SHIRE OF YALGOO

AGENDA

For the Ordinary Council Meeting

To be held on the 27th November 2026

Notice of Meeting

A behavior Complaints Committee the Shire of Yalgoo will be held on Friday 27th November 2026 in the Council Chambers, 37 Gibbons Street Yalgoo, commencing at 10.00am. Separate Agenda to follow.

Notice of Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting for the Shire of Yalgoo will be held on Friday 27th November 2026 in the Council Chambers, 37 Gibbons Street Yalgoo, commencing at 10.30am.





Ian Holland

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

23rd November 2026

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

President

Deputy President

Councilors

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councilors and Officers are reminded of the requirements of s5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to verbally disclose any interest during the meeting before the matter is discussed or to provide in writing the nature of the interest to the CEO before the meeting.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

REPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS TAKEN WITHOUT NOTICE

5 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

6 NOTICE OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

17.1 - IT Policies, Disaster Recovery Plan, Risk Register and Essential 8 Report

17.2 – Confidential Legal Advice – Jokers Tunnel

17.3 – EBA Meeting: 25 September 2026

17.4 – 17.6 – CEO Performance Review

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting – 30th October 2026

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 30th October 2026, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

9.2 Minutes of the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th November 2026 are attached for information.

10 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11 TECHNICAL REPORTS

11.1 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY
That Council receive the Administration Report to 31 October 2026.

COMMENT
The audit is close to complete and with the OAG for review. We hope it will be completed in early December. The RTR acquittal has been completed and lodged.

Work continues on the setup of the library and tourist information centre.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Administration Report to 31 October 2026.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

Shires of –
Cue
Meekatharra
Mount Magnet
Murchison
Sandstone
Yalgoo

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MINUTES

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

OF

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER – 9.30AM

CUE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

AUSTIN STREET CUE

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Ordinary Meeting, Cue Administration Centre on Friday 20 November 2026

1. Opening

The President Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor opened the meeting at 9.30am.

2. Attendance

2.1 Delegates

Cr Les Price	President Shire of Cue, Murchison Country Zone of WALGA Delegate
Cr Raul Velenzuela	President Shire of Yalgoo
Cr Kieran Payne	Deputy President Shire of Yalgoo
Cr Harvey Nicholls	President Shire of Meekatharra
Cr Mark Smith	Deputy President Shire of Meekatharra
Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor	President Shire of Murchison, President Murchison Country Zone of WALGA
Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor	Councillor Shire of Murchison, Board Member Regional Development Australia Mid West
Cr Beth Walton	President Shire of Sandstone
Cr Vicki McQuie	Deputy President Shire of Sandstone
Cr Jorgen Jensen	President Shire of Mount Magnet
Cr Mick Madden	Councillor Shire of Mt Magnet
Cr. Jacquie Lacy	Councillor Shire of Cue

2.2 Observers

Mr Ian Holland	CEO Shire of Cue
Mr Nathan Cain	CEO Shire of Meekatharra
Mr Peter Money	CEO Shire of Sandstone
Mr Bill Boehm	CEO Shire of Murchison
Mr Richard Towell	CEO Shire of Cue
Mr Mike Cole	Acting CEO Shire of Mount Magnet
Ms Samantha Appleton	Executive Officer Murchison Country Zone of WALGA

2.3 Visitors

Mr Mark Irwin	President WALGA
Mr Mark Bowen AFSM	Superintendent Mid West Gascoyne – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Mr Rick Ryan	Community Emergency Services Manager – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Mr John Darcy	Principal Stakeholder Manager – Water Corporation
Mr Cale Alexander	Mid-West Operations Support.– Water Corporation
Ms Karen Morrisey	Project Manager – Murchison GeoRegion
Superintendent Neil Vanderplank	District Officer Mid West-Gascoyne Police District - Western Australia Police Force
Acting Inspector Tom Micklewright	Western Australia Police Force
Senior SGT Russell Hirst	Western Australia Police Force
Mr Boyd Brown	Regional General Manager – WA Telstra Business
Ms Karen McKeough	Program Manager Planning Advice Midwest Gascoyne Region – Department of Water & Environmental Regulation
Ms Merisha Sheehy	Planning Advisor - Department of Water & Environmental Regulation
Ms Phillipa Maughan	Executive Director – Circuit West
Mr Nick Mclaine	Touring & Arts Market Manager – Circuit West
Mr Mark Holdsworth	Executive Officer – Regional Development Australia Mid West
Mr Paddy O'Brien	Works Manager - Shire of Sandstone
Ms Kay Fabello	Executive Officer – Shire of Sandstone
Mr Anthony Williams	Asset Manager Mid West - Gascoyne Region Regional Operations – Main Roads
Mr Nils Hay	CEO - Mid West Development Commission
Ms Bev Bronson	Senior Regional Development Officer – Midwest Development Commission
Ms Karin Grima	Director – Lyssna Consulting
Ms Bec Fogarty	Community Manager/DCEO – Shire of Murchison
Ms Gloria Masekane	District Director – WACHS Murchison
Mr David Price	David Price Consulting
Ms Jenni Brown	Observer

2.4 Via Teams

No requests for Teams received

2.5 Apologies

Mr Nick Sloan	CEO WALGA
Ms Kirsty Martin	Executive Manager Member Services - WALGA
Ms Sammy Bevan	Member Services Executive Administrator - WALGA
Hon Rob Horstman, MLC	Member for Western Australia
Hon. S.F. McGurk, MLA	Minister for Creative Industries; Heritage; Industrial Relations; Aged Care and Seniors; Women
Hon. Dr A.D. Buti, MLA	Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; Tertiary and International Education; Multicultural Interests
Hon. H. Beazley, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
Hon. R.R. Whitby, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern
Mr Basil Zemplis MLA	Leader of the Opposition, Liberal Party
Hon. D.R. Michael, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Defence Industries; Finance; Electoral Affairs; Veterans; Racing and Gaming; Goldfields-Esperance
Hon. J. Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Forestry; Small Business; Mid West
Hon. D.T. Punch, MLA	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West
Hon. J. Stojkovski, MLA	Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport; Peel
Hon. M. Hammat, MLA	Minister for Health; Mental Health
Hon. J.N. Carey, MLA	Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure
Senator Dean Smith	Senator for Western Australia
Hon. D.Pastorelli, MLA	Minister for Mines, Petroleum and Exploration
Hon. S. Winton, MLA	Minister for Education; Early Childhood; Preventative Health; Wheatbelt
Hon Julie Freeman, MLC	Member for Western Australia
Hon. M. Swinbourn, MLC	Minister for Environment; Community Services; Homelessness
Hon. A. Sanderson, MLA	Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation; Manufacturing; Skills and TAFE; Pilbara
Mr Tony Brown	Local Government Inspector - Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

Mr Murray Carter	Executive Director Bushfire Capability – DFES
Mr Cameron Ross	District Director Midwest Murchison – WACHS
Ms Linda Sinclair	WACHS – Mid West Murchison

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held 17 April 2026 have been circulated to member shires.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Zone Meeting held 17 April 2026 be confirmed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Venezuela Seconded: Cr Walton

That the minutes of the Zone Meeting held 17 April 2026 be confirmed.

Carried 12/0

4. WA Local Government Association

WALGA President Mr Mark Irwin addressed the meeting, outlining his activities including visiting many areas of the state, his concerns with the labelling of many Local Governments as being dysfunctional over mainly minor issues and the lack of engagement and consultation by State Government with the sector.

4.1 WALGA President

President's Report

FOR NOTING

Introduction

As we approach the end of 2026, I would like to thank Local Governments across Western Australia for their continued leadership, service and commitment to their communities. You have continued to deliver essential services, infrastructure and community outcomes while responding to a range of challenges and opportunities across the State.

Throughout the year, WALGA has continued to advocate strongly on behalf of the sector, including on local government reforms, increased State investment in local roads and community infrastructure, emergency preparedness and recovery, and housing and workforce challenges affecting many of our communities.

The ongoing engagement of Members and the sector's collective commitment to serving local communities continue to strengthen Local Government across Western Australia.

I'd like to wish all Elected Members, CEOs and officers a safe and enjoyable festive season and look forward to continuing our work together in 2027.

Member Engagement

Over the past nine months since becoming President, I have continued to engage with Local Governments across Western Australia through Member visits, zone meetings, conferences and sector forums.

During this period, I visited 30 Local Governments in person across metropolitan and regional Western Australia, met with dozens more through attending 17 Zone meetings, and engaged with Members across every region of the State.

This engagement has reinforced the significant contribution Local Governments make in supporting their communities, and I look forward to continuing these discussions in the new year.

Political Engagement

WALGA has continued to engage with decision makers and ministerial advisors across both State and Federal Government and the Opposition in recent months to discuss important matters for the sector.

Key meetings at a State level have included Minister Whitby, Minister Carey and Kirrilee Warr, with Federal engagements including Assistant Minister Gorman, Shadow Assistant Minister Chaffey and Senator Payman.

In coming months, WALGA's political engagement will focus on briefing Ministers, Shadow Ministers and other Members of Parliament on its 2027-28 State Budget Submission.

2027-28 State Budget Submission

WALGA will release its 2027-28 State Budget Submission in the coming weeks.

The submission's primary recommendation is a comprehensive review of Local Government responsibilities and resourcing to establish a contemporary, sustainable framework for the sector. The review would provide a foundation for the future by informing decisions about service delivery, funding arrangements and the most effective partnership between State and Local Government to achieve shared outcomes.

The submission also includes a range of targeted funding priorities across core Local Government functions and emerging community needs. These priorities align with WALGA's four-year policy platform, 'The West at its Best', and will help maintain momentum on critical issues while a long-term funding and governance framework is developed.

Local Government Reform

The State Government introduced the Local Government Amendment and Repeal Bill 2026 into Parliament on 14 October 2026. The Bill gives effect to a number of reforms arising from the State Government's next round of Local Government reform and proposes changes to local government elections, governance and privacy arrangements.

Key reforms included in the Local Government Amendment and Repeal Bill 2026 are:

- Introduction of four-yearly full Council elections from 2031, replacing half-spill elections every two years.
- Removal of the poll provision that currently allows electors to demand a public poll to veto a proposed Local Government amalgamation. The State Government has advised that there will be no forced amalgamations and that the change will make it easier for Local Governments to pursue amalgamations voluntarily.
- Management of all elections by the Western Australian Electoral Commission, with no Extraordinary Elections outside the four-yearly election cycle. Instead, the backfilling provisions for councillor vacancies will be extended.
- New privacy protections for candidates, Elected Members and ratepayers, including the ability to use a PO Box instead of a home address when authorising election material and restrictions on the public inspection of residential property addresses.

Several of the proposed reforms are inconsistent with WALGA's existing advocacy positions, including the move to four-yearly election cycles, which does not have broad sector support. Once WALGA became aware of the State Government's position, it advocated strongly to ensure that current Elected Members could complete their terms and that the election changes would not take effect until 2031.

Local Government Inspector

The Minister for Local Government tabled the first Annual Report of the Local Government Inspector in Parliament. The role commenced on 1 January 2026.

During its first six months, the Inspector appointed Monitors to five Local Governments. Three appointments addressed concerns about council functioning, while two supported newly elected Councils following periods of administration by Commissioners.

The Inspectorate managed 276 complaints, most of which were submitted by community members (124) and Elected Members (114). Many related to governance, conduct and dysfunction within Local Governments and therefore fell within the Inspector's oversight role. A significant number were outside the Inspectorate's jurisdiction, including neighbour disputes and boundary issues.

Poor relationships between councils and administrations emerged as a key concern. The Inspector noted that dysfunctional relationships can undermine governance, decision-making and public trust.

WALGA and the sector are awaiting the outcomes of the Inspectorate's next six months of operation, including the findings of the first Inspector's Inquiry, which are anticipated in early 2027.

Data Centres

WALGA has consulted the Local Government sector on a consultation paper and draft Advocacy Position concerning data centres in Western Australia. This work responds to increasing investment in data centre infrastructure across Australia and emerging policy reforms being progressed by the Commonwealth and several State Governments.

The consultation paper examines the planning, infrastructure and community implications of data centre development, including strategic industrial land, infrastructure servicing, land-use compatibility, community amenity and Local Government involvement in planning and development assessment. The accompanying draft Advocacy Position calls for a coordinated planning framework for data centres, better integration of land-use and infrastructure planning, and stronger Local Government involvement in decision-making.

The draft Advocacy Position is included in the agenda for the December 2026 State Council meeting.

WALGA has also responded to the Australian Government's consultation on proposed national standards for AI infrastructure and large-scale data centres. The submission supports nationally consistent approaches to infrastructure planning and community engagement, while emphasising the importance of strategic industrial land, cumulative impacts and infrastructure coordination. It also stresses that national reforms should complement, rather than duplicate, existing State and Local Government planning systems.

As investment in digital infrastructure and artificial intelligence continues to grow across Australia, this issue is likely to become an increasingly significant policy and planning consideration for Local Governments.

R-Codes

The Western Australian Government is progressing major reforms to the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes), described as the most significant overhaul of the framework in decades. The reforms are intended to increase housing supply and diversity by supporting greater infill development, enabling more subdivision opportunities in established suburbs, and streamlining planning approval processes.

Draft R-Code amendments released for public consultation in October propose removing average lot-size requirements in R10–R25-coded areas, expanding exemptions for ancillary dwellings (granny flats), introducing a new apartment coding framework and increasing allowable building heights in some locations. The State Government estimates that more than 70,000 residential properties could become eligible for subdivision under the proposed changes.

WALGA has been actively engaged in the review through representation on the State Government's advisory group and consultation with Local Governments to inform a sector submission. WALGA supports measures that increase housing choice and supply, while advocating for reforms that deliver well-designed development, protect local amenity and recognise the important role of Local Governments in managing growth within their communities.

High Threat Season

As Western Australia enters the high threat season, WALGA acknowledges the critical role that Local Governments and Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades play in protecting communities and supporting emergency response efforts.

In October, WALGA wrote to Local Government Mayors, Presidents and CEOs outlining key preparedness considerations for the forthcoming high threat season and encouraged councils to review their emergency management arrangements.

WALGA remains available to support members throughout the high threat season and will continue to advocate on behalf of the sector.

President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 2 September 2026 and scheduled before 2 December 2026 are as follows:

State and Commonwealth Government Relations

- Mr Patrick Gorman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
- Senator Fatima Payman
- Mr Jamie Chaffey MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
- Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business; Mid West
- Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
- Hon Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Great Southern
- Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and Major Infrastructure
- Ms Kirrilee Warr MLA, Shadow Minister for Local Government; Fisheries X3
- Mr Adam Hort MLA, Shadow Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Youth
- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee X2
- WA Electoral Commission
    - Commissioner Dennis O'Reilly
    - Rebecca Hamilton

Local Government Relations

- State Council Meetings
  - Strategic Forum and State Council Meeting, 2 September
  - Local Government House Trust x2
  - Information Forum, 2 November
  - Finance and Services Committee

- **ALGA**
  - Board Meeting, 24 September
  - Board Meeting, 5 November

- **LGIS**
  - Risk and Compliance Committee
  - JLT Management Committee Meeting
  - Board Meeting, 23 October

- Goldfields Esperance Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting
- Mr Boyd Brown, Telstra Regional General Manager
- WALGA x ABC Stakeholder Event
- Auspire WA
- Town of Claremont, Mayor Peter Telford and CEO John Pearson
- Shire of Derby West Kimberley, President Peter McCumstie and CEO Tamara Clarkson
- Shire of Broome, President Chris Mitchell and CEO, Jeremy Hall
- Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, President David Menzel and Deputy President Tony Chafer
- Shire of Halls Creek, CEO Sue Leonard
- City of Nedlands, Mayor Leonie Browner and CEO Paul Martin
- Shire of Leonora, President Peter Craig and CEO Ty Matson
- Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, CEO David Mosel
- Perth Inner City Group Meeting of Mayors and CEOs
- City of Kwinana, Mayor Peter Feasey and CEO Wayne Jack
- City of Rockingham, Mayor Lorna Buchan and CEO Michael Parker

Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations

- 2026 Local Government Convention
- Aboriginal Health Council WA, CEO Network Engagement Forum
- Labor Leaders Forum with Hon David Michael MLA
- The 500 Club Meet the Shadow Minister Breakfast with Hon Steve Martin MLC

Zone Meetings

- South East Metropolitan Zone
- Murchison Country Zone
- South Metropolitan Zone

4.2 Zone Representative to State Council – Cr Les Price

Cr Price presented his report. He congratulated Cr Walton on her receiving life membership of WALGA and detailed his concerns about the construction of data centres while planning regulations are currently outdated and do not deal with issues that are arising from these centres.

REPORT TO MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE MEETING

Activities Report

Murchison Country Zone Delegate – WALGA State Council

Reporting period: 17 April 2026 to 20 November 2026

This report outlines my activities and involvement with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) since the last meeting on 17 April 2026. It also highlights key matters being considered by WALGA and issues of relevance to regional and rural local governments.

1. Meetings and activities

The period has been particularly busy, involving a combination of formal State Council business, policy and strategic forums, advisory group work, sector engagement and representation of the Murchison Country Zone.

Activity	Involvement
State Council	3 meetings
Regional State Council meetings	2 meetings – Central Country Zone (hosted by the Shire of Pingelly) and Central Metropolitan Zone (hosted by the City of Perth)
State Council Strategic Forums	3
State Council Information Forums	3
State Council agenda briefings	3
Agenda briefings for Zone Chairs	3
Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group	5 meetings
Joint Governance and Environment Policy Team	1 meeting
Selection Committee	3 meetings
Honours Panel	No meetings during the period
Flying Minutes	11
Mayors and Presidents Forum	1
WALGA Budget Workshop	1
Fuel Security Meeting	1
WALGA State Council Performance Evaluation	1
WALGA Awards Presentation	1
ALGA National General Assembly	1
WALGA Convention	1 – Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

2. WALGA leadership and engagement

Following the election of Mark Irwin as WALGA President and Chris Antonio as Deputy President at the March 2026 State Council meeting, there has been a noticeable strengthening of WALGA's engagement and advocacy with Ministers, agency heads, government departments, industry, the media and the membership.

Supported by CEO Nick Sloan, the President and Deputy President have spent considerable time engaging with regional local governments and listening directly to the issues affecting their communities. This has helped open doors and create more constructive dialogue with Government. While not every advocacy effort succeeds, there have been instances where engagement has influenced policy thinking or prompted changes to proposed legislation and regulations.

I have continued to circulate information to Zone delegates and officers by email, including advocacy positions, government submissions, flying minutes, discussion papers and requests for feedback. Timely responses from member councils are important: they allow me to accurately represent the Zone's views in advisory group discussions and at State Council. I thank those CEOs and delegates who have taken the time to contribute.

3. My WALGA responsibilities

In addition to my role as a State Councillor, I have continued to serve as:

- Chair, Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group;
- State Council representative on the Selection Committee; and
- State Council representative on the Honours Panel.

4. Key sector matters and WALGA priorities

WALGA Administration and State Council continue to manage a substantial workload on behalf of the sector. This includes liaison with State Government on infrastructure, planning, waste, environment and emergency management; preparing submissions; considering the views of the 17 Zones; developing policy and position papers; providing economic and workforce information; supporting sector-wide initiatives; and delivering elected member training and services.

Significant current and recent areas of focus include:

- Local Government reform and ministerial engagement on reform outcomes;
- Data centres and the planning framework for their development;
- Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) changes;
- The 2026–27 State Budget Submission and preparation for the 2027–28 submission;
- Emergency management, including bushfire preparedness and response;
- CEO performance review and governance matters;
- Cat Act review;
- National biosecurity reform submission;
- Community benefits arising from renewable energy projects and the rating of renewable energy facilities;
- Infrastructure, road safety and State Road Funds to Local Government;
- State Waste Strategy and broader waste management policy; and
- Advocacy seeking State Government leadership, support and sustainable long-term funding to prevent and respond to homelessness.

5. Regional engagement and issues raised

- **Central Country Zone – Shire of Pingelly**

The regional State Council meeting hosted by the Shire of Pingelly provided an opportunity to hear directly from 15 diverse councils. The issues raised demonstrate that many challenges are shared across regional Western Australia, despite differences in geography and local circumstances.

Matters identified by councils included:

- Telecommunications coverage and reliability;
- Staff attraction and retention;
- Regional development and infrastructure;
- Government red tape and cost shifting;
- Housing availability;
- The live sheep export trade;
- Delays and difficulties obtaining clearing permits for roads requiring urgent maintenance;
- Emergency services capacity, particularly the limited volunteer pool across small populations;
- Homelessness and the health and social welfare of older people;
- Limited business opportunities; and
- The local impacts of renewable energy developments.

- **Central Metropolitan Zone – City of Perth**

The Zone includes 9 Metropolitan Local Governments. The meeting hosted by the City of Perth included presentations from Mayors and CEOs on the circumstances and outlook for their respective local governments. The City of Perth's presentation focused on city vibrancy, streetscape improvements and revitalisation, recognising the importance of successful businesses and attractions to its tourism sector. Homelessness was also identified as a significant challenge.

6. Strategic and information forums

The Strategic Forums provide State Councillors with an opportunity to raise issues of strategic importance and hear from Ministers, government agencies, commissioners and sector organisations. Presentations during the period covered the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Commissioner for Children and Young People, DFES, employment and training initiatives, emergency management survey findings, the Local Government Inspector, strategic waste management, electoral reform, the Western Australian Electoral Commission and WALGA's Employee Value Proposition.

