

**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995**

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The Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, a Class 2 local government, conducts the operations of a local government with the following community vision:

One community, standing together with nature

**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

	Note	2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>		\$	\$	\$
Rates	2(a)	31,160,675	29,128,207	29,019,799
Grants, subsidies and contributions		2,415,130	1,945,389	1,547,183
Fees and charges	15	14,480,861	15,014,714	12,652,323
Interest revenue	10(a)	1,932,066	2,196,182	1,696,000
Other revenue		78,350	124,360	61,500
		50,067,082	48,408,852	44,976,805
<b>Expenses</b>				
Employee costs		(24,228,529)	(20,884,991)	(21,236,193)
Materials and contracts		(15,004,722)	(12,055,241)	(12,424,830)
Utility charges		(1,492,326)	(1,386,194)	(1,315,832)
Depreciation	6	(15,455,195)	(14,159,126)	(14,758,498)
Finance costs	10(b)	(508,036)	(601,218)	(597,455)
Insurance		(962,114)	(912,384)	(905,553)
Other expenditure		(1,649,324)	(1,294,424)	(1,459,861)
		(59,300,246)	(51,293,578)	(52,698,222)
		(9,233,164)	(2,884,726)	(7,721,417)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		9,000,111	3,958,854	8,814,143
Profit on asset disposals	5	86,502	48,658	40,467
Loss on asset disposals	5	(181,085)	(69,445)	(168,034)
		8,905,528	3,938,067	8,686,576
<b>Net result for the period</b>		<b>(327,636)</b>	<b>1,053,341</b>	<b>965,159</b>
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>(327,636)</b>	<b>1,053,341</b>	<b>965,159</b>

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

**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

		<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>		\$	\$	\$
Rates		31,160,675	27,983,208	29,019,799
Grants, subsidies and contributions		2,415,130	3,024,795	1,547,183
Fees and charges		14,480,861	15,014,714	12,652,323
Interest revenue		1,932,066	2,196,182	1,696,000
Goods and services tax received		0	103,905	0
Other revenue		78,350	124,360	61,500
		50,067,082	48,447,164	44,976,805
<b>Payments</b>				
Employee costs		(24,228,529)	(20,944,428)	(21,236,193)
Materials and contracts		(15,004,722)	(15,072,408)	(12,424,830)
Utility charges		(1,492,326)	(1,386,194)	(1,315,832)
Finance costs		(508,036)	(601,218)	(597,455)
Insurance paid		(962,114)	(912,384)	(905,553)
Other expenditure		(1,649,324)	(1,294,424)	(1,459,861)
		(43,845,051)	(40,211,056)	(37,939,724)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	4	6,222,031	8,236,108	7,037,081
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - interest free loans		(20,000)	0	(27,000)
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	5(a)	(7,004,921)	(2,839,287)	(4,032,425)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5(b)	(18,908,062)	(6,482,925)	(12,347,646)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		9,000,111	3,948,930	4,115,617
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5(a)	490,127	278,249	477,000
Proceeds on financial assets at amortised cost - interest free loans		11,500	17,905	23,305
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>		(16,431,245)	(5,077,128)	(11,791,149)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Repayment of borrowings	7(a)	(1,084,013)	(1,137,800)	(1,140,482)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	8	(73,098)	(102,053)	(110,415)
Proceeds on disposal of financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits		10,500,000	(2,000,000)	3,000,000
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		9,342,889	(3,239,853)	1,749,103
<b>Net (decrease) in cash held</b>		(866,325)	(80,873)	(3,004,965)
Cash at beginning of year		26,930,749	27,011,622	9,005,947
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	4	<b>26,064,424</b>	<b>26,930,749</b>	<b>6,000,982</b>

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**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

**Revenue from operating activities**

	Note	2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
		\$	\$	\$
General rates	2(a)(i)	28,635,683	25,193,506	25,085,098
Rates excluding general rates	2(a)	2,524,992	3,934,701	3,934,701
Grants, subsidies and contributions		2,415,130	1,945,389	1,547,183
Fees and charges	15	14,480,861	15,014,714	12,652,323
Interest revenue	10(a)	1,932,066	2,196,182	1,696,000
Other revenue		78,350	124,360	61,500
Profit on asset disposals	5	86,502	48,658	40,467
		50,153,584	48,457,510	45,017,273

**Expenditure from operating activities**

Employee costs		(24,228,529)	(20,884,991)	(21,236,193)
Materials and contracts		(15,004,722)	(12,055,241)	(12,424,830)
Utility charges		(1,492,326)	(1,386,194)	(1,315,832)
Depreciation	6	(15,455,195)	(14,159,126)	(14,758,498)
Finance costs	10(b)	(508,036)	(601,218)	(597,455)
Insurance		(962,114)	(912,384)	(905,553)
Other expenditure		(1,649,324)	(1,294,424)	(1,459,861)
Loss on asset disposals	5	(181,085)	(69,445)	(168,034)
		(59,481,331)	(51,363,023)	(52,866,256)

Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities

	3(c)	15,549,778	14,049,619	14,886,065
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**Amount attributable to operating activities**

**6,222,031 11,144,106 7,037,082**

**INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

**Inflows from investing activities**

Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		9,000,111	3,958,854	8,814,143
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	5(a)	490,127	278,249	477,000
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		11,500	17,905	23,305
		9,501,738	4,255,008	9,314,448

**Outflows from investing activities**

Right of use assets received - non cash	5(c)	0	(22,044)	0
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5(a)	(7,004,921)	(2,839,287)	(7,132,425)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5(b)	(18,908,062)	(6,482,925)	(12,347,646)
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		(20,000)	0	(27,000)
		(25,932,983)	(9,344,256)	(19,507,071)

Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities

	3(d)	0	22,044	0
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**Amount attributable to investing activities**

**(16,431,245) (5,067,204) (10,192,625)**

**FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

**Inflows from financing activities**

Proceeds from new leases - non cash	8	0	21,200	124,747
Transfers from reserve accounts	9(a)	15,401,186	5,302,356	8,596,066
		15,401,186	5,323,556	8,720,813

**Outflows from financing activities**

Repayment of borrowings	7(a)	(1,084,013)	(1,137,800)	(1,140,482)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	8	(73,098)	(102,053)	(110,415)
Transfers to reserve accounts	9(a)	(7,065,137)	(8,328,237)	(5,317,525)
		(8,222,248)	(9,568,090)	(6,568,422)

Non-cash amounts excluded from financing activities

	3(e)	0	(21,200)	(124,747)
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**Amount attributable to financing activities**

**7,178,938 (4,265,734) 2,027,644**

**MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT**

**Surplus at the start of the financial year**

Amount attributable to operating activities	3	3,030,276	1,219,108	1,127,898
Amount attributable to investing activities		6,222,031	11,144,106	7,037,082
Amount attributable to financing activities		(16,431,245)	(5,067,204)	(10,192,625)
Amount attributable to financing activities		7,178,938	(4,265,734)	2,027,644
<b>Surplus/(deficit) remaining after the imposition of general rates</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,030,276</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

**1 BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The annual budget of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River which is a Class 2 local government is a forward looking document and 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 annual budget 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 Leases* which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

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

**The local government reporting entity**

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 12 to the annual budget.

