

13.2.1
Monthly Financial Report
Amended - July 2026

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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Report Purpose

This report is prepared to meet the requirements of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996,* Regulation 34 .

Overview

Summary reports and graphical progressive graphs are provided on page 3, 4 and 5.
No matters of significance are noted.

Statement of Financial Activity by reporting program

Is presented on page 6 and shows a surplus as at 31 July 2026 of $753,635.

Note: The Statements and accompanying notes are prepared based on all transactions recorded at the time of preparation and may vary.

Preparation

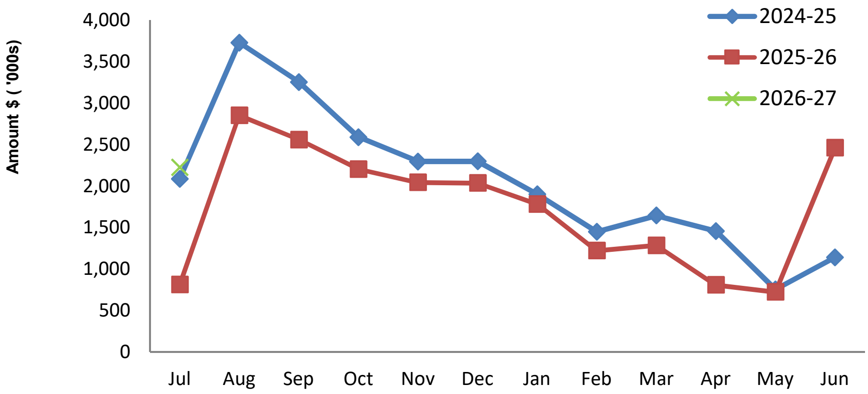
Prepared by:	E.Clement DCEO
Date prepared:	8-Sep-26
Reviewed by:	David Burton CEO

Shire of Wickepin

Monthly Summary Information

For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

Liquidity Over the Year (Refer Note 3)



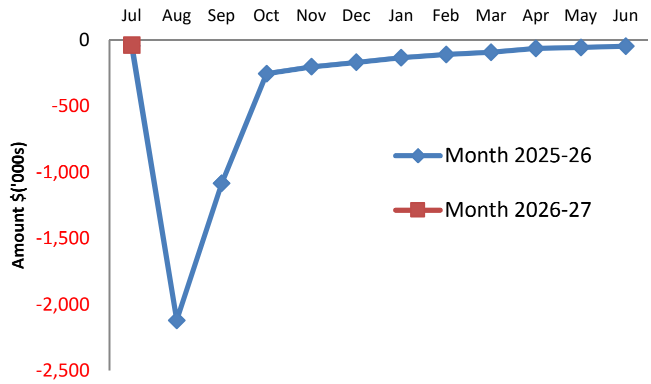
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at period end

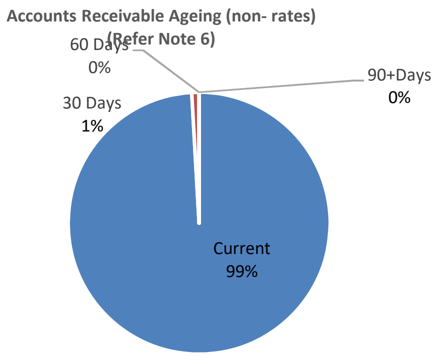
Unrestricted	$	2,425,547
Restricted	$	3,238,457
	$	5,664,004

Receivables

Rates	$	39,925
Other	$	8,754
	$	48,679

Rates Receivable (Refer Note 6)





Comments

Unrestricted cash includes the following payments in advance

26/27 Grants Commission - General	$	1,712,000.00
26/27 Grants Commission - Roads		
Amounts paid in advance	$	1,712,000.00

Please note breakdown is not yet available

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Monthly Summary Information

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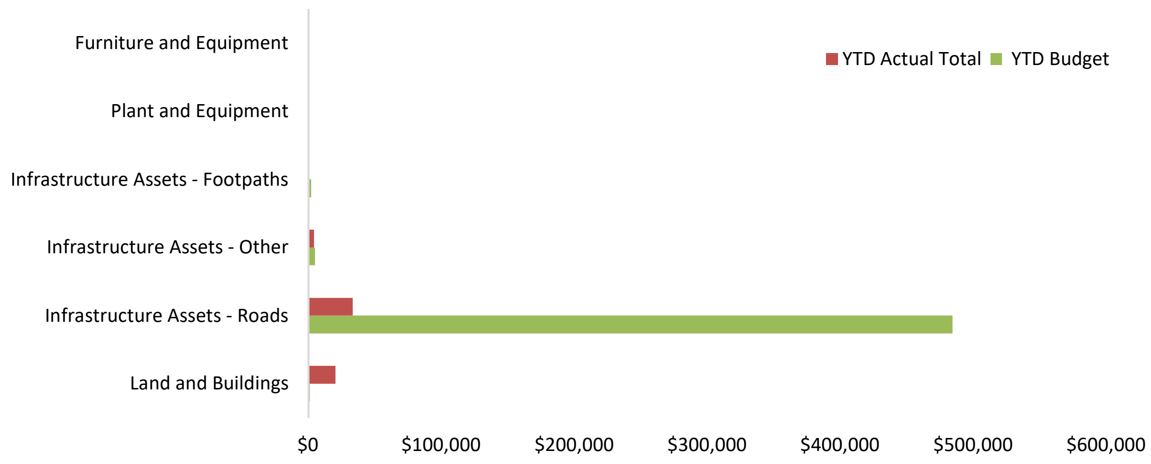
Capital Expenditure Program YTD (Refer Note 13)



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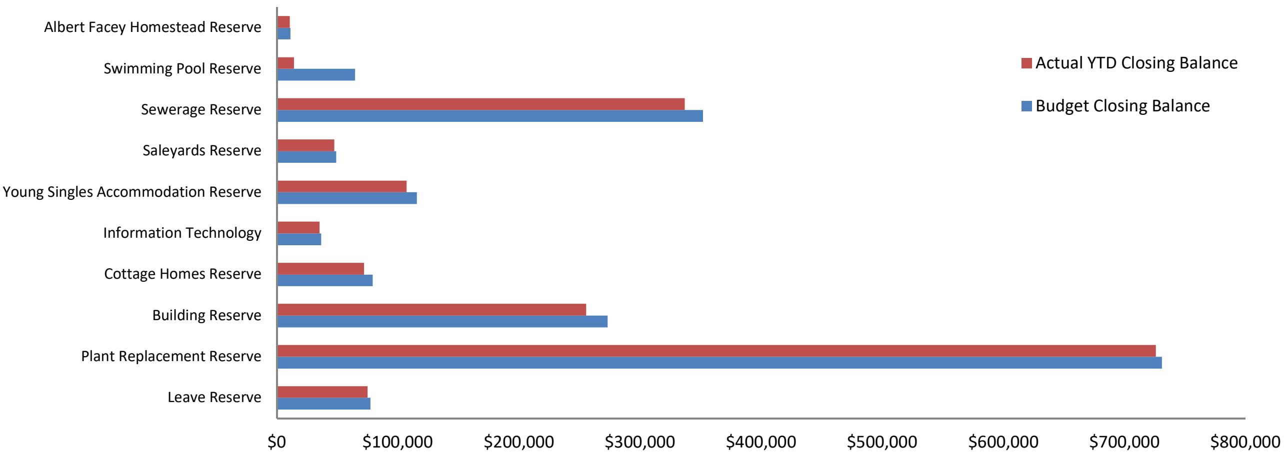

