



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING



20 August 2026

Commencing at 4pm in the
Shire of Wyalkatchem Council Chambers
27 Flint Street, Wyalkatchem

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Wyalkatchem Shire Council will be held on Thursday 20 August 2026 in the Council Chambers, 27 Flint Street Wyalkatchem, commencing at 4pm.

An Agenda for this meeting will be made available from the Shire Administration Office and on our website www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au

ORDER OF EVENTS

Thursday, 20 August 2026

4:00pm Ordinary Meeting of Council followed by refreshments.

I have reviewed this agenda, I am aware of all recommendations made to Council, and I support each as presented.



Tom Kettle

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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written confirmation of Council's decisions, which will be provided within ten days of this meeting.

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Impartiality Interest:

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2.1. Response to Public Questions Previously Taken on Notice

2.2. Declaration of Public Question Time opened

2.3. Declaration of Public Question Time closed

3. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1. Attendance

3.2. Visitors

3.3. Apologies

3.4. Approved Leave of Absence

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4. OBITUARIES

5. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Petitions

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6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

6.2. Impartiality Interests

7. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

7.1. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1.1. Ordinary Council Meeting – 16 July 2026

Minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday
16 July 2026. (Attachment 7.1.1)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

*That the minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Ordinary Meeting of Council of
Thursday 16 July 2026 (Attachment 7.1.1) be confirmed as a true and correct
record.*

7.1.2. Special Council Meeting – 24 July 2026

Minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Special Meeting held on Friday
24 July 2026. (Attachment 7.1.2)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

*That the minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Special Meeting of Council of
Friday 24 July 2026 (Attachment 7.1.2) be confirmed as a true and correct
record.*



**MINUTES
OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL
HELD ON**

16 July 2026

Council Chambers

Honour Avenue

Wyalkatchem

Commencement: 4:00pm

Closure: 4:32pm

Preface

When the Chief Executive Officer approved these Minutes for distribution they are in essence “*Unconfirmed*” until the following Ordinary Meeting of Council, where the minutes will be confirmed subject to any amendments.

The “*Confirmed*” Minutes are then signed off by the Presiding Member.

Unconfirmed Minutes

These unconfirmed minutes were approved for distribution on the 23 July 2026.



Tom Kettle
Chief Executive Officer

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Cr Stratford declared the meeting open at 4:00pm.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2.1. Response to Public Questions Previously Taken on Notice

Nil

2.2. Declaration of Public Question Time opened

Public Question Time opened at 4:00pm.

There were no public questions.

2.3. Declaration of Public Question Time closed

Public Question Time closed at 4:00pm.

3. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1. Attendance

Cr Mischa Stratford
Cr Christopher Loton
Cr Justin Begley
Cr Tracy Dickson
Cr Rod Lawson Kerr
Cr Stephen Gamble

Deputy President and Presiding Member
via TEAMS

Tom Kettle
Aldo Lamas

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Works

3.2. Visitors

Nil

3.3. Apologies

Claire Trenorden

Manager Corporate Services

3.4. Approved Leave of Absence

Cr Christy Petchell

President

3.5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

4. OBITUARIES

The Deputy President advised the following residents of Wyalkatchem had recently passed away:

Mrs Shirley Maitland
Mr Trevor Webb

5. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Petitions

Nil

5.2. Deputations

Nil

5.3. Presentations

Nil

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

Tom Kettle declared a financial interest in item 10.3.2.

6.2. Impartiality Interests

Cr Stratford declared an impartiality interest in items 14.1 and 14.2.

Cr Begley and Cr Loton declared an impartiality interest in item 11.1.1.

7. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

7.1. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1.1. Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 June 2026

Minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday
18 June 2026. (Attachment 7.1.1)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(73/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Cr Lawson Kerr

***That the minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Ordinary Meeting of
Council of Thursday 18 June 2026 (Attachment 7.1.1) be confirmed as a
true and correct record.***

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

7.1.2. Special Council Meeting – 6 July 2026

Minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Special Meeting held on Monday 6 July 2026. (Attachment 7.1.2)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(74/2026) Moved: Cr Lawson Kerr Seconded: Cr Dickson
That the minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Special Meeting of Council of Monday 6 July 2026 (Attachment 7.1.2) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 6/0

Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley, Cr Dickson

7.2. Receipt of Minutes

7.2.1. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting – 18 June 2026

Minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2026. (Attachment 7.2.1)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(75/2026) Moved: Cr Begley Seconded: Cr Dickson
That the minutes of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting of Thursday 18 June 2026 (Attachment 7.2.1) be received by the Council.

CARRIED 6/0

Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley, Cr Dickson

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Member announced that Wallambin Lodge will reopen officially as of 27 July 2026. There are still three beds available, any interested community members should contact Rachelle at the hospital.

She wished an official goodbye to Dr Ali who is leaving next week. We do look forward to welcoming Dr Tang who commences at the end of next week.

The CRC held an Age with Attitude event which was very well attended by members of the community.

Landfill hours will change as of next week, we hope that this will satisfy the community needs.

Congratulations to Jay Hammond on being nominated for the 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards. We wish him luck.

9. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

10. REPORTS

10.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1.1. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	8 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.1 – Accounts for payment – June 2026

SUMMARY

To provide the Council with a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with delegated authority and for the Council to endorse the payments made for the prior month.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, s13(1)*, requires that if a local government has delegated to the CEO 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 all payments since the last such list was prepared.

The council has delegated to the CEO (delegation number 1.2.25) the power to make payments from the municipal fund or trust fund.

COMMENT

The payment listing for June 2026 is presented to the Council for their endorsement.

Bank Account	Payment Type	Last Number	First Number in the report
Municipal	Cheque	0	0
Municipal and Trust	EFT	EFT5371	EFT5296
Reserves	EFT	EFT	No Payments
DD	DD	DD4349.1	DD4320.1

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, s.13.1

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure in accordance with the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(76/2026) Moved: Cr Begley

Seconded: Cr Dickson

That Council endorse the total payments for the month of June 2026 being \$435,065.27 which comprised of:

- 1. Cheque payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$0.00;***
- 2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$386,962.50; and***
- 3. Direct Debit (DD) payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$48,102.77.***

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

10.1.2. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – CREDIT CARDS – MAY 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	8 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Bradly, Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	File Ref: 12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.2 – Credit Card – May 2026

BACKGROUND

Council governance procedures require the endorsement of credit card payments at each OMC. The attached credit card payment report has been reviewed by the Manager of Corporate Services and the CEO.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management s.6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, R34

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy Number 2.1 – Purchasing Policy.

Policy Number 2.3 – Credit Card Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Reported expenditure is assessed by management as being consistent with the 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

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Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(77/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Cr Lawson Kerr

That Council endorse credit card payments for the period 29 April 2026 to 28 May 2026, totalling \$3,057.49 (refer to attachment 10.1.2).

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

10.1.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS – JUNE 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	8 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	25.08
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.3 – Monthly Financial Report June 2026

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34* requires a local government to prepare a monthly financial statement that reports on actual revenue and expenditure against the annual budget prepared under regulation 22(1) (d).

Council has adopted a material variance on 10% or \$10,000 whichever is the greater.

COMMENT

The attached reports include:

- Statement of Financial Activity by Program (p.3)
- Statement of Financial Activity by Nature and Type (p.4)

The statements provide details of the Shire's operations on an actual year to date basis.

These statements and Notes 1 (p.5) and 2 (p.6) are statutory requirements and must be presented to Council.

The remaining notes all relate to the Statements of Financial Activity.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management S6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, R34

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

June 2026

Total Cash Available as at 30 June 2026 is \$6,553,712;

- cash available is made up of unrestricted cash \$2,779,339 (42.41%) and
- restricted cash \$3,754,373 (57.29%).

Rates Debtors balance as at 30 June 2026 is \$85,322 and Rates Notices for 2025-26 were issued in August 2025. Rates collected as at end of June were \$1,517,259 - 91%.

June 2026:

Operating Revenue – Operating revenue of \$5,918,125 is made up of Rates - 26%, Grants - 63%, Fees and Charges - 4%, Interest – 3%, Profit on asset disposals – 2% and other – 2%.

Operating Expenses – Operating expenses of \$5,974,496 is made of Employee Costs – 26%, Materials and Contracts – 24%, Depreciation – 42%, Insurance – 4%, Utility – 3% and other – 1%.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(78/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Cr Begley

That Council accepts the Statements of Financial Activity for the month ending 30 June 2026 (refer attachment 10.1.3).

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

10.2. WORKS AND SERVICES

10.2.1. WORKS OFFICER'S REPORT – JULY 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	9 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Aldo Lamas – Works Manager
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05
Attachment Reference:	Nil

BACKGROUND

To inform Council of the activities of the Works and Services team for the month ending 09 July 2026.

OVERVIEW

SUMMARY - ROADS / TOWN/ BUILDINGS

ROAD & MAINTENANCE

- **Refuse Site**

Routine weekly maintenance continued throughout the month at the Refuse Site.

- **Maintenance Grading**

Maintenance grading is continuing throughout the Shire to improve and maintain road conditions. The work camp crew has also fabricated a new signage frame for the grader, which will improve the safe transport and display of roadwork signage while grading operations are underway.

1. Wallambin Rd
2. Lackman Rd
3. Benjaberring Sth Rd
4. Harrison Rd
5. Lawrence Rd
6. Lewis Rd
7. Old Nalkain Rd
8. Gangell Rd
9. Turner Rd
10. Holdsworth Rd
11. Bookham Rd
12. Korrelocking Nth Rd
13. Hodgson Rd
14. Butt Rd
15. Jennings Rd
16. Rhind Rd

17. Wilson Rd
18. Brooke Rd

PARKS AND GARDENS

- **Swimming Pool**

Stormwater drainage works have been completed to address issues with water not draining properly from the wash floor drainage system. The problem has now been repaired, and the drainage is functioning effectively and as intended.

- **Recreation Centre**

A new floodlight has been installed at the basketball court, along with a push-button control system to help manage and minimise unnecessary usage, as the lights were previously often left on when not required.

[Refer to Photographs in Attachment A](#)

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory environment implications in relation to this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are some financial implications in relation to this item and they are reflected in the report.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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Pillar 1 Economy	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Local industry is sustained and can expand with critical and enabling infrastructure. The visitor economy diversifies our local economy and we enhance our community profile.
Goal No.	GOAL 1. Our transport network responds to the accessibility and connectivity needs of all
1.2	Deliver the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Program
1.3	Participate in the Regional Road Group
Pillar 2 Community	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
Goal No.	GOAL 5. A safe and healthy community for all ages
5.9	Upgrade facilities and equipment at the Wyalkatchem Swimming Pool

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(79/2026) Moved: Cr Lawson Kerr

Seconded: Cr Begley

That Council receives the Works Manager's report.

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

Attachment A



Photo: Recreation Centre



Photo: Grader signage bracket

10.3. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

10.3.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – JULY 2026

Applicant:	Not Applicable
Location:	Whole of District
Date:	9 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to declare
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	NIL

BACKGROUND

This report is prepared by the CEO to inform Council and the Community about CEO activities and responsibilities, including progress against published plans and agreed performance criteria from 18 June to 10 July 2026.

COMMENT

The CEO continued to engage across a range of governance, community, regional and stakeholder meetings. These engagements have focused on the adoption and implementation of the 2026/27 Annual Budget, strategic planning, governance improvement, regional collaboration, housing initiatives and strengthening relationships with community organisations and key stakeholders.

Following the completion of community engagement activities in June, effort has continued to be directed towards reviewing and integrating community feedback into the development of Council's strategic planning framework, including the Council Plan, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and Public Health Plan. Council workshops will now refine the draft Council Plan prior to it being published for community feedback.

Governance reform and organisational improvement initiatives have also progressed, with a continued focus on audit, risk, compliance and organisational systems improvements. The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee met during the reporting period and adopted a workplan for the remainder of the calendar year. This provides a structured approach and an important forum to strengthen governance oversight and assurance across the organisation. Work has also continued to prepare for emerging legislative requirements, including compliance with the Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing reforms and updating the Shire's Record Keeping Plan.

Council adopted a balanced 2026/27 Budget that delivers \$2.73 million in capital investment across roads, plant, buildings and community infrastructure. Importantly, more than 65% of the capital program is externally funded through grants, reserves and asset sales, reducing the burden on ratepayers while delivering significant community outcomes. Key capital investment priorities include:

- A \$1.12 million roads program, largely funded through Roads to Recovery and Regional Road Group funding, supporting the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Shire's road network.
- A \$966,100 plant renewal program, including replacement of the Shire's grader, community bus and light vehicles, together with a new skid steer mounted mulcher to improve operational capability and service delivery.

- \$187,000 in building projects, including a contribution towards the CEACA housing development, Town Hall gutter replacement, fencing upgrades and improvements to the Administration Office accessibility.
- \$456,610 in community and infrastructure projects, including water infrastructure upgrades, swimming pool improvements, drainage works, new footpath connections and continued investment in the Wheatbelt Way Rail Trail.
- \$113,194 in continued investment in community development, tourism and events including contributions to the CRC, NEWTRAVEL and Pioneer Pathways, the Rodeo and community grants.

The adopted budget reflects Council's commitment to maintaining essential infrastructure, renewing critical assets, supporting housing and economic development initiatives, and investing in long-term community outcomes while ensuring financial sustainability. This work will be reinforced by development of the Shire's integrated planning and reporting framework including, long term financial plan, asset management plan and work force plan throughout 2026/27.

Significant work continues across the organisation to maintain momentum and progress key priorities. During the reporting period, attention has been directed to the following key areas:

- Continuing CEACA-related housing initiatives, including site investigations, transfer of land and planning approvals to support additional housing outcomes within the Shire.
- Advancing land management and development initiatives under the Town Action Plan to support housing supply, economic development and population growth opportunities.
- Strengthening regional partnerships through engagement with NEWROC, RoadWise, Regional Road Group, NEWTRAVEL and Pioneer Pathways to advance shared advocacy, tourism, transport and regional development priorities.
- Supporting community wellbeing and social connectedness through engagement with local organisations including the Wylie Rodeo Working Group and community feedback initiatives.
- Working with a communications consultant to support improvements in community engagement and organisational communications.
- Continuing workforce engagement and organisational culture initiatives through regular staff communication and whole-of-organisation engagement activities.