**2024/25 actual balances**

Balances shown in this budget as 2024/25 Actual are estimates as forecast at the time of preparation of the annual budget and are subject to final adjustments.

**Budget comparative figures**

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in the budget relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

**Comparative figures**

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**Rounding off figures**

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

**Statement of Cashflows**

Investing and financing transactions that do not require the use of cash or cash equivalents shall be excluded from a statement of cash flows. Such transactions shall be disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements in a way that provides all the relevant information about these investing and financing activities.

**Initial application of accounting standards**

During the budget year, the below revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations are expected to be compiled, become mandatory and be applicable to its operations.

- *AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- *AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- *AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*
- *AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Supplier Finance Arrangements*
- *AASB 2023-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Disclosure of Non-current Liabilities with Covenants: Tier 2*
- *AASB 2024-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Supplier Finance Arrangements: Tier 2 Disclosures*

It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget.

- *AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*, became mandatory during the budget year. Amendments to *AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement* impacts the future determination of fair value when revaluing assets using the cost approach. Timing of future revaluations is defined by regulation 17A of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. Impacts of this pronouncement are yet to be quantified and are dependent on the timing of future revaluations of asset classes. No material impact is expected in relation to the 2025-26 statutory budget.

**New accounting standards for application in future years**

The following new accounting standards will have application to local government in future years:

- *AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*
- *AASB 2024-4b Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 [deferred AASB 10 and AASB 128 amendments in AASB 2014-10 apply]*
- *AASB 2022-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Insurance Contracts in the Public Sector*
- *AASB 2023-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Lack of Exchangeability*
- *AASB 18 (FP) Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*
  - *(Appendix D) [for for-profit entities]*
- *AASB 18 (NFP/super) Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*
  - *(Appendix D) [for not-for-profit and superannuation entities]*
- *AASB 2024-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments*
- *AASB 2024-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
  - *Standards – Annual Improvements Volume 11*

It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget.

**Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

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
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Assets held for sale
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Investment property
- Estimated useful life of intangible assets
- Measurement of employee benefits
- Measurement of provisions

**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**

**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

**(a) Rating Information**

Rate Description	Basis of valuation	Rate in dollar	Number of properties	Rateable value*	2025/26 Budgeted rate revenue	2025/26 Budgeted interim rates	2025/26 Budgeted total revenue	2024/25 Actual total revenue	2024/25 Budget total revenue
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(i) General rates</b>									
Residential GRV	Gross rental valuation	0.81699	6,467	18,365,617	15,004,525	500,000	15,504,525	11,674,565	11,563,575
Residential GRV Vacant	Gross rental valuation	0.16340	722	10,754,599	1,757,269	0	1,757,269	726,345	726,345
Rural Residential GRV	Gross rental valuation	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	1,808,327	1,808,327
Rural Residential GRV Vacant	Gross rental valuation	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	356,515	356,515
Commercial, Industrial & Tourism	Gross rental valuation	0.12212	1,353	60,181,956	7,349,420	0	7,349,420	6,785,211	6,787,793
UV Rural	Unimproved valuation	0.03593	773	81,534,849	2,929,547	0	2,929,547	2,751,452	2,751,452
UV 1 (one non rural use)	Unimproved valuation	0.04491	103	11,463,360	514,819	0	514,819	512,354	512,354
UV 2 (two non rural uses)	Unimproved valuation	0.05390	22	2,118,400	114,182	0	114,182	110,767	110,767
UV 3 (over two non rural uses)	Unimproved valuation	0.06288	14	2,103,000	132,237	0	132,237	137,175	137,175
UV Conservation	Unimproved valuation	0.03637	76	9,174,701	333,684	0	333,684	330,795	330,795
<b>Total general rates</b>			9,530	195,696,482	28,135,683	500,000	28,635,683	25,193,506	25,085,098
<b>(ii) Minimum payment</b>									
		<b>Minimum</b>		<b>\$</b>					
Residential GRV	Gross rental valuation	1,632.00	530	8,901,088	864,960	0	864,960	1,171,668	1,171,668
Residential GRV Vacant	Gross rental valuation	1,235.00	651	3,831,092	803,985	0	803,985	1,602,432	1,602,432
Rural Residential GRV	Gross rental valuation	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	257,720	257,720
Rural Residential GRV Vacant	Gross rental valuation	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	64,635	64,635
Commercial, Industrial & Tourism	Gross rental valuation	1,755.00	213	2,211,431	373,815	0	373,815	369,733	369,733
Rural Strata Titled Vineyard	Unimproved valuation	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	37,925	37,925
UV Rural	Unimproved valuation	1,832.00	224	76,145,262	410,368	0	410,368	373,644	373,644
UV 1 (one non rural use)	Unimproved valuation	2,289.00	24	9,581,495	54,936	0	54,936	48,004	48,004
UV 2 (two non rural uses)	Unimproved valuation	2,747.00	4	1,811,000	10,988	0	10,988	10,476	10,476
UV 3 (over two non rural uses)	Unimproved valuation	3,205.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UV Conservation	Unimproved valuation	1,763.00	20	7,603,991	35,260	0	35,260	28,577	28,577
<b>Total minimum payments</b>			1,666	110,085,359	2,554,312	0	2,554,312	3,964,814	3,964,814
<b>Total general rates and minimum payments</b>			11,196	305,781,841	30,689,995	500,000	31,189,995	29,158,320	29,049,912
					30,689,995	500,000	31,189,995	29,158,320	29,049,912
Concessions (Refer note 2(e))							(29,320)	(30,113)	(30,114)
<b>Total rates</b>					30,689,995	500,000	31,160,675	29,128,207	29,019,798
Instalment plan interest							134,700	147,055	160,000
Late payment of rate or service charge interest							150,000	272,899	180,000
							284,700	419,954	340,000

The Shire did not raise specified area rates for the year ended 30th June 2026.

\*Rateable Value at time of adopting budget.

All rateable properties within the district used predominately for non-rural purposes are rated according to their Gross Rental Valuation (GRV), all other properties are rated according to their Unimproved Valuation (UV).

The general rates detailed for the 2025/26 financial year have been determined by Council on the basis of raising the revenue required to meet the estimated deficiency between the total estimated expenditure proposed in the budget and the estimated revenue to be received from all sources other than general rates and also considering the extent of any increase in rating over the level adopted in the previous year.

The minimum payments have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services/facilities.

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**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)**

**(b) Interest Charges and Instalments - Rates and Service Charges**

The following instalment options are available to ratepayers for the payment of rates and service charges.

**Option 1 (Full Payment)**

Payment in full by 19 September 2025 (within 35 days of the issue date of the annual rates notice)

**Option 2 (Four Instalments)**

- i. The first instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges plus the total outstanding amount of arrears, payable by 19 September 2025.
- ii. The second instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges, including instalment charges, payable by 21 November 2025 (63 days after the due date)
- iii. The third instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges, including instalment charges, payable by 23 January 2026 (63 days after the due date of the second instalment)
- iv. The fourth instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges, including instalment charges, payable by 27 March 2026 (63 days after the due date of the third instalment).

