



# MINUTES

## For the Ordinary Council Meeting

Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



**Ian Holland**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Shire President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11.20am.

**2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

<b>President</b>	Cr Raul Valenzuela
<b>Deputy President</b>	Cr Kieran Payne
<b>Councilors</b>	Cr Tamisha Hodder (telephonic) Cr Raelene Kroon Cr Derek Jones Angus Nichols (telephonic)
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Ian Holland
<b>Deputy CEO</b>	Glenn Boyes
<b>Executive Assistant</b>	Diane Hodder
<b>Works Foreman</b>	Luke O'Shaughnessy
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	NIL
<b>LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>	NIL

**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.

Cr Tamisha Hodder declared a financial interest in Item 14.3 – Murchison Regional Aboriginal Corporation – Rating Exemption.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME  
REPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

NIL

**QUESTIONS TAKEN WITHOUT NOTICE**

NIL

**5 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Bushfire Service Medals

**6 NOTICE OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

NIL

**7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

NIL

## 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

DATE	LOCATION	MEETING	ATTENDANCE
19 February 2026	Mt Magnet	MRVC	Cr Payne & Cr Nichols
13 April 2026	Geraldton	RRG Meeting	Cr Valenzuela, Ceo Ian Holland & Luke O'Shaughnessy Works Foreman
16 & 17 April 2026	CUE	Murchison Executive Group & Cue Parliament (WALGA Zone)	Cr Valenzuela, Cr Payne & Ceo Ian Holland
18 April 2026	Mt Magnet	Civic Legal Cr Training	Cr Valenzuela, Cr Payne, Cr Jones, Cr Hodder, Cr Kroon, Ceo Ian Hooland & Deputy Ceo Glenn Boyes
22 April 2026	Yalgoo	LEMC	Cr Valenzuela & Ceo Ian Holland
29 & 30 April 2026	Charles Darwin Reserve	Gunduja Fire Forum	Cr Kroon

## 9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-01

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Derek Jones

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

9.2 Minutes of the Electors' Annual General Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

### **OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Electors' Annual General Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-02**

Moved: Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That the minutes of the Electors' Annual general Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## **10 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

10.1 Please find attached April Minutes for the Murchison Country Zone of the Western Australian Local Government Association.

# MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

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**Shires of –**

Cue  
Meekatharra  
Mount Magnet  
Murchison  
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Yalgoo



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## **MINUTES MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**FRIDAY 17 APRIL – 9.30AM  
CUE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE  
AUSTIN STREET CUE**



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## Ordinary Meeting, Cue Administration Centre on Friday 17 APRIL 2026

### 1. Opening

The President opened the meeting at 9.30am.

### 2. Attendance

#### 2.1 Delegates

Cr Les Price	President Shire of Cue; Murchison Country Zone of WALGA Zone Delegate
Cr Raul Valenzuela	President Shire of Yalgoo
Cr Kieran Payne	Deputy President Shire of Yalgoo
Cr Harvey Nichols	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	Shire of Mount Magnet
Mr Richard Towell	CEO Shire of Cue

#### 2.1 Observers

Mr Ian Holland	CEO Shire of Yalgoo
Mr Nathan Cain	CEO Shire of Meekatharra
Mr Peter Money	CEO Shire of Sandstone
Mr Bill Boehm	CEO Shire of Murchison
Ms Tralee Cable	CEO Shire of Mount Magnet
Ms Samantha Appleton	Executive Officer Murchison Country Zone of WALGA

## 2.2 Visitors

Mr Mark Irwin	President WALGA
Mr Nick Sloan	CEO WALGA
Mr Mark Holdsworth	Executive Officer - Regional Development Australia Mid West
Mr Hugh Bonham	Manager - Regional Development Development Australia Mid West
Ms Bev Bronson	Senior Regional Development Officer - Mid West Development Commission
Mr Nils Hay	CEO – Midwest Development Commission
Mr Adam Murezweski	Director of Regional Development – Midwest Development Commission
Mr John D’Arcy	Principal Stakeholder Manager - Water Corporation
Ms Veronique Thoms	Communication Advisor – Water Corporation
Ms Bec Fogarty	Community Manager - Shire of Murchison
Ms Rachel Evans	Tourism Support Recreation Officer - Shire of Murchison
Ms Libby Twiss	Community Relations Advisor - Westgold
Ms Tayla Parnham	Superintendent Environmental - Westgold
Ms Di Franklin	District Director Mid West - WA Country Health Service Mid West Murchison
Mr Liam Loan-Lack	Chief Customer Officer - Keystart
Ms Frances Walley	Aboriginal Home Ownership Liaison Officer - Keystart
Mr Rick Ryan	Community Emergency Services Manager - Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Mr Shane Love MLA	Leader of the Nationals WA
Ms Alison Cooke	Research Officer for Shane Love MLA
Mr Neil Thompson MLC	Member for Western Australia
Cr Stephanie Brown	Shire of Sandstone
Mr Shayne Hills	Regional Manager - Department of Housing and Works

## 2.3 Via Teams

Ms Louise Adamson	Network Manager – Main Roads Mid West – Gascoyne Region
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## 2.4 Apologies

Mr Boyd Brown	Regional General Manager - WA Telstra Business
Ms Joanne Fabling	CEO - Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Hon Melissa Price	Member for Durack
Mr Basil Zemplis MLA	Leader of the Opposition WA
Hon Julie Freeman MLC	Member for WA
Hone Rob Horstman	Member for WA
Hon. R.H. Cook, MLA	Premier; Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Economic Diversification
Hon. R Saffioti, MLA	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation
Hon. S. Dawson, MLC	Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
Hon. J. Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Forestry; Small Business; Mid West

Hon. P. Papalia CSC, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Defence Industries; Veterans; Racing and Gaming
Hon. Dr A.D. Buti, MLA	Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; Tertiary and International Education; Multicultural Interests
Hon. S.F. McGurk, MLA	Minister for Creative Industries; Heritage; Industrial Relations; Aged Care and Seniors; Women
Hon. A. Sanderson, MLA	Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation; Manufacturing; Skills and TAFE; Pilbara
Hon. J.N. Carey, MLA	Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure
Hon. D.T. Punch, MLA	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West
Hon. R.R. Whitby, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern
Hon. S. Winton, MLA	Minister for Education; Early Childhood; Preventative Health; Wheatbelt
Hon. D.R. Michael, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Finance; Electoral Affairs; Goldfields-Esperance
Hon. H. Beazley, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
Hon. J. Stojkovski, MLA	Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport; Peel
Hon. M. Swinbourne, MLC	Minister for Environment; Community Services; Homelessness
Hon. M. Hammat, MLA	Minister for Health; Mental Health
Ms Janet Hartley-West	Director Mid West Gascoyne Main Roads
Mr Murray Carter	Executive Director Rural Fire Division – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Ms Sharon McElroy	Executive Support Officer – Corporate Services - Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Ms Jody Rolston	A/Executive Director - WA Country Health Service Mid West Murchison
Mr Mark Bowen AFSM	Superintendent Mid West Gascoyne - Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Ms Stacey Naughtin	A/Executive Director Corporate Services – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Ms Melissa Pexton	Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Emergency Management – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Ms Karen Morrissey	Project Manager – Murchison Georegions
Ms Kirralee Warr MLA	Shadow Minister for Local Government

### 3. Vale Cr Ross Pigdon

Cr Price paid tribute to Cr Pigdon and outlined his early days from his birth at Big Bell to his time in Vietnam as a soldier, his work as a Police Officer and his return to Cue to run the family store. He also served the community in many ways and had 3 stints on the Cue Council including being Shire President from 2015 to 2023. He also served on the Vermin Council and the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA. Cr Price expressed condolences to family friends and loved ones of Cr Pigdon.



## **5. WA Local Government Association**

### **5.1 WALGA President**

President Mark Irwin introduced himself to the meeting and provided information about his background and life as well as his views on the role, current issues and building relationships with governments and the development of engagement with them

# President's Report

## May 2026

### **Introduction**

As the newly elected WALGA President, I am proud to represent our 139 Member Local Governments and advance the sector's priorities at both the State and National level.

I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of outgoing President Karen Chappel AM JP and Deputy President Paul Kelly. As a sector, we have benefited from the selfless and determined leadership demonstrated by Karen and Paul across the last four years.

As your President, I am committed to maintaining strong, collaborative relationships across all levels of Government, ensuring the perspectives of Western Australia's Local Governments are reflected in policy development, and engagement occurs at the times it matters most.

I also acknowledge the election of WALGA Deputy President Chris Antonio from the Shire of Northam, and I look forward to working closely with him to progress WALGA's strategic objectives and reinforce the strong voice of Local Government in Western Australia.

### **Political Engagement**

Since commencing in the role, I have been humbled by the messages of support I have received from all levels of Government. I have made it a priority to engage with key State Government Ministers, Members of the Opposition and Federal Members of Parliament to seek early meetings and explore opportunities for constructive collaboration.

Strengthening these relationships is a priority, and I am focused on ensuring WALGA is well positioned to engage proactively on matters of importance to the Local Government sector.

### **Media Engagement**

In my first weeks as President, I have actively engaged with media on relevant matters. I have spoken to a range of outlets on topics including Renewable Energy, Local Government reform, State Government priorities and the long-term challenges facing the sector, as well as attending pertinent events.

Media has included interviews with the ABC Radio and TV, 6PR, and The West Australian, emphasising the importance of community benefit, protecting local voice, and ensuring Local Governments are not required to absorb costs arising from major policy and infrastructure decisions.

I have also had the opportunity to share my vision for WALGA and how I plan to build on the success to-date, working with the State Government to ensure the best outcomes for WA Local Governments and their communities.

On Tuesday, 10 March, I attended the Energy Exchange Australia event with Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA where Premier Hon Roger Cook MLA announced the State of Energy initiative.

On Thursday, 12 March, I attended UDIA WA's first industry breakfast for 2026 where Deputy Premier and Treasurer the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA delivered a keynote address emphasising housing supply without increasing demand and the importance of community engagement. This provided an opportunity for me to discuss with her the critical role Local Governments play in supporting new housing developments across WA.

It was also great to see Minister for Local Government the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA acknowledge WALGA's new leadership and the work of the Association in Parliament.

### **Fuel Security**

Fuel supply constraints continue to impact Local Governments across Western Australia, particularly in regional areas, and WALGA has remained actively engaged in the State's coordinated response. WALGA has been meeting regularly with Mr Rob Cossart, the State Fuel Security State Controller, which has provided the opportunity for information sharing, and the provision of on-the-ground feedback regarding fuel availability and impacts.

Feedback from the sector highlights ongoing supply disruptions, particularly from independent suppliers, affecting Local Governments' ability to maintain adequate reserves and plan operations with certainty. Emerging delays to waste collection and landfill services have prompted contingency planning across several communities. Members have also reported supplier-driven cost increases and workforce challenges, including staff unable to travel or undertake fuel-dependent duties.

WALGA will continue to meet weekly with the State Controller and provide timely updates to the sector as the situation evolves.

### **Electoral Reforms**

Following the electoral reform announcement made by the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government at 2025 WALGA Convention, WALGA distributed a Discussion Paper to ensure the current Advocacy Position still reflects the sectors views.

WALGA received over 100 submissions from Members and the results will be utilised to update existing advocacy positions.

### **Sector wide engagement with Aboriginal Elected Members and communities**

In my first week as President, I participated in WALGA's second Aboriginal Elected Member Roundtable, followed the next day by the annual Aboriginal Engagement Forum. Established and newly elected Aboriginal Elected Members from twelve Local Governments joined myself, WALGA's Senior Executive Team and the Director General of the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) to share their experience of leading and representing their communities on Council. It was a great opportunity to listen to Aboriginal Councillors from vastly diverse communities across WA and gain a stronger understanding of their experience as Elected Members and community and cultural leaders.

Representatives from LGIRS also joined the Roundtable to hear directly what support is required to enable Aboriginal Elected Members to thrive in their Council roles. These insights will enable WALGA to work collaboratively with LGIRS to fulfil the Department's commitment to support Aboriginal Elected Members made at the 2025 Aboriginal Engagement Forum.

## **2026 Aboriginal Engagement Forum**

The 2026 Aboriginal Engagement Forum was held at the State Reception Centre, Kaarta Gar-up | Kings Park, on 18 March 2026. The program theme was Empowerment in Action | Kaarditjin kwop Koorliny and focused on opportunities for Local Government to build pathways to employment, business and leadership. The event sold out with approximately 250 attendees, and a record number of Aboriginal Elected Members, Aboriginal Local and State Government officers and community partners. I would like to thank my fellow State Councillors who attended the Forum and helped to promote the event.

## **Large Scale Renewable Energy Projects - Community Benefit Framework**

The State Government's release of the Community Benefits Guideline for Large-scale Renewable Energy Projects in the South West Interconnected System marks a key step in ensuring regional communities share in opportunities created by the energy transition.

The Guideline follows strong advocacy from WALGA for meaningful local benefits and builds on the release of WALGA's Renewable Energy Community Benefits and Engagement Guide in July 2025.

These community benefits arrangements have the potential to deliver and accelerate priorities of local communities. The Guideline will establish the development of Community Benefits Plans and the formation of Community Benefits Advisory Groups.

Local Governments will have a central role in developing Community Benefits Plans and as part of the Community Benefits Advisory Groups to be established to ensure that the plans align with community priorities.

This is a significant advocacy outcome, however the focus on ensuring these benefits remain distinct from the way Local Governments apply rates to land that has undergone a change of use, which is essential for cost recovery, will continue.

Finally, I'd like to extend my best wishes on behalf of WALGA to the communities impacted by Tropical Cyclone Narelle. This event is a sobering reminder of the destructive power of these natural events across the State. I am in awe of the strength and resilience of our sector during these events, and I'd like to acknowledge State Councillors Matt Nikkula, the Shire of Exmouth President and Audra Smith the President from the Shire of Ashburton. Audra and Matt, along with every other Elected Member and officer in communities impacted by TC Narelle make us all proud and we will continue to do everything in our power to support them during the long recovery ahead.

**Mark Irwin**  
**WALGA President**

## **President's Contacts**

The President's contacts since 4 March 2026 and scheduled before 8 May 2026 are as follows:

### **State and Commonwealth Government Relations**

- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
- Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure
- Housing Industry Roundtable with Deputy Premier, Hon Rita Saffioti MLA and Hon John Carey MLA
- Ride Safe Inquiry Briefing with Hon Hannah Beazley MLA and Hon Jessica Stojkovski MLA

- Ms Kirrilee Warr MLA, Shadow Minister for Local Government
- Labor Leaders Forum lunch with Premier, Hon Roger Cook MLA
- Labor Leaders Forum lunch with Hon Paul Papalia MLA
- 500 Club Event – Basil Zempilas – A Vision for 2026 Luncheon and Q&A
- Leader of the Opposition, Vasil Zempilas MLA and Shadow Minister for Housing, Sandra Brewer MLA
- Department of Energy and Economic Diversification & Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety
  - Director General, Rebecca Brown (DEED)
  - Coordinator of Energy, Jai Thomas
  - Director General, Lanie Chopping (DLGIRS)
- Ms Lanie Chopping, Director General, Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety
- Mr Leon Mclvor, Director General, Department of Housing and Works

### **Zone Meetings**

- Murchison Country Zone
- Northern Country Zone
- South East Metropolitan Zone
- Pilbara Country Zone
- Peel Country Zone
- East Metropolitan Zone
- Kimberley Country Zone
- Great Southern Country Zone

### **Local Government Relations**

- State Council Meetings
  - State Council Meeting, 4 March
  - State Council Information Forum, 1 April
  - Finance & Services Committee
- **ALGA**
  - Board Meeting, 19 March

### **Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations**

- Energy Exchange Australia 2026
- Regional Capital Alliance WA meeting (RCAWA)
- Safe Systems for Local Government Workshop
- WALGA Aboriginal Elected Member Roundtable
- 2026 WALGA Aboriginal Engagement Forum
- WALGA 2026 Mayors and Presidents Forum
- Property Council of Australia – Lunch with the Treasurer

## 5.2 Zone Representative to State Council – Cr Les Price

**17 April 2026**

### **Murchison Country Zone - 'CUE PARLIAMENT'**

**WELCOME** Special welcome to newly elected WALGA President Mark Irwin. Mark is Mayor of the City of Stirling and continues the good work of retiring President Karen Chappel.  
Welcome also to WALGA CEO Nick Sloan. Nick is a familiar face to many of us here at the Murchison Country Zone and we thank both Mark and Nick for making the time to attend our meeting.

**SINCE LAST MEETING** 21 November 2025

- 2 x State Council Meetings
- 2 x State Council Strategic Forums
- 3 x State Council Information Forums
- 2 x State Council Agenda Briefings
- 2 x Environment Policy Team Meeting
- 1 x Joint Environment and People and Place Policy Team Meeting
- 2 x Selection Committee Meetings
- 2 x Honours Panel Meetings
- 14 x Flying Minutes.
- 1 x Corporate Governance Charter Workshop
- 1 x Elected Member Information Session
- 1 x Mayors and Presidents Forum
- 1 x WALGA State Council Induction.
- 2 x Fuel Security Meeting

With the retirement of President Karen Chappel (Shire of Morowa) and Deputy President Paul Kelly (Town of Claremont) the Western Australian Local Government Association ('WALGA') State Councillors elected Mayor Mark Irwin (City of Stirling) as President and President Chris Antoniono (Shire of Northam) as Deputy President of the Association at its meeting of State Councillors held on 4 March 2026.

Mark and Chris both work well together and recognise the need to support Local Governments across the State, particularly those in regional WA and in the more remote parts of our State.

For the next term I will hold several roles in WALGA which include:-

- Environment Policy Team Chair
- State Council representative on the Selection Panel
- State Council representative on the Honours Panel

#### **Induction**

With the Local Government Elections held in October 2025 the mix of State Council included five (5) new State Councillors. The December State Council meeting was the first time new Councillors had the opportunity to meet continuing Councillors and experience the workings of WALGA and State Council for the first time.

I attended a workshop which provided Councillors with a complete overview of the structure of WALGA and the make-up of the 17 Zones which represent all 139 Local Governments across the State. Councillors were also shown how the Policy Teams function within WALGA and how matters impacting Local Government are considered and eventually come before State Council for endorsement.

### **Inaugural Local Government Inspector**

As of 1 January, the newly appointed inaugural Local Government Inspector, Tony Brown, formerly commenced his role. The Local Government Inspector is a statutory officer appointed to improve the accountability, transparency, and decision-making of local governments across Western Australia. The Inspector provides oversight through complaint handling, inquiries, compliance review, and education.

As Tony has extensive knowledge of Local Government and having been a former CEO and Senior Executive with WALGA he is ideally placed to carry out his new role.

Tony delivered a presentation to State Council on his role with a focus on Conduct and Compliance. Whilst the majority of Local Governments operate smoothly and with efficiency there are some where there is conflict between Councillors as well as with the Administration where there are compliance concerns. Tony has the power to appoint a Monitor to a Local Government to deal with the various issues of a Local Government which comes at a cost to the Local Government.

### **State Council**

WALGA Administration and State Council continue to work in an exceptionally busy environment which involves *inter alia*:-

- Dealing with State Government on sector concerns
- Preparing extensive submissions to Government on matters that impact the sector
- Considering the recommendations of the seventeen (17) Zones
- Developing policy
- Preparing position papers
- Providing elected member training
- Service offering to Local Governments

### **Some Areas of WALGA's Recent & Current Focus**

- Fuel Security
- Community benefits for Renewable Energy Projects
- Rating of Renewable Energy Facilities.
- Rating of Miscellaneous Licences
- Infrastructure / Road Safety.
- Governance & Local Government Reform.
- 2026-2027 State Budget Submission.
- Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.
- Select Committee into Land Development and Planning.
- State Waste Strategy.
- Review of the Work Health and Safety Act 2020

WALGA received a presentation from the Minister for Local Government Hon. Hannah Beasley detailing some of the Local Government Reforms with the main focus being:-

- Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors and the Administrators of Local Governments.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Compulsory Local Government Elections
- Full election of all Councillors every four (4) years.

*WATCH THIS SPACE....THERE IS MORE TO COME!*

In between the more formal meeting process the current State Councillors work closely together collaborating over different issues that impact the either a particular Local Government, Region or the State as a whole.

### **Strategic Forum.**

Aside from the regular State Council meetings WALGA conducts a bi-monthly Information Forum and Strategic Forum. The purpose of the Strategic Forum is to provide an opportunity for State Councillors to raise any issue they believe to have strategic importance for WALGA and the sector. The Forums enable WALGA to receive presentations from Departments, Agencies, Ministers, Shadow Ministers and others with an interest in matters that WALGA is dealing with. Presenters included:-

- Ms Lanie Chopping, Director General, Department of Local Government, Industry Relations and Safety
- Mr Peter Forbes, Chairperson, and Mr James Sheridan, CEO, LGISWA
- Ms Mia Carbon, Deputy Director General, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Dr Geoffrey Jalleh, Associate Professor and Director, Survey Research Centre, Edith Cowan University
- Mr Tony Brown, Local Government Inspector, and
- Ms Tanya Evans, Principal Media and Engagement, Local Government Inspectorate

Some Notable topics included:-

- Budget discussions
- Renewable Energy review
- Local Government Act review
- Electoral reforms
- Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007 review
- Waste Management
- Emergency Management Survey

### **Information Forum**

The Information Forum is an interactive and informal briefing session and provides opportunity for State Councillors to be briefed on current activities and items of interest. Some discussion topics included:-

- Renewable Energy Projects,
- Overview of the Government review of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act 2007.
- WALGA's Cooperation and Shared Services Report
- Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee (LHAAC)
- Fuel Security

### **Policy Teams.**

WALGA has a number of Policy teams to consider a variety of matters to go before State Council and encourages all Zones to continue to put forward issues that affect their communities for advocacy consideration. Currently WALGA has four (4) Policy Teams covering :-

- Infrastructure.
- People and Place.
- Governance.
- Environment.

### **Environment Policy Team**

This team is responsible for matters that relate to:-

- Environment
- Planning
- Building Regulation.

Some of the more notable issue coming under consideration include:-

### **Draft Renewable Energy Planning Code**

The State released a draft Renewable Energy Planning code in December 2025. Aims to establish a clear and consistent assessment framework, clear development standards and improved certainty around impacts such as noise, landscape, safety and environmental issues.

The growth in the number, size and complexity of renewable energy facilities across Western Australia have become contentious issues in local communities across the State. Community benefit sharing agreements are encouraged but sit outside the planning system.

Projects include:-

- Wind Farms
- Transmission Systems
- Battery Storage Systems

WALGA has some concerns that some elements of the Code and the proposed regulatory amendments will limit the Local Government and community role in the decision making process with little benefit and potential ongoing implications and costs on Local Governments.

WALGA considers it essential that the requirement for community benefits be mandated and that there is a need to protect rural land for agricultural purposes.

### **Climate Change Discussion Paper and Draft Advocacy Position**

The development of an Advocacy Position has been in the pipeline since the March 2025 State Council Meeting which recommended further development. For some Climate Change is a contentious issue and State Council is looking to have a whole of sector engagement on the development of any position. WALGA is encouraging all Zones provide comment and feedback for consideration on the development of the Advocacy Position and for individual Councils to have an endorsed position.

The Environment Team will meet to consider all Zone feedback in late June 2026 and then have an Advocacy Position considered at the July 2026 State Council Meeting. Hence, it is important this Zone make a clear contribution for inclusion in any consideration by WALGA in the development of that Advocacy Position.

At this point in time the WA State Government has put on hold any legislative framework around Climate Change, and I suspect influenced by differing community concerns and a shift in the balance of power in the upper house.

### **Water Management Discussion Paper**

The Environment Policy Team identified the need to consolidate and expand its current water related advocacy position to ensure that Local Governments and their communities have access to consistent, reliable and adequate water supplies. This would include:-

- Undertaking a review of the water licensing and allocation system
- Prioritising high value community use
- Funding for critical water infrastructure programs for Local Government,
- Clearing permits
- Public open space considerations
- Future planning for water

Other issues under consideration include:-

**Urban Greening Strategy** for the Perth and Peel regions targeting a 30% canopy tree cover by 2024. WALGA will receive funding to employ an Urban Greening Facilitator. Grants will be available for communities and schools. An action plan is soon to be released.

A **Joint Environment and People and Place Policy Teams** met to review the DFES 'Bushfire Place of Last Resort Discussion Paper' and, whilst commendable, was considered not a pathway Local Government should take where there is inherent risk, potential liability and cost to Local Governments in maintaining and upkeep of facilities associated with selected places of last resort not to mention public expectation in times of disaster and seasonal influx putting stress on already limited Local Government resources.

### **Corporate Governance Charter Workshop**

The Corporate Governance Charter is a written policy of State Council that defines the respective roles and responsibilities of key positions within WALGA and details the administrative and governance processes of State Council

The purpose of the workshop was for State Councillors to consider and discuss the proposed amendments to the Corporate Governance Charter and related documents (Code of Conduct, State Council Standing Orders and AGM Standing Orders) in preparation for formal consideration and endorsement by State Council. Items discussed included:-

- Updated Corporate Governance Charter
- Corporate Governance Charter
- Updated Code of Conduct
- State Council Standing Orders
- AGM Standing Orders

I am/was a WALGA State Councillor representative on the **Municipal Waste Advisory Council** ('MWAC'). As with time some things come to an end. MWAC commenced in 1994 and pre dates WALGA. The council was 'out on a limb' and there is need to review its purpose. This will come up for State Council consideration at a later date and either be brought under the Environment Policy Team umbrella or potentially a new waste advisory group be formed designed to develop waste policy.

### **Selection Committee**

The Committee considered vacancies for a number of positions some of which include:-

- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC)
- WA Local Government Grants Commission (Country Urban - Cities or Towns).
- Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act Advisory Committee.
- Health Authorities Analytical Committee.
- Swan River Trust.
- WA Library Board.

To elected members and officers there are many opportunities available for you to nominate so please make time to review and perhaps consider a worthwhile role.

### **Honours Recognition and Awards**

The Honours Panel has just concluded reviewing the nominations for the 2026 WALGA Awards is just a timely reminder to look closely at the Elected Members and Officers of your Local Governments and consider if there is a person worthy of being nominated for an award in 2027. This is a time to recognise the efforts of those who give of their time to serve the community.

### **Our Zone's Contribution to WALGA**

We, as a Zone, get the opportunity to contribute to the overall framework of policy and advocacy developed by WALGA. Fortunately, my role in WALGA enables me to be on top of those areas that

may impact our Zone. All members around this table should take some time to provide feedback and commentary, as brief as that may be, so that I can promote those positions at the appropriate time. If we don't engage then we are not heard and therefore, our region may well fall by the wayside.. I would like to thank those who do contribute...please keep it up!

### **The Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (ALGA)**

The Assembly is to be held from 23 to 25 June 2026 and will provide an opportunity for Councils to send representatives to Canberra. Irrespective of whether an individual Council sends representatives it provides a forum for a Council to put forward a recommendation for consideration by the Assembly.

The NGA provides Councillors and the CEO with an opportunity to network and get a broader understanding of the business of Local Government at the national level. You are encouraged to consider the next National General Assembly in 2027.

### **Next State Council Meeting 20 November 2026.**



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5.3 Zone Status Report –

## COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT

### February 2026

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Murchison C	21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 6.3 <b>Unsustainable Changes to the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network</b>	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.	WALGA CEO and staff met with the Main Roads WA Chief Operating Officer and Heavy Vehicle Services Director on 18 December to explain the negative impact of the changes on Local Governments, highlighting the lack of consultation with, communication to and guidance for Local Governments.  It was agreed that a forum or workshop with impacted Local Governments would be convened for February.  WALGA has approached a sample of senior Local Government officers to contribute to the agenda development based on the issues and impacts experienced.  Further updates will be provided to the next Zone meeting in April 2026.	February 2026	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Murchison C	11 April Zone Agenda Item 7.7 <b>Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements</b>	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:  <i>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 &amp; AGRN1021.</i>	August 2025	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Murchison C	21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 6.5 <b>Local Government Amendment (Rating of Certain Mining Licenses) Bill 2025</b>	That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA to: 1. Explore alternative options to the unreasonably punitive Local Government Amendment (Rating of Certain Mining Licenses) Bill 2025. 2. Support a request for the current bill to be forwarded to an enquiry by the Legislative Council.	<b>State Council Resolution</b>  That WALGA: 1. Advocate for Local Governments to continue to have the ability to rate miscellaneous licences under the Mining Act 1978; and 2. Oppose legislative amendments that seek to exempt occupied miscellaneous licence land from rating. 3. Continue to advocate for a broad review to be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995. RESOLUTION 050.4/2025	February 2026	Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager Member Services <a href="mailto:kmartin@walga.asn.au">kmartin@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2061

			COMPLETE		
<b>Murchison C</b>	21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item <b>6.2 Call for the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a Performance Audit of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA)</b>	That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA and other WALGA Zones to call upon the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of Recovery and Resilience management of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in Western Australia.	The Infrastructure Policy Team considered the Zone resolution on 20 January and supported the recommendation to formally write to the Auditor General to seek a performance audit.	<b>February 2026</b>	<b>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@w alga.asn.au 9213 2039</b>
<b>Murchison C</b>	11 April 2025 Zone Agenda Item <b>7.5 Climate Change Advocacy Position</b>	That State Council replace the 2018 Climate Change Policy Statement Advocacy Position 4.1 Climate Change with the following advocacy position.  WALGA calls on the Australian Federal Government and Western Australian State Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prioritise and provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination, and action to deliver a climate change response that improves the quality of life for all Australians</li> <li>b. Provide the required level of funding, resources and support to Local Governments to enable local communities to respond to climate change; and</li> <li>c. Ensure that any climate change action does not impact the standard of living of local communities.</li> </ul>	WALGA has been working on an updated Draft Advocacy Position for consideration by Local Government. The Draft Advocacy Position, and accompanying Background Paper, will be released for a 12-week period to provide feedback.  COMPLETE	<b>February 2026</b>	<b>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@w alga.asn.au 9213 2039</b>



		acceptable procurement processes and evidence requirements, and report to the Zone.			
<b>Murchison C</b>	21 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item <b>6.2 Call for the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a Performance Audit of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA)</b>	That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA and other WALGA Zones to call upon the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of Recovery and Resilience management of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in Western Australia.	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team considered the Zone resolution on 20 January and supported the recommendation to formally write to the Auditor General to seek a performance audit.</p> <p>WALGA has written to the Auditor General seeking a performance audit of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in Western Australia.</p> <p>The letter addresses each of the criteria used by the Auditor General to prioritise matters for audit.</p>	<p><b>February 2026</b></p> <p><b>April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</b>  <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a>  9213 2031</p>



## 5.4.1 Matters for Decision

### 5.4.1.1 Protecting Council Member and Employee Privacy Advocacy Position

By Meghan Dwyer, Governance Specialist

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

***That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position: Protecting Council Member and Employee Privacy That WALGA advocates to the State Government to:***

- 1. Undertake a review of disclosure requirements for Local Government Council Members and employees under the Local Government Act 1995,***
- 2. Undertake the necessary legislative amendments to strike an appropriate balance between transparency, personal safety, and contemporary community expectations of privacy, including:***
  - a. Amend section 5.95(1) to prescribe that the right to inspect primary and annual returns contained in the register of financial interests under s.5.94***  
***(b) does not extend to the full residential address of the relevant person, and is instead limited to the suburb or locality.***
  - b. Amend Form 7 of the Local Government (Constitutional) Regulations 1998 to remove the requirement to disclose a full residential address when making the declaration of office.***

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The South East Metropolitan Zone resolved to request WALGA advocate to amend s.5.95(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* to specify that the right to inspect Primary and Annual Returns (Returns) contained in the Register of Financial Interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the residential address of the relevant person.
- Returns may include residential addresses, which are then made publicly accessible, creating privacy and safety risks.
- Council Members and employees are increasingly reluctant to disclose residential addresses due to safety and security risks, demonstrating that current legislation no longer aligns with contemporary expectations of privacy.
- Recent parliamentary scrutiny of similar requirements for Members of Parliament led to recommendations to remove full residential address disclosures, which the Government supported.
- In addition to Returns, Council Members must also provide a residential address when making their declaration of office.
- It would be appropriate for a review of all public disclosure requirements under the *Local Government Act 1995* to occur to ensure that they remain contemporary, effective, and aligned with modern standards of accountability and personal security.
- The Governance Policy Team endorsed the proposed advocacy position at its meeting on 23 March 2026.