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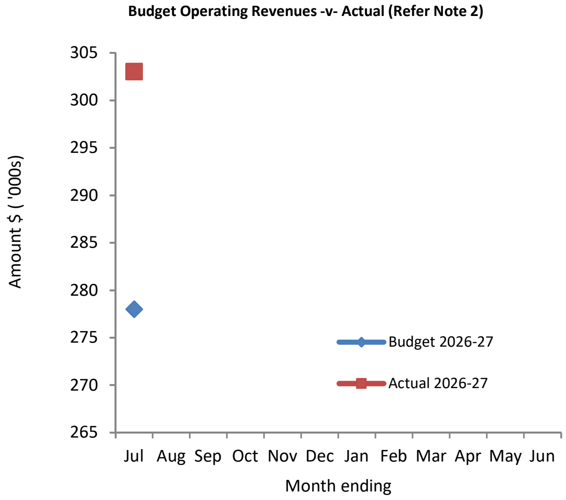

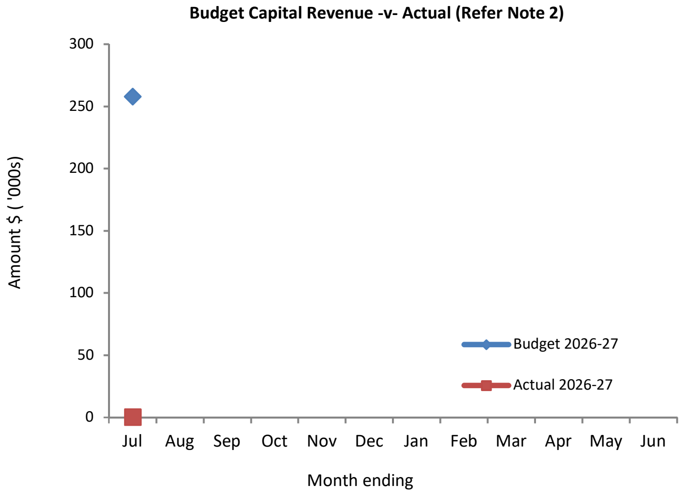

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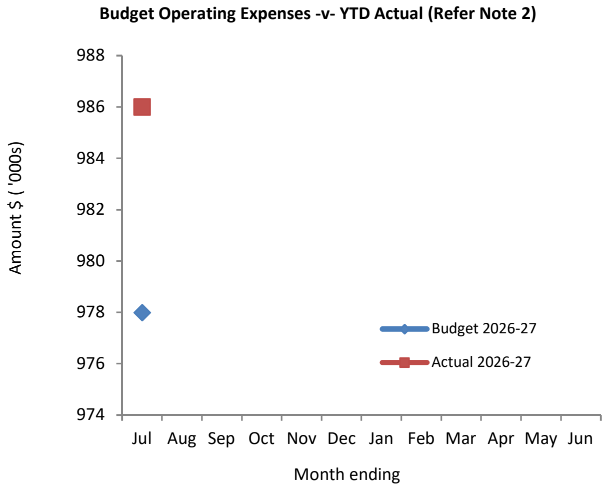

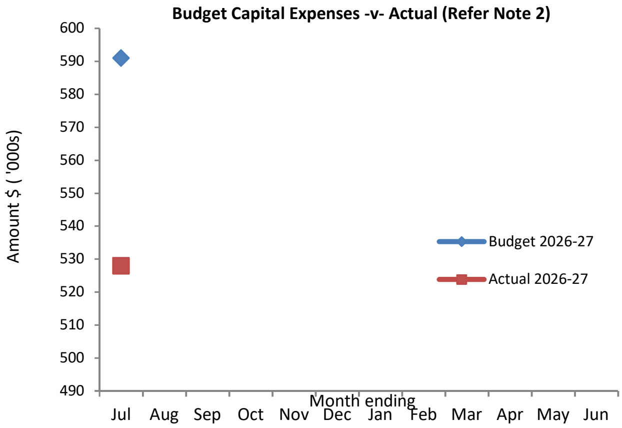

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(Statutory Reporting Program)
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