**Option 3 (Special Arrangement)**

Weekly, fortnightly, and other special arrangements may be accepted by the Shire upon application.

Instalment options	Date due	Instalment plan admin charge	Instalment plan interest rate	Unpaid rates interest rates
		\$	%	%
<b>Option one</b>				
Single full payment		0	0.00%	11.0%
<b>Option two</b>				
First instalment		0	4.49%	11.0%
Second instalment		0	4.49%	11.0%
Third instalment		0	4.49%	11.0%
Fourth instalment		0	4.49%	11.0%
<b>Option three</b>				
Special arrangement		0	4.49%	11.0%

**(c) Objectives and Reasons for Differential Rating**

To provide equity in the rating of properties across the Shire the following rate categories have been determined for the implementation of differential rating.



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**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)**

**(i) Differential general rate**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Objects</b>	<b>Reasons</b>
Residential	Properties zoned Residential under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 and which are not rated as Residential Vacant or Commercial/Industrial/Tourism.	To apply a differential rate to properties zoned and used for residential purposes, and to provide the base rate of calculation for the other GRV differential rates in the dollar.	To ensure that all ratepayers in this category make a reasonable contribution towards the ongoing maintenance and provision of works, services and facilities throughout the Shire.
Residential Vacant	Properties zoned Residential under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 that are undeveloped.	To apply a differential rate to undeveloped properties held for residential purposes, and to encourage landowners to develop residential land.	The Shire considered the development of all vacant rateable land to be in the best interest of the community as it will improve the aesthetics of the area and provide housing stock.
Commercial/ industrial/ tourism	Properties zoned Commercial, Industrial or Tourism under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1. This category also includes properties that have planning approval to operate as short-term	To apply a differential rate to commercial, industrial and tourism zoned properties in order to raise additional revenue to fund the level of service to these properties.	To ensure that a reasonable contribution is made towards the higher costs of services and facilities associated with the properties such as carparking, landscaping, street cleaning and provision of amenities.
UV Rural	Properties zoned Rural under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 which are not rated under another UV differential rating category.	To apply a differential rate to properties with rural zoning, and to provide the base for the other UV differential rating categories.	The other UV categories are considered to have higher demand on Shire services and resources.
UV 1	Properties zoned Rural that have one non-rural use other than Residential and Ancillary Residential as listed under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a differential rate set at 125% of the base UV general rate to recognise the additional non-rural use.	The provision of non-rural uses in rural areas results in additional costs.
UV 2	Properties zoned Rural that have two non-rural use other than Residential and Ancillary Residential as listed under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a differential rate set at 150% of the base UV general rate to recognise the two additional non-rural uses.	The provision of non-rural uses in rural areas results in additional costs.
UV 3	Properties zoned Rural that have three or more non-rural use other than Residential and Ancillary Residential as listed under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a differential rate set at 175% of the base UV rural rate to recognise the three or more additional non-rural uses.	The provision of non-rural uses in rural areas results in additional costs.
UV Conservation	Properties zoned Conservation in the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a differential rate to properties with the above zoning.	A lower differential rate recognises that limited development is allowable on such land in order to maintain significant conservation and/or landscape values.

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**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)**

**(ii) Differential Minimum Payment**

Residential	Properties zoned Residential under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 and which are not rated as Residential Vacant or Commercial/Industrial/Tourism.	To apply a minimum payment to properties zoned and used for residential purposes, and to provide the base rate of calculation for the other GRV minimum payments.	To ensure that all ratepayers in this category make a reasonable contribution towards the ongoing maintenance and provision of works, services and facilities throughout the Shire.
Residential Vacant	Properties zoned Residential under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 that are undeveloped.	To apply a minimum payment to undeveloped properties held for residential purposes, and to encourage landowners to develop residential land.	The Shire considered the development of all vacant rateable land to be in the best interest of the community as it will improve the aesthetics of the area and provide housing stock.
Commercial/ industrial/ tourism	Properties zoned Commercial, Industrial or Tourism under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1. This category also includes properties that have planning approval to operate as short-term holiday rentals.	To apply a minimum payment to commercial, industrial and tourism zoned properties in order to raise additional revenue to fund the level of service to these properties.	To ensure that a reasonable contribution is made towards the higher costs of services and facilities associated with the properties such as carparking, landscaping, street cleaning and provision of amenities.
UV Rural	Properties zoned Rural under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 which are not rated under another UV differential rating category.	To apply a minimum payment to properties with rural zoning, and to provide the base for the other UV differential rating categories.	The other UV categories are considered to have higher demand on Shire services and resources.
UV 1	Properties zoned Rural that have one non-rural use other than Residential and Ancillary Residential as listed under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a minimum payment set at 125% of the base UV general rate to recognise the additional non-rural use.	The provision of non-rural uses in rural areas results in additional costs.
UV 2	Properties zoned Rural that have two non-rural use other than Residential and Ancillary Residential as listed under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a minimum payment set at 150% of the base UV general rate to recognise the two additional non-rural uses.	The provision of non-rural uses in rural areas results in additional costs.
UV 3	Properties zoned Rural that have three or more non-rural use other than Residential and Ancillary Residential as listed under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a minimum payment set at 175% of the base UV rural rate to recognise the three or more additional non-rural uses.	The provision of non-rural uses in rural areas results in additional costs.

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2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)

UV Conservation	Properties zoned Conservation in the Local Planning Scheme No. 1.	To apply a minimum payment to properties zoned UV Conservation.	A lower minimum payment recognises that limited development is allowable on such land in order to maintain significant conservation and/or landscape values.
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2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)

(d) Service Charges

The Shire did not raise service charges for the year ended 30th June 2026.

(e) Waivers or concessions

Rate, fee or charge to which the waiver or concession is granted	Type	Waiver/ Concession	Discount %	Discount (\$)	2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
					\$	\$	\$
Commercial	Rate	Concession	100.0%	1,755	1,755	1,672	1,672
Commercial	Rate	Concession	50.0%	3,480	3,480	2,891	2,891
Residential	Rate	Concession	100.0%	1,869	1,869	1,599	1,599
Commercial	Rate	Concession	100.0%	9,159	9,159	10,204	10,205
Commercial	Rate	Concession	100.0%	4,152	4,152	4,013	4,013
Residential Vacant	Rate	Concession	100.0%	3,758	3,758	4,098	4,098
Residential Vacant	Rate	Concession	100.0%	5,147	5,147	5,636	5,636
					29,320	30,113	30,114

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**3. NET CURRENT ASSETS**

**(a) Composition of estimated net current assets**

**Current assets**

Cash and cash equivalents  
Financial assets  
Receivables  
Contract assets  
Inventories  
Other assets

**Less: current liabilities**

Trade and other payables  
Contract liabilities  
Capital grant/contribution liability  
Lease liabilities  
Short term borrowings  
Long term borrowings  
Employee provisions  
Other provisions