## 5.4.1.2 Water Management Advocacy Position

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

***Water Management***

1. ***Access to consistent, reliable and adequate water supplies is critical for Local Government operations, community health, amenity, environmental sustainability and economic activity.***
2. ***WALGA is calling on the State Government to:***
  - a. ***Modernise water management legislation and regulation, including:***
    - i. ***undertaking a review of the water licensing and allocation system to ensure equitable access and prioritise high value community use including for public open space***
    - ii. ***developing a state-wide framework for integrated regional and catchment-scale water planning.***
  - b. ***Adequately, sustainably and equitably fund critical water infrastructure programs for Local Government, including:***
    - i. ***drainage and irrigation upgrades***
    - ii. ***alternative water sources (recycled water, stormwater harvesting, desalination and groundwater replenishment) and disused water asset transfer***
    - iii. ***small-scale sewerage infrastructure headworks and infill sewerage.***
  - c. ***Expand the Waterwise Council Program statewide and provide:***
    - i. ***increased support and resources to assist Local Government in delivering water efficiency measures***
    - ii. ***incentives for Local Governments to undertake water efficiency initiatives.***
  - d. ***Improve water data access and capability for Local Governments to ensure evidence-based decision making.***
  - e. ***Provide effective leadership, guidance, education and enforcement to address the impacts of stormwater runoff.***

2. Retires Advocacy Position 6.14 Planning for Water.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A new Water Management Advocacy Position and the retirement of position 6.14 Planning for Water is proposed.
- The new Position has been developed following consultation and feedback on WALGA's *Water Management in Western Australia Discussion Paper*.
- 28 Local Governments provided more than 200 comments on the paper, with the main issues being:
  - equitable access to consistent and reliable water;

- water licensing and allocation;
- integrated regional and catchment-scale water planning;
- water for Public Open Space (POS);
- funding
  - for critical infrastructure - drainage and irrigation, alternative water sources and sewerage infill and headworks.
  - for water efficiency and water sensitive urban design initiatives.
- expanding and improving the Waterwise Council Program;
- access to data and information to inform decision making; and
- addressing the impacts of stormwater runoff.
- The outcomes sought in 6.14 Planning for Water have been realised in the recently released State Planning Policy 2.9.
- The Environment Policy Team endorsed retiring the position and the new position at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

### 5.4.1.3 Off Roads Vehicles Advocacy Position

*By Rebecca Hicks, Policy Advisor Community*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

***That State Council retire Advocacy Position 3.12 Off Road Vehicles.***

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- It is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.12 Off Road Vehicles (ORV) be retired.
- The *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Vehicles) Act 1978* (the ORV Act) provides the legislative framework for the use of off-road vehicles within permitted areas in WA.
- Nine Local Governments own and maintain Off Road Vehicle (ORV) areas.
- Advocacy Position 3.12 Off Road Vehicles was adopted by State Council in 2018 in response to concerns from Members about the use of permitted ORV areas.
- Amendments to the ORV Act in 2025 address the core objectives of the ORV Advocacy Position, particularly as it relates to registration and enforcement.
- The retirement of the ORV Advocacy Position was endorsed by the People and Place Policy Team at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

#### 5.4.1.4 Homelessness Advocacy Position

By Hannah Godsave, Manager Community Policy

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**That State Council replace Advocacy Position 3.11 Homelessness with the following:**

***WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to provide leadership, support and funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular:***

- 1. Ensuring specialist homelessness services are responsive to need, place-based and people-centred.***
- 2. Investing in social and affordable housing and wraparound services.***

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- It is proposed that the 2019 Advocacy Position 3.11 Homelessness be updated.
- While responding to homelessness is a State and Australian Government responsibility, the impacts of homelessness intersect with multiple areas of Local Government service delivery and requires them to manage community expectations.
- Western Australian Local Governments are reporting increased numbers of people experiencing homelessness, including Local Governments that have historically experienced minimal impact.
- WALGA undertook a survey of Members in early 2026 to better understand the impact on the sector and inform a review of the current Advocacy Position.
- The updated Position reflects the sector's view that the Australian and Western Australian Government should provide leadership, support and funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular specialist services, social and affordable housing and wraparound services.
- The People and Place Policy Team endorsed the revised position at its meeting on 19 March 2026.

#### 5.4.2 Matters for Noting

##### 5.4.2.1 Flying Minutes Endorsed by State Council

##### **FOR NOTING**

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

- Inquiry into Australia's Aviation Sector;
- Western Power Access Arrangement 6 Framework and Approach;
- Submission on the Multicultural Act for Western Australia Discussion Paper;
- DFES Bushfire Place of Last Resort Guideline Discussion Paper; and
- Draft Renewable Energy Planning Code Submission.

The full Flying Minutes are available on the [WALGA website](#).

Mr Liam Loan-Lack and Ms Frances Waley from Keystart presented information on what Keystart does and its recent transition to being a Government Trading Entity. The main work of Keystart is to assist community members who would normally be unable to enter the housing market with low interest loans and to provide education and support to them. The program also offers shared equity with Keystart retaining part ownership of some properties and funding for build to rent housing as well as support for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander in getting into their first home. They are keen to market their program to the regions.

## **6. Matters for Consideration**

### **6.1 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 of 31 March 2026.

Cheque Account 229492

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the financial statements for the periods 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 be received.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Walton**

**Seconded: Cr Madden**

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**That the financial statements for the periods 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 be received.**

**Carried 12/0**

<b>MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA</b>		
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>		
<b>1/07/2025 to 31/03/2026</b>		
<b>Bank Balance (as per B/S) 01/07/2025</b>		<b>\$ 22,714.95</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
9/07/2025	Shire of Meekatharra - Annual Subscription	\$ 2,800.00
11/07/2025	Shire of Sandstone - Annual Subscription	\$ 2,800.00
11/07/2025	Shire of Yalgoo - Annual Subscription	\$ 2,800.00
17/07/2025	Shire of Murchison - Annual Subscription	\$ 2,800.00
10/09/2025	Shire of Cue - Annual Subscription	\$ 2,800.00
	<b>Total Income to 31 March 2026</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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, Reimbursements	\$ 4,996.44
	<b>Total Expenditure to 31 March 2026</b>	<b>\$ 9,404.44</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>		
Balance Brought Forward 01/07/2025		\$ 22,714.95
Add Income Received		\$ 14,000.00
Less Expenditure		\$ 9,404.44
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 27,310.51</b>
<b>Balance as per Bank Statement 31 March 2026</b>		<b>\$ 27,310.51</b>

<b>MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA</b>			
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>			
<b>1/07/2025 to 31/03/2026</b>			
<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget 2025-26</b>	<b>Actual 2025-26</b>	<b>Projected 2025-26</b>
<b>Income</b>			
General Subscriptions	\$ 16,800	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,800
Interest Earned	\$ 20		
Reimbursements			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,820</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ 16,800</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,072	\$ 4,000
Teleconferences			
Special Meetings & Workshops			
Bank Fees & Charges	\$ 20		
Reimbursable Expenses			
Unclassified Expenses (Minute Book)	\$ 600		\$ 600
Zone Representative Gratuities	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Executive Officer Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000
Executive Officer Reimbursements	\$ 2,100	\$ 832	\$ 2,100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,220</b>	<b>\$ 9,404</b>	<b>\$ 17,200</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 4,596</b>	<b>-\$ 400</b>

## 6.2 Budget 2026/2027

Proposed by: Executive Officer

Proposed by: Executive Officer

### BACKGROUND

The 2025-26 Budget was adopted at the April 2025 meeting. The Zone has usually considered the subscriptions for the new financial year at this time, in preparation for member Shires own budgets.

### COMMENT

The Zone budget for 2025/2026 is balanced. There are expected to be increased costs during the year due to a projected increase in inflation which will flow onto some of the operating costs of the Zone. It is suggested that Member Shire subscriptions be increased to \$2,900.00 each, excl GST for 2025-26.

The honorariums approved for 2025-26 which have been paid, are –

- Zone President \$600
- Zone Deputy President \$400
- Zone Representative to WALGA \$1,500

If further expense is incurred by the Zone through unforeseen circumstances, an additional charge may be required from each Shire, however the surplus funds being held may accommodate any eventuality.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Budget for 2026-27 be adopted, incorporating –

- a) Member Shire subscriptions of \$2,900.00 per Shire, excluding GST, and
- b) Honorariums be set at the same level as applied last year.
  - Zone President \$600
  - Zone Deputy President \$400
  - Zone Representative to WALGA \$1,500

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor      Seconded: Cr McQuie

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That the draft Budget for 2026-27 be adopted, incorporating –

- a) Member Shire subscriptions of \$2,900.00 per Shire, excluding GST, and
- b) Honorariums be set at the same level as applied last year.
  - Zone President \$600
  - Zone Deputy President \$400
  - Zone Representative to WALGA \$1,500

Carried 12/0

<b>MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA</b>			
<b>BUDGET</b>			
<b>2026-27</b>			
<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget 2025-26</b>	<b>Projected 2025-26</b>	<b>Budget 2026-27</b>
<b>Income</b>			
General Subscriptions	\$ 16,800	\$ 16,800	\$ 17,300
Interest Earned	\$ 20		\$ 20
Reimbursements			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,820</b>	<b>\$ 16,800</b>	<b>\$ 17,320</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,600
Teleconferences			
Special Meetings & Workshops			
Bank Fees & Charges	\$ 20		\$ 20
Reimbursable Expenses			
Unclassified Expenses (Minute Book)	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 100
Zone Representative Gratuities	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Executive Officer Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Executive Officer Reimbursements	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,220</b>	<b>\$ 17,200</b>	<b>\$ 17,320</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$ 400</b>	<b>-\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



## 6.4 WALGA State Government Advocacy Partnership Review

Proposed by	Murchison Executive Group
Attachments	Queensland Local Government Equal Partners in Government Outline (under separate cover)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Murchison Executive Group (MEG) has identified an increasing need for stronger and more structured engagement between the Western Australian State Government and the Local Government sector, particularly in relation to policy development, legislative reform and regional service delivery.

Regional Local Governments play a critical role in supporting communities, facilitating economic development and maintaining essential infrastructure across Western Australia.

Consultation processes with the sector are often perceived as reactive rather than collaborative, with limited opportunity for meaningful regional input during the early stages of policy development.

This report proposes WALGA examine the successful 'Equal Partners in Government' agreement operating in Queensland as a potential model for strengthening the partnership between State and Local Government in Western Australia.

### PREAMBLE

The Murchison Executive Group, comprising Chief Executive Officers from Local Governments across the Murchison Region, was established to promote collaboration, strengthen regional advocacy and improve strategic coordination across participating Local Governments to -

- ~ *Share expertise and intelligence to enhance service delivery and governance outcomes.*
- ~ *Identify opportunities where regional collaboration can achieve efficiencies and strategic benefits.*
- ~ *Strengthen relationships across the Local Government sector and support the WALGA Murchison Country Zone.*
- ~ *Advance the MEG Regional Strategic Plan with a strong focus on sustainable economic development.*

### BACKGROUND

Local Governments across Western Australia are responsible for delivering essential community services, maintaining infrastructure and supporting economic development. In regional areas these responsibilities are often amplified due to distance, workforce constraints and infrastructure challenges.

Despite this critical role, many Local Governments have expressed concern

consultation with the State Government on policy and legislative reform does not always occur early enough in the policy development process to allow meaningful sector input.

Regional Local Governments frequently provide services or support activities which extend beyond their traditional responsibilities, particularly where other government services are limited.

Recent policy discussions, including matters relating to Local Government reform and the rating of miscellaneous mining licences, have reinforced the need for improved dialogue and collaboration between the State Government and the sector.

The Murchison Region faces unique challenges including housing availability, workforce constraints, infrastructure access and economic diversification.

Recent public commentary by the Minister for Local Government encouraging the sector to consider future structural sustainability, including the potential for amalgamations, highlights the importance of ensuring regional perspectives are clearly understood in State policy discussions.

For these reasons, the Murchison Executive Group believes it is timely for the region to strengthen its collective voice and advocate for a more structured partnership framework between State and Local Government.

## **A Way Forward**

The Murchison Executive Group has reviewed intergovernmental partnership models used in other Australian jurisdictions.

Queensland provides a notable example through the 'Equal Partners in Government' agreement between the State Government and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) as per the attachment.

This agreement formally recognises Local Government as a partner in governance and establishes structured consultation mechanisms for legislation and policy affecting the sector.

It includes regular engagement between State leadership and Local Government representatives, defined consultation timeframes and collaborative policy development.

The Murchison Executive Group believes exploring similar partnership arrangements in Western Australia could strengthen collaboration, improve consultation outcomes and ensure regional perspectives are more effectively represented in policy development.

## ADVOCACY POSITION FRAMEWORK

Element	Rating		
<b>Impact on Local Government Sector</b> Impact on Local Government sector without intervention	High	Medium	Low
<b>Reach</b> Number of member Local Governments affected	Sector-wide	Significant (multiple regions, Zones, or bands)	Few
<b>Influence</b> Capacity to influence decision makers	High	Medium	Low
<b>Principles</b> Alignment to core principles such as autonomy, funding, general competence	Strong	Partial	Peripheral
<b>Clarity</b> Policy change needed is clear and well-defined	Clear	Partial	Unclear
<b>Decision-maker support</b> Level of support among decision- makers (political and administrative)	High	Medium	Low
<b>Public support</b> Level of support among the public or other stakeholders	High	Medium	Low
<b>Positive consequences for WALGA</b> Prospect of positive consequences for WALGA. E.g. enhanced standing among members or leverage for other issues	High	Medium	Low
<b>Negative consequences for WALGA</b> Prospect of negative consequences for WALGA for not undertaking the advocacy effort. E.g. diminished standing among members or other stakeholders	High	Medium	Low
<b>Partnerships</b> Potential for partnerships with other stakeholders	Yes (3+)	Possibly (1-2)	No (0)

## RECOMMENDATION

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.
- 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

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Valenzuela**

**Seconded: Cr Price**

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**Carried 12/0**

CEO Bill Bohem stated the above agenda item had come about when looking at Partnerships with State Government and the developing partnerships is a positive way to see how best practice can be achieved.

Mr Shane Love MLA queried what had happened to the 2017 State/Local Government partnership.

WALGA CEO Mr Nick Sloan stated a 2021 agreement was focused on outcomes but was not formalised and that there is no current agreement in place.

## 6.5 Climate Change Advocacy Position

Proposed by Shire of Cue

*Attachments* WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position, Consultation Paper  
WALGA State Council Minutes, 5 March 2025, Climate Change  
Advocacy Position (under separate cover)

### BACKGROUND

WALGA has released a consultation paper (see attached) seeking Local Government feedback on a revised climate change advocacy position. The Consultation Paper includes background on these changes and a draft revised advocacy position.

WALGA's current advocacy position, as endorsed by State Council in 2018, states that:

Local Government acknowledges:

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

Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.

Local Government is calling for:

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

At the WALGA State Council meeting held on 5 March 2025, a replacement Climate Change Policy Statement Advocacy Position was presented for adoption. There was a mixed response and comments provided in the minutes to the proposal from various WALGA Zones. This item was referred back to the Environment Policy Team for further development. The minutes extract for this item is also attached.

The consultation paper that WALGA issued in January 2026 proposes a revised Climate Change Advocacy Position to that presented in March 2025. WALGA is seeking council endorsed feedback on the draft advocacy position and asks that all councils and WALGA zones consider the position. This new position commits local government to addressing climate change and focuses on achieving emission reduction targets. It is proposed by the author that the advocacy position should be

focused on outcomes that improve quality of life for communities and not commit local governments to a course of action.

## **COMMENT**

The proposed Climate Change Advocacy Position provided in the authors recommendation removes the commitment from local government to address climate change and focuses on outcomes that improve the quality of life for communities.

A climate change policy for local government should be focused on improving the quality of life for communities, rather than being narrowly driven by emissions reduction targets. Local governments are closest to their communities and are responsible for delivering practical local outcomes, such as infrastructure, services, public health, and community wellbeing, rather than aspiring to abstract global metrics.

Councils are tasked with ensuring safe and affordable housing, reliable local roads, accessible community facilities, effective waste and water services, and preparedness for natural disasters. Climate policy that prioritises quality of life enables councils to invest in actions that strengthen these core functions: improving building resilience to climate related events, reducing household energy costs through efficiency upgrades, enhancing urban greening and strengthening emergency management capability. These actions reduce climate risk while delivering immediate and visible benefits to residents.

An overemphasis on emissions reduction targets can constrain local governments by diverting limited resources toward compliance and reporting, rather than outcomes that matter most to communities. Councils operate within tight budgets and varied local contexts: regional, remote, and resource-dependent areas face very different challenges from metropolitan centres. Uniform targets may unintentionally increase costs for residents, limit service delivery, or place pressure on local economies without providing realistic pathways for transition.

A quality of life approach allows councils to respond to climate change in ways that reflect local priorities and capacities. It strengthens environmental stewardship through practical land, water, and biodiversity management. Importantly, these measures often contribute to emissions reductions as a secondary outcome, without undermining essential services.

For local government, the success of climate policy should be measured by healthier, safer, and more resilient communities, not solely by emissions data. When climate action is integrated into everyday service delivery and community development, it builds trust, achieves broader public benefit, and ensures councils can meet both current and future challenges. Emissions reductions should support local government outcomes, not override them.

*Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 3.1*

*3.1 General function*

*(1) The general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.*

*(1a) Without limiting subsection (1), the general function of a local government must be performed having regard to the following —*

*(a) the need —*

*(i) to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district; and*

*(ii) to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change;*

*and*

*(iii) in making decisions, to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations;*

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA endorse the proposed Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows,

1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with climate change.
2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:
  - a. Provide the necessary climate leadership, action and dedicated funding to deliver a climate change response that is economically sustainable and will provide improved quality of life for Western Australian communities.
  - b. Provide the coordination, guidance and practical support to local government to enable local communities to respond to the effects of climate change.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved: CEO Towell**

**Seconded: Cr Valenzuela**

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- 1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with climate change.**
- 2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:**
  - a. Provide the necessary climate leadership, action and dedicated funding to deliver a climate change response that is economically sustainable and will provide improved quality of life for Western Australian communities.**
  - b. Provide the coordination, guidance and practical support to local government to enable local communities to respond to the effects of climate change.**

**Carried 10/2**

CEO Richard Towell presented an update on the activities of the MEG (Murchison Executive Group) which comprises the six local government CEO's in the region who collaborate and undertake projects with Regional Development Australia Mid West, Mid West Development Commission and WALGA. It also provides a support network for CEO's. In 2012 the terms of reference for the MEG were developed and the group meets regularly. Projects undertaken from the MEG include Outback Pathways, promotion of tourism, Murchison Geo Regions and project working group, Murchison Regional Strategy and provides a support network for CEO's.

## **6.6 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 March 2026 report of the Department is below, providing information about the Department's activities and programs.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Payne                      Seconded: Cr Walton**

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

**Carried 12/0**

Cr Price highlighted some actions WALGA have undertaken listed in the Status Reports as a result of resolutions of the Zone.

Mr Nils Hay provided an update on the activities of the MWDC (Mid West Development Commission). Including:

- WA Government priorities 2025-29
- An update of the Regional Development Framework
- Refreshing the MWDC Strategic Plan
- Promoting investment in Mid West projects
- Digital Economy Strategy

- Changes to the Board and an acknowledgement of Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor who has now left the Board
- A Mid West major projects conference to be held
- The development of drought resilience plans
- Membership of the State Panel for the Regional Fuel Strategy
- REDS Grants to be announced soon
- Engagement with MRWA with regard to future Resources Roads
- Regional visitation to Shires – Murchison May and Yalgoo July

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Shire of Yalgoo



#### Activity Report April 2026

#### Governance

After an extraordinary Election early this year the Shire of Yalgoo has welcomed Derek Jones to the position of Councillor. Council have updated their Code of Conduct and Policies in line with recent Amendments to the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Local Government Inspector. New Councillors are currently engaged in mandatory training and looking forward to additional training opportunities.

After initial delays during Covid and schedule misalignments the Shire of Yalgoo will shortly be back to a normal Audit cycle. 22/23 & 23/24 Annual Reports have been released and the 24/25 will be completed shortly. This has allowed for the first interim audit to occur during the appropriate year since the OAG took over management of local governments.

#### Road Network Reduction

The Shire of Yalgoo's Road network is significantly longer than the majority of neighbouring local government areas and almost twice the length of State controlled roads in the entire Mid West Region.

Almost a third of these roads support Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction assets with near zero financial support from the State Government. The risk of operating these thoroughfares has been exacerbated in recent years by the State Governments refusal to support the local government under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). All of these state servicing assets were damaged by storms either side of Cyclone Seroja in events AGRN962 and AGRN1021. To date all repairs have been conducted using ratepayer funds.

While mapping, risk assessments and further investigation will be required – Community sentiment is currently being sought to request a number of these minor unsealed roads be incorporated into the State Parks that they service. Comments from all landholders will be incorporated into a qualitative and quantitative assessment of this proposal. Please convey any comments, suggestions or concerns to the CEO on [ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au) or 0417 484 840.

Initial feedback will be key to exploring a network reduction and further consultation will take place should this project progress.

#### Federal Inquiry – Road Network

Some zone delegates will remember that in June 2023 a Murchison delegation attended a hear in Canberra for the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional

Development, Infrastructure and Transport - Inquiry into the implications of severe weather events on the national regional, rural, and remote road network.

On the 5th March 2026 the Australian Government released a response to this enquiry:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House/Regional\\_Development\\_Infrastructure\\_and\\_Transport/ResilientRoads/Government\\_Response](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_Infrastructure_and_Transport/ResilientRoads/Government_Response)

Of particular interest are recommendations 5 and 9 which accept that review is needed of local government funding and Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Unfortunately any actionable changes have been passed onto the outcomes of the currently reopened Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability and the Colvin Review.

## **High Threat Season**

As described by public notice the Yalgoo and Paynes Find Brigades successfully controlled a bushfire within 2km of the Yalgoo Townsite in extremely harsh conditions. Thanks is also extended to all parties that assisted in mitigating a bushfire which burnt a large portion of Mt Singleton on Ninghan Station. Capricorn Metals, Brigades, Volunteers and Ninghan Station have all assisted in this joint responsibility and it is great to see the cooperation.

While the Shire still holds significant concerns with the DRFAWA and vehicles provided under the Local Government Grant Scheme it is important to note the valued support of DFES within the Mid-West. Temporary replacement vehicles, support and communication from the Geraldton DFES team in conjunction with the Shires CESM have been outstanding this season for both fire and cyclone threats.

## **Tourism and Community Events**

The Yalgoo Hotel has seen a steady progression of improvements since its purchase by Council in 2025. Electrical works, septic's and keys have all seen major improvements and a trial operation is working extremely well.

Mining Objection in the Wardens Court – Within the next few months the Shire expects a decision will be received from the Wardens Court. In safety related correspondence issued as a result of a complaint by the tenement holder, the Minister for Mines the Hon David Michael says “The ‘Jokers Tunnel’ abandoned mine feature is recognized as a site of interest, contributing to regional tourism and Western Australia’s broader mining heritage.” The Shire is hopeful that this same sentiment will weigh on the Minister should he have to make a further decision regarding the mining proposal. If this is the case the Shire of Yalgoo will be seeking letters of support from across the region that residents and tourism operators believe this site brings value to the Mid-West Region.

## **WA Local Government Association (WALGA)**

A recent supreme court decision has determined that WALGA is an agency for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 1992. A link to the determination is provided.

<https://ecourts.justice.wa.gov.au/eCourtsPortal/Decisions/DownloadDecision?id=52ea7af3-4388-4cb5-bbb7-579e1b0e5974>

For a sector that is designed to be apolitical the organisation representing the interests of Local Government is becoming more and more beholden to the State Government of the day.

Advocacy in a healthy robust democracy should occur without fear or favour and advocacy in a manner that is one size fits all dilutes the fundamental principal of local government.

While it is a positive that member contributions have stayed relatively steady over the past decade it is becoming more and more evident that the Association receives the lions share of its revenue from service provision and government grants. With respect to its services as a Registered Training Organisation and the Preferred Supplier Program along with other functions the Association is beholden to the State Government under Legislation, albeit in a similar manner to Local Government.

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) positions itself as the authoritative voice for Local Government in Western Australia. The quasi-democratic system established to represent the interests of all members should be examined more closely by all zones as a single position can often be at odds with grass roots sentiments. In a state as large and varied as WA many communities, particularly regionally, have very different economic or social challenges.

These comments are provided to gauge zone interest in grass roots debate about the functions of our association and whether Zone and State Council deliberations should be separated from the parts of the organisation responsible for service provision as an example.

## **Human Resources and Council**

A new accountant has been brought on board and a fixed term maternity leave cover has settled in well. A new partially retrospective Enterprise Bargaining Agreement was also recently endorsed by the Industrial Relations Commission.

## **Road and Plant**

Since the last report the Yalgoo Crew have replaced two 8m stock grids on Morawa Yalgoo Road which are designed for Heavy Vehicles. Large culvert replacements and installations have occurred across the network and Regional Road Group work was completed early this financial year alongside an LRCI project that received a timeline extension. Profiling and potholing works continue to struggle to stand up to millions of tonnes of iron ore haulage and negotiations continue for new and renewed voluntary road use agreements.

Two recent tropical cyclones have caused isolated but far ranging damage to the Shires unsealed road network. Uncertainty and administrative costs have not been in the interests of the taxpayer when compared to the reinstatement work that can be immediately carried out by Shire employees and local contractors under the trust of Council, particularly when compared to the evidence requirements of the DRFAWA, while the threshold will be different for larger impacts the cost vs benefit of working through the DRFAWA process was not deemed suitable.

A 30km section of road most damaged by 50% annual rainfall and TC Narelle is already undergoing flood mitigation works through Roads to Recovery funding. The 4km section completed prior to the event held up extremely well compared to the 65 new defects and washouts that occurred for the remaining 26km.

## **Regional Dental Services**

The Shire was extremely happy to be advised that Dental Services have been restored in Meekatharra and visits will resume to local Primary Schools this year. The Shire will shortly host UWA dental and other health students through a WACRH program that is visiting the region.

**Ian Holland**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Shire of Yalgoo - Where the Outback Starts!**



## 7.2 Shire of Mount Magnet



### Governance

Full implementation of resolve meeting software has been completed with upgrades to Chambers to accommodate the new technological requirements.

Council have enacted their Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law to restrict the parking of long vehicles in the CBD. Alternative locations have been identified for trucks, vans and trailers that don't hinder the custom of the retail businesses

We have continued to face barriers to completing the Annual Financial Report for 2024/25 due to the convoluted passage of the Local Government Amendment (Rating of Certain Mining Licenses) Bill 2025. The Shire has raised concerns with the OAG about the impact of subsequent events and how the Shire will deal with the ongoing concern issues. As the debate was halted in March, with no further sittings until mid-May, it is unlikely the Bill will receive Royal Assent this financial year, and consequently we have drawn a line in the sand to get the audit and financials completed. These delays have also led to a voluntary noncompliance disclosure to the new Inspector regarding the timing of the budget review and next years budget.

### Administration

After consideration of the updates cost estimates for the Shire Civic and Administration building extension, Council have concluded the proposal should return to the planning stage. Its likely the existing buildings owned by Council will be renovated to facilitate better use of what is already in place with further development to be decided at a later stage.

### Economic Development

Council has considered a report from Thuroona on the old Hospital site over which a Management Order exists, and are pursuing options to return the building to the State due to the concentration of asbestos and the financial risk posed to the Shire.

An application was made to the Regional Housing Support Fund for 4 2 bedroom units on Council land in Attwood Street. Its anticipated two of these will be used as staff housing and 2 for pensioner accommodation.

Business Cases are in development phase for freehold conversion of the Industrial Estate, for approval to sublease a portion of Town Common for the purpose of a Transport Hub, and freehold conversion of the Shire Depot. Council are embarking on an Economic Development Strategy to address the many obstacles for business to establish in this region.

## Town Development

Council has endorsed a Business Case for the redevelopment of the Caravan Park which involves a four stage plan replacing 16 cabins with self contained units, and redesigning the flow of the Park to allow more van sites. An agreement has been reached with DPLH to purchase the Reserve freehold for the purpose of the expansion with adjacent Shire owned lots rezoned as Special Use Caravan Park. The proposed expansion will lift the standard of accommodation and tourist parking, and redirect the entry to the Park from the Great Northern Highway to be from Naughton Street.

Challenges accessing sufficient water for community amenities continues to be challenging for the Shire with extensive reports prepared to indicate the diminishing water table. Ramelius Resources are continuing to work with the Shire on options for shared exploration and use of the resource.