	Note	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
Operating Revenues		$	$	$	$	%	
Governance		2,005	166	**0**	(166)	(100.00%)	
General Purpose Funding - Rates	9	1,871,583	37	**0**	(37)	(100.00%)	
General Purpose Funding - Other		347,287	20,605	**2,468**	(18,137)	(88.02%)	▼
Law, Order and Public Safety		197,084	19,870	**18,993**	(877)	(4.41%)	
Health		220	18	**0**	(18)	(100.00%)	
Education and Welfare		300	25	**68**	43	172.72%	
Housing		118,850	9,901	**16,843**	6,942	70.11%	
Community Amenities		220,755	3,592	**3,617**	25	0.68%	
Recreation and Culture		60,473	1,372	**682**	(690)	(50.30%)	
Transport		2,157,911	211,277	**210,057**	(1,220)	(0.58%)	
Economic Services		118,425	8,200	**48,452**	40,252	490.88%	▲
Other Property and Services		34,000	2,832	**1,455**	(1,377)	(48.64%)	
Total Operating Revenue		**5,128,893**	**277,895**	**302,634**	24,739		
Operating Expense							
Governance		(800,190)	(122,579)	**(111,001)**	11,578	9.45%	
General Purpose Funding		(152,699)	(12,723)	**(12,662)**	61	0.48%	
Law, Order and Public Safety		(299,148)	(33,054)	**(27,653)**	5,401	16.34%	▼
Health		(30,647)	(2,547)	**(1,720)**	827	32.48%	
Education and Welfare		(34,192)	(2,842)	**(1,308)**	1,534	53.99%	▼
Housing		(296,961)	(24,241)	**(25,476)**	(1,235)	(5.10%)	
Community Amenities		(709,681)	(59,079)	**(40,363)**	18,716	31.68%	▼
Recreation and Culture		(1,657,875)	(135,791)	**(132,759)**	3,032	2.23%	
Transport		(5,869,530)	(489,100)	**(484,434)**	4,666	0.95%	
Economic Services		(428,400)	(35,679)	**(46,898)**	(11,219)	(31.44%)	▲
Other Property and Services		(475,362)	(60,458)	**(101,630)**	(41,172)	(68.10%)	▲
Total Operating Expenditure		(10,754,684)	(978,093)	**(985,903)**	(7,810)		
Funding Balance Adjustments							
Add back Depreciation		6,118,030	509,830	**515,003**	5,173	1.01%	
Adjust (Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposal	8	(18,912)	(1,576)	**0**	1,576	(100.00%)	
Adjust Provisions and Accruals		0	0	**0**	0		
Adjust Rounding		0	0	**0**	0		
Net Cash from Operations		**473,327**	**(191,944)**	**(168,266)**	**23,677**		
Capital Revenues							
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	8	258,183	258,183	**0**	(258,183)	(100.00%)	▼
Total Capital Revenues		258,183	258,183	**0**	(258,183)		
Capital Expenses							
Land and Buildings	13	(108,000)	(1,250)	(20,285)	(19,035)	(1522.83%)	▲
Infrastructure - Roads	13	(2,164,091)	(484,687)	(33,392)	451,295	93.11%	▼
Infrastructure - Footpaths	13	(25,000)	(2,084)	0	2,084	100.00%	▼
Infrastructure -Other	13	(28,000)	(5,000)	(4,230)	770	15.40%	▼
Plant and Equipment	13	(646,400)	0	0	0		
Furniture and Equipment	13	(18,000)	0	0	0		
Total Capital Expenditure		(2,989,491)	(493,021)	**(57,908)**	435,113		
Net Cash from Capital Activities		**(2,731,308)**	**(234,838)**	**(57,908)**	**176,930**		
Financing							
Transfer from Reserves	7	17,000	0	**0**	0		
Repayment of Debentures	10	(41,168)	0	**0**	0		
Transfer to Reserves	7	(250,000)	0	**0**	0		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		**(274,168)**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Net Operations, Capital and Financing		**(2,532,149)**	**(426,782)**	**(226,174)**	**200,607**		
Opening Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**2,532,149**	**2,532,149**	**2,457,329**	**(74,820)**	(2.95%)	
Closing Funding Surplus(Deficit)	3	**0**	**2,105,368**	**2,231,155**	**125,787**		

Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.
Refer to Note 2 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
(By Nature or Type)
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

	Note	Annual Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var.
Operating Revenues		$	$	$	$	%	
Rates	9	1,854,772	37	**0**	(37)	(100.00%)	
Rates excluding General Rates	9	16,811	0	**0**	0		
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	11	533,512	244,588	**260,708**	16,120	6.59%	
Fees and Charges		605,612	28,302	**39,628**	11,326	40.02%	▲
Interest Earnings		139,000	3,249	**2,298**	(951)	(29.29%)	
Other Revenue		0	0	**0**	0		
Profit on Disposal of Assets	8	20,632	1,719	**0**	(1,719)		
Total Operating Revenue		3,170,339	277,895	**302,634**	24,739		
Operating Expense							
Employee Costs		(2,014,787)	(165,823)	**(138,899)**	26,924	16.24%	▲
Materials and Contracts		(2,099,111)	(199,460)	**(172,938)**	26,522	13.30%	▲
Utility Charges		(225,552)	(18,472)	**(21,642)**	(3,170)	(17.16%)	
Depreciation on Non-Current Assets		(6,118,030)	(509,830)	**(515,003)**	(5,173)	(1.01%)	
Interest Expenses		(1,665)	0	**138**	138		
Insurance Expenses		(282,819)	(83,449)	**(131,019)**	(47,571)	(57.01%)	▼
Other Expenditure		(11,000)	(916)	**(6,539)**	(5,623)	(613.81%)	
Loss on Disposal of Assets	8	(1,720)	(143)	**0**	143	100.00%	
Total Operating Expenditure		(10,754,684)	(978,093)	**(985,903)**	(7,810)		
Funding Balance Adjustments							
Add back Depreciation		6,118,030	509,830	**515,003**	5,173	1.01%	
Adjust (Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposal	8	(18,912)	(1,576)	**0**	1,576	(100.00%)	
Adjust Provisions and Accruals		0	0	**0**	0		
Adjust Rounding		0	0	**0**			
Net Cash from Operations		**(1,485,227)**	**(191,944)**	**(168,266)**	**23,677**		
Capital Revenues							
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	11	1,958,554	0	**0**	0		
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	8	258,183	258,183	**0**	(258,183)	(100.00%)	▼
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		0	0	**0**	0		
Total Capital Revenues		2,216,737	258,183	**0**	(258,183)		
Capital Expenses							
Land and Buildings	13	(108,000)	(1,250)	(20,285)	(19,035)	(1522.83%)	▼
Infrastructure - Roads	13	(2,164,091)	(484,687)	(33,392)	451,295	93.11%	▲
Infrastructure - Footpaths	13	(25,000)	(2,084)	0	2,084	100.00%	▲
Infrastructure - Drainage	13	(28,000)	(5,000)	(4,230)	770	15.40%	▲
Plant and Equipment	13	(646,400)	0	0	0		
Furniture and Equipment	13	(18,000)	0	0	0		
Total Capital Expenditure		**(2,989,491)**	**(493,021)**	**(57,908)**	435,113		
Net Cash from Capital Activities		**(772,754)**	**(234,838)**	**(57,908)**	**176,930**		
Financing							
Transfer from Reserves	7	17,000	0	0	0		
Repayment of Debentures	10	(41,168)	0	0	0		
Transfer to Reserves	7	(250,000)	0	0	0		
Net Cash from Financing Activities		**(274,168)**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
Net Operations, Capital and Financing		**(2,532,149)**	**(426,782)**	**(226,174)**	**200,607**		
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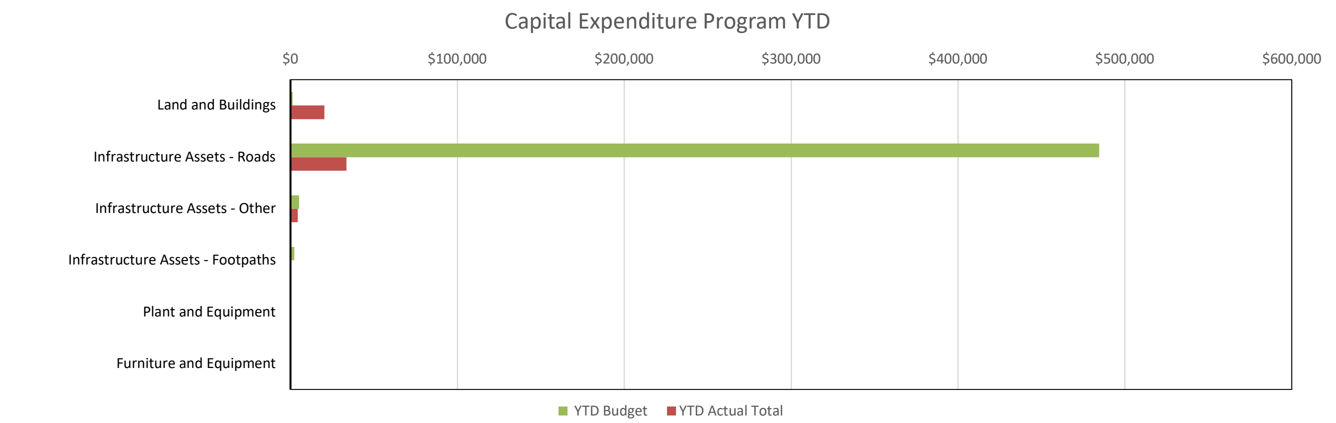
SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ACQUSITIONS AND CAPITAL FUNDING
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