The Information Forums provide practical briefings on current matters. Topics included Local Emergency Management Arrangements implementation; State Budget submissions; State Road Funds updates; fuel security and supply challenges; community sporting and recreation facilities funding; H5 bird flu; State Council performance evaluation; electoral reform submissions; the WALGA 2026–27 budget; and workforce skills and jobs research.

7. Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group

As Chair of this Advisory Group, I have been involved in considering policy and advocacy matters relating to the environment, planning, building regulation and waste management. Matters considered during the period included:

- Train station precincts and the need for coordinated, transport-oriented planning that responds to density and diversity;
- Data centre advocacy, balancing industry certainty with community expectations, infrastructure capacity and broader planning objectives;
- Short-term rental accommodation planning rules, including land-use definitions, exemptions and development approval requirements;
- Climate change advocacy, including the need for government leadership, coordination, funding, guidance and practical support for local governments;
- National biosecurity reforms, with priority attention to prevention, preparedness, response and funding;
- Proposed restrictions on second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides;
- H5N1 bird flu;
- Renewable energy community benefits;
- Water management; and
- Urban greening strategy.

The Advisory Group also considered the importance of ensuring that planning and environmental policy recognises the practical capacity and circumstances of local governments, particularly those in regional areas.

8. Joint policy work, selection and awards

The Joint Environment and Governance Policy Teams endorsed a submission on the review of the Cat Act. The review covered registration, enforcement and compliance, sterilisation, microchipping, breeding and limits on cat numbers. The submission called for the Cat Act and Dog Act 1976 to be consolidated, clearer definitions of owned and unowned cats, and the development of a Model Local Law.

The Selection Committee considered vacancies on a number of bodies, including the Geographical Names Committee, the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee, the Local Government House Trust Board of Management and the Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee. There are opportunities for elected members and officers to contribute through these appointments.

Councils are also encouraged to consider nominations for the 2027 WALGA Honours and Awards. These awards provide an opportunity to recognise elected members and officers who have made a worthwhile contribution to their communities and the local government sector.

9. Contribution from the Murchison Country Zone

The Zone has an important opportunity to influence WALGA's policy and advocacy positions. My role provides a direct link between matters being considered by WALGA and issues that may affect our region. However, effective representation depends on input from member councils.

I encourage all elected members, CEOs and officers to provide comments and feedback when requested, even if the response is brief. Without that engagement, regional issues risk receiving less attention in the broader sector debate. I thank those who have contributed and encourage that involvement to continue.

10. Closing

The past SIX months have involved a substantial level of activity across WALGA State Council, advisory groups, forums and regional engagement. The matters being considered have direct implications for local government operations, service delivery and the sustainability of regional communities.

I will continue to represent the interests of the Murchison Country Zone, raise regional issues where appropriate and seek feedback from member councils so that our views can be taken into account in WALGA's policy development and advocacy.



Les Price

President, Shire of Cue
Murchison Country Zone Delegate
Western Australian Local Government Association

Ms Phillipa Maughan from Circuitwest made a presentation to the meeting about the activities of Circuitwest, its programs and work with Local Governments including Local Governments within the Zone.

4.3 Zone Status Report

COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT

June 2026

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
Murchison C	21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item **6.3 Unsustainable Changes to the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network**	That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA to: 1. Call for Heavy Vehicle Services decision makers and assessors to be placed permanently or regularly in regional MRWA offices rather than their current insular Perth offices; and 2. Directs MRWA to immediately rescind CA07 condition and the road owners (local governments') to have the discretion for RAV permit vehicle access on local government roads.	Following an initial meeting in December and in preparation for engagement with Local Governments, WALGA and a representative group of senior officers from mining, pastoral, agricultural and metropolitan Local Governments held an initial meeting with the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Heavy Vehicle Services from Main Roads WA. A draft proposal is being prepared for further consultation with the Local Government sector. It was stressed that the sustainability of the road network is dependent on regulatory arrangements supporting Local Governments to negotiate agreements with freight generators or heavy vehicle operators where large freight tasks are undertaken on local roads.	**April 2026**	**Ian Duncan** **Executive Manager Infrastructure** **iduncan@walga.asn.au** **9213 2031**
Murchison C	11 April Zone Agenda Item **7.7 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements**	The Murchison Country Zone request, that should Yalgoo Council agree to pursue a judicial review of the DFES decision in relation to reimbursement of flood damage expenditure, WALGA seek evidence from Local Governments of advice received from DFES concerning application of the DRFA WA in relation to acceptable procurement processes and evidence requirements, and report to the Zone.	Noted that on 2 May the Yalgoo Shire Council resolved: *that Council engages Civic Legal to prepare and undertake all such work to advise the Shire and also take such action as appropriate to advance the Shire's interest in respect of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services decision to deny EPAR applications for AGRN962 & AGRN1021.*	**August 2025**	**Ian Duncan** **Executive Manager Infrastructure** **iduncan@walga.asn.au** **9213 2031**
Murchison C	17 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item **6.4 WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review**	That the WALGA Murchison Country Zone: 1. Notes the Murchison Executive Group's 'WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review' report. 2. Recognises the importance of a strong and structured partnership between the Western Australian State Government and the Local Government sector.		**June 2026**	**Rachel Horton,** **Executive Manager, Advocacy** **9213 2038** **rhorton@walga.asn.au**

		3. Requests WALGA State Council to undertake a review of successful Local–State Government partnership models operating in other Australian jurisdictions, including the Queensland 'Equal Partners in Government' agreement. 4. Advocates for the development of a comparable partnership framework in Western Australia that recognises Local Government as an equal partner in governance and establishes clear mechanisms for consultation, collaboration and regional input into State policy and legislative reform			

COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT
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Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
Murchison C	17 April 2026 Zone Agenda Item **6.4 WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review**	That the WALGA Murchison Country Zone: 5. Notes the Murchison Executive Group's 'WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review' report. 6. Recognises the importance of a strong and structured partnership between the Western Australian State Government and the Local Government sector. 7. Requests WALGA State Council to undertake a review of successful Local–State Government partnership models operating in other Australian jurisdictions, including the Queensland 'Equal Partners in Government' agreement. 8. Advocates for the development of a comparable partnership framework in Western Australia that recognises Local Government as an equal partner in governance and establishes clear mechanisms for consultation, collaboration and regional input into State policy and legislative reform	WALGA is aware that the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has already undertaken work in relation to effective partnership arrangements between State and Local Government. This work will be considered as part of a review of partnership models, including potential opportunities and recommendations for Western Australia. A report will be provided to State Council in 2027 prepared for the next round of Zone meetings.	**June 2026**	**Rachel Horton** **Executive Manager Advocacy** **rhorton@walga.asn.au** **9213 2038**

Murchison C	21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item **6.3 Unsustainable Changes to the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network**	That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA to: 3. Call for Heavy Vehicle Services decision makers and assessors to be placed permanently or regularly in regional MRWA offices rather than their current insular Perth offices; and 4. Directs MRWA to immediately rescind CA07 condition and the road owners (local governments') to have the discretion for RAV permit vehicle access on local government roads.	Following an initial meeting in December and in preparation for engagement with Local Governments, WALGA and a representative group of senior officers from mining, pastoral, agricultural and metropolitan Local Governments held an initial meeting with the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Heavy Vehicle Services from Main Roads WA. A draft proposal is being prepared for further consultation with the Local Government sector. It was stressed that the sustainability of the road network is dependent on regulatory arrangements supporting Local Governments to negotiate agreements with freight generators or heavy vehicle operators where large freight tasks are undertaken on local roads. Main Roads has invited delegates to attend a meeting in August to discuss progress on the development of an alternative arrangement. This meeting resulted in the development of a replacement for the CA07 condition, entitled the Network Sustainability 1 (NS1). Consultation on the proposed new condition has recently closed and Main Roads will be releasing some finalized guidance. Transport Operators will have six months to comply with requirements.	**November 2026**	**Sinead McGuire Executive Manager Infrastructure smcguire@walga.asn.au 9213 2031**
Murchison C	11 April Zone Agenda Item **7.7 Disaster Recovery**	The Murchison Country Zone request, that should Yalgoo Council agree to pursue a judicial review of the DFES decision in relation to reimbursement of flood damage expenditure, WALGA seek evidence from	Noted that on 2 May the Yalgoo Shire Council resolved: *that Council engages Civic Legal to prepare and undertake all such work to advise the Shire and also*	**August 2025**	**Sinead McGuire Executive Manager Infrastructure**

	Funding Arrangements	Local Governments of advice received from DFES concerning application of the DRFA WA in relation to acceptable procurement processes and evidence requirements, and report to the Zone.	*take such action as appropriate to advance the Shire's interest in respect of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services decision to deny EPAR applications for AGRN962 & AGRN1021.*		**smcguire@walga.asn.au** **9213 2031**

4.4 Agenda Briefs – WALGA Meeting Wednesday 2 December 2026

This resolution is presented should members choose to resolve to support and note the Matters for Consideration and Matters for noting en bloc.

Delegates should also note that they can consider items individually.

Recommendation

That WALGA matters for decision 4.4.1.1 to 4.4.1.9 be supported and matters for noting 4.4.2.1 to 4.4.2.10 be noted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor Seconded: Cr Nicholls

That WALGA matters for decision 4.4.1.1 to 4.4.1.9 be supported and matters for noting 4.4.2.1 to 4.4.2.10 be noted.

Carried 12/0

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

WALGA STATE COUNCIL MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND NOTING

AT WALGA MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

Zone delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which has been provided as an attachment to delegates in full.

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 State Council for consideration at their meeting.

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

Matters for Decision

4.1.1 Matters for Decision

4.1.1.1 2026 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group for further work to be undertaken:
- **7.1 Review of the National Construction Code to Develop and Implement Adaptive Reuse Provisions of Commercial Property for Residential Uses**
- **7.2 Rainfall Deficiency Assistance Framework**
- **7.3 Continuation of Community Water Supplies Partnership and Agricultural Area Dams Program**
- **7.8 Support for ALGA Motion #92 – National Climate Adaption Funding**

2. the following resolutions from the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the Infrastructure Advisory Group for further work to be undertaken:
- **7.4 Advocacy for Reforms to Aspects of the State Underground Power Projects Currently Facilitated through the Local Government Sector**
- **7.9 Delivering Equitable NBN Fibre Upgrade Pathway for Multi-Dwelling Units**

3. the following resolutions from the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the Community and Emergency Management Advisory Group for further work to be undertaken:
- **7.5 State Assistance Grants for Western Australia**
- **7.7 Funding Support for Native Title, ILUA and Traditional Owner Engagement Costs**

Executive Summary

- WALGA's 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 17 September.
- The meeting resolved for WALGA to act in relation to eight Member Motions:
  - Review of the National Construction Code to Develop and Implement Adaptive Reuse Provisions of Commercial Property for Residential Uses
  - Rainfall Deficiency Assistance Framework
  - Continuation of Community Water Supplies Partnership and Agricultural Area Dams Program
  - Advocacy for Reforms to Aspects of the State Underground Power Projects Currently Facilitated through the Local Government Sector
  - State Assistance Grants for Western Australia
  - Funding Support for Native Title, ILUA and Traditional Owner Engagement Costs
  - Support for ALGA Motion #92 – National Climate Adaption Funding
  - Delivering Equitable NBN Fibre Upgrade Pathway for Multi-Dwelling Units
- The action proposed to be taken in relation to each of the resolutions has been summarised for State Council's consideration.

4.4.1.2 2027 SAT Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members

By Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the submission to the 2027 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members.

Executive Summary

- The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) conducts an annual inquiry into Local Government Chief Executive Officer and Elected Member remuneration. The Tribunal also determines remuneration arrangements for independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) members and related allowances.
- WALGA has prepared a draft submission for the 2027 Inquiry that seeks to ensure remuneration arrangements remain contemporary, equitable and responsive to the evolving responsibilities of Local Government.
- The 2027 submission recommends:
  - an increase to Elected Member fees and allowances of 4.5% (including maximum reimbursable expenses);
  - an increase to Chief Executive Officer remuneration bands of 4.5%;
  - ongoing review of the Regional/Isolation Allowance framework to ensure equitable outcomes for Local Governments experiencing comparable recruitment and retention challenges;
  - a review of remuneration arrangements for independent ARIC members, including differentiated fee arrangements for Presiding Members and Deputy Presiding Members; and
  - a review of the ICT Allowance payable to Elected Members to ensure it reflects contemporary technology, connectivity and cybersecurity requirements.
- SAT is expected to publish its determination for 2027-28 in April 2027.
- The Governance Advisory Group provided feedback on the submission at its meeting on 21 October 2026 and recommended the submission be provided for State Council consideration and endorsement.

4.4.1.3 REVISED ADVOCACY POSITION – SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION (STRA)

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisory, Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council replace Advocacy Position 6.13 Short-Stay Accommodation with the following:

WALGA calls on the State Government to:

1. ***Amend the Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA) planning framework, including land use definitions, exemptions and development application requirements to:***

a. remove Ancillary Dwellings from being eligible to operate as Hosted STRA
b. remove the 90-night development approval exemption for Unhosted STRA within the Perth metropolitan region.

2. Reform and strengthen the STRA Register and regulatory framework to:
a. prevent the misuse of STRA registration categories;
b. replace automatic registration at point of application with a verification process that requires confirmation of all relevant approvals and required information prior to registration being granted;
c. automatically suspend registrations for STRA that does not comply with development approval requirements;
d. enhance reporting functionality and data accessibility for Local Governments;
e. prevent duplicated, manipulated or replacement registrations; and
f. reform the compliance and enforcement mechanisms to be proactive, State-led and supported by appropriate powers, resourcing and guidance, to investigate non-compliance and efficiently suspend or cancel STRA registrations.

3. Review and increase STRA development application, registration and renewal fees to support the effective regulation of the sector and implementation of the above reforms.

4. Commission an independent review into the impact of STRA on housing availability and affordability to inform future planning, registration and regulatory reforms.

Endorsement of the above recommendation would replace **existing** Advocacy Position 6.13 Short-Stay Accommodation below:

1. That the WAPC not endorse the draft Position Statement: Planning for Tourism and the associated Guidelines prior to:
a. Additional engagement occurring with the Local Government sector, and specifically those Local Governments with significant tourism industries and knowledge and experience in the regulation of tourism land-uses,
b. The provision of further justification for the need to exempt un-hosted short-term accommodation from development approval, and specifically clarification on,
i. Zones in which the exemption would apply,
ii. Whether the exemption would apply in bushfire prone areas, flood prone areas, and other areas covered by special control areas,
c. Consideration of the recommendations outlined in Appendix 1 of this submission, and
d. Clarification being provided on the extent and ability of any state-wide registration scheme to address planning, amenity and management issues associated with both hosted and un-hosted short-term accommodation, that satisfies the WAPC that these issues can be suitably managed outside the planning system, particularly:
i. How the Scheme will allow for capturing and reporting of the number of days unhosted short-term accommodation is let in a calendar year, and
ii. How the Scheme's design will reduce the ability of hosts to 'game' the system to avoid the need for a development approval while letting their property for more than 60 days.

2. *The interdepartmental working group be re-formed to guide the establishment of a state-wide registration scheme, and to include Local Government as a key stakeholder to ensure that the experience and knowledge of the sector informs the Scheme's formulation,*
3. *That the establishment and operation of the state-wide registration scheme should be managed by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety,*
4. *That the State allocate necessary financial resources to the lead agency to support the establishment of a 'fit-for-purpose' state-wide registration scheme, and*
5. *That the state-wide registration scheme be developed for both short-term accommodation and peer-to-peer platforms with the inclusion of the following features:*
    a. *All hosted and un-hosted short-term accommodation must be required to be registered with the scheme before being able to advertise the property, and platforms must publish the registration number as part of the marketing and booking services,*
    b. *All peer-to-peer platforms that seek to let short-term accommodation must be regulated through the scheme as a host platform,*
    c. *Obligations of registration for both hosts and platforms must be clear and appropriate infringements and compliance tools should be embedded in the regulatory framework,*
    d. *Local Governments must be able to maintain the ability to require the provision of additional information and impose additional licencing or operational requirements, depending on their circumstances, including both town planning and Local Government Act (Local Law) regulation*
    e. *Local Government's must be able to set fees commensurate with the cost of providing the service for any role undertaken as part of the scheme, and*
    f. *Local Governments must have access to all necessary data collected by the scheme to adequately manage the potential impacts of short-term accommodation providers and to ensure local requirements are being met by hosts.*

4.4.1.4 NEW ADVOCACY POSITION – INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS

By Chris Hossen, Manager Planning and Building

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse a new Infrastructure Contributions Advocacy Position:

WALGA calls on the State Government to reform the infrastructure contribution framework to ensure that it:

1. ***Adheres to the principles of:***
   a. ***need and nexus***
   b. ***equity and transparency***
   c. ***growth paying for growth***
   d. ***local decision-making and accountability***
   e. ***financial sustainability.***
2. ***Supports the timely delivery of infrastructure required to service new growth and development, including by:***
   a. ***Addressing Development Contribution Plan (DCP) funding shortfalls by:***
      i. ***removing the community infrastructure cap, or***
      ii. ***where a cap is retained, indexing the cap annually to a relevant construction cost index and reviewing the cap periodically to ensure it reflects actual infrastructure delivery costs.***
   b. ***Establishing a State-supported infrastructure pre-funding mechanism that:***
      i. ***enables the upfront delivery of infrastructure identified in approved DCPs***
      ii. ***reduces reliance on Local Government borrowing capacity to fund infrastructure required to facilitate development.***
   c. ***Ensuring responsiveness in DCP administration by:***
      i. ***implementing a simplified extension process where no substantive changes to infrastructure scope or contributions are proposed***
      ii. ***providing greater flexibility in policy and regulatory requirements to recognise differences in scale, complexity and duration between DCPs.***
   d. ***Strengthening Local Government's ability to deliver DCP infrastructure by providing appropriate statutory mechanisms to facilitate land acquisition for infrastructure identified in approved DCPs.***
   e. ***Applying consistent governance, reporting, accountability and transparency requirements to all entities that collect, hold or administer development contributions, including State Government agencies and government trading enterprises.***
   f. ***Ensuring State Government agencies collecting contributions:***
      i. ***are subject to the same need and nexus requirements as Local Government Development Contribution Plans***
      ii. ***provide transparent reporting on contribution collection and expenditure***
      iii. ***are responsible for funding any infrastructure cost shortfalls associated with their contribution arrangements.***

g. Ensuring that responsibility for the operation and administration of DCPs remains with Local Government when it bears the financial risk associated with plan implementation.

h. Reviewing the operation of DCPs and other funding mechanisms in established urban areas, activity centres and strategic infill locations to ensure the framework appropriately facilitates the delivery of infrastructure required to support redevelopment and increased residential density.

Executive Summary

- A new Advocacy Position on infrastructure contributions is proposed.
- Infrastructure contributions, commonly collected through Development Contribution Plans (DCPs), fund infrastructure needed to support urban growth, redevelopment and increased residential density in Western Australia.
- Local Governments play a central role in the preparation, administration and delivery of DCP-funded infrastructure, but face financial, governance and operational challenges under the current framework.
- The proposed Position seeks reforms addressing funding shortfalls, timely infrastructure delivery, DCP administration, accountability and financial risk.
- The Position was informed by extensive engagement with the Growth Areas Perth and Peel (GAPP) Local Governments and broader sector consultation.
- Following consultation, the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group agreed on 20 October 2026 to recommend that State Council endorse the proposed Position.

4.4.1.5 NEW ADVOCACY POSITION – PLANNING FOR DATA CENTRES

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following new Data Centre Advocacy Position:

1. ***WALGA supports the Australian Government's objective of providing greater certainty for industry while ensuring that data centre development occurs in a manner that is consistent with community expectations, infrastructure capacity and broader planning objectives.***
2. ***Commonwealth standards should complement the state planning system and support coordinated planning and infrastructure outcomes, rather than creating parallel approval pathways.***
3. ***The State Government should develop a comprehensive, coordinated plan to guide data centre development in Western Australia, including:***
    - ***a. the provision of strategic guidance for data centre development, including on:***
        - ***i. suitable locations and precincts based on infrastructure capacity, land use compatibility, network resilience, cumulative impacts, and the protection of activity centres, priority agricultural, strategic industrial, employment and housing land***
        - ***ii. integration of land use planning with electricity, telecommunications and water infrastructure planning,***

including early engagement with infrastructure providers and Local Governments

b. the inclusion of a data centre land use definition in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015

c. the development of a Data Centre Planning Code and supporting guidance that establishes consistent development requirements and assessment criteria, including:

i. scale-based assessment considerations
ii. land use compatibility
iii. water consumption, water efficiency and the use of recycled or alternative water sources
iv. infrastructure requirements and upgrades
v. amenity and environmental impacts, including noise and visual impacts, and associated backup generation infrastructure.

Executive Summary

- A new Advocacy Position on data centres is proposed.
- Data centres are emerging as a significant planning and infrastructure challenge across Australia.
- A growing number of Western Australian Local Governments are currently considering how their local planning frameworks should respond to data centre proposals in the absence of State planning guidance.
- WALGA prepared a Consultation Paper and draft Advocacy Position for sector comment by 30 October 2026. Responses were received from 24 Local Governments.
- The Advocacy Position seeks a coordinated State approach, including strategic planning guidance, a standard land use definition and a Data Centre Planning Code.
- Following consultation, the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group agreed on 2 November 2026 to recommend that State Council endorse the draft Advocacy Position.