**Net current assets**

**Less: Total adjustments to net current assets**

**Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity**

Note	2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026	2024/25 Actual 30 June 2025	2024/25 Budget 30 June 2025
	\$	\$	\$
4	26,064,424	26,930,749	6,000,982
	13,000	10,511,500	26,265,976
	3,532,924	3,532,924	1,000,762
	648,806	648,806	485,838
	246,059	246,059	172,981
	248,427	248,427	215,480
	30,753,640	42,118,465	34,142,019
	(3,539,537)	(3,539,537)	(5,754,073)
	(2,547,278)	(2,547,278)	(2,696,079)
	(2,031,533)	(2,031,533)	
8	(68,778)	(73,098)	(85,559)
	0	0	(5,450)
7	(1,111,602)	(1,084,013)	(533,944)
	(2,258,230)	(2,258,230)	(3,332,013)
	(3,189,122)	(629,122)	(1,221,209)
	(14,746,080)	(12,162,811)	(13,628,327)
	16,007,560	29,955,654	20,513,692
3(b)	(16,007,560)	(26,925,378)	(20,513,689)
	0	3,030,276	0

**(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency**

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

**Adjustments to net current assets**

Less: Cash - reserve accounts  
Less: Current assets not expected to be received at end of year  
- Current financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans  
- Rates receivable  
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year  
- Current portion of borrowings  
- Current portion of lease liabilities  
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve  
- Leave component not required to be funded  
- Current portion of remediation costs

**Total adjustments to net current assets**

9	(23,553,968)	(31,890,017)	(24,211,067)
			(71,100)
			(748,587)
	1,111,602	1,084,013	533,944
	68,778	73,098	85,559
	423,777	425,277	420,068
	1,942,251	1,942,251	2,037,494
	4,000,000	1,440,000	1,440,000
	(16,007,560)	(26,925,378)	(20,513,689)

**EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE IN NET CURRENT ASSETS AND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)**

**Items excluded from calculation of budgeted deficiency**

When calculating the budget deficiency for the purpose of Section 6.2 (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following amounts have been excluded as provided by *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 32* which will not fund the budgeted expenditure.

**(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities**

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

**Adjustments to operating activities**

Less: Profit on asset disposals  
Add: Loss on asset disposals  
Add: Depreciation  
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:  
- Pensioner deferred rates  
- Employee provisions

**Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities**

Note	2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026	2024/25 Actual 30 June 2025	2024/25 Budget 30 June 2025
	\$	\$	\$
5	(86,502)	(48,658)	(40,467)
5	181,085	69,445	168,034
6	15,455,195	14,159,126	14,758,498
	0	8,223	
	0	(138,517)	
	15,549,778	14,049,619	14,886,065

**(d) Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities**

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**3. NET CURRENT ASSETS**

The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to investing activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32*.

**Adjustments to investing activities**

Right of use assets recognised

**Non cash amounts excluded from investing activities**

Note	2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026	2024/25 Actual 30 June 2025	2024/25 Budget 30 June 2025
	\$	\$	\$
5(c)	0	22,044	0
	0	22,044	0

**(e) Non-cash amounts excluded from financing activities**

The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to financing activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32*.

**Adjustments to financing activities**

Less: Lease liability recognised

**Non cash amounts excluded from financing activities**

Note	2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026	2024/25 Actual 30 June 2025	2024/25 Budget 30 June 2025
	\$	\$	\$
8	0	(21,200)	(124,747)
	0	(21,200)	(124,747)

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**4. RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Estimated cash at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	Note	2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
		\$	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand		5,564,424	6,430,749	620,748
Term deposits		20,500,000	20,500,000	5,380,234
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>		26,064,424	26,930,749	6,000,982
Held as				
- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents		452,473	3,479,249	7,784,465
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents		25,611,951	23,451,500	(1,783,483)
	3(a)	26,064,424	26,930,749	6,000,982
<b>Restrictions</b>				
The following classes of assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:				
- Cash and cash equivalents		25,611,951	23,451,500	(1,783,483)
- Restricted financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits		0	10,500,000	26,000,000
		25,611,951	33,951,500	24,216,517
The assets are restricted as a result of the specified purposes associated with the liabilities below:				
Reserve accounts	9	23,553,968	31,890,017	24,211,067
Unspent borrowings	7(c)	0	3,500	0
Unspent capital grants, subsidies and contribution liabilities		2,057,983	2,057,983	0
Cash advances				5,450
		25,611,951	33,951,500	24,216,517
<b>Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to net result</b>				
<b>Net result</b>		(327,636)	1,053,341	965,159
Depreciation	6	15,455,195	14,159,126	14,758,498
(Profit)/loss on sale of asset	5	94,583	20,787	127,567
(Increase)/decrease in receivables		0	(1,230,521)	
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets		0	239,943	
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		0	(12,999)	
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		0	(6,558)	
Increase/(decrease) in payables		0	(2,997,610)	
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities		0	1,028,890	
Increase/(decrease) in other provision		0	(9,924)	(4,698,526)
Increase/(decrease) in employee provisions		0	(59,437)	
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		(9,000,111)	(3,948,930)	(4,115,617)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		6,222,031	8,236,108	7,037,081

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES**

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

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

Bank overdrafts are shown as short term borrowings in current liabilities in Note 3 - Net Current Assets.

**FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST**

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

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

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**3. NET CURRENT ASSETS**

**(f) MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION**

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

**TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year 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.

**PREPAID RATES**

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire recognises revenue for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

**INVENTORIES**

**General**

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

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

**SUPERANNUATION**

The Shire contributes to a number of superannuation funds on behalf of employees. All funds to which the Shire contributes are defined contribution plans.

**INVENTORY - LAND HELD FOR RESALE**

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

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

Inventory - land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

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

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

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

**CONTRACT LIABILITIES**

Contract liabilities represent the Shire's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Shire has received consideration from the customer.

Contract liabilities represent obligations which are not yet satisfied. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

**TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

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

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional, unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value.

Trade 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.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

The Shire applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, rates receivable are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security for rates receivable.

**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 BENEFITS**

**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 determination of the net current asset position.

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the determination of the net current asset position.

**Other long-term employee benefits**

Long-term employee benefits provisions are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

**CONTRACT ASSETS**

Contract assets primarily relate to the Shire's right to consideration for work completed but not billed at the end of the period.



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**5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

The following assets are budgeted to be acquired and/or disposed of during the year.