Capital Acquisitions	Note	YTD Actual New /Upgrade (a)	YTD Actual (Renewal Expenditure) (b)	YTD Actual Total (c) = (a)+(b)	YTD Budget (d)	YTD 31 07 2026 Amended Annual Budget	Variance (d) - (c)
		$	$	$	$	$	$
Land and Buildings	13	20,285	0	20,285	1,250	108,000	19,035
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	13		33,392	33,392	484,687	2,164,091	(451,295)
Infrastructure Assets - Other	13	4,230	0	4,230	5,000	28,000	(770)
Infrastructure Assets - Footpaths	13	0	0	0	2,084	25,000	(2,084)
Plant and Equipment	13	0	0	0	0	646,400	0
Furniture and Equipment	13	0	0	0	0	18,000	0
Capital Expenditure Totals		24,515	33,392	57,908	493,021	2,989,491	(435,113)

Funded By:

Capital Grants and Contributions	0	1,958,554	1,918,554	1,958,554
Borrowings	0	0	0	0
Other (Disposals & C/Fwd)	0	258,183	(18,912)	258,183
Own Source Funding - Cash Backed Reserves	0	0	0	0
Own Source Funding - Operations	0	(1,723,716)	1,089,849	1,723,716
Capital Funding Total	0	493,021	2,989,491	(493,021)



1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

This statement comprises a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities), Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations. Material accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this statement are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the report has also 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.

Critical Accounting 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.
that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

(b) The Local Government Reporting Entity

All Funds through which the Council controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in this statement.

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the statement, but a separate statement of those monies appears at Note 12.

(c) Rounding Off Figures

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

(d) Rates, Grants, Donations and Other Contributions

Rates, grants, donations and other contributions are recognised as revenues when the local government obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over assets acquired from rates is obtained at the commencement of the rating period or, where earlier, upon receipt of the rates.

(e) Goods and Services Tax

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

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

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

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(g) Trade and Other Receivables

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

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that they will not be collectible.

(h) Inventories

General

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

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

Land Held for Resale

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

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

Land held for sale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on Council's intentions to release for sale.

(i) Fixed Assets

All assets are initially recognised at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the local government includes the cost of all materials used in the construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Certain asset classes may be revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Assets carried at fair value are to be revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount does not differ materially from that determined using fair value at reporting date.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All non-current assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in those assets.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed each reporting period. Major depreciation rates and periods are:

Buildings	30 to 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	4 to 10 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 15 years
Roads	20 to 50 years
Footpaths	20 years
Sewerage Piping	100 years
Water Supply Piping and Drainage Systems	75 years
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	30 to 50 years

(k) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Council prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Council 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.

(l) Employee Benefits

The provisions for employee benefits relates to amounts expected to be paid for long service leave, annual leave, wages and salaries and are calculated as follows:

(i) Wages, Salaries, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Short-term Benefits)

The provision for employees' benefits to wages, salaries, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months represents the amount the Shire has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees services provided to balance date. The provision has been calculated at nominal amounts based on remuneration rates the Shire expects to pay and includes related on-costs.

(ii) Annual Leave and Long Service Leave (Long-term Benefits)

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the project unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, the liability is recognised as a current liability.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities that are yield related are included as part of the carrying amount of the loans and borrowings.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Council has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Borrowing Costs

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.

(n) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when: The council has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one of item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

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

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(p) Nature or Type Classifications

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

Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions
Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

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

Profit on Asset Disposal
Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments. Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

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

Service Charges
Service charges imposed under Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995. Regulation 54 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 identifies the These are television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services. Exclude rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

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

Other Revenue / Income
Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

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

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

Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water, etc.)
Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(q) Nature or Type Classifications (Continued)

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

Loss on asset disposal
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

Depreciation on non-current assets
Depreciation expense raised on all classes of assets.

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

Other expenditure
Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or levies including WA Fire Brigade Levy and State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

(r) Statement of Objectives

Council has adopted a 'Plan for the future' comprising a Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan to provide the long term community vision, aspirations and objectives.

Based upon feedback received from the community the vision of the Shire is:

A Collaborative Council, dedicated to maintaining and developing our community assets for the benefit of our residents whilst supporting a strong community, vibrant economy, successful businesses and a sound environment

The Strategic Community Plan defines the key objectives of the Shire as:
(1) Social – This theme describes the social aspects of life in the Shire incorporating community safety, recreation and leisure, as well as arts, culture and heritage.
(2) Environmental – This theme relates to valuing the environment, including natural resource management; sustainable land use, waste management, and recycling.
(3) Economic – This theme describes infrastructure planning, transport infrastructure, facilities and services a nd asset management.and inclusive community engagement
(4) Civic leadership – This theme describes how the Shire embraces a culture of leadership, customer service .

Council operations as disclosed in this statement encompass the following service orientated activities/programs:

(s) GOVERNANCE
Expenses associated with provision of services to members of council and elections. Also included are costs associated with computer operations, corporate accounting, corporate records and asset management. Costs reported as administrative expenses are redistributed in accordance with the principle of activity based costing (ABC).

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING
Rates and associated revenues, general purpose government grants, interest revenue and other miscellaneous revenues such as commission on Police Licensing. The costs associated with raising the above mentioned revenues, eg. Valuation expenses, debt collection and overheads.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY
Enforcement of Local Laws, fire prevention, animal control and provision of ranger services.