4.4.1.6 ADVOCACY POSITION RETIREMENT – 3.3 CITIZENSHIP

By Rebecca Hicks, Policy Advisor Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council retire Advocacy Position 3.3 Citizenship.

Executive Summary

- It is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.3 Citizenship be retired.
- State Council endorsed Advocacy Position 3.3 Citizenship in 2009 following a Zone request for WALGA to advocate through the Australian Local Government Association for funding to conduct citizenship ceremonies.
- The sector has not expressed concerns about the cost of conducting citizenship ceremonies since that time.
- Retiring the Position would not limit WALGA's ability to respond to emerging issues relating to citizenship ceremonies.
- The Community and Emergency Management Advisory Group agreed on 21 October 2026 to recommend that State Council retire the Advocacy Position.

4.4.1.7 ADVOCACY POSITION RETIREMENT – 3.2.3 ALCOHOL

By Rebecca Hicks, Policy Advisor Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council retire Advocacy Position 3.2.3 Alcohol.

Executive Summary

- It is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.2.3 Alcohol be retired.
- State Council endorsed Advocacy Position 3.2.3 Alcohol in 2015 and subsequent revision in 2018 following the release of the Managing Alcohol in our Communities – A Guide for Local Government (the Guide).
- The Guide no longer reflects the current public health policy context and is no longer available on the Mental Health Commission website.
- Local Government public health plans provide an appropriate framework to plan, monitor and evaluate Local Government-led approaches to preventing and reducing alcohol-related harm.
- The recently revised Advocacy Position 3.2.1 Local Public Health Plans provides an overarching position on Local Government public health plans.
- The Community and Emergency Management Advisory Group agreed on 21 October 2026 to recommend that State Council retire the Advocacy Position.

4.4.1.8 REVISED ADVOCACY POSITION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS SCHEME

By Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council replace Advocacy Position 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme with the following:

The Local Government sector supports:

1. ***An evidence-based, sustainable and equitable Local Government Grants Scheme, informed by a full and independent review of the LGGS, that delivers on the original intent of the Emergency Services Levy by fully funding Local Government-managed volunteer bushfire capability.***
2. ***A redesign of the LGGS to reduce its administrative burden on Local Government, including the removal of the ineligible and eligible list.***
3. ***The development of a statewide bushfire capability and asset planning framework to inform funding priorities, investment decisions and long-term asset management, supported by increased overall investment that strengthens capability and delivers equitable outcomes across the Local Government sector.***
4. ***Pending implementation of LGGS reform, an immediate increase in State Government investment to enable Local Governments to meet contemporary operational and Work Health and Safety requirements associated with the management of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades.***

Endorsement of the recommendation would replace the **existing** Advocacy Position 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme below:

Local Government supports:

1. *A full, independent review of the LGGS to investigate and analyse how ESL funds are allocated to Local Government via the LGGS;*
2. *A redesign of the LGGS to remove the ineligible and eligible list and create a sustainable, modern, equitable grants program that funds Local Government emergency management activities across prevention, preparedness and response;*
3. *An audit of existing buildings, facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES) to inform the preparation of a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan and to guide future funding requests; and*
4. *in the interim, an immediate increase in the quantum of State Government funding to enable the provision of funding of operating and capital grant applications in full, to provide all resources necessary for the safe and efficient operation of Local Government Bushfire Brigades, in accordance with obligations of the Work Health and Safety 2020 legislation.*

Executive Summary

- It is proposed that Advocacy Position 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS), endorsed by State Council in 2022, be revised to focus on sector priorities in the upcoming review of the Local Government Grant Scheme.
- WALGA's 2025 Emergency Management Survey and LGGS reform work show the current funding model is unsustainable, with Local Governments increasingly using own-source revenue to fund essential bushfire capability, infrastructure and Work Health and Safety obligations despite the original intent of the Emergency Services Levy.
- Demand significantly exceeds available LGGS funding, leaving critical capability and asset needs unmet.
- WALGA advocacy has secured a State Government commitment to formally review the LGGS.
- The revised LGGS Position shifts WALGA's focus from seeking an LGGS review to advocating for a sustainable, transparent and equitable funding model aligned with bushfire risk, service demand and contemporary capability requirements.
- The revised Position seeks to ensure LGGS reform establishes a clear minimum capability baseline, supports long-term asset sustainability, enables Local Governments to meet contemporary Work Health and Safety obligations, and secures sufficient ongoing investment to maintain volunteer bushfire capability across Western Australia.
- WALGA's advocacy on the LGGS is supported by Advocacy Position 8.7 Emergency Services Levy.
- The Community and Emergency Management Advisory Group agreed on 21 October 2026 to recommend that State Council endorse the revised Advocacy Position.

4.4.1.9 SUBMISSION – STATE HAZARD PLAN CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT

By Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse WALGA's submission on the draft State Hazard Plan Cybersecurity Incident.

Executive Summary

- WALGA has prepared a submission to the comprehensive review of the Interim State Hazard Plan Cybersecurity Incident being undertaken by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.
- The submission draws on previous feedback on other State Hazard Plans and information provided by Local Governments in the 2025 Emergency Management Survey.
- The submission recommends clarifying Local Government roles, notification requirements and recovery responsibilities within the State Hazard Plan Cybersecurity Incident, while maintaining a proportionate preparedness approach, and providing greater State-led guidance, training and capability support for the sector.
- The Community and Emergency Management Advisory Group agreed on 21 October 2026 to recommend that State Council endorse the draft submission.

4.4.2 Matters for Noting

4.4.2.1 Submissions To The Salaries And Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry For Local Government Chief Executive Officers And Elected Members

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning

BACKGROUND

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) conduct an annual inquiry into Local Government Chief Executive Officer and Elected Member remuneration.

SAT generally advertises its intention to receive submissions in December for its inquiry and Determination in relation to the following financial year. The Tribunal will invite individual Local Governments, the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulations and Safety, WALGA, Local Government Professionals WA and other interested individuals to provide information or submissions.

SAT will likely publish its Determination for 2027-2028 in April 2027.

COMMENT

In preparation for the inquiry to be undertaken early next year, a draft submission from WALGA has been prepared making recommendations to SAT on behalf of the sector

in relation to Elected Member fees and allowances, Chief Executive Officer remuneration, the Regional/Isolation Allowance, and independent audit, risk and improvement committee member fees. The draft WALGA submission is contained in the December State Council Agenda for Zone and State Council consideration.

Local Governments can also put forward a submission, particularly in relation to their own circumstances, including requests to be classified in a different Band.

WALGA encourages all Local Governments to make a submission to SAT.

For noting

4.4.2.2 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN CODES REVIEW

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking comments by 26 February 2027 on significant proposed changes to the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes).
- The R-Codes guide the design and development of housing and communities across Western Australia and are applicable to all forms of residential developments including granny flats, single homes, townhouses, apartments, and residential subdivisions.
- The scale of the proposed changes will have significant implications on housing outcomes, Local Government planning and development functions and critically the design, character and liveability of communities across Western Australia.
- A key change proposed is the removing the average site area requirements in areas coded R10-R25 within the Perth and Peel regions, allowing for approximately 70,000 existing residential properties becoming eligible to subdivide.
- WALGA is seeking initial sector feedback on the reforms by 11 December 2026 and will then distribute a draft submission to the sector in early January 2027. Public consultation closes on 26 February 2027.

BACKGROUND

The R-Codes guide the design and development of housing and communities across Western Australia. They provide the framework for residential development, from granny flats, single houses, and townhouses through to apartments and residential subdivisions, including provisions relating to density, lot sizes, building heights, setbacks, parking, open space, privacy, and landscaping.

In June 2025, the State Government announced a comprehensive review of the R-Codes. WALGA has participated in the review through representation on the WAPC's

Stakeholder Advisory Group, with Local Government also contributing through technical working groups. As part of this review significant changes are proposed to modernise the R-Codes, including changes to structure, development standards, approval pathways and lot size provisions.

Key changes include:

- Restructuring the R-Codes into separate parts for single houses, grouped dwellings, and apartments, making it more user-friendly and suitable for digital and AI-enabled use.
- Renaming assessment pathways and expanding the range of development exempt from development approval.
- Consolidating and simplifying development standards for low-density residential development, including setbacks, site coverage, building height, and ancillary dwellings. The reforms propose increasing the maximum permitted floor area for ancillary dwellings from 70m² to 90m².
- Changes to apartment terminology and framework, with revised development controls, including building height provisions and removal of minimum car parking requirements.
- Amending lot size, density, and subdivision provisions, including removing the average site area requirements in areas coded R10-R25 within the Perth and Peel regions. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) estimates that more than 70,000 existing residential properties would become eligible for subdivision.

WALGA hosted a sector information session with the officers from DPLH on 28 October 2026 to outline the proposed reforms. Over 300 people attended the session. A recording of the session is available at the link below.

DPLH is also hosting Perth and Peel Workshops, Regional Roadshows and Community Pop-ups throughout November and December 2026, as outlined on their consultation page.

WALGA is seeking initial feedback on the reforms by 11 December 2026 and will distribute a draft submission to the sector in early January 2027. Refinement of the draft submission will occur in February, following final Zone and Local Government feedback. WALGA's submission will be considered by State Council at its 3 March 2027 meeting.

Public consultation closes on 26 February 2027.

COMMENT

Local Government has a key role in implementing the R-Codes through the assessment and determination of residential development applications. The proposed review proposes substantial changes to development standards, approval pathways and subdivision provisions that will have significant implications for Local Government planning, development assessment, and strategic planning functions.

Although several reforms aim to increase housing supply and streamline development, Local Governments should pay particular attention to the proposed removal of average site area requirements in areas coded R10–R25. DPLH estimates this change could make more than 70,000 additional properties eligible for subdivision, substantially increasing development capacity in established residential areas.

Given the scale of the proposed changes, Local Governments should consider the cumulative impacts on infrastructure demand, public open space, schools, transport networks, urban canopy, community facilities, neighbourhood character, and local amenity. Local Governments are encouraged to consider these strategic and cumulative impacts when reviewing the changes and provide feedback directly to the WAPC and WALGA.

WALGA's submission will be informed by Local Government feedback, relevant advocacy positions and previous submissions and considered by State Council at its 3 March 2027 meeting.

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

- Residential Design Codes Review
- Webinar recording
- WALGA Advocacy Positions Manual including:
  - 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform
  - 6.10 Public Open Space
  - 6.13 Short-Stay Accommodation
  - 4.5 Urban Forest

For noting

4.4.2.3 STATUS REPORT

FOR NOTING

The Status Report provides an update on actions taken on previous State Council resolutions. Items remain on the Status Report until completed or no further action is required.

MEETING	RESOLUTION	STATUS
2 September 2026 Item 8.1 Retirement of Advocacy Positions Achieved by Reform	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 050.4/2026	The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated. COMPLETE
2 September 2026 Item 8.2 Circular Economy Advocacy Position	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* *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, with consideration given to the challenges and opportunities of regional and remote areas.* *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*	The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated. COMPLETE

MEETING	RESOLUTION	STATUS
	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.* RESOLUTION 052.4/2026	
2 September 2026 Item 8.5 Selection Committee Guidelines Review	That State Council endorse the proposed amendments to the Selection Committee Guidelines. RESOLUTION 055.4/2026	The Selection Committee Guidelines have been updated. COMPLETE
3 December 2025 Item 8.1 2025 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	That: 1. the following resolutions from the 2025 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the People and Place Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: 7.1 Provision of Medical Services in Remote and Very Remote Local Governments 7.2 Homelessness – Short-term Accommodation Solutions RESOLUTION 070.5/2025 *The AGM resolutions are as follows:*	In relation to AGM item 7.1 – Improving access to primary healthcare services in rural and remote areas remains an advocacy priority for WALGA, supported by the WALGA 2025 General Practice Support Survey Report published in January 2026. This advocacy priority is also reflected in the current Federal and State Budget Submissions and aligned to the revised Advocacy Position endorsed by State Council in September 2025. WALGA is exploring opportunities for partnership advocacy on this matter with health sector stakeholders. This work includes developing solution

MEETING	RESOLUTION	STATUS
	7.1 Provision of Medical Services in Remote and Very Remote Local Governments *That WALGA calls on the Western Australian Government and WA Grants Commission to:* *1. increase the total funding and then the Medical Facilities Cost Adjuster component of the Financial Assistance Grants to Local Governments; and* *2. recalculate distributions to those Local Governments that are providing block cash payments to attract and retain general practitioners to allow affected Council to redirect ratepayer funds to Local Government responsibilities.* ***7.2 Homelessness – Short-term Accommodation Solutions*** *That WALGA advocate to the State Government to provide culturally appropriate short term accommodation options and wrap-around support services that provide sustainable homelessness solutions in all Local Governments across Western Australia.*	options. Progress will be shared with State Council in due course. ONGOING In relation to AGM item 7.2 – State Council has endorsed a new Homelessness Advocacy Position: *WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to provide leadership, support and sustainable, long-term funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular by:* *1. Ensuring specialist homelessness services are responsive to local need, place-based and people-centred.* *2. Investing in crisis accommodation, social and affordable housing and wraparound services.* *3. Strengthening homelessness data collection and sharing arrangements to provide current, granular and locally relevant information to inform funding and improve service provision.* RESOLUTION 021.2/2026 COMPLETE
3 December 2025 Item 8.1 2025 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	That: … 2. the following resolution from the 2025 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the Governance Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: 7.4 Rating Exemption Advocacy Position RESOLUTION 070.5/2025 *The AGM resolution is as follows:* ***7.4 Rating Exemption Advocacy Position*** *That WALGA, in addition to its current advocacy positions 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 relating to rating exemptions, advocate to the WA Government for the introduction of a reimbursement model, whereby the WA Government repays Local Government the greater of:*	This item has been referred to the Governance Advisory Group for further consideration. WALGA's current Advocacy Positions call for a broad review into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories, with a particular focus on the charitable purpose's exemption. WALGA included funding for a review of rates in its most recent State Budget submission. Additional concerns regarding rating and rating exemptions have arisen and WALGA is currently developing a RFQ to have a review undertaken by an external consultant. ONGOING

MEETING	RESOLUTION	STATUS
	1. 75% of the value of rates lost in applying the charitable purposes exemption; or *2. 1% of the total rate revenue of the Local Government.*	
3 December 2025 Item 8.2 2026 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members	That State Council endorse the submission to the 2026 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members, with the following additions: 1. A new recommendation that the Regional/Isolation Allowance be reviewed in full, noting that the application of the Allowance is inequal and inconsistent. 2. A new recommendation that an appropriate fee be set for the deputy to the presiding member of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees to attend meetings. 3. A new recommendation that the travel costs incurred while driving a privately owned or leased vehicle be calculated at the same rate contained in the *Public Service Award 1992* to bring it in parity with the public sector. 4. The percentage values in recommendations 1 and 2 of the submission be amended from 3% to 4%. 5. Include a work-value argument regarding Elected Member remuneration to strengthen the case for an increase to Elected Member fees and allowances, and to refer the request to reclassify Elected Members as not volunteers to the relevant Policy Team. RESOLUTION 073.5/2025	The submission to SAT was updated to include those additional points and provided to the Tribunal on 6 January 2026. The Advocacy Positions Manual has also been updated to reflect the recommendations contained in the submission. The request to reclassify Elected Members as not volunteers (as per point 5 of the resolution) has been referred to the Governance Advocacy Group for further consideration. This issue will require significant investigation to identify all implications. WALGA is currently recruiting for a role that will undertake this work amongst other duties. Depending on timeframes, an external consultant may need to be engaged so that this work can be progressed. ONGOING
2 July 2025 Item 8.1 Suspension and Disqualification for Offences Advocacy Position	That WALGA defers consideration of this matter for further work, including: a. defining appropriately serious offences for intervention; and b. addressing the role of the Local Government Inspector. c. evaluating whether advocacy for disqualification based on convictions under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* and *Building Act 2011* should be retained. RESOLUTION 037.3/2025	Work has commenced on defining appropriately serious offences for intervention. Further work will be undertaken pending clarification of the role of the Office of the Inspector. WALGA is currently recruiting for a role that will undertake this work amongst other duties. Depending on timeframes, an external consultant

MEETING	RESOLUTION	STATUS
		may need to be engaged so that this work can be progressed. ONGOING
5 March 2025 Item 9.1 Infrastructure Policy Team Report	That State Council: 1. Note the report from the Infrastructure Policy Team for the 5 March 2025 meeting. 2. Determine to: a. Delete Advocacy Position 5.2.8 (Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy 2008 – 2020). b. Amend the title of Advocacy Position 5.2.7 from Road Safety Strategy (Imagine Zero) to Driving Change Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030. 3. Undertake further policy development and consultation with Members regarding the default open road speed limit in Western Australia. RESOLUTION 013.1/2025	The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved to recommend WALGA engage an independent specialist to develop a framework to support the Local Government sector in decision making and advocacy relating to speed limits. This was delayed pending anticipated changes to Main Roads WA policy. WALGA held an online workshop with Local Governments to gather feedback on the proposed speed zoning policy and submitted comments to Main Roads WA. ONGOING

4.4.2.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT AND REPEAL BILL 2026

By Jackson Mawby, Senior Governance Specialist

FOR NOTING

Executive Summary

- The Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, has introduced the Local Government Amendment and Repeal Bill 2026 into the Legislative Assembly.
- The Bill contains significant amendments to the *Local Government Act* 1995, affecting Local Government elections, governance, and privacy.
- The Bill's key reforms are not consistent with WALGA's existing Advocacy Positions.
- The transition to all-in, all-out elections is deferred until 2031, a delay strongly advocated for by WALGA.

Background

At WALGA's 2026 Local Government Convention in September, the Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA announced the Government's intention to introduce further Local Government reforms, headlined by three key proposals:

- The introduction of four-yearly full Council elections (general elections).
- The removal of the 'Dadour' poll provisions contained in Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- The repeal of the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960.*

The Minister introduced the *Local Government Amendment and Repeal Bill 2026* into the Legislative Assembly on 14 October 2026. At the time of writing, the Bill has been read a second time, and its progress through Parliament remains subject to the parliamentary process.

The Bill was not subject to a consultation process with Local Governments or the wider community.

Comment

The introduction of full Council elections and the removal of the 'Dadour' poll provisions are inconsistent with WALGA's current Advocacy Positions.

Following sector consultation earlier this year, point 1 of Advocacy Position 2.5.16 was reaffirmed, confirming the sector's support for half spill elections every two years. Once WALGA became aware of the State's position on this issue, WALGA strongly advocated for the commencement of general elections to be delayed until 2031.

This was to ensure Council Members could complete their existing elected terms, and provide Local Governments and their communities with sufficient time to prepare for the significant changes to long-standing election arrangements. This advocacy was effective, and the decision to defer general elections until 2031 is welcomed.

WALGA continues to strongly advocate that any boundary changes or amalgamations must be voluntary, consistent with Advocacy Position 2.2.1. In addition, WALGA's Advocacy Position 2.5.48 calls for an expansion of the Dadour poll provisions to apply to any boundary change or amalgamation proposal.

The Bill also contains other significant amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995*, which are summarised below.

- Councillor vacancies to be backfilled for up to three years after a general election.
- Backfilling to be extended to third-placed unsuccessful candidates in multi-member wards.
- Extraordinary elections are only to be held where vacancies cannot be backfilled and defined vacancy thresholds are met.
- Vacancies that occur during the 12 months before a general election are to generally remain vacant, unless approval is granted by the WA Electoral Commission to hold an extraordinary election.
- Responsibility for all Local Government elections to transfer to the WA Electoral Commission.
- Where there is a vacancy in the office of popularly elected Mayor or President, Council is to elect a Councillor to serve in the role for the remainder of the term.
- Appointed Commissioners will remain in office until the next general election. If they are appointed during the 12 months before a general election, they will usually remain in office until the following general election, unless their appointment provides otherwise.

The Bill also includes amendments introducing privacy protections, and other minor administrative corrections:

- Allowing a post office box to be used for the purpose of authorising electoral material.
- Limiting public inspection of real property addresses in registers of financial interests to the town or suburb only.
- Requiring a person seeking access to a rate record or register of non-resident owner-occupiers to apply to the CEO. The CEO must not provide the information unless the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in protecting personal privacy.

- Removal of the requirement to appoint a deputy to the presiding member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

Further amendments are included in the Bill which is available on the WA Parliament Website in addition to the Explanatory Memorandum and a marked up Blue Bill.

WALGA will continue to review the Bill and provide further information and updates to members as it progresses through Parliament.

4.4.2.5 SUBMISSION – PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT ON HOUSING SUPPLY REGULATION

By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building

FOR NOTING

Executive Summary

- WALGA has provided a second submission to the Productivity Commission following the release of its Interim Report into Housing Supply Regulation.
- While supporting the objective of increasing housing supply, WALGA's submission reinforces that housing delivery is a whole-of-system challenge and should not be viewed solely through the lens of planning approvals.
- The submission includes Western Australian evidence demonstrating that Local Governments continue to determine a high volume of development applications efficiently and that broader constraints such as enabling infrastructure, workforce shortages, construction productivity and project feasibility are increasingly influencing housing delivery outcomes.
- WALGA's submission calls for greater emphasis on infrastructure delivery, workforce capability, evaluation of existing planning reforms and improved reporting across the housing delivery pipeline.

Background

In May 2026, the Australian Government requested that the Productivity Commission enquire into how housing regulation could be improved to support increased housing supply and affordability. The Commission’s Interim Report concluded that planning reform and improved infrastructure coordination are likely to have the greatest effect on housing supply and affordability and sought further stakeholder feedback before preparation of the final report.