	2025/26 Budget					2024/25 Actual					2024/25 Budget				
	Disposals -	Disposals -	Disposals -	Disposals -		Disposals -	Disposals -	Disposals -	Disposals -		Disposals -	Disposals -	Disposals -	Disposals -	
	Net Book	Sale	Profit	Loss		Net Book	Sale	Profit	Loss		Net Book	Sale	Profit	Loss	
	Additions	Value	Proceeds			Additions	Value	Proceeds			Additions	Value	Proceeds		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(a) Property, Plant and Equipment</b>															
Buildings - non-specialised	1,446,621	0	0	0	0	722,600	0	0	0	0	1,271,953	0	0	0	0
Furniture and equipment	593,700	0	0	0	0	202,043	0	0	0	0	603,313	0	0	0	0
Plant and equipment	4,964,600	(584,710)	490,127	86,502	(181,085)	1,914,644	(299,037)	278,249	48,657	(69,445)	5,257,159	(604,567)	477,000	40,467	(168,034)
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,004,921</b>	<b>(584,710)</b>	<b>490,127</b>	<b>86,502</b>	<b>(181,085)</b>	<b>2,839,287</b>	<b>(299,037)</b>	<b>278,249</b>	<b>48,657</b>	<b>(69,445)</b>	<b>7,132,425</b>	<b>(604,567)</b>	<b>477,000</b>	<b>40,467</b>	<b>(168,034)</b>
<b>(b) Infrastructure</b>															
Infrastructure - aerodromes	243,718	0	0	0	0	6,150	0	0	0	0	78,500	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure - car parks	469,010	0	0	0	0	380,786	0	0	0	0	430,569	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure - drainage	512,500	0	0	0	0	131,996	0	0	0	0	190,000	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure - marine structures	1,018,550	0	0	0	0	384,670	0	0	0	0	1,226,120	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure - caravan and camping	85,000	0	0	0	0	64,260	0	0	0	0	95,375	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure - parks and reserves	1,633,944	0	0	0	0	879,194	0	0	0	0	1,828,595	0	0	0	0
Other infrastructure - paths	2,093,522	0	0	0	0	261,523	0	0	0	0	1,377,232	0	0	0	0
Other infrastructure - roads	6,524,278	0	0	0	0	4,289,457	0	0	0	0	6,474,255	0	0	0	0
Other infrastructure - road bridges	1,487,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infrastructure - waste management facilities	4,280,000	0	0	0	0	28,612	0	0	0	0	562,500	0	0	0	0
Other infrastructure - public utilities	560,040	0	0	0	0	56,277	0	0	0	0	84,500	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,908,062</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,482,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,347,646</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(c) Right of Use Assets</b>															
Right of use - plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	22,044	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	22,044	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,912,983</b>	<b>(584,710)</b>	<b>490,127</b>	<b>86,502</b>	<b>(181,085)</b>	<b>9,344,256</b>	<b>(299,037)</b>	<b>278,249</b>	<b>48,657</b>	<b>(69,445)</b>	<b>19,480,071</b>	<b>(604,567)</b>	<b>477,000</b>	<b>40,467</b>	<b>(168,034)</b>

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**RECOGNITION OF ASSETS**

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

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

**GAINS AND LOSSES ON DISPOSAL**

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in profit or loss in the period which they arise.

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**6. DEPRECIATION**

**By Class**

Buildings - non-specialised
Furniture and equipment
Plant and equipment
Infrastructure - aerodromes
Infrastructure - car parks
Infrastructure - drainage
Infrastructure - marine structures
Infrastructure - caravan and camping
Infrastructure - parks and reserves
Other infrastructure - paths
Other infrastructure - roads
Other infrastructure - road bridges
Other infrastructure - waste management facilities
Other infrastructure - public utilities
Right of use - plant and equipment

**By Program**

Governance
Law, order, public safety
Education and welfare
Community amenities
Recreation and culture
Transport
Economic services
Other property and services

2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
\$	\$	\$
3,521,961	3,226,610	3,156,194
264,255	242,095	204,133
1,003,644	919,479	1,004,675
135,536	124,170	133,059
53,817	49,304	47,577
930,436	852,410	830,495
83,809	76,781	84,803
42,706	39,125	46,287
1,166,499	1,068,677	1,127,536
582,325	533,491	542,386
6,998,872	6,411,948	6,899,864
221,822	203,220	224,452
81,883	75,016	79,172
261,188	239,285	263,384
106,441	97,515	114,480
15,455,195	14,159,126	14,758,498
68,985	63,386	17,520
400,040	358,773	342,370
0	0	1,460
183,595	199,937	214,620
4,267,580	3,918,755	4,143,568
9,329,035	8,562,268	8,969,875
224,840	206,257	227,760
981,120	849,750	841,325
15,455,195	14,159,126	14,758,498

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**DEPRECIATION**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Major depreciation periods used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Buildings - non-specialised	up to 85 years
Furniture and equipment	up to 20 years
Plant and equipment	up to 20 years
Infrastructure - aerodromes	up to 80 years
Infrastructure - car parks	up to 40 years
Infrastructure - drainage	up to 80 years
Infrastructure - marine structures	up to 30 years
Infrastructure - caravan and camping	up to 80 years
Infrastructure - parks and reserves	up to 50 years
Other infrastructure - paths	up to 40 years
Other infrastructure - roads	up to 80 years
Other infrastructure - road bridges	up to 80 years
Other infrastructure - waste management	up to 40 years
Right of use - plant and equipment	based on lease term

**AMORTISATION**

The depreciable amount of all intangible assets with a finite useful life, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held for use.

The assets residual value of intangible assets is considered to be zero and useful live and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each financial year.

Amortisation is included within Depreciation on non-current assets in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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7. BORROWINGS

(a) Borrowing repayments

Movement in borrowings and interest between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

Purpose				Budget	2025/26	2025/26	Budget	2025/26				2024/25	2024/25	Actual	2024/25	Budget	2024/25	Budget	2024/25			
	Loan	Interest	Principal	Budget	Budget	Budget	Principal	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Principal	Actual	Principal	Budget	Budget	Budget	Principal	Principal	Principal	Principal	Interest
	Number	Institution	Rate	1 July 2025	New Loans	Repayments	30 June 2025	Repayments	1 July 2024	New Loans	Repayments	30 June 2025	Repayments	1 July 2024	New Loans	Repayments	30 June 2025	Repayments	30 June 2025	Repayments	Interest	
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Civic and Administration Building	191	WATC	5.15%	3,272,337	0	(435,389)	2,836,948	(160,207)	3,786,159	0	(513,822)	3,272,337	(230,672)	3,786,160	0	(513,822)	3,272,338	(230,672)				
Cultural Centre Redevelopment	192	WATC	3.48%	657,010	0	(72,518)	584,492	(21,924)	727,058	0	(70,048)	657,010	(24,394)	744,193	0	(70,048)	674,145	(24,394)				
Margaret River Youth Precinct	193	WATC	2.97%	97,436	0	(38,111)	59,325	(2,472)	134,436	0	(37,000)	97,436	(3,583)	143,515	0	(37,000)	106,515	(3,583)				
Asbestos Removal and Reinstatement	194	WATC	3.20%	334,016	0	(107,842)	226,174	(9,406)	438,575	0	(104,559)	334,016	(12,789)	438,575	0	(104,457)	334,118	(12,789)				
Cultural Centre Redevelopment	195	WATC	3.58%	313,558	0	(32,444)	281,114	(10,099)	344,937	0	(31,379)	313,558	(11,164)	349,477	0	(31,379)	318,098	(11,164)				
Building Projects	196	WATC	1.45%	500,012	0	(80,346)	419,666	(6,822)	579,201	0	(79,189)	500,012	(7,979)	579,200	0	(79,190)	500,010	(7,978)				
Aquatic Centre Renewal	197	WATC	3.97%	7,167,351	0	(300,479)	6,866,872	(283,304)	7,453,280	0	(285,929)	7,167,351	(295,072)	7,524,003	0	(288,710)	7,235,293	(295,072)				
Gnarabup Café	181	WATC	6.22%	16,884	0	(16,884)	0	(661)	32,758	0	(15,874)	16,884	(1,672)	36,576	0	(15,874)	20,702	(1,672)				
				12,358,604	0	(1,084,013)	11,274,591	(494,895)	13,496,404	0	(1,137,800)	12,358,604	(587,325)	13,601,699	0	(1,140,480)	12,461,219	(587,324)				

All borrowing repayments will be financed by general purpose revenue except for loans 192 and 193, funded from the Developer Contributions Reserve in line with the Developer Contribution Plan for those areas.