Key Meetings 21 May 2026 to 18 June 2026

16 June Meeting Department Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport

16 June Council Budget Workshop

17 June Coffee with a Councillor – community feedback

18 June Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting

18 June Ordinary Council Meeting

19 June Meeting with a local government CEO

23 June RoadWise Council Meeting

25 June Regional Road group Meeting

26 June Meeting with NEWTRAVEL staff

26 June All Staff Meeting

26 June Wylie Rodeo Working Group Meeting

29 June Pioneer Pathways Advisory Group meeting
30 June WALGA H5 Bird Flu Webinar
2 July Meeting with Communications Consultant
2 July Council Workshop
6 July Special Council Meeting
7 July NEWROC Meeting
7 July CEACA site visit
9 July Meeting with Shire Town Planning Consultants
9 July Meeting with Men's Shed
10 July Pioneer Pathways Advisory Group meeting

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.41 Role of the Chief Executive Officer.
Section 5.56 Planning for the future.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no policy directly relevant to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct financial implication to this report. The CEO seeks to add value to Council Decisions and maximise community benefit of operations and project outcomes.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct risk implication to this report.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

All areas of the Strategic Community Plan are relevant to this report. The Acting CEO is actively examining opportunities for progress against the Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(80/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson Seconded: Cr Gamble
That Council accept the Chief Executive Officer's report as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

Tom Kettle declared a financial interest in item 10.3.2 and left the room at 4:25pm.

10.3.2. CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

Applicant:	Not Applicable
Location:	Whole of District
Date:	9 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Financial Interest
File Number:	12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 7.1.1 – Consultant A Quote (Confidential) Attachment 7.1.2 – Consultant B Quote (Confidential)

PURPOSE:

To consider the CEO Performance Review Committee (the Committee) recommendation to appoint an independent consultant to facilitate the 2026 CEO Performance Review process and authorise the review of that performance by the Committee.

DETAIL:

The Committee was established at the 18 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting under the CEO Performance Review Policy. The role of the Committee includes:

- Recommend to Council the process by which the CEO's performance be reviewed.
- Recommend the engagement of an appropriately experienced independent consultant, if deemed appropriate, for the purposes of assisting to conduct the performance process, in consultation with the CEO.
- Oversee the performance review process in accordance with this policy.

The CEO developed a scope based on the CEO Performance Review Policy and sought quotes from suitably qualified independent consultants. The quotes were provided to the Council on 30 June 2026 for review.

The quotes were subsequently discussed at a Council workshop on 2 July 2026. It was evident from these discussions that the Council were supportive of a process that was consultant lead and in-person, while both independent consultants were deemed suitably qualified and experienced.

The Committee considered the quotes at a committee meeting on 6 July 2026 and endorsed Consultant A to undertake the 2026 review and KPI setting process.

It is prudent for the Committee to review the process in May 2026 and to reappoint the consultant for 2027 should the consultant be deemed effective. This provides for efficiency and continuity.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995 – section 5.38(1) and section 5.39

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 18FA, Schedule 2, Division 3 – Standards for Review of Performance of CEO's

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

CEO Performance Review Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are minor financial implications (\$4,000-5,000) involved in appointing an independent consultant as outlined in the attached quotes.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple majority

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(81/2026) Moved: Cr Lawson Kerr

Seconded: Cr Begley

- 1. That the Council appoint Consultant A to facilitate the 2026 CEO Performance review as the on-site process as outlined in confidential attachment one.***
- 2. That the CEO Performance Review Committee be authorised to review the 2026 Performance process and extend the contract with Consultant A or otherwise request quotes from suitably skilled and qualified independent consultants.***

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***

Tom Kettle reentered the room at 4:26pm.

11. PLANNING AND BUILDING

Cr Begley and Cr Loton declared an impartiality interest in item 11.1.1.

11.1.1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL (DA) APPLICATION – 10 GAMBLE ST, WYALKATCHEM

Applicant:	Greg Hewitt
Location:	10 Gamble St, Wyalkatchem
Date:	8 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	07.02
Attachment Reference:	11.1.1 Development Application as submitted

Executive Summary

This report considers a proposal to build a new over-sized shed measuring 10m x 6m and 3.583m high at the rear of a town lot in Gamble Street, Wyalkatchem.

Background

A Development Approval (DA) application was submitted by Greg Hewitt (with consent from the current owner of the land).

1.1 Location

The proposed shed is located at the rear of the property in Gamble Street that has an existing house. Lot 1 is 25.15m x 70.41m measuring 1,770m². **Figure 1** provides a location plan. The property is not affected by the Bushfire Prone mapping issued by DFES.

1.2 Proposed Development

The proposal seeks approval for a new shed measuring 10m x 6m and 3.583m high.

The estimated cost of the shed is \$16,832 and is estimated to be completed 6 months after approval.

The gutter heights are 3.0m with a ridge height of 3.583m.

The application form indicates that the shed will be used for the '*Storage of goods*'.

Figure 2 shows the location of the proposed shed. The floor area of the proposed shed is 60m² which is less than 10% of the site area.

The plans show a side setback is 11.14m with a rear setback to the laneway of 19m.

FIGURE 1 – LOCATION PLAN



Source: Landgate

FIGURE 2 – ENLARGEMENT OF PROPERTY



Source: Landgate

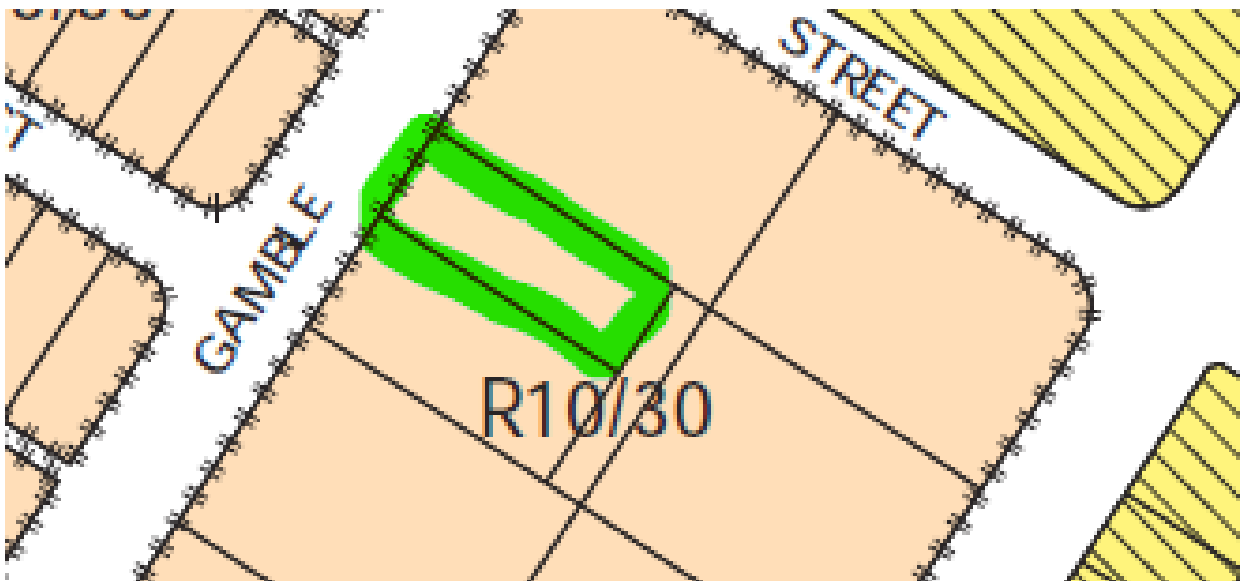
1.3 Local Planning Scheme

The land is zoned 'Residential' with a density of R10/30 in Local Planning Scheme No 4 (the Scheme). **Figure 3** shows an extract from the Scheme mapping of the property and surrounding land.

The Scheme requires that all residential development must comply with the R-Codes (Residential Design Codes). The Deemed Provisions (of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*) do not exempt this development from requiring a DA (clause 61) as the development is not 'deemed-to-comply' with R-Code requirements.

Although not relevant in this case, the split density code implies that, because deep sewerage is not available the R10 code applies to this block.

FIGURE 3 – SCHEME MAP EXTRACT



Source: Local Planning Scheme No 4

The Deemed-to-comply R-Codes for large and multiple outbuildings require a wall height of less than 2.4m, a ridge height of less than 4.2m and collectively (all outbuildings) does not exceed 60m² or 10% in aggregate of the site area (Lot).

It is clear that these requirements are not met by the proposed shed, however, the Design Principles for Outbuildings is that '*Outbuildings that do not detract from the streetscape or the visual amenity of residents or neighbouring properties*'. The existing 7m x 6.1m shed on the property will also be demolished once this shed has been built.

1.4 Consultation

Usually by consulting with neighbours, it can be established that the design principles can be achieved if the neighbours do not object.

In this case given there is a vacant block between the next house to the south, there is vacant land behind the block and there is a laneway to the house to the north it was considered that no consultation would be required.

1.5 Statutory Environment

- Planning and Development Act 2005
- Shire of Wyalkatchem Local Planning Scheme No 4

1.6 Policy Implications

There are no policy implications applicable to this item.

1.7 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications applicable to this item.

1.8 Strategic/Risk Implications

There are no strategic or risk implications applicable to this item.

1.9 Discussion

The proposed shed is large for a residential area and the storage requirements is understood, however, the use must remain as a domestic storage rather than commercial (which is not allowed in a residential area).

Also, the owner should be advised that no commercial activity will be allowed that may have any amenity impact for the surrounding residents.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(82/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Cr Gamble

That the Council approves the proposed shed as submitted, subject to drainage being to the satisfaction of the local government plus the addition of footnotes to the notice of determination to address the residential use of the shed, approval times, appeal rights and the need for a building permit.

CARRIED 6/0

***Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson***



LG Ref: 07.02/DA 10
Gamble

Planning and Development Act 2005

Shire of Wyalkatchem

Notice of determination on application for development approval

Location: 10 Gamble Street, Wyalkatchem.

Lots: 1

Plan/Diagram: 36272

Vol. No: 1838

Folio No: 571

Application date: 3 July 2025

Received on: 3 July 2025

Description of proposed development:

The construction of a new 10m x 6m and 3.583m high shed with 3m high walls to the eaves.

The application for development approval received on 15 March 2025 is:

☒ Approved subject to the following conditions

☐ Refused for the following reason(s)

Conditions/~~reasons for refusal:~~

1. On-site drainage to be provided to the satisfaction of the local government.

Footnotes

- The applicant is advised that this approval relates to the use of the proposed shed for domestic scale purposes only and is not to be used for any commercial activity or any activity that may impact the amenity of residents or neighbouring properties.
- If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term "substantially commenced" has the meaning given to it in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* as amended from time to time.
- If an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act 2005* Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination.
- The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permits must be submitted to the local government and be approved before any work requiring a building permit can commence on site.

Date of determination: 16 July 2026

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(83/2026) Moved: Cr Gamble

Seconded: Cr Dickson

That Council accept item 14.1 and 14.2 as published on the Shire's website as urgent business in order to meet the CEACA grant funding deadline of 31 July 2026.

CARRIED 6/0

Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley, Cr Dickson

Cr Stratford declared an impartiality interest in item 14.1.

14.1. DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL (DA) APPLICATION – 21 GAMBLE ST, WYALKATCHEM

Applicant:	Modularis Pty Ltd
Location:	Lot 502 Gamble Street Wyalkatchem
Date:	14 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	7.02
Attachment Reference:	Development Application as submitted

1. Introduction

The application seeks development approval for the construction of three single-storey grouped dwellings on Lot 502 Gamble Street, Wyalkatchem. The proposal forms part of a community housing initiative being undertaken by the Shire of Wyalkatchem in partnership with CEACA to increase the availability of housing within the township.

The subject land is currently reserved for 'Public Purpose' under Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS4) and comprises a former police reserve now owned by the Shire of Wyalkatchem. A Scheme Amendment has been initiated by Council to rezone the land to 'Residential', reflecting the Shire's long-term intention for the site to accommodate housing.

The proposal involves the development of three dwellings on a vacant site within the established Wyalkatchem townsite. Accordingly, the primary planning consideration is whether the proposed residential development is appropriate having regard to the current reservation, the surrounding locality and the broader strategic intent for the land.

1.1 Location

Lot 502 Gamble Street is a vacant parcel of land situated within the Wyalkatchem townsite. The site contains a mixture of cleared areas and established vegetation, including a number of mature trees dispersed throughout the lot. The property benefits from frontage to Flint Street and is surrounded by existing residential development. The site is generally unconstrained by topography and is capable of accommodating residential development while retaining elements of existing vegetation where practical.

Image 1: Site Location Map



2. Planning Framework

2.1 Statutory and Strategic Framework

This assessment has been undertaken having regard to the statutory and strategic planning framework applying to the Shire of Wyalkatchem. The primary statutory planning instrument is the Shire of Wyalkatchem Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS4), which establishes the land use and development controls applicable throughout the Scheme area.

The subject land is legally described as Lot 502 on Deposited Plan 432716 and is owned by the Shire of Wyalkatchem. The site is currently reserved for 'Public Purpose – Police' under LPS4 and forms part of a former police reserve that is no longer required for its original purpose. The land was acquired by the Shire in June 2026 as part of a broader initiative to facilitate the delivery of community housing within the township.

Pursuant to Clause 3.3 of LPS4, planning approval is required for the use and development of land reserved for a public purpose. In considering development on reserved land, regard must be given to the purpose of the reservation and any relevant public authority interests.

A Scheme Amendment has been initiated by Council to rezone the land from Public Purpose – Reserve to Residential R10/30. The Shire has not yet forwarded the scheme amendment to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for consent to advertise. The scheme amendment will be forwarded to the WAPC imminently for consent to advertise.

While the land remains reserved at the time of assessment, the proposed amendment reflects the Shire's strategic intent for the site to accommodate residential development and provides relevant context in considering the planning merits of the proposal.

The Scheme is supported by the Shire's Local Planning Strategy, which provides the overarching framework for land use and development within the district. In this regard, the proposal supports the delivery of additional housing within the established townsite and contributes to the long-term sustainability and growth of the local community.

2.1.1 Zoning and Permissibility

The subject site is currently reserved for 'Public Purpose' under Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS4). Development on reserved land is not assigned a permissibility classification in the same manner as land within a zone and must instead be assessed having regard to the purpose of the reservation, the broader planning context, and the planning merits of the proposal.