WALGA made an initial submission to the Inquiry in June 2026. The submission highlighted the importance of infrastructure delivery, workforce capability, evidence-based planning reform and recognising the distinction between housing approvals and housing completions. The Interim Report reflects several of these themes and provided the basis for WALGA's subsequent response to the Commission's draft findings and recommendations.

Both submissions were informed, and aligned to, previous advocacy, Local Government Performance Monitoring Project data, building surveyor workforce research and consultation with Local Governments. The submission focused on issues most relevant to the Local Government sector and Western Australian planning context.

Comment

WALGA's submission supports the Commission's objective of increasing housing supply while emphasising that housing outcomes are influenced by a range of interconnected factors extending beyond planning approvals. The submission argues that increasing housing density and housing capacity will remain important components of housing supply policy but notes that planning frameworks can enable development opportunities but cannot ensure that approved projects will proceed to commencement or completion.

The submission highlights evidence from WALGA's Local Government Performance Monitoring Project demonstrating that participating Local Governments processed more than 73,600 development, subdivision and building applications during 2024–25, with very high approval rates and strong compliance with statutory timeframes despite increasing workloads and workforce challenges. This evidence supports WALGA's position that planning approvals are only one component of a broader housing delivery system.

A significant focus of the submission is the importance of housing-enabling infrastructure. The submission noted that infrastructure availability is increasingly acting as a binding constraint on housing supply and highlighted the Mundijong growth area as an example where substantial housing capacity cannot be realised without supporting wastewater infrastructure. The submission also advocates for improved infrastructure funding arrangements, infrastructure prefunding mechanisms and greater coordination between housing and infrastructure planning.

The submission further makes the case that workforce shortages within planning, engineering and building surveying professions represent a significant housing productivity issue. It also calls for a stronger emphasis on evaluating previous planning reforms before implementing additional structural change and recommends nationally consistent reporting across the housing delivery pipeline, including approvals, commencements, completions and occupation.

Overall, the submission advocates for the Productivity Commission, through the remainder of the Inquiry, to adopt a whole-of-system approach to housing delivery that focuses on the factors most directly influencing housing commencements, completions and occupation rather than concentrating solely on planning approval processes.

Supporting documents

- Productivity Commission Housing Supply Regulation Interim Report – Submission
- Productivity Commission Housing Supply Regulation Inquiry – Initial WALGA Submission
- Productivity Commission Inquiry into Housing Regulation

4.4.2.6 ELECTED MEMBERS GUIDE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By Catherine Feeney, LEMA Implementation Project Officer

FOR NOTING

Executive Summary

- WALGA has developed a Local Government Emergency Management for Elected Members Guide as part of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Program to support Elected Members' understanding of Local

Government emergency management roles, responsibilities and governance arrangements before, during and after emergencies.
- The Guide will be shared with Local Governments and WALGA Zones to support Elected Member awareness of emergency management governance, LEMA, bushfire management and recovery.

Background
WALGA developed the Local Government Emergency Management for Elected Members Guide to provide Elected Members with information about how emergency management is governed, coordinated and delivered in Western Australia.

The Guide outlines the roles and responsibilities of Local Government, Council, individual Elected Members, Local Emergency Management Committees and the community. It also provides information about Local Emergency Management Arrangements, preparedness and risk reduction, incident support, continuity of Local Government services, community recovery and Local Government bushfire responsibilities.

The Guide has been developed in the context of the LEMA Improvement Program. The program is a collaborative initiative involving WALGA and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, supported by funding from the Australian Government and the State Emergency Management Committee.

Supporting documents
- Local Government Emergency Management for Elected Members

4.2.2.7 SUBMISSION – METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING RESTORATION CONTRIBUTIONS CHARGES

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

FOR NOTING

Executive Summary
- The Australian Government is consulting on a proposed methodology for the calculation of restoration contribution charges (RCCs) as part of reforms to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).
- RCCs are proposed as an additional pathway to meet environmental offset obligations to streamline assessment and approval processes and reduce uncertainty and administrative burden for proponents.
- WALGA's submission aligns to Advocacy Position 5.2.1 Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations and previous WALGA and ALGA submissions on the EPBC Act reforms, including the National Environmental Standards.
- In the submission, WALGA highlights that the regulatory reform to the EPBC Act should consider Local Government's role of delivering essential public works for communities and not increase costs and that to succeed restoration contributions need to occur alongside strengthened bioregional planning.
- A short time (three weeks) was provided for feedback, limiting the ability for WALGA to engage with the sector.
- The submission was lodged on Wednesday, 14 October and noted by the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group on 20 October 2026.

Background
The Consultation Paper outlines how Restoration Contribution Charges (RCCs) will be calculated and the proposed governance, maintenance and future development of the approach. The aim of the proposed methodology is to provide a transparent, consistent and science-based approach to calculating restoration contribution charges, while ensuring charges appropriately reflect the costs of delivering restoration outcomes.

Local Government plays a significant role in natural resource management and land development, as a community representative, land manager, proponent and regulatory authority. Local Governments' activities in these areas intersect with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) when undertaking essential infrastructure development which impacts on protected matters. These include roads and community infrastructure projects, which provide public benefits that often extend beyond the local area and also contribute to State and national priorities and policies. Local Governments can also be affected by projects which are undertaken within their boundaries and have advocated to ensure that impacts are minimised and any offsets are relevant and proportionate with a focus on proximity to the area and the environmental value impacted.

This submission aligns with Advocacy Position 5.2.1 Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations and previous WALGA and ALGA submissions on the independent review of the EPBC Act and recent reforms, including the National Environmental Standards. The submission was lodged on Wednesday, 14 October and noted by the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group on 20 October 2026.

Comment
WALGA's submission notes that RCCs could provide the opportunity to fund larger, more strategic restoration projects with greater environmental outcomes, but that, as restoration contributions have had mixed success across Australian jurisdictions, they should have limited use while effectiveness is evaluated. The submission also recommends that for restoration contributions to providing genuine and lasting benefits, it is critical that they are implemented alongside strengthened bioregional and strategic planning and with accountability and transparency.

Supporting documents
- Submission on the Consultation Paper on Proposed Methodology for Calculating Restoration Contributions Charge
- Proposed methodology for the calculation of restoration contribution charges
- Advocacy Positions Manual

4.4.2.8 SUBMISSION – REVIEW OF THE PROCUREMENT ACT 2020

By Conor Macgill, A/Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

FOR NOTING

Executive Summary
- The State Government is undertaking a statutory review of the *Procurement Act 2020*, with a focus on developing local jobs, strengthening industry and supporting the Made in WA plan.
- The review is an opportunity to support achievement of Circular Economy and Remade in WA objectives through the Government's procurement approach.

- WALGA's submission highlights the role of State Government procurement in moving towards a more circular economy and the importance of the recovered materials framework.
- The submission aligns to the Circular Economy and Resource Recovery Framework Advocacy Positions and previous submissions.
- The submission was considered by the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee and provided to the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group for noting.
- The submission was lodged on Tuesday, 3 November 2026.

Background

The State Government is currently undertaking a statutory review of the *Procurement Act 2020,* with a focus on examining how government purchasing power can create more opportunities for local businesses, jobs and support the Made in WA Plan. The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) is seeking feedback on procurement by State Government agencies and more generally the operation and effectiveness of the Act. This legislation does not cover Local Government operations.

This submission aligns with WALGA's Advocacy Position on 7.16 Circular Economy and 7.13 Resource Recovery Framework, 7.15 Product Stewardship and previous submissions to the Productivity Commission on Circular Economy and Right to Repair and State Government.

Comment

WALGA has developed a short submission based on current Advocacy Positions and previous submission relevant to Circular Economy. The submission was considered at the first meeting of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee and feedback on the need to more strongly identify the foundational actions needed by State Government including the Resource Recovery Framework and effective product stewardship was incorporated. The submission was provided to the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group for noting and lodged on Tuesday, 3 November 2026.

Supporting documents

- Procurement Act Review - WALGA Submission
- Release for public consultation – Review of the Procurement Act 2020
- Advocacy Positions Manual
- Previous submissions

4.4.2.9 H5 BIRD FLU UPDATE

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste and Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager, Emergency Management

FOR NOTING

Executive Summary

- H5 Bird Flu was first detected in Australia on 20 June 2026 near Esperance.
- Further cases have been detected in Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland. However, as of 23 October 2026, Western Australia had recorded no further detections since July. The rate of spread in the eastern states had also slowed, with no detections in poultry and no evidence of spread to local wildlife.

- The risk to human health from H5 Bird Flu is currently considered low.
- Bird flu will be considered established in Western Australia once it has been detected in the State and confirmed as having spread into local wildlife.
- A high level WA Action Plan for H5 Bird Flu was released by the State Government on 16 October 2026.
- WALGA is supporting member preparedness, coordinating sector communications, participating in State-level incident arrangements, and escalating Local Government issues for clarification and resolution.
- WALGA is working with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, as the Hazard Management Agency, and with other State agencies to clarify bird flu preparedness, response and recovery arrangements, including the guidance and support available to the sector.

Background

H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (H5 Bird Flu) emerged in 2020 and spread rapidly internationally. H5 Bird Flu has the potential to affect wildlife, biodiversity, agriculture, food systems, regional communities and government services. It was first detected in Australia on 20 June 2026 in a brown skua on the south coast in the Cape le Grand area, east of Esperance. Further cases have been detected in Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland but as of 23 October 2026, there have been no further detections in Western Australia since July, the rate of spread in the eastern states has slowed, there has been no detection in poultry and no evidence of spread to local wildlife.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is the Hazard Management Agency for H5 Bird Flu and is leading the WA response. The Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is leading national coordination. The WA Incident Management Team includes DPIRD, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Department of Health and WALGA.

WALGA has been engaged in H5 Bird Flu preparedness since 2024, including participation in the Biosecurity Senior Officer Group HPAI working group and establishment of an internal H5 Bird Flu response group. WALGA is participating in State-level response arrangements, including the Operational Area Support Group and Incident Management Team. This provides a direct line into the response and an opportunity to raise Local Government issues with DPIRD and seek resolution. WALGA has continued to provide updates to the nominated H5 Bird Flu contacts from each Local Government, including as new resources are made available.

Comment

With no further detections of H5 Bird Flu in Western Australia, DPIRD has been working on preparedness including the development of mapping to assist Local Governments in identifying areas for clean up and progressing the finalisation of the Western Australian Action Plan for H5 Bird Flu. DPIRD, in consultation with DAFF, has also launched a public facing campaign “Bird Flu - know what to do”, which aims to raise community awareness.

WALGA continue to engage with the sector, most recently via a survey to identify current preparedness in the sector and resources needed.

Further updates will be provided to State Council as the response continues.

4.4.2.10 FLYING MINUTES ENDORSED BY STATE COUNCIL

FOR NOTING

The following Flying Minutes have been endorsed by State Council since the September 2026 meeting:

- WALGA Submission: Australian Government Proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework;
- WALGA Submission: *Getting it right: Building AI infrastructure that works for Australia* Consultation Paper; and
- 2027-28 State Budget Submission.

The full Flying Minutes are available on the WALGA website.

5. Matters for Consideration

5.1 Financial Statements

Proposed by: Executive Officer

Attachments: Income and Expenditure Statements

Comment

Refer to financial statements on the next pages.

Reconciled balances of account as at 30 June 2026 and 31 October 2026.

Cheque Account 229492

It should be noted that the budget over the years has always included a sum of $100 to allow for the binding of the minutes. This provision has not been spent for a number of years. After searching for bookbinders since November of last year, I made contact with Guardian Print in Geraldton who can do this for us including the leather covered minute books, colour printing and gold lettering on the front and side of the books. This is the style used on minute books commissioned by the previous Executive Officer. The firm which originally did this can no longer be contacted.

As no minute books have been produced since 2017 there is a significant amount of pages to be put into the minute books (approximately 1250 pages). This will include the production of multiple books up to and including the minutes being accepted today. An estimate (not finalised until the April 2026 minutes being accepted today are received) is $2,295.00. To allow for any contingency it is suggested that the variation allows expenditure of $2,350.00 to get this done. It should be noted that Guardian Print produce minute books for the City of Greater Geraldton and other Local Governments. The Zone has been carrying over a large amount of funds for a number of years that can be used to fund this.

Recommendation

1. That the financial statements for the periods 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and 1 July 2026 to 31 October 2026 be received; and
2. That the budget variation for the binding of the minutes be accepted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Venezuela Seconded: Cr Nicholls

1. That the financial statements for the periods 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and 1 July 2026 to 31 October 2026 be received; and
2. That the budget variation for the binding of the minutes be accepted.

Carried 12/0

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
01/07/2025 to 30/06/2026

Bank Balance (as per B/S) 01/07/2025 $ 22,714.95

Income

Date	Source	Amount
9/07/2025	Shire of Meekatharra - Subscription	$ 2,800.00
11/07/2025	Shire of Sandstone - Subscription	$ 2,800.00
11/07/2025	Shire of Yalgoo - Subscription	$ 2,800.00
17/07/2025	Shire of Murchison - Subscription	$ 2,800.00
10/09/2025	Shire of Cue - Subscription	$ 2,800.00
26/05/2026	Shire of Mount Magnet - Subscription	$ 2,800.00
	Total Income to 30 June 2026	**$ 16,800.00**

Payments

Date	Source	Amount
24/11/2025	Cr Price Gratuity Dep President & WALGA Zone Delegate	$ 1,900.00
24/11/2025	Murchison Club Hotel - Catering	$ 1,908.00
24/11/2025	Cr R Foulkes-Taylor Gratuity President	$ 600.00
25/11/2025	S Appleton - Executive Fee, Travel, Accommodation, Reimbursement - Morning Tea	$ 4,996.44
20/04/2026	S Appleton - Reimbursement - Morning Tea	$ 142.00
20/04/2026	Murchison Club Hotel - Catering	$ 1,740.00
23/04/2026	S Appleton - Executive Fee, Travel, Accommodation	$ 4,900.32
	Total Expenditure to 30 June 2026	**$ 16,186.76**

Reconciliation

Balance Brought Forward 01/07/2025	$	22,714.95
Add Income Received	$	16,800.00
Less Expenditure	$	16,186.76
Balance	**$**	**23,328.19**
Balance as per Bank Statement 30 June 2026	**$**	**23,328.19**

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1/07/2025 to 30/06/2026

Account		Budget 2025-26		Actual 2025-26
Income				
General Subscriptions	$	16,800	$	16,800
Interest Earned	$	20		
Reimbursements				
Total Income	**$**	**16,820**	**$**	**16,800**
Expenditure				
Meeting Expenses	$	4,000	$	3,954
Teleconferences				
Special Meetings & Workshops				
Bank Fees & Charges	$	20		
Reimburseable Expenses				
Unclassified Expenses (Minute Book)	$	600		
Zone Representative Gratuities	$	2,500	$	2,500
Executive Officer Services	$	8,000	$	8,000
Executive Officer Reimbursements	$	2,100	$	1,733
Total Expenses	**$**	**17,220**	**$**	**16,187**
Net Income (Loss)	**-$**	**400**	**$**	**613**

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1/07/2026 to 31/10/2026

Bank Balance (as per B/S) 01/07/2026 **23328.19**

Income

Date	Source	Amount
10/07/2026	Shire of Meekatharra - Subscription	$ 2,900.00
16/07/2026	Shire of Murchison - Subscription	$ 2,900.00
16/07/2026	Shire of Yalgoo - Subscription	$ 2,900.00
21/07/2026	Shire of Mount Magnet - Subscription	$ 2,900.00
31/07/2026	Shire of Sandstone - Subscription	$ 2,900.00
19/08/2026	Shire of Cue - Subscription	$ 2,900.00
	Total Income to 31 October 2026	$ 17,400.00

Payments

Date	Source	Amount
	No payments Made	
	Total Expenditure to 31 October 2026	0

Reconciliation

Balance Brought Forward 01/07/2026	$	23,328.19
Add Income Received	$	17,400.00
Less Expenditure	$	-
Balance	**$**	**40,728.19**
Balance as per Bank Statement 31 October 2026	**$**	**40,728.19**

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
01/07/2025 TO 31/10/2026

Account	Budget 2026-27	Actual 2026-27	Projected 2026-27
Income			
General Subscriptions	$ 17,400	$ 17,420	$ 17,420
Interest Earned	$ 20	$ -	$ -
Reimbursements			
Total Income	**$ 17,420**	**$ 17,420**	**$ 17,420**
Expenditure			
Meeting Expenses	$ 4,600	$ -	$ 4,600
Teleconferences			
Special Meetings & Workshops			
Bank Fees & Charges	$ 20	$ -	$ -
Reimbursable Expenses			
Unclassified Expenses (Minute Book)	$ 100	$ -	$ 2,350
Zone Representative Gratuities	$ 2,500	$ -	$ 2,500
Executive Officer Services	$ 8,000	$ -	$ 8,000
Executive Officer Reimbursements	$ 2,200	$ -	$ 2,200
Total Expenses	**$ 17,420**	**$ -**	**$ 19,650**
Net Income (Loss)	**$ -**	**$ 17,420**	**-$ 2,230**

5.2 2027 MAY REGIONAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed by: Western Australian Local Government Association

Attachments: Nil

BACKGROUND

Each year, the WALGA State Council holds two regional State Council meetings– one hosted by a Metropolitan Zone and another hosted by a Country Zone. Regional meeting hosts are rotated between the Zones.

It is proposed that the May 2027 Regional State Council meeting be hosted by the Murchison Country Zone.

The Murchison Country Zone last hosted a regional meeting in 2017 in the Shire of Cue.

COMMENT

The May 2027 Regional State Council meeting will be held over two days on **Wednesday and Thursday, 12 – 13 May 2027**.

An indicative program for the day is below:

Wednesday, 12 May

State Council and WALGA staff travel to Zone

Zone Forum in afternoon

State Council dinner – all Zone Delegates invited

Thursday, 13 May

Strategic Forum

State Council meeting

State Council and WALGA staff return to Perth

The general requirements for a location to host a Regional meeting are:

- The ability to accommodate State Councillors and WALGA staff overnight (approx. **35 individual rooms with private bathrooms required**); and
- A **venue to host dinner for the WALGA group as well as Zone Delegates and CEOs** (approx. 60 attendees).

The host Local Government is also asked to provide a venue to accommodate the following:

State Council Business	U-shaped seating for 30 people Additional seating for 20 people (observers) A screen with HDMI connectivity for screen sharing Microphones (at least one for the Chair)
Zone Forum	Theatre style seating for 50 people Lectern and microphone for presenters
General	Break out area for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, sundowner

WALGA requests the host Local Government to set up facilities and arrange catering, including arrangements for the dinner, with WALGA to reimburse all costs.

WALGA is seeking the appointment of a host Local Government and a Zone representative to act as liaison between WALGA and the Zone to plan the Regional State Council meeting, particularly in relation to venues and the format of the Zone Forum. The appointed liaison person would normally be an officer from the host Council.

Following the appointment of a host Local Government, the WALGA secretariat will liaise with the host to plan the event.

Following desktop research, it is recommended that the **Shire of Meekatharra** host the 2027 Regional State Council meeting due to the availability of substantial accommodation and venues available for hire.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a choice of two recommendations for this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the Murchison Country Zone endorse:

1. the proposal to host the May 2027 Regional State Council meeting;
2. the appointment of the Shire of Meekatharra as the host Local Government; and
3. the appointment of _____ to act as liaison between the Zone and WALGA in planning the Regional State Council meeting.

OR

RECOMMENDATION 2

That the Murchison Country Zone:

1. endorse the proposal to host the May 2027 Regional State Council meeting;
2. endorse the appointment of the Shire of _____ as the host Local Government;
3. endorse the appointment of _____ to act as liaison between the Zone and WALGA in planning the Regional State Council meeting; and
4. provide contact information for accommodation(s) able to host 35 rooms with private bathrooms within the Local Government to the WALGA Secretariat.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nicholls Seconded: Cr Price

That the Murchison Country Zone:

1. **endorse the proposal to host the May 2027 Regional State Council meeting;**
2. **endorse the appointment of the Shire of Cue as the host Local Government;**
3. **endorse the appointment of CEO Richard Towell to act as liaison between the Zone and WALGA in planning the Regional State Council meeting; and**
4. **provide contact information for accommodation(s) able to host 35 rooms with private bathrooms within the Local Government to the WALGA Secretariat.**

Carried 12/0

5.3 Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety Report

Proposed by Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

Attachments The report is under separate cover.

BACKGROUND

The November 2026 report of the Department is below, providing information about the Department's activities and programs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the November 2026 of the Department of Local Government, Industry and Regulation be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jensen **Seconded: Cr Walton**

That the November 2026 of the Department of Local Government, Industry and Regulation be received.

Carried 12/0

Mr Mark Bowen from DFES addressed the meeting and presented a seasonal update for the forthcoming fire season.

5.4 Letter of Support

Proposed by: Shire of Yalgoo

Attachments: NIL

BACKGROUND

It is proposed that the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA provide a letter of support on behalf of Mid-West communities for a business case that Mid-West Main Roads WA (MRWA) have submitted as a state priority for the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Highway.

Significant regular damage is caused to Murchison State Highways by the use of Road Access Network Category 10 mining vehicles. This results in ongoing failures and serious frustration for road users. When combined with limited overtaking lanes through bottlenecks and the costal escarpment this does not provide for a safe systems approach due to the vast weight, length and speed differences between road users (cars, caravans and 60m road trains).