HEALTH
Health inspection services, food quality control, mosquito control and contributions towards provision of medical health services.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(s) Reporting Programs (Continued)

HOUSING
Provision and maintenance of rented housing accommodation for pensioners and employees.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES
Sanitation, sewerage, stormwater drainage, protection of the environment, public conveniences, cemeteries and town planning.

RECREATION AND CULTURE
Parks, gardens and recreation reserves, library services, swimming facilities, walk trails, public halls and Community Centre.

TRANSPORT
Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, drainage works, parking facilities, traffic control, depot operations, plant purchase and cleaning of streets.

ECONOMIC SERVICES
Tourism, community development, pest control, building services, caravan parks and private works.

OTHER PROPERTY & SERVICES
Plant works, plant overheads and stock of materials.

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Note 2: EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

Reporting Program	Var. $	Var. %	Var.	Timing/ Permanent	Explanation of Variance
Operating Revenues	$	%			
Governance	(166)	(100%)			
General Purpose Funding - Other	(18,137)	(88%)	▼	Timing	Grants Commssion funding not yet received
Law, Order and Public Safety	(877)	(4%)			
Health	(18)	(100%)			
Education and Welfare	43	173%			
Housing	6,942	70%			
Community Amenities	25	1%			
Recreation and Culture	(690)	(50%)			
Transport	(1,220)	(1%)			
Economic Services	40,252	491%	▲	Timing	LGIS Golf Day Income
Other Property and Services	(1,377)	(49%)			
Operating Expense					
Governance	11,578	9.45%			
General Purpose Funding	61	0.48%			
Law, Order and Public Safety	5,401	16.34%	▼	Timing	Works not yet done
Health	827	32.48%			
Education and Welfare	1,534	53.99%	▼	Timing	Works not yet done
Housing	(1,235)	(5.10%)			
Community Amenities	18,716	31.68%	▼	Timing	Works not yet done
Recreation and Culture	3,032	2.23%			
Transport	4,666	0.95%			
Economic Services	(11,219)	(31.44%)	▲	Timing	Increase in Standpipe Water costs
Other Property and Services	(41,172)	(68.10%)	▲	Timing	Increase in Expenidutre with Road Maintenance
Capital Revenues					
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	0				
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	(258,183)	(100.00%)	▼	Timing	Vehicles not yet disposed of
Capital Expenses					
Land and Buildings	28,162	(1522.83%)	▲	Timing	Works done earlier
Infrastructure - Roads	12,744	93.11%	▼	Timing	Works not yet done
Infrastructure - Footpaths	22,500	100.00%	▼	Timing	Works not yet done
Infrastructure - Other	29,057	15.40%	▼	Timing	Works not yet done
Plant and Equipment	321,302				
Furniture and Equipment	25,750				
Financing					
Loan Principal	0				

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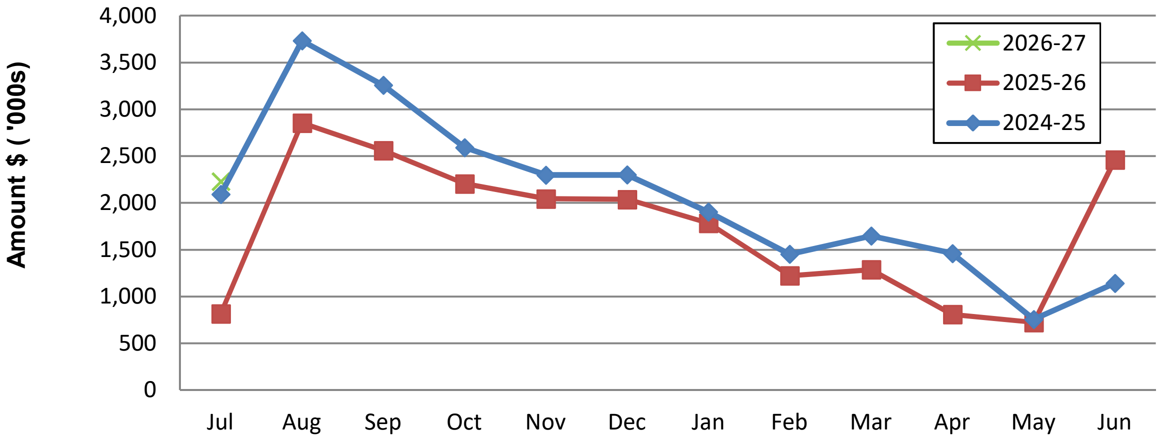
Note 3: NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION

	Note	YTD 31 Jul 2026	30 June 2026	YTD 31 Jul 2025
		Positive=Surplus (Negative=Deficit)		
		$	$	$
Current Assets				
Cash Unrestricted	4	2,425,547	2,697,324	994,263
Cash Restricted	4	3,238,457	3,238,457	3,681,298
Receivables - Rates	6	39,925	45,881	43,153
Receivables -Other	6	8,754	1,557	2,729
Interest / ATO Receivable/Trust		36,380	40,382	39,220
		5,749,063	6,023,601	4,760,663
Less: Current Liabilities				
Payables		(51,966)	(100,190)	(34,727)
Contract Liabilities		-	0	0
Provisions		(227,485)	(227,624)	(231,014)
		(279,451)	(327,814)	(265,741)
Less: Cash Reserves	7	(3,238,457)	(3,238,457)	(3,681,298)
Net Current Funding Position		**2,231,155**	**2,457,329**	**813,624**

Note 3 - Liquidity Over the Year



Comments - Net Current Funding Position

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Note 4: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

		Interest Rate	Unrestricted $	Restricted $	Trust $	Total Amount $	Institution	Maturity Date
(a)	**Cash Deposits**							
	Municipal Account	0.00%	362,729			362,729	ANZ	At Call
	Reserve Bank Account	0.00%		7		7	ANZ	At Call
	Trust Bank Account	0.00%			8,049	8,049	ANZ	At Call
	Cash On Hand	Nil	700.00			700	N/A	On Hand
(b)	**Term Deposits**							
	Municipal	4.27%				0	WA Treasury	11-Apr-25
	Municipal					0		
	Reserve	4.59%		3,000,000		3,000,000	WA Treasury	
	Municipal	4.80%	2,062,118			2,062,118	WA Treasury	At Call
	Reserve	4.53%		238,450		238,450	WA Treasury	
	Trust	0.40%				0		
	Total		2,425,547	3,238,457	8,049	5,672,054		

