

**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**  
**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 2027**

|                                                        | Note  | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                         |       | \$                | \$                | \$                |
| Rates                                                  | 2(a)  | 33,575,227        | 30,905,447        | 31,160,675        |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions                    |       | 2,180,228         | 3,626,547         | 2,415,130         |
| Fees and charges                                       | 15    | 15,805,157        | 16,010,679        | 14,480,861        |
| Interest revenue                                       | 10(a) | 1,971,933         | 2,238,947         | 1,932,066         |
| Other revenue                                          |       | 42,460            | 28,817            | 78,350            |
|                                                        |       | 53,575,005        | 52,810,437        | 50,067,082        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                        |       |                   |                   |                   |
| Employee costs                                         |       | (26,666,525)      | (23,521,182)      | (24,228,529)      |
| Materials and contracts                                |       | (15,164,838)      | (15,239,698)      | (15,004,722)      |
| Utility charges                                        |       | (1,590,146)       | (1,443,030)       | (1,492,326)       |
| Depreciation                                           | 6     | (15,732,294)      | (15,699,482)      | (15,455,195)      |
| Finance costs                                          | 10(c) | (462,801)         | (462,676)         | (508,036)         |
| Insurance                                              |       | (1,036,500)       | (1,026,113)       | (962,114)         |
| Other expenditure                                      |       | (1,599,426)       | (1,394,080)       | (1,649,324)       |
|                                                        |       | (62,252,530)      | (58,786,261)      | (59,300,246)      |
|                                                        |       | (8,677,525)       | (5,975,824)       | (9,233,164)       |
| Capital grants, subsidies and contributions            |       | 16,933,444        | 7,321,190         | 9,000,111         |
| Profit on asset disposals                              | 5     | 54,871            | 41,708            | 86,502            |
| Loss on asset disposals                                | 5     | (78,688)          | (38,847)          | (181,085)         |
|                                                        |       | 16,909,627        | 7,324,051         | 8,905,528         |
| <b>Net result for the period</b>                       |       | <b>8,232,102</b>  | <b>1,348,227</b>  | <b>(327,636)</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>8,232,102</b>  | <b>1,348,227</b>  | <b>(327,636)</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 2027**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

**Receipts**

|                                     | Note | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Rates                               |      | \$ 33,725,227     | \$ 30,360,018     | \$ 31,160,675     |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions |      | 900,228           | 4,339,619         | 2,415,130         |
| Fees and charges                    |      | 15,805,157        | 16,010,679        | 14,480,861        |
| Interest revenue                    |      | 1,971,933         | 2,238,947         | 1,932,066         |
| Goods and services tax received     |      | 0                 | (9,641)           | 0                 |
| Other revenue                       |      | 42,460            | 28,817            | 78,350            |
|                                     |      | 52,445,005        | 52,968,439        | 50,067,082        |

**Payments**

|                         |  |              |              |              |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Employee costs          |  | (26,470,525) | (23,174,558) | (24,228,529) |
| Materials and contracts |  | (16,511,481) | (14,638,322) | (15,004,722) |
| Utility charges         |  | (1,590,146)  | (1,443,030)  | (1,492,326)  |
| Finance costs           |  | (462,801)    | (497,637)    | (508,036)    |
| Insurance paid          |  | (1,036,500)  | (1,026,113)  | (962,114)    |
| Other expenditure       |  | (1,599,426)  | (1,394,080)  | (1,649,324)  |
|                         |  | (47,670,879) | (42,173,740) | (43,845,051) |

|                                                  |   |           |            |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|-----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b> | 4 | 4,774,126 | 10,794,699 | 6,222,031 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|-----------|------------|-----------|

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

|                                                                            |      |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - interest free loans      | 8    | 0            | (20,000)     | (20,000)     |
| Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment                       | 5(a) | (5,459,483)  | (3,830,757)  | (7,004,921)  |
| Payments for construction of infrastructure                                | 5(b) | (28,551,404) | (11,099,001) | (18,908,062) |
| Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions                  |      | 9,433,444    | 7,748,556    | 9,000,111    |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment                    | 5(a) | 399,000      | 200,753      | 490,127      |
| Proceeds on financial assets at amortised cost - interest free loans       |      | 13,000       | 15,500       | 11,500       |
| Proceeds on disposal of financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits |      | 0            | 0            | 10,500,000   |
| <b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>                             |      | (24,165,443) | (6,984,949)  | (5,931,245)  |

**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

|                                                     |      |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Repayment of borrowings                             | 8(a) | (1,111,702) | (1,085,175) | (1,084,013) |
| Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities | 7    | (73,096)    | (86,227)    | (73,098)    |
| <b>Net cash (used in) financing activities</b>      |      | (1,184,798) | (1,171,402) | (1,157,111) |

**Net increase (decrease) in cash held**

|  |  |              |           |           |
|--|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|  |  | (20,576,115) | 2,638,348 | (866,325) |
|--|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|

|                           |  |            |            |            |
|---------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Cash at beginning of year |  | 40,026,042 | 37,387,694 | 26,930,749 |
|---------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|

|                                                         |   |                   |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b> | 4 | <b>19,449,927</b> | <b>40,026,042</b> | <b>26,064,424</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