According to MRWA most of Great Northern Highway within the Mid-West has been widened to 10m or 11m through the Regional Road Safety Program (RRSP) with the latest section between Cue and Tuckanarra planned to be completed by early November 2026. Future sections of GNH to be widened include the section immediately north of Wubin and the section between Mt Magnet and Cue through the RRSP subject to funding.

COMMENT

MRWA have proposed the following upgrade strategy and priorities for the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Hwy:

- GMMR is a key east-west route in the Mid West – Gascoyne Region, connecting the city of Geraldton with the town of Mount Magnet. The road serves as a major heavy haulage route, predominantly used by large multi-combination trucks to transport freight, particularly exports to the Geraldton Port.
- GMMR is a Primary Distributor Road and is a two-lane route which accommodates both passenger vehicles and heavy vehicle traffic up to 60-metre-long PBS heavy vehicles. Traffic volumes East of Mullewa have increased by approximately 55.6 per cent between 2021 and 2026, while the proportion of heavy vehicles has increased from 37.5 per cent to 60.3 per cent over the same period.
- Main Roads has developed a Business Case for a comprehensive upgrade of the corridor for consideration as part of future State Government investment priorities.
- The upgrades aim to facilitate better traffic flow, improve safety for all road users, and maintain freight efficiency, ultimately supporting the growing demands of the mining and agricultural sectors while reducing delays.
- Recommended options and preferred option scope is as follows:
  - Widening and drainage improvements between Moonyoonooka Yuna Road and Clarence Eakins Drive (10-22 SLK)
  - Road widening from 8 to 10 metres with audible edge and centreline treatments between Mullewa and Mount Magnet

- Mullewa Bypass realignment (1.5km in length using largely Public Transport Authority land adjacent to an existing railway line leased by Arc Infrastructure)
- 15 new / extended overtaking lanes (approximately 28km of new lanes in total)
- Road pavement rehabilitation and floodway repairs at five locations
- Eradu Bridge replacement with a new 10-metre-wide prestressed concrete structure
- A new Heavy Vehicle Rest Area in Pindar.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. support this initiative/application on behalf of the region due to the Highways economic impact and the support it provides to residents of the region; and
2. provide a letter of support on behalf of all member Councils who have seen its usage increase significantly since an upgrade was proposed and abandoned a decade ago.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Valenzuela Seconded: Cr McQuie

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. **support this initiative/application on behalf of the region due to the Highways economic impact and the support it provides to residents of the region; and**
2. **provide a letter of support on behalf of all member Councils who have seen its usage increase significantly since an upgrade was proposed and abandoned a decade ago.**

Carried 12/0

Superintendent Neil Vanderplank outlined current issues, including his work with Newhaul and upgrades to their truck fleet including the future installation of side cameras on their trucks which can be remotely monitored. He also outlined the Police units he works with such as the Family Violence Unit, Liquor Enforcement, Community Engagement Team and the Aboriginal Working Group. He also addressed staffing of small Police stations and recruitment incentives for officers to go to remote and rural areas.

5.5 State Road Fund Cuts to Local Governments

Proposed by: Shire of Yalgoo

SUMMARY

The Murchison Country Zone of WALGA calls on State Council to lodge a formal objection with the State Government and develop a media strategy regarding the recent decision to cap Category 1 Local Roads Program funding and reallocate $34.22 million away from Local Government Road grants into Category 2 State Initiatives administered by Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA).

This is essentially the only consistent funding received by the sector from the State Government. Gone are the days where “more flies with honey” was a useful term describing political relationship building. Financial freezing, zero warning and outright cuts during a fuel crisis describe what this third term State Government truly thinks about the local government sector. The political reality of the government making major unconsulted changes halfway through an agreement spells disaster and breadcrumbs for the next iteration of this agreement. An agreement that sees motor vehicle licensing revenue used to improve the safety of local roads all over the state.

Urban line marking or one off MRWA splurges are not going to reverse the disproportionate death toll on regional roads. For a State Government in surplus intent on splurging on pet capital projects, it is disingenuous to treat the sector with a “use it or lose it” attitude. This attitude undermines long-term thinking, and the implementation of safe systems approaches for organizations which have very limited avenues or rate bases to raise their own revenue.

Support is sought for a strong WALGA advocacy position demanding the immediate reinstatement of Category 1 funding for local government programs. WALGA must highlight the severe inequity of punishing regional and remote local governments for urban (or isolated) delivery bottlenecks, particularly at a time when local governments are grappling with a global fuel crisis, 10% to 15% increases in bitumen prices, and accelerated road degradation caused by heavy freight and mass concessions.

BACKGROUND

Under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (SRFLGA), 20 per cent of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee (MVLF) revenue is dedicated to the local road network. This funding is distributed across two primary categories:

- **Category 1 (Local Government Programs):** Direct Grants, Road Project Grants (RPG), State Black Spot on Local Roads, and Remote Access Roads to Communities.
- **Category 2 (Main Roads WA Programs):** State Initiatives on Local Roads, Traffic Management/Signs, Bridge Works, and Regional Road Group Support.

Following a targeted review of grant programs undertaken across State Government agencies under its overarching Fiscal Strategy, the State Government determined to cap Category 1 funding at 2025–26 levels ($206.05 million per annum) for the final two financial years of the current Agreement (2026–27 and 2027–28).

The stated rationale provided by the State Government for this intervention was to achieve a "better alignment of grant expenditure estimates with project and/or program schedules" following an under-expenditure of approximately $50.15 million across Category 1 programs in 2025–26 (including $29.40 million in Road Project Grants and $18.81 million in State Black Spot funding).

It is difficult to see how shifting funding to MRWA will achieve the State Governments desired outcome. Multiple sources describe the agency facing similar challenges to the local government sector with changes to project scope resulting from fuel and contractor complications.

As confirmed at the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting on 9 September 2026 and in subsequent circular correspondence dated 25 September 2026:

> **1.** While the overall 20 per cent MVLF allocation across the combined Agreement is retained, revenue growth totaling **$34.22 million** over two years ($10.88 million in 2026–27 and $23.34 million in 2027–28) has been stripped from Category 1 Local Government programs and reallocated to Category 2 – State Initiatives (delivered directly by Main Roads WA).
>
> **2.** Because 2026–27 grant allocations had already been endorsed, SAC resolved to apply the entire **$34.22 million funding reduction** against the **2027–28 Category 1 indicative allocations**, representing an immediate **15 per cent cut** across direct Local Government road programs.

In a press release on the 8th August 2026 the State Government publicized a record investment in road safety in 2026-27. Record investment is required for MRWA to keep road users safe on highways but local governments will shoulder the blame on local roads all while trying to do more with less.

https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Record-funding-boost-for-road-safety-across-Western-Australia-20260808

COMMENT

1. Urban Metropolitan Delivery Bottlenecks Are Driving Penalties on Regional Shires

The State Government's justification that Category 1 funding must be capped due to sector-wide under-delivery misrepresents the operational realities of LGA infrastructure delivery in WA. An analysis of SAC performance data reveals that project delays and budget carryovers are overwhelmingly concentrated in metropolitan and urban coastal local governments, rather than in regional inland regions such as the Murchison.

Had the sector been consulted there are practical ways to address this. Simply requesting the sector to pull its socks up and get on with spending would have been a reasonable first step. With less impact to budgets and scopes of works shorter carry over widows such as a 2 year contingency could have been applied.

According to figures presented to SAC, the Metropolitan Regional Road Group recorded a three-year average expenditure rate for Road Project Grants of just 66.25 per cent (excluding emergency allocations for shovel-ready projects). In 2025–26 alone:

- **Metropolitan State Black Spot:** Out of 51 approved local road projects totaling $11.85 million in current budget, 17 projects had failed to commence and 12 were formally classified as delayed, with $6.23 million carried forward from prior years.
- **Metropolitan Australian Government Black Spot:** 24 out of 52 local road projects had failed to commence, with $10.40 million carried forward from prior years.

As noted by Main Roads WA and WALGA program managers, metropolitan project delivery continues to be severely impeded by urban-specific administrative and utility hurdles, including complex Western Power service relocations, lengthy land acquisition processes, traffic signal approvals, line marking invoicing delays and environmental clearing permit appeals.

In contrast, rural and remote local governments in the Murchison, Goldfields, and Mid-West operate with lean engineering teams and contractor availability, managing long road networks under tight seasonal windows. Regional Shires consistently deliver critical maintenance and resheet/seal projects when funding is available. By applying a blanket 15 per cent cut across Category 1 programs statewide (or targeting Road Project Grants), the State Government is effectively penalising regional local governments for urban planning gridlock in Perth and the South West.

2. Compounding Impact of the Global Fuel and Bitumen Cost Crisis

The decision to slash Category 1 local road funding by $34.22 million occurs at the worst possible economic juncture for regional infrastructure managers. Local governments across Western Australia are currently facing severe inflationary headwinds driven by global geopolitical instability and fuel supply disruptions:

- **Bitumen Price Inflation:** Bitumen cost increases of 10 per cent to 15 per cent (in some markets as high as 40%) came into focus in April 2026, directly eroding the purchasing power of local government road sealing budgets. Local governments account for approximately 50 per cent of all bitumen consumption in Western Australia leading to more market uncertainty. Regional sealing programs faced immediate scope reductions as a result with further impacts expected unless grant allocations keep pace with inflation (prices take a long time to settle or reduce).
- **Diesel Supply and Price Volatility:** Surging diesel prices and regional fuel supply constraints have substantially increased haulage and plant operating costs. Freight contractors servicing remote Murchison shires have been forced to pass on fuel surcharges for gravel cartage, grading, and heavy equipment transport.

Compounding these cost pressures, the State Government recently issued Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) Update 6-2026, granting Temporary Special Assistance access that permits accredited road trains carrying fuel, fertiliser, and bulk goods to increase payloads by up to 10 tonnes, alongside a trial of 53.5-metre triple road trains on the Great Northern Highway between Muchea and Wubin. Backtracking and negotiations of CA07 removals have also occurred after unconsulted changes. While these measures support state-wide fuel security, they place immense additional dynamic loading and structural stress on connecting regional local road networks—such as the Yalgoo-Ninghan, Yalgoo-Morawa and Yalgoo North roads.

It is unacceptable that while regional local roads absorb higher heavy vehicle mass and soaring input costs, the State Government is reducing local road grants.

3. Systematic Cost Shifting and Erosion of Local Autonomy

Reallocating $34.22 million from Category 1 to Category 2 (State Initiatives) represents an insidious form of cost shifting and centralisation. Under Category 1, funds are allocated directly to local governments via Direct Grants or prioritised regionally by Regional Road Groups (RRGs) through transparent Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) models aligned with regional transport priorities.

Under Category 2 – State Initiatives, control over project selection, timing and procurement shifts entirely to Main Roads WA. While these funds remain nominally within the broader local road network, local communities lose direct decision-making authority over road prioritization. State Initiatives frequently prioritize state-controlled intersections, urban bypasses, or departmental works over vital regional access routes, pastoral freight corridors and unsealed road resheeting.

Furthermore, SAC is currently evaluating options to absorb the $34.22 million reduction in 2027–28, including proposals to cut Road Project Grants by 22.5 per cent or slash Direct Grants by 17 per cent. Such reductions would cripple the forward capital works programs of small regional shires that rely on Direct Grants as baseline funding to maintain plant and workforce capability.

4. Direct Parallel with Past Advocacy

In the aftermath of State Government changes to Miscellaneous Mining License Legislation and the current road funding context, the State Government is utilizing urban project delivery delays as a pretext to claw back $34.22 million in local road revenue to bolster State Government (MRWA) expenditure schedules. The Murchison Country Zone must lead the pushback against this policy shift before it forms a permanent precedent for future agreement negotiations post-2028.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. calls on the State Advisory Council (SAC) to recommend a review of this decision in the wake of sector pushback and seek a 2-year window to spend any backlogged funds;
2. **expresses Strong Opposition** to the State Government's decision to cap Category 1 Local Roads Program funding at 2025–26 levels and redirect $34.22 million of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee (MVLF) revenue into Category 2 State Initiatives (Main Roads WA); and
3. **calls on WALGA State Council** to initiate urgent high-level advocacy with the Minister for Transport and the Premier or prepare a media strategy, requesting that:

    (a) The $34.22 million Category 1 funding reduction for 2026–27 and 2027–28 be immediately restored to direct Local Government road programs.

    (b) Any delivery performance reviews or funding adjustments under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement be differentiated by region, ensuring regional and remote local governments with strong

delivery records are not penalized for urban metropolitan administrative delays (or other sources of funding).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Valenzuela Seconded: Cr McQuie

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. **calls on the State Advisory Council (SAC) to recommend a review of this decision in the wake of sector pushback and seek a 2-year window to spend any backlogged funds;**
2. **expresses Strong Opposition to the State Government's decision to cap Category 1 Local Roads Program funding at 2025–26 levels and redirect $34.22 million of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee (MVLF) revenue into Category 2 State Initiatives (Main Roads WA); and**
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   (b) Any delivery performance reviews or funding adjustments under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement be differentiated by region, ensuring regional and remote local governments with strong delivery records are not penalized for urban metropolitan administrative delays (or other sources of funding).

Carried 12/0

5.6 Statutory Charges Review and Register

Proposed by Shire of Cue

Attachments Nil

BACKGROUND

Many statutory fees and charges applied by local governments are prescribed, regulated, or capped by State legislation. These charges are often amended annually through State Government regulation changes, gazettal's or agency updates. In numerous instances, these fees no longer reflect the actual costs associated with administering the services to which they relate.

Local governments are required to administer and recover a broad range of statutory fees and charges under numerous Acts and Regulations. Currently, many local governments independently source, interpret and compile this information each financial year as part of budget preparation and statutory reviews. This results in duplication of effort across the sector and increases the risk of inconsistencies or outdated information being used.

Local governments are increasingly required to deliver statutory services on behalf of the State while operating under fee structures that frequently fail to reflect the actual cost of providing those services. WALGA is therefore requested to advocate for a comprehensive State Government review of all statutory fees and charges affecting local government and to seek the establishment of a centralised register of these fees and charges. Together, these initiatives would improve administrative efficiency for both State and local governments.

COMMENT

The issue extends across numerous local government functions, including planning and development approvals, building compliance and regulatory responsibilities delegated by the State Government to name a few. In many cases, local governments are legally required to perform these functions but are unable to recover the full costs associated with processing applications, conducting inspections, maintaining records and undertaking compliance activities.

A comprehensive review of all statutory fees and charges applicable to local government is therefore warranted. Such a review should assess the true cost of service delivery, establish an appropriate methodology for ongoing indexation, and ensure fees are reviewed at regular intervals to maintain alignment with actual administrative and operational costs. The objective should be to allow local governments to achieve reasonable cost recovery while maintaining fairness, transparency and accessibility for service users.

In addition to a review of statutory fees and charges, there is a request for the State Government to establish and maintain a centralised register containing all current statutory fees, charges and prescribed amounts applicable to local governments. At present, information relating to fees and charges is often dispersed across multiple

Acts, Regulations and departmental publications. This can make it time consuming and administratively burdensome for local governments to locate, verify and maintain current fee schedules.

A single, publicly accessible register would provide a definitive source of certainty for local governments, industry stakeholders and the wider community. The register should identify the legislative authority for each fee, the prescribed amount, the date of the most recent amendment, applicable indexation provisions and links to the relevant legislation. Such a resource would improve consistency across the sector, reduce administrative effort, minimise the risk of errors, and enhance transparency and accountability.

RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

Advocate to the Western Australian Government for a comprehensive review of all statutory fees and charges administered by local governments to ensure they accurately reflect the actual cost of service delivery and support appropriate cost recovery principles.

Request the establishment of a centralised State Government-managed online register containing all current statutory fees and charges applicable to local governments in Western Australia.

Request that the register be publicly accessible, regularly updated, searchable, and linked to the relevant legislation, regulations and gazetted amendments.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Price Seconded Cr Lacy:

That WALGA:

Advocate to the Western Australian Government for a comprehensive review of all statutory fees and charges administered by local governments to ensure they accurately reflect the actual cost of service delivery and support appropriate cost recovery principles.

Request the establishment of a centralised State Government-managed online register containing all current statutory fees and charges applicable to local governments in Western Australia.

Request that the register be publicly accessible, regularly updated, searchable, and linked to the relevant legislation, regulations and gazetted amendments.

Carried 12/0

6. Shire Reports

Please see attachments

6.1 Shire of Yalgoo
6.2 Shire of Mount Magnet
6.3 Shire of Murchison
6.4 Shire of Sandstone
6.5 Shire of Cue
6.6 Shire of Meekatharra

Ms Karen Morrisey gave a presentation on the Murchison GeoRegion project progress, which promotes tourism, drive trails, flora, geological features, human history, ancient stories in the region.

Mr Nils Hay of Midwest Development Commission outlined the activities of the commission including that REDS grant applications are open for submission and that there is a vacancy on the board for a member representing Local Government. The Commission is currently working on attracting and facilitation investment in the region and developing strategies for service provision in the region.

7. Presentations

- Circuit West –Ms Phillipa Maughan
- WALGA – President Mark Irwin
- WAPOL - Superintendent Neil Vanderplank
- DFES – Mr Mark Bowen
- Telstra - Mr Boyd Brown
- Murchison GeoRegion – Ms Karen Morrisey

8. Meeting Dates 2027

The Executive Officer has received many requests to advise of the meeting dates for 2027 by various parties including politicians to enable them to plan their attendance well in advance. This may facilitate increased attendance. This motion will include a resolution for both meetings in 2027.

8.1 April 2027 Meeting Date

With the May 2027 State Council meeting being scheduled on 13 May 2027 it is suggested that the April meeting be held on 30 April 2027 which is after both Easter and Anzac Day public holidays.

RECOMMENDATION

That the next meeting of the Murchison Country Zone be held in Cue on Friday 30 April 2027.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr McQuie Seconded: Cr Walton

That the next meeting of the Murchison Country Zone be held in Cue on Friday 30 April 2027.

Carried 12/0

8.2 November 2027 Meeting Date

With the December 2027 State Council meeting being scheduled on 1 December 2027 it is suggested that the April meeting be held on 19 November 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

That the November 2027 meeting of the Murchison Country Zone be held in Cue on Friday 19 November 2027.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Price Seconded: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

That the November 2027 meeting of the Murchison Country Zone be held in Cue on Friday 19 November 2027.

Carried 12/0

Mr Boyd Brown from Telstra addressed the meeting about the activities of Telstra including expansion of fixed networks, mobile networks and Starlink to cope with projected increases in data traffic, also upgrades of 4G and 5G networks and the introduction of apps to satellite services.

9. Meeting Close

The President closed the meeting at 12.40pm and invited those present to come back after lunch for a thought-provoking presentation by Mr David Price from David Price Consulting.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA meeting held 30 April 2027.

Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor
Zone President

11.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	24 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Works Foreman
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

That Council receive the Technical Services Report to 24 November 2026.

COMMENT

Road Construction

- RTR on North Rd continuing

Road Maintenance

- Maintenance grading on multiple roads
- Sealing/potholing etc on Morawa and Ninghan

Other – Yalgoo

- Town crew normal duties
- Power connected at the Yalgoo Hall
- Fire refresher training conducted with cleaning of solar panels, vehicle familiarization, stand pipe/hydrant testing

Other – Paynes Find

- Road maintenance in the area

Staff

- No staff movements

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Technical Services Report to 24 November 2026.

12 DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORTS

NIL REPORTS

13 FINANCIAL REPORTS

13.1 LIST OF ACCOUNTS

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	List of Accounts for October

SUMMARY

The attached list of accounts paid during the month of October 2026, under Delegated Authority, is provided for Council's information and endorsement.

COMMENT

The Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a list of accounts paid and/or payable to Council and to record those accounts in the minutes of the meeting.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

6.10 Financial Management regulations

Regulations may provide for –

a. The security and banking of money received by a local government' and
b. The keeping of financial records by a local government; and
c. The management by a local government of its assets, liabilities and revenue; and
d. The general management of, and the authorisation of payments out of –
    I. The municipal fund; and
    II. The trust fund, of a local government.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.
    1. If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared –
        I. The payee's name; and
        II. The amount of the payment; and
        III. The date of the payment; and
        IV. Sufficient information to identify the transaction.
    2. A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing –

a. For each account which requires council authorisation in that month
   i. The payee's name; and
   ii. The amount of the payment; and
   iii. Sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
b. The date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.

3. A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be –
   a. Presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
   b. Recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

13A. Payments by employees via purchasing cards

(1) If a local government has authorised an employee to use a credit, debit or other purchasing card, a list of payments made using the card must be prepared each month showing the following for each payment made since the last such list was prepared —
   (a) the payee's name;
   (b) the amount of the payment;
   (c) the date of the payment;
   (d) sufficient information to identify the payment.

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

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT
Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the list of accounts paid during October 2026 totalling $702,850.06 from the municipal bank accounts.