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7. BORROWINGS

(b) New borrowings - 2025/26

The Shire does not intend to undertake any new borrowings for the year ended 30th June 2026

(c) Unspent borrowings

Loan Details	Purpose of the loan	Year loan taken	Amount b/fwd.	Amount used 2025/26 Budget	New loans unspent at 30 June 2026	Amount as at 30 June 2026
Loan 194	Asbestos replacement and reinstatement	2017-18	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 0
			3,500	3,500	0	0

(d) Credit Facilities

	2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
Undrawn borrowing facilities	\$	\$	\$
credit standby arrangements			
Bank overdraft limit			
Bank overdraft at balance date			
Credit card limit	32,000	32,000	32,000
Credit card balance at balance date	0	0	0
Total amount of credit unused	32,000	32,000	32,000
Loan facilities			
Loan facilities in use at balance date	11,274,591	12,358,604	12,461,219

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BORROWING COSTS

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.  
Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

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**8. LEASE LIABILITIES**

Purpose	Budget Lease Principal 1 July 2025	2025/26 Budget New Leases	2025/26 Budget Lease Principal Repayments	Budget Lease Principal outstanding 30 June 2026	2025/26 Budget Lease Interest Repayments	Actual Principal 1 July 2024	2024/25 Actual New Leases	2024/25 Actual Lease Principal repayments	Actual Lease Principal outstanding 30 June 2025	2024/25 Actual Lease Interest repayments	Budget Principal 1 July 2024	2024/25 Budget New Leases	2024/25 Budget Lease Principal repayments	Budget Lease Principal outstanding 30 June 2025	2024/25 Budget Lease Interest repayments
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Postage meter	5,440	0	(3,976)	1,464	(37)	11,233	0	(5,793)	5,440	(227)	11,330	0	(5,890)	5,440	(130)
A0 printer/plotter	0	0	0	0	0	5,861	0	(5,861)	0	(229)	5,860	0	(5,860)	0	(63)
(New) A0 printer/plotter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53,031	(3,889)	49,142	(461)
CESM utility vehicle (extension)	0	0	0	0	0	8,219	0	(8,219)	0	(24)	8,658	0	(8,658)	0	(275)
(New) CESM utility vehicle	3,579	0	(3,579)	0	(9)	0	16,000	(12,421)	3,579	(134)	0	45,948	(4,837)	41,111	(154)
CESM utility pod	0	0	0	0	0	1,679	0	(1,679)	0	(12)	1,674	0	(1,674)	0	(12)
(New) CESM utility pod	1,266	0	(1,266)	0	(4)	0	5,200	(3,934)	1,266	(44)	0	25,768	(2,981)	22,787	(555)
Patching truck	307,757	0	(64,277)	243,480	(13,092)	371,903	0	(64,146)	307,757	(13,223)	337,789	0	(76,626)	261,163	(8,480)
	318,042	0	(73,098)	244,944	(13,142)	398,895	21,200	(102,053)	318,042	(13,893)	365,311	124,747	(110,415)	379,643	(10,130)

**MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**LEASES**

At the inception of a contract, the Shire assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At the commencement date, a right-of-use asset is recognised at cost and a lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the Shire uses its incremental borrowing rate.

**LEASE LIABILITIES**

The present value of future lease payments not paid at the reporting date discounted using the incremental borrowing rate where the implicit interest rate in the lease is not readily determined.

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**9. RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