The proposal comprises three grouped dwellings intended to provide community housing on land that is no longer required for its original public purpose and has been identified by the Shire for future residential use. Importantly, a Scheme Amendment is currently being progressed to rezone the land to a residential zone, demonstrating a clear strategic intent by the local government to facilitate future residential development of the site. While the amendment process has not yet been finalised, the proposal is consistent with the intended future planning framework and land use outcomes envisaged for the land.

The proposal will deliver much-needed social housing and is supported by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. In this regard, the development provides a clear community benefit and responds to an identified housing need.

Given the advancement of the rezoning process and the strategic intent for residential development of the site, approval of the development application at this stage is not expected to prejudice orderly and proper planning, nor undermine the purpose of the current reservation.

Accordingly, the proposed development is considered acceptable on its planning merits.

2.1.2 Residential Zoning under Scheme Amendment

Scheme Amendment No. 2 proposes to rezone the subject land from 'Public Purpose' to 'Residential' with a split density coding of R10/30. While the amendment is not yet operative, it provides relevant strategic context regarding the intended future use of the site.

Under the proposed Residential zoning, grouped dwellings are capable of approval subject to compliance with the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) and consideration of relevant design and amenity matters. The proposed development comprises three dwellings on a 1,571sqm site, which is comfortably within the development potential anticipated under the proposed R30 density coding.

The proposal incorporates appropriate setbacks, vehicle access, parking, private open space and landscaping, and achieves a built form outcome that is compatible with the character of the surrounding locality. In this regard, the development is generally consistent with the residential development outcomes contemplated by the proposed Scheme Amendment.

3. Proposed Development

The application seeks development approval for the construction of three (3) single-storey modular dwellings at Lot 502 Gamble Street, Wyalkatchem. The development is proposed on a 1,571sqm site and comprises three two-bedroom, one-bathroom dwellings, together with associated residential infrastructure and site works.

The dwellings are arranged across the site with two dwellings fronting Flint Street and a third dwelling located toward the rear of the lot. Vehicle access is proposed via Flint Street, with individual crossovers provided to the two front dwellings and a shared access driveway servicing the rear dwelling. A reversing bay is provided to enable vehicles associated with the rear dwelling to exit the site in a forward gear.

Each dwelling incorporates a carport, front porch, private alfresco area, clothesline, external bin storage area, rooftop solar panels and private open space. New fencing is proposed throughout the development, including 1.8 metre high Colorbond fencing to provide privacy between dwellings and adjoining properties.

The proposed dwellings are of contemporary modular design and include a combination of Colorbond and timber horizontal cladding, with Colorbond roofing and aluminium framed windows. The dwellings present a maximum building height of approximately 3.995 metres above natural ground level.

The development intended to facilitate the delivery of community housing by CEACA within Wyalkatchem. Supporting documentation indicates the proposal forms part of a broader Wheatbelt housing initiative being undertaken across a number of regional local government areas. The estimated cost of the development is stated to be \$1,967,539.00 and to be completed within 5 months.

3.1.1 Landscaping

A landscaping plan has been submitted as part of the application. The plan incorporates new tree planting, deep soil planting areas and mulched garden beds throughout the development to enhance the visual presentation of the site and provide a landscaped setting for future residents.

The landscaping is integrated with the proposed private open space areas and complements the pedestrian access network, clotheslines and communal driveway arrangement. The submitted plans also identify the retention of a number of existing trees

within the site, together with the removal of selected trees to facilitate the proposed development and associated access arrangements.

Overall, the landscaping treatment is considered appropriate for the scale of the development and will assist in softening the built form and improving the visual amenity of the site.

3.1.2 Stormwater

Stormwater drainage is proposed to be directed to the street drainage system in accordance with the submitted engineering details.

3.2 Consultation

Nil.

4. Assessment

4.1 Land Use

The proposal seeks approval for three grouped dwellings on land currently reserved for 'Public Purpose' under Local Planning Scheme No. 4. While residential development is not ordinarily associated with land reserved for a public purpose, the site is no longer required for its original function and has been identified by the Shire for the delivery of community housing. The proposal will facilitate additional housing within Wyalkatchem and is considered to provide a clear community benefit. In these circumstances, the development is not considered to prejudice or undermine the purpose of the reservation and represents an appropriate and orderly use of the land.

4.2 Built Form and Siting

The proposed dwellings are single-storey in form and are compatible with the established residential character of the surrounding locality. The building siting, setbacks and fencing treatments provide an appropriate level of separation between dwellings and adjoining properties, whilst maintaining an attractive interface with Flint Street. Carport design and placement ensure ancillary structures do not dominate the streetscape. Overall, the development is considered to achieve an appropriate built form outcome that is consistent with the scale and character of surrounding development.

4.3 Amenity Impacts

The proposal is not expected to generate unreasonable amenity impacts on adjoining properties. Given the single-storey scale of the development, significant overlooking or overshadowing impacts are unlikely to occur. The development will generate activity consistent with normal residential use and is not expected to result in adverse noise or traffic impacts beyond those typically associated with residential development within the township.

The proposal will provide an acceptable residential environment for both future occupants and neighbouring landowners and is therefore consistent with the amenity objectives of the Residential Design Codes.

4.4 Access and Infrastructure

Vehicular access is proposed via Flint Street and comprises two individual crossovers servicing the front dwellings together with a shared driveway providing access to the rear dwelling. A reversing area is provided to enable vehicles associated with the rear dwelling to exit the site in a forward gear.

Each dwelling is provided with a covered parking bay and the access arrangements are considered suitable for the scale and intensity of development proposed. The development can be accommodated within the existing road network and no concerns have been identified in relation to access, parking or vehicle manoeuvring.

4.5 Servicing

The site is located within the established Wyalkatchem townsite and can be readily connected to existing infrastructure, including reticulated water, sewer and power located within Flint Street and the surrounding road network.

4.6 Environmental Considerations

Vegetation

The site contains a number of established mature trees and areas of scattered vegetation. Whilst some vegetation removal is required to facilitate the proposed development, a number of existing trees are proposed to be retained and supplemented through new landscaping. Having regard to the urban context of the site and the scale of the proposed works, vegetation is not considered to present a constraint to development. The retention of existing trees and incorporation of additional landscaping will assist in maintaining the visual amenity of the site and provide an appropriate landscape setting for the development.

Salinity

A review of Department of Water and Environmental Regulation mapping identifies the site as being located within an area affected by an L2 Salinity Risk and L2 Surface Salinity Risk classification. Whilst the mapping indicates a moderate regional salinity risk, no site-specific information has been provided to suggest that the land is presently affected by salinity. Given the site's location within the established Wyalkatchem townsite, together with the absence of any identified salinity constraints, the proposal is not considered to be adversely affected by salinity and the site is capable of accommodating the proposed residential development.

Land Capability

The site is located within the established Wyalkatchem townsite and benefits from frontage to Flint Street and access to existing services and infrastructure. The land is generally level and of sufficient size and configuration to accommodate the proposed development. No significant physical or environmental constraints have been identified that would prevent the orderly development of the site for residential purposes.

5. Conclusion

The proposed development has been assessed against the provisions of Local Planning Scheme No. 4, the relevant strategic planning framework and the planning merits of the proposal. While the subject land remains reserved for 'Public Purpose', the site is no longer required for its original function and has been identified by the Shire for the delivery of community housing. In this regard, the proposal will provide a tangible community benefit through the provision of additional housing stock within Wyalkatchem.

The assessment has found that the development is compatible with the character of the surrounding locality, achieves an appropriate built form outcome, will not result in unreasonable impacts on adjoining landowners, and can be adequately serviced by existing infrastructure. No significant environmental or site constraints have been identified that would prevent the orderly development of the land for residential purposes.

Having regard to the absence of any identified or foreseeable public authority requirement for the land in its current reserved form, the site's location within an established residential setting, and its capacity to be readily serviced by existing infrastructure, the proposal will not prejudice the objective or future utility of the reservation. Instead, it represents the orderly and adaptive reuse of surplus public land to achieve a legitimate planning outcome that aligns with the principles of orderly and proper planning.

While the progression of Scheme Amendment No. 2 cannot yet be considered a seriously entertained planning instrument, it provides relevant strategic context regarding the intended future use of the site and reinforces the suitability of residential development in this location.

Having regard to the above, the proposal is considered to represent an appropriate and orderly form of development, is generally consistent with the applicable planning framework, and is recommended for approval subject to conditions.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Planning and Development Act 2005
Shire of Wyalkatchem Local Planning Scheme No. 4

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are low compliance risks associated with approving the DA prior to scheme amendment no. 2 being a seriously entertained planning instrument. These risks are mitigated by the Council's support of Scheme Amendment No.2 and the relevant strategic context supporting the suitability of residential development.

The upside opportunity is through supporting increase in local housing as the Shire's Town Action Plan, Strategic Community Plan 2024-34 and full membership of CEACA.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

Pillar 2 Community	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued, and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
Goal No.	Goal 5. A safe and healthy community for all ages
5.6	Increase the supply of quality independent living units**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(84/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson Seconded: Cr Gamble

That Council approves the proposed development comprising three (3) single-storey modular grouped dwellings at Lot 502 Gamble Street, Wyalkatchem, subject to the following conditions.

1. Development Plans

This approval is for three (3) single-storey modular grouped dwellings as shown on the approved plans dated 08 June 2026. No other development forms part of this approval;

2. External Finishes

All external fixtures, such as television antennas (of a non-standard type), radio and other antennas, satellite dishes, solar panels, external hot water heaters, air conditioners, and the like, shall not be visible from the street(s), are designed integrally with the building, and be located so as not to be visually obtrusive, to the satisfaction of the Shire;

3. Colour and Materials

The colours, materials and finishes of the development shall be in accordance with annotations shown on the approved plans and the schedule of finishes which forms part of this approval, unless otherwise approved by the Shire;

4. Landscaping

Prior to the occupation or use of the development, all works shown in the approved landscaping plan shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved plans to the satisfaction of the Shire, and maintained thereafter to the satisfaction of the Shire, at the expense of the owners/occupiers;

5. Car Parking and Access

All vehicle parking, manoeuvring and access areas shall be constructed, paved and drained in accordance with the approved plans and are to comply with the requirements of Australian Standard AS2890.1, to the satisfaction of the Shire;

Walls, fences and other structures truncated or reduced to no higher than 0.75 metres within 1.5m of where walls, fences, other structures adjoin vehicle access points where a driveway meets a public street and where two streets intersect.

6. Building Design

Prior to the occupation or use of the development Functional Utilities, as defined by the Residential Design Codes, excluding solar collectors, shall:

- be located behind street setback areas and not visible from Flint Street;*
- designed to integrate with the development; and*
- are located and/or screened so they are not visually obtrusive and minimise impacts to habitable rooms and private open space on the subject site and adjoining properties.*

to the satisfaction of the Shire;

7. Stormwater

Stormwater from all roofed and paved areas shall be collected and contained on site. Stormwater must not affect or be allowed to flow onto or into any other property or road reserve;

CARRIED 6/0

**Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson**

Cr Stratford declared an impartiality interest in item 14.2.

14.2. DISPOSAL OF LOT 502, 21 GAMBLE STREET, WYALKATCHEM

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Lot 502, 21 Gamble Street Wyalkatchem
Date:	14 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 7.1.1 – Current Land Valuation

BACKGROUND

The Shire has made a series of decisions since May 2024 to purchase Lot 438 on deposited plan 40690, 21 Gamble Street Wyalkatchem to progress a housing development project with the Central East Accommodation and Care Alliance Inc. (CEACA) and its subsidiary registered community housing provider, CEACA Ltd.

At the 31 March 2026 Special Council Meeting, the Council resolved to purchase a portion of lot 438 on deposited plan 40690 for the price of \$47,500 (32/2026). At the 21 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting the Council resolved to adopt scheme amendment no 2 for EPA and WAPC approval to advertise the rezoning of the land to residential (52/2026).

Lot 438 on deposited plan 40690 has subsequently been subdivided into lots 501 and 502, with lot 502 being subject to disposal to CEACA Ltd under section 3.58 *Local Government Act 1995*.



COMMENT

The *Local Government Act 1995* section 3.58 requires that, before disposing of property, a local government must either comply with the statutory advertising provisions or satisfy the criteria for an exempt disposition. In this instance, the proposed disposal is not exempt and therefore must be advertised for public comment for a minimum period of 14 days.

The proposed disposal relates to land described as Lot 502, volume LR3131, Folio 297 at 21 Gamble Street Wyalkatchem (the land). The land was subdivided since it was purchased for \$47,500 and therefore a market valuation was required to comply with section 3.58 *Local Government Act 1995*. The mid-point value contained in the market valuation was \$35,000 (attachment 1).

The Shire intends to dispose of the land to CEACA Ltd for nil consideration.

Subject to Council approval to dispose of the land, a draft deed of gift be executed under the *Local Government Act 1995* and the transfer to CEACA Ltd will be finalised. This is required to be completed in a timely manner for CEACA to meet their State and Federal Government funding requirements.

The Shire has held full membership of CEACA for many years and through this partnership seeks to leverage access to funding opportunities for the development of independent aged living units and social housing within Wyalkatchem. The current CEACA expansion project has been successful in funding submissions through State and Federal grant programs. The project is seeking to deliver 54 additional independent living units across 11 Wheatbelt Shires, including an additional four dwellings to the Wyalkatchem community. One dwelling will be built at lot 6, unit 5 (#4) Swan street and Lot 502 at 21 Gamble street will host the additional 3 dwellings and is subject to a development approval at this same meeting.

The Shire's Housing Town Action Plan identifies that the estimated housing demand in the Shire is eight times greater than the current supply. This project with CEACA is identified as a key short-term priority in the Town Action Plan to help address the housing shortage within the Shire. This project is also strongly aligned with priority 2.2, 5.6 and 5.7 in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

The recommendation provided to Council progresses earlier resolutions intending to gift land to CEACA to facilitate the delivery of four social housing units as part of CEACA's funding arrangement with the Federal and State Governments.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem has undertaken its required public notice functions under section 3.58 and 1.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and upon receipt of nil submissions relating to the disposal, the recommendation to Council is to approve the disposal of land as intended.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 1.7 – Local Public Notice

Section 3.58 – Disposal of property

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

Relevant provisions regarding exempt dispositions

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications associated with disposal of the land including land valuation, legal advice, advertising and conveyancing. These costs are provided for in the 2025/26 and 2026/27 annual budgets.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are minor compliance risks associated with disposal of property by advertising under section 3.58. These risks are mitigated by advertising for public submissions, the inclusion of an independent land valuation and a strong connection to the Shire's Housing Town Action Plan and Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

The upside opportunity is an increase in housing options within the Town which are not otherwise within the Shire's capacity to deliver.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

Pillar 1 Economy	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Local industry is sustained and can expand with critical and enabling infrastructure. The visitor economy diversifies our local economy and we enhance our community profile.
Goal No.	GOAL 2. Essential services and infrastructure enable economic growth
2.2	Develop land and housing initiatives in partnership with the private sector and all tiers of govt.