Comments/Notes - Investments

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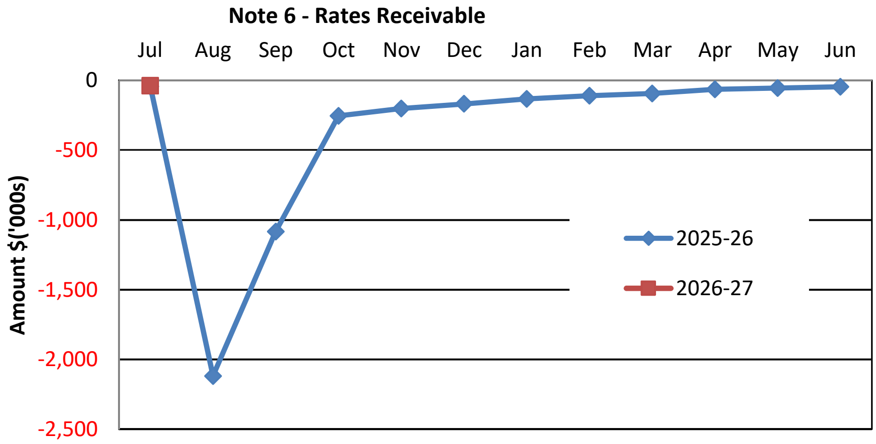
Note 5: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

GL Account Code	Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
				$	$	$	$
	Budget Adoption		Opening Surplus				
	Permanent Changes						0
							0
							0
							0
							0
							0
				0	0	0	

Note 6: RECEIVABLES

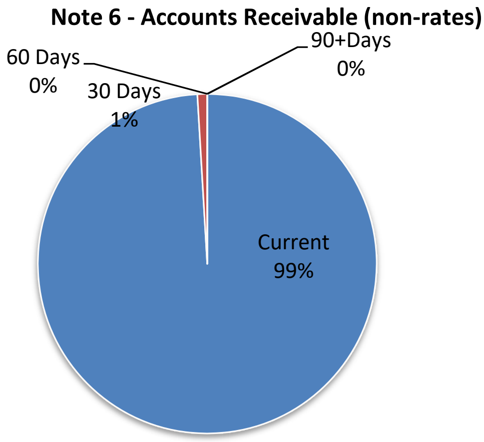
Receivables - Rates Receivable	YTD 31 Jul 2026	30 June 2026
	$	$
Opening Arrears Previous Years	45,378	44,774
Levied this year	252	1,992,410
Less Collections to date	(5,705)	(1,991,806)
Equals Current Outstanding	**39,925**	**45,378**
Net Rates Collectable	**39,925**	**45,378**
% Collected	12.50%	97.77%



Comments/Notes - Receivables Rates

Receivables - General	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+Days
	$	$	$	$
Receivables - General	8,674	80	0	0
Total Receivables General Outstanding				**8,753.91**

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)



Comments/Notes - Receivables General

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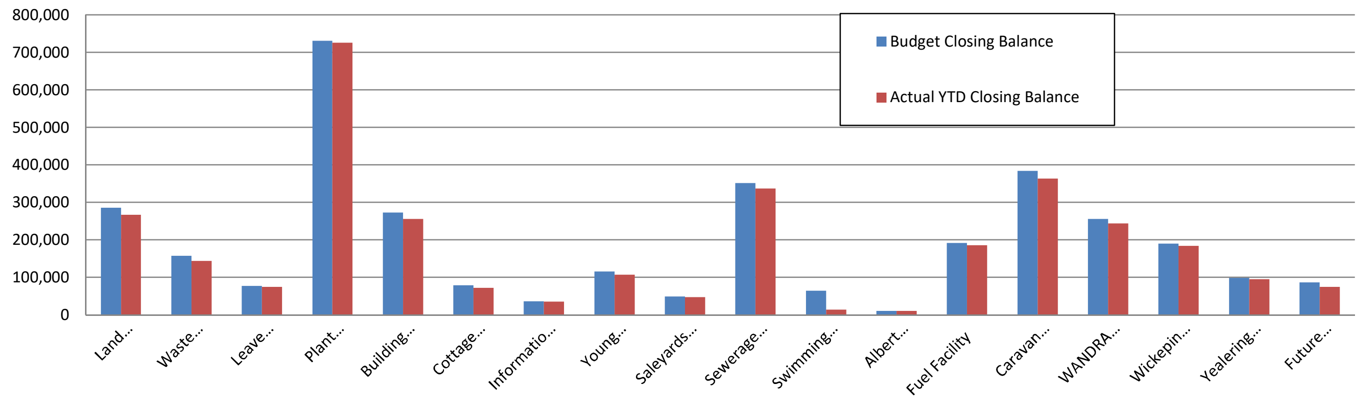
Note 7: Cash Backed Reserve

2026-27 Name	Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Actual Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Transfer out Reference	Budget Closing Balance	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$
Land Development Reserve	267,416	8,115		10,000					285,531	267,416
Waste Management Reserve	143,613	4,359		10,000					157,972	143,613
Leave Reserve	74,937	2,274							77,211	74,937
Plant Replacement Reserve	726,058	22,057				17,000			731,115	726,058
Building Reserve	255,493	7,754		10,000					273,247	255,493
Cottage Homes Reserve	71,821	2,335		5,000					79,156	71,821
Information Technology	35,281	1,072							36,353	35,281
Young Singles Accommodation Reserve	107,170	3,260		5,000					115,430	107,170
Saleyards Reserve	47,358	1,446							48,804	47,358
Sewerage Reserve	336,740	10,218		5,000					351,958	336,740
Swimming Pool Reserve	14,136	441		50,000					64,577	14,136
Albert Facey Homestead Reserve	10,696	325							11,021	10,696
Fuel Facility	185,953	5,644							191,597	185,953
Caravan Park & Accommodation Reserve	363,213	11,022		10,000					384,235	363,213
WANDRA events & Emergency Repairs Reserve	243,872	7,400		5,000					256,272	243,872
Wickepin Bowling Greens - Replacement	184,518	5,600							190,118	184,518
Yealering Bowling Green - Replacement	95,533	2,899							98,432	95,533
Future Projects Rerserve	74,651	2,265		10,000					86,916	74,651
Software Reserve	0	1,514		30,000					31,514	0
	3,238,457	**100,000**	**0**	**150,000**	**0**	**17,000**	**0**	**0**	**3,439,943**	**3,238,457**

Note 7 - Year To Date Reserve Balance to End of Year Estimate



Note 8 CAPITAL DISPOSALS

Actual YTD Profit/(Loss) of Asset Disposal					Amended Current Budget YTD 31 07 2026			
Cost	Accum Depr	Proceeds	Profit (Loss)		Amended Annual Budget Profit/(Loss)	Actual Profit/(Loss)	Variance	Comments
$	$	$	$		$	$	$	
				Plant and Equipment				
			0	XPM13	43,730	0	(43,730)	
			0	XPW4	(23,098)	0	23,098	
			0	XCEO6	(860)	0	860	
			0	XCEO7	(860)	0	860	
			0			0	0	
			0			0	0	
			0			0	0	
			0			0	0	
	.							
0	**0**	**0**	**0**		**18,912**	**0.00**	**(18,912)**	