Council has further endorsed the Town Planning Scheme 2 Amendment 7 which rezones residential properties as Rural Townsite allowing greater flexibility in use of the property without the requirement for Council approval, and for the existing golf course to be similarly zoned. Council's intention is to release this land as small (2 – 5 acre) lots to encourage more residents into the community.

## Community Events

Easter and celebrations were well received by community with a range of school holiday programs supported by the Shire.

Thrive were funded by the Perron Foundation to deliver their program over this school holiday period also, which was enormously successful. Thrive was previously known as the Eddie Rice Foundation and specialize in supporting youth and young people in challenging situations, most successfully offering camps where youths are provided opportunities to develop resilience and wellbeing related skills that underpin health relationships. The Shire is excited with the opportunity this partnership represents and further strengthens the services provided through Carey Right Track and GSAC.

### 7.3 Shire of Murchison



## WALGA - Murchison Country Zone April 2026 Report

#### *Murchison Settlement Overview*

Progress in Settlement Redevelopments has significantly evolved since development of the Murchison Settlement Masterplan in 2022 and subsequent Roadhouse Redevelopment and Vast Sky Business Case that followed, as shown by the following progress.

Phase	Works	Years
Business-Growth-Future	**Carnarvon-Mullewa-Road-Seal-Upgrade	2023-to-2033
Business-Growth	**Roadhouse-Redevelopment	2027
	Murchison-Vast-Sky-Development <i>(Entirely-dependent-on-the-Roadhouse-Redevelopment-and-grant-funding)</i>	2029+
Business-Facilities-Prerequisite	**Workforce-Accommodation	2026
	**Caravan-Park-Cabins	2026
	**Caravan-Park-Ablutions	2024
Business-Staffing-Prerequisite	**Integrated-Roadhouse-Shire-Staffing-Arrangements	2023-onwards
Community-Facilities-Prerequisite	**New-Playground	2027
	**Community-Centre-Upgrades	2025, 2026
	**Community-Pool-&-Splashpad	2025
	**Community-Amenity-Improvements	2021-onwards
Infrastructure-Upgrade	Micro-Grid-Solar-Power	2029
	Electric-Vehicle-Charging-Station	2029
Infrastructure-Prerequisite	**Power-Upgrade	2025, 2026
	**Water-Chlorination	2025, 2026
	**Water-Supply-Upgrade	2024, 2025
Strategic-Planning-Approach	**Murchison-Vast-Sky-Business-Case-Planning	2021
	**Murchison-Roadhouse-Concept	2021
	**Murchison-Settlement-Masterplan	2021

\*\*completed-/committed

**Christmas Tree Day - Pool and Splash Pad Opening**



Saturday 13 December 2025 saw Council's Annual Christmas Tree celebrations in full swing. Day involves the December's Ordinary Council Meeting followed by a General Community Meeting, and Annual Meetings of the Murchison Bush Fire Brigade and Murchison Sports Club and then a community get together including Santa's visit. Shire President Rossco Foulkes Taylor also "officially" opened the Shire's Community Pool and Splash Pad.

Since this time Shire staff have steadily been tweaking pool and splashpad operations which operate during daylight hours. Whilst Splash Pad open to all, access to the pool is available to caravan park patrons and local community by way of access cards issued as part of the caravan park operations or as part of a defined local loyalty scheme.



### **Caravan Park & Roadhouse**

Caravan Park renovations are progressing well, with the hardstand works now complete and new conduit installed to support electrical cabling that will finally allow power to all bays, one of our most significant operational challenges in the past. To maximise efficiency and contractor availability, the main trench has been intentionally left open to accommodate upcoming irrigation and water infrastructure works. Landscaping has also been incorporated into the turf renovation package, and the redesigned layout will feature green gathering spaces bordered by native trees, helping to restore the Caravan Park to the oasis-like environment it was once known for.



The Roadhouse has also benefited from several key appliance upgrades, including a new dishwasher and under-bench refrigerators to improve operational efficiency and new coffee machine. A new combi oven is on its way, which will allow us to introduce pizza nights, house-baked bread and regular roast specials. We're all genuinely excited with the expanded capability, and the upgrades position us well to continue enhancing the visitor experience.

### **Workforce Accommodation**

Construction of 5 new two-bedroom transportable dwellings units by Fox Modular from Wangara has progressed well. Three are to be located for roadhouse accommodation thereby freeing up the roadhouse for internal renovations and future extensions whilst two will be located elsewhere in the Settlement. Two houses now at lock-up stage. The remaining three builds have experienced delays related to their concrete bases; however delivery is still indicated for June or July 2026



## Murchison Camp Oven Muster Festival

Council's third production is back!!

Planning for the 2026 Murchison Camp Oven Muster is progressing well, with the working group confirming the event structure, key presenters, catering arrangements, and major activities. Headline talent has been identified for camp oven cooking, dog demonstrations, lost-trade skills, and multiple themed panel sessions, while additional speakers for storytelling and regenerative agriculture are being finalised.

Catering providers, breakfast services, coffee vendors, and long-table dinner logistics are in place, with a focus on local produce and improved guest experience. Operational planning continues across volunteers, first aid, merchandise, sponsorship, signage, and creative elements such as murals and community garden walk-throughs.

## Rangelands and Pastoralists Support

Council continues to support the local pastoral sector through a variety of avenues including the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance (SRPA), Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association (CRBA) with this year's International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralist (IRPA) also providing an important opportunities.

March IYRP theme is Livelihoods and Economics. Regions driving national income are running on thin services and policy that doesn't fit. Australia's rangelands are economically significant. Covering 81% of our landmass, they generate tens of billions of dollars each year. Beef, sheep and goat production underpin major export industries. Yet economic weight does not always translate into influence.

### Community Garden & Orchard Update

The Gardeners are digging in at the community garden its time for a big clean up before we start seeding for the winter season. The seeds that have been ordered have arrived and after last years success with garlic we will certainly be growing it again.

The orchard is doing well trees are happy and the mulch is getting a top up and tree fertiliser rings are on their way to support nutrient delivery over the next 12 months. Signage has arrived and hopefully installation will commence shortly.



### Tropical Cyclone Narelle

TC Narelle hit the Murchison Settlement as a category 2 cyclone on the evening and early morning on 27 and 28 March 2026. Severest winds were over a round a 6-hour period. Whilst the associated rainfall has, and will involve flood damage claims in the Shire, impact on the Settlement was thankfully relatively modest with damage to trees, some fencing and shedding.



### Roadworks

Works to reconstruct and widen various sections of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road continue in recognition that unlike other Shires within the Murchison Zone and most of WA, the Murchison Shire has no Main Roads WA funded Highway or Main Road with our Shire boundary.



Whilst some sections south of the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road are still to be required to be undertaken last year, this year and for the next few years efforts will continue to be put towards the section between the Twin Peaks-Wooleen Road and the Murchison Settlement.

Works included a number of floodway sections which involved strengthening / stabilisation so as to maintain and in some areas lower the pavement to have finished levels at a level that will provide for cross flow / floodway drainage as part of a Roads for Rehydration Approach. Sections not being widened will have reseals undertaken in conjunction with sealing works associated with the construction.

Meanwhile maintenance and resheet type works on the SKA Route (Carnarvon-Mullewa, Twin Peaks-Wooleen, Boolardy-Wooleen and sections of the Woollen-Mt Wittenoom, Beringarra-Pindar and Boolardy-Kalli Roads) continue.

Like all local governments, the recent fuel availability and price will have a significant effect on roadworks programs, with impacts on bitumen supply and price unknown. Works on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road are expected to be significantly impacted.

*Bill Boehm  
Chief Executive Officer*

## **7.4 Shire of Sandstone**



### **SHIRE OF SANDSTONE Activity Report April 2026**

#### **Human Resources**

Helen Cooper has been appointed to the Sandstone DCEO position. Helen has a wealth of experience from many years working in various local governments throughout Western Australia.

A new position of Executive Officer has been put on hold pending some necessary office alterations/building which will see the downgrading of the library and the relocation of the CEO office.

The Visitor Centre is now open for the winter season and time and fuel supplies will determine how busy we will be. A new officer has been employed for the position and will commence duties in early May. We will rotate existing employees through the centre in the meantime.

After a very thorough tender process a new grading maintenance contractor has been employed. Before he even started fuel prices skyrocketed which has resulted in a temporary renegotiation of the contract price.

### **Road Works**

Maintenance on the Paynes Find to Sandstone continue to drain our budget. The road has been closed to heavy vehicles for some three months and despite negotiations the two mining companies who were frequenting the road, they haven't come to the party with support for the shire. With our current road funding we can't maintain the road to cater for continual road train traffic, despite Main Roads issuing permits for these vehicles.

Sufficient supplies of gravel and water are an ongoing problem for us. We have commenced the process of acquiring permits to extend existing gravel pits but, as we know, this is a very lengthy process with various coloured tapes to overcome. There is no short term solution and of course there is no financial support from the two levels of government that reap in millions in royalties and then burden local government with bureaucratic blockages.

### **Buildings**

Tenders were recalled for the acquisition of two new staff houses in Sandstone. The previous tender resulted in one application and this time there were two submissions. Both submissions are reasonable and of course costs keep increasing. A submission from a Geraldton company that has recently ventured into transportable housing looks promising.

### **Other Matters**

Our tree planting program has continued and we're trying some new variations that have so far, been successful. The Poinciana trees are looking great at this time and like most trees and gardens, soil preparation is the key to success.

A new stock of shrubs are arriving soon from Benara Nurseries in Perth to re-stock those that didn't survive the summer.

The townspeople are keen to get into the healthy lifestyle and various exercise classes will be commencing this month.

Skin checks are programmed for May/June and Council has invited members of the community to partake in the program.

Peter Money  
Chief Executive Officer  
April 2026

## 7.5 Shire of Cue



### WALGA – Murchison Country Zone

#### April 2026 Report

#### Governance

#### Vale Cr Ross Pigdon



The Shire of Cue acknowledges with deep sadness the passing of Deputy Shire President, Councillor Ross Pigdon, who passed away on 9 April 2026.

Ross Pigdon dedicated many years of committed service to the Shire of Cue and the wider community, leaving a legacy of leadership, integrity and community pride.

Ross was first elected as Deputy Shire President in 1999 - 2005, quickly establishing himself as a strong advocate for the Shire and its residents. Ross then had a break from Council until being elected in 2015, and voted as Shire President, a role he held with distinction until his retirement from Council in 2023. During this period, Ross

provided steady leadership through times of change and growth, always guided by a deep respect for Cue's history and its future.

At an extraordinary election in 2024, Ross answered the call to serve once more and was re-elected as a Councillor. In 2025, his fellow Councillors elected him as Deputy Shire President, recognising his experience, sound judgement and unwavering commitment to local government.

A long-standing member of Cue, Ross was deeply connected to the community he served. His strong appreciation for Cue's history and people underpinned his approach to local government and his commitment to ensuring a resilient and sustainable future for the district.

The Shire of Cue extends its sincere condolences to Ross's family, friends and loved ones. He will be remembered with gratitude and respect for the significant contribution he made to the Shire and its community.

### **Administration**

In February 2026 I celebrated 10 years at the Shire of Cue. I initially arrived at the Shire of Cue in a short-term capacity, acting as Finance Manager. Although the appointment was intended to be temporary, I was soon offered and accepted the permanent position of Finance Manager, a role that allowed me to apply my prior local government experience while gaining a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities of working in a small, remote community.

In 2017, I was offered the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer, an opportunity that further broadened my involvement in the governance and strategic direction of the Shire. This role provided valuable insight into Council decision-making and strengthened my appreciation for the importance of collaboration between elected members, staff, and the community. In 2021, I was appointed Chief Executive Officer. Since that time, I have had the privilege of leading a dedicated and committed team while working closely with Council to deliver projects, services, and initiatives that support the Cue community.

Reflecting on the past decade, I am grateful for the experiences, challenges, and achievements that have shaped both my professional journey and my connection to Cue. I sincerely thank the Councillors, staff, and community members, including you lot, for the trust and support, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Shire in the years ahead.

This year, we welcomed Steve Page to the Shire following an outstanding 35-year career with the Western Australia Police Force. Steve brings a wealth of knowledge gained through decades of frontline service and senior leadership. Since joining us, his focus has been on progressing several key Shire projects, with a particular emphasis on the Cue Aerodrome, where he has taken the lead on planning, day-to-day operations, mentoring and ongoing improvements.

## Economic Development

Westgold Resources provided notification of the commencement of an open-pit mining program, including pits at Cuddingwarra and at their Accelerator and Indicator sites located along the Beringarra–Cue Road. Discussions primarily focused on road access arrangements and intersection requirements for the new pits, including access to and from the Beringarra–Cue Road. Westgold also advised of plans to expand the Big Bell camp by an initial 40 accommodation units to meet increased staffing requirements and indicated that an additional flight is being considered.

Fenix Resources have commenced their expansion of the Weld Range Project. This includes a proposal to construct a new private haul road from the Beringarra Cue Road to their Ruvidini Facility (transfer station) located near Mullewa. The proposed haul road utilises the Oakajee Rail Corridor alignment with the intention to run 250 tonne capacity trucks from Weld Range to Ruvidini and rail the ore into the Geraldton Port.

Works for stage one on the Masonic Lodge commenced on 11 February 2026. HC Constructions were the successful tenderers. The first stage of the project involves the construction of an extension to the rear of the building, incorporating a new kitchen, toilet facilities and a decking area. These works are aimed at improving the functionality and accessibility of the facility. Stage two works will be the restoration of the Masonic Lodge building.

Settlement of the Bell & Co. property was finalised in November 2025. Redevelopment concept drawings for the Bell & Co. Emporium (Bells Emporium) have been received from Suzie Hunt Architects. The concept provides a preliminary indication of the proposed approach to restoring and adapting the historic building, with careful consideration given to preserving key heritage features while enabling a functional future use of the site.

We are working with HC Construction to begin restoration works on the shop based on the concept design.

## Town Developments

As part of the Austin Street Heritage Project, Jason and Felicity Trevenen of Kaboom Toons have been busy bringing history back to life on Austin Street. As part of the Heritage Project, eight new historically inspired shopfront signs have now been installed, reflecting businesses from Cue's early commercial days. This work is scheduled to be recommenced in April 2026.



We had the pleasure of the Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Forestry; Small Business; and the Mid West, officially opened the Cue Café Kitchen Project, located alongside the historic Western Australian Bank building (formerly the Bank of NSW).

The opening ceremony was a proud moment for Cue, blending the town's rich heritage with its vision for the future. The Shire President Les Price addressed attendees with a speech highlighting the history of the bank, and the significance of revitalising such a landmark for community use.

This project was made possible through the State Government's Regional Economic Development Grants program, together with support from the Shire of Cue.

The Shire extends its gratitude to all who contributed to the project and looks forward to seeing the Cue Café Kitchen become a vibrant hub for community connection and hospitality.



## 7.6 Shire of Meekatharra

Not received.

Mr Shane Love MLA addressed the meeting. He sent an apology from Ms Kerralee Warr MLA, Shadow Minister for Local Government for not being present. He addressed current fuel issues and the possibility of the State Government declaring a State of Emergency. The State Government are currently providing briefings to WALGA about this. He also discussed issues relating to Cyclone Narelle and its impacts on Exmouth, Coral Bay and Carnarvon. He also reminded the meeting that 2026 is the International Year for Pastoralism and referred to the need for regional areas to have their own DAMA (Designated area of migration) to suit their needs.

## **8. Presentations**

- Mr Liam Loan-Lack and Ms Frances Whalley – Keystart
- CEO Richard Towel – MEG Update
- Mr Nils Hay – Mid West Development Commission Update

## **9. Meeting Dates 2026**

As resolved at the November 2025 meeting the next meeting of the Murchison Country Zone be held in Cue on Friday 20 November 2026.

## **10. Meeting Close**

The President closed the meeting at 12.31pm.

## 11 TECHNICAL REPORTS

### 11.1 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Yalgoo
<b>Date:</b>	17 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Glenn Boyes – Deputy CEO
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### SUMMARY

That Council receive the Administration Report to 31 March 2026.

#### COMMENT

The 2024/25 audit is close to completion. There will likely be a similar number of audit findings again as we only received the 22/23 and 23/24 findings a month ago and as so can not implement these changes for 24/25 because it ended 10 months ago.

The interim audit for 25/26 has been pushed back to May due to staffing issues at the audit firm. A decision has been made to move flood damage revenue until such time as the funding becomes available. A note has been included in subsequent events detailing current proceedings.

The 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 RTR acquittals are all complete. The LRCI acquittals have been audited and submitted to them. Phases 1 and 4 have been finalised leaving Phase 2 and 3 at the time of this report.

The move to the new accounting system is ongoing and we still hope to go live in July 2026.

#### OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Administration Report to 31 March 2026.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-03

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council receive the Administration Report to 31 March 2026.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## 11.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Yalgoo
<b>Date:</b>	21 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Luke O'Shaughnessy – Works Foreman
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### SUMMARY

That Council receive the Technical Services Report to 31 March 2026.

### COMMENT

#### Road Construction

- Culvert complete on Ninghan Road and resealed.
- RTR underway
- North Road reshaping underway
- Culverts on North Road are set out, and installation is under-way of 5 culverts on North Road

#### Road Maintenance

- Focus on R2R work for the rest of the financial year

#### Other – Yalgoo

- Re-keying of shire property and building (Complete)
- Speed signs for the highway booked in for August through Roadwise road safety initiative.
- Shire hall has approximately 4 weeks till completion.

#### Other – Paynes Find

- General clean and tidy of the tip

#### Staff

- No staff movements

#### Upcoming Projects for 2026

### OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Technical Services Report to 31 March 2026.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-04

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council receive the Technical Services Report to 31 March 2026.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## 12 DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORTS

### 12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – 4263 GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY, PAYNES FIND – OUDABUNNA STATION – PROPOSED DAMS

<b>Applicant:</b>	Terry Cowley Oudabunna Station
<b>Date:</b>	2 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Eugene Ferraro – Shire Town Planner
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### ***SUMMARY - Matters for Consideration:***

1. Application for Planning Approval for the construction of two dams on Oudabunna Station.

#### ***Background:***

The operator the Oudabunna Station has sought the Shire's approval to construct two dams on the property at the locations shown on the attached plans. The operator has advised that the dams are required for the following reasons:

*"The reason I need to build the dam is when we get heavy rain the air strip gets so much erosion I need to slow up the flow of water and use the dirt from the dam to repair the existing erosion.*

*As it is now the flying doctor can't land here it is a safety issue. The reason I have picked this location is because there little bush to clear."*

Planning approval for works is prescribed by both the Shire of Yalgoo Local Planning Scheme No 2 and the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*. While there is a limited range of works that are deemed as being exempt from planning approval, neither document exempts dams from requiring approval.

#### ***Proposal Development:***

#### ***Proposal - Use:***

Although the applicant has not provided any plans for the proposed dam, the detailed location and approximate size of the dams has been provided. The areas selected are clearly visible on the aerial photograph, which confirms that the site selected are already cleared.

#### ***Town Planning Assessment:***

#### Referrals

Nil - applicant has consulted directly with the relevant water agency.

#### Assessment

The proposed dams are to be located wholly with the Oudabunna Station and appear necessary for the safe and on-going of the agricultural enterprise.

Given the location of the As the Great Northern Highway is located approximately 2km north of the northern most dam, the proposal is unlikely to impact on any existing or proposed public works (i.e. roads).

While the Shire is not in a position to determine if the proposed dams will impact on any environmental values in the area, this is a matter that should be taken into consideration by the State's water agency when issuing the relevant licenses.

No planning objections are raised to the proposal.

***Statutory Environment:***

Shire of Yalgoo Local Planning Scheme No. 2.

***Policy Implications:***

*Nil.*

***Financial Implications:***

Nil

***Strategic Implications:***

***Strategy 2.1.***

*Balance the retention of the natural environment while taking into consideration the pastoral and economic basis of the Shire.*

***Action 2.1.1.***

*Ensure appropriate town and land use planning to meet community and commercial operational aspirations regarding access and lifestyle choice.*

***Consultation:***

The applicant has advised that the necessary water licenses have been issued by the relevant agency.

***Voting Requirement:***

*Simple Majority*

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Approve the application for planning approval to construct two dams of approximately 50m in diameter on Oudabunna Station.

**Conditions**

1. The dams are to be located at coordinates 29 04 33.46s 117 45 57.14e and 29 04 19.75s 117 45 46.91e.
2. Dams are to be approximately 50m in diameter.

Advice to Applicant

*Nil*

EUGENE FERRARO  
TOWN PLANNER

<b>Council Decision:</b>	<b>Voting requirement:</b> Simple Majority
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-05

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council:

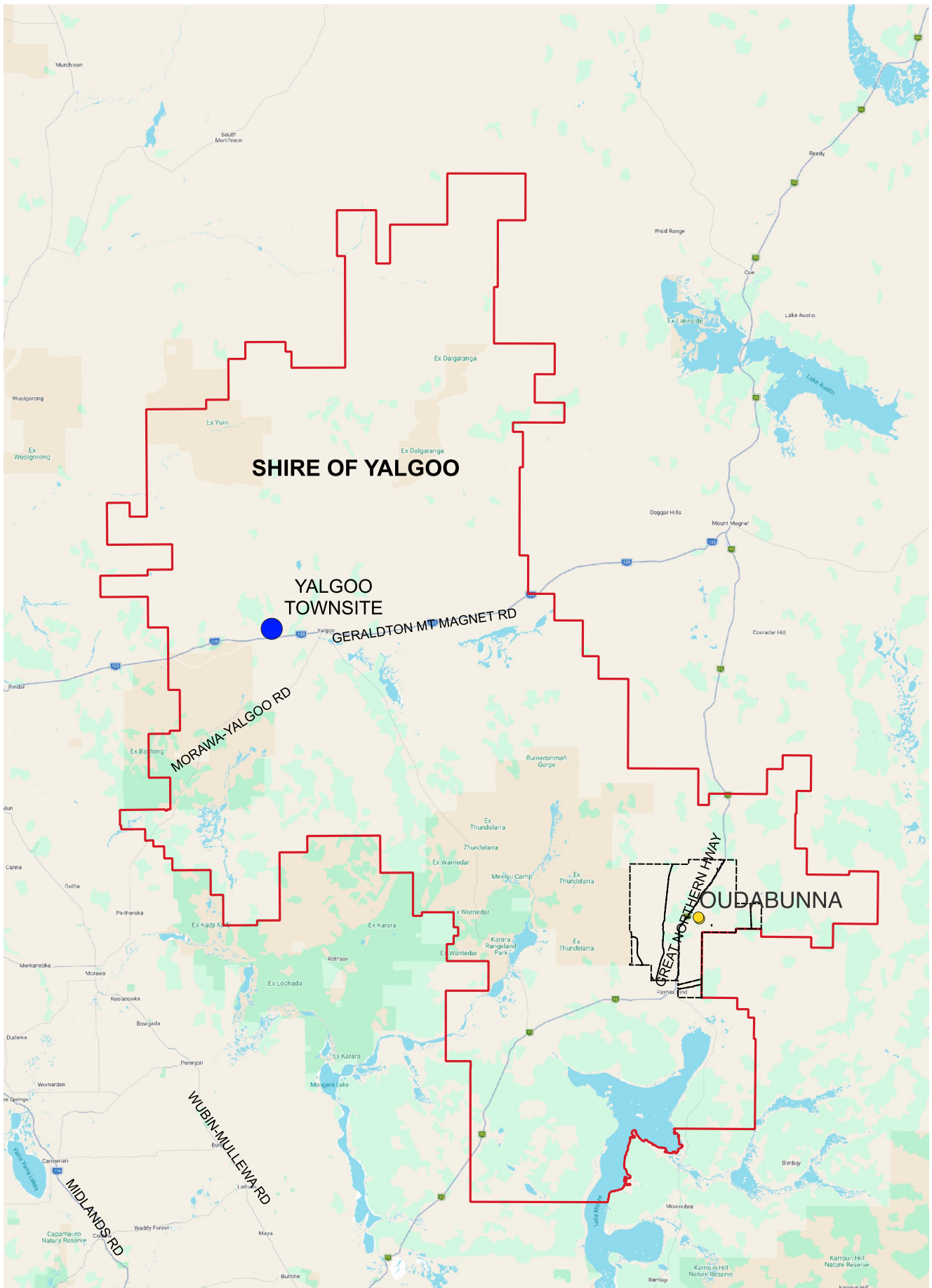
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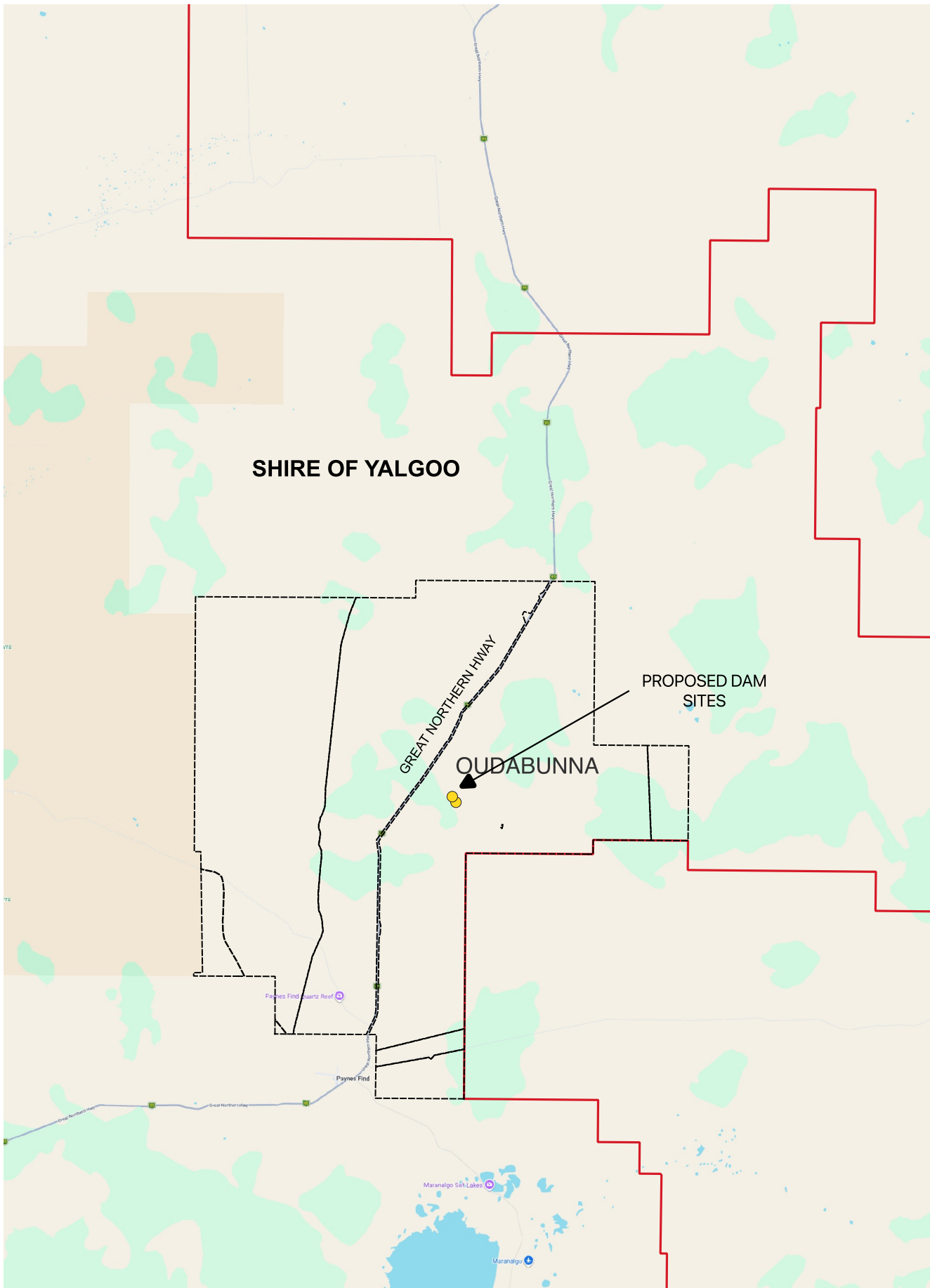
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2. Dams are to be approximately 50m in diameter.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.