**(a) Reserve Accounts - Movement**

	2025/26 Budget				2024/25 Actual				2024/25 Budget			
	Opening Balance	Transfer to	Transfer (from)	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfer to	Transfer (from)	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfer to	Transfer (from)	Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Restricted by legislation</b>												
(a) Developer contributions fund reserve	3,071,435	550,182	(102,356)	3,519,261	2,586,715	667,279	(182,559)	3,071,435	2,592,837	584,805	(170,000)	3,007,642
(b) Infrastructure assets contributions reserve	715,675	92,415	(70,000)	738,090	721,578	48,818	(54,721)	715,675	1,016,858	88,572	(110,000)	995,430
(c) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC126197, Blackwood Ave)	78,292	2,554	0	80,846	74,859	3,433	0	78,292	74,859	2,472	0	77,331
(d) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC116132, Cowaramup)	79,748	2,601	0	82,349	76,254	3,494	0	79,748	76,254	2,518	0	78,772
(e) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC155869, Margaret River)	119,515	3,898	0	123,413	114,279	5,236	0	119,515	114,279	3,773	0	118,052
	4,064,665	651,650	(172,356)	4,543,959	3,573,685	728,260	(237,280)	4,064,665	3,875,087	682,140	(280,000)	4,277,227
<b>Restricted by council</b>												
(f) Staff leave reserve	425,277	13,871	0	439,148	406,642	18,635	0	425,277	406,642	13,426	0	420,068
(g) Caravan Park Upgrade reserve	1,857,205	260,577	(972,891)	1,144,891	1,881,584	86,027	(110,406)	1,857,205	1,881,584	268,269	(910,000)	1,239,853
(h) Limesand Pits reserve	75,887	2,475	0	78,362	72,563	3,324	0	75,887	72,563	2,396	0	74,959
(i) Cemeteries reserve	14,243	465	0	14,708	13,618	625	0	14,243	13,618	450	0	14,068
(j) Community Loan reserve	281,680	20,525	(20,000)	282,205	252,113	29,567	0	281,680	252,113	31,629	(27,000)	256,742
(k) Cedarvale reserve	260,776	8,506	0	269,282	249,350	11,426	0	260,776	249,350	8,233	0	257,583
(l) Waste Management reserve	10,260,807	2,030,679	(5,746,352)	6,545,134	8,416,703	3,052,094	(1,207,990)	10,260,807	8,611,943	2,778,605	(1,955,860)	9,434,688
(m) Parking reserve	102,800	3,353	0	106,153	98,296	4,504	0	102,800	98,296	3,245	0	101,541
(n) Biodiversity reserve	289,794	9,452	(60,000)	239,246	297,501	3,156	(10,863)	289,794	307,486	10,152	(25,000)	292,638
(o) Community Facility reserve	6,059	198	0	6,257	34,473	1,434	(29,848)	6,059	34,473	148	(30,000)	4,621
(p) Plant reserve	1,453,459	872,308	(1,894,473)	431,294	1,410,365	995,215	(952,121)	1,453,459	976,800	25,647	(952,121)	50,326
(q) Cowaramup reserve	490,340	15,994	0	506,334	468,853	21,487	0	490,340	468,853	15,480	0	484,333
(r) Gravel Pits reserve	394,408	12,864	0	407,272	377,125	17,283	0	394,408	377,125	12,451	0	389,576
(s) Self Insurance reserve	38,238	1,247	0	39,485	36,562	1,676	0	38,238	36,562	1,207	0	37,769
(t) Recreation Centres reserve	31,149	1,116	(15,000)	17,265	27,953	3,196	0	31,149	27,954	923	0	28,877
(u) Old Settlement reserve	322,498	67,260	(60,650)	329,108	259,119	63,379	0	322,498	259,117	50,473	0	309,590
(v) Community Grants reserve	26,768	873	0	27,641	25,594	1,174	0	26,768	25,594	845	0	26,439
(w) Emergency Services reserve	183,046	5,970	0	189,016	175,025	8,021	0	183,046	175,025	5,779	0	180,804
(x) Augusta Revitalisation Reserve	244,364	7,970	(234,000)	18,334	236,562	7,802	0	244,364	236,562	7,810	(234,000)	10,372
(y) Youth Facilities reserve	125,932	57,266	(92,000)	91,198	96,380	29,552	0	125,932	93,624	29,771	0	123,395
(z) Sporting Reserve	291,009	1,009,492	(163,400)	1,137,101	266,515	68,563	(44,069)	291,009	266,514	8,799	(43,500)	231,813
(i) Roads reserve	1,140,148	37,188	0	1,177,336	1,090,185	49,963	0	1,140,148	1,090,185	35,993	0	1,126,178
(l) Emergency Disaster Relief reserve	114,987	3,751	0	118,738	779,795	27,466	(692,274)	114,987	779,795	25,746	(692,274)	113,267
(j) Legal/Risk reserve	76,000	2,479	0	78,479	72,668	3,332	0	76,000	72,668	2,399	0	75,067
(~) ICT reserve	3,985,116	872,948	(2,666,000)	2,192,064	3,337,445	711,887	(64,216)	3,985,116	2,337,445	577,173	(440,832)	2,473,786
(.) Asset Renewal Reserve	3,857,217	1,046,512	(2,307,198)	2,596,531	2,787,681	1,305,031	(235,495)	3,857,217	2,342,849	648,349	(1,343,765)	1,647,433
(e) Storm damage reserve	479,061	15,626	(1)	494,686	458,068	20,993	0	479,061	458,068	15,124	(1)	473,191
(i) Unspent grants reserve	997,084	32,522	(996,865)	32,741	1,661,713	1,053,165	(1,717,794)	997,084	1,661,713	54,863	(1,661,713)	54,863
	27,825,352	6,413,487	(15,228,830)	19,010,009	25,290,451	7,599,977	(5,065,076)	27,825,352	23,614,521	4,635,385	(8,316,066)	19,933,840
	31,890,017	7,065,137	(15,401,186)	23,553,968	28,864,136	8,328,237	(5,302,356)	31,890,017	27,489,608	5,317,525	(8,596,066)	24,211,067

## 9. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

### (b) Reserve Accounts - Purposes

In accordance with Council resolutions in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside are as follows:

Reserve name	Anticipated date of use	Purpose of the reserve
<b>Restricted by legislation</b>		
(a) Developer contributions fund reserve		Funds received and used in accordance with the Developer Contributions Plan.
(b) Infrastructure assets contributions reserve		To be used to fund future road and drainage maintenance and construction requirements.
(c) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC126197, Blackwood Ave)		To be used as per the conditions of the subdivision.
(d) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC116132, Cowaramup)		To be used as per the conditions of the subdivision.
(e) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC155869, Margaret River)		To be used as per the conditions of the subdivision.
<b>Restricted by council</b>		
(f) Staff leave reserve		To be used to fund annual and long service leave requirements.
(g) Caravan Park Upgrade reserve		To be used for the upgrading of holiday parks and camping grounds.
(h) Limesand Pits reserve		To be used for the rehabilitation and development of the Boranup, Redgate and any other Shire limesand pits.
(i) Cemeteries reserve		To be used for the upgrade of cemeteries.
(j) Community Loan reserve		To be used for the interest-free funding of eligible groups associated with sporting and cultural activities.
(k) Cedarvale reserve		To be used in meeting obligations in respect of the Cedarvale agreement for the Gnarabup site and future foreshore rehabilitation at Prevelly and
(l) Waste Management reserve		To fund future waste facility and plant requirements.
(m) Parking reserve		To be used to fund future car parking requirements.
(n) Biodiversity reserve		To be used for the funding of biodiversity initiatives.
(o) Community Facility reserve		To be used for the construction and major maintenance of community buildings and facilities.
(p) Plant reserve		To be used for the purchase of plant, vehicles and equipment.
(q) Cowaramup reserve		To be used for infrastructure and capital improvements within the Cowaramup townsite and area covered by the West Cowaramup townsite strategy.
(r) Gravel Pits reserve		To be used for the rehabilitation and development of the Shire's gravel and other related resource reserves.
(s) Self Insurance reserve		To be used to fund self insurance, workers compensation performance risk, risk management and other related employee and organisational activities.
(t) Recreation Centres reserve		To be used for future improvements to recreation facilities.
(u) Old Settlement reserve		To be used to fund future improvements to facilities at the Old Settlement site.
(v) Community Grants reserve		To be used in the provision of community grants.
(w) Emergency Services reserve		To be used to support the provision of emergency services in the Shire.
(x) Augusta Revitalisation Reserve		To be used for funding capital projects in Augusta.
(y) Youth Facilities reserve		To be used to renew and develop youth facilities in the Shire.
(z) Sporting Reserve		To be used for development of Active Sporting Areas.
({) Roads reserve		To be used to renew and upgrade roads in the Shire.
(l) Emergency Disaster Relief reserve		To provide funds for the Shire and community to respond to emergency events.
(j) Legal/Risk reserve		To be used to assist with legal and risk matters.
(~) ICT reserve		To provide funds for the replacement and upgrade of ICT software and hardware systems.
( ) Asset Renewal Reserve		To provide funds for the renewal of the Shire's building and infrastructure assets.
(€) Storm damage reserve		To provide funds to assist with storm damage clean-up.
(i) Unspent grants reserve		To hold Government and third party monies received in advance as well as deferred municipal funded work.

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**10. OTHER INFORMATION**

**The net result includes as revenues**

**(a) Interest earnings**

Investments

Other interest revenue

\* The Shire has resolved to charge interest under section 6.13 for the late payment of any amount of money at 11%. Rate instalment interest will be charged at 4.49%.