Comments - Capital Disposal/Replacements

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Note 9: RATING INFORMATION RATE TYPE	Rate in $	Number of Properties	Rateable Value $	Rate Revenue $	Interim Rates $	Back Rates $	Total Revenue $	Amended Budget Rate Revenue $	Amended Budget Interim Rate $	Amended Budget Back Rate $	Amended Budget Total Revenue $
Differential General Rate											
GRV							0				
UV							0				0
Mining UV							0				
Sub-Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minimum Payment	**Minimum $**										
GRV											
UV							0				
Mining UV											
Sub-Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0				0
Ex Gratia Rates							0				
Discount							0				(100,000)
Rates Writeoffs							0				(50)
Amount from General Rates							**0**				**(100,050)**
Specified Area Rates											
Totals							**0**				**(100,050)**

Comments - Rating Information

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10. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS
(a) Debenture Repayments

Particulars	Principal 1-Jul-26	New Loans	Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments		
			Actual $	Budget $	Actual $	Budget $	Actual $	Budget $	Loan Completion Date
Loan 103 -Staff House	147,532		-	41,168	208,757	147,532		1,665	2/12/2030
	147,532	0	0	41,168	208,757	147,532	0	1,665	

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

(b) New Debentures

No new debentures were raised during the reporting period.

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Note 11: GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Program/Details GL	Grant Provider	Approval	2026-27 Budget	Variations Additions (Deletions)	Operating	Capital	Recoup Status Received	Recoup Status Not Received
		(Y/N)	$	$	$	$	$	$
GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING								
Grants Commission - General	WALGGC	Y	152,090	0	152,090	0	0	152,090
Grants Commission - Roads	WALGGC	Y	50,697	0	50,697	0	0	50,697
GOVERNANCE								
			0	0	0		0	0
LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY								
DFES Grant - Operating Bush Fire Brigade	DFES	Y	77,000	0	77,000	0	18,965	58,035
							0	0
COMMUNITY AMENITIES								
		N	0			0	0	0
RECREATION AND CULTURE								
		Y	0			0	0	0
		N	0			0	0	0
		N	0	0			0	0
ECONOMIC SERVICES								
LGIS Golf Day 2026.2027			15,000				33,018	(33,018)
								0
TRANSPORT								
Roads To Recovery Grant - Cap	Roads to Recovery	Y	1,078,954	0	0	1,078,954	0	1,078,954
RRG Grants - Capital Projects	Regional Road Group	Y	839,600	0		839,600	0	839,600
Direct Grant - Maintenance	Dept. of Transport	Y	208,725		208,725		208,725	0
TOTALS			**2,422,066**	**0**	**488,512**	**1,918,554**	**260,708**	**2,146,358**

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Note 12: TRUST FUND

Funds held at balance date over which the Shire has no control and which are not included in this statement are as follows:

Description	Opening Balance 1 Jul 26	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 31-Jul-26
	$	$	$	$
Housing Bonds	730	2,548	-3,278	**0**
Master Key Deposits	1,372	630	-1,260	**742**
Nomination Deposits	0	0	0	**0**
Building and BCITF	0	0	0	**0**
Miscellaneous Trust	2,809	240	0	**3,049**
Yealering Bowling Club Greens	5,000	0	0	**5,000**
Licensing		17,886	-17,886	**0**
	9,911	**21,304**	**-22,424**	**8,791**

Level of Completion Indicators

0% ○
20%
40%
60%
80%
100% ●

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ended 31 July 2026

Note 13: CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

			31/07/2026				
	Infrastructure Assets		**Annual Budget**	**Amended YTD Budget**	**YTD Actual**	**Variance (Under)/Over**	**Strategic Reference / Comment**
	Land & Buildings						
	Other Housing						
	Patio - 10 Smith St	XHS1	5,000	5,000	2,505	0	
●							
	Other Housing Total		**5,000**	**0**	**2,505**	**0**	
	Recreation and Culture						
○	Replace Roof and Ceiling Wickepin Tennis Club	XWTC	20,000	0	0	0	
○	Netball Court Seating	XNC1	5,000	0	0	5,000	
○	Wickepin Town Hall	CLPH1	8,000	0	0	8,000	
○	Yealering Bowling Club - Capital	YBCC	25,000	0	0	25,000	
○	Yealering Hall -Roof	CLPH2	15,000	1,250	17,780	(2,780)	
○	Wickepin Community Resource Centre 26.27	XCRC1	25,000	0	0.00		
○	Yealering Hall - Grant	CLPH2					
	Recreation And Culture Total		**98,000**	**1,250**	**17,780**	**35,220**	
	Transport						
○	Toolseum Restumping	LPWC	5,000	0	0	0	
	Transport Total		**5,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Land and Buildings Total		108,000	1,250	20,285	35,220	
	Footpaths						
	Transport						
○	Footpaths	LFP1	25,000	2,084	0	2,084	
	Transport Total		**25,000**	**2,084**	**0**	**2,084**	
	Footpaths Total		25,000	2,084	0	2,084	
	Furniture & Equipment						
	Governance						
○	Various Locations - New CCTV System	XCTV	18,000	0	0	0	
○							
	Governance Total		**18,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Furniture & Office Equip. Total		18,000	0	0	0	
	Plant , Equip. & Vehicles						
	Governance						
○	Ceo Vehicle 26/27 Trade 1	XCEO6	60,400	0	0	0	
○	Ceo Vehicle - Trade 2 26.27	XCEO7	60,400	0	0	0	
	Governance Total		**120,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Recreation And Culture Total					**0**	
	Law, Order and Public Safety						
○						0	
○						0	
	Law, Order and Publis Safety Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Transport						
○	Grader 2026.2027	XPM13	400,000	0	0	400,000	
○	Generators 26.27	XGE1	60,000	0	0	60,000	
○	Mws Vehicle 26/27	XPW4	65,600	0	0	65,600	
	Transport Total		**525,600**	**0**	**0**	**525,600**	
	Plant , Equip. & Vehicles Total		646,400	0	0	525,600	
	Infrastructure Other						
	Community Amenity Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Recreation and Culture						
○	Wickepin Cemetery Upgrade	WCU1	18,000	0	0.00	18,000	
○	Yealering Niche Wall	XYC1	5,000	5,000	4,230.00	770	
○	Wickepin Skate Park Lighting 26/27	WSKP1	5,000	0	0.00	5,000	
○			0	0	0.00	0	
○			0	0	0.00		
	Recreation and Culture Total	**0**	**28,000**	**5,000**	**4,230**	**23,770**	
	Economic Services						
○			0	0	0	0	
	Economic Services Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Transport						
○			**0**	**0**		**0**	
	Transport Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	
	Infrastructure Other Total		28,000	5,000	4,230	23,770	
	Roads						
	Transport Regional Road Group						
○	Wickepin - Corrigin Road	RRG001	599,739	49,978	6,171.26	593,568	
○	Lomos South Road	RRG155	342,000	28,501	515.78	341,484	
	Fence Road	WSC150	227,850	0	0.00	227,850	
	Rrg - Wickepin-Harrismith Rd	RG157	0	0	0.00	0	
	Regional Road Group Total	**0**	**1,169,589**	**78,479**	**6,687**	**1,162,902**	
	Transport Roads to Recovery						
○	Yillimining Road	R2R004	350,000	350,000	0.00	**350,000**	
○	Stock Route Road	R2R163	0	0	0.00	**0**	
○	Gillimining Road	R2R035	0	0	26,705.38	**(26,705)**	
○	Kirk Rock Road	R2014	160,988	26,831	0.00	**160,988**	
	Kirk Rock Road	R2014a	160,988			**160,988**	
	86 Gate Road	R2013	161,263	26,877	0.00	**161,263**	
	86 Gate Road	R2013a	161,263			**161,263**	
	Roads to Recovery Total		**994,502**	**403,708**	**26,705**	**967,797**	
	Council Resources Construction						
○	Curlew Way - Wsc Construction	CO161	0	2,500	0	**2,500**	
○				0	0	**0**	
	Council Resources Construction Total		**0**	**2,500**	**0**	**2,500**	
	Roads Total		2,164,091	484,687	33,392	2,133,198.58	
○	**Capital Expenditure Total**		2,989,491	493,021	57,907.82	2,719,873	