Pillar 2 Community	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued, and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
Goal No.	Goal 5. A safe and healthy community for all ages
5.6	Increase the supply of quality independent living units**
5.7	Support community and care services to support ageing in home

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(85/2026) Moved: Cr Dickson

Seconded: Cr Begley

That Council:

- 1. Notes the local public notice period for the disposal of Lot 502, Volume LR3132, Folio 297 at 21 Gamble Street Wyalkatchem has been undertaken in accordance with section 3.58(3) and section 1.7 Local Government Act 1995.**
- 2. Notes the public notice period commenced on 1 July 2026 and concluded on 15 July 2026 with nil submissions received.**
- 3. Approve the disposal of Lot 502, Volume LR3132, Folio 297 at 21 Gamble Street Wyalkatchem in accordance with section 3.58 Local Government Act 1995 to the Central East Accommodation and Care Alliance Ltd (CEACA) for nil consideration.**
- 4. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the disposal of the land including the affixing of the common seal on documents under the Local Government Act 1995.**

CARRIED 6/0

**Voted for: Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Gamble, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson**

15. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 4:32pm.



**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL
HELD ON**

24 July 2026

Council Chambers

Honour Avenue

Wyalkatchem

Commencement: 9:09am

Closure: 9:15am

Preface

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Unconfirmed Minutes

These unconfirmed minutes were approved for distribution on the 24 July 2026.



Tom Kettle
Chief Executive Officer

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DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors and staff are reminded of the requirements of section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to disclose any interest or perceived interest in any matter to be discussed during a meeting, and also the requirement to disclose any item affecting impartiality.

Financial Interest:

Under section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the Local Government in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

Proximity Interest:

Under section 5.60B of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person is said to have a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or a proposed development of land that adjoins the person's land.

Impartiality Interest:

As per the Shire of Wyalkatchem Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members, and Candidates for Election, and to maintain transparency, it is important to disclose all interests, including impartiality interests which include interests arising from kinship, friendship and membership of associations. If it is possible that your vote on a matter may be perceived as impartial, you should disclose your interest. Having disclosed the interest, you may declare your objectivity on the matter, and remain in the Chamber, and chair, or move/second, speak and vote on the matter.

Disclosing an Interest:

Disclosures must be made, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting, or prior to consideration of the item in which an interest exists.

If you disclose a Financial or Proximity Interest, you must leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on. Only after a decision has been reached may you return to the meeting, at which time the Presiding Person will inform you of Council's decision on the matter.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Cr Petchell declared the meeting open at 9:09am.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2.1. Response to Public Questions Previously Taken on Notice

Nil

2.2. Declaration of Public Question Time opened

Public Question Time opened at 9:09am.

There were no public questions.

2.3. Declaration of Public Question Time closed

Public Question Time closed at 9:09am.

3. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1. Attendance

Cr Christy Petchell	President and Presiding Member
Cr Mischa Stratford	Deputy President
Cr Christopher Loton	
Cr Justin Begley	
Cr Tracy Dickson	via TEAMS
Cr Rod Lawson Kerr	

Tom Kettle	Chief Executive Officer
Aldo Lamas	Manager Works

3.2. Visitors

Nil

3.3. Apologies

Cr Stephen Gamble	
Claire Trenorden	Manager Corporate Services

3.4. Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3.5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

4. OBITUARIES

Nil

5. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Petitions

Nil

5.2. Deputations

Nil

5.3. Presentations

Nil

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1. Financial and Proximity Interest

Nil

6.2. Impartiality Interests

Cr Loton and Tom Kettle declared an impartiality interest in item 9.1.1.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Member thanked Councillors for their attendance at the Special Meeting.

8. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

9. REPORTS

9.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cr Loton and Tom Kettle declared an impartiality interest in item 9.1.1.

9.1.1. Consideration of request from Wyalkatchem Golf Club

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	22 July 2026
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	Nil

SUMMARY

To consider a request from the Wyalkatchem Golf Club for the Shire to undertake mowing works in preparation for the Club's 100 Year Anniversary celebrations while ensuring compliance with the Local Government Act 1995.

BACKGROUND

The Wyalkatchem Golf Club is preparing for its 100 Year Anniversary celebrations on the 31 July to 1 August 2026 and has requested assistance from the Shire to undertake mowing and slashing works at the Golf Club grounds to ensure the facility is presented to a suitable standard for the event.

The Council has not adopted a specific fee and charge for the provision of tractor and slasher services to community groups on a wet hire basis (operator, plant and fuel supplied by the Shire) at this time.

To ensure transparency, consistency and appropriate cost recovery, it is proposed that Council adopt a fee and charge for future community group requests for this service.

A quotation has been prepared for the works requested by the Golf Club based on the proposed fee and charge.

The Golf Club has also requested that Council consider providing the service as a contribution towards the Club's centenary celebrations as a fee waiver.

COMMENT

The establishment of a formal fee and charge will ensure that future requests for assistance involving Shire plant and labour are transparently costed and equitably assessed.

The proposed wet hire rate has been calculated to recover the direct costs associated with the provision of the tractor, slasher, fuel, operator and administration associated with delivering the service. The proposed rate of \$180.00 has been developed with reference to Wheatbelt Local Governments (Mingenew and Narrogin) who currently provide this service within their fees and charges.

It is estimated that the work may take up to two working days (16 hours), however will be completed as expeditiously as possible and before the event start date on 31 August 2026.

Based on the proposed rate and estimated time, the total fee waiver would equal \$2,800.00.

While Council may elect to waive the fee on this occasion, adoption of the fee and charge provides a clear basis upon which community assistance can be measured and reported. It is also important to note that this amount exceeds the CEO's current delegation and future requests of this nature will require a decision of the Council.

The Golf Club's 100 Year Anniversary is a significant community event with 200 attendees registered at the time of writing. The event recognises a century of sporting, social and volunteer contribution to the Wyalkatchem community. Council may therefore consider that waiving the fee represents an appropriate one-off concession in recognition of this milestone.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.16 permits Council to impose fees and charges for goods and services provided by the local government.

Section 6.12 allows a local government to write off, waive or grant concessions in relation to money owed to the local government.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Shire Policy 9.8 Community Assistance Grant Scheme and 9.9 Community Budget Requests, do not adequately address this request due to the fee and charge requirement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should Council adopt the proposed fee and charge and honour the fee waiver request the financial implication is \$2,800.00

The works can be undertaken within existing operational resources, noting there will be a minor impact on scheduled maintenance works.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan 2024-34.

Pillar 2 Community	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
Goal No.	GOAL 5. A safe and healthy community for all ages
5.10	Support sporting clubs, local clubs and associations to deliver their activities, competitions and services

Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

(86/2026) Moved: Cr Stratford

Seconded: Cr Lawson Kerr

That Council:

- 1. Adopts a fee and charge of \$180 per hour (GST inclusive) for the wet hire of the Shire tractor and slasher for community groups, effective immediately;**
- 2. Notes the quotation of \$2,800 (GST inclusive) for mowing and slashing works at the Wyalkatchem Golf Club in preparation for its 100 Year Anniversary celebrations; and**
- 3. Grants a one-off community concession by waiving the quoted amount of \$2,800 in recognition of the Wyalkatchem Golf Club's contribution to the community and its 100 Year Anniversary celebrations.**

CARRIED 6/0

**Voted for: Cr Petchell, Cr Stratford, Cr Lawson Kerr, Cr Loton, Cr Begley,
Cr Dickson**

10. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil

13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 9:15am.

7.2. Receipt of Minutes

**7.2.1. Wyalkatchem Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting –
30 July 2026**

Minutes of the Wyalkatchem Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30 July 2026. (Attachment 7.2.1)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Wyalkatchem Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting of Thursday 30 July 2026 (Attachment 7.2.1) be received by the Council.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED



**MINUTES
OF THE
WYALKATCHEM
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held on
30 July 2026**

Council Chambers

Honour Avenue

Wyalkatchem

Commencement: 3:02pm

Closure: 3:19pm

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Unconfirmed Minutes

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Tom Kettle
Chief Executive Officer

Functions of Local Emergency Management Committees

- (A) To advise and assist the local government in ensuring that local emergency management arrangements are established for its district,
- (B) To liaise with public authorities and persons in the development, review and testing of local emergency management arrangements, and
- (C) To carry out other emergency management activities as directed by the SEMC or prescribed by regulations.

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1. Opening and Welcome:

The LEMC Chair opened the meeting at 3:02pm.

Thanking everyone for their attendance and stating the positivity of revitalising our LEMC with our new CEO Mr Tom Kettle.

2. Attendance and Apologies.

Christy Petchell - Shire President and Chair

Justin Begley - Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Steven Petchell - St John Ambulance

Trent Tyler - Chief Bushfire Control Officer

Evyn Johnson - DFES

Rachelle King - Wyalkatchem and Koorda Districts Hospital

Jo Spadaccini - Department of Communities

Jill Lees - Wyalkatchem District High School

Tom Kettle - CEO

Aldo Lamas - Shire of Wyalkatchem Works Manager

Sandra Christie - Shire of Wyalkatchem Community Development Officer

Apologies:

Mischa Stratford - Deputy of Wyalkatchem LEMC

Paul Casey – Western Power

Brad Phillips – Volunteer Fire and Rescue Captain

Aiden Begley – Volunteer Fire and Rescue Lieutenant

Natalie Bell - DFES District Emergency Management Advisor

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the LEMC Meeting held on 11 December 2025.

Officer's recommendation/Committee decision:

Moved: Justin Begley, Seconded: Steven Petchell.

That the minutes of the LEMC meeting of 11 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

4. Confirmation of LEMC Contact list currency.

The contact list was received and will be circulated and updated for the October LEMC Meeting.

5. Updates from attendees (actions, status, events, recommendations).

The LEMC Chair notes a report was received from the DFES DEMA and will be circulate with the Meeting Minutes.

Updates were received from all agencies in attendance regarding current preparedness.

6. LEMC Exercise.

The LEMC Chair spoke to the Shire receipt of an AWARE Program grant in 2024 which funded the revised LEMC and LEMA, which was endorsed on 11 December 2025 by the LEMC Committee & adopted by Council at the 18 December 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

The final requirement of the grant was to hold a desk top exercise. The exercise was held outside of the meeting.

7. Setting Meetings.

The LEMC terms of reference states "Meetings will be held quarterly on a day, at a time, and at a location as determined by the LEMC from time to time" this meeting held on 30 July 2026 will be the required August meeting.

Due to harvest season being in the middle of November the committee chose to hold the next meeting at the beginning of October at the beginning of the week and close to the end of a business day.

8. Any other business:

Aldo Lamas updated the LEMC Committee on a grant for a Water Tanker.

Rachelle King thanked the SoW for their assistance in providing fuel for the hospital's generator during the recent cyclone event.

Tom Kettle noted that copies of the LEMC must be re distributed to all committee members and notes that the agenda template will be updated.

9. Next Meeting:

Tuesday 6 October 2026 at 4:00pm in the Shire Chambers.

10. Meeting Closure:

The LEMC Chair closed the meeting at 3:19 pm.

10. REPORTS

10.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1.1. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – JULY 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	13 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.1 – Accounts for payment – July 2026

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the total payments for the month of July 2026 being \$512,472.50 which comprised of:

- 1. Cheque payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$0.00;*
- 2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$473,156.11 and*
- 3. Direct Debit (DD) payments in the Municipal Fund totalling \$39,316.39.*

SUMMARY

To provide the Council with a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with delegated authority and for the Council to endorse the payments made for the prior month.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, s13(1)*, requires that if a local government has delegated to the CEO 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 all payments since the last such list was prepared.

The council has delegated to the CEO (delegation number 1.2.25) the power to make payments from the municipal fund or trust fund.

COMMENT

The payment listing for July 2026 is presented to the Council for their endorsement.

Bank Account	Payment Type	Last Number	First Number in the report
Municipal	Cheque	0	0
Municipal and Trust	EFT	EFT5491	EFT5405
Reserves	EFT	EFT	No Payments
DD	DD	DD4387.1	DD4351.1

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, s.13.1

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure in accordance with the 2026/27 Annual Budget.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