**SHIRE OF YALGOO**  
**APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL**  
**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT - MELLEBYE STATION**

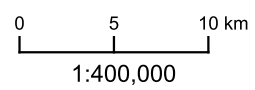


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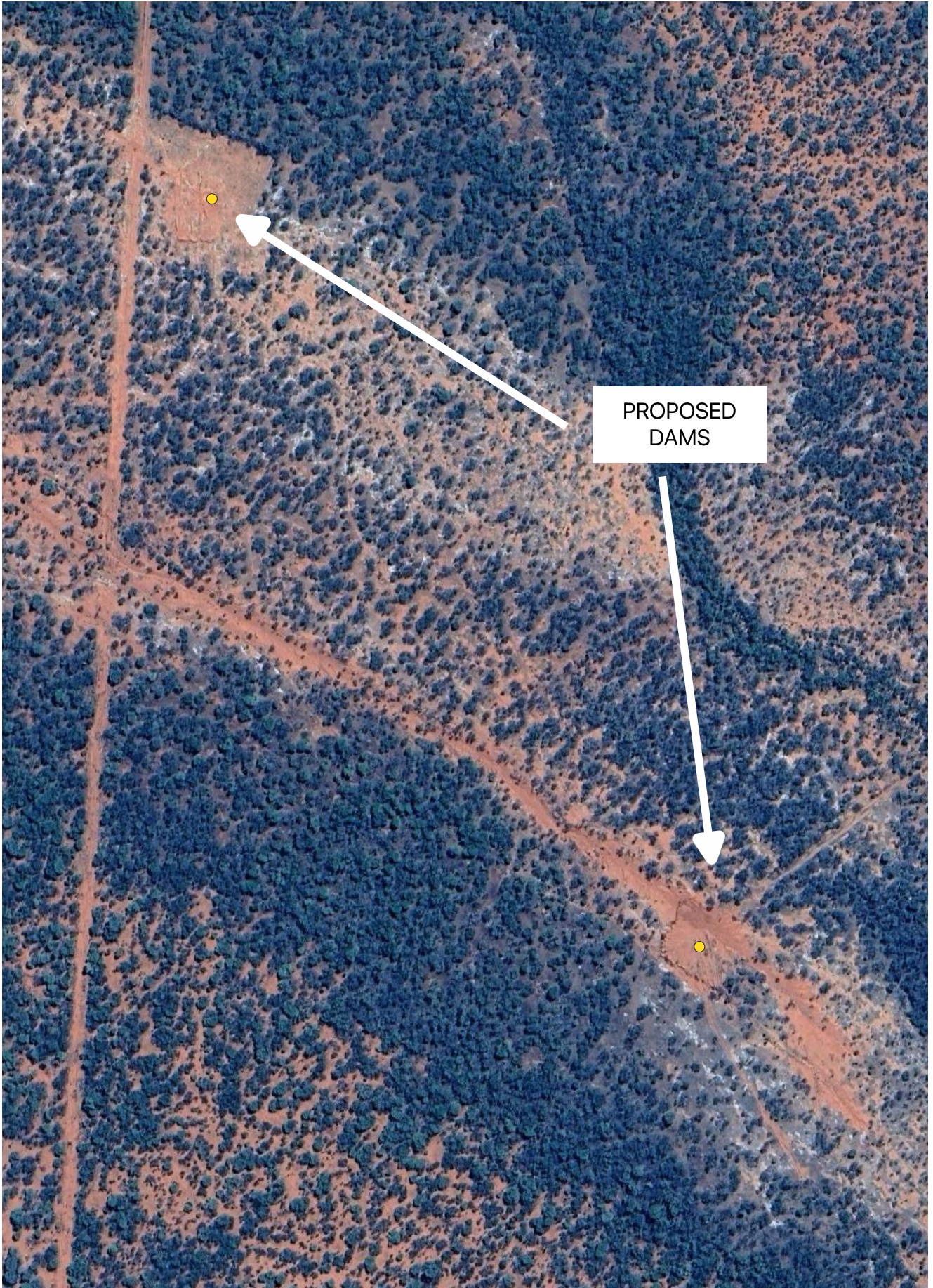
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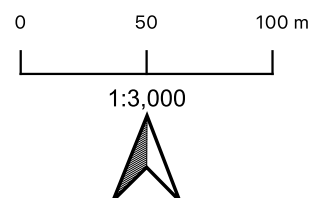
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SHIRE OF YALGOO  
APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL  
PROPOSED DAMS - OUDABUNNA STATION  
4236 GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY



SHIRE OF YALGOO  
APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL  
PROPOSED DAMS - OUDABUNNA STATION  
4236 GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY



## 13 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 13.1 LIST OF ACCOUNTS

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Yalgoo
<b>Date:</b>	17 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Glenn Boyes – Deputy CEO
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	List of Accounts

#### SUMMARY

The attached list of accounts paid during the month of March 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 March 2026 totalling \$971,658.63 from the municipal bank accounts and credit cards.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-06**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council receive the list of accounts paid during March 2026 totalling \$971,658.63 from the municipal bank accounts and credit cards.

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## List of Accounts Paid

### Credit Cards

March 2026

#### CEO Credit Card

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
1	DD6335.1	04/02/26	Expedia	Accommodation for DCEO while attending the Fenix community meeting in Geraldton on 04/02/26	(172.49)	1	CSH
2	DD6335.1	12/02/26	Microsoft	Monthly subscription to Microsoft Co-Pilot	(33.00)	1	CSH
3	DD6335.1	18/02/26	Adobe Software	Cancellation of annual subscription to Adobe	(286.99)	1	CSH
4	DD6335.1	23/02/26	Starlink	2 x monthly subscriptions to Starlink for fire vehicles in Yalgoo and Paynes Find	(160.00)	1	CSH
5	DD6335.1	23/02/26	Remarkable Software	Monthly subscription to Remarkable	(66.85)	1	CSH
6	DD6335.1	25/02/26	JB HiFi	Samsung Galaxy Tab A11 5G 128GB for Council member	(531.99)	1	CSH
7	DD6335.1	25/02/26	JB HiFi	4 x Apple Air Tags for staff key tracking	(168.00)	1	CSH
8	DD6335.1	27/02/26	Bendigo Bank	Bendigo Bank card fee	(4.00)	1	CSH
					<u>(1,423.32)</u>		

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**Credit Cards (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

**DCEO Credit Card (for office use)**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
9	DD6332.1	01/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Council	(259.00)	1	CSH
10	DD6332.1	04/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Admin	(6.90)	1	CSH
11	DD6332.1	07/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Newspapers for January 2026	(104.80)	1	CSH
12	DD6332.1	08/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Water and milk for Depot and coffee for Admin	(93.90)	1	CSH
13	DD6332.1	13/02/26	JB HiFi	1 x Nespresso coffee machine for Depot and 1 x Nespresso coffee machine for Admin	(1,217.98)	1	CSH
14	DD6332.1	14/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Milk for Admin	(6.90)	1	CSH
15	DD6332.1	19/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Seniors Tea	(422.45)	1	CSH
16	DD6332.1	19/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Depot and cleaning supplies for Admin	(82.10)	1	CSH
17	DD6332.1	20/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Batteries and refreshments for Admin	(36.70)	1	CSH
18	DD6332.1	20/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Water for Depot and Admin	(87.60)	1	CSH
19	DD6332.1	21/02/26	Commercial Locksmiths	Re-key 21A Campbell St	(357.50)	1	CSH
20	DD6332.1	25/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Depot and Admin	(116.40)	1	CSH
21	DD6332.1	25/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Admin	(33.90)	1	CSH
22	DD6332.1	27/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Admin	(26.70)	1	CSH
23	DD6332.1	28/02/26	Yalgoo General Store	Refreshments for Council	(94.00)	1	CSH
24	DD6332.1	27/02/26	Bendigo Bank	Bendigo Bank card fee	(4.00)	1	CSH
					<b>(2,950.83)</b>		

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**Direct Debit and Bpay**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
25	97	31/03/26	NAB	Bank Fees	(10.25)	3	FEE
26	12	31/03/26	Bendigo Bank	Bank Fees	(397.61)	1	FEE
27	DD6283.1	04/03/26	Bendigo Bank - Municipal	Payrun #165 (16/02/2026 - 01/03/2026)	(57,323.65)	1	CSH
28	DD6313.1	17/03/26	Bendigo Bank - Municipal	Superannuation paid in payrun #166 (02/03/26 to 15/03/26)	(16,719.88)	1	CSH
29	DD6315.1	18/03/26	Bendigo Bank - Municipal	Payrun #166 (02/03/26 to 15/03/26)	(59,111.61)	1	CSH
30	DD6334.1	31/03/26	Bendigo Bank - Municipal	Superannuation paid in payrun #167 (16/03/2026 to 29/03/2026)	(14,942.81)	1	CSH
31	DD6340.1	19/03/26	Telstra Corporation Ltd	Mobile phone charges from 25/02/26 - 24/03/26	(937.39)	1	CSH
32	DD6341.1	04/03/26	Telstra Corporation Ltd	Vehicle tracking services from 25/02/26 - 24/03/26	(1,149.50)	1	CSH
33	DD6342.1	31/03/26	Telstra Corporation Ltd	Vehicle tracking charges from 25/03/26 - 24/04/26	(1,149.50)	1	CSH
					<b>(151,742.20)</b>		

**List of Accounts Paid****EFT****March 2026**

<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Type</b>
34	EFT3864	09/03/26	Integrated ICT	Monthly IT service for February 2026	(1,298.00)	1	CSH
35	EFT3865	09/03/26	Winc Australia	2 x SD card readers, 1 x carton of hand towels and other supplies for Admin and 15L x disinfectant and 8 x drum taps for Admin	(566.95)	1	CSH
36	EFT3866	09/03/26	Western Independent Foods	Freight on furniture for 21A Campbell St	(1,100.00)	1	CSH
37	EFT3867	09/03/26	Mcdonalds Wholesalers	Re-order of toilet paper, cleaning products and refreshments for Caravan Park and Toilet paper, cleaning supplies and room refreshments for Caravan Park	(516.95)	1	CSH
38	EFT3868	09/03/26	Office of The Auditor General	Audit fees for the year ended 30 June 2023 and Audit fees for the year ended 30 June 2024	(180,785.00)	1	CSH
39	EFT3869	12/03/26	Water Corporation	Water usage and service charges from 18/12/25 - 19/02/26	(5,186.57)	1	CSH
40	EFT3870	12/03/26	Leisk Hydraulics Pty Ltd	Supply and install sump pump at the Hotel	(1,507.00)	1	CSH
41	EFT3871	12/03/26	Open Systems Technology	Charges for the implementation of the new financial management software for January 2026, Additional cost for Records implementation due to software licensing and Monthly subscription to CouncilFirst for March 2026	(12,335.29)	1	CSH
42	EFT3872	12/03/26	Syed Hussain	18 x boxes of coffee pods for Admin and Depot	(166.75)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
43	EFT3873	12/03/26	Pemco Diesel Pty Ltd	Service on P654 - Mack Truck YA 809, Service on P588 - Hino 300 Truck 1ITI 588 and Repairs to brakes on P657 - Water Truck YA 1614	(5,455.20)	1	CSH
44	EFT3874	12/03/26	Patience Sandlands	53T of yellow sand for paving at 21A Campbell St	(3,929.42)	1	CSH
45	EFT3875	12/03/26	Mullewa Farm Supplies	5 x 25mm PVC pipe, 25mm elbows and other materials for Parks and Gardens and 5 x 20mm PVC pipe, 20mm elbows and other materials for Parks and Gardens	(330.30)	1	CSH
46	EFT3876	12/03/26	Integrated ICT	Annual subscription to Sophos cyber security protection software and HP Pro Mini 400 G9 desktop computer for Chambers	(11,379.50)	1	CSH
47	EFT3877	12/03/26	Beachlands Plumbing Pty Ltd	Repairs to toilet and water pipes at Caravan Park	(2,620.42)	1	CSH
48	EFT3878	12/03/26	TKPH Pty Ltd t/as OTR Tyres	Supply and fit 8 x R22.5 tyres for P654 - Mack Truck YA 809	(3,704.80)	1	CSH
49	EFT3879	12/03/26	Leisk Hydraulics Pty Ltd	Supply and install 2 x macerator pumps and 1 x small macerator pump at Hotel and Replace taps, toilet cistern and repair leak in kitchen sink at Hotel	(15,944.50)	1	CSH
50	EFT3880	12/03/26	ATOM Supply	Peerless PHP15 3hp air compressor for vehicle hoist	(2,543.75)	1	CSH
51	EFT3881	12/03/26	BOC Limited	Container service from 29/01/26 - 25/02/26	(118.87)	1	CSH
52	EFT3882	12/03/26	Canine Control	Ranger services on 16/02/26	(1,530.38)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
53	EFT3883	12/03/26	Freemans Liquid Waste	Pump out primary and secondary septic tanks at the Hotel and Drain out septic tank at 19 Campbell St	(6,822.00)	1	CSH
54	EFT3884	12/03/26	Pemco Diesel Pty Ltd	Replace mud guards, fenders and windscreen after fighting fire plus minor service and transmission flush on P638 Cat Loader and Service, fit anderson plug, fix indicator light on bullbar and adjust rear brakes on P1000 - Toyota Hilux YA 1000	(16,392.06)	1	CSH
55	EFT3885	12/03/26	DFES	2025/26 ESL B 3rd quarter contribution	(7,138.80)	1	CSH
56	EFT3886	12/03/26	Bai Communications Pty Ltd	Electricity charges for TV/Radio Tower from 22/11/25 to 22/01/26	(249.65)	1	CSH
57	EFT3887	12/03/26	Brooks Hire Services Pty Ltd	12 days hire of 2 x lighting towers for Ninghan Rd culvert works	(1,423.29)	1	CSH
58	EFT3888	12/03/26	M & B Sales P/L	2 x wheelbarrows, 2 x shovels and other materials for Depot, 4 x fascia lengths of pine, 4 x fibre cement sheets and gap filler for Town Hall, 20 x gyprock cornices for Town Hall and 250 x clips for furring channel and 4 x lengths of pine for Town Hall	(2,091.44)	1	CSH
59	EFT3889	12/03/26	GNC Building and Construction Group	2 x box culverts, base slabs and headwalls for North Rd	(43,670.00)	1	CSH
60	EFT3890	12/03/26	Hersey'S Safety Pty Ltd	24 pack of gloves, 12 tubes of HD lube and other materials for Depot	(1,976.75)	1	CSH
61	EFT3891	12/03/26	Safe Roads WA	Pothole repairs, profiling and resealing works on Ninghan Rd	(125,769.57)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

<b>#</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Type</b>
62	EFT3892	12/03/26	LG Best Practices PTY LTD	Assistance with creditors and debtors for February 2026 and Rates service for February 2026	(6,116.00)	1	CSH
63	EFT3893	12/03/26	Fleet Complete Australia Pty Ltd	Vehicle tracking charges for February 2026	(569.94)	1	CSH
64	EFT3894	12/03/26	Bridged Group Pty Ltd	Monthly SOPHOS subscription for March 2026	(201.30)	1	CSH
65	EFT3895	12/03/26	Paynes Find Road House and Tavern	Council meeting lunch on 27/02/26 and Lunch for roads crew for works on Ninghan Rd culvert	(429.00)	1	CSH
66	EFT3896	12/03/26	Westrac Equipment Pty Ltd	9 x scarifier teeth for P3080 - Cat Grader YA 860	(242.65)	1	CSH
67	EFT3897	12/03/26	Shire Of Mt Magnet	EHO contracting services on 25/02/26 and 27/02/26	(1,386.00)	1	CSH
68	EFT3898	12/03/26	Url Networks Pty Ltd	Monthly VoIP charges for February 2026	(9.93)	1	CSH
69	EFT3899	12/03/26	Leisk Hydraulics Pty Ltd	Backflow test on Standpipe at the Depot	(220.00)	1	CSH
70	EFT3900	12/03/26	Bunnings Building Supplies Pty Ltd	10 x 2700mm x 600mm x 19mm Hardie Secura Flooring Sheets for Town Hall, 4L x vivid white paint for Town Hall and Stud adhesive and 3 x manhole kits for the Hotel	(1,817.08)	1	CSH
71	EFT3901	12/03/26	Westrac Equipment Pty Ltd	30 bolts, washers and nuts for cutting edges on P660 - JD Grader YA 856	(206.58)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
72	EFT3902	12/03/26	Integrated ICT	Azure storage, M365 licensing and security services for February 2026, Yealink A50 audio visual meeting bar for Chambers and Implement name based logins from role based logins for all staff	(13,793.24)	1	CSH
73	EFT3903	12/03/26	Message4U Pty Ltd t/as Sinch MessageMedia	SMS messaging services for March 2026	(126.50)	1	CSH
74	EFT3904	12/03/26	Ceilidh Christey	Repayment for sale of stock that was processed through Shire eftpos machine	(22.00)	1	CSH
75	EFT3905	12/03/26	Paywise Pty Ltd	Novated Lease charges for payrun #165	(1,912.10)	1	CSH
76	EFT3906	12/03/26	Canine Control	Ranger services on 20/02/26	(1,530.38)	1	CSH
77	EFT3907	12/03/26	Paynes Find Road House and Tavern	Accommodation for 8 x Saferoads employees on 24/02/2026 for works on Ninghan Rd	(880.00)	1	CSH
78	EFT3908	12/03/26	Pivotel Satellite Pty Limited	Satellite phone charges for January 2026	(291.00)	1	CSH
79	EFT3909	12/03/26	Datacom Solutions (AU) Pty Ltd	EasiPay payroll services for February 2026	(151.33)	1	CSH
80	EFT3910	12/03/26	IPEC Pty Ltd (Team Global Express)	Freight charges to send Tyro machine from Yalgoo to Sydney	(66.15)	1	CSH
81	EFT3911	12/03/26	Phillip Hill	Payment for sale of YACC324 painting Four Tribes One Waterhole	(277.50)	1	CSH
82	EFT3912	13/03/26	Bendigo Bank - Municipal	Superannuation paid in pay run #165 (16/02/2026 - 01/03/2026)	(15,084.93)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
83	EFT3913	13/03/26	Veolia Environmental Services	Domestic and commercial waste collection for February 2026	(3,302.51)	1	CSH
84	EFT3914	13/03/26	Cekas Asset Maintenance	Replace hallway ceiling at the Hotel from 23/02/26 - 26/02/26 and Replace hallway ceiling at the Hotel from 28/02/26 - 04/03/26 and works at Railway Ablutions on 06/03/26	(7,050.47)	1	CSH
85	EFT3915	13/03/26	Kieran Thomas Payne	Members fees for February 2026	(1,261.29)	1	CSH
86	EFT3916	13/03/26	Angus Troup Nichols	Members fees for February 2026	(760.68)	1	CSH
87	EFT3917	13/03/26	Raelene Kroon	Members fees for February 2026	(536.67)	1	CSH
88	EFT3918	13/03/26	Derek Jones	Members fees for February 2026	(536.67)	1	CSH
89	EFT3919	13/03/26	Raul Valenzuela	Members fees from August 2025 to February 2026	(11,259.83)	1	CSH
90	EFT3920	13/03/26	Tamisha Hodder	Members fees for February 2026	(828.34)	1	CSH
91	EFT3921	23/03/26	Australian Taxation Office	BAS lodgement for February 2026	(22,199.00)	1	CSH
92	EFT3922	24/03/26	Civic Legal	Legal fees for Matter No. DTC/151605 and Legal fees for Matter No. SF/151816	(91,272.58)	1	CSH
93	EFT3923	24/03/26	A Agapitidi & C Houlis Stati Co Electrical	Upgrade electrical boards and wiring to the Hotel	(43,239.09)	1	CSH
94	EFT3924	24/03/26	Paywise Pty Ltd	Novated lease payment for payrun #166	(1,912.10)	1	CSH
95	EFT3925	24/03/26	Southern Cross Broadband	Internet service for April 2026	(550.00)	1	CSH
96	EFT3926	24/03/26	Canine Control	Ranger services on 09/03/26	(1,530.38)	1	CSH
97	EFT3927	24/03/26	Landgate	Mining tenement schedules M2026/1, M2026/2 and M2026/3	(213.90)	1	CSH
98	EFT3928	24/03/26	Polstar Holdings P/L t/as Localworks	3 x satellite decoders for the Caravan Park	(1,053.75)	1	CSH
99	EFT3929	24/03/26	Fitz Gerald Strategies	Amend and lodge EBA agreement with Industrial Commission	(399.75)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
100	EFT3930	24/03/26	Grants Empire	Payment 2 to prepare 22/23 and 23/24 Annual Reports	(2,400.00)	1	CSH
101	EFT3931	24/03/26	Mitchell & Brown Retravision	Hisense 124L bar fridge for unit at Caravan Park	(243.00)	1	CSH
102	EFT3932	24/03/26	Beachlands Plumbing Pty Ltd	Repairs to showers at 19B Stanley St and 18B Shamrock Rd and investigate septic tank system for units	(1,472.24)	1	CSH
103	EFT3933	24/03/26	Brooks Hire Services Pty Ltd	Hire 14T excavator for RTR works from 16/02/26 - 28/02/26	(2,712.83)	1	CSH
104	EFT3934	24/03/26	Pemco Diesel Pty Ltd	Flush hydraulic systems and refill with clean oil on P654 - Mack Truck YA 809 and Supply rear suspension for P930 - Hilux Ute 1IEE 930	(4,495.22)	1	CSH
105	EFT3935	24/03/26	Abrolhos Steel	2 x galvanised sheets and supports for electric sign at Admin	(219.03)	1	CSH
106	EFT3936	24/03/26	Midwest Windscreens	Supply and fit new windscreen to P652 - Hino Truck YA 329	(1,100.00)	1	CSH
107	EFT3937	24/03/26	Cekas Asset Maintenance	Replace and prime external windows at the Town Hall from 16/03/26 - 20/03/26 and Ceiling repairs at Railway Ablutions and renovations to Town Hall from 09/03/26 - 13/03/26	(9,374.11)	1	CSH
108	EFT3938	24/03/26	Nick Stevenson	Paving works at 21A Campbell Street from 11/03/26 - 19/03/26 and Progress payment on paving works at 21A Campbell Street on 11/03/26	(9,948.40)	1	CSH
109	EFT3939	31/03/26	G.J. Tomkies & V.J. Tomkies t/as G.T. Movers W.A.	Freight on 4 steel sheets for sign at Admin and Freight on fridge for Caravan Park	(275.00)	1	CSH

**List of Accounts Paid**  
**EFT (Continued)**  
**March 2026**

#	Reference	Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	Bank	Type
110	EFT3940	31/03/26	Open Systems Technology Pty Ltd	Charges for the implementation of the new financial management software for February 2026 and Monthly subscription to CouncilFirst for April 2026	(15,566.54)	1	CSH
111	EFT3941	31/03/26	AIT Specialists Pty Ltd	FTC calculations for February 2026	(275.00)	1	CSH
112	EFT3942	31/03/26	Canine Control	Ranger services on 16/03/26	(1,530.38)	1	CSH
113	EFT3943	31/03/26	Civic Legal	Legal fees for Matter No. DTC/151605 and Legal fees for Matter No. SF/151698	(49,781.88)	1	CSH
114	EFT3944	31/03/26	Landgate	Mining tenement schedules M2026/4, M2026/5 and M2026/6	(260.40)	1	CSH
115	EFT3945	31/03/26	Winc Australia Pty Limited	Photocopier charges from 19/01/26 - 16/02/26 and from 16/02/26 - 23/03/26	(1,145.39)	1	CSH
116	EFT3946	31/03/26	Totally Workwear Geraldton	2 x embroidered shirts for Council member	(123.28)	1	CSH
117	EFT3947	31/03/26	Ken Darnell	9 x wild dog bounties	(990.00)	1	CSH
118	EFT3948	31/03/26	Mcdonalds Wholesalers	120 x 600ml water bottles, 20 x 1L milk and 96 x 150ml milk for Caravan Park	(215.45)	1	CSH
119	EFT3949	31/03/26	Core Business Australia Pty Ltd	Claim 33 for J1085 Yalgoo AGRN1021 flood damage works	(23,620.30)	1	CSH
					<b>(815,542.28)</b>		
				<b>Total Accounts Paid</b>			
				CEO Credit Card	(1,423.32)		
				DCEO Credit Card (for office use)	(2,950.83)		
				Direct Debit and Bpay	(151,742.20)		
				EFT	(815,542.28)		
					<b>(971,658.63)</b>		

### 13.2 INVESTMENT REPORT

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Yalgoo
<b>Date:</b>	17 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Glenn Boyes – Deputy CEO
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	NIL
<b>Attachments:</b>	Investment Register

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council receive the investment report as at 31 March 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 March 2026.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-07**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council receive the Investment Report as at 31 March 2026.

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

**Shire of Yalgoo**  
**Investment Register**  
**2025 - 2026**

Month 31 Mar 2026  
Interest Earned 35,405.50

Reserve #	Description	Opening	Opening Interest	Mar-26 Interest	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Closing
9673101	Employee Entitlement (Leave) Reserve	56,747.13	91.00	0.00	0.00	(56,838.13)	0.00
9673201	Plant Replacement Reserve	854,911.53	1,371.00	0.00	0.00	(856,282.53)	0.00
9673301	Sports Complex Reserve	110,328.89	177.00	0.00	0.00	(110,505.89)	0.00
9673401	Buildings Construction Reserve	186,878.17	300.00	0.00	0.00	(187,178.17)	0.00
9673501	Yalgoo Ninghan Road Reserve	1,059,393.96	6,122.04	18,588.00	0.00	0.00	1,084,104.00
9673601	Buildings Maintenance Reserve	141,953.71	228.00	0.00	0.00	(142,181.71)	0.00
9673801	Community Amenities Reserve	312,804.53	502.00	0.00	0.00	(313,306.53)	0.00
9673901	HCP Reserve	163,273.44	262.00	0.00	0.00	(163,535.44)	0.00
9674001	Yalgoo Morawa Road Reserve	335,250.39	2,013.61	6,196.00	0.00	0.00	343,460.00
9674201	Office Equipment & ICT Reserve	4,199.62	6.00	0.00	0.00	(4,205.62)	0.00
9674301	Natural Disaster Triggerpoint Reserve	14,749.63	24.00	0.00	0.00	(14,773.63)	0.00
9674404	General Purpose Reserve	0.00	2,530.52	10,621.50	0.00	1,848,807.65	1,861,959.67
		<u>3,240,491.00</u>	<u>13,627.17</u>	<u>35,405.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,289,523.67</u>

Reference	Amount	Bank	Opening	Interest	Maturity	Interest at Maturity	Total
5400702	2,534,962.33	Bendigo	31/03/2026	5.15%	29/09/2026	65,096.44	2,600,058.77
	<u>2,534,962.33</u>					<u>65,096.44</u>	

### 13.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Yalgoo
<b>Date:</b>	17 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Glenn Boyes – Deputy CEO
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	NIL
<b>Attachments:</b>	Monthly Report

#### **SUMMARY**

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

#### **COMMENT**

The Financial Statements for the period ending 31 March 2026 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 period ended 31 March 2026 in accordance with *Regulation 34 of the Local Government FM Regs 1996*.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2025-05-08**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 March 2026 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government FM Regs 1996

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.



# **SHIRE OF YALGOO**

## **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the Period Ending 31 March 2026**

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

	Note	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var* \$	Var* %
Opening Surplus / (Deficit)**	1	7,187,649	7,187,649	6,654,618		
<b>Operating Revenue</b>						
Rates	7	3,312,501	2,484,378	3,289,732	805,354	32%
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	8(a)	6,944,000	5,207,958	1,641,146	(3,566,812)	(68%)
Fees and Charges	9(a)	306,920	230,085	238,076	7,991	3%
Interest Earnings	9(b)	41,000	30,735	67,486	36,751	120%
Other Revenue	9(c)	64,500	48,339	37,556	(10,783)	(22%)
Profit on Asset Disposals	5	130,000	97,497	85,183	(12,314)	(13%)
		<b>10,798,921</b>	<b>8,098,992</b>	<b>5,359,180</b>		
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>						
Employee Costs	10(a)	(2,227,890)	(1,670,571)	(1,426,781)	243,790	(15%)
Materials and Contracts	10(b)	(5,855,130)	(4,390,641)	(1,751,490)	2,639,151	(60%)
Utility Charges	10(c)	(121,450)	(90,972)	(68,851)	22,121	(24%)
Depreciation	10(d)	(4,891,100)	(3,668,247)	(3,679,225)	(10,978)	0%
Insurance	10(e)	(233,800)	(175,266)	(233,744)	(58,478)	33%
Other Expenditure	10(f)	(174,000)	(130,446)	(93,008)	37,438	(29%)
Loss on Asset Disposals	5	(650)	(486)	(657)	(171)	35%
		<b>(13,504,020)</b>	<b>(10,126,629)</b>	<b>(7,253,755)</b>		
<b>Excluded Non-cash Activities</b>						
Depreciation		4,891,100	3,668,247	3,679,225		
(Profit) / Loss on Asset Disposals		(129,350)	(97,011)	(84,527)		
<b>Net Amount from Operating Activities</b>		<b>2,056,651</b>	<b>1,543,599</b>	<b>1,700,124</b>		
<b>Capital Revenue and Expenditure</b>						
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	8(b)	2,157,000	1,617,741	1,558,237	(59,504)	(4%)
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	5	280,000	209,997	199,753	(10,244)	(5%)
Land and Buildings	6(a)	(1,095,000)	(821,223)	(955,883)	(134,660)	16%
Plant and Equipment	6(b)	(452,000)	(338,994)	(285,549)	53,445	(16%)
Furniture and Equipment	6(c)	0	0	0	0	0%
Road Infrastructure	6(d)	(2,630,000)	(1,972,449)	(2,139,549)	(167,100)	8%
Other Infrastructure	6(e)	(242,000)	(181,494)	(87,332)	94,162	(52%)
<b>Net Amount from Capital Activities</b>		<b>(1,982,000)</b>	<b>(1,486,422)</b>	<b>(1,710,323)</b>		
<b>Financing Revenue and Expenditure</b>						
Transfers from Reserves	3	1,854,030	1,854,030	1,848,808	(5,222)	(0%)
Transfers to Reserves	3	(9,116,330)	(9,116,330)	(1,897,840)	7,218,490	(79%)
<b>Net Amount from Financing Activities</b>		<b>(7,262,300)</b>	<b>(7,262,300)</b>	<b>(49,033)</b>		
<b>Closing Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	1	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,475)</b>	<b>6,595,386</b>		

\* - the material variance adopted by Council for 2025 - 2026 is \$10,000 and 10% whichever is greater.

\*\* - Budget Review surplus differs to actual due to adjustments made to the 24/25 Annual Report in April 2026.

**Shire of Yalgoo**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31 March 2026**

	<b>31 Mar 26</b>	<b>30 Jun 25</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,416,823	1,930,864
Cash Reserves	3,289,524	3,240,491
Rates Receivables	249,863	118,274
Other Receivables	5,467,511	5,642,897
	<b>10,423,720</b>	<b>10,932,526</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Receivables and Other Assets	36,801	36,801
Property, Plant and Equipment	14,031,594	13,534,440
Infrastructure	86,599,678	87,422,970
	<b>100,668,073</b>	<b>100,994,211</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>111,091,793</b>	<b>111,926,737</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and Other Liabilities	(154,463)	(402,405)
Income Received in Advance	(87,625)	(58,735)
Contract Liabilities	0	(276,004)
Employee Related Provisions	(296,723)	(300,274)
	<b>(538,811)</b>	<b>(1,037,417)</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Employee Related Provisions	(75,704)	(75,704)
	<b>(75,704)</b>	<b>(75,704)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(614,515)</b>	<b>(1,113,121)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>110,477,278</b>	<b>110,813,616</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated Surplus	(42,112,420)	(42,497,791)
Cash Reserves	(3,289,524)	(3,240,491)
Revaluation Surplus	(65,075,334)	(65,075,334)
	<b>(110,477,278)</b>	<b>(110,813,616)</b>

**Shire of Yalgoo**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Period Ending 31 March 2026**

	<b>YTD</b>
	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	
Rates	3,186,661
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,661,600
Fees and charges	456,343
Interest	67,486
Other revenue	37,556
GST receipts	0
	<hr/> <b>5,409,646</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Employee costs	(1,439,737)
Materials and contracts	(1,971,526)
Utility charges	(68,851)
Insurance	(233,744)
Other expenditure	(93,008)
GST payments	(81,461)
	<hr/> <b>(3,888,327)</b>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<hr/> <b>1,521,319</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	1,282,233
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	199,753
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,241,432)
Purchase of infrastructure	(2,226,881)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<hr/> <b>(1,986,327)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	
Proceeds/(Payments) from financial assets at amortised cost	(49,033)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<hr/> <b>(49,033)</b>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(514,041)</b>
Cash at beginning of year	1,930,864
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<hr/> <b>1,416,823</b> <hr/>

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**1. Financial Position**

	31 Mar 26	30 Jun 25
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,416,823	1,930,864
Cash Reserves	3,289,524	3,240,491
Rates Receivables	249,863	118,274
Other Receivables	5,467,511	5,642,897
	<b>10,423,720</b>	<b>10,932,526</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and Other Liabilities	(154,463)	(402,405)
Income Received in Advance	(87,625)	(334,738)
Contract Liabilities	0	0
Employee Related Provisions	(296,723)	(300,274)
	<b>(538,811)</b>	<b>(1,037,417)</b>
Less: Cash Reserves	(3,289,524)	(3,240,491)
<b>Net Funding Position</b>	<b>6,595,386</b>	<b>6,654,618</b>

**2. Cash and Financial Assets**

**(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	As at 31 Mar 26	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>	
Municipal Account	1,284,288	0.95%	N/A
Cash on Hand	750	N/A	N/A
	<b>1,285,038</b>		
<b>Restricted</b>			
Municipal Account	131,785	0.95%	N/A
Reserves Cash	789,524	0.95%	N/A
Reserves Term Deposit	2,500,000	4.15%	31 Mar 26
	<b>3,421,309</b>		
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>4,706,347</b>		

**(b) Trust Funds**

There are currently no funds held in Trust.