List of Accounts Paid

Credit Cards

September 2026

CEO Credit Card

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
1	PPIN00431	09/09/26	Atrium Hotel	Accommodation for 2 employees to attend Fire Training from 09/09/26 to 11/09/26	(756.00)	1	CSH
2	PPIN00431	17/09/26	Microsoft	Annual subscription for CEO	(179.00)	1	CSH
3	PPIN00431	18/09/26	Wilson Parking	Parking fees for CEO while at WALGA conference	(50.00)	1	CSH
4	PPIN00431	19/09/26	Key Creatures	Meals for 4 Councillors and 3 Staff while at WALGA conference	(403.97)	1	CSH
5	PPIN00431	22/09/26	Quay Perth	Accommodation for Councillors and Staff at WALGA conference	(1,550.13)	1	CSH
6	PPIN00431	23/09/26	Starlink	2 x Starlink Subscriptions for Fire Tender Vehicles	(170.00)	1	CSH
7	PPIN00431	30/09/26	Bendigo	Monthly bank fees	(4.00)	1	CSH
					(3,113.10)		

List of Accounts Paid

Credit Cards (Continued)

September 2026

DCEO Credit Card (for office use)

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
8	PPIN00401	03/09/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Seniors Morning Tea	(166.98)	1	CSH
9	PPIN00401	08/09/26	Snake R&R Training	2 x snake handling kits and merchandise	(1,417.45)	1	CSH
10	PPIN00401	11/09/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Admin and Depot	(168.60)	1	CSH
11	PPIN00401	23/09/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Admin	(27.00)	1	CSH
12	PPIN00401	24/09/26	Dep of Transport	Fee to get old grader registration paper	(6.90)	1	CSH
13	PPIN00401	25/09/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Depot	(182.80)	1	CSH
14	PPIN00401	25/09/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Seniors Morning Tea	(142.65)	1	CSH
15	PPIN00401	26/09/26	Mount Magnet Meats	Food for Blue Light Disco	(168.00)	1	CSH
16	PPIN00401	26/09/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Blue Light Disco	(570.89)	1	CSH
17	PPIN00401	30/09/26	Bendigo	Monthly bank fees	(4.00)	1	CSH
					(2,855.27)		

List of Accounts Paid

Direct Debit and Bpay

September 2026

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
18	POS00176	31/10/26	NAB	Bank Fees	(10.00)	4	FEE
19	Multiple	31/10/26	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	(330.40)	1	FEE
20	Transactions on attached report				(56,600.33)	1	CSH
					(56,940.73)		

List of Accounts Paid

EFT

September 2026

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
21	PJ000472	15/10/26	Shire of Yalgoo	Wages EFT Payment 16/09/26	(55,250.95)	1	CSH
22	PJ000551	28/10/26	Shire of Yalgoo	Wages EFT Payment 30/09/26	(57,619.82)	1	CSH
23	Transactions on attached report				(527,070.19)	1	CSH
					(639,940.96)		

Total Accounts Paid

CEO Credit Card	(3,113.10)
DCEO Credit Card (for office use)	(2,855.27)
Direct Debit and Bpay	(56,940.73)
EFT	(639,940.96)
	(702,850.06)

Payment Details

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
EFT Payment			
EFT Payment - EFT00023			
V00002 - Raul Valenzuela			
CR FEES SEPT	29/09/26	Members Fees for Sept 2026	1,660.00
		Total V00002	**1,660.00**
V00023 - Kieran Thomas Payne			
CR FEES SEPT	29/09/26	Member Fees for Sept 2026	722.50
		Total V00023	**722.50**
V00024 - Angus Troup Nichols			
CR FEES SEPT	29/09/26	Members fees for Sept 26	410.00
		Total V00024	**410.00**
V00026 - Raelene Kroon			
CR FEES SEPT	29/09/26	Member Fees for Sept 2026	410.00
		Total V00026	**410.00**
V00027 - Derek Jones			
CR FEES SEPT	29/09/26	Member Fees for Sept 26	410.00
		Total V00027	**410.00**
V00029 - Tamisha Hodder			
CR FEES SEPT	29/09/26	Member Fees for Sept 26	410.00
		Total V00029	**410.00**
V00043 - Open Systems Technology			
SI009969	29/09/26	Professional support services for Jul 26	5,712.07
		Total V00043	**5,712.07**
V00045 - Herseys Safety			
INV-5630	25/09/26	Safety equipment and tools for the Depot	2,892.13
		Total V00045	**2,892.13**
V00057 - Access Electrical Contracting			
203128	30/09/26	Repair damaged underground cable at Depot	3,280.20
		Total V00057	**3,280.20**
V00101 - Geraldton Mower and Repair Specialist			
108250	25/09/26	1 x UMK 435 Honda Brushcutter	899.00
108253	30/09/26	2 x universal harnesses for Brushcutters	288.00
		Total V00101	**1,187.00**
V00224 - Goldfields Controlled Waste			
14431	25/09/26	Pump out septics and dump point at Caravan Park	2,255.00
		Total V00224	**2,255.00**
		Total EFT00023	**19,348.90**
EFT Payment - EFT00029			
V00004 - Westrac Equipment			
PI2848873	16/10/26	10 x cutting edges for Cat Grader and 10 x cutting edges for JD Grader	2,533.41
PI2819571	08/10/26	10 x cutting edges for Cat Grader	2,533.41
		Total V00004	**5,066.82**
V00043 - Open Systems Technology			
SI010068	20/10/26	Rates generation and configuration review	11,275.00
		Total V00043	**11,275.00**
V00044 - Bunnings Building Supplies			
2355/01783861	13/10/26	5 x extension leads, 4 x hoses and other materials for Depot	439.12
		Total V00044	**439.12**
V00057 - Access Electrical Contracting			
203144	16/10/26	Supply and install Fujitsu air conditioner at Railway Building	4,380.00
203126	20/10/26	Supply and install Fujitsu airconditioner at Hotel	4,750.00
203000	21/10/26	Supply and install 12 x air-con units to Hall and Railway	25,173.50
203078	16/10/26	Supply and install 12 x air-con units to Hall and Railway	32,289.41
		Total V00057	**66,592.91**
V00124 - St John Ambulance WA			
FAINV01454493	07/10/26	First aid training for employee on 07/10/26	295.00
		Total V00124	**295.00**
V00230 - Yalgoo Hotel			
INV00000021	21/10/26	1 x nights accommodation for EHO Officer on 19/10/26	213.50

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
INV00000023	22/10/26	Catering for RRG meeting on 20/10/26	160.00
		Total V00230	**373.50**
		Total EFT00029	**84,042.35**
EFT Payment - EFT00027			
V00005 - Paynes Find Road House and Tavern			
00002683	21/09/26	7 nights of Meal packages for Lucid Cattle staff from 14/09/26 to 20/09/26	3,445.00
		Total V00005	**3,445.00**
V00008 - Paywise			
628799	11/10/26	Novated Lease charges from 28/09/26 to 11/10/26	752.33
		Total V00008	**752.33**
V00014 - Brooks Hire Services			
BRA120924	30/09/26	34' Trailer mounted boom hire from 01/09/26 to 30/09/26	4,806.73
		Total V00014	**4,806.73**
V00028 - Pemco Diesel			
37046	13/10/26	Full service on Fortuner 1IZD106	617.03
		Total V00028	**617.03**
V00032 - Winc Australia			
9051363501	19/10/26	18 x coffee pods for Admin	195.66
		Total V00032	**195.66**
V00034 - Canine Control			
5602	11/10/26	Ranger services on 04/10/26	1,687.24
		Total V00034	**1,687.24**
V00044 - Bunnings Building Supplies			
2355/01658692	11/08/26	2 x LED 1200mm battern lights	72.02
		Total V00044	**72.02**
V00057 - Access Electrical Contracting			
203124	30/09/26	Bypass controller on fridge unit until repaired	165.00
		Total V00057	**165.00**
V00070 - Civic Legal			
516462	30/09/26	Legal expenses for matter number DT/151698	417.16
		Total V00070	**417.16**
V00079 - Tyrepower Geraldton			
336762	24/09/26	Repair blown tourist tyre caused by plastic reflector on North Rd	329.00
		Total V00079	**329.00**
V00088 - Siteminder			
INV06675562	14/10/26	Little Hotelier subscription for Sept 26	69.31
		Total V00088	**69.31**
V00128 - Mid West Concert Sound and Lighting			
3092	14/10/26	Sound and lighting for Family Fun Day	5,197.50
		Total V00128	**5,197.50**
V00137 - LGIS WA			
100-166219	03/09/26	Workers compensation adjustment for 25/26	8,463.41
		Total V00137	**8,463.41**
V00230 - Yalgoo Hotel			
INV00000015	19/10/26	8 x food vouchers for Fun Day	104.00
INV00000017	12/10/26	3 nights accommodation for contract grader operator	885.00
INV00000018	13/10/26	Accommodation for contractors and 33 x vouchers for Fun Day	4,220.50
		Total V00230	**5,209.50**
V00249 - Luff Visuals			
37.1	19/10/26	Final payment to provide photography services at the Family Fun Day	1,200.00
		Total V00249	**1,200.00**
V00252 - Noeletta Bell			
YACC293	14/10/26	Sale of earrings on #YACC 293	20.00
		Total V00252	**20.00**
V00253 - Jasmine Mitai-Ngatai Lee			
#001	19/10/26	Supply materials and operate art table at Family Fun Day	3,000.00
		Total V00253	**3,000.00**

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
		Total EFT00027	**35,646.89**
EFT Payment - EFT00028			
V00005 - Paynes Find Road House and Tavern			
00002695	21/10/26	7 nights accommodation for Lucid Cattle from 28/09/26 - 08/10/26	3,710.00
		Total V00005	**3,710.00**
V00034 - Canine Control			
5610	14/10/26	Ranger services on 13/10/26	156.40
		Total V00034	**156.40**
V00043 - Open Systems Technology			
SI010078	22/10/26	Monthly subscription to CouncilFirst software for November 2026	5,712.07
		Total V00043	**5,712.07**
V00052 - Southern Cross Broadband			
SX33298	16/10/26	Monthly internet charges for Nov 26	550.00
		Total V00052	**550.00**
V00053 - AIT Specialists			
INV-14410	20/10/26	Fuel Tax Credits for Sept 26	741.02
		Total V00053	**741.02**
V00070 - Civic Legal			
516463	30/09/26	Legal expenses for matter number DTC/151605	1,712.57
		Total V00070	**1,712.57**
V00071 - Refuel Australia			
YALGS SEPT 26	21/10/26	Fuel usage for Sep 26	33,329.22
		Total V00071	**33,329.22**
V00114 - Landgate			
78855080	19/10/26	Valuation expenses for mining schedule M2026/15	28.65
		Total V00114	**28.65**
V00124 - St John Ambulance WA			
FAINV01454492	07/10/26	First aid training for employee on 07/10/26	295.00
		Total V00124	**295.00**
V00125 - Face Painting Magic			
13	24/09/26	Face painting at family fun day	820.00
		Total V00125	**820.00**
V00130 - DJ Rev			
80	21/10/26	DJ entertainment on fun day	7,500.00
		Total V00130	**7,500.00**
V00132 - Infinity Skate			
00167	21/10/26	Deliver skateboard workshop on 28/09/26	650.00
		Total V00132	**650.00**
V00157 - Totally Workwear Geraldton			
000100487642	16/10/26	2 x Hi-vis shirts, 1 x pants and steel cap boots for DCEO	283.41
		Total V00157	**283.41**
V00230 - Yalgoo Hotel			
INV00000019	15/10/26	Catering for vet program from 13/10/26 to 15/10/26	1,120.00
		Total V00230	**1,120.00**
		Total EFT00028	**56,608.34**
EFT Payment - EFT00025			
V00009 - Pivotel Satellite			
4213283	01/10/26	Satellite phone charges for Oct 26	291.00
		Total V00009	**291.00**
V00013 - Integrated ICT			
45083	05/10/26	Monthly M365 Licensing and security services for Sept 26	6,362.57
44934	30/09/26	Monthly M365 Licensing and security services for Sept 26	1,342.00
		Total V00013	**7,704.57**
V00015 - LG Best Practices			
23665	30/09/26	Rates Services for 2026-27 Sept 26	132.00
		Total V00015	**132.00**
V00018 - Veolia Environmental Services			
2600835006	30/09/26	Waste collection charges for Sept 26	3,533.68
		Total V00018	**3,533.68**

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
V00028 - Pemco Diesel			
36662	22/09/26	250hr service on Bomag Roller YA890	2,246.42
37029	22/09/26	Service on Toyota Hilux YA1000	1,387.03
37033	22/09/26	Remove tracker from 12M Grader and install in 140M Grader	339.90
		Total V00028	**3,973.35**
V00032 - Winc Australia			
9051371240	22/09/26	1 x Buro Metro II office chair	774.40
		Total V00032	**774.40**
V00035 - Mcdonalds Wholesalers			
1435450	22/09/26	4 x 24 x 600ml water bottles, 4 packs of toilet rolls and 5 x multi-fit handles	277.85
		Total V00035	**277.85**
V00037 - Western Communications			
0001427	25/09/26	Service of fire equipment at Paynes Find	765.60
		Total V00037	**765.60**
V00057 - Access Electrical Contracting			
203088	30/09/26	Supply and install 2 air conditioners at 19B Stanley St	7,289.70
203090	30/09/26	Supply and install new air conditioner at 1 Stanley St	4,537.50
		Total V00057	**11,827.20**
V00083 - Fitz Gerald Strategies			
00002633	07/10/26	Subscription to industrial relations services for 26/27	3,637.50
		Total V00083	**3,637.50**
V00084 - Shire of Perenjori			
18109	21/09/26	AI course for 3 employees on 10/09/26	750.00
18111	21/09/26	Maintenance grade on Warriedar Coppermine Rd	2,574.28
		Total V00084	**3,324.28**
V00108 - Asset Valuation Advisory			
2559	07/10/26	2 x desktop rental value valuations for laydown yard	3,080.00
		Total V00108	**3,080.00**
V00148 - Sun City Print			
38291	15/09/26	50 x propsecting books and 30 receipt books for Admin	2,130.70
		Total V00148	**2,130.70**
V00154 - Murchison Regional Vermin Council			
625	16/08/26	Murchison Regional Vermin Council precepts for 26/27	52,958.40
		Total V00154	**52,958.40**
V00163 - Wurth Australia			
4322031150	01/10/26	500ml x lubricant, 300ml rust remover and other workshop materials	1,167.98
		Total V00163	**1,167.98**
V00225 - Lucid Cattle Co			
INV-0082	05/10/26	Maintenance grading on Maranalgo Rd (second pass 47km) Goodingnow Rd (16km)	15,560.00
		Total V00225	**15,560.00**
V00230 - Yalgoo Hotel			
INV00000011	17/09/26	Lunch for Seniors Tea on 01/09/26	160.00
INV00000012	24/09/26	Catering for Seniors Morning Tea on 21/09/26	148.00
INV00000014	02/10/26	Refreshments for EBA agreement meeting on 25/09/26	115.00
		Total V00230	**423.00**
		Total EFT00025	**111,561.51**
EFT Payment - EFT00024			
V00013 - Integrated ICT			
44806	29/09/26	Prepare documentation for Essential 8 audit	990.00
45056	05/10/26	Monthly 3CX phone charges for Sept 26	291.94
		Total V00013	**1,281.94**
V00016 - MessageMedia			
INV06494008	05/10/26	SMS messaging service for October 2026	152.02
		Total V00016	**152.02**
V00017 - Fleet Complete Australia			
AU-IN-000178708	05/10/26	Vehicle tracking charges for Sept 26	569.94
		Total V00017	**569.94**

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
V00019 - Datacom Solutions			
INV1841962	05/10/26	Easipay payroll service for Sept 2026	151.33
		Total V00019	**151.33**
V00021 - Shire of Mount Magnet			
10098	29/09/26	EHO services for August 2026	1,386.00
10136	29/09/26	EHO services for September 2026	2,541.00
		Total V00021	**3,927.00**
V00028 - Pemco Diesel			
36871	25/09/26	Service and windscreen repairs to Isuzu Fire Truck YA787	8,713.18
36979	25/09/26	Various tyre fitting and balancing materials for Depot	548.90
36933	05/10/26	Replace arm rest in Roller	677.38
		Total V00028	**9,939.46**
V00030 - Bai Communications			
97024099	05/10/26	Power Recovery from 22/07/26 to 21/09/26	204.79
		Total V00030	**204.79**
V00031 - BOC			
4042724672	05/10/26	Monthly charge on BOC containers for Sept 26	132.14
		Total V00031	**132.14**
V00032 - Winc Australia			
9051311626	25/09/26	4 x 2027 A4 Planners for Admin	87.08
		Total V00032	**87.08**
V00037 - Western Communications			
0001426	25/09/26	15 fire blankets and signs for Staff Houses	684.48
		Total V00037	**684.48**
V00052 - Southern Cross Broadband			
SX31916	29/09/26	Monthly internet charges for Oct 26	550.00
		Total V00052	**550.00**
V00077 - Local Government Professionals Australia			
49828	05/10/26	Registration to attend LG Pro State conference for DCEO	1,720.00
49829	05/10/26	Registration to attend LG Pro State conference for CEO	1,720.00
		Total V00077	**3,440.00**
V00111 - Glenn Boyes			
WALGA REIMBURSEMEN	05/10/26	Reimbursement for Meals whilst attending WALGA Conference	88.00
		Total V00111	**88.00**
V00114 - Landgate			
78752280	05/10/26	Valuation expenses for M2026/15 Mining Schedule	28.65
		Total V00114	**28.65**
V00143 - Cockburn Cement			
96928871	05/10/26	15 x 1 tonne bulker bags of cement for North Rd	10,045.20
		Total V00143	**10,045.20**
V00215 - Leisk Hydraulics			
INV-2151	05/10/26	Works at railway, oval and public toilet	4,812.50
INV-2290	05/10/26	Fix water leak in shower at 18D Shamrock Rd	1,155.00
		Total V00215	**5,967.50**
V00225 - Lucid Cattle Co			
INV-0080	01/10/26	Maintenance grading on Burnerbinmah-Nalbarra Rd (25km - 60hrs)	34,848.00
		Total V00225	**34,848.00**
V00230 - Yalgoo Hotel			
INV00000010	25/09/26	7 nights accommodation and meals for stonemason from 07/09/26 to 14/09/26	1,287.00
INV00000013	02/10/26	Lunch for snake handling course attendees and accommodation for Pemco mechanic	497.50
		Total V00230	**1,784.50**
V00249 - Luff Visuals			
37	06/10/26	Deposit to provide photography services at the Family Fun Day	500.00
		Total V00249	**500.00**

Payment Details

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
V00251 - Karloo Rockers			
11	06/10/26	Deposit for entertainment at Family Fun Day	1,500.00
		Total V00251	**1,500.00**
		Total EFT00024	**75,882.03**
EFT Payment - EFT00030			
V00036 - Nick Stevenson			
13	26/10/26	Renovations to Railway Building from 19/10/26 to 26/10/26	10,610.60
		Total V00036	**10,610.60**
		Total EFT00030	**10,610.60**
EFT Payment - EFT00031			
V00043 - Open Systems Technology			
SI009947	30/10/26	Annual subscription to CF Records	8,580.00
		Total V00043	**8,580.00**
V00225 - Lucid Cattle Co			
INV-0084	26/10/26	Maintenance grading on Mt Gibson Road	32,670.00
		Total V00225	**32,670.00**
V00258 - Richard Ryan			
RICK RYAN	30/10/26	30 x 40L duffle bags for brigade volunteers	748.50
		Total V00258	**748.50**
		Total EFT00031	**41,998.50**
EFT Payment - EFT00022			
V00104 - Geraldton Toyota			
RI11003487	30/09/26	2026 Toyota 2.8L Prado GX	87,871.07
		Total V00104	**87,871.07**
		Total EFT00022	**87,871.07**
EFT Payment - EFT00026			
V00251 - Karloo Rockers			
11 FINAL	13/10/26	Final payment for entertainment at Family Fun Day	3,500.00
		Total V00251	**3,500.00**
		Total EFT00026	**3,500.00**
		Grand Total - EFT Payment	**527,070.19**

Payment Details

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
Other			
Other - PPIN00351			
V00001 - Aware Super			
COUNCILLOR	05/10/26	Councillor Super Payment for August 2026	431.32
		Total V00001	**431.32**
		Total PPIN00351	**431.32**
Other - PPIN00352			
V00001 - Aware Super			
CR SUPER	05/10/26	Super Contibution - T Hodder for Sept 26	297.60
		Total V00001	**297.60**
		Total PPIN00352	**297.60**
Other - PAY00013			
V00001 - Aware Super			
SUPER2027-8-1	11/10/26	Superannuation Contribution	65.45
		Total V00001	**65.45**
		Total PAY00013	**65.45**
Other - PAY00011			
V00001 - Aware Super			
PJ000472	11/10/26	FORTNIGHT 2027- 8 - From Payroll	3,283.01
SUPER 2027-8	15/10/26	Superannuation Contribution	7,803.04
		Total V00001	**3,283.01**
		Total PAY00011	**14,369.06**
Other - PAY00012			
V00001 - Aware Super			
		Total V00001	**101.62**
		Total PAY00012	**101.62**
Other - PAY00014			
V00001 - Aware Super			
PJ000551	25/10/26	FORTNIGHT 2027- 9 - From Payroll	3,437.55
SUPER 2027-9	25/10/26	Superannuation Contribution	8,290.34
		Total V00001	**3,437.55**
		Total PAY00014	**15,165.44**
Other - PPIN00410			
V00003 - Water Corporation			
WATER USAGE AND SERVICE CH	21/10/26	Water Usage 20/08/26 to 15/10/26 and Service Charges 01/09/26 to 31/10/26	4,466.35
		Total V00003	**4,466.35**
		Total PPIN00410	**4,466.35**
Other - PPIN00325			
V00049 - Bendigo DCEO Credit Card			
DCEO CC USAGE	14/09/26	DCEO Credit Card Usage August 2026	2,036.54
		Total V00049 Taken to Council in Oct 26	**2,036.54**
		Total PPIN00325	**2,036.54**
Other - PPIN00401			
V00049 - Bendigo DCEO Credit Card			
DCEO CREDIT	14/10/26	DCEO Credit Card Usage Sept 26	2,855.27
		Total V00049	**2,855.27**
		Total PPIN00401	**2,855.27**
Other - PPIN00431			
V00051 - Bendigo CEO Credit Card			
CC CEO CREDIT	14/10/26	CC CEO Credit Card Usage Sept 26	3,113.10
		Total V00051	**3,113.10**
		Total PPIN00431	**3,113.10**
Other - PPIN00349			
V00066 - Horizon Power			
21 028 75676	05/10/26	Street light charges from 01/09/26 to 30/09/26	1,115.55
		Total V00066	**1,115.55**
		Total PPIN00349	**1,115.55**
Other - PPIN00350			
V00069 - Telstra Corporation			
K 878 322 371-5	06/10/26	Phone charges from 25 Sept to 24 Oct 26	986.82
		Total V00069	**986.82**
		Total PPIN00350	**986.82**

Payment Details

Payment / Invoice	Date	Description	Amount
Other - PPIN00378			
V00069 - Telstra Corporation			
T311 217 0171	06/10/26	Vehicle tracking charges from 25 Sept to 24 Oct 2026	1,149.50
		Total V00069	**1,149.50**
		Total PPIN00378	**1,149.50**
Other - PAY00010			
V00244 - The Fun Depot			
43756	02/10/26	Various bouncy castle products for the Family Fun Day	18,451.62
		Total V00244	**18,451.62**
		Total PAY00010	**18,451.62**
		Grand Total - Other	**64,605.24**
		Less: DCEO credit card taken to Council in Oct 26	-$2,036.54
			$62,568.70

13.2 INVESTMENT REPORTS

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Investment Register for August and September

SUMMARY
That Council receive the investment report as at 31 October 2026.