Payment Listing July 2026

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT5405	09/07/2026	SEEK	-1061.50	1	CSH
EFT5406	09/07/2026	Perfect Computer Solutions Pty Ltd	-297.50	1	CSH
EFT5407	09/07/2026	Officeworks	-194.00	1	CSH
EFT5408	09/07/2026	Newground Water Services Pty Ltd	-1946.73	1	CSH
EFT5409	09/07/2026	Dalwallinu Concrete Pty Ltd/as Dallcon	-7206.52	1	CSH
EFT5410	09/07/2026	Zone 50 Engineering Surveys Pty Ltd	-12780.90	1	CSH
EFT5411	09/07/2026	Northam Betta	-3314.00	1	CSH
EFT5412	09/07/2026	Prompt Safety Solutions / Pingarning Pty Ltd	-1210.00	1	CSH
EFT5413	09/07/2026	LG Best Practices	-2376.00	1	CSH
EFT5414	09/07/2026	Northam Carpet Court	-4970.00	1	CSH
EFT5415	09/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Garden Cafe	-7523.79	1	CSH
EFT5416	09/07/2026	LG Consulting Solutions	-94.88	1	CSH
EFT5417	09/07/2026	Fire Shield Services	-3228.50	1	CSH
EFT5418	09/07/2026	AC Healthcare Pty Ltd	-32.00	1	CSH
EFT5419	09/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Tyres & Traders	-5391.52	1	CSH
EFT5420	09/07/2026	CORSIGN WA PTY LTD	-462.00	1	CSH
EFT5421	09/07/2026	Wheatbelt Native Gardens	-674.00	1	CSH
EFT5422	09/07/2026	Jeffrey Genn	-147.92	1	CSH
EFT5423	09/07/2026	Travis Hathaway	-62.73	1	CSH
EFT5424	09/07/2026	Australia Post	-73.32	1	CSH
EFT5425	09/07/2026	Avon Waste	-6683.33	1	CSH
EFT5426	09/07/2026	Blackwoods	-499.84	1	CSH
EFT5427	09/07/2026	BOC Gases	-56.32	1	CSH
EFT5428	09/07/2026	Bunnings Midland	-1648.80	1	CSH
EFT5429	09/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Electrical Services	-8184.00	1	CSH
EFT5430	09/07/2026	Dunnings	-1892.86	1	CSH
EFT5431	09/07/2026	Frontline Fire & Rescue Equipment	-5676.03	1	CSH
EFT5432	09/07/2026	Hersey Safety Pty Ltd	-2927.16	1	CSH
EFT5433	09/07/2026	Koorda Ag Parts	-5498.90	1	CSH
EFT5434	09/07/2026	Nutrien Ag Solutions Ltd	-521.11	1	CSH
EFT5435	09/07/2026	Petchell Mechanical	-14195.87	1	CSH
EFT5436	09/07/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	-379.50	1	CSH
EFT5437	09/07/2026	Wheatbelt Office & Business Machines	-429.47	1	CSH
EFT5438	09/07/2026	Urban & Rural Valuations	-1650.00	1	CSH
EFT5439	09/07/2026	IT Vision User Group Inc	-962.50	1	CSH
EFT5440	09/07/2026	Onemusic Austraila	-402.37	1	CSH
EFT5441	09/07/2026	Market Creations Agency Pty Ltd	-11000.00	1	CSH
EFT5442	09/07/2026	Local Health Authorities Analytical	-420.74	1	CSH
EFT5443	09/07/2026	IT Vision (Ready tech)	-59584.58	1	CSH
EFT5444	09/07/2026	LGIS Insurance Broking (JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd)	-4741.97	1	CSH
EFT5445	09/07/2026	LGIS Liability	-128976.30	1	CSH
EFT5446	09/07/2026	Local Government Professionals WA	-660.00	1	CSH
EFT5447	09/07/2026	Thinkproject Australia Pty Ltd	-10845.52	1	CSH
EFT5448	09/07/2026	Wheatbelt Business Network	-360.00	1	CSH
EFT5449	09/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre	-2538.62	1	CSH
EFT5450	09/07/2026	Wylie Weekly	-412.00	1	CSH
EFT5451	24/07/2026	Lo-Go Appointments(Helene Pty Ltd)	-2138.18	1	CSH
EFT5452	24/07/2026	Perfect Computer Solutions Pty Ltd	-297.50	1	CSH
EFT5453	24/07/2026	Department Of Local Government Industry Regulation And Safety	-56.65	1	CSH
EFT5454	24/07/2026	Five Rivers Plumbing and Gas	-926.70	1	CSH
EFT5455	24/07/2026	Infinitum Technologies Pty LTD	-334.40	1	CSH
EFT5456	24/07/2026	LG Best Practices	-1188.00	1	CSH
EFT5457	24/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Licensed Post Office(RJ+ME Crute_	-377.86	1	CSH
EFT5458	24/07/2026	Shire of Wongan-Ballidu	-10083.34	1	CSH

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Amount	Bank	Type
EFT5459	24/07/2026	Vera Doreen Garner	-230.00	1	CSH
EFT5460	24/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Tyres & Traders	-96.62	1	CSH
EFT5461	24/07/2026	Mates Rates Gutter Cleaning	-6204.00	1	CSH
EFT5462	24/07/2026	AC Healthcare Pty Ltd - Wyalkatchem Medical Centre	-270.00	1	CSH
EFT5463	24/07/2026	Trent Sander	-37691.00	1	CSH
EFT5464	24/07/2026	West Coast Concrete Resurfacing	-522.50	1	CSH
EFT5465	24/07/2026	Shire Of Nungarin	-1317.80	1	CSH
EFT5466	24/07/2026	Australian Taxation Office	-10350.00	1	CSH
EFT5467	24/07/2026	Bunnings Midland	-801.00	1	CSH
EFT5468	24/07/2026	Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc	-16500.00	1	CSH
EFT5469	24/07/2026	Dunnings	-11786.41	1	CSH
EFT5470	24/07/2026	Hersey Safety Pty Ltd	-29.04	1	CSH
EFT5471	24/07/2026	Mcleods Lawyers	-1569.20	1	CSH
EFT5472	24/07/2026	Planwest	-3811.50	1	CSH
EFT5473	24/07/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	-759.00	1	CSH
EFT5474	24/07/2026	WA Local Government Association	-22949.61	1	CSH
EFT5475	24/07/2026	Westrac	-409.20	1	CSH
EFT5476	31/07/2026	Lo-Go Appointments(Helene Pty Ltd)	-1710.54	1	CSH
EFT5477	31/07/2026	Wheatbelt Central Carpet Cleaning	-120.00	1	CSH
EFT5478	31/07/2026	Newground Water Services Pty Ltd	-3542.00	1	CSH
EFT5479	31/07/2026	HARCHER WHEATBELT (WA DISTRIBUTORS) PTY LTD	-719.35	1	CSH
EFT5480	31/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Hotel (SL Tyler and TJ Tyler)	-330.00	1	CSH
EFT5481	31/07/2026	Wacwil Landscaping And Earthworks Pty Ltd	-1045.00	1	CSH
EFT5482	31/07/2026	Bunnings Midland	-1081.58	1	CSH
EFT5483	31/07/2026	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	-74.13	1	CSH
EFT5484	31/07/2026	Elders	-374.00	1	CSH
EFT5485	31/07/2026	Local Government Professionals WA	-560.00	1	CSH
EFT5486	31/07/2026	Shire of Goomalling	-4950.00	1	CSH
EFT5487	31/07/2026	T-Quip Turf Equipment Solutions	-285.30	1	CSH
EFT5488	31/07/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	-759.00	1	CSH
EFT5489	31/07/2026	WA Local Government Association	-2076.80	1	CSH
EFT5490	31/07/2026	WCS Concrete Pty Ltd	-613.80	1	CSH
EFT5491	31/07/2026	Wyalkatchem Community Resource Centre	-19.50	1	CSH
Total EFT			-473,156.11		
805	08/07/2026	NAB	-33.74	1	FEE
805	30/07/2026	NAB	-21.74	1	FEE
805	31/07/2026	NAB	-10.00	1	FEE
805	31/07/2026	NAB	-136.62	1	FEE
DD4351.1	01/07/2026	Superannuation contributions	-4713.51	1	CSH
DD4361.1	01/07/2026	Synergy	-139.70	1	CSH
DD4361.2	02/07/2026	Water Corporation.	-3042.55	1	CSH
DD4361.3	03/07/2026	Water Corporation.	-4313.78	1	CSH
DD4361.4	02/07/2026	Crisp Wireless	-625.90	1	CSH
DD4361.5	09/07/2026	Telstra	-103.94	1	CSH
DD4361.6	21/07/2026	Synergy	-66.30	1	CSH
DD4367.1	06/07/2026	NAB	-6425.15	1	CSH
DD4374.1	14/07/2026	Superannuation contributions	-7424.58	1	CSH
DD4379.1	21/07/2026	Telstra	-322.60	1	CSH
DD4379.2	21/07/2026	BP Australia Pty Ltd	-103.86	1	CSH
DD4379.3	27/07/2026	Synergy	-3099.73	1	CSH
DD4379.4	29/07/2026	Synergy	-108.13	1	CSH
DD4382.1	23/07/2026	Treasury Corp	-1271.03	1	CSH
DD4387.1	28/07/2026	Superannuation contributions	-7353.53	1	CSH
Total DD			-39,316.39		
Total Payments July 2026			-512,472.50		

10.1.2. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – CREDIT CARDS – JUNE 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	13 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Bradly, Finance Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	File Ref: 12.10.02
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.2 – Credit Card – June 2026

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse credit card payments for the period 29 May 2026 to 29 June 2026, totalling \$6,425.15 (refer to attachment 10.1.2).

BACKGROUND

Council governance procedures require the endorsement of credit card payments at each OMC. The attached credit card payment report has been reviewed by the Manager of Corporate Services and the CEO.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management s.6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, R34

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy Number 2.1 – Purchasing Policy.

Policy Number 2.3 – Credit Card Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Reported expenditure is assessed by management as being consistent with the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management



SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM
NAB BUSINESS VISA
PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS BY CREDIT CARD
FOR THE STATEMENT PERIOD: 29 May 2026 to 29 June 2026

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
CARD NUMBER 4557-XXXX-XXXX-0623			
04-Jun-26	WYALKATCHEM HOTEL	MEMBERS Refreshments	\$ 58.00
04-Jun-26	DUNNINGS WYALKATCHEM	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Refreshments for Lets Talk Meeting	\$ 210.00
05-Jun-26	DUNNINGS WYALKATCHEM	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Refreshments for Lets Talk Meeting	\$ 210.00
08-Jun-26	COLES ONLINE	MEMBERS Refreshments	\$ 92.45
08-Jun-26	WYALKATCHEM GARDEN CAFÉ	MEMBERS Refreshments for Council Meeting	\$ 114.00
09-Jun-26	KMART NORTHAM	DEPOT Microwave	\$ 99.00
09-Jun-26	COLES NORTHAM	MEMBERS Refreshments, Farewell Gift for Leahy	\$ 310.60
10-Jun-26	ALDI NORTHAM	MEMBERS Refreshments	\$ 96.39
10-Jun-26	DOWERIN GOURMET BUTCHER	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Meat Raffle trays for Health Night even	\$ 203.30
10-Jun-26	SPUD SHET NORTHAM	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Refreshments for Health Night event	\$ 101.89
12-Jun-26	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	1IVQ672, WM00, WM000, WM005, WM012, WM216 Registration	\$ 2,372.25
12-Jun-26	SMS BROADCAST	COMMUNICATIONS SMS Broadcast recharge	\$ 361.08
15-Jun-26	SHIRE OF WONGAN HILLS	000WM Fee to re-issue license plate for new vehicle	\$ 19.40
15-Jun-26	ANACONDA ONLINE	HEALTH Emergency tracking devices for Works Road team	\$ 838.00
19-Jun-26	DUNNINGS WYALKATCHEM	MEMBERS Refreshments for Council Meeting	\$ 70.00
22-Jun-26	JAMF SOFTWARE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY JAMF Subscription	\$ 35.38
29-Jun-26	WINDSOCK AUSTRALIA	AIRPORT Windsock	\$ 756.56
29-Jun-26	DUNNINGS WYALKATCHEM	ADMIN Refreshments for all hands meeting	\$ 297.85
29-Jun-26	TOTALLY WORKWEAR	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING Boots for Manager of works	\$ 170.00
29-Jun-26	NAB BANK	Card Fees and Bank Charge	\$ 9.00
TOTAL CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS			\$ 6,425.15

I, Glenn Bradley, have reviewed the credit card payments and confirm that from the descriptions on the documentation provide that;

- all transactions are expenses incurred by the Shire of Wyalkatchem;
- all purchases have been made in accordance with the Shire of Wyalkatchem policies and procedures;
- all purchases are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations;
- no misuse of the corporate credit card is evident

Glenn Bradley

10.1.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS – JULY 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	13 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Claire Trenorden, Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	25.08
Attachment Reference:	Attachment 10.1.3 – Monthly Financial Report July 2026

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the Statements of Financial Activity for the month ending 31 July 2026 (refer attachment 10.1.3).

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34* requires a local government to prepare a monthly financial statement that reports on actual revenue and expenditure against the annual budget prepared under regulation 22(1) (d).

Council has adopted a material variance on 10% or \$10,000 whichever is the greater.

COMMENT

The attached reports include:

- Statement of Financial Activity by Program (p.3)
- Statement of Financial Activity by Nature and Type (p.4)

The statements provide details of the Shire's operations on an actual year to date basis.

These statements and Notes 1 (p.5) and 2 (p.6) are statutory requirements and must be presented to Council.

The remaining notes all relate to the Statements of Financial Activity.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Financial Management S6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, R34

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

July 2026

Total Cash Available as at 31 July 2026 is \$5,942,161;

- cash available is made up of unrestricted cash \$2,187,790 (36.82%) and
- restricted cash \$3,754,371 (63.18%).

Rates Debtors balance as at 31 July 2026 is \$1,974,974 and Rates Notices for 2026-27 were issued in July 2026.

July 2026:

Operating Revenue – Operating revenue of \$2,040,793 is made up of Rates - 83%, Grants - 9%, and Fees and Charges - 8%.

Operating Expenses – Operating expenses of \$537,896 is made of Employee Costs – 36%, Materials and Contracts – 40%, Insurance – 23%, and Utility – 1%.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls
Goal No.	GOAL 11. High standard of governance
11.3	Ongoing long term financial planning and transparent financial management

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 31 July 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

		Budget	YTD	YTD	Variance*	Variance*	
		Estimates	Estimates	Actual	\$	%	Var.
Note		(a)	(b)	(c)	(c) - (b)	((c) - (b))/(b)	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
General rates		1,640,171	1,640,171	1,699,328	59,157	3.61%	
Rates excluding general rates		11,021	0	0	0	0.00%	
Grants, subsidies and contributions		574,804	172,899	184,498	11,599	6.71%	
Fees and charges		252,059	156,030	153,509	(2,521)	(1.62%)	
Interest revenue		127,500	4,625	2,807	(1,818)	(39.31%)	
Other revenue		12,430	430	651	221	51.40%	
Profit on asset disposals		233,910	0	0	0	0.00%	
		2,851,895	1,974,155	2,040,793	66,638	3.38%	
Expenditure from operating activities							
Employee costs		(2,025,219)	(168,768)	(191,744)	(22,976)	(13.61%)	▼
Materials and contracts		(1,943,546)	(161,962)	(213,594)	(51,632)	(31.88%)	▼
Utility charges		(201,632)	(16,803)	(10,454)	6,349	37.78%	
Depreciation		(2,719,151)	(226,596)	0	226,596	100.00%	▲
Finance costs		(12,485)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Insurance		(158,242)	(79,121)	(122,104)	(42,983)	(54.33%)	▼
Other expenditure		(60,377)	0	0	0	0.00%	
		(7,120,652)	(653,250)	(537,896)	115,354	17.66%	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2(c)	2,624,605	226,596	0	(226,596)	(100.00%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		(1,644,152)	1,547,501	1,502,897	(44,604)	(2.88%)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions		1,369,460	164,000	166,704	2,704	1.65%	
Proceeds from disposal of assets		320,000	0	0	0	0.00%	
		1,689,460	164,000	166,704	2,704	1.65%	
Outflows from investing activities							
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(1,153,100)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Acquisition of infrastructure		(1,576,610)	0	(1,430)	(1,430)	0.00%	
		(2,729,710)	0	(1,430)	(1,430)	0.00%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,040,250)	164,000	165,274	1,274	0.78%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
Transfer from reserves		409,088	0	0	0	0.00%	
		409,088	0	0	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities							
Repayment of borrowings		(79,680)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves		(131,454)	0	0	0	0.00%	
		(211,134)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		197,954	0	0	0	0.00%	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	2(a)	2,625,175	2,625,175	2,725,869	100,694	3.84%	
Amount attributable to operating activities		(1,644,152)	1,547,501	1,502,897	(44,604)	(2.88%)	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,040,250)	164,000	165,274	1,274	0.78%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		197,954	0	0	0	0.00%	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		138,727	4,336,676	4,394,040	57,364	1.32%	

KEY INFORMATION

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

▲ Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.