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3. Cash Reserves

	Balance 01 Jul 25	Transfer from	Interest Received	Transfer to	Balance 31 Mar 26
YTD Actual	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Employee Entitlement (Leave) Reserve	56,747	(56,838)	91	0	0
Plant Replacement Reserve	854,912	(856,283)	1,371	0	0
Sports Complex Reserve	110,329	(110,506)	177	0	0
Buildings Construction Reserve	186,878	(187,178)	300	0	0
Yalgoo Ninghan Road Reserve	1,059,394	0	42,685	0	1,102,079
Buildings Maintenance Reserve	141,954	(142,182)	228	0	0
Community Amenities Reserve	312,805	(313,307)	502	0	0
HCP Reserve	163,273	(163,535)	262	0	0
Yalgoo Morawa Road Reserve	335,250	0	1,587	0	336,837
Office Equipment and ICT Reserve	4,200	(4,206)	6	0	0
Natural Disaster Triggerpoint Reserve	14,750	(14,774)	24	0	0
General Purpose	0	0	1,800	1,848,808	1,850,608
	<b>3,240,491</b>	<b>(1,848,808)</b>	<b>49,033</b>	<b>1,848,808</b>	<b>3,289,524</b>

4. Receivables

	31 Mar 26		31 Mar 26
Rates Receivable	\$	General Receivables	\$
Current	174,321	Current	3,080
Previous Year	33,730	30 Days	3,052
Second Previous Year	24,497	60 Days	1,584
Third Previous Year or Greater	17,315	90+ Days	3,146
	<b>249,863</b>		<b>10,862</b>

5. Disposal of Assets

	Annual Budget Profit	Annual Budget Loss	YTD Proceeds on Disposal	YTD Actual Profit	YTD Actual Loss
Plant and Equipment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mitsubishi Pajero	7,000	0	30,000	7,016	0
Hino Truck - Works Manager	9,200	0	88,396	9,243	0
Hotel Furniture and Equipment	15,000	0	0	0	0
Hino Dual Cab Truck - Road Crew	21,300	0	31,691	21,297	0
Cement Truck	13,000	0	13,070	13,070	0
Cement Batching Plant	35,000	0	34,557	34,557	0
Kubota Generator	0	(650)	2,039	0	(657)
RAV4	19,500	0	0	0	0
Fortuner	10,000	0	0	0	0
	<b>130,000</b>	<b>(650)</b>	<b>199,753</b>	<b>85,183</b>	<b>(657)</b>

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6. Capital Acquisitions

(a) Land and Buildings

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance and Project Update
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
Yalgoo Hotel / Pub	650,000	487,494	652,364	164,870	34%	Complete. Budget profile
Town Hall	300,000	225,000	207,376	(17,624)	(8%)	Internal and external painting to complete, power to connect, floors, gutters, exterior window surrounds
Staff Housing	120,000	89,982	79,597	(10,385)	(12%)	Pavers for 21A Campbell St in progress
Chapel Renovations	25,000	18,747	15,804	(2,943)	(16%)	Tower renovations to do
EBA Backpay Adjustment	0	0	742	742	0%	Journal required
	<b>1,095,000</b>	<b>821,223</b>	<b>955,883</b>			

(b) Plant and Equipment

Ford Everest	80,000	60,000	0	(60,000)	(100%)	Not purchased
Toyota Fortuna	70,000	52,500	0	(52,500)	(100%)	Not purchased
Hino Dual Cab Truck (Road Crew)	100,000	75,000	99,845	24,845	33%	Complete. Budget profile
Toyota SR Dual Cab Ute (Road / Fire)	66,000	49,500	65,317	15,817	32%	Complete. Budget profile
Toyota SR5 Dual Cab Ute (WM)	71,000	53,250	70,983	17,733	33%	Complete. Budget profile
Other Town and Road Equipment	65,000	48,744	49,403	659	1%	Spitwater washer and hoist purchased to date
	<b>452,000</b>	<b>338,994</b>	<b>285,549</b>			

(c) Furniture and Equipment

Internet / Conference / Admin Monitor	0	0	0	0	0%	No budget
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			

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6. Capital Acquisitions (Continued)

(d) Road Infrastructure

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance and Project Update
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
Regional Roads Group	900,000	674,991	905,987	230,996		34% Completed. Budget profile
Roads to Recovery	900,000	674,991	400,875	(274,116)	(41%)	Culvert and North Rd works commenced
LRCI - Yalgoo Ninghan Rd Sealing	530,000	397,500	531,002	133,502		34% Complete. Budget profile
Other Road Construction - Council	185,000	138,750	179,997	41,247		30% Budget profile
LRCI - Morawa - Yalgoo Rd Grids	70,000	52,476	72,588	20,112		38% Complete. Budget profile
Grids and Seal Approaches	45,000	33,741	49,099	15,358		46% Complete. Budget profile
	<b>2,630,000</b>	<b>1,972,449</b>	<b>2,139,549</b>			

(e) Other Infrastructure

CCTV and WiFi Network	150,000	112,500	0	(112,500)	(100%)	Planning and quoting commenced
Tennis Court	87,000	65,250	87,243	21,993		34% Completed. Budget profile
EBA Backpay Adjustment	0	0	89	89		0% Journal required
Paynes Find Entry Statements	5,000	3,744	0	(3,744)	(100%)	Not started
	<b>242,000</b>	<b>181,494</b>	<b>87,332</b>			

<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>4,419,000</b>	<b>3,314,160</b>	<b>3,468,313</b>			
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7. Rating Information

	Rate in	Rateable	Number of	Annual	YTD	Var	Var
	\$	Value	Properties	Budget	Actual	\$	%
				Revenue	Revenue		
				\$	\$		
<b>General Rates</b>							
GRV - Townsites Improved	0.087121	392,673	37	34,210	34,210	0	0%
GRV - Townsites Improved Vacant	0.087121	0	0	0	0	0	0%
GRV - Mining Infrastructure	0.330944	1,473,400	8	487,612	487,613	1	0%
UV - Mining / Mining Tenements	0.355968	7,003,999	146	2,493,200	2,493,200	(0)	(0%)
UV - Exploration / Prospecting	0.234058	1,483,112	220	347,134	347,134	0	0%
UV - Pastoral / Rural	0.076843	937,583	23	72,047	72,047	(0)	(0%)
				<b>3,434,203</b>	<b>3,434,203</b>		
<b>Minimum Payment</b>							
GRV - Townsites Improved	300	2,654	3	900	900	0	0%
GRV - Townsites Improved Vacant	300	1,810	14	4,200	4,200	0	0%
GRV - Mining Infrastructure	300	44	1	300	300	0	0%
UV - Mining / Mining Tenements	300	3,785	7	2,100	2,100	0	0%
UV - Exploration / Prospecting	300	80,359	98	29,400	29,400	0	0%
UV - Pastoral / Rural	300	9,996	8	2,400	2,400	0	0%
				<b>39,300</b>	<b>39,300</b>		
<b>Total General and Minimum Rates</b>				<b>3,473,503</b>	<b>3,473,503</b>		
<b>Other Rate Revenue</b>							
Rates Written-off				(10,003)	(1,784)	8,219	(82%)
Discounts				(155,999)	(161,667)	(5,668)	4%
Interim and Back Rates				5,000	(20,320)	(25,320)	(506%)
<b>Total Funds Raised from Rates</b>				<b>3,312,501</b>	<b>3,289,732</b>		

Explanation of Variance

YTD Budget	2,484,378
YTD Actual	3,289,732
Variance \$	(805,354)
Variance %	32%

The variance is caused by the budget profile for interim and back rates, write-offs and discounts

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8. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

(a) Operating Revenue

	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
Financial Assistance Grant - General	1,050,000	787,500	961,085	173,585	22%	Budget profile
Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	350,000	262,494	308,927	46,433	18%	Budget profile
Bush Fire grants	38,000	28,494	39,021	10,527	37%	Budget profile
Event Contributions	9,000	6,750	9,545	2,795	41%	
Road Use Agreement - 29 Metals	120,000	90,000	0	(90,000)	(100%)	Mine pays end of year
Road Use Agreement - Rothsay Deflector	74,000	55,494	54,219	(1,275)	(2%)	
Road Use Agreement - Terra Mining	50,000	37,494	20,719	(16,775)	(45%)	25/26 not received yet
Road Use Agreement - Fenix Resources	2,000,000	1,499,994	0	(1,499,994)	(100%)	RUA not completed
Flood Damage reimbursements	3,000,000	2,250,000	0	(2,250,000)	(100%)	No flood damage
Insurance recovery	0	0	959	959	0%	
MRWA Direct Road grant	229,000	171,747	229,282	57,535	33%	Budget profile
Healthy Community Projects grant - Silverlake	4,000	2,997	5,500	2,503	84%	
Fuel Tax Credits	20,000	14,994	11,889	(3,105)	(21%)	
	<b>6,944,000</b>	<b>5,207,958</b>	<b>1,641,146</b>			

(b) Capital Revenue

	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
LRCIP funding	457,000	342,747	457,194	114,447	33%	Budget profile
Regional Roads Group	600,000	450,000	600,000	150,000	33%	Budget profile
Roads to Recovery	1,100,000	824,994	501,043	(323,951)	(39%)	Part payment received
	<b>2,157,000</b>	<b>1,617,741</b>	<b>1,558,237</b>			

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9. Operating Revenue

(a) Fees and Charges

COA	Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
3030120	RATES - Instalment Admin Fee	4,500	3,375	3,960	585	17%	
3030121	RATES - Account Enquiry Charges	500	369	227	(142)	(38%)	
3030220	GEN PUR - Charges - Photocopying / Faxing	50	36	6	(30)	(83%)	
3050221	ANIMAL - Animal Registration Fees	250	180	300	120	67%	
3050240	ANIMAL - Fines and Penalties	740	549	0	(549)	(100%)	
3070421	HEALTH - Health Regulatory Licenses	180	135	0	(135)	(100%)	
3090101	STF HOUSE - Staff Rental Reimbursements	15,000	11,250	12,460	1,210	11%	
3090235	OTH HOUSE - Other Income	25,200	18,900	24,588	5,688	30%	
3100120	SAN - Domestic Refuse Collection Charges	12,000	9,000	12,350	3,350	37%	
3100200	SAN OTH - Commercial Collection Charge	3,500	2,619	3,850	1,231	47%	
3100321	SEW - Septic Tank Inspection Fees	500	369	0	(369)	(100%)	
3100623	PLAN - Fees & Charges	2,000	1,494	1,018	(476)	(32%)	
3100720	COM AMEN - Cemetery Fees	3,000	2,250	2,891	641	28%	
3100723	COM AMEN - Community Bus Fees	1,000	747	0	(747)	(100%)	
3110120	HALLS - Town Hall Hire	200	144	218	74	52%	
3110321	REC - Core Stadium Hire	500	369	73	(296)	(80%)	
3110324	REC - Mens Shed Hire Fees	200	144	73	(71)	(49%)	
3110620	HERITAGE - Sale of History Books	100	72	15	(57)	(79%)	
3110720	OTH CUL - Sales Arts and Cultural Centre	500	369	370	1	0%	
3110721	OTH CUL - Chapel and Museum Fees	250	180	120	(60)	(34%)	
3130221	TOUR - Caravan Park Tourism Sales	50	36	0	(36)	(100%)	
3130222	TOUR - Caravan Park Chalet Revenue	205,000	153,738	151,916	(1,822)	(1%)	
3130224	TOUR - Prospecting Permits	1,000	747	232	(515)	(69%)	
3130228	TOUR - Tourism Sales	100	72	74	2	2%	
3130320	BUILD - Fees & Charges (Licences)	500	369	100	(269)	(73%)	
3140120	PRIVATE - Private Works Income	30,000	22,500	23,208	708	3%	
3140235	ADMIN - Other Admin Income	100	72	27	(45)	(62%)	
		<b>306,920</b>	<b>230,085</b>	<b>238,076</b>			

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9. Operating Revenue (Continued)

(b) Interest Earnings

COA	Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
3030145	RATES - Penalty Interest Received	10,000	7,497	8,509	1,012	14%	
3030146	RATES - Instalment Interest Received	6,000	4,500	4,325	(175)	(4%)	
3030245	GEN PUR - Interest Earned - Reserves	20,000	14,994	49,033	34,039	227%	Higher than expected
3030246	GEN PUR - Interest Earned - Municipal	5,000	3,744	5,619	1,875	50%	
		<b>41,000</b>	<b>30,735</b>	<b>67,486</b>			

(c) Other Revenue

3030122	RATES - Reimbursement of Debt Collection	2,700	2,025	0	(2,025)	(100%)	
3050502	ESL BFB - Admin Fee/Commission	4,000	2,997	4,000	1,003	33%	
3070701	OTH HEALTH - Reimbursements	2,000	1,494	0	(1,494)	(100%)	
3110702	OTH CUL - Commissions	500	369	84	(285)	(77%)	
3130235	TOUR - Other Income Relating to Tourism	10,000	7,497	0	(7,497)	(100%)	
3120502	LICENSING - Transport Commissions	3,500	2,619	1,397	(1,222)	(47%)	
3130302	BUILD - Commissions - BSL & CTF	300	225	0	(225)	(100%)	
3130835	OTH ECON - Sundry Revenue (No GST)	25,000	18,747	20,859	2,112	11%	
3140201	ADMIN - Reimbursements	2,500	1,872	0	(1,872)	(100%)	
3140401	POC - Reimbursements	3,000	2,250	412	(1,838)	(82%)	
3140235	ADMIN - Other Administration Income	11,000	8,244	10,804	2,560	31%	
		<b>64,500</b>	<b>48,339</b>	<b>37,556</b>			

(d) Profit on Asset Disposals

3120390	PLANT - Profit on Disposal of Assets	130,000	97,497	85,183	(12,314)	(13%)	Timing of disposals
		<b>130,000</b>	<b>97,497</b>	<b>85,183</b>			

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10. Operating Expenditure

(a) Employee Costs

COA	Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
2050165	FIRE - Maintenance/Operations	(10,000)	(7,497)	(7,789)	(292)	4%	
2050188	FIRE - Building Operations	(500)	(369)	(96)	273	(74%)	
2050189	FIRE - Building Maintenance	(500)	(369)	(317)	52	(14%)	
2090189	STF HOUSE - Building Maintenance	(12,000)	(9,000)	(6,762)	2,238	(25%)	
2100117	SAN - General Tip Maintenance	(3,000)	(2,250)	(1,652)	598	(27%)	
2100711	COM AMEN - Cemetery Maintenance	(2,500)	(1,872)	(3,216)	(1,344)	72%	
2100789	COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Mtce	(19,800)	(14,850)	(17,108)	(2,258)	15%	
2110189	HALLS - Town Halls Maintenance	(9,000)	(6,750)	(6,547)	203	(3%)	
2110300	REC - Employee Costs	0	0	(39)	(39)	0%	
2110360	REC - Recreation Grounds Maintenance	(131,400)	(98,550)	(76,320)	22,230	(23%)	Expenditure less than expected
2110365	REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance	0	0	(13)	(13)	0%	
2110389	REC - Other Rec Building Maintenance	(82,000)	(61,497)	(48,785)	12,712	(21%)	Expenditure less than expected
2110689	HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	(31,800)	(23,850)	(871)	22,979	(96%)	Expenditure less than expected
2110700	OTH CUL - Community Events	(136,020)	(102,006)	(107,628)	(5,622)	6%	
2110789	OTH CUL - Building Maintenance	(7,000)	(5,247)	(2,519)	2,728	(52%)	
2110725	OTH CUL - Festival & Events	0	0	(30)	(30)	0%	
2120211	ROADM - Road Maintenance	(162,000)	(121,482)	(83,556)	37,926	(31%)	Expenditure less than expected
2120215	ROADM - Roads to Recovery RTR	(20,000)	(14,994)	0	14,994	(100%)	No maintenance done by employees
2120221	ROADM - Road Maintenance Flood Damage	(40,000)	(29,997)	(15)	29,982	(100%)	No flood works as yet
2120236	ROADM - Street Trees and Watering	(1,200)	(900)	0	900	(100%)	
2120288	ROADM - Depot Building Operations	(7,200)	(5,400)	(1,229)	4,171	(77%)	
2120289	ROADM - Depot Building Maintenance	(150,000)	(112,500)	(109,178)	3,322	(3%)	
2120504	LICENSING - Training & Development	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2120665	AERO - Airstrip & Grounds Maintenance	(10,000)	(7,497)	(1,687)	5,810	(77%)	
2120689	AERO - Building Maintenance	(5,000)	(3,744)	(1,154)	2,590	(69%)	
2130200	TOUR - Employee Costs	(152,750)	(114,543)	(106,382)	8,161	(7%)	
2130213	TOUR - Jokers Tunnel Maintenance	(2,500)	(1,872)	(1,232)	640	(34%)	
2130214	TOUR - Yalgoo Lookout Maintenance	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2130266	TOUR - Caravan Park General Maintenance	0	0	(72)	(72)	0%	
2130267	TOUR - Caravan Park General Operation	(3,500)	(2,619)	(98)	2,521	(96%)	
2130288	TOUR - Building Operations	0	0	(15)	(15)	0%	
2130289	TOUR - Building Maintenance	(15,000)	(11,250)	(7,341)	3,909	(35%)	
2130855	OTH ECON - Community Bus	(1,000)	(747)	0	747	(100%)	
2130889	OTH ECON - Building Maintenance	(2,000)	(1,494)	(1,319)	175	(12%)	
2140187	PRIVATE - Other Expenses	(7,000)	(5,247)	(4,551)	696	(13%)	

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(a) Employee Costs (Continued)

COA	Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
2140200	ADMIN - Employee Costs	(676,500)	(507,375)	(483,503)	23,872	(5%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140202	ADMIN - Superannuation	(147,000)	(110,250)	(81,591)	28,659	(26%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140204	ADMIN - Training & Development	(400)	(297)	(400)	(103)	35%	
2140206	ADMIN - Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT)	(60,000)	(45,000)	(8,275)	36,725	(82%)	FBT calculation to do. March not paid
2140208	ADMIN - Other Employee Expenses	(45,000)	(33,750)	(36,948)	(3,198)	9%	
2140209	ADMIN - Travel & Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0%	
2140263	ADMIN - Courses Seminars & Conference	(15,000)	(11,250)	(221)	11,029	(98%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140289	ADMIN - Building Maintenance	(20,000)	(14,994)	(11,231)	3,763	(25%)	
2140300	PWO - Employee Costs	(160,700)	(120,519)	(113,831)	6,688	(6%)	
2140327	PWO - RDO's	0	0	(245)	(245)	0%	
2140304	PWO - Training & Development	(15,400)	(11,547)	(8,998)	2,549	(22%)	
2140308	PWO - Other Employee Expenses	(4,500)	(3,366)	(4,684)	(1,318)	39%	
2140309	PWO - Travel & Accommodation	(3,500)	(2,619)	(1,259)	1,360	(52%)	
2140323	PWO - Sick Pay	(30,000)	(22,500)	(18,750)	3,750	(17%)	
2140324	PWO - Annual Leave	(133,800)	(100,350)	(79,561)	20,789	(21%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140325	PWO - Public Holidays	(65,000)	(48,744)	(49,153)	(409)	1%	
2140328	PWO - Supervision	(60,000)	(45,000)	(37,394)	7,606	(17%)	
2140330	PWO - OHS and Toolbox Meetings	(1,000)	(747)	(460)	287	(38%)	
2140344	PWO - Superannuation	(190,000)	(142,497)	(110,981)	31,516	(22%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140362	PWO - Asset Management	0	0	(61)	(61)	0%	
2140400	POC - Internal Plant Repairs	(20,000)	(14,994)	(10,522)	4,472	(30%)	
Multiple	Allocations	445,580	334,359	228,811	(105,548)	(32%)	Allocations less than expected
		<b>(2,227,890)</b>	<b>(1,670,571)</b>	<b>(1,426,781)</b>			

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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
2030112	RATES - Valuation Expenses	(5,000)	(3,744)	(670)	3,074	(82%)	
2030113	RATES - Title/Company Searches	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2030114	RATES - Debt Collection Expenses	(5,000)	(3,744)	(2,963)	781	(21%)	
2030152	RATES - Consultants	(50,000)	(37,494)	(18,000)	19,494	(52%)	Expenditure less than expected
2030187	RATES - Other Expenses Relating To Rates	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2040101	MEMBERS - Conferences/Accommodation	(30,500)	(22,869)	(16,801)	6,068	(27%)	
2040104	MEMBERS - Training & Development	(21,500)	(16,119)	0	16,119	(100%)	No training done
2040116	MEMBERS - Election Expenses	(16,500)	(12,375)	0	12,375	(100%)	Allocated to other expenses
2040141	MEMBERS - Subscriptions & Publications	(28,000)	(20,988)	(25,992)	(5,004)	24%	
2040184	MEMBERS - Receptions & Refreshments	0	0	0	0	0%	
2040187	MEMBERS - Other Expenses	(5,000)	(3,744)	(2,417)	1,327	(35%)	
2040193	MEMBERS - Receptions & Refreshments	(11,500)	(8,613)	(4,606)	4,007	(47%)	
2050109	FIRE - Travel & Accommodation	(1,000)	(747)	(666)	81	(11%)	
2050113	FIRE - Fire Prevention and Planning	(5,000)	(3,744)	(2,085)	1,659	(44%)	
2050117	FIRE - CESM	(20,000)	(14,994)	(8,295)	6,699	(45%)	
2050165	FIRE - Maintenance/Operations	(15,120)	(11,340)	(2,874)	8,466	(75%)	
2050189	FIRE - Building Maintenance	(1,000)	(747)	(393)	354	(47%)	
2050266	ANIMAL - Contract Ranger Services	(40,000)	(29,997)	(23,721)	6,276	(21%)	
2050269	ANIMAL - Sterilisation Program.	(7,000)	(5,247)	(5,802)	(555)	11%	
2050287	ANIMAL - Other Expenditure	(1,000)	(747)	(60)	687	(92%)	
2070411	HEALTH - Contract EHO	(37,500)	(28,116)	(23,198)	4,918	(17%)	
2070412	HEALTH - Analytical Expenses	(1,000)	(747)	(377)	370	(50%)	
2070487	HEALTH - Other Expenses	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2070554	PEST - Mosquito Control Expenses	(3,500)	(2,619)	0	2,619	(100%)	
2070766	OTH HEALTH - Dental Services Expenses	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2080254	OTHER ED - Community Development Fund	(1,280)	(954)	0	954	(100%)	
2090189	STF HOUSE - Building Maintenance	(92,500)	(69,372)	(70,173)	(801)	1%	
2100111	SAN - Waste Collection	(40,000)	(29,997)	(24,319)	5,678	(19%)	
2100117	SAN - General Tip Maintenance	(6,000)	(4,491)	(2,100)	2,391	(53%)	
2100118	SAN - Purchase of Bins (Sulo and Other)	(2,000)	(1,494)	0	1,494	(100%)	
2100211	SAN OTH - Waste Collection	0	0	(3,002)	(3,002)	0%	
2100650	PLAN - Contract Town Planning	(10,000)	(7,497)	0	7,497	(100%)	
2100652	PLAN - Consultants	(2,000)	(1,494)	0	1,494	(100%)	
2100711	COM AMEN - Cemetery Maintenance	(5,700)	(4,266)	(3,127)	1,139	(27%)	
2100789	COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Mtce	(7,000)	(5,238)	(3,297)	1,941	(37%)	

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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
2110188	HALLS - Town Halls Operations	0	0	0	0	0%	
2110189	HALLS - Town Halls Maintenance	(7,000)	(5,238)	(1,604)	3,634	(69%)	
2110360	REC - Recreation Grounds Maintenance	(13,250)	(9,927)	(2,420)	7,507	(76%)	
2110365	REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance	0	0	(300)	(300)	0%	
2110389	REC - Other Rec Building Maintenance	(45,500)	(34,119)	(34,290)	(171)	1%	
2110465	TV RADIO - Re-Broadcasting Maintenance	(6,000)	(4,500)	(2,127)	2,373	(53%)	
2110516	LIBRARY - Postage and Freight	(700)	(522)	(222)	300	(57%)	
2110587	LIBRARY - Other Expenses	(1,000)	(747)	(10)	737	(99%)	
2110689	HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	(36,750)	(27,549)	(4,489)	23,060	(84%)	Expenditure less than expected
2110700	OTH CUL - Community Events	(116,950)	(87,705)	(78,191)	9,514	(11%)	
2110717	OTH CUL - Seniors Teas	(100)	(72)	(105)	(33)	45%	
2110725	OTH CUL - Festival & Events	0	0	0	0	0%	
2110741	OTH CUL - Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0	0	0	0%	
2110789	OTH CUL - Building Maintenance	(3,500)	(2,619)	(1,620)	999	(38%)	
2110724	OTH CUL - Artwork Purchases	(610)	(450)	(370)	80	(18%)	
2120212	ROADM - Road Maintenance	(160,000)	(119,988)	(145,653)	(25,665)	21%	Most works complete. Grading in April to do
2120215	ROADM - Roads to Recovery RTR	(150,000)	(112,491)	(115,136)	(2,645)	2%	Most works complete. Budget profile
2120221	ROADM - Road Maintenance Flood Damage	(3,090,000)	(2,317,500)	(76,273)	2,241,227	(97%)	3 claims paid to Core to be submitted to DFES
2120231	ROADM - Small Plant and Equipment	(40,000)	(29,988)	(15,133)	14,855	(50%)	Expenditure less than expected
2120236	ROADM - Street Trees and Watering	(2,500)	(1,872)	0	1,872	(100%)	
2120237	ROADM - Signs Repaired /Replaced	(2,500)	(1,872)	0	1,872	(100%)	
2120239	ROADM - Vegetation & Weed Control	(5,000)	(3,744)	0	3,744	(100%)	
2120242	ROADM - Roman Expenses	(8,500)	(6,372)	(8,366)	(1,994)	31%	
2120252	ROADM - Consultants	(100,000)	(74,997)	(82,778)	(7,781)	10%	
2120289	ROADM - Depot Building Maintenance	(26,750)	(20,052)	(9,787)	10,265	(51%)	Expenditure less than expected
2120516	LICENSING - Postage and Freight	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2120665	AERO - Airstrip & Grounds Maintenance	(10,000)	(7,497)	(5,724)	1,773	(24%)	
2120687	AERO - Other Expenses	(1,500)	(1,125)	0	1,125	(100%)	
2120689	AERO - Building Maintenance	(1,000)	(747)	0	747	(100%)	
2130211	TOUR - Tourism Promotion	(45,370)	(34,020)	(31,333)	2,688	(8%)	
2130213	TOUR - Jokers Tunnel Maintenance	(2,500)	(1,863)	(219)	1,644	(88%)	
2130214	TOUR - Yalgoo Lookout Maintenance	(1,000)	(747)	0	747	(100%)	

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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
2130265	TOUR - Maintenance/Operations	0	0	0	0	0%	
2130266	TOUR - Caravan Park General Maintenance	0	0	(220)	(220)	0%	
2130267	TOUR - Caravan Park General Operation	(45,000)	(33,741)	(21,572)	12,169	(36%)	Expenditure less than expected
2130289	TOUR - Building Maintenance	(5,000)	(3,744)	(268)	3,476	(93%)	
2130296	TOUR - Healthy Community Projects	(500)	(369)	(218)	151	(41%)	
2130112	RURAL - Dog Bounty	0	0	(900)	(900)	0%	
2130640	ECON DEV - Advertising & Promotion	(4,500)	(3,366)	(250)	3,116	(93%)	
2130810	OTH ECON - Motor Vehicle Expenses	(25,000)	(18,747)	(19,143)	(396)	2%	
2130856	OTH ECON - Commercial Property Lease	(7,000)	(5,247)	(3,096)	2,151	(41%)	
2130889	OTH ECON - Building Maintenance	(14,500)	(10,872)	(8,102)	2,770	(25%)	
2140187	PRIVATE - Other Expenses	(2,000)	(1,494)	0	1,494	(100%)	
2140201	ADMIN - Salaries & Wages	0	0	0	0	0%	
2140204	ADMIN - Training & Development	(5,200)	(3,888)	(87)	3,801	(98%)	
2140205	ADMIN - Recruitment	(6,500)	(4,869)	(6,642)	(1,773)	36%	
2140209	ADMIN - Travel & Accommodation	(15,000)	(11,250)	(157)	11,093	(99%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140215	ADMIN - Printing and Stationery	(9,000)	(6,750)	(4,750)	2,000	(30%)	
2140216	ADMIN - Postage and Freight	(2,500)	(1,863)	(360)	1,503	(81%)	
2140217	ADMIN - Computer Maintenance	(81,300)	(60,966)	(60,471)	495	(1%)	
2140220	ADMIN - Communication Expenses	(1,700)	(1,269)	(929)	340	(27%)	
2140223	ADMIN - Bank Charges	(7,550)	(5,661)	(4,503)	1,158	(20%)	
2140226	ADMIN - Office Equipment Mtce	(45,000)	(33,741)	(39,432)	(5,691)	17%	
2140229	ADMIN - Software Licencing	(90,000)	(67,500)	(62,797)	4,703	(7%)	
2140240	ADMIN - Advertising and Promotion	(2,000)	(1,494)	(374)	1,120	(75%)	
2140241	ADMIN - Subscriptions and Memberships	(21,000)	(15,741)	(16,117)	(376)	2%	
2140252	ADMIN - Consultants	(162,000)	(121,491)	(89,475)	32,016	(26%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140263	ADMIN - Courses Seminars & Conference	(20,500)	(15,363)	(14,919)	444	(3%)	
2140264	ADMIN - License & Permits	(1,500)	(1,125)	(36)	1,089	(97%)	
2140265	ADMIN - Maintenance/Operations	(1,000)	(747)	(2,580)	(1,833)	245%	
2140279	ADMIN - Telephone & Internet	(41,500)	(31,113)	(21,963)	9,150	(29%)	
2140284	ADMIN - Audit Fees	(225,000)	(168,750)	(72,100)	96,650	(57%)	Allocated to prior years. Complete except for 24/25
2140285	ADMIN - Legal Expenses	(430,000)	(322,497)	(317,181)	5,316	(2%)	
2140287	ADMIN - Other Expenses	(5,000)	(3,744)	(1,925)	1,819	(49%)	
2140289	ADMIN - Building Maintenance	(35,000)	(26,244)	(20,180)	6,064	(23%)	
2140304	PWO - Training & Development	(20,000)	(14,994)	(10,841)	4,153	(28%)	