COMMENT
Money held in the Municipal Fund of the Shire of Yalgoo that is not required for the time being may be invested under the Trustee Act 1962 Part III.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
Local Government Act 1995.
6.14 Power To Invest.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
19 Investments, control procedures for
19C Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s6.14(2)(a)

Shire Delegated Authority

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT
Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council Receive the Investment Report as at 31 October 2026.

Shire of Yalgoo
Investment Register
2026 - 2027

Month	31 Oct 2026
Interest Earned	811.02
Accrued Interest	12,936.00

Reserve #	Description	Opening	Opening Interest	Oct-26 Interest	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Closing
9673501	Yalgoo Ninghan Road Reserve	1,085,144.00	20,769.00	249.00	0.00	0.00	1,106,162.00
9674001	Yalgoo Morawa Road Reserve	343,807.00	10,539.00	126.00	0.00	0.00	354,472.00
9674404	General Purpose Reserve	1,862,554.86	36,270.12	436.02	0.00	0.00	1,899,261.00
		3,291,505.86	67,578.12	811.02	0.00	0.00	3,359,895.00

Reference	Amount	Bank	Opening	Interest	Maturity	Interest at Maturity	Total
5533706	2,600,058.77		29/09/2026	5.50%	30/03/2027	71,305.72	2,671,364.49
	2,600,058.77					71,305.72	

Accrued Interest	# Days	Rate / Day	$ / Day	EOM Interest
5533706	33	0.015%	392.00	12,936.00
Yalgoo Ninghan Road Reserve				3,976.00
Yalgoo Morawa Road Reserve				2,017.00
General Purpose Reserve				6,943.00

13.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Monthly Report for August and September

SUMMARY

The Financial Statements for the month ended 31 October 2026 is presented to Council in accordance with *Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.*

COMMENT

The Financial Statements for the month includes the following statements and notes:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Statement of Financial Position
- Net Funding Position
- Cash Position
- Reserves
- Receivables
- Asset Disposals
- Capital Acquisitions
- Rates
- Grants, Subsidies and Contributions
- Variance Reporting

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.4
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 - Regulation 34

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adoption of the Statements of Financial Activity is retrospective. Accordingly, the financial implications associated with adopting this are nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Activity report is presented monthly and provides a retrospective picture of the activities at the Shire. Contained within the report is information pertaining to the financial cost and delivery of strategic initiatives and key projects.

To mitigate the risk of budget over-runs or non-delivery of projects, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has implemented internal control measures such as regular Council and Management reporting and a quarterly process to monitor financial performance against budget estimates.

Materiality reporting thresholds have been established by Council of $10,000 and 10% for budget operating and capital items to alert management prior to there being irreversible impacts.

It should be noted that there is an inherent level of risk of misrepresentation of the financials through either human error or potential fraud.

The establishment of control measures through a series of efficient systems, policies and procedures, which fall under the control of the CEO as laid out in the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5,* seek to mitigate the possibility of this occurring.

These controls are set in place to provide daily, weekly and monthly checks to ensure that the integrity of the data provided is reasonably assured.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the month ended 31 October 2026 in accordance with *Regulation 34 of the Local Government FM Regs 1996*.

SHIRE OF YALGOO

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Shire of Yalgoo
Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

	Note	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var* $	Var* %
Opening Surplus / (Deficit)	1	4,170,218	4,170,218	4,181,594		
Operating Revenue						
Rates	7	3,942,652	3,974,956	3,812,686	(162,270)	(4%)
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	8(a)	6,660,000	435,992	573,474	137,482	32%
Fees and Charges	9	322,200	134,402	147,118	12,716	9%
Interest Earnings	9	102,000	35,332	61,683	26,351	75%
Other Revenue	9	62,020	20,652	23,361	2,709	13%
Profit on Asset Disposals	5	200,500	0	0	0	0%
		11,289,372	**4,601,334**	**4,618,322**		
Operating Expenditure						
Employee Costs	9	(2,534,410)	(904,184)	(696,658)	207,526	(23%)
Materials and Contracts	9	(5,978,460)	(997,190)	(718,487)	278,703	(28%)
Utility Charges	9	(137,700)	(45,900)	(45,137)	763	(2%)
Depreciation	9	(4,905,700)	(1,635,228)	(1,634,404)	824	(0%)
Insurance	9	(312,080)	(312,080)	(312,024)	56	(0%)
Other Expenditure	9	(319,440)	(142,012)	(126,860)	15,152	(11%)
Loss on Asset Disposals	5	(17,500)	0	0	0	0%
		(14,205,290)	**(4,036,594)**	**(3,533,571)**		
Excluded Non-cash Activities						
Depreciation		4,905,700	1,635,228	1,634,404		
(Profit) / Loss on Asset Disposals		(183,000)	0	0		
Net Amount from Operating Activities		**1,806,782**	**2,199,968**	**2,719,155**		
Capital Revenue and Expenditure						
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	8(b)	1,490,000	0	0	0	0%
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	5	280,000	93,332	188,811	95,479	102%
Land and Buildings	6(a)	(1,185,000)	(183,333)	(88,589)	94,744	(52%)
Plant and Equipment	6(b)	(1,082,000)	(672,000)	(642,754)	29,246	(4%)
Furniture and Equipment	6(c)	(200,000)	0	0	0	0%
Road Infrastructure	6(d)	(2,250,000)	(835,000)	(648,126)	186,874	(22%)
Other Infrastructure	6(e)	(65,000)	0	0	0	0%
Net Amount from Capital Activities		**(3,012,000)**	**(1,597,001)**	**(1,190,659)**		
Financing Revenue and Expenditure						
Transfers from Reserves	3	0	0	0	0	0%
Transfers to Reserves	3	(2,965,000)	(28,000)	(68,389)	40,389	(144%)
Net Amount from Financing Activities		**(2,965,000)**	**(28,000)**	**(68,389)**		
Closing Surplus / (Deficit)	1	**0**	**4,745,185**	**5,641,701**		

* - the material variance adopted by Council for 2026 - 2027 is $10,000 and 10% whichever is greater.

Shire of Yalgoo
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 October 2026

	31 Oct 26	30 Jun 26
Current Assets	**$**	**$**
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,750,533	4,126,664
Cash Reserves	3,359,895	3,291,506
Rates Receivables	702,004	141,451
Other Receivables	273,558	561,350
	10,085,990	**8,120,970**
Non-current Assets		
Receivables and Other Assets	61,648	61,648
Property, Plant and Equipment	18,811,148	18,079,805
Infrastructure	87,309,451	86,661,325
	106,182,247	**104,802,778**
Total Assets	**116,268,237**	**112,923,748**
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Liabilities	(319,515)	(274,245)
Income Received in Advance	(87,608)	(87,608)
Contract Liabilities	(393,087)	0
Employee Related Provisions	(284,184)	(286,017)
	(1,084,394)	**(647,870)**
Non-current Liabilities		
Employee Related Provisions	(95,629)	(95,629)
	(95,629)	**(95,629)**
Total Liabilities	**(1,180,023)**	**(743,499)**
Net Assets	**115,088,214**	**112,180,249**
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	(42,012,612)	(39,173,035)
Cash Reserves	(3,359,895)	(3,291,506)
Revaluation Surplus	(69,715,708)	(69,715,708)
	(115,088,214)	**(112,180,249)**

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

	YTD Actual $
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Receipts	
Rates	3,252,988
Grants, subsidies and contributions	573,474
Fees and charges	446,406
Interest	81,591
Other revenue	23,361
GST receipts	0
	4,377,820
Payments	
Employee costs	(698,492)
Materials and contracts	(701,123)
Utility charges	(45,137)
Insurance	(312,024)
Other expenditure	(126,860)
GST payments	(4,353)
	(1,887,990)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**2,489,830**
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	393,087
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	188,811
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(731,343)
Purchase of infrastructure	(648,126)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	**(797,572)**
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Proceeds/(Payments) from financial assets at amortised cost	(68,389)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	**(68,389)**
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	1,623,869
Cash at beginning of year	4,126,664
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	**5,750,533**

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

1. Financial Position

	31 Oct 26	30 Jun 26
Current Assets	**$**	**$**
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,750,533	4,126,664
Cash Reserves	3,359,895	3,291,506
Rates Receivables	702,004	142,305
Other Receivables	273,558	560,495
	10,085,990	**8,120,970**
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Liabilities	(319,515)	(274,245)
Income Received in Advance	(87,608)	(87,608)
Contract Liabilities	(393,087)	0
Employee Related Provisions	(284,184)	(286,017)
	(1,084,394)	**(647,870)**
Less: Cash Reserves	(3,359,895)	(3,291,506)
Net Funding Position	**5,641,701**	**4,181,594**

2. Cash and Financial Assets

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents	As at 31 Oct 26	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Unrestricted	**$**	**%**	
Municipal Account	5,222,491	0.95%	N/A
Cash on Hand	700	N/A	N/A
	5,223,191		
Restricted			
Municipal Account	527,342	0.95%	N/A
Reserves Cash	759,836	0.95%	N/A
Reserves Term Deposit	2,600,059	5.50%	30 Mar 27
	3,887,237		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	**9,110,428**		

(b) Trust Funds

There are currently no funds held in Trust.

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

3. Cash Reserves

YTD Actual	Balance 01 Jul 26 $	Transfer from $	Interest Received $	Transfer to $	Balance 31 Oct 26 $
Yalgoo Ninghan Road Reserve	1,085,144	0	21,018	0	1,106,162
Yalgoo Morawa Road Reserve	343,807	0	10,665	0	354,472
General Purpose	1,862,555	0	36,706	0	1,899,261
	3,291,506	**0**	**68,389**	**0**	**3,359,895**

4. Receivables

Rates Receivable	31 Oct 26 $	General Receivables	31 Oct 26 $
1 - 60 Days	520,228	1 - 60 Days	49,234
60+ Days	94,167	60+ Days	5,815
	614,395		**55,049**

5. Disposal of Assets

Plant and Equipment	Annual Budget Profit $	Annual Budget Loss $	YTD Proceeds on Disposal $	YTD Actual Profit $	YTD Actual Loss $
2016 Caterpillar 12M Grader (YA860)*	130,000	0	160,250	0	0
2025 SR5 Hilux Dual Cab (YA1000)	0	(15,000)	0	0	0
2008 Low Loader Trailer (YA1611)	21,500	0	0	0	0
2019 Toyota Hilux Utility (YA804)	10,000	0	0	0	0
2022 Toyota Hilux (1GDR633)	0	(2,500)	0	0	0
2022 Toyota Rav4 (YA805)	14,000	0	28,561	0	0
2013 Tandem Axle Dolly (YA1643)	25,000	0	0	0	0
	200,500	**(17,500)**	**188,811**	**0**	**0**

* - Profit on Disposal to be determined once asset register open in new system

Shire of Yalgoo
Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

6. Capital Acquisitions

(a) Land and Buildings

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
Yalgoo Hotel / Pub	20,000	0	0	0	0%	
Town Hall	100,000	80,000	49,725	30,275	38%	Expenditure less than expected
Staff Housing	340,000	0	0	0	0%	
Chapel Renovations	15,000	0	0	0	0%	
Railway Station	70,000	93,333	29,499	63,834	68%	Expenditure less than expected
Caravan Park Upgrades	40,000	10,000	9,365	635	6%	
New Housing	600,000	0	0	0	0%	
	1,185,000	**183,333**	**88,589**			

(b) Plant and Equipment

Grader	490,000	490,000	478,500	11,500	2%	Final cost less than expected
Other Town and Road Equipment	50,000	0	0	0	0%	
Low Loader Trailer	210,000	0	0	0	0%	
Toyota Hilux Ute	65,000	0	0	0	0%	
Toyota Hilux Ute	65,000	0	0	0	0%	
Toyota Prado	80,000	80,000	79,534	466	1%	
2 x MetroCount Traffic Monitors	11,000	11,000	10,652	348	3%	
Clegg 4.5kg Impact Tester	16,000	16,000	14,213	1,787	11%	
Bobcat Trailer	20,000	0	0	0	0%	
Fortuner	75,000	75,000	57,926	17,074	23%	Final cost less than expected
NqPetro 30,000L Fuel Tank	0	0	1,929	(1,929)	0%	Will need to add in budget review
	1,082,000	**672,000**	**642,754**			

(c) Furniture and Equipment

CCTV Network	150,000	0	0	0	0%	
Regional Weather Stations	50,000	0	0	0	0%	
	200,000	**0**	**0**			

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

6. Capital Acquisitions (Continued)

(d) Road Infrastructure	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
Regional Roads Group	550,000	110,000	35,377	74,623	68%	Preparation started. Main works start in few months
Roads to Recovery	1,450,000	725,000	612,749	112,251	15%	Expenditure less than expected
Other Road Construction - Council	150,000	0	0	0	0%	
Grids and Seal Approaches	100,000	0	0	0	0%	
	2,250,000	**835,000**	**648,126**			
(e) Other Infrastructure						
Playground Equipment	25,000	0	0	0	0%	
Tourism Promotion	40,000	0	0	0	0%	
	65,000	**0**	**0**			
Total Capital Expenditure	**4,782,000**	**1,690,333**	**1,379,469**			

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

7. Rating Information

	Rate in	Rateable Value	Number of Properties	Annual Budget Revenue	YTD Actual Revenue
General Rates	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**
GRV - Townsites Improved	0.090170	392,673	37	35,408	35,407
GRV - Townsites Improved Vacant	0.090170	0	0	0	0
GRV - Mining Infrastructure	0.342527	1,473,391	8	504,679	504,679
UV - Mining / Mining Tenements	0.368427	7,905,641	153	2,912,652	2,912,652
UV - Exploration / Prospecting	0.242250	1,698,937	259	411,568	411,568
UV - Pastoral / Rural	0.079533	1,013,983	27	80,645	80,645
				3,944,952	**3,944,951**
Minimum Payment					
GRV - Townsites Improved	310	2,642	3	930	930
GRV - Townsites Improved Vacant	310	1,810	14	4,340	4,340
GRV - Mining Infrastructure	310	29	1	310	310
UV - Mining / Mining Tenements	310	1,894	5	1,550	1,550
UV - Exploration / Prospecting	310	77,409	93	28,830	28,830
UV - Pastoral / Rural	310	4,855	4	1,240	1,240
				37,200	**37,200**
Total General and Minimum Rates				**3,982,152**	**3,982,151**
Other Rate Revenue					
Rates Written-off				(25,000)	0
Discounts				(20,000)	(169,464)
Interim and Back Rates				5,500	0
Total Funds Raised from Rates				**3,942,652**	**3,812,687**

Explanation of Variance

YTD Budget	3,974,956	
YTD Actual	3,812,686	
Variance $	(162,270)	Variance caused by discounts applied
Variance %	(4%)	

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

8. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

(a) Operating Revenue

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
Financial Assistance Grant - General	400,000	100,000	148,026	48,026	48%	Revenue higher than expected
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	160,000	40,000	33,799	(6,201)	(16%)	
Bush Fire grants	38,000	19,000	24,488	5,488	29%	
Contributions and Donations	20,000	0	3,700	3,700	0%	
Road Use Agreements	2,770,000	23,332	108,337	85,005	364%	Timing of payments
Flood Damage reimbursements	3,000,000	0	0	0	0%	
MRWA Direct Road grant	247,000	247,000	247,203	203	0%	
Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	5,000	0	0	0	0%	
Fuel Tax Credits	20,000	6,660	7,921	1,261	19%	
	6,660,000	**435,992**	**573,474**			

(b) Capital Revenue

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	
Regional Roads Group	300,000	0	0	0	0%
Roads to Recovery	1,165,000	0	0	0	0%
Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	25,000	0	0	0	0%
	1,490,000	**0**	**0**		

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
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9. Operating Revenue

(a) Fees and Charges

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
11100	Statutory Fees and Charges	0	0	0	0	0%	
11105	Animal Registration Fees	200	60	121	61	102%	
11123	BSL and CTF Commissions	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11128	Building Fees and Charges	500	160	0	(160)	(100%)	
11183	Fines and Infringements	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11212	Health Fees and Charges	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11230	Planning Fees	1,000	340	0	(340)	(100%)	
11375	Sewerage Applications	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11498	Other Statutory Charges	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11500	Discretionary Fees and Charges	0	0	0	0	0%	
11505	Administration Fees	500	160	5	(155)	(97%)	
11510	Animal Impound and Trap Hire Fees	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11515	Art Sales	2,400	800	3	(797)	(100%)	
11535	Building Hire Fees	1,000	340	73	(267)	(79%)	
11542	Caravan Park - Chalets	90,000	43,520	33,503	(10,017)	(23%)	Units used for contractors and staff
11544	Caravan Park - Other	200	110	1,545	1,435	1,304%	
11546	Caravan Park - Sites	90,000	43,520	41,104	(2,416)	(6%)	
11549	Cemetery Fees	3,000	1,000	0	(1,000)	(100%)	
11555	Community Bus Hire	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11725	Library Fees	50	16	0	(16)	(100%)	
11812	Private Works	30,000	10,000	11,891	1,891	19%	
11815	Prospecting Permits	500	160	891	731	457%	
11842	Rates - Enquiry Fee	400	140	0	(140)	(100%)	
11845	Rates - Instalment Admin Fee	4,000	1,340	0	(1,340)	(100%)	
11850	Refuse Collection - Commercial	4,000	1,340	3,920	2,580	193%	
11853	Refuse Collection - Domestic	12,350	4,120	12,400	8,280	201%	
11860	Rent - Commercial Property	31,500	10,500	23,028	12,528	119%	Fuel station and hotel lease
11863	Rent - Other Housing	31,200	10,400	13,218	2,818	27%	
11866	Rent - Staff Housing	16,900	5,616	5,400	(216)	(4%)	
11885	Standpipe Water Fees	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11895	Tourism Revenue	200	60	15	(45)	(74%)	
11900	Transport Application Fees	200	60	0	(60)	(100%)	
11989	Other Fees and Charges	500	160	0	(160)	(100%)	
		322,200	**134,402**	**147,118**			

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity
For the Period Ending 31 October 2026

9. Operating Revenue (Continued)

(b) Interest Earnings

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
14012	Bank - Municipal Fund Interest	6,000	2,000	11,425	9,425	471%	
14015	Bank - Reserve Fund Interest	80,000	28,000	48,481	20,481	73%	Timing of term deposits
14203	Rates - Instalment Plan Interest	6,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100%)	
14206	Rates - Penalty Interest	10,000	3,332	1,778	(1,554)	(47%)	
14298	Other Interest	0	0	0	0	0%	
		102,000	**35,332**	**61,683**			

(c) Other Revenue

14375	Commissions - DoT	2,000	660	822	162	25%	
14380	Commissions - Other	4,000	1,340	0	(1,340)	(100%)	
14735	Other Revenue - GST	10,000	3,332	0	(3,332)	(100%)	
14740	Other Revenue - No-GST	42,020	14,000	22,539	8,539	61%	
14815	Reimbursement - Debt Collection	2,000	660	0	(660)	(100%)	
14820	Reimbursements - Other	2,000	660	0	(660)	(100%)	
		62,020	**20,652**	**23,361**			