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

**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

**OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

**Revenue from operating activities**

|                                     |         | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General rates                       | 2(a)(i) | \$ 30,917,542     | \$ 28,388,984     | \$ 28,635,683     |
| Rates excluding general rates       | 2(a)    | 2,657,685         | 2,516,463         | 2,524,992         |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions |         | 2,180,228         | 3,626,547         | 2,415,130         |
| Fees and charges                    | 15      | 15,805,157        | 16,010,679        | 14,480,861        |
| Interest revenue                    | 10(a)   | 1,971,933         | 2,238,947         | 1,932,066         |
| Other revenue                       |         | 42,460            | 28,817            | 78,350            |
| Profit on asset disposals           | 5       | 54,871            | 41,708            | 86,502            |
|                                     |         | 53,629,876        | 52,852,145        | 50,153,584        |

**Expenditure from operating activities**

|                         |       |              |              |              |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Employee costs          |       | (26,666,525) | (23,521,182) | (24,228,529) |
| Materials and contracts |       | (15,164,838) | (15,239,698) | (15,004,722) |
| Utility charges         |       | (1,590,146)  | (1,443,030)  | (1,492,326)  |
| Depreciation            | 6     | (15,732,294) | (15,699,482) | (15,455,195) |
| Finance costs           | 10(c) | (462,801)    | (462,676)    | (508,036)    |
| Insurance               |       | (1,036,500)  | (1,026,113)  | (962,114)    |
| Other expenditure       |       | (1,599,426)  | (1,394,080)  | (1,649,324)  |
| Loss on asset disposals | 5     | (78,688)     | (38,847)     | (181,085)    |
|                         |       | (62,331,218) | (58,825,108) | (59,481,331) |

Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities

|  |      |            |            |            |
|--|------|------------|------------|------------|
|  | 3(c) | 15,756,111 | 15,696,621 | 15,549,778 |
|--|------|------------|------------|------------|

**Amount attributable to operating activities**

**INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

**Inflows from investing activities**

|                                                                        |      |            |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions              |      | 16,933,444 | 7,321,190 | 9,000,111 |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment                | 5(a) | 399,000    | 200,753   | 490,127   |
| Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - interest free loans |      | 13,000     | 15,500    | 11,500    |
|                                                                        |      | 17,345,444 | 7,537,443 | 9,501,738 |

**Outflows from investing activities**

|                                                                       |      |              |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment                          | 5(a) | (5,459,483)  | (3,830,757)  | (7,004,921)  |
| Acquisition of infrastructure                                         | 5(b) | (28,551,404) | (11,099,001) | (18,908,062) |
| Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - interest free loans | 8(a) | 0            | 0            | (20,000)     |
| Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits       |      | 0            | 0            |              |
|                                                                       |      | (34,010,887) | (14,929,758) | (25,932,983) |

**Amount attributable to investing activities**

**FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

**Inflows from financing activities**

|                                 |      |            |           |            |
|---------------------------------|------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Transfers from reserve accounts | 9(a) | 14,615,152 | 7,244,539 | 15,401,186 |
|                                 |      | 14,615,152 | 7,244,539 | 15,401,186 |

**Outflows from financing activities**

|                                                     |      |             |              |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Repayment of borrowings                             | 8(a) | (1,111,702) | (1,085,175)  | (1,084,013) |
| Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities | 7    | (73,096)    | (86,227)     | (73,098)    |
| Transfers to reserve accounts                       | 9(a) | (6,030,941) | (9,319,590)  | (7,065,137) |
|                                                     |      | (7,215,739) | (10,490,992) | (8,222,248) |

**Amount attributable to financing activities**

**MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT**

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

|                                                                |   |              |                  |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Amount attributable to operating activities                    | 3 | 2,211,261    | 3,126,371        | 3,030,276    |
| Amount attributable to investing activities                    |   | 7,054,769    | 9,723,658        | 6,222,031    |
| Amount attributable to financing activities                    |   | (16,665,443) | (7,392,315)      | (16,431,245) |
|                                                                |   | 7,399,413    | (3,246,453)      | 7,178,938    |
| <b>Surplus remaining after the imposition of general rates</b> | 3 | <b>0</b>     | <b>2,211,261</b> | <b>0</b>     |

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**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER  
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**SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

**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.

**2025/26 actual balances**

Balances shown in this budget as 2025/26 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 2026-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures about Uncertainties in the Financial Statements*
- *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*
- *AASB 2025-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity*

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

**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]*

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

- *AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*
- *AASB 18 (NFP/super) Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – (Appendix D) [for not-for-profit and superannuation entities]*

These accounting standards will materially change the presentation of the annual financial report and 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.

The annual budget is a forward-looking statement and is comprised of management estimates. As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the annual budget.

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 2027**

**2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

**(a) Rating Information**

| Rate Description                                | Basis of valuation     | Rate in dollar    | Number of properties | Rateable value* | 2026/27 Budgeted rate revenue | 2026/27 Budgeted interim rates | 2026/27 Budgeted total revenue | 2025/26 Actual total revenue | 2025/26 Budget total revenue |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                 |                        |                   |                      | \$              | \$                            | \$                             | \$                             | \$                           | \$                           |
| <b>(i) General rates</b>                        |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
| Residential                                     | Gross rental valuation | 0.086274          | 6,454                | 183,382