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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
2140305	PWO - Recruitment	(5,000)	(3,744)	(3,850)	(106)	3%	
2140307	PWO - Protective Clothing	(20,000)	(14,994)	(9,950)	5,044	(34%)	
2140309	PWO - Travel & Accommodation	(3,000)	(2,250)	(1,197)	1,053	(47%)	
2140316	PWO - Postage and Freight	(500)	(369)	0	369	(100%)	
2140330	PWO - OHS and Toolbox Meetings	(30,000)	(22,491)	(14,210)	8,281	(37%)	
2140362	PWO - Asset Management	0	0	0	0	0%	
2140364	PWO - Satellite Phone & Tracking Expenses	(12,500)	(9,369)	(6,710)	2,659	(28%)	
2140387	PWO - Other Expenses	(3,000)	(2,241)	(1,686)	555	(25%)	
2140401	POC - Blades & Tynes	(10,000)	(7,497)	0	7,497	(100%)	
2140411	POC - External Parts & Repairs	(120,000)	(90,000)	(136,051)	(46,051)	51%	Hydraulics on trucks and tippers and repairs to Loader after fire
2140412	POC - Fuels and Oils	(205,000)	(153,747)	(90,089)	63,658	(41%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140413	POC - Tyres and Tubes	(20,000)	(14,994)	(1,189)	13,805	(92%)	Expenditure less than expected
2140415	POC - Tools and Supplies	(25,000)	(18,738)	(13,571)	5,167	(28%)	
2140416	POC - Licences/Registrations	(13,000)	(9,747)	(11,541)	(1,794)	18%	
2140418	POC - Minor Tools and Equipment	(2,000)	(1,494)	(964)	530	(35%)	
Multiple	Plant Recoveries (exc Capex)	297,700	223,380	202,193	(21,188)	(9%)	Allocations less than expected
		<b>(5,855,130)</b>	<b>(4,390,641)</b>	<b>(1,751,490)</b>			

(c) Utility Charges

2050189	FIRE - Building Maintenance	(1,500)	(1,116)	(747)	369	(33%)	
2090189	STF HOUSE - Staff Housing Building Mtce	(34,500)	(25,857)	(18,866)	6,991	(27%)	
2100789	COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Mtce	(3,000)	(2,241)	(1,580)	661	(30%)	
2110189	HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Mtce	(3,300)	(2,475)	(2,404)	71	(3%)	
2110360	REC - Recreation Grounds Maintenance	(2,250)	(1,674)	(1,065)	609	(36%)	
2110388	REC - Building Operations	(500)	(369)	(352)	17	(4%)	
2110389	REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Mtce	(13,200)	(9,891)	(7,777)	2,114	(21%)	
2110689	HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	(3,050)	(2,277)	(778)	1,499	(66%)	
2120234	ROADM - Street Lighting	(12,000)	(9,000)	(7,007)	1,993	(22%)	
2120289	ROADM - Depot Building Maintenance	(7,350)	(5,508)	(6,691)	(1,183)	21%	
2130267	TOUR - Caravan Park General Operation	(7,000)	(5,238)	(1,929)	3,309	(63%)	
2130289	TOUR - Building Maintenance	(21,150)	(15,858)	(13,620)	2,238	(14%)	
2130889	OTH ECON - Building Maintenance	(6,000)	(4,491)	(3,157)	1,334	(30%)	
2140280	ADMIN - Water	(1,500)	(1,125)	0	1,125	(100%)	
2140289	ADMIN - Building Maintenance	(5,150)	(3,852)	(2,877)	975	(25%)	
		<b>(121,450)</b>	<b>(90,972)</b>	<b>(68,851)</b>			

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(d) Depreciation

	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
2040192 MEMBERS - Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0%	
2050192 FIRE - Depreciation	(94,600)	(70,938)	(71,266)	(328)	0%	
2050292 ANIMAL - Depreciation	(100)	(72)	(113)	(41)	57%	
2050392 OLOPS - Depreciation	(800)	(594)	(539)	55	(9%)	
2070692 PREV OTH - Depreciation	(1,500)	(1,125)	(1,165)	(40)	4%	
2090192 STF HOUSE - Depreciation	(40,600)	(30,447)	(30,555)	(108)	0%	
2090292 OTH HOUSE - Depreciation	(4,500)	(3,375)	(3,426)	(51)	2%	
2100792 COM AMEN - Depreciation	(21,400)	(16,047)	(16,181)	(134)	1%	
2110192 HALLS - Depreciation	(19,000)	(14,247)	(14,285)	(38)	0%	
2110392 REC - Depreciation	(78,700)	(59,022)	(59,306)	(284)	0%	
2110692 HERITAGE - Depreciation	(10,500)	(7,866)	(7,847)	19	(0%)	
2110792 OTH CUL - Depreciation	(92,600)	(69,444)	(69,794)	(350)	1%	
2120292 ROADM - Depreciation	(3,937,900)	(2,953,413)	(2,966,964)	(13,551)	0%	Calculation of road depreciation less than actual
2120692 AERO - Depreciation	(24,500)	(18,369)	(18,447)	(78)	0%	
2130292 TOUR - Depreciation	(84,900)	(63,666)	(63,944)	(278)	0%	
2140292 ADMIN - Depreciation	(34,000)	(25,497)	(25,602)	(105)	0%	
2140492 POC - Depreciation	(445,500)	(334,125)	(329,790)	4,335	(1%)	
	<b>(4,891,100)</b>	<b>(3,668,247)</b>	<b>(3,679,225)</b>			

(e) Insurance

2040130 MEMBERS - Insurance Expenses	(1,000)	(747)	(1,000)	(253)	34%
2050130 FIRE - Insurance Expenses	(3,200)	(2,394)	(3,172)	(778)	33%
2050189 FIRE - Building Maintenance	(1,350)	(1,008)	(1,358)	(350)	35%
2090189 STF HOUSE - Staff Housing Building Mtce	(12,400)	(9,297)	(12,359)	(3,062)	33%
2100117 SAN - General Tip Maintenance	(150)	(108)	(158)	(50)	46%
2100123 SAN - Refuse Site Maintenance - Yalgoo	(500)	(369)	(500)	(131)	36%
2100711 COM AMEN - Cemetery Maintenance	(500)	(369)	(500)	(131)	36%
2100789 COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Mtce	(1,200)	(900)	(1,174)	(274)	30%
2110189 HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Mtce	(10,100)	(7,569)	(10,097)	(2,528)	33%
2110360 REC - Recreation Grounds Maintenance	(2,800)	(2,097)	(2,797)	(700)	33%
2110389 REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Mtce	(18,500)	(13,869)	(18,541)	(4,672)	34%
2110487 TV RADIO - Other Expenses	(150)	(108)	(147)	(39)	36%
2110689 HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	(4,200)	(3,150)	(4,232)	(1,082)	34%
2110789 OTH CUL - Building Maintenance	(1,100)	(819)	(1,054)	(235)	29%
2120289 ROADM - Depot Building Maintenance	(4,000)	(2,997)	(3,996)	(999)	33%

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10. Operating Expenditure (Continued)

(e) Insurance (Continued)

COA	Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Var \$	Var %	Explanation of Variance
2120665	AERO - Airstrip & Grounds Maintenance	(2,100)	(1,575)	(2,135)	(560)	36%	
2120689	AERO - Building Maintenance	(4,000)	(2,997)	(4,002)	(1,005)	34%	
2130213	TOUR - Jokers Tunnel Maintenance	(50)	(36)	(38)	(2)	6%	
2130267	TOUR - Caravan Park General Operation	(2,000)	(1,494)	(2,000)	(506)	34%	
2130289	TOUR - Building Maintenance	(4,800)	(3,600)	(4,814)	(1,214)	34%	
2130602	ECON DEV - Fuel Station Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0%	
2140230	ADMIN - Insurance Expenses (Other)	(55,400)	(41,544)	(55,412)	(13,868)	33%	Budget profile
2140289	ADMIN - Building Maintenance	(5,000)	(3,744)	(4,963)	(1,219)	33%	
2140417	POC - Insurance Expenses	(99,300)	(74,475)	(99,294)	(24,819)	33%	Budget profile
		<b>(233,800)</b>	<b>(175,266)</b>	<b>(233,744)</b>			

(f) Other Expenditure

2040109	MEMBERS - Members Travel and Accom	(19,000)	(14,247)	(9,441)	4,806	(34%)	
2040111	MEMBERS - Presidents Allowance	(15,500)	(11,619)	(6,716)	4,903	(42%)	
2040112	MEMBERS - Deputy Presidents Allowance	(4,000)	(2,997)	(1,651)	1,346	(45%)	
2040113	MEMBERS - Members Sitting Fees	(35,000)	(26,244)	(11,684)	14,560	(55%)	Some forms not received. Expenditure less than expected
2040114	MEMBERS - Communications Allowance	(21,000)	(15,750)	(12,833)	2,917	(19%)	
2040116	MEMBERS - Election Expenses	(3,500)	(2,619)	(3,309)	(690)	26%	
2040129	MEMBERS - Donations to Community Groups	(2,000)	(1,494)	(100)	1,394	(93%)	
2040194	MEMBERS - Contribution to Murchison Zone	(3,500)	(2,619)	0	2,619	(100%)	
2130101	RURAL - Contribution - Southern Rangelands	(10,000)	(7,497)	0	7,497	(100%)	
2130112	RURAL - Dog Bounty	(2,000)	(1,494)	0	1,494	(100%)	
2130165	RURAL - MRVC	(46,000)	(34,497)	(46,027)	(11,530)	33%	Complete. Budget profile
2130187	RURAL - Other Expenses	(10,000)	(7,497)	0	7,497	(100%)	
2130289	TOUR - Building Maintenance	(2,500)	(1,872)	(1,246)	626	(33%)	
		<b>(174,000)</b>	<b>(130,446)</b>	<b>(93,008)</b>			

(g) Loss on Asset Disposals

2120391	PLANT - Loss on Disposal of Assets	(650)	(486)	(657)	(171)	35%	
		<b>(650)</b>	<b>(486)</b>	<b>(657)</b>			

## **14 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **14.1 GENERAL REPORT**

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/4/2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council consider the Chief Executive Officers general operation report.

#### **COMMENT**

##### **Mid West State Budget Briefing**

For interested Councillors the Mid West Development Commission is hosting the Premier Hon Roger Cook and Ministers Hon Stephen Dawson and Hon Jackie Jarvis on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at the Geraldton Tafe.

##### **Mid West Economic Forum**

Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry is holding the Mid West Economic Forum from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

##### **Murchison Executive Group**

A July Meeting of the Murchison Executive Group will be hosted by the Shire of Yalgoo. It is anticipated that the Mid West Development Commission will visit alongside this meeting.

##### **Press Release 1.4 Fire Trucks**

It is suggested that recent findings be reported with approval of a press release by the Shire President.

##### **Georegion Sites**

The Murchison Georegion Committee has suggested including sites such as the Monsignor Hawes Chapel and other geological locations due to the uncertainty that has been presented by the Paynes Find Gold Battery and Jokers Tunnel. Other locations are welcome to be recommended.

##### **Letter of Support MEEDAC**

A letter of support has been provided to MEEDAC who have suggested a bus service to Geraldton from multiple satellite towns/shires such as Yalgoo. This could assist with medical appointments and the limited twice weekly public transport. A Lease of the Yalgoo Railway building is also being developed for consideration. This has the potential to increase service provision in town and open up use of different facilities.

##### **TC Narelle**

A recent Local Emergency Management Committee meeting highlighted a number of positive contributions to preparedness and recovery for the most recent cyclone, which resulted in instances of 100mm of rain across 2 days and winds in excess of 100km/h.

Town fared fairly well with some damage to fencing and shade structures. It has been estimated that the majority of damage caused by TC Narelle on roads can be picked up as part of Roads to Recovery reconstruction and future maintenance.

### **Environmental Health and Building Services**

An Agreement for Environmental Health and Building Services has been signed with the Shire of Mt Magnet.

### **Employee Code of Conduct and Fuel Use**

The Shire CEO will shortly be updating the employee Code of Conduct via memo to introduce changes required by Local Government Act Amendments. A memo was circulated to all staff calling for extra precaution when securing vehicles and fuel supplies. It also detailed simple steps to reduce fuel usage and contingencies should supply be affected.

### **Delegated Authority and Policy**

Assorted temporary road closures described by notice or on the Shire website were enacted due to rainfall from Cyclone Narelle.

Under the Shires Enterprise Agreement two additional Public Holidays exist for employees. As a result the Administration Office was closed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> April to the 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive, for Easter.

### **CEO Training**

The Chief Executive Officer is interested in attending Project Management Training conducted by LG Professionals. This is at a cost of \$1115 for members.

### **Agenda Reference Notes and Important Information**

Due to a range of amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations the notes that would typically be provided at the end of the agenda are undergoing review.

### **External CEO Movements April**

13 April – Regional Road Group Geraldton

16 April – Murchison Executive Group Cue

17 April – Cue Parliament (WALGA Zone) Cue

18 April – Civic Legal Cr Training Mt Magnet

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officers General Report and authorize \$1115 for continued professional development.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-09**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officers General Report and Authorize \$1115 for continued professional development.

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## 14.2 Councillor Sitting Fees – Salaries and Allowances Determination

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/4/2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	<a href="https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/local-government-chief-executive-officers-and-elected-council-members-determination-no-1-of-2026-effect-1-july-2026">https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/local-government-chief-executive-officers-and-elected-council-members-determination-no-1-of-2026-effect-1-july-2026</a>

### **SUMMARY**

That Council consider changes to Sitting Fees and Councillor Allowances.

### **COMMENT**

In April the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal amended wording of the ICT allowance, clarifying that where ICT equipment is supplied to elected council members by the local government, the allowance is to be reduced by the cost of the supplied ICT equipment.

As most Councillors have been supplied with a tablet for Council emails and documents the following change is suggested.

It is suggested that the ICT allowance per year be reduced from \$3500 to \$2700 and sitting fees be increased to the band 4 maximum of \$280 per meeting.

Alternatively a one time deduction be taken from sitting payments and Councillors purchase their own device which is reimbursed from their ICT allowance reducing monthly payments. This would essentially be a buyout of the Council provided device already covered by shire policy.

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

### **OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council increase sitting fees in 2026/27 to \$280 per meeting and a reduction in value of the ICT allowance by the value of a provided device.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-10**

Moved: Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council increase sitting fees in 2026/27 to \$280 per meeting and a reduction in value of the ICT allowance by the value of a provided device.

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

Cr Tamisha Hodder declared a financial interest in Item 14.3

#### 14.3 Murchison Regional Aboriginal Corporation – Rating Exemption

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/4/2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	

#### **SUMMARY**

The Council give consideration to an application received from the Murchison Region Aboriginal Corporation requesting an exemption from rates for various properties within the Shire of Yalgoo.

#### **COMMENT**

Please see attached correspondence and Not for Profit status. As per previous years and a decision handed down by the State Administrative Tribunal:

MRAC is an entity established under the corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and is registered under the Office of the Registration of indigenous Corporation (ORIC).

Its purpose is to provide eligible Aboriginal people with affordable rental accommodation. Any profit generated through rental revenue is reinvested in upgrading properties and where possible purchasing additional stock.

No commercial activities are conducted by MRAC and it is registered as a charity as a public benevolent institution. The Australian Taxation Office has granted MRAC Charity Tax Concession status for GST concession, FBT exemption, and income Tax exemption and Deductible Gift Recipient status.

The following 4 properties are subject to rate exemption:

91 Henty Street (lot 8) YALGOO

25 Henty Street (lot 25) YALGOO

92 Henty Street (lot10) YALGOO

83 Milligan Street (lot 11) YALGOO

In order to obtain rate exemption on the above-mentioned properties pursuant to section 6.26 (2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, the land must be used exclusively for charitable purpose.

The Local Government Act 1995 does not define 'charitable purpose'. Section 5 of the Charitable Collections Act 1946 defines 'Charitable purposes' as follows;

- (a) The affording of relief to diseased, sick, inform, incurable, poor, destitute, helpless or unemployed person, or to the dependants of any persons;
- (b) The relief of distress occasioned by war, weather occasioned in Western Australia or elsewhere;
- (c) The supply of equipment to any of His Majesty's naval, military, or air force, including the supply of ambulance, hospitals and hospital ships;
- (d) The supply of comforts or conveniences to members of the said forces;

- (e) The affording of relief, assistance or support to persons who are or have been members of the said forces or to the dependants of any such persons;
- (f) The support of hospitals, infant health centres, kindergartens and other activities of social welfare or public character;
- (g) Any other benevolent, philanthropic or patriotic purpose.

The above definitions appear to have origins from the Charitable Uses Act 1601 and the House of Lords Case.

The Charitable Uses Act 1601 lists the purpose as:

- Relief of the aged, impotent and poor people;
- Maintenance of sick and maimed soldiers and mariners
- Support and aid for young tradesmen, handicraftsmen and persons decayed

One of the four categories of charitable purpose laid down by the House of Lords in the case in *Income Tax Special Purposes Commissioners v Pemsel (1891)*. These categories are as follows:

- The relief of property;
- The advancement of education
- The advancement of religion; and
- Other purpose beneficial to the community not following within any of the preceding categories.

The rate exemption between MRAC and the Shire was the subject of a State Administrative Tribunal (S) decision in 2017-18 and the Judge set aside the Shires' decision to disallow the MRAC objection to the rate record for the year ended June 2017 and substituted a decision that the objection was allowed on the basis that there is an error in the rate record as the land in question is not rateable land, because it is used exclusively for a charitable purpose.

In view that this matter has already been determined by SAT it is recommended that Council grants MRAC rate exemption for the 2026-27 financial year however Council will levy a rubbish charge as per its fees and charges for rates exempt properties. The rubbish charge levied is less than full cost recovery.

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995, in part states the following:

Subsection 6.26 (2)

- (g) Land used exclusively for charitable purpose.
- (j) Land which is exempt from rates under other written laws.
- (k) Land which is declared by the Minister to be exempt from rates.

Subsection 6.26 (4)

The Minister may from time to time, under subsection (2) (k), declare that any land or part of any land is exempt from rates and by subsequent declaration cancel or vary the declaration.

Subsection 6.26 (5)

Notice of any declaration made under subsection (4) is to be published in the Gazette.

Subsection 6.26 (6)

Land does not cease to be used exclusively for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2) merely because it is used occasionally for another purpose which is a charitable, benevolent, religious or public nature.

**POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

Impact on Rates levied by the Shire.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council grant Murchison Regional Aboriginal Corporation a Rating Exemption for the 2026/27 Financial Year and subsequent two (2) financial years as follows:

1. That the following properties are considered exempt from rating for the 2026-27, 2027-28 & 2028-29 financial years in accordance with section 6.26 (z)(g).  
91 Henty Street                      YALGOO  
25 Henty Street                      YALGOO  
92 Henty Street                      YALGOO  
83 Milligan Street                    YALGOO
2. Subject to (1) above the rates exemption triggers an increase in the annual rubbish charge per bin per property.
3. In 2026/27 the annual rubbish charge may increase based on that years budget along with the setting of ESL by the State Government.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2025-05-11**

Moved: Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council grant Murchison Regional Aboriginal Corporation a Rating Exemption for the 2026/27 Financial Year and subsequent two (2) financial years as follows:

1. that the following properties are considered exempt from rating for the 2026-27, 2027-28 & 2028-29 financial years in accordance with section 6.26 (z)(g).  
91 Henty Street                      YALGOO  
25 Henty Street                      YALGOO  
92 Henty Street                      YALGOO  
83 Milligan Street                    YALGOO
2. Subject to (1) above the rates exemption triggers an increase in the annual rubbish charge per bin per property.
3. In 2026/27 the annual rubbish charge may increase based on the years budget along with the setting of ESL by the State Government.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

#### 14.4 Meekatharra School of the Air P&C – Donation Request

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/4/2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Letter

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council consider a donation to the Meekatharra School of the Air P&C.

#### **COMMENT**

Council is encouraged to consider the attached correspondence from the Meekatharra School of the Air P&C.

With two months left of the financial year a budget allocation of \$1900 remains for donations to community groups. It is proposed that this amount be provided towards MSOTA fundraising.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

#### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

#### **OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council agrees to donate \$1900 to the Meekatharra School of the Air P&C.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-12**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council agrees to donate \$1900 to the Meekatharra School of the Air P&C

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.



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23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Shire of Yalgoo  
C/O Chief Executive Officer  
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Via Email: ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au

Request for Council Consideration

Dear Ian,

The Meekatharra School of The Air P& C Committee are currently in the planning stages of putting together our 2026 fundraising plans and would love if the Shire of Yalgoo would consider supporting our school.

Meekatharra School of the Air (MSOTA) is operated from Geraldton and currently has 50 students enrolled. It is a fantastic service available to families from many walks of life, children are enrolled into MSOTA for a variety of reasons such as isolated location, travelling family situations or that they are unable to attend mainstream school.

Students at MSOTA are faced with great distances between them, but their willingness to learn and become part of a school community is bigger than ever. They get the opportunity to meet with their classmates online daily, take part in home teacher visits and also have the opportunity to attend school camps to Geraldton. Camps to Perth and Canberra have also been arranged over the years which are well attended by those who are eligible (Years 4-9). Camps are always an absolute highlight for the students.

As a P&C we fundraise for a variety of goals through the year which directly benefit the students. Our ongoing goal is to make contributions towards the Perth and Canberra camps to reduce the costs to families. In 2026, we are also fundraising to purchase sporting equipment to be used by the students when they attend school camp in Geraldton.

As several of our students reside in the Shire of Yalgoo, we are writing to you today to see if council would consider donating to the Meekatharra School of the Air P&C.

I'm sure you can appreciate, fundraising isn't easy for our school, our families are spread far apart and although we do carry out different fundraisers throughout the year, distance remains a barrier.



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We look forward to hearing from you, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact myself.

Yours sincerely,

*E. McKeown*

Emma McKeown  
President  
MSOTA P&C Association Inc

#### 14.5 Response to Significant Audit Findings – Report to Minister 7.12A(4)

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/4/2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Circulated prior to the meeting – Report on Audit Findings

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council endorse a report to the Minister for Local Government addressing matters identified as significant by the auditor in the audit report for the 22/23 & 23/24 Audits recently received.

#### **COMMENT**

It is the responsibility of the local government to present a report on significant findings to the Minister for Local Government via the Department of Local Government.

A report is provided for Councils consideration.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits

(1) A local government is to do everything in its power to — (a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor's other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and (b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.

(3) A local government must — (aa) examine an audit report received by the local government; and (a) determine if any matters raised by the audit report, require action to be taken by the local government; and (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.

(4) A local government must — (a) prepare a report addressing any matters identified as significant by the auditor in the audit report, and stating what action the local government has taken or intends to take with respect to each of those matters; and (b) give a copy of that report to the Minister within 3 months after the audit report is received by the local government.

(5) Within 14 days after a local government gives a report to the Minister under subsection (4)(b), the CEO must publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website.

#### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

## OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the Report to the Minister for Significant Audit Findings in 2022/2023 and 2023/24; and
2. Agrees to present the report to the Minister for Local Government; and
3. Agrees to publish the report on the Shires Website.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-13

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council:

1. Endorses the Report to the Minister for Significant Audit Findings in 2022/2023 and 2023/24; and
2. Agrees to present the report to the Minister for Local Government ; and
3. Agrees to publish the report on the Shires Website.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.



Our reference:

Your reference:

**28 April 2026**

Dear Hon Hannah Beazley Minister for Local Government

**Re: Report on Significant Audit Findings**

During Covid the Shire was not resourced well enough for audit readiness and relied on hardcopy systems. This led to delays in provision of information by the small three person administration team. While this mode of operation met local community standards it did not allow the organisation to provide information in a timely manner to external stakeholders. This initial delay was then compounded by Shire and Auditor assets having differing availability over subsequent years. At the time of this report an interim for the 2025/26 year is being undertaken showing that the audit timeline is finally back on track.

The Shire of Yalgoo Council received the audit reports for the years ending June 2023 and June 2024 in March 2026. This report details what has been implemented or planned with respect to significant audit findings reported by the Office of the Auditor General.

2023 Audit Report – Matters considered as significant (11)

Fair Value of land, buildings and infrastructure	Road valuations delayed due to significant natural disaster impacts	Completed as at 30 June 2025
Unexplained bank account variances	Delayed and under resourced bank reconciliations and audits. Significant work was undertaken to reconcile balances.	No further issues from 30 June 2025
General journal exceptions	Independent secondary review now requires a signature and evidence requirements have been increased.	Transitioned to electronic records management in 2025/26 so that evidence and signatures can be easily inspected.
Procurement exceptions	Practical amendments made to the Shires Purchasing Policy	Transitioned to electronic records management in 2025/26 so that purchase



		orders, quotes and review signatures can be easily inspected.
Information technology framework	A suitable IT agreement was in place. A new agreement meeting the Shires requirements was put to market in 2025.	Contracts and support from LGIS exist to meet the needs of the Shire, however contractors have been approached to further develop policies, plans and registers.
Non-compliance with Local Government Act and Regulations	See 2024 for Audit Risk and FMSR.  The OAG have misinterpreted Shire Minutes and all financial activity statements were presented to Council in a timely manner.	Shire minutes are signed by the Shire President immediately upon acceptance.  Provision of financial reports to the auditor have also met deadlines again after previous delays.
Credit Card Procedures	Due to audit delays evidence	All prior purchases have been independently reviewed and this is now also done by the Shire President.
Out of date council policy manual	All policies had been updated as and when required. The OAG is incorrect and Related Party and Model Code of Conduct Policies had previously been adopted by Council.	While all new or updated policies existed in published Shire Minutes not all had been incorporated into a consolidated manual. This was undertaken in February 25 and ongoing.
Masterfile accuracy and validity	This was previously carried out adhoc due to a small number of new creditors.	Processes have been updated and reviews are recorded. New software is proposed to be introduced to limit staff access to unrelated functions.
Daily banking reconciliations	Resourcing did not allow for this to occur on a timely basis.	This has been resourced by the organisation and occurs daily with review.
Key balance sheet reconciliations	Resourcing did not allow for this to occur on a timely basis.	This has been resourced by the organisation and occurs daily with review.

2024 Audit Report – Matters considered as significant (9)

Fair Value of land, buildings and infrastructure	Road valuations delayed due to significant natural disaster impacts	Completed as at 30 June 2025
Bank reconciliation	Delayed and under	No further issues from 30

variances	resourced bank reconciliations and audits. Significant work was undertaken to reconcile balances.	June 2025
General journal exceptions	Independent secondary review now requires a signature and evidence requirements have been increased.	Transitioned to electronic records management in 2025/26 so that evidence and signatures can be easily inspected.
Information technology framework	An suitable IT agreement was in place. A new agreement meeting the Shires requirements was put to market in 2025.	Contracts and support from LGIS exist to meet the needs of the Shire, however contractors have been approached to further develop policies, plans and registers.
Non-compliance with Local Government Act and Regulations	Contractor and staff availability and existing audit delays affected the timeliness of an Audit Risk Regulation 17 review and Financial Management System Review. The OAG is incorrect and it is minuted that a budget review was completed within the appropriate timeframe.	Review has been completed and incorporated into a multi year compliance calendar.
Out of date council policy manual	All policies had been updated as and when required. The OAG is incorrect and Related Party and Model Code of Conduct Policies had previously been adopted by Council.	While all new or updated policies existed in published Shire Minutes not all had been incorporated into a consolidated manual. This was undertaken in February 25 and ongoing.
Key balance sheet reconciliations	Resourcing did not allow for this to occur on a timely basis.	This has been resourced by the organisation and occurs daily with review.
Credit Card Procedures	Statements were not reviewed by the President	The Shire President now reviews on a timely basis.
Masterfile accuracy and validity	This was previously carried out adhoc due to a small number of new creditors.	Processes have been updated and reviews are recorded. New software is proposed to be introduced to limit staff access to unrelated functions.

In support of this report I would like to highlight that a number of State Agencies operating in this region experience similar hiring and resourcing delays.

The Yalgoo Primary School as an example has not received a dental visit for the past three years and the Public School Review is conducted Annually due to requirements not being met. Government Regional Officer Housing is unable to meet the requirements of the Residential Tenancy Act and social housing often sits empty for years at a time despite a waiting list.

While each of these significant findings present a risk none have been identified as impacting on service delivery and none have had financial implications for the local government, other than the burdensome administrative resourcing required to meet these improvements.

Yours sincerely

Ian Holland  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Yalgoo

Report endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**1. Fair value of land, buildings and infrastructure**

**Finding**

Roads infrastructure was last revalued in June 2018, and is therefore due for revaluation by June 2023 under Regulations 17A(4A)(b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations). No valuation has been performed by the Shire.

Additionally, for all other non-road categories of infrastructure as well as land and buildings there has been no formal assessment performed to determine whether these assets represent fair value at the end of the reporting period. These assets were last revalued in 2022. The same finding was noted in 2022 in respect of no assessment being performed in respect of the road infrastructure.