▼ Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.

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

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

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

	Actual 30 June 2026	Actual as at 31 July 2026
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,697,672	2,187,790
Trade and other receivables	119,794	2,406,558
Other financial assets	3,754,372	3,754,372
Inventories	9,526	9,210
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,581,364	8,357,930
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	37,537	37,537
Other financial assets	59,715	59,715
Property, plant and equipment	13,233,206	13,219,056
Infrastructure	55,522,122	55,523,552
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	68,852,580	68,839,860
TOTAL ASSETS	75,433,944	77,197,790
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	12,839	121,234
Employee related provisions	88,285	88,285
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	101,124	209,519
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	338,154	338,154
Employee related provisions	55,123	55,123
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	393,277	393,277
TOTAL LIABILITIES	494,401	602,796
NET ASSETS	74,939,543	76,594,994
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	25,830,502	27,485,953
Reserve accounts	3,754,371	3,754,371
Revaluation surplus	45,354,670	45,354,670
TOTAL EQUITY	74,939,543	76,594,994

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

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

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

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

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 12 August 2026

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

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

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

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2024-25 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

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

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

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

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION

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

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents
Trade and other receivables
Other financial assets
Inventories

Less: current liabilities

Trade and other payables
Borrowings
Employee related provisions

Net current assets

Less: Total adjustments to net current assets

Closing funding surplus / (deficit)

Note	Updated Budget Opening 1 July 2026	Actual as at 30 June 2026	Actual as at 31 July 2026
	\$	\$	\$
	2,599,336	2,697,672	2,187,790
	135,497	119,794	2,406,558
	3,754,373	3,754,372	3,754,372
	17,858	9,526	9,210
	6,507,064	6,581,364	8,357,930
	(39,233)	(12,839)	(121,234)
	(79,680)	0	0
	(88,285)	(88,285)	(88,285)
	(207,198)	(101,124)	(209,519)
	6,299,866	6,480,240	8,148,411
2(b)	(3,674,691)	(3,754,371)	(3,754,371)
	2,625,175	2,725,869	4,394,040

(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

Adjustments to net current assets

Less: Reserve accounts
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year
- Current portion of borrowings

Total adjustments to net current assets

	(3,754,371)	(3,754,371)	(3,754,371)
	79,680	0	0
2(a)	(3,674,691)	(3,754,371)	(3,754,371)

(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

Adjustments to operating activities

Less: Profit on asset disposals
Add: Depreciation

Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

Adopted Budget Estimates 30 June 2027	YTD Budget Estimates 31 July 2026	YTD Actual 31 July 2026
\$	\$	\$
(94,546)	0	0
2,719,151	226,596	0
2,624,605	226,596	0

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

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

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2026-27 year is \$10,000 and 10.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$ \$	Var. % %	
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	(22,976)	(13.61%)	▼
Budget is just averaged whereas currently staff are exclusively working on operating activities, this will average out once the capital works program commences.		Timing	
Materials and contracts	(51,632)	(31.88%)	▼
Budget is just averaged whereas some expenditure occurs at the beginning of the financial year (eg. Association subscriptions)		Timing	
Depreciation	226,596	100.00%	▲
Depreciation won't be run until after the Annual Financials and asset revaluations occur.		Timing	
Insurance	(42,983)	(54.33%)	▼
Workers compensation insurance has been coded to insurance when it should have been employee costs, this will be corrected.		Timing	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	(226,596)	(100.00%)	▼

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM
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BASIS OF PREPARATION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$2.63 M	\$2.63 M	\$2.73 M	\$0.10 M
Closing	\$0.14 M	\$4.34 M	\$4.39 M	\$0.06 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$5.94 M	% of total
Unrestricted Cash	\$2.19 M	36.8%
Restricted Cash	\$3.75 M	63.2%

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets

Payables		
	\$0.12 M	% Outstanding
Trade Payables	(\$0.03 M)	
0 to 30 Days		100.0%
Over 30 Days		0.0%
Over 90 Days		0.0%

Refer to 9 - Payables

Receivables		
	\$0.43 M	% Collected
Rates Receivable	\$1.97 M	(13.8%)
Trade Receivable	\$0.43 M	% Outstanding
Over 30 Days		2.5%
Over 90 Days		2.2%

Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.64 M)	\$1.55 M	\$1.50 M	(\$0.04 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Rates Revenue		
YTD Actual	\$1.70 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$1.64 M	3.6%

Grants and Contributions		
YTD Actual	\$0.18 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$0.17 M	6.7%

Refer to 12 - Grants and Contributions

Fees and Charges		
YTD Actual	\$0.15 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$0.16 M	(1.6%)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.04 M)	\$0.16 M	\$0.17 M	\$0.00 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Proceeds on sale		
YTD Actual	\$0.00 M	%
Adopted Budget	\$0.32 M	(100.0%)

Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets

Asset Acquisition		
YTD Actual	\$0.00 M	% Spent
Adopted Budget	\$1.58 M	(99.9%)

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Capital Grants		
YTD Actual	\$0.17 M	% Received
Adopted Budget	\$1.37 M	(87.8%)

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$0.20 M	\$0.00 M	\$0.00 M	\$0.00 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Borrowings	
Principal repayments	\$0.00 M
Interest expense	\$0.00 M
Principal due	\$0.34 M

Refer to 10 - Borrowings

Reserves	
Reserves balance	\$3.75 M
Net Movement	\$0.00 M

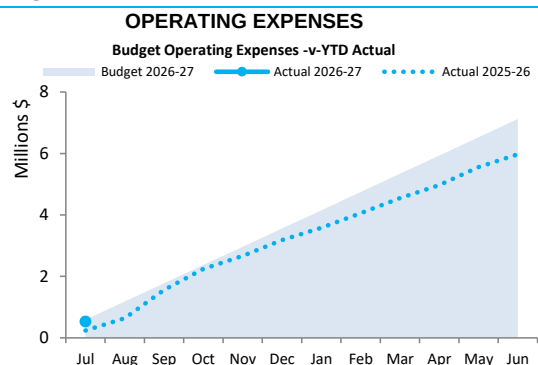
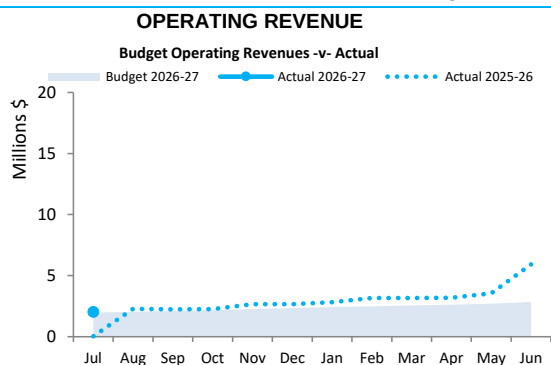
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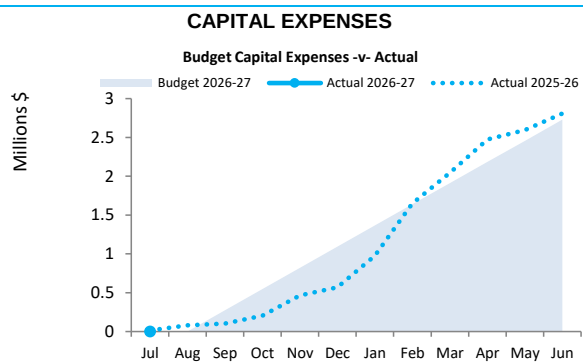
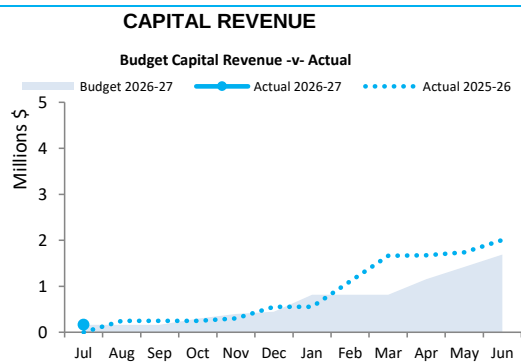
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2 KEY INFORMATION - GRAPHICAL

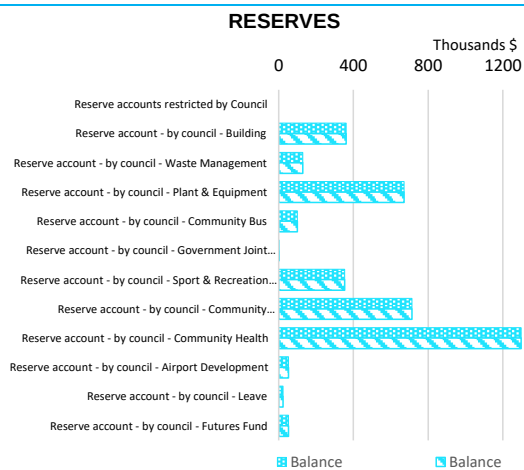
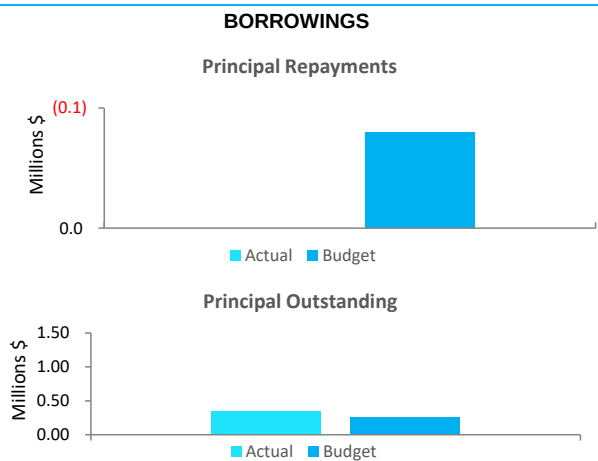
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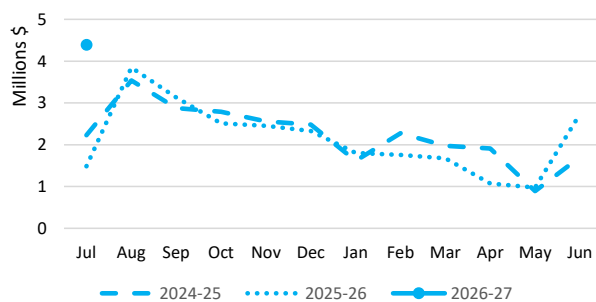
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Reserve Accounts \$	Total \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Municipal Bank Account	Cash and cash equivalents	2,187,590	0	2,187,590	0			At call
Reserve Investment Account	Financial assets at amortised cost	0	3,754,371	3,754,371	0	BOQ	5.20%	Jan-27
Petty Cash		200	0	200	0			
Total		2,187,790	3,754,371	5,942,161	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		2,187,790	0	2,187,790	0			
Financial assets at amortised cost - Term Deposits		0	3,754,371	3,754,371	0			
		2,187,790	3,754,371	5,942,161	0			

KEY INFORMATION

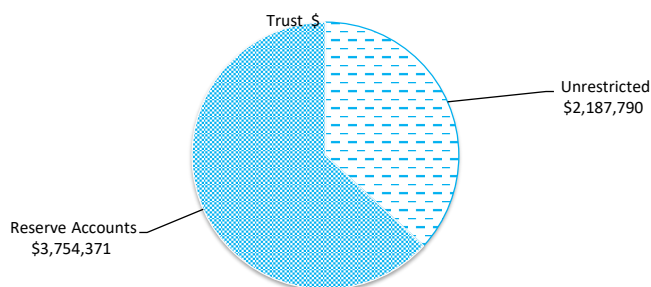
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

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

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

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 8 - Other assets.



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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve account name	Budget				Actual			
	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reserve accounts restricted by Council								
Reserve account - by council - Building	360,825	9,611	(90,000)	280,436	360,825	0	0	360,825
Reserve account - by council - Waste Management	129,063	3,438	0	132,501	129,063	0	0	129,063
Reserve account - by council - Plant & Equipment	671,822	17,894	(120,000)	569,716	671,822	0	0	671,822
Reserve account - by council - Community Bus	99,439	2,649	(102,088)	0	99,439	0	0	99,439
Reserve account - by council - Government Joint Venture Housing	13	0	0	13	13	0	0	13
Reserve account - by council - Sport & Recreation Facilities	353,554	40,871	0	394,425	353,554	0	0	353,554
Reserve account - by council - Community Development	713,722	19,011	(97,000)	635,733	713,722	0	0	713,722
Reserve account - by council - Community Health	1,297,844	34,570	0	1,332,414	1,297,844	0	0	1,297,844
Reserve account - by council - Airport Development	51,940	1,383	0	53,323	51,940	0	0	51,940
Reserve account - by council - Leave	23,914	637	0	24,551	23,914	0	0	23,914
Reserve account - by council - Futures Fund	52,235	1,390	0	53,625	52,235	0	0	52,235
	3,754,371	131,454	(409,088)	3,476,737	3,754,371	0	0	3,754,371

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	187,000	0	0	0
Plant and equipment	966,100	0	0	0
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	1,153,100	0	0	0
Infrastructure - roads	1,120,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - drainage	34,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - footpaths	66,300	0	0	0
Infrastructure - other	356,310	0	1,430	1,430
Acquisition of infrastructure	1,576,610	0	1,430	1,430
Total capital acquisitions	2,729,710	0	1,430	1,430
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	1,369,460	164,000	166,704	2,704
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	320,000	0	0	0
Reserve accounts				
Reserve account - by council - Building	90,000		0	0
Reserve account - by council - Plant & Equipment	120,000		0	0
Reserve account - by council - Community Bus	102,088		0	0
Reserve account - by council - Community Development	97,000		0	0
Contribution - operations	631,162	(164,000)	(165,274)	(1,274)
Capital funding total	2,729,710	0	1,430	1,430

KEY INFORMATION

Initial recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment or infrastructure that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at its cost.