(d) Profit on Asset Disposals

17004	Profit on Disposal - Plant and Equipment	200,500	0	0	0	0%	
		200,500	**0**	**0**			

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10. Operating Expenditure

(a) Employee Costs

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
20201	Employee Costs - Ordinary Wages	1,332,360	444,080	348,092	(95,988)	(22%)	Staffing levels
20202	Employee Costs - Overtime	154,300	51,548	26,202	(25,346)	(49%)	Expenditure less than expected
20203	Employee Costs - Annual Leave Taken	183,440	61,160	46,927	(14,233)	(23%)	Expenditure less than expected
20204	Employee Costs - LSL Taken	19,890	6,672	0	(6,672)	(100%)	
20205	Employee Costs - Personal Leave	92,100	30,628	25,098	(5,530)	(18%)	
20206	Employee Costs - Public Holidays	83,200	27,828	8,404	(19,424)	(70%)	Limited public holidays to date
20207	Employee Costs - Parental Leave	34,800	11,708	10,706	(1,002)	(9%)	
20208	Employee Costs - Superannuation	374,200	124,800	110,404	(14,396)	(12%)	Expenditure less than expected
20209	Employee Costs - Rostered Days Off	7,200	2,400	1,179	(1,221)	(51%)	
20210	Employee Costs - Time off in Lieu (TOIL)	1,600	520	0	(520)	(100%)	
20211	Employee Costs - Workers Comp Leave	12,000	4,000	0	(4,000)	(100%)	
20212	Employee Costs - Other Leave	13,800	4,600	3,051	(1,549)	(34%)	
20213	Employee Costs - LG Holidays	16,600	5,560	0	(5,560)	(100%)	
20214	Employee Costs - Other Wages	7,200	2,400	0	(2,400)	(100%)	
20501	Employee Costs - Christmas Bonus	0	0	0	0	0%	
20502	Employee Costs - Electricity Allowance	9,600	3,200	2,665	(535)	(17%)	
20503	Employee Costs - Housing Allowance	0	0	0	0	0%	
20504	Employee Costs - Kilometre Allowances	4,500	1,520	0	(1,520)	(100%)	
20506	Employee Costs - Other Allowance	4,500	1,520	0	(1,520)	(100%)	
20507	Employee Costs - Service Pay	0	0	0	0	0%	
20508	Employee Costs - Tool Allowance	2,800	920	972	52	6%	
21001	Employee Costs - Fringe Benefits Tax	36,000	18,000	16,062	(1,938)	(11%)	
21002	Employee Costs - Workers Compensation	79,520	79,520	95,170	15,650	20%	25/26 adjustment
21003	Employee Costs - LSL Provision	0	0	0	0	0%	
21004	Employee Costs - AL Provision	0	0	0	0	0%	
21005	Employee Costs - Other	6,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100%)	
21302	Employee Costs - Staff Training	12,000	4,000	1,724	(2,276)	(57%)	
		2,534,410	**904,184**	**696,658**			

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(b) Materials and Contracts

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
General							
22103	MaC - Aerodrome	11,100	4,000	0	(4,000)	(100%)	
22106	MaC - Animal Control	48,000	16,000	15,217	(783)	(5%)	
22134	MaC - EHO	36,000	12,000	20,501	8,501	71%	
22138	MaC - Events	120,000	55,000	55,614	614	1%	
22142	MaC - Fire	42,000	14,000	7,405	(6,595)	(47%)	
22145	MaC - Flood Damage Repairs	3,160,000	0	0	0	0%	
22190	MaC - Library	1,800	600	295	(305)	(51%)	
22222	MaC - Pest Control	3,600	1,200	0	(1,200)	(100%)	
22236	MaC - Rates	84,000	28,000	995	(27,005)	(96%)	Not much work done in new system
22240	MaC - Roads	600,000	200,000	196,860	(3,140)	(2%)	
22255	MaC - Tourism	89,000	30,000	13,032	(16,968)	(57%)	Expenditure less than expected
22258	MaC - Town Planning	12,000	4,000	0	(4,000)	(100%)	
22261	MaC - TV	4,500	1,500	406	(1,094)	(73%)	
22280	MaC - Waste Service	48,000	16,000	20,469	4,469	28%	
Works							
22314	MaC - Buildings	124,780	41,520	74,978	33,458	81%	Railway air-cons not budgeted for
22327	MaC - Depot	28,920	9,640	11,343	1,703	18%	
22330	MaC - Depot Attractive Assets	49,630	16,880	12,592	(4,288)	(25%)	
22360	MaC - Housing	98,400	32,800	24,878	(7,922)	(24%)	
22368	MaC - Infrastructure	36,240	12,080	14,808	2,728	23%	
22414	MaC - OHS	22,630	7,680	10,066	2,386	31%	
22456	MaC - Town	149,500	49,840	9,981	(39,859)	(80%)	Expenditure less than expected
23345	Fuel and Oil	200,000	67,000	40,491	(26,509)	(40%)	Fuel allocated to MaC - Plant
23390	Licenses and Registrations	14,400	4,800	8,407	3,607	75%	
23391	Licenses and Registrations - No-GST	0	0	2,201	2,201	0%	
23400	MaC - Plant	179,000	59,680	118,967	59,287	99%	Fuel allocated wrong and servicing

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(b) Materials and Contracts (Continued)

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
Admin							
22505	Advertising	0	0	0	0	0%	
22525	Audit - Financial Statements	55,000	0	0	0	0%	
22526	Audits - Other	6,000	0	0	0	0%	
22535	Bank Fees	6,000	2,000	1,500	(500)	(25%)	
22570	Conferences and Accommodation	36,000	12,000	19,732	7,732	64%	
22573	Consultants - Debt Collection	6,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100%)	
22577	Consultants - Legal	300,000	100,020	44,997	(55,023)	(55%)	Waiting on invoices
22890	MaC - Admin	132,000	44,000	36,369	(7,631)	(17%)	
22893	MaC - Admin Attractive Assets	10,000	3,400	891	(2,509)	(74%)	
22950	Office Costs	6,000	2,000	1,105	(895)	(45%)	
22998	Printing and Postage	10,000	3,400	1,241	(2,159)	(63%)	
23105	Subscriptions	23,960	15,690	18,221	2,531	16%	
23600	Internet and Website	18,000	6,000	2,500	(3,500)	(58%)	
23645	MaC - IT	36,000	12,000	14,037	2,037	17%	
23720	Software	120,000	93,460	128,005	34,545	37%	Implementation of software
23730	Telephone	50,000	17,000	8,774	(8,226)	(48%)	
Multiple	Allocations			(218,390)			
		5,978,460	**997,190**	**718,487**			

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(c) Utility Charges

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
24050	Electricity	90,960	30,320	35,595	5,275	17%	
24070	Gas	600	200	0	(200)	(100%)	
24215	Street Lighting	14,400	4,800	0	(4,800)	(100%)	
24265	Water	31,740	10,580	9,542	(1,038)	(10%)	
		137,700	**45,900**	**45,137**			

(d) Depreciation

25601	Depreciation - Buildings Specialised	231,300	77,120	77,061	(59)	(0%)	
25602	Depreciation - Buildings Non-specialised	65,300	21,720	21,756	36	0%	
25603	Depreciation - Plant and Equipment	533,000	177,680	177,577	(103)	(0%)	
25604	Depreciation - Furniture and Equipment	9,200	3,068	3,065	(3)	(0%)	
25606	Depreciation - Roads	3,928,800	1,309,600	1,308,936	(664)	(0%)	
25607	Depreciation - Aerodrome	19,300	6,440	6,430	(10)	(0%)	
25608	Depreciation - Other	118,800	39,600	39,580	(20)	(0%)	
		4,905,700	**1,635,228**	**1,634,404**			

(e) Insurance

24320	Bush Fire Insurance	3,170	3,170	3,172	2	0%	
24325	Casual Hirers Insurance	0	0	0	0	0%	
24332	Cyber Crime Insurance	4,900	4,900	4,910	10	0%	
24445	Management Liability Insurance	17,605	17,605	17,607	2	0%	
24448	Marine Cargo Insurance	345	345	315	(30)	(9%)	
24451	Motor Vehicle Insurance	143,270	143,270	143,240	(30)	(0%)	
24482	Personal Accident	580	580	579	(1)	(0%)	
24486	Property Insurance	102,310	102,310	102,306	(4)	(0%)	
24495	Public Liability Insurance	37,440	37,440	37,436	(4)	(0%)	
24520	Salary Continuance Insurance	1,530	1,530	1,527	(3)	(0%)	
24535	Travel Insurance	930	930	931	1	0%	
		312,080	**312,080**	**312,024**			

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(f) Other Expenditure

COA	Description	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var $	Var %	Explanation of Variance
24630	Commissions	2,000	660	0	(660)	(100%)	
24640	Dog Bounty	2,000	660	2,100	1,440	218%	
24644	Donations	3,500	1,160	100	(1,060)	(91%)	
24649	Meeka Rangelands Biosecurity	25,000	0	0	0	0%	
24652	Murchison Regional Vermin Council	50,000	50,000	48,144	(1,856)	(4%)	
24675	Other Expenses	2,000	660	7,637	6,977	1,057%	
24685	Private Works	24,000	8,000	0	(8,000)	(100%)	
24695	Southern Rangelands Pastoral	25,000	0	0	0	0%	
25230	Conferences and Accommodation - Members	30,000	16,500	20,294	3,794	23%	
25240	Deputy Presidents Allowance	2,600	852	1,150	298	35%	
25253	Election Expenses	15,000	5,000	3,221	(1,779)	(36%)	
25258	Expense Reimbursements - Members	3,600	1,200	1,000	(200)	(17%)	
25300	ICT Allowance	19,200	6,400	5,930	(470)	(7%)	
25375	Other Members Expenses	39,000	13,000	1,704	(11,296)	(87%)	Expenditure less than expected
25388	Presidents Allowance	10,800	3,600	3,750	150	4%	
25420	Sitting Fees	24,000	8,000	6,925	(1,075)	(13%)	
25424	Subscriptions - Members	27,000	21,400	20,119	(1,281)	(6%)	
25427	Superannuation - Members	2,740	920	2,072	1,152	125%	
25436	Travel Reimbursement - Members	12,000	4,000	2,715	(1,285)	(32%)	
		319,440	**142,012**	**126,860**			

(g) Loss on Asset Disposals

32004	Loss on Disposal - Plant and Equipment	17,500	0	0	0	0%	
		17,500	**0**	**0**			

14 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

14.1 GENERAL REPORT

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	12/10/2026
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

SUMMARY
That Council consider the Chief Executive Officers general operation report.

COMMENT

Councillor Mandatory Training
All Members elected between 1 July 2025, and 31 December 2025 have completed mandatory Council Member Essentials (CME) training by the due date of 31 December 2026 (unless exempt under Regulation 36 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996). Ie within the past 5 years.

Mine Shafts
Binhart and the Department of Mines held a project commencement event on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at Core Stadium. Safer Shaft project work has commenced around the Yalgoo Townsite.

Cue Parliament
The Shires two road related items were unanimously supported by the zone. A Regional State Council meeting will be held in May next year, hosted by the Shire of Cue. Research and an item will be provided to Councils for consideration of a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils. Minutes will be circulated when available.

MWDC Updates
An elected member board position is open for application from interested Councillors at the Mid West Development Commission.

Regional Economic Development Grants are also open. After meeting with the Commission and interested parties earlier this year a request for a letter of support has been received from the Paynes Find Roadhouse and Tavern.

MWDC has also alerted the Shire as to next year's Mid West Major Projects event (Perth: 5-6 May): https://www.informa.com.au/midwest-major-project-update/

Local Law Reviews
Administration did not advertise the review of local laws with the 6 weeks required prior to the State Government lapsing "local laws that have not been reviewed within the 8 years prior to legislative amendments being made." The date these local laws will lapse is the 7th December 2026.

Contingent policy and guideline information for the Shires Bushfire Brigades will be provided to Council in due course and an application has been made with the

appropriate authority so that lights and sirens can continue to be used during emergencies.

No or limited instances of use over 20 years could be identified for the other local laws and the Shire regularly falls back to the position in the associated legislation.

A review of similar local governments will be conducted as the enactment of Health Local Laws or Heavy Vehicle Parking may be more appropriate than the Shires soon to lapse suite.

Advertising requirements have been provided by the Department of Local Government for local laws that will be automatically repealed on the 7th December 2026.

Rotary Auction
Through prospecting and Caravan Park sponsorship the Shire received a thank you message and certificate of appreciation from the Rotary Club of Geraldton. They raised $42,000 from their recent radio auction.

CEO Movements November
Local Government Professionals Conference CEO & DCEO 4 – 5 November
CEO Connections Forum 6 November
Regional Road Group Geraldton 16 November
Murchison Executive Group et al. 19 November
Cue Parliament 20 November

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS
NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT
Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. accepts the Chief Executive Officers General Report; and

2. Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of Council to provide a letter of support for a RED Grant Application to improve children’s play activities and equipment at the Paynes Find Roadhouse.

14.2 Muchison Georegion and Geoparks Inc

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	23/11/2026
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Letter from the Murchison Georegion Project

SUMMARY
That Council consider representation as described in correspondence from the Project Working Group of the Murchison Georegion Project.

COMMENT
In February 2027 the inaugural Annual General Meeting for Muchison Georegion and Geoparks Inc will be held and the Shire is requested to consider its board representation.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS
NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT
Simple Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints _____ as the Shire's representative on the board of Muchison Georegion and Geoparks Inc.

10th November, 2026

Shire of Yalgoo President: Cr Raul Valenzuela
E: president@yalgoo.wa.gov.au
Cc Shire of Yalgoo CEO: Ian Holland E: ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au

Dear Raul,

Cc Ian

Re: Murchison GeoRegion & Geoparks Inc - Shire of Yalgoo Board Representative

Murchison GeoRegion Project Working Group (MGR PWG) is progressing towards the Inaugural AGM of its new governance model, an incorporated association - *Murchison GeoRegion & Geoparks Inc.*

Each participating Shire is invited to propose their representative, endorsed by Council. Shire of Yalgoo is therefore cordially invited to nominate a Board representative.

Appreciating this will be a new association, it is also important to keep a largely uninterrupted continuity between the Project Working Group and incorporated body. This also, given the large level of funds the Shires have contributed thus far.

While understanding Yalgoo has capable members able to represent the Shire on the Inaugural Board, I would like to acknowledge the positive role of current Project Working Group member representing Yalgoo, CEO Ian Holland. To have the input by a Shire CEO has proved very valuable in guiding the direction of the Murchison GeoRegion Project Working Group. A continued role, particularly in the early stages of Murchison GeoRegion & Geoparks Inc would enable stability in transition.

Looking forward to receiving Shire of Yalgoo proposed Board representative, as endorsed by Council. The Inaugural AGM of *Murchison GeoRegion & Geoparks Inc* is proposed for 22nd February, 2027.

Kind regards and trust all continues well in Yalgoo.
Karen

Karen Morrissey
Project Manager
Murchison GeoRegion Project Working Group



15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The Shire President intends to move a motion supporting the Chief Executive Officer in their dealings with public entities and companies. Where the actions/dealings of an organisation present a psychosocial hazard to an officer these negotiations can be handled by Council as a whole upon request. Feedback is sought to develop the wording of the motion.

16 URGENT BUSINESS

17 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Items deferred from last month to allow more time for consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION Moved: Seconded: That Council move behind closed doors to discuss the items in section 17 as they have been identified as relating to s5.23(2) Subsection/s (a). CARRIED:

17.1 - IT Policies, Disaster Recovery Plan, Risk Register and Essential 8 Report

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Deputy CEO
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	IT Policies – Confidential Disaster Recovery Plan – Confidential Risk Register – Confidential Essential 8 Report – Confidential

SUMMARY
That Council consider for adoption the IT Policies, Disaster Recovery Plan, Risk Register and Essential 8 Report.

COMMENT
The Shire has worked with our IT provider on our policies, plan, register and cyber review over the past several months.

Attached are 12 policies for review and adoption by Council. The purpose of each policy has been briefly outlined below:

1. ICT Acceptable Use Policy – the policy is designed to protect IT assets, data, IP, and reduce risk associated with cyber threats etc. Inappropriate use of IT systems is not allowed
2. ICT AI Policy – the policy provides the way staff will use AI
3. ICT Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy – the policy outlines the rules for staff and Councillors to follow regarding their own IT devices, which they aren't allowed to use
4. ICT Digital Accessibility Policy – this policy provides the method for staff to follow so that everyone can access digital content, e.g. accessibility options on the website
5. ICT Digital Device Use by Elected Members – this policy is to ensure any personal device used by councillors is managed to protect information etc.
6. ICT Disaster Recovery and Backup Policy – that administration should quickly restore services if something happens
7. ICT Incident Management Policy – explains that the Shire will effectively manage any incident
8. ICT Management Policy – explains that the Shire will manage its IT infrastructure properly
9. ICT Password Policy – explains the proper use of passwords and access
10. ICT Procurement & Replacement Policy – explains the way the Shire will manage its IT hardware
11. ICT Security Assessment Policy – the Shire will regularly assess its IT framework to ensure everything is secure
12. ICT Social Media Policy – this policy explains how the Shire will appropriately use social media platforms

The disaster recovery plan works lays out the process Shire staff will follow if something happens, such as hardware failure or natural disasters.

The risk register lists most risks associated with IT incidents and explains what to do if it occurs, for example, if we have a cyber security breach it will require urgent attention to be resolved. The Controls explains what things we can put in place to help reduce the risk and the Residual Risk Rating explains if we need to monitor this issue or its OK in its current state.

The Essential 8 report evaluates the Shire's current security environment against eight mitigation strategies outlined in the Essential Eight Maturity Model. The model has four maturity levels, from basic security to stronger protection against advanced threats. The results are shown in the report.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
Local Government Act 1995

POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS
NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT
Absolute Majority

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the IT Policies, Disaster Recovery Plan, Risk Register and Essential 8 Report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION Moved: Seconded: That Council adopt the IT Policies, Disaster Recovery Plan, Risk Register and Essential 8 Report. CARRIED:

17.2 – Confidential Legal Advice – Jokers

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Tabled

17.3 – EBA Meeting: 25 September 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Tabled

17.4 – 17.6 – CEO Performance Review

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	21 November 2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Tabled

COUNCIL RESOLUTION Moved: Seconded: That Council move out from behind closed doors. CARRIED:

18 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is due to be held in the Yalgoo Council Chamber on Friday 18th December 2026 commencing at 10:30am.

19 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President declared the Ordinary meeting closed at.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Shire of Yalgoo welcomes community participation during public question time of Council Meetings. The following is a summary of s5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and Shire Policy, to provide a guide for public question time.

To enable a prompt and detailed response to questions, members of the public are requested to lodge questions in writing to the Chief Executive Officer at least two days prior to a Council meeting. This can be done:

a. In person at the Shire of Yalgoo Office, 37 Gibbons St, Yalgoo

b. By emailing the Executive Support Officer s

c. By phoning the Executive Support Officer (08) 9962 8042

When registering a question members of the public will be required to provide the following for record keeping and response:

a. Name, Address, Contact Number and Name of Organisation representing (if any)

b. A written copy of the question to be asked at Public Question Time

It is recommended to arrive at the Council Meeting 15 minutes to commencement if you have not registered a question in advance.

The presiding Member will open Public Question Time where appropriate and, if necessary, provide a brief summary of the rules, regulations and procedures of Public Question Time.

1. The person asking the question is to state their name prior to asking the question.

2. Questions are to be directed through the chair, with the Presiding Member having the discretion of accepting or rejecting a question and the right to nominate a Councillor or Officer to answer.

3. In order to provide an opportunity for the greatest portion of the gallery to take advantage of question time, questions are to be as succinct as possible. Any preamble to questions should therefore be minimal and no debating of the issue between the Gallery, Councillors or Officers is permissible.

4. Where the Presiding Member rules that a member of the public is making a statement during public question time, then no answer is required to be given or recorded in response.

5. Questions which are considered inappropriate; offensive or otherwise not in good faith; duplicates or variations of earlier questions; relating to the personal affairs or actions of Council members or employees; will be refused by the Presiding Member as ‘out of order’ and will not be recorded in the minutes.

6. Questions from members of the public that do not comply with the Rules of Question Time or do not abide by a ruling from the Presiding Member, or where the member of the public behaves in a manner in which they are disrespectful of the Presiding Member or Council, or refuse to abide by any reasonable

direction from the Presiding Member, will be ruled ‘out of order’ and the question will not be recorded in the minutes.

7. Answers to questions provided in good faith, however, unless reasonable prior written notice of the question is given, answers should not be relied upon as being totally comprehensive.

8. The priority for asking questions shall be firstly ‘questions on which written notice has been given prior to the meeting’ (that is, prior to 12 noon on the day immediately preceding the meeting) and secondly, ‘questions from the floor’.

9. Public Question Time is set for a maximum period of 15 minutes, and will terminate earlier should no questions be forthcoming.

10. There are circumstances where it may be necessary to place limits on the asking of questions to enable all members of the public a fair and equitable opportunity to participate in Public Question Time. In these events the Presiding Member will apply the most appropriate limit for the circumstance. Generally each member of the public shall be provided a maximum two minutes time limit in the first instance, in which to ask a maximum of two questions (whether these are submitted ‘in writing’ or ‘from the floor’). A question may include a request for the tabling of documents where these are relevant to an issue before Council.

11. Should there be time remaining on the initial period for Public Question Time (i.e. 15 minutes) after all members of the public have posed their initial allotment of two questions, the Presiding Member will then allow members of the public to sequentially (in accordance with the register) ask further questions (with necessary limits in place as discussed above if required) until the initial period for Public Question Time has expired.

12. Any extension to the initial period for Public Question Time is to be limited to a period that will allow sufficient time for any remaining members of the public to ask their initial allotment of two questions.

13. Where a question (compliant to these rules) is raised and is unable to be answered at the meeting, the question shall be ‘taken on notice’ with an answer being given at the next appropriate Council Meeting.

14. Where a member of the public submitting a question is not physically present at the meeting, those questions will be treated as an item of correspondence and will be answered in the normal course of business (and not be recorded in the minutes)