**Rating: Significant (2022: Significant)**

**Implication**

Due to no revaluation being undertaken for roads infrastructure, a qualification has been required due to non-compliance with the Regulations and the inability to determine the extent to which the carrying amount of road Infrastructure is misstated, as it was impracticable to do so. Additionally, we were unable to determine whether there may be any consequential impact on revaluation surplus as at 30 June 2023.

Without a robust assessment of fair value of the Shire's other non-roads infrastructure, land and buildings, there is a risk that the fair value of these assets may not have been assessed adequately and in compliance with *AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement*, as well as the Regulations.

**Recommendation**

We recommend management engage a reputable independent valuer and ensure the valuation for road infrastructure class of assets is performed in accordance with the applicable standards as soon as possible.

It is noted that the requirement that existed at 30 June 2023 for determining whether assets represent fair value at the end of the reporting period in the circumstances where no formal valuation has been undertaken during the period was removed from the Regulations for the 30 June 2024 financial year. Accordingly, no further action is required in respect of this matter going forward.

**Management comment**

*The Shire was impacted by two flood damage events in 2020 and 2021 which damaged most of the road network. The restoration works were completed early 2025 followed by a comprehensive road valuation as at 30 June 2025.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** June 2025

**SHIRE OF YALGOO****PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023****FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT****2. Unexplained bank account variances****Finding**

There were a number of reconciling items in the 30 June 2023 bank reconciliation which did not subsequently clear, as well as an overall variances between what the Shire-prepared 30 June 2023 municipal bank reconciliation showed the general ledger balance to be, compared to what the actual general ledger balance was. These items arose mostly over the course of the year ended 30 June 2023 and resulted in management having to undertake significant analysis.

**Rating: Significant****Implication**

The unexplained variance in the bank reconciliation suggests that there may be discrepancies or omissions in the accounting records, which was evident in management's analysis and reconciliation procedures. This poses a risk of material misstatement in the financial statements, as the general ledger may not accurately reflect the true financial position of the Shire.

Furthermore, the lack of reconciliation between the bank statement and the accounting records increases the risk of fraud or errors. Without an accurate reconciliation process, unauthorised transactions, misappropriations, or errors may go undetected, leading to further discrepancies in the financial statements.

Ultimately management wrote-back this a net reconciled balance of \$20,430 as at 30 June 2023 to decrease fees and charges income by \$29,417 and to decrease materials and contracts expenses by \$8,987. We were unable to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to support these adjustments. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any further or alternate adjustments might have been necessary. Given that this represents a limitation of our audit work, it was concluded that the audit opinion would be qualified.

**Recommendation**

We recommend, to mitigate the risk of future variances, the implementation of more rigorous and timely bank reconciliation procedures. These should include regular, documented reviewed of the reconciliation process to ensure all discrepancies are promptly identified and resolved.

**Management comment**

*Monthly bank reconciliations were implemented in 2023/24 and further refined in 24/25. From 24/25, the bank reconciliations are now controlled through the software.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO

**Completion date:** January 2024 and May 2025

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**3. General journal exceptions**

**Finding**

Our sample testing of 10 general journal entries identified 1 instance where there was no documentation retained to support the general journal entry, nor were these journals signed as evidence of independent review. We have additionally noted that there were a significant number of general journal entries that were posted directly to the bank account.

**Rating: Significant**

**Implication**

The absence of supporting documentation and independent review of general journals increases the risk of errors, omissions or fraudulent activities not being detected in a timely manner. There is a further risk of non-compliance with Regulation 5(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996.

Journal entries posted directly to the bank account also compound issues with reconciling the bank balance given this is not how receipts and payments should be processed through an accounting system.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that support is retained for all general journals and the journals are signed as evidence of independent review. Management should additionally ensure that there are no journal entries posted directly to the bank account general ledger.

**Management comment**

*Journals are now reviewed with all evidence attached to the journal.*

*The Shire will continue raising journals to the bank account ledger where appropriate and ensure proper evidence is kept.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** December 2024

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**4. Procurement exceptions**

**Finding**

Our sample testing of 25 payments identified the following exceptions where purchasing policies and procedures were not followed:

- eight instances where the minimum number of quotes required was not obtained
- three instances where the purchase order was dated after the date of the invoice
- three instances where the batch report was only signed by one signatory
- two instances where no purchase order was raised.

We also identified a creditor batch payment of \$55,656 was duplicated on both the 21 April 2023 and 24 April 2023, resulting in the Shire needing to recover the overpayments made to suppliers.

**Rating: Significant**

**Implication**

There is an increased risk of unauthorised purchases and non-compliance with the Shire's purchasing policies and procedures are not being followed. Duplicate payments could result in additional funds paid not being recovered.

**Recommendation**

The requirement for full compliance with the Shire's purchasing policies and procedures should be communicated to all staff and be closely monitored by management. Specifically, the Shire should ensure:

- the minimum number of quotes are obtained in accordance with the Shire's purchasing policy or documentation be maintained for any situations where the minimum number of quotes cannot be obtained
- purchase orders are raised for all transactions prior to the expenditure being incurred by the Shire and only by an Officer with the appropriate authorisation
- all batch reports are signed by both the preparer and reviewed to evidence independent review
- Appropriate controls are put in place to ensure that duplicate payments are not made.

**Management comment**

*Shire staff regularly test the market. The move to digital records has strengthened the procurement process, improved efficiency, reduced the need to duplicate printed quotes and helps ensure quotes are stored with purchase orders.*

*The Shire has discussed amendments to the Purchasing Policy including restricting employees who can authorise expenditure, the removal of paper purchase orders and amendments to the number of quotes needed and the dollar categories. This will be implemented with the new accounting system.*

*Batch reports are now reviewed by an appropriate person and signed by the preparer and a senior staff member.*

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*All money was recovered from the double payment. The Shire has been able to increase resources and better separate duties, which has strengthened the controls reducing the risk of double batch payments.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** July 2024 and July 2025

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**5. Information technology framework**

**Finding**

Our testing and enquiries relating to IT and cyber security controls at the Shire identified the following;

there are no documented cyber security policies in place

whilst we understand the Shire's disaster recovery plan was in the process of being developed, the Shire did not have a formal disaster recovery plan in place at the time of our audit

there is no risk register in place in relation to specific information technology risks; and

the agreement with the Shire's IT consultant was signed in 2015 with no updated agreement subsequently entered into.

**Rating: Significant**

**Implication**

without documented cyber security policies and procedures outlining the controls regarding cyber security, there is an increased risk of vulnerability to cyber-attacks such as malware or phishing attempts

risk of significant delays and business interruption in the event of unforeseen circumstances

risk identification in respect of the IT framework has not been considered; and

increased risk of services provided by the IT consultant are outdated and do not meet the current needs of the Shire.

**Recommendation**

We recommend:

a documented cyber security policy and associated procedures and/or plans be developed and communicated to all staff

a Disaster Recovery Plan be developed, documented and periodically tested to ensure that in the event of a disaster, appropriate action can be taken

the Shire include IT related risks to their current risk register ensuring all current IT risks are considered and documented; and

a new updated agreement with the external IT consultant be developed and signed by both parties.

**Management comment**

*There is an IT agreement in place. The Shire has spoken to an IT consultant about developing our policies, plans and registers. We have multiple large projects to complete in 2025/26 so this will occur once these are complete. The Shire will also do a review in 2026 with LGIS regarding IT and cyber improvements.*

**Responsible officer:**

CEO

**Completion date:**

December 2026

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**6. Non-Compliance with Local Government Act and Regulations**

**Finding**

We noted the following instances of potential non-compliance with the Local Government Regulations 1996:

five out of 16 of the minutes of Council meetings were not signed by the Shire President;

Financial Management System Review ("FMSR") was due to be completed in March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, however the review was completed in August 2024 and as at the date of this report, the final FMSR reports have not been issued;

Audit Regulation 17 Risk Review was due to be completed in March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, however the review was completed in August 2024 and as at the date of this report, the final Regulation 17 review reports have not been issued; and

monthly financial activity reports were not presented to Council in a timely manner in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Specifically, July 2022 through to December 2022 were not presented to Council until March 2023.

the annual financial report for 30 June 2023 was not submitted to the auditor by 30 September 2023 which is the due date as per the Local Government Act 1995 (this matter was first raised in 2022).

**Rating: Significant (2022: Moderate)**

**Implication**

Non-compliance with the above-mentioned Local Government Regulations.

**Recommendation**

We recommend:

Council meeting minutes are signed at the next council meeting by the Shire President once minutes have been accepted by Council

the FMSR review is conducted every three years in order to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 5(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

the Audit Regulation 17 Risk Review is conducted every three years in order to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 17.1 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996; and

monthly financial activity statement reports are presented to council within 2 months of the end of the month in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

the Shire should submit their annual report to the auditors by 30 September following each financial year or such extended time as the minister allows.

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**Management comment**

*The Shire has completed the FMSR and Reg 17 reviews and minutes are now signed regularly.*

*July 2022 and August 2022 were adopted in September 2022 in accordance with the regulations. The February 2023 monthly report was the only report taken to Council in March 2023.*

*The Shire has taken the necessary steps to ensure reporting requirements are followed.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** August 2024

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**7. Credit card procedures**

**Finding**

Audit procedures identified 11 out of 12 months of credit card expenditure which was not individually itemised on the List of Payments presented to Council, and instead the balance accrued and owing was listed as the payment.

In addition, our audit sample testing with respect to credit cards identified the following:

two instances where invoices were addressed to Raul Valenzuela (President) rather than the Shire itself;

our review of the CEO credit card identified 24 instances totaling \$11,254.80 (out of a total spend for the year of \$41,834.68) where receipts or invoices were not provided to support expenditure incurred on the credit card (and no lost receipt/statutory declaration was completed); and

from our review of 100% of the credit card statements during the financial year, it was noted that none were independently reviewed by the Shire President.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2022: Moderate)**

**Implication**

non-compliance with Regulation 13(1) of the Local Government (Finance Management) Regulations 1996

failure to maintain adequate records to support credit card transactions, resulting in non-compliance with Local Government Operational Guidelines – Number 11 – September 2006 'Use of Corporate Credit Cards'

risk that error or fraud may not be detected on a timely basis.

This finding has been escalated to significant in the current year due to the ongoing non-compliance noted with documentation not being maintained.

**Recommendation**

In accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996*, we recommend individual accounts paid be itemised on the List of Payments presented to Council which includes individual transactions incurred using the Shire's credit card.

In addition, supporting documentation should be maintained for all expenditure incurred using the Shire's credit cards. In the event the receipt or invoice is lost the credit card holder should complete a lost receipt/statutory declaration.

**Management comment**

*This is now in place. Current credit card processing is prepared by a finance officer and reviewed by the DCEO. The credit card statements are signed by the CEO and President.*

**Responsible officer:**

CEO

**Completion date:**

May 2025 and December 2025

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**8. Out of date council policy manual**

**Finding**

Whilst completing our testing, we identified instances where the Manual does not reflect current practices and is potentially out of date:

Investment Policy not located in the Manual although as stated within Council minutes dated 28 January 2022, the Council resolved to adopt the policy and the Manual would be updated accordingly;

there is no documented Related Party Policy

Policy 7.2, Purchasing and Tenders does not allow for WALGA eQuotes and the tender limit reference is \$100,000 rather than the current limit of \$250,000

the risk management policy manual and the risk management plan refer to the wrong standard (AS/ISO 31000 2019 instead of AS/ISO 31000 2018); and

numerous policies in the Manual are either out of date or have further work required.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2022: Significant)**

**Implication**

Without approved and up to date policies and procedures, staff may be unaware of Council and management's expectations regarding how they conduct themselves and perform various key transactions and activities. This can make the Shire more susceptible to errors, fraud and/or non-compliance.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that each policy contained in the Manual is reviewed and updated to reflect the Shire's current practices. All new policies should be added to the Manual.

In addition, we recommend that the Shire develop and implement a Related Party Policy and adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

**Management comment**

*The Policy Manual has been reviewed and a Related Party Policy will be developed as soon as time permits.*

**Responsible officer:**

CEO

**Completion date:**

February 2025 and December 2026

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**9. Masterfile accuracy and validity**

**Finding**

Changes made to the supplier, employee, debtors and fixed assets masterfiles were not independently reviewed and authorised. While we understand EFTSure has since been implemented, no evidence of independent review of the masterfile changes was provided. This increased the risk of unauthorised changes to key information, although our audit sampling did not identify any.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2022: Significant)**

**Implication**

There is an increased risk that:

- required changes to the masterfiles are untimely
- erroneous changes made to masterfiles have a low chance of being detected in a timely manner; and
- suspicious/fraudulent changes made to masterfiles have a low chance of being detected in a timely manner.

**Recommendation**

We recommend an independent review of all changes made to masterfiles be conducted periodically. This review should involve:

- a download of all changes made to each masterfile
- a representative sample be tested and traced to originating/supporting documentation to assure validity and timeliness; and
- a review of any suspicious masterfile changes (e.g. changes to bank details, unusual variations to pay-rates and amendments to existing supplier bank account details) be performed.

**Management comment**

*We have improved the new creditor processes with further work to do. Currently, new creditors need to be entered into the system and signed off. A senior staff member must review and sign off. The next step which will begin soon is a review of the audit trail for new suppliers. This will be completed as part of the 25/26 year.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** December 2025

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**10. Daily banking reconciliations**

**Finding**

We identified that daily banking reconciliations for all 26 days sampled were either not signed by the reviewer as evidence of independent review and/or not signed by the preparer.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2022: Significant)**

**Implication**

daily banking reconciliations sampled in most instances were either not completed or not signed by the preparer and/or the independent reviewer. This increases the risk of errors and omissions relating to cash remaining undetected

delayed review of bank statements and the allocation of associated cash receipts within Synergy increases the risk of the Shire not accounting for funds received in a timely fashion nor does it allow the Shire to actively manage its debtors

lack of timeliness of banking increases the risks of cash being misappropriated.

**Recommendation**

Daily banking reconciliations should be consistently prepared and adequately reviewed on a daily basis by an independent senior management staff member.

**Management comment**

*Bank reconciliations are now done regularly and reviewed by a senior staff member monthly.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** May 2025

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**11. Key balance sheet reconciliations**

**Finding**

During our review of the month end reconciliation procedures, we noted that the following key balance sheet accounts were not being reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis;

trust account

investments

superannuation payable

fixed assets

sundry debtors

sundry creditors

rates debtors; and

rates valuations.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2022: Significant)**

**Implication**

By key balance sheet accounts not being reconciled to the general ledger on a regular basis there is an increased risk that errors, imbalances or fraud will not be detected on a timely basis, which in turn could lead to misstatements in the Shire's financial reporting. This also represents non-compliance with Regulation 5(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that key balance sheet accounts are regularly reconciled to the general ledger on a timely basis. This will ensure that any issues are detected on a timely basis. It is important that the balance sheet reconciliations are independently reviewed and signed off as evidence of independent review.

**Management comment**

*Monthly reconciliations were strengthened in 2025 and now reviewed and signed by the DCEO and CEO.*

**Responsible officer:**

CEO

**Completion date:**

January 2024 and May 2025

## SHIRE OF YALGOO

PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

## FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

**1. Fair value of road infrastructure****Finding**

Roads infrastructure was last revalued in June 2018, and was therefore due for revaluation by June 2023 under Regulations 17A(4A)(b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations) which requires an asset to be revalued within a period of no more than 5 years after the day on which the asset was last valued or revalued. No valuation has been performed by the Shire during the financial years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024.

This finding was first raised in 2023.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

The non-compliance with the Regulations resulted in the inability to determine the extent to which the carrying amount of Roads infrastructure is misstated including the consequential impact on the revaluation surplus, depreciation, net result for the period and retained surplus for the financial years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024.

**Recommendation**

We recommend management engage a reputable independent valuer and ensure the valuation for the road infrastructure class of assets is performed in accordance with the applicable standards as soon as possible.

**Management comment**

*The Shire was impacted by two flood damage events in 2020 and 2021 which damaged most of the road network. The restoration works were completed early 2025 followed by a comprehensive road valuation as at 30 June 2025.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO

**Completion date:** June 2025

**SHIRE OF YALGOO****PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT****2. Bank reconciliation variances****Finding**

There were a number of reconciling items in the 30 June 2024 bank reconciliation which were corrected by previous Shire employees through the passing of a journal entry. The 30 June 2024 bank reconciliation was reworked subsequently during 2025 to flow through entries that were made in 2023 to remove the reconciling items. Once this process was complete there was still a remaining unexplained, however immaterial, variance in the bank reconciliation of \$112, which arose during the 30 June 2024 year. It was noted that the bank reconciliation for 30 June 2025 had no further issues.

This finding was first raised in 2023 and resulted in a qualification for that year. There is a qualification on comparative balances to make reference to this for the current year.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)****Implication**

The unexplained variance in the bank reconciliation suggests that there may be discrepancies or omissions in the accounting records. This poses a risk that the general ledger may not accurately reflect the true financial position of the Shire.

Furthermore, the lack of reconciliation between the bank statement and the accounting records increases the risk of fraud or errors. Without an accurate reconciliation process, unauthorised transactions, misappropriations, or errors may go undetected, leading to further discrepancies in the financial statements.

**Recommendation**

We recommend, to mitigate the risk of future variances, the implementation of more rigorous and timely bank reconciliation procedures. These should include regular, documented reviewed of the reconciliation process to ensure all discrepancies are promptly identified and resolved.

**Management comment**

*Monthly bank reconciliations began in Jan 2024 when the new DCEO started. However, the accounts could not be balanced properly until the 22/23 closing balances were confirmed. Therefore, it was the audit delay which caused the minor variance above not a lack of procedures.*

*In May 2025, the Shire took steps to confirm the closing bank balances for 22/23 prior to audit completion. Once this was done, the Shire was able to confirm the balances for 23/24 and 24/25.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** January 2024 and May 2025

## SHIRE OF YALGOO

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## FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

**3. General journal exceptions****Finding**

Our testing of a sample of 10 general journal entries identified for all instances there was no documentation retained to support the general journal entry. Additionally, there were 4 instances where the journals were not signed as evidence of independent review. We have additionally noted that there were a significant number of general journal entries that were posted directly to the bank account.

Findings in respect of general journals were first raised in 2023.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

The absence of supporting documentation and independent review of general journals increases the risk of errors, omissions or fraudulent activities going undetected and therefore unresolved. There is a further risk of non-compliance with Regulation 5(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996.

Journal entries posted directly to the bank account also compound issues with reconciling the bank balance given this is not how receipts and payments should be processed through an accounting system.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that support is retained for all general journals and the general journals are signed as evidence of independent review. Management should additionally ensure that there are no journal entries posted directly to the bank account general ledger.

**Management comment**

*Journals are now reviewed with all evidence attached to the journal.*

*The Shire will continue raising journals to the bank account ledger where appropriate and ensure proper evidence is kept.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** December 2024

**SHIRE OF YALGOO**

**PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**4. Information technology framework**

**Finding**

Our testing and enquiries relating to IT and cyber security controls at the Shire identified the following;

There are no documented cyber security policies in place;

Whilst we understand the Shire's disaster recovery plan was in the process of being developed, the Shire did not have a formal disaster recovery plan in place at the time of our audit;

There is no risk register in place in relation to specific information technology risks; and

The agreement with the Shire's IT consultant was signed in 2015 with no updated agreement subsequently entered into.

This finding was first raised in 2023.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

Without documented cyber security policies and procedures outlining the controls regarding cyber security, there is an increased risk of vulnerability to cyber-attacks such as malware or phishing attempts;

Risk of significant delays and business interruption in the event of unforeseen circumstances;

Risk identification in respect of the IT framework has not been considered; and

Increased risk of services provided by the IT consultant are outdated and do not meet the current needs of the Shire.

**Recommendation**

We recommend:

A documented cyber security policy and associated procedures / plans be developed and communicated to all staff;

A Disaster Recovery Plan be developed, documented and periodically tested to ensure that in the event of a disaster, appropriate action can be taken;

The Shire include IT related risks to their current risk register ensuring all current IT risks are considered and documented; and

A new updated agreement with the external IT consultant be developed and signed by both parties.

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**FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT**

**Management comment**

*There is an IT agreement in place. The Shire has spoken to an IT consultant about developing our policies, plans and registers. We have multiple large projects to complete in 2025/26 so this will occur once these are complete. The Shire will also do a review in 2026 with LGIS regarding IT and cyber improvements.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** December 2026

**SHIRE OF YALGOO****PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT****5. Non-Compliance with Local Government Act and Regulations****Finding**

We noted the following instances of potential non-compliance with the Local Government Regulations 1996:

Financial Management System Review (“FMSR”) was due to be completed in March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, however the review was completed in August 2024, and as at the date of this report, the final FMSR reports have not been issued (this matter was first raised in 2023);

Audit Regulation 17 Risk Review was due to be completed in March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, however the review was completed in August 2024, and as at the date of this report, the final Regulation 17 review reports have not been issued (this matter was first raised in 2023); ; and

The mid-year budget review was not completed between 1 January and 28 February and was not lodged with the department within 14 days of Council adoption in accordance with Regulation 33(4) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)****Implication**

Non-compliance with the above-mentioned Local Government Regulations.

**Recommendation**

We recommend:

The FMSR review is conducted every three years in order to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 5(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;

The Audit Regulation 17 Risk Review is conducted every three years in order to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 17.1 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996; and

The Shire completes and lodges their mid-year budget review with the Department within the required timeframe to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 33(4) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**Management comment**

*The Shire has completed the reviews. The Shire will ensure budget reviews are completed on time.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** August 2024

SHIRE OF YALGOO

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FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

**6. Out-of-date council policy manual**

**Finding**

Whilst completing our testing, we identified instances where the Manual does not reflect current practices and is potentially out of date:

Investment Policy not located in the Manual although as stated within Council minutes dated 28 January 2022, the Council resolved to adopt the policy and the Manual would be updated accordingly;

There is no documented Related Party Policy;

Policy 7.2, Purchasing and Tenders does not allow for WALGA eQuotes and the tender limit reference is \$100,000 rather than the current limit of \$250,000;

the Risk Management Policy Manual and the Risk Management Plan refer to the wrong standard (AS/ISO 31000 2019 instead of AS/ISO 31000 2018); and

Numerous policies in the Manual are either out of date or have further work required.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

Without approved and up to date policies and procedures, staff may be unaware of Council and management's expectations regarding how they conduct themselves and perform various key transactions and activities. This can make the Shire more susceptible to errors, fraud and/or non-compliance.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that each policy contained in the Manual is reviewed and updated to reflect the Shire's current practices. All new policies should be added to the Manual.

In addition, we recommend that the Shire develop and implement a Related Party Policy and adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

**Management comment**

*The Policy Manual has been reviewed, and a Related Party Policy will be developed as soon as time permits.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** February 2025 and December 2026

**SHIRE OF YALGOO****PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT****7. Key Balance sheet reconciliations****Finding**

During our review of the month end reconciliation procedures, we noted that the following key balance sheet accounts were being reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis, however there was no evidence of independent review occurring;

Trust account;  
Superannuation payable;  
Sundry Debtors;  
Rates Debtors; and  
Rates Valuations.

Furthermore, it was identified that the following key balance sheet accounts were not being reconciled on a monthly basis;

Sundry Creditors;  
Investments; and  
Fixed Assets.

Findings in respect of key balance sheet reconciliations were first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

By key balance sheet accounts not being reconciled to the general ledger on a regular basis there is an increased risk that errors, imbalances or fraud will not be detected on a timely basis, which in turn could lead to misstatements in the Shire's financial reporting. This also represents non-compliance with Regulation 5(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that key balance sheet accounts are regularly reconciled to the general ledger on a timely basis. This will ensure that any issues are detected on a timely basis. It is important that the balance sheet reconciliations are independently reviewed and signed off as evidence of independent review.

**Management comment**

*Monthly reconciliations were strengthened in 2025 and now reviewed and signed by the DCEO and CEO.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO  
**Completion date:** January 2024 and May 2025

SHIRE OF YALGOO

PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

**8. Credit card procedures**

**Finding**

From our review of 100% of the credit card statements during the financial year, it was noted that none were independently reviewed by the Shire President.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

Risk that error or fraud may not been detected on a timely basis.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that the credit card statements of the CEO are reviewed and signed as evidence of this independent review by the Shire President.

**Management comment**

*A review is done by the preparer of the credit card batch and the reviewer. The President will review the credit card statement.*

**Responsible officer:**

CEO

**Completion date:**

May 2025 and December 2025

## SHIRE OF YALGOO

PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

## FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

**9. Masterfile accuracy and validity****Finding**

Changes made to the supplier, employee, debtors and fixed assets masterfiles were not independently reviewed and authorised. While we understand EFTSure has since been implemented, no evidence of independent review of the masterfile changes was provided. This increased the risk of unauthorised changes to key information, although our audit sampling did not identify any.

This finding was first raised in 2019.

**Rating: Significant (2023: Significant)**

**Implication**

There is an increased risk that:

Required changes to the masterfiles are untimely;

Erroneous changes made to masterfiles have a low chance of being detected in a timely manner; and

Suspicious/fraudulent changes made to masterfiles have a low chance of being detected in a timely manner.

**Recommendation**

We recommend an independent review of all changes made to masterfiles be conducted periodically. This review should involve:

A download of all changes made to each masterfile;

A representative sample be tested and traced to originating/supporting documentation to assure validity and timeliness; and

A review of any suspicious masterfile changes (e.g. changes to bank details, unusual variations to pay-rates and amendments to existing supplier bank account details) be performed.

**Management comment**

*We have improved the new creditor processes with further work to do. Currently, new creditors need to be entered into the system and signed off. A senior staff member must review and sign off. The next step which will begin soon is a review of the audit trail for new suppliers. This will be completed as part of the 25/26 year.*

**Responsible officer:** CEO

**Completion date:** December 2025

#### 14.6 Draft Corporate Business Plan and Budget Deliberations

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	15/4/2026
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Draft Corporate Business Plan

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council consider efficiency measures and deliberate on the 2027/2028 budget.

#### **COMMENT**

The Corporate Business Plan uses the Strategic Community Plan to develop a short and medium term budget outlook. This is then further supported by a Long Term Financial Plan.

Council are encouraged to consider the strategy references in the attached draft and comment on the following:

Service Provision  
Service Level Provision  
Budget Efficiencies  
Capital Projects

Maintenance of Shire Facilities – Hall, Railway, Core, Community Centre  
Road Safety and Widening  
Weather Resilience, Operational Redundancies and Bushfire Response – Solar,  
Fuel Tank, Weather Stations  
Townsite Amenity – Artwork, Beautification, Cemetery Access

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

#### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

## OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Inspect the provided community strategies;
2. Consider budget efficiencies for the 2026/27 financial year; and
3. Suggest areas where service provision can be increased or decreased and provide potential capital items for consideration in a 4 year plan.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-14

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council:

1. Inspect the provided community strategies;
2. Consider budget efficiencies for the 2026/27 financial year; and
3. Suggest areas where service provision can be increased or decreased and provide potential capital items for consideration in a 4 year plan.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.



# DRAFT CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

## Vision

The Shire of Yalgoo – Where the outback begins will be an inclusive and peaceful place to work, visit or live and we will remain prosperous and strong

## Mission

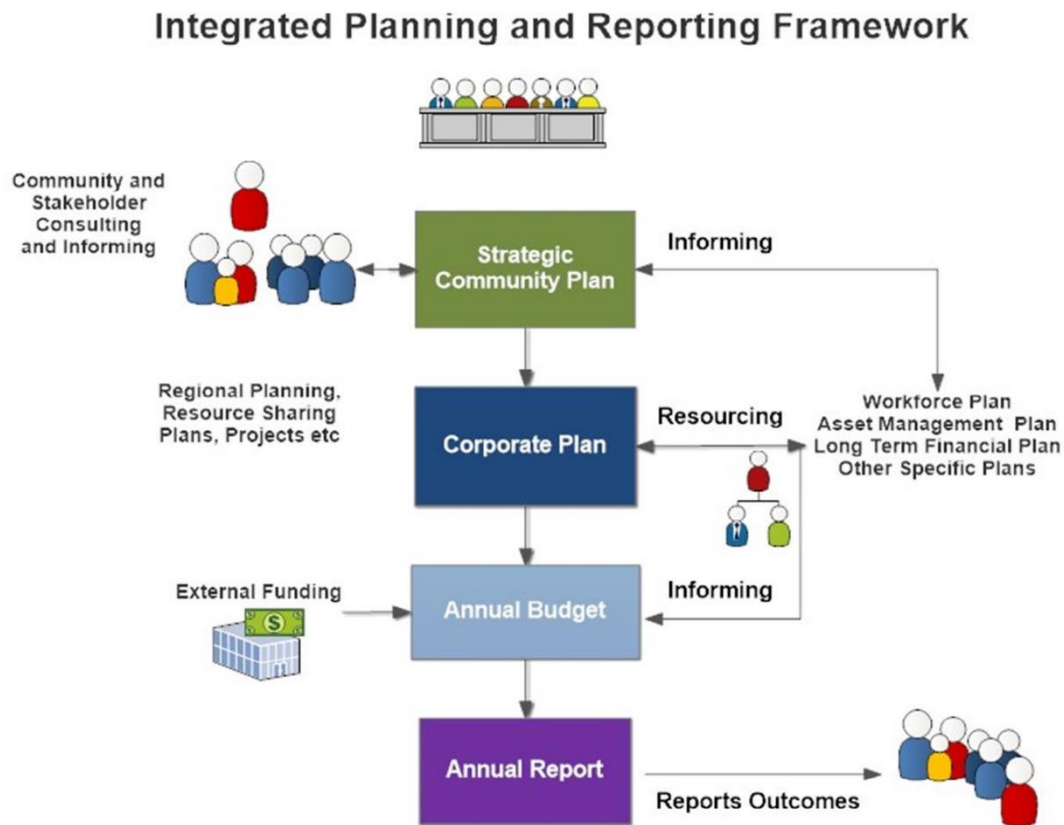
To be an honest equitable and efficient Local Government delivering timely and appropriate services to secure economic sustainability and community wellbeing

## Community Aspirations

To live in a community that has a good lifestyle, that can benefit from resource sector activities through increased employment and training opportunities; have access to community amenities and services that will support social engagement and address health and wellbeing needs and be supported in their pastoral activities through advocacy and lobbying.

## Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Strategic Community Plan is a long term plan that sets out the Council's vision and strategies to achieve over a minimum ten year period. The plan was renewed by the Shire on behalf of the community in 2021 and is reviewed on a regular basis, a minor amendment involving the Yalgoo Hotel was incorporated in 2024. The Corporate Business Plan provides direction over four years to outline the activities and resources required to meet the objectives of the Strategic Community Plan. The Annual Budget is driven by the actions and strategies outlined in the Corporate Business Plan. This is part of WA's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework illustrated below:



The framework aims to ensure that:

- The community is involved in significant decisions
- The organisation is focused on the right priorities
- Assets are affordable and support the right services
- The Plan can be adapted while maintaining sustainability; and
- Other agencies are engaged on how to achieve better outcomes with and for the community

Forecast Statement of Funding (5 years)

Forward Capital Works Program

For discussion

Project Description	Strategy No	Action No	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030
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		1.4.2					
		1.4.3					
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	1.6	1.6.1					
	1.7	1.7.1					
		1.7.2					
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	4.5	4.5.1					
	4.6	4.6.1					

Service Delivery

Community Amenities

Economic Services

Health

Governance

Law, Order and Public Safety

Other Property Services

Housing

Transport

Recreation and Culture

## Strategy References

### **Strategy 1.1** Increase use of Yalgoo Airport

Action 1.1.1 - Seek to improve existing landing strip and facilities at Yalgoo Airport, to enable regular operation and service mine sites subject to affordability or funding support.

Action 1.1.2 - Maintenance and operation of the Yalgoo Airport - improve trafficable surface and improve service buildings.

### **Strategy 1.2** Foster and grow tourism

Action 1.2.1 - Improve tourism and visitor infrastructure and promotion of places of interest.

Action 1.2.2 - Upgrade railway and museum precincts to improve tourist experiences and foster business development.

Action 1.2.3 - Increase promotion of heritage and history

### **Strategy 1.3** Encourage Business and Economic Growth

Action 1.3.1 - Identify Federal and State investment opportunities in the Shire / Region.

Action 1.3.2 - Encouraging compatible business enterprises to locate within the shire and offer training opportunities to residents.

Action 1.3.3 - Grow tourism businesses by building business management and vocational skills in current population.

Action 1.3.4 - Develop partnerships with mining companies in the Shire area.

Action 1.3.5 - Develop tourism / visitor experience improvement strategy for Paynes Find, building on previous plans and strategies.

Action 1.3.6- Enhance entry statements and way-finder information in Paynes Find to encourage visitors to the region to stop for a while and plan their trip through the Shire of Yalgoo and beyond.

**Strategy 1.4** Compete for Government contracts and funding in cooperation with adjoining Shires.

Action 1.4.1 - Improve the pool of Local Government skills and resources within the region.

Action 1.4.2 - Promote and progress partnerships and regional development opportunities.

Action 1.4.3 - In cooperation with adjoining Shires – obtain long term contracts with Main Roads WA– establish a structured basis for joint economic cooperation and initiatives

Action 1.4 .4 - Develop the workforce to a level of personnel and efficiency so that it is competent to bid for Government contracts.

**Strategy 1.5** Construct and Maintain Shire Transport Infrastructure

Action 1.5.1 - improve the road system in the Shire through effective maintenance or construction where required to reach appropriate standards.

Action 1.5.2 - Maintain and build Shire plant and equipment and further develop the Shire's workforce skills.

Action 1.5.3 - Continue plant replacement program to address current and developing needs and ensure adequate funding through the reserve funds to minimise impacts of rates.

Action 1.5.4 - Determine appropriate service levels and work towards achieving them.

**Strategy 1.6** Provide private works to residents, government agencies and contractors as appropriate.

Action 1.6.1 - Determine scope of potential work, develop policy and procedures and business case.

**Strategy 1.7** Maintain and grow population and businesses

Action 1.7.1 - Seek to build housing stock for families, single and older people, shire staff; and grow accommodation for permanent or intermittent service professionals and contractors.

Action 1.7.2 - Identify land that can be used for housing, business, or industry development purposes.

**Strategy 2.1** Balance the retention of the natural environment while taking into consideration the pastoral and economic basis of the Shire

Action 2.1.1 - Ensure appropriate town and land use planning to meet community and commercial operational aspirations regarding access and lifestyle choice.

Action 2.1.2 - Develop strategies and policies for the interface of urban, special rural and pastoral areas.

**Strategy 2.2** Manage the natural environment and wildlife habitats

Action 2.2.1 - Continue to progress in the management, preservation, and rehabilitation of the natural environment.

Action 2.2.2 - Continued participation in the Murchison Regional Vermin Council.

Action 2.2.3 - Pursue increased State Government action to control feral animals

Action 2.2.4 - Develop strategies for endangered species preservation on Shire controlled lands.

**Strategy 2.3** Encourage recycling and waste minimisation to reduce impact on the environment.

Action 2.3.1 - Aim for a reduction in landfill waste through the WA Resource Recovery requirements and zero waste initiatives.

Action 2.3.2 - Raise community awareness of matters impacting directly and indirectly on the environment.

**Strategy 2.4** Increase use of renewable energy to power the town for environmental purposes and to reduce energy costs for residents and businesses.

Action 2.4.1 - Seek opportunities and grant funding to use wind and solar power wherever practicable.

**Strategy 2.5** Protecting of the environment and habitats through a well-equipped and trained Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Action 2.5.1 - Develop and maintain an active and effective and skilled volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Action 2.5.2 - Provision of vehicles, equipment, and training to committed Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

**Strategy 3.1** Recognise the requirements of a diverse population with differing needs for the aged, those with disability, youth, children, and plan accordingly.

Action 3.1.1 - Improve facilities where people gather for social or family activities to include toilets, barbeques, and seating.

Action 3.1.2 - Improve facilities, services and support for youth that includes a central place for activities and programs.

Action 3.1.3 - To develop a community development and support strategy plan.

**Strategy 3.2** Encourage, maintain, and support short or long-term volunteers.

Action 3.2.1 - Make better use of the Railway Station precinct involving volunteers to promote the history and heritage of Yalgoo while creating potential for employment or further volunteering opportunities.

Action 3.2.2 - Building skills and knowledge through short community projects that can be done by volunteers to assist people to be work ready when employment opportunities arise.

**Strategy 3.3** Retaining and promoting the character, history, and heritage of the Shire by promoting the layers of history Geological, Indigenous and European to encourage visitors to stay awhile in the towns and the region.

Action 3.3.1 - Review, update or refurbish the museum and upgrade historical sites within the Shire's capacity and affordability and include all layers of heritage groups in planning the precincts.

Action 3.3.2 - Make better use of the Railway Station precinct to promote history and heritage while creating potential job or volunteering opportunities.

**Strategy 3.4** Seek to increase affordable rental accommodation opportunities for people with housing needs across the spectrum.

Action 3.4.1 - Identify potential land for development. Consider staff housing available for lease and Lobby state government to provide public housing in the Shire.

**Strategy 3.5** Refurbish the cemetery and improve the amenities at the sites in Yalgoo and Paynes Find

Action 3.5.1 - Ensure graves are numbered and mapped

Action 3.5.2 - Increase seating, water, and toilet amenities

**Strategy 4.1** Provide accessible and accountable Local Government services to the residents of the Shire.

Action 4.1.1 - Seek to Improve telecommunication systems including internet, mobile phone coverage and NBN systems.

Action 4.1.1 - To improve business systems and processes to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

**Strategy 4.2** Demonstrate responsible Governance and Financial Management

Action 4.2.1 - Government grants and other funding sources will be maximised given that the vision and outcomes cannot be funded solely from ratepayer funds,

Action 4.2.2 - Financial management and reporting systems will be reviewed and updated as required.

Action 4.2.3 - Build internal capacity in finance roles and increase financial skills in the Shire.

**Strategy 4.3** Ensure there is adequate capacity and capability in the workforce to be able to achieve the strategic and operational goals and objectives of the Shire

Action 4.3.1 - To review current capacity and capability and develop a Workforce Plan for the next four years.

**Strategy 4.4** Advocate for equitable access to Federal and State Government services to enhance lifestyle in the Shire to support recruitment of skilled staff.

Action 4.4 .1 - Lobby, advocate and seek grant funding for improved social infrastructure, services, and facilities in the Shire.

**Strategy 4.5** Provision of a safe working environment for all staff

Action 4.5.1 - To ensure the Shire embraces the new Workplace Health and Safety Act and implements the legislative compliance requirements in a timely manner.

**Strategy 4.6** Ensuring the most appropriate rating levels, and equitable balance between land use types.

Action 4 6.1 - Ongoing management and review of rating levels

Measures

For development

#### 14.7 Amendments/Authorisations to Bank Authorised Signing Officers

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	16/04/2026
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Ian Holland
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	NIL

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council review and update the authorised signing officers for the Shire of Yalgoo Accounts with National Australia Bank and Bendigo Bank.

#### **COMMENT**

Delegation currently exists for the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and other Administration roles. By incorporating individuals' names, the minutes can be utilised to provide evidence to financial institutions of a change along with supplementary paperwork.

#### **Bank Accounts held by the Shire of Yalgoo**

Shire of Yalgoo Municipal Account National Australia Bank

Shire of Yalgoo Trust Account National Australia Bank

Shire of Yalgoo Municipal Account Bendigo Bank

Shire of Yalgoo Trust Bendigo Bank

And associated reserves accounts or term deposits – CEO only as per delegation

Signatories in this context also relates to having online banking access, the ability to direct banking staff and electronically authorise payments on behalf of the Shire of Yalgoo as per existing policies and delegations.

As a result of the recent elections Councillor Valenzuela and Councillor Payne will replace past Councillor signatories.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

#### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

## OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. accepts the inclusion of Syed Hussain, Accountant as an Account Signatory for the Municipal and Trust Accounts with National Australia Bank and Bendigo Bank; and
2. Confirms that Cr Raul Valenzuela and Cr Kieren Payne be the only two Councillors included as signatories with National Australia Bank and Bendigo Bank.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-15

Moved: Ce Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council:

1. accepts the inclusion of Syed Hussain, Accountant as an Account Signatory for the Municipal and Trust Accounts with National Australia Bank and Bendigo Bank; and
2. Confirms that Cr Raul Valenzuela and Cr Kieran Payne be the only two Councillors included as signatories with National Australia Bank and Bendigo Bank.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

#### 14.8 Purchasing Policy

Applicant:	Shire of Yalgoo
Date:	16/04/26
Reporting Officer:	Ian Holland Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	NIL
Attachments:	Draft Policy 17.1

#### **SUMMARY**

That Council consider updates to the Shires Purchasing Policy 7.1.

#### **COMMENT**

The existing policy is provided in the attachment to the previous item in the Organisational Policy Manual V8\_2026.

A proposed revision to this policy is attached for discussion. Changes are proposed to clearly state the intention of the policy requirements in regard to the WALGA, eQuotes or direct quote method.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

#### **POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS**

NIL

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

#### **OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the as presented 7.1 Purchasing Policy and replaces the existing Policy 7.1 in the Organisational Policy Manual.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-16**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council adopts the as per presented 7.1 Purchasing Policy and replace the existing Policy 7.1 in the Organisational Policy manual.

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## 7.1 Purchasing Policy

Approval History:	Apr20 - complete Policy Manual V4 adopted [April20 OCM] Jul20 – review/amended [C2020-0708] Nov20 – review/amended [C2020-1107] Oct 21 – review/amended [C2021-1009] Jan25 - complete Policy Manual V6 adopted [C2025-01-16]
Review Frequency:	2 Yearly

Introduction	<p>The LGA Financial Management Regulations prescribe the financial management duties of the CEO and bind the CEO to establish efficient systems and processes to ensure proper authorisation for the incurring of liabilities and the making of payments.</p> <p>Employees must be properly authorised before they can commit funds / incur a Shire expense to purchase goods and services that they require to carry out their functions and duties.</p>
Objective	<p>To limit the authority and allow certain employees to commit budgeted funds / incur a Shire expense for the purchase of goods and services that they require to carry out their duties.</p>
Statutory Context	<p>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- r.5.(1) (e) Financial Management Duties of the CEO – systems for proper authorisation for the incurring of liabilities</li><li>- r.11 (2) – A local government is to develop procedures for the approval of accounts to ensure that before payment of an account a determination is made that the relevant <i>debt was incurred by a person who was properly authorised to do so.</i></li></ul>

### Legislation and Exemptions

The requirements that must be complied with by Local Governments, including purchasing thresholds and processes, are prescribed within the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 and in addition for the Shire of Yalgoo this Purchasing Policy. This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated legislation.

Purchasing that is below \$250,000 in total value (excluding GST) must utilise a Request for Quotation process, either direct to the market or through a panel of pre-qualified suppliers (such as a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract).

Purchasing that exceeds \$250,000 in total value (excluding GST) must be put to public Tender unless a regulatory Tender exemption is utilised by the Local Government. Tender exemptions apply in the following instances:

- An emergency situation as defined by the Local Government Act 1995;
- The purchase is from a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract or Business Service. All WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts have been established utilising a competitive public procurement process to pre-qualify suppliers that meet compliance requirements and offer optimal value for money to the Local Government sector.
- The purchase is supplied by or obtained through the government of the State or the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, or a Regional Local Government or another Local Government;
- The purchase is under auction that has been authorised by Council;
- The contract is for petrol, oil, or other liquid or gas used for internal combustion engines; or
- Any of the other exclusions under Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 that apply.

Determining purchasing value is to be based on the following considerations:

1. The actual or expected value of a contract over the full contract period (including all options to extend); or
2. The extent to which it could be reasonably expected that the Local Government will continue to purchase a particular category of goods, services or works and what total value is or could be reasonably expected to be purchased.

*WALGA Note: When making a decision about whether to conduct a public Tender or utilise a Tender exempt arrangement, the Local Government should compare the cost and benefits of both processes.*

*The compliance requirements, time constraints, costs and risks associated with a public Tender should be evaluated against the value delivered by such a process. This should then be compared with the costs and benefits of using a Tender exempt arrangement which include direct access to pre-qualified suppliers, full regulatory compliance, risk mitigation, administrative efficiencies and cost savings.*

## **Officer Considerations when Incurring Liability**

### **Ethics**

Officers are to follow their applicable Code of Conduct, Yalgoo Shire Policies and comply with relevant legislation or audit requirements.

Officers are to act in an honest and professional manner that encompasses the following principles:

- Impartiality – fairness and consistency that results in a competitive process
- Accountability – based on value for money (efficient and effective use of public money)
- Transparency - adequate reporting of decisions that is free from bias (actual or perceived conflicts of interest are appropriately managed)

- Privacy – supplier information is commercial-in-confidence unless permission is obtained from the supplier or dictated by legislation

## **Value for Money – Cost, Quality, Sustainability and Timing**

Best value for money is the most advantageous combination of Cost, Quality, Sustainability and Timing. A Life Cycle Assessment that is appropriate to the scale of a purchase should be performed.

### **Cost**

An Officer shall consider all relevant Whole of Life Costs for both goods and services. These may include but are not limited to; transaction costs associated with acquisition, delivery, distribution, holding costs, consumables, deployment, maintenance and disposal. It is important to note that obtaining the lowest price is not more important than Specification or Sustainability.

### **Quality**

Officers are to assess the technical merits of the goods or services being offered in terms of compliance with specifications, contractual terms and conditions and any relevant methods of assuring quality. Products and suppliers should be assessed on the following basis:

- The product or service is fit for purpose
- The supplier has a demonstrated financial viability and capacity to deliver the goods or services without risk (or an acceptable mitigated risk)
- That the goods or services offered are competitive when compared to the market

### **Sustainability**

The Shire of Yalgoo is committed to sustainable procurement of goods and services that have less environmental and negative social impacts than competing products and services.

Officers shall endeavour to procure products and services that:

- Demonstrate environmental best practice in efficiency / and or consumption which can be demonstrated through suitable rating systems and eco-labelling (Energy, Water, Emissions)
- Are environmentally sound in manufacture, use, and disposal with a specific preference for products made using the minimum amount of raw materials from a sustainable resource, that are free of toxic or polluting materials and that consume minimal energy to produce
- Products that can be refurbished, reused, recycled or reclaimed shall be given priority, and those that are designed for ease of recycling, re-manufacture or otherwise to minimise waste

Renewable energy options and safe, energy efficient materials should be seriously considered for any new construction or building redevelopments.

Motor vehicles shall be fit for purpose and within budget. Significant weighting shall be given to fuel efficiency, emission type and volume.

### **Timing**

When deciding on a quote, consideration should be taken on the timeframe a supplier can provide its goods and services. The lowest price quote may not provide the best value if the timeframe to receive the goods and services is not within the near future.

### **Buy Local**

Where the opportunity exists to purchase goods or services of a comparable quality locally, the officer is to have due regard for additional costs arising from a non local purchase such as:

- Freight
- Fuel
- Staff travel
- Project/staff downtime

Support shall be provided to local businesses in the following way:

1. Ensure that specifications are not determined which unfairly disadvantage local business, unless those specifications could be perceived as avoidance of a tender and would contravene Section 12 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 – Anti-avoidance provision.
2. Ensure that procurement plans address local business capability and local content.
3. Regularly approach local businesses to bid for work and actively seek capability statements so that opportunities to provide work locally are not missed.
4. All weighted criteria used for the evaluation of a tender will include a category of no less than 10% for Tenderers to demonstrate utilization of local labour or purchases through local businesses.

### **Purchasing Thresholds - Requirements**

Below is the purchasing process that must be followed based on the actual or expected value of each purchase by the Local Government:

<b>PO Amount</b>	<b>Policy</b>
\$0 - \$15,000	Direct purchase from suppliers using purchase order or corporate credit card issued by the Shire.
\$15,001 - \$25,000	Obtaining at least one verbal or written quotation from a suitable supplier.
\$25,001 to \$125,000	Two or more quotes, in written form, must be obtained. Previous quotes less than 6 months old can be utilised as quotations.
\$125,001 to \$249,999	At least three written quotes to be obtained. CEO to approve (not including dealings with land or buildings, which will be approved by Council). Previous tender prices not more than 6 months old can be utilised as quotations.
\$250,000 and above	Conduct a public tender process or use the WALGA Preferred Supplier List through the E-Quotes system.
Agreed Upon Rate	Purchases can be performed on an agreed upon rate with verbal approval by the CEO

#### **Purchasing Thresholds (ex GST) Up to \$25,000**

For procurement of good or services up to the value of \$25,000, delegated Officers approved by the CEO may purchase goods and services on the basis of seeking the greatest benefit to the Shire, and where possible seek written or verbal quotations. These quotations should be either provided or recorded. It is recognised that in some instances it may not be practical or cost effective to seek quotes.

Alternatively, obtain a quote directly from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers, which includes the WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts.

A refusal to quote or no response is considered a quote.

#### **Purchasing Thresholds (ex GST) \$25,001 to \$125,000**

For procurement of goods and services where the value exceeds \$25,001 but less than \$125,000, two written quotes must be obtained from competitive suppliers. The CEO must be verbally informed regarding quotes obtained and a recommendation of best value for money be made. The CEO is to verbally approve prior to issuing a Purchase Order.

Alternatively, obtain a quote directly from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers, which includes the WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts.

A refusal to quote or no response is considered a quote.

#### **Purchasing Thresholds (ex GST) \$125,001 to \$249,999**

For the procurement of goods or services where the value exceeds \$125,001 but is less than \$249,999 at least three written quotes are to be obtained from competitive suppliers. The CEO to

approve expenditure in this category (not including dealings with land and buildings, which will be approved by Council).

Alternatively, obtain a quote directly from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers, which includes the WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts.

A refusal to quote or no response is considered a quote.

The CEO will demonstrate due diligence seeking quotes and to comply with any record keeping and audit requirements. Record keeping requirements will be maintained in accordance with record keeping policies.

### **Agreed Upon Rate**

Some work performed for the Shire can be at an agreed upon rate instead of requesting a quote. These will be verbally approved by the CEO and may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Work which would normally be carried out internally, e.g. mechanic, ranger, rates, EHO, planning and asset maintenance, renewals or upgrades
- Work which is minor, e.g. the total cost of the specific work is less than \$25,000
- Work done under contract
- When quotes could not be obtained due to unknowns, e.g. the scope of works cannot be determined effectively until the work starts
- Quotes do not provide value compared to an agreed upon rate, e.g. the quoted time to complete the work is higher than its expected to take
- Other instances as verbally approved by the CEO

The work must be monitored to ensure productivity and value is obtained.

### **Natural Disaster**

The procurement process should follow the above policy, including raising purchase orders for all expenditure. If it is found a purchase order isn't sufficient to cover the expenditure a new purchase order should be raised as soon as possible. The CEO is to be verbally informed and an item taken to a future Council meeting explaining the discrepancy along with having the above expenditure approved by Council.

The Shire's Annual Budget should include a contingency for natural disasters. If there is no amount then it should be included in the next review, the next budget or taken to Council as a budget amendment. If there is an amount but it is less than the determined cost then it should be included in the next review, the next budget or taken to Council as a budget amendment. The appropriate budget amendment method will be at the CEO's discretion. Work can commence before the budget is amended.

**Notes:** the general principles relating to verbal and written quotations are;

**Verbal and written Quotations:** - The general principles are (for quotes up to \$125,000):

- Ensure that the requirement / specification is clearly understood by the Local Government employee seeking the verbal quotations.
- Ensure that the requirement is clearly, accurately and consistently communicated to each of the suppliers being invited to quote.
- Read back the details to the Supplier contact person to confirm their accuracy.
- Written notes detailing each verbal quotation must be recorded.

All officers and employees of the Local Government shall observe the highest standards of ethics and integrity in undertaking purchasing activity and act in an honest and professional manner that supports the standing of the Local Government.

The following principles, standards and behaviours shall be observed and enforced through all stages of the purchasing process to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all parties:

- Full accountability shall be taken for all purchasing decisions and the efficient, effective and proper expenditure of public monies based on achieving value for money;
- All purchasing practices shall comply with relevant legislation, regulations, and requirements consistent with the Local Government policies and code of conduct;
- Purchasing is to be undertaken on a competitive basis in which all potential supplies are treated impartially, honestly and consistently;
- All processes, evaluations and decisions shall be transparent, free from bias and documented in accordance with applicable policies and audit requirements;
- Any actual or perceived conflicts of interest are to be identified, disclosed and appropriately managed; and
- Any information provided to the Local Government by a supplier shall be treated as commercial-in-confidence.

**The Tender Process is to be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and subsidiary legislation – Specifically Part 4 – Provision of Goods and Services of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.**

**The preparation of tender documents and calling of a tender must be conducted by way of delegated authority. This decision should be based on a previously adopted Council Resolution which includes the adoption of a budget capital project.**

### **Purchase Orders and Incurring Liability**

WALGA Notes

Incurring liabilities is not described in the Local Government Act or Regulations as an express power or duty, rather it is only described as a requirement for the Local Government and the CEO to control by developing “systems and procedures” [see FM Regs 5 and 11].

Incurring liabilities is therefore not an express (written) power or duty which is capable of being delegated.

Therefore the CEO must establish systems and written procedures which give effect to compliance with legislation and purchasing policy and provide appropriate internal controls and risk mitigation for incurring liabilities.

Issuing a Requisition – the Requisition is only a proposal to purchase (FM Regs 5 & 11), describing the goods or services required to enable a decision to issue a Purchase Order. It does not incur a liability as the goods / services may only be provided on the basis of an appropriately issued Purchase Order.

A decision to issue a requisition and therefore Purchase Order, is informed by other, previous Council decisions, for example – the Budget adopted by Council, Council decisions to approve projects or implement policies.

The decision to incur a liability is in fact and in operation a method of implementing a Council decision and therefore accords with the CEO's duties under s.5.41(c) to cause council decisions to be implemented.

Issuing a Purchase Order – The Purchase Order, creates a contract between the supplier and the Local Government. It incurs a liability (FM Regs.5 & 11), provided that the goods or services are ultimately supplied in accordance with the requirements specified in the purchase order. Administrative procedures should establish which positions are authorised to issue Purchase Orders, with pre-requisite requirements for a Purchase Order to only be issued, where due diligence confirms:

- a) Compliance with the Purchasing Policy
- b) The committal value of the Purchase Order is within an appropriate and available budget allocation.
- c) The proposed goods / services are within the scope of implementing a Council decision either specific or generally.

Using Credit or Transaction Cards (store card, fuel card or corporate credit card) are a method of incurring a liability, with the goods or services received and a monthly statement provided to the Local Government for acquittal (verification of a liability) on a monthly basis. Please refer to the Credit Card Policy.

### **Verification of Liability**

Goods / Services Received – Officers are required to check packing slips and follow up directly any discrepancies. Reports and evidence of goods/services are to be kept as per the Shires Record Keeping Plan.

Verification of Invoice or Transaction Card Statement – Officers, their Manager or the CEO are to ensure that charges align with the accepted quote or the contracted schedule or rates and are to sign all such invoices as being both Received and Authorised for payment.

Council through its Audit Committee, may form an opinion as to its satisfaction with the procedures prepared in accordance with FM 11, when it undertakes the review of Internal Controls in accordance with Audit Reg. 17(1)(b).

### **Purchase Order Threshold**

Position thresholds based on position titles may be updated via memo by the CEO and placed on an employees file. This excludes the CEO threshold or positions that do not exist under the workforce plan.

<b>Unlimited</b>	<b>≤ \$125,000</b>	<b>≤ \$10,000</b>
CEO	Works Manager	Community Development Officer
	DCEO	Executive Assistant

The CEO is to report at the first potential meeting any purchasing near or above the Tender threshold. Any lump sum purchase over the tender threshold including from preferred suppliers will be the decision of Council.

An Officer may, with the verbal or written permission of another officer provide Purchase Orders above their threshold for requested items, that will be countersigned by the requesting officer at the earliest possible opportunity and is not above the Purchase Threshold for the requesting officer.

Officers may provide a Purchase Order above their threshold for a payment that was directly approved via minuted Council Resolution at the verbal or written request of the CEO.

Nothing in this policy authorises an employee to commit the Shire to a loan of money.

Authorising officers are responsible for attaching all supporting documentation to a purchase order.

#### 14.9 Budget Amendment

<b>Applicant:</b>	Shire of Yalgoo
<b>Date:</b>	26 April 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Glenn Boyes – Deputy CEO
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

To approve budget amendments to increase external parts and repairs and for the purchase of a self-bunded fuel tank.

#### **COMMENT**

##### ***Parts and Repairs***

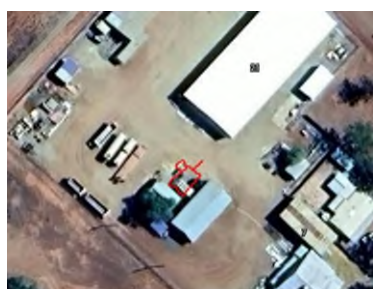
The Shire has expended more than expected on vehicle servicing and repairs this year due to a back log of work, damage to the loader caused by fire fighting and the hydraulics on the Mack, Kenworth, tippers and roller. It is proposed to increase the budget by \$40,000.

##### ***Fuel Tank***

The Shire has reviewed its fuel usage in terms of cost, risk and the fuel tax credits. Currently, the Shire uses the Refuel Australia station on Piesse St using multiple fuel cards.

Having multiple cards causes issues with record keeping, which impacts the amount received back from the ATO in the form of a fuel tax credit. It also makes it more complex to manage risk with the cards, e.g. loss of a card, purchases made on the card and theft of fuel.

The Shire was quoted \$2.09 a litre for fuel when purchased in bulk. The same day, diesel at the bowser was \$2.70 a litre. Therefore, buying in bulk could save the Shire about \$0.60 a litre. The number of litres used depends on the works done but conservatively the Shire could save \$45,000 per year.



The picture shows a potential location for the tank with a smaller Adblue tank next to it.

Self-bunded fuel tanks come in varying sizes, but it is proposed to purchase a tank with a capacity of up to 33,000L. The budget for the tank is \$70,000.

The following are the budget amendments proposed to increase parts and repairs and to purchase the fuel tank.

2120231	Small Plant and Equipment	(\$20,000)
2140412	Fuels and Oils	(\$20,000)

2140284	Audit Fees	(\$70,000)
2140411	External Parts and Repairs	\$40,000
8001	Plant and Equipment	\$70,000

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995*

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*

**POLICY/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

**RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Moderate

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the following budget amendments:

2120231	Small Plant and Equipment	(\$20,000)
2140412	Fuels and Oils	(\$20,000)
2140284	Audit Fees	(\$70,000)
2140411	External Parts and Repairs	\$40,000
8001	Plant and Equipment	\$70,000

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-17**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne                      Seconded: Cr Tamisha Hodder

That Council approve the following budget amendments:

2120231	Small Plant and Equipment	(\$20,000)
2140412	Fuels and Oils	(\$20,000)
2140284	Audit Fees	(\$70,000)
2140411	External Parts and Repairs	\$40,000
8001	Plant and Equipment	\$70,000

**CARRIED: 6/0**

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

## 15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Cr Raul Valenzuela proposes

That Council tasks Administration:

1. to investigate costing and placement of two multilingual Welcome to the Outback or Welcome to Yalgoo signs for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Budget; and
2. to investigate and report on the suitability or means by which sponsorship could be included in these signs and renewed for the Sports Stadium, Airstrip or Lookout.

Reason – To be discussed

Link to Strategic Community Plan – To be discussed

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-18

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council:

1. to investigate costing and placement of two multilingual Welcome to the Outback or Welcome to Yalgoo signs for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Annual Budget; and
2. to investigate and report on the suitability or means by which sponsorship could be included in these signs and renewed for the Sports Stadium, Airstrip or Lookout.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

Cr Raul Valenzuela proposes

That Council amend the Attendance at Events Policy 1.16 to include a requirement for Staff and Councillors to:

1. supply minutes of any meetings attended to Shire Administration; and
2. report verbally or in writing on key take aways or lessons learnt from any meetings, training or events attended for inclusion in the recordings or minutes of the next practical Council meeting.

Reason – To be discussed

Link to Strategic Community Plan - To be discussed

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION – C2026-05-19**

Moved: Cr Kieran Payne

Seconded: Cr Raelene Kroon

That Council amend the Attendance at Events Policy 1.16 to include a requirement for Staff and Councillors to:

1. supply minutes of any meetings attended to Shire Administration; and
2. report verbally or in writing on key take aways or lessons learnt from any meetings, training or events attended for inclusion in the recordings or minutes of the next practical Council meeting.

CARRIED: 6/0

Motion Carried unopposed by: Cr Valenzuela, Cr Nichols, Cr Payne, & Cr Kroon, Cr Jones & Cr Hodder.

**16 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

NIL

**18 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is due to be held in the Yalgoo Council Chamber on Friday 29th May 2026 commencing at 10:30am.

**19 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Shire President declared the Ordinary meeting closed at 12.06pm.