13.3.1
Letter – Dual Fire Control Officers
Shire of Narrogin

Shire of Narrogin

Love the life

DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS 2026/27

Dual Fire Control Officers have the necessary authority of the Shire to fight and give directions for fighting activities within the Shire, but do not issue burning permits. Nomination is not automatic appointment, as this must be done by the authorising Shire, and an appropriate certificate of authority issued.

Nominated by Shire of Narrogin –

- Endorsed by Council – 25 March 2026

TO		Fire Control Officers	Contact
Shire of Cuballing	Office – 9883 6031	Guy Maley Clayton Hardie Keiran Quartermaine	0448 873 207 0408 845 278 0429 889 838
Shire of Wagin	Office – 9861 1177	Stuart Moyses Nathan Walker	0427 859 029 0428 827 027
Shire of West Arthur	Office – 9736 2222	Lee Flavel	0429 811 185
Shire of Wickepin	Office – 9888 1005	Troy Smith	0429 627 240
Shire of Williams	Office – 9885 1005	Clayton Hardie Russell Ashley	0408 845 278 0428 815 859

13.6.1
Customer Service Charter

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

OUR VISION

A collabrative Council, dedicated to maintaining and developing our community assets for the benefit of our residents whilst supporting a strong community, vibrant economy, successful businesses and sound environment.

OUR MISSION

The Shire of Wickepin is committed to providing the highest standard of service through friendly, professional, and efficient service which meets your needs.

OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE

STANDARDS Our employees will

- Identify themselves.
- Listen carefully to what you have to say.
- Be helpful, polite and courteous.
- Follow through any commitments they make.
- Value and encourage feedback.

Our Information will be

- Easy to access.
- Accurate and consistent
- Relevant and practical

Our Actions

- Will be fair and impartial.
- Be completed within a specified timeframe.
- Take your induvial needs into consideration.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

We will:

- Answer all telephone calls promptly and respond to telephone messages by the end of the next working day.
- Respond to verbal queries within 5 working days.
- Respond to written queries within 10 working days.
- Respond to complaints within 10 working days.
- Update you on the progress of your query or complaint if a delay is likely to occur.
- Acknowledge and rectify when an error has occurred.
- Honour the Shire of Wickepin's Code of Conduct

Please respect our staff's right to enjoy time away from work and refer to any matters during office hours.

Abusive Customers

Where a customer is abusive or uses bad language, the communication may be terminated immediately by the Officer. If face to face, the officer may walk away. If by telephone, the Officer may terminate the call. If in an email the address may be blocked or not responded to.

The Chief Executive Officer may decide (or delegate to Managers) to limit or cease responses to any person who is abusive and or derogatory in his/her communications with Council or fails to accept that Council has done all that can to assist. A decision of this nature will be communicated in writing to the person.

If any Officer feels threatened by language or behavior of the customer, the Police may be notified.

COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

What is A ….

…Compliment?

An expression of approval or praise about our products or services

…Suggestion?

An idea or proposal that you believe will help improve our products and services.

…Complaint?

An expression of dissatisfaction about our products or services, or the complaints handling process itself, where you expect a response or resolution.

WHEN TO LODGE A COMPLIMENT

To help us now to continue to deliver quality service we encourage you to:

- Acknowledge quality service with a simple ‘thank you.’
- Acknowledge quality service with a written email or advice on Facebook perhaps where you feel it is appropriate.
- Let us know so that we may acknowledge the employee in some small way.

When to lodge a complaint

What is not a complaint

1. A request for a service
2. A request for information or an explanation of policy or procedure
3. Disagreement with a policy or procedure of Council
4. An expression concerning the general direction and performance or behaviour of Council or its Councillors; and
5. Reports about neighbours, noise, dogs, nuisance, unauthorised building work or similar issues the fall into the regulatory aspect of the Shire’s services

A complainant may make a complaint by phone, email or in person to any Shire of Wickepin representative but will be required to formalise the complaint in writing.

Your complaint should include:

- Who or what you are complaining about.
- What you think has gone wrong
- How you have been affected
- When the issue occurred
- Details of any telephone conversations and/or meetings
- Copies of relevant documents (e.g. correspondence)

- What you have done to try and resolve the issue
- The outcome you are seeking.

When we receive your complaint, we undertake to acknowledge it in writing if it has not previously been resolved. We will inform you of any progress within seven working days.

Some complaints may take longer to finalise due to the complexity of the issue. If this is the case, we will keep you involved in the process and provide you with regular feedback.

If you have a complaint, that you do not wish to raise directly with us, or after dealing with us you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may refer the matter to the ombudsman Western Australia.

Telephone (Country Callers): 1800 117 000

Email: mail@ombudsman wa.gov.au

Further information can be obtained by visiting: www.ombudsman.wa.gov.au

HOW YOU CAN CONTACT US

Phone: (08) 9888 1005

In Person: 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin, WA 6370

8.30am – 4.30pm. Monday to Friday

Mail: PO Box 19, Wickepin WA 6370

Email: admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

Website: www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

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Endorsed by Council XXXX Month Year, Resolution xxx.xxx