**The net result includes as expenses**

**(b) Interest expenses (finance costs)**

Borrowings (refer Note 7(a))

Interest on lease liabilities (refer Note 8)

	<b>2025/26 Budget</b>	<b>2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>2024/25 Budget</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Investments	1,647,366	1,776,228	1,356,000
Other interest revenue	284,700	419,954	340,000
	1,932,066	2,196,182	1,696,000
Borrowings (refer Note 7(a))	494,895	587,325	587,324
Interest on lease liabilities (refer Note 8)	13,142	13,893	10,130
	508,037	601,218	597,454



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**11. COUNCIL MEMBERS REMUNERATION**

	<b>2025/26 Budget</b>	<b>2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>2024/25 Budget</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>President's</b>			
President's allowance	70,951	68,550	68,552
Meeting attendance fees	34,890	29,302	29,302
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,150	3,150	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,000	1,264	2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	9,499		
	120,490	102,266	103,854
<b>Deputy President's</b>			
Deputy President's allowance	17,738	17,136	17,138
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	22,875	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,395	3,121	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,000	1,070	2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	3,668		
	52,821	44,202	46,013
<b>Council member 1</b>			
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	22,875	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,000		2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	2,181		
	33,701	26,375	28,875
<b>Council member 2</b>			
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	22,875	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,000		2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	2,181		
	33,701	26,375	28,875
<b>Council member 3</b>			
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	22,875	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,000	1,646	2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	2,181		
	33,701	28,021	28,875
<b>Council member 4</b>			
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	22,875	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,395	3,150	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,500	161	2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	2,181		
	34,096	26,186	28,875
<b>Council member 5</b>			
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	22,875	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,395	3,150	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,500		2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	2,181		
	34,096	26,025	28,875
<b>Council member 6</b>			
Meeting attendance fees	26,020	15,103	22,875
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	2,445	2,080	3,500
Travel and accommodation expenses	2,500	464	2,500
Superannuation contribution payments	2,181		
	33,146	17,647	28,875
<b>Total Council Member Remuneration</b>	<b>375,752</b>	<b>297,097</b>	<b>323,117</b>
President's allowance	70,951	68,550	68,552
Deputy President's allowance	17,738	17,136	17,138
Meeting attendance fees	217,030	181,655	189,427
Annual allowance for ICT expenses	26,280	25,151	28,000
Travel and accommodation expenses	17,500	4,605	20,000
Superannuation contribution payments	26,253	0	0
	375,752	297,097	323,117

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12. TRUST FUNDS

Funds held at balance date which are required by legislation to be credited to the trust fund and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

Detail	Balance 30 June 2025	Estimated amounts received	Estimated amounts paid	Estimated balance 30 June 2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Public open space	153,000	0	0	153,000
	153,000	0	0	153,000

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**13. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

**(a) Revenue and Expenditure Classification**

**REVENUES**

**RATES**

All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specific area rates, minimum payment, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts offered.

Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears, service charges and sewerage rates.

**GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

All amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not capital grants.

**CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

**REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS**

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when the local government satisfies its performance obligations under the contract.

**FEES AND CHARGES**

Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees.

Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

**SERVICE CHARGES**

Service charges imposed under *Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995*. Regulation 54 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies the charges which can be raised. These are television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services and water. Exclude rubbish removal charges which should not be classified as a service charge. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

**INTEREST REVENUE**

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

**OTHER REVENUE / INCOME**

Other revenue, which cannot be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

**PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL**

Gain on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long-term investments.

**EXPENSES**

**EMPLOYEE COSTS**

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

Note AASB 119 *Employee Benefits* provides a definition of employee benefits which should be considered.

**MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS**

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses (such as telephone and internet charges), advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc.

Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology and rental or lease expenditures.

**UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER)**

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water.

Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

**INSURANCE**

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

**LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL**

Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

**DEPRECIATION ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

Depreciation and amortisation expenses raised on all classes of assets.

**FINANCE COSTS**

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

**OTHER EXPENDITURE**

Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or levies including DFES levy and State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

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**13. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

**(b) Revenue Recognition**

Recognition of revenue from contracts with customers is dependant on the source of revenue and the associated terms and conditions associated with each source of revenue and recognised as follows:

<b>Revenue Category</b>	<b>Nature of goods and services</b>	<b>When obligations typically satisfied</b>	<b>Payment terms</b>	<b>Returns/Refunds/Warranties</b>	<b>Timing of Revenue recognition</b>
Grant contracts with customers	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Licences/ Registrations/ Approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval
Waste management entry fees	Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites	Single point in time	Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided	None	On entry to facility
Airport landing charges	Permission to use facilities and runway	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	On landing/departure event
Fees and charges for other goods and services	Cemetery services, library fees, reinstatements and private works	Single point in time	Payment in full in advance	None	Output method based on provision of service or completion of works
Sale of stock	Aviation fuel, kiosk and visitor centre stock	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	Output method based on goods

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**14. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Key Terms and Definitions - Reporting Programs**

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the community, Council has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis, reflected by the Shire's Community Vision, and for each of its broad activities/programs.

**OBJECTIVE**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Governance**

To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.

Includes the activities of members of Council and the administrative support available to the Council for the provision of governance of the district. Other costs relate to the task of assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which do not concern specific Council services.

**General purpose funding**

To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.

**Law, order, public safety**

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.

Supervision and enforcement of various local laws relating to fire prevention, animal control and other aspects of public safety including emergency services.

**Health**

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.

Inspection of food outlets and their control, provision of meat inspection services, noise control and waste disposal compliance.

**Education and welfare**

To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth.

Care of families and children, contributions to education and other welfare.

**Housing**

To provide rental and staff housing.

Provision of staff and rental housing. However, the Shire has no housing of this nature.

**Community amenities**

To provide services required by the community.

Rubbish collection and disposal services, recycling, septic tank inspection services, environmental protection initiatives, administration of town planning and regional development services and the operation of other community amenities.

**Recreation and culture**

To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

Provision and maintenance of public halls, civic centres, aquatic centres, recreation centres and various sporting facilities. Provision and maintenance of parks, gardens, reserves and playgrounds. Operation and support of libraries, performing arts centres, museums and other cultural facilities.

**Transport**

To promote safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.

Construction and maintenance of roads, streets, footpaths, depots, cycle ways, parking facilities and traffic control. Cleaning of streets and maintenance of street trees, street lighting etc.

**Economic services**

To help promote the shire and its economic wellbeing.

Tourism and area promotion including the maintenance and operation of holiday parks and campgrounds, and provision of rural services including weed control, vermin control and standpipes.

**Other property and services**

To monitor and control the Shire's overheads operating accounts.

Plant repair and operation costs and engineering operating costs.

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15. FEES AND CHARGES

	2025/26 Budget	2024/25 Actual	2024/25 Budget
	\$	\$	\$
<b>By Program:</b>			
Governance	623,773	846,958	550,522
General purpose funding	196,286	192,784	198,306
Law, order, public safety	215,900	272,241	155,900
Health	142,000	156,035	161,800
Education and welfare	807,444	647,912	387,880
Community amenities	6,629,999	6,825,505	6,539,615
Recreation and culture	2,072,347	2,009,664	1,182,200
Transport	178,700	109,294	195,700
Economic services	3,614,412	3,954,321	3,280,400
	14,480,861	15,014,714	12,652,323

The subsequent pages detail the fees and charges proposed to be imposed by the local government.