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

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

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

Individual assets that are land, buildings and infrastructure acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the Shire's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at reportable value.

Measurement after recognition

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment and right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) are measured using the cost model as required under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*. Assets held under the cost model are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses being their reportable value.

Reportable Value

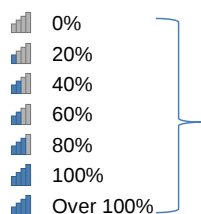
In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

Reportable value is for the purpose of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)* is the fair value of the asset at its last valuation date minus (to the extent applicable) the accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses in respect of the non-financial asset subsequent to its last valuation date.

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED) - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators

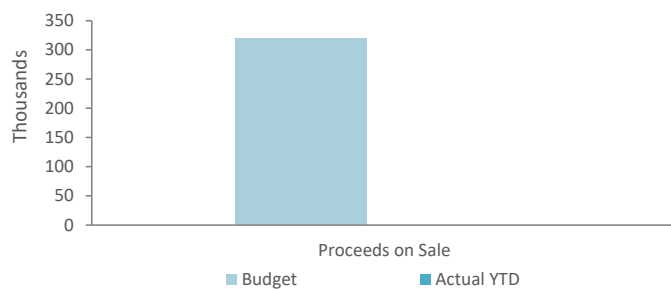


Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

		Updated		YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
Account Description		Budget	YTD Budget		
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Land & Buildings					0
	Housing and Accommodation Project	97,000	0	0	0
	Town Hall guttering	45,000	0	0	0
	53 Piesse St fence	35,000	0	0	0
	Administration Office door	10,000	0	0	0
Plant & Equipment					0
	Works Manager Ute	65,100	0	0	0
	WM00 CEO Vehicle	86,000	0	0	0
	WM017 grader	500,000	0	0	0
	Skid steer mounted mulcher	60,000	0	0	0
	Community Bus	255,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - Roads					0
	R2R Benjaberring South Rd	285,000	0	0	0
	R2R Tilbrook Rd	100,000	0	0	0
	R2R Access Rd between Wilson St and Railway Tce (from Gamble St to Riches St)	120,000	0	0	0
	Wyalkatchem North Rd	615,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - Drainage					0
	Drainage - intersection Railway Tce and Thurston St	34,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - Footpaths					0
	Footpath - Aquatic Access Rd (Riches St to Swimming Pool)	66,300	0	0	0
Infrastructure - Other					0
	Swimming Pool	30,000	0	0	0
	Recreation Centre - install 280,000L tank	100,000	0	0	0
	Depot - install 280,000L tank	50,000	0	0	0
	Mobile water tanker	100,000	0	0	0
	Wheatbelt Way Rail Trail	76,310	0	1,430	(1,430)
		2,729,710	0	1,430	(1,430)

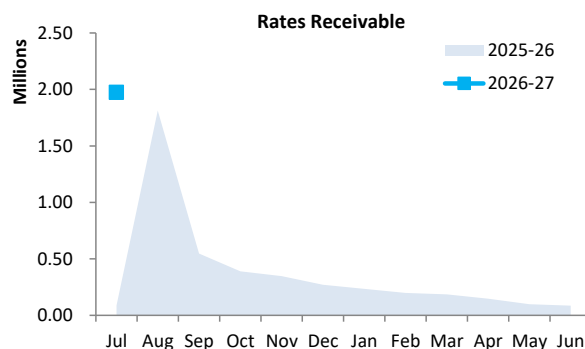
6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		Value				Value			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Plant and equipment								
	Community Bus	0	15,000	15,000	0	0	0	0	0
	WM000 Ford Ranger	34,484	40,000	5,516	0	0	0	0	0
	WM00 Ford Everest	51,606	65,000	13,394	0	0	0	0	0
	WM017 Caterpillar Grader	0	200,000	200,000	0	0	0	0	0
		86,090	320,000	233,910	0	0	0	0	0



7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable	30 Jun 2026	31 Jul 2026
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous year	88,517	86,092
Levied this year	1,571,447	1,699,328
Less - collections to date	(1,516,489)	246,937
Gross rates collectable	143,475	2,032,357
Allowance for impairment of rates receivable	(57,383)	(57,383)
Net rates collectable	86,092	1,974,974
% Collected	91.4%	(13.8%)



Receivables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	(2,640)	360,882	1,120	0	8,118	367,480
Percentage	(0.7%)	98.2%	0.3%	0.0%	2.2%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables	(2,640)	360,882	1,120	0	8,118	367,480
GST receivable		64,104				64,104
Total receivables general outstanding						431,584

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

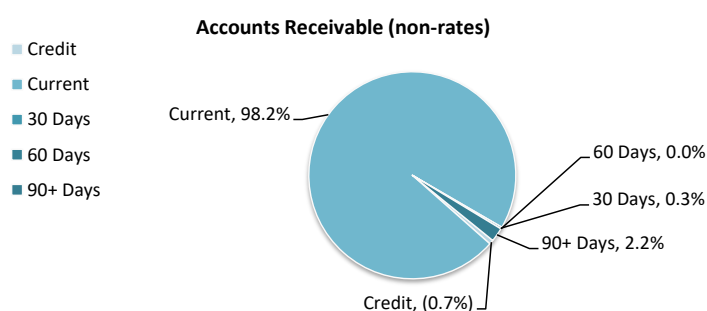
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

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

Classification and subsequent measurement

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

Trade and other receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore the Shire measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.



8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2026	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 31 July 2026
Other current assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets at amortised cost	3,754,372	0	0	3,754,372
Inventory				
Fuel	9,526		(316)	9,210
Total other current assets	3,763,898	0	(316)	3,763,582

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Inventory

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

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

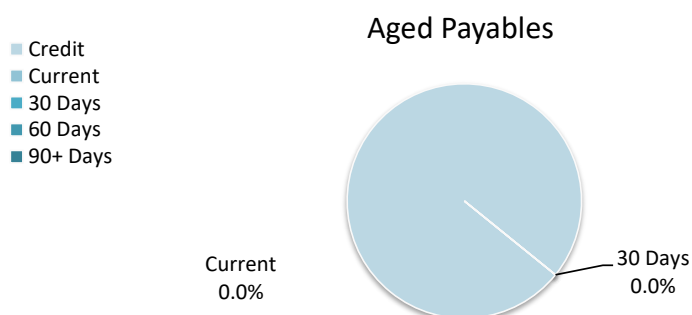
9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	(28,555)	0	0	0	0	(28,555)
Percentage	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors	(28,555)	0	0	0	0	(28,555)
Other payables	0	149,789	0	0	0	149,789
Total payables general outstanding						121,234

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the period that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.



10 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2026	New Loans		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grader purchase	75	338,154	0	0	0	(79,680)	338,154	258,474	0	(12,485)
Total		338,154	0	0	0	(79,680)	338,154	258,474	0	(12,485)
Current borrowings		79,680					0			
Non-current borrowings		258,474					338,154			
		338,154					338,154			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

KEY INFORMATION

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

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

11 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2026 \$	Liability transferred from/(to) non current \$	Liability Increase \$	Liability Reduction \$	Closing Balance 31 July 2026 \$
Other current liabilities						
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		92,086	0	0	0	92,086
Provision for long service leave		(3,801)	0	0	0	(3,801)
Total Provisions		88,285	0	0	0	88,285
Total other current liabilities		88,285	0	0	0	88,285

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

12 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and		
	Liability 1 July 2026	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 31 Jul 2026	Current Liability 31 Jul 2026	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - General	0	0	0	0	0	287,724	0	0
GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	0	0	0	0	0	58,260	0	0
ESL BFB - Operating Grant	0	0	0	0	0	42,173	10,543	10,800
ESL BFB - Admin Fee/Commission	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	0	0
ROADM - Direct Road Grant (MRWA)	0	0	0	0	0	160,647	160,647	173,698
	0	0	0	0	0	552,804	171,190	184,498
Contributions								
RATES - Reimbursement of Debt Collection Costs				0		1,500	0	0
POC - Fuel Tax Credits Grant Scheme				0		20,500	1,708	0
	0	0	0	0	0	22,000	1,708	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	574,804	172,899	184,498

13 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and		
	Liability 1 July 2026	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 31 Jul 2026	Current Liability 31 Jul 2026	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
GEN PUR - Other Grants		0	0	0	0	420,460	0	0
ROADC - Regional Road Group Grants (MRWA)		0	0	0	0	410,000	164,000	166,704
ROADC - Roads to Recovery Grant		0	0	0	0	539,000	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	1,369,460	164,000	166,704

10.1.4. FEES AND CHARGES – WAIVER OF FEES WYALKATCHEM SENIOR LEISURE GROUP

Applicant:	Senior Leisure Group
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	13 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	12.05.06
Attachment Reference:	Attachment A – Letter from Wyalkatchem Senior Leisure Group Attachment B – Policy 9.7 Community Bus Hire

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council waive the hire fee for the Wyalkatchem Senior Leisure Group including the refill of the diesel fuel tank (on return) for the Community Bus for a maximum of 6 hires in the regional and metropolitan area of Perth for a period of 12 months.

BACKGROUND

The Council approved a fee waiver for the Senior Leisure Group at the 15 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting that included bus hire and refill of the diesel fuel tank (on return) for a maximum of 6 hires in the regional and metropolitan area of Perth for a period of 12 months (54/2025).

The agreement was then extended by the A/CEO from May to June 2026.

The Shire has received a letter from the Senior Leisure Group requesting the Council consider an extension of the arrangement for a further 12 months (attachment 1).

COMMENT

The Wyalkatchem Senior Leisure Group is a casual group of Seniors who meet on a regular basis at the Community Resource Centre. There is no membership fee and a token \$2 is paid per outing.

Typically, the outings are to nearby Shires or Perth and include mystery tours e.g. Toodyay visiting the Emu Farm, meals at cafés, pubs and wineries. Recent participation numbers are between 14 and 22.

The fellowship provided by the group coupled with the outings has a positive affective on the mental health of the members. There is also an economic benefit to the neighbouring Shire businesses that the group attends.

The CEO originally advised the Senior Leisure Group that this request would be considered as part of the Community Assist Grant Scheme Policy in the 2026/27 Annual Budget. However, upon review it was clear that the Senior Leisure Group would not meet some of

the requirements of the Policy (eg. Incorporated body and operated under an ABN). The CEO has liaised closely with the Senior Leisure Group to facilitate the request as a fee waiver, which is provided for under the Policy.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT

The distance from Perth to Wyalkatchem is approximately 205 kilometres, allowing an average of an extra 10 kilometres per trip for consequential travel a return trip would be approximately 420 kilometres per trip at \$0.97 per kilometres which equals \$407.40 per outing.

Should the Wyalkatchem Senior Leisure Group travel to Perth for each of their six hires the fees waived would be \$2,444.40 in fees and charges. There would be additional costs for refuelling of approximately \$147.00 per outing for six hires which equals \$882.00. The total estimated financial impact is approximately \$3,326.40.

The Wyalkatchem Senior Leisure Group have advised that it is unlikely that there will be six outings to Perth as they regularly visit neighbouring wheatbelt Shires.

The CEO's current Delegation 1.2.32 Reduction or Waiver of Fees is authorised up until a limit of \$500.00. This is insufficient for the request received and therefore presented to the Council for consideration.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 S6.12 – Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts;

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 26 – Discount, incentive, concession.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy 9.7 – Community Bus Hire.

Council Policy 9.8 – Community Assistance Grant Scheme

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total estimated financial impact is \$3,326.40.

Additional costs of any damage or repairs to the Community Bus that are not able to be claimed via the Shire's insurance.

COMMUNITY & STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

This report promotes the Strategic Community Plan objectives which underpin Pillar 2 - Community and Pillar 4 – Civic Leadership. The activities accord with the Shire's desired outcomes in the Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

Pillar 2 Community	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
Goal 5	A safe and healthy community for all ages.
Pillar 4 Civic Leadership	Statement of Strategic Outcome: We lead with accountability, connection and openness through best-practice systems, policies and financial controls.
Goal 11	High standard of governance

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15th April 2026

Dear Tom

I am writing to you on behalf of above-mentioned group
re bus usage

There was a meeting held on the 15th May 2025

From the minutes

1 - That council waive the hire fee for the Wyalkatchem Senior Leisure Group including the refill of the diesel fuel tank (on return) for the Community bus for a maximum of 6 hires in the regional and metropolitan area of Perth for a period of 12 months.

2 – Approve the CEO to draft an agreement of terms and conditions for the hire of the Community bus that aligns with Council policy and as determined by Council

3 – That Council approve that the budget for the cost of fuel and any other associated costs are captured within the community development budget on our system

Carried – 7/0

Cr Garner

Cr Stratford

Cr Lawson-Kerr

Cr Dickson

Cr Loton

Cr Petchell

Cr Begley

The reason for writing this letter is the fact the current agreement runs out in June (as CEO Ian McCabe extended it from May to June 2026)

When the Leisure requests the use of the bus it is not only for the Leisure group it is for the wider community – one of our outings was 22 people...the last one was 14 people

As a lot of our citizens don't have transport and need to get out and about, this is such a thing that they get to once every two months

We would therefore ask that you take all of this into consideration and grant us another 12 months ...if a meeting is required Dianne Greenhalgh and myself, please let me know and this can be arranged

We would also like to welcome you to the town and hope only good things come your way....you and or your partner are also welcome to join us on our next outing which is Mystery Tour on the 16th June 2026

Awaiting your reply
Marie Pollard

9.7. COMMUNITY BUS HIRE

Responsible Department	Corporate Services
Former policy Reference	GP8 – Community Bus Hire First adopted 15 August 2013
Resolution Number	OMC 53 /2019
Resolution Date	18 April 2019
Last Amendment Date	18 April 2019
Shire Related Documents	Fees and Charges Community Bus application and Conditions of use*
Related Legislation	Nil

*To be developed

OBJECTIVE

To provide guideline defining the eligibility and criteria for the use of the Shire of Wyalkatchem community bus.

POLICY

All users of the community bus will be required to pay the hire fee and bond (as per the current Fees and Charges Schedule) to the Shire of Wyalkatchem and adhere to the Conditions of use documents.

The community bus is a 22-seat coaster bus (including driver) and is provide for the use of Wyalkatchem groups, organisations and local residences.

Council does not object to the hire of the community bus to people from outside the Shire of Wyalkatchem. If, however, the bus is hired by somebody who is not a resident of Wyalkatchem, and the bus is subsequently required by a local, the non-local must be advised that the bus is no longer available to them. At least one week's notice must be given to the non-local of the cancellation of the hire to enable them to make other arrangements.

Smoking is not permitted on the community bus.

Persons holding a WA Driver's License with a Light Rigid (LR) class or above are able to hire and drive the community bus. (Proof of license will be required as part of the booking procedure. If the driver is receiving reward for driving the bus the driver will be required to hold an "F" endorsement on their WA Driver's License. "Reward" is defined as an amount received for carrying those passengers intended to exceed the running costs of the motor vehicle.

The cleaning of the bus is the responsibility of the hirer. If the bus is returned in an untidy state and it is not possible to contact the hirer responsible prior to the next hire of the bus, the bus will be cleaned and the hirer will be responsible for the cost of cleaning.

Where any injuries or damage is a result from the negligence of the driver and/ or passengers, no liability is accepted by Council.

Community groups that wish to be exempt from the fees and charges are to apply to Council for a grant through the Community Financial Assistance Grant process each year.

10.2. WORKS AND SERVICES

10.2.1. WORKS OFFICER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2026

Applicant:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Location:	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Date:	13 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Aldo Lamas – Works Manager
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	13.05
Attachment Reference:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Works Manager's report.

BACKGROUND

To inform Council of the activities of the Works and Services team for the month ending 10 August 2026.

OVERVIEW

SUMMARY - ROADS / TOWN/ BUILDINGS

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

The Capital Works Program is progressing well, with all Requests for Quotation (RFQs) prepared and released to the market.

The road infrastructure projects at Benjaberring South Road and Wyalkatchem North Road have been awarded and are progressing to the delivery phase. The drainage infrastructure project at the intersection of Railway Terrace and Thurstun Street has also been awarded.

In addition, the procurement process for the purchase of the new mulcher has been completed, supporting the Shire's ongoing vegetation management and maintenance activities.

ROAD & MAINTENANCE

- **Refuse Site**

Routine weekly maintenance continued throughout the month at the Refuse Site.

▪ **Maintenance Grading**

Maintenance grading is continuing throughout the Shire to improve and maintain road conditions.

The first grading round has now been completed, and the second round has commenced. Works are currently starting on Local Road Distributor 1 roads in accordance with the Shire's road hierarchy and maintenance program.

1. Old Nalkain Rd
2. Mitchell Rd
3. Minnivale North East Rd
4. Richter Rd
5. Sutherland Rd
6. Amery-Benjaberring Rd
7. Benjaberring-Hindmarsh Rd
8. Cottrell Rd
9. Carter Rd
10. Cemetery Rd
11. McKay Rd
12. White Dam Rd
13. Garn Rd
14. Wyalkatchem North Rd
15. Brooke Rd
16. Brennan Rd
17. Remnant Rd
18. Pulford Rd
19. McPherson Rd
20. Derdibin Rd
21. Flowery Patch Rd
22. Blakistans Rd
23. Boyle Rd
24. Rifle Range Rd
25. Theil Rd
26. McNee Rd
27. Wallambin Rd
28. Gamble Rd
29. Chilman Rd
30. Elsegood Rd

PARKS AND GARDENS

- **Railway Terrace Garden**

Native plants have been planted along Railway Terrace as part of ongoing efforts to enhance the streetscape and promote local biodiversity. The plants were sourced from Wheatbelt Native Gardens in Kellerberrin, supporting the use of species well suited to the local environment and conditions.

- **Admin Park**

The existing fence at Administration Park has been removed and replaced as part of ongoing asset maintenance and improvement works. The new fence enhances the appearance, safety, and functionality of the area while ensuring the asset remains fit for purpose.

- **Admin Office**

The existing concrete ramp at the Administration Building entrance has been refurbished and re-levelled to improve accessibility and safety. An epoxy flake flooring system has also been applied, providing a durable, slip-resistant surface while enhancing the overall appearance and functionality of the entrance area. The upgrade ensures the asset remains safe, attractive, and fit for purpose.

- **Airport**

A new windsock has been installed to replace the existing one, which had become damaged and deteriorated over time. The replacement ensures the continued safe and effective operation of the airstrip by providing clear and reliable wind direction information for aircraft movements.

[Refer to Photographs in Attachment A](#)

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory environment implications in relation to this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are some financial implications in relation to this item and they are reflected in the report.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The matter before the Council generally accords with the Shire's desired outcome, as expressed in the revised Shire of Wyalkatchem Strategic Community Plan.

Pillar 1 Economy	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Local industry is sustained and can expand with critical and enabling infrastructure. The visitor economy diversifies our local economy and we enhance our community profile.
Goal No.	GOAL 1. Our transport network responds to the accessibility and connectivity needs of all
1.2	Deliver the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Program
1.3	Participate in the Regional Road Group
Pillar 2 Community	Statement of Strategic Outcome: Our community is inclusive, it is a place where people feel valued and have access to opportunities to build their own capacity, lead healthy lifestyles and stay connected.
Goal No.	GOAL 5. A safe and healthy community for all ages
5.9	Upgrade facilities and equipment at the Wyalkatchem Swimming Pool

Attachment A



Photo: Railway Terrace Garden



Photo: Admin Park

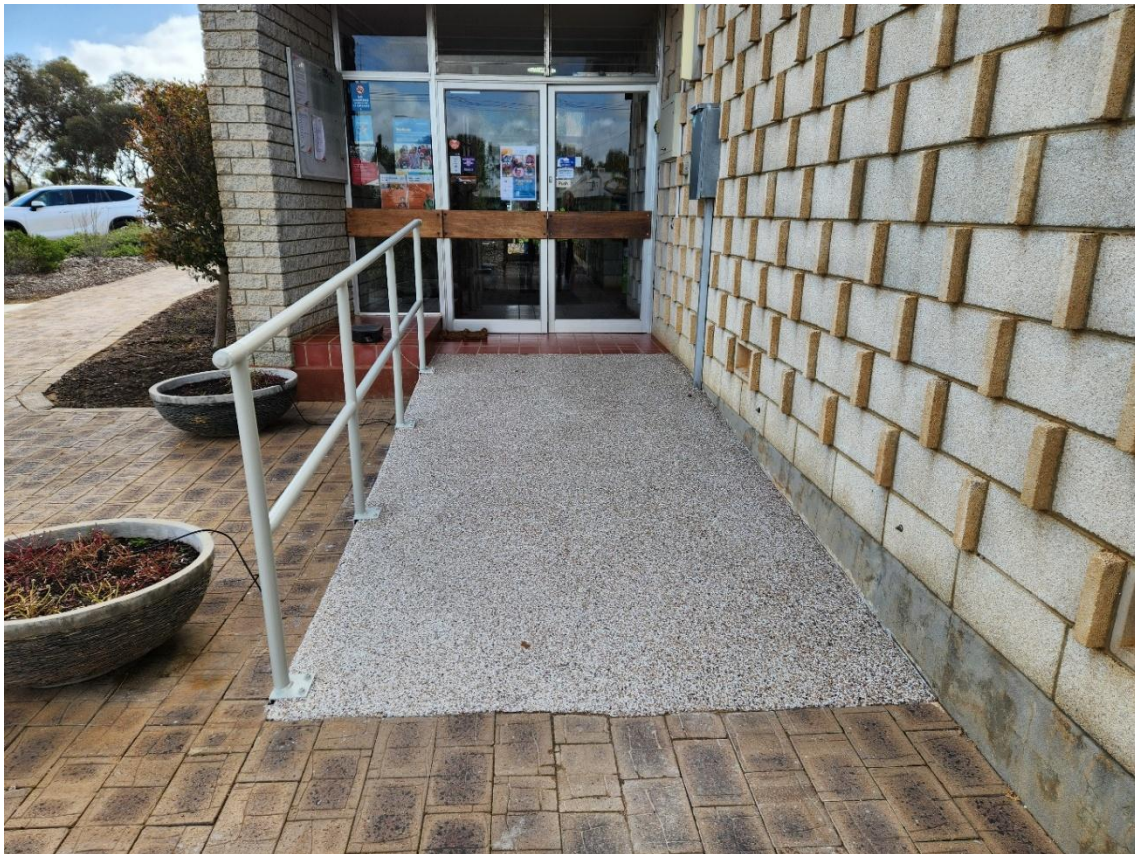


Photo: Admin Office Building

10.3. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

10.3.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2026

Applicant:	Not Applicable
Location:	Whole of District
Date:	13 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to declare
File Number:	13.05.01
Attachment Reference:	NIL

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Chief Executive Officer's report as presented.

BACKGROUND

This report is prepared by the CEO to inform Council and the community about CEO activities and responsibilities, including progress against published plans and agreed performance criteria from 11 July to 14 August 2026.

COMMENT

The reporting period has continued to focus on governance, strategic planning, community development, emergency management, housing initiatives and regional advocacy. Engagement activities have included representation of the Shire through regional local government forums, collaboration with key stakeholders and continued implementation of Council's strategic priorities.

A highlight of the reporting period was Council's support for the Wyalkatchem Golf Club's centenary celebrations. Following stakeholder engagement and a Special Council Meeting on 24 July, Council was pleased to assist with the Club's 100-year anniversary event. The celebrations were well attended and reflected the important role the Golf Club has played in the community over many years. Congratulations are extended to the Club, its volunteers and organisers for delivering a successful event and recognising this significant milestone.

Another significant achievement during the reporting period was the reopening of Wallambin Lodge. This positive outcome reflects the commitment of Council, residents, WACHS and stakeholders to maintaining local aged care services, and recognised the collective effort that has supported the facility's return to operation and its ongoing contribution to community wellbeing.

Housing and land development initiatives remain a key priority for the Shire. Following Council's July Ordinary Council Meeting, progress has continued on the CEACA housing project. Council approved the Development Application for the project and endorsed the transfer of land required to facilitate the development. Project updates are expected to be

provided soon and highlight the important progress towards increasing housing availability within the Shire.

Emergency management and community resilience activities were progressed through the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meeting and subsequent desktop exercise, which brought together emergency services, local government officers and community stakeholders to review local emergency management arrangements and strengthen preparedness and response capabilities.

Strategic planning work has also continued during the reporting period, including engagement activities associated with the development of Council's Public Health Plan and Council Plan. Community engagement has provided valuable feedback to inform Council's future priorities, initiatives and service delivery outcomes. The engagement results and a draft Council Plan will be provided to the community for feedback in September.

The CEO's six-month probation period is nearing completion, and work has continued to support the CEO performance review process, including the appointment of an independent consultant. The CEO Performance Review Committee is expected to meet shortly to finalise the review and make a recommendation to Council regarding the completion of the probationary period.

The Shire has continued to maintain a strong regional presence through participation in the NEWROC and the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone. These forums enable advocacy for local priorities, contribution to regional initiatives and collaboration with neighbouring local governments on matters including infrastructure investment, housing, workforce attraction, economic development and legislative reform. Continued participation in these regional bodies ensures the interests of the Wyalkatchem community are represented at both regional and State levels.

Key Meetings 13 July to 14 August 2026

13 July Staff Interviews
13 July Stakeholder Meeting Council Plan
16 July Ordinary Council Meeting
21 July Stakeholder meeting at Golf Club
22 July Stakeholder meeting with WALGA
24 July Special Council Meeting
27 July Wallambin Lodge Reopening
28 July Public Health Plan Engagement Session
28 July Council Plan Workshop
30 July LEMC Meeting
31 July Communication Plan Stakeholder Meeting
4 August NEWROC Executive Meeting
6 August Stakeholder Meeting
7 August CEO Forum
13 August WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting
14 August Wheatbelt North East Sub Regional Road Group Meeting

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.41 Role of the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 5.56 Planning for the future.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no policy directly relevant to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct financial implication to this report. The CEO seeks to add value to Council Decisions and maximise community benefit of operations and project outcomes.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct risk implication to this report.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

All areas of the Strategic Community Plan are relevant to this report. The Acting CEO is actively examining opportunities for progress against the Plan.

10.3.2. WALGA CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ATTENDEES

Applicant:	Not Applicable
Location:	Not applicable
Date:	20 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
File Number:	14.09.08
Attachment Reference:	Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Nominate the following two delegates to represent the Shire of Wyalkatchem at the 2026 West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) AGM:*

*Cr Petchell, and
Cr Lawson Kerr.*

2. *Invite the following councillors to attend the 2026 WALGA Conference:*

*Cr Stratford
Cr Dickson
Cr Loton*

3. *Request the Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2026 WALGA Conference*

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Wyalkatchem is a member of WALGA and as such is entitled to vote on matters before the AGM. As a member of WALGA there is an opportunity for elected members and the CEO if so decided to attend the conference.

COMMENT

The Shire of Wyalkatchem is a member of WALGA and is entitled to vote on matters before the Annual General Meeting. The Shire may appoint up to two voting delegates to represent the local government on constitutional matters and substantive issues affecting the local government sector.

As a WALGA member, elected members and senior officers are also eligible to attend the annual convention. As the premier professional development event for the Western Australian local government sector, the convention offers valuable opportunities to enhance knowledge, develop professional networks and build skills relevant to local government leadership and governance.

The 2026 convention will be held from 16 to 18 September under the theme "Tomorrow's World", reflecting the rapidly changing environment facing local governments. Emerging technologies, evolving community expectations, economic pressures and increasing complexity continue to shape the challenges and opportunities confronting the sector. The convention enables delegates to explore emerging issues, share ideas with peers and learn from successful initiatives being implemented across Western Australia. These insights can help inform local decision-making and support positive outcomes for the Wyalkatchem community.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 2.7 Role of Council

- (2) The council's governing role includes the following —
 - (c) planning strategically for the future of the district;

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no policy directly relevant to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Attendance of the conference is subject to subscription and costs of accommodation (where required). Professional development is budgeted within the Approved Budget 2026 / 27.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct risk implication to this report.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Attendance of elected members at local government professional development assists councillors in their role. This is relevant to all areas of the Strategic Community Plan.

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

13. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

14. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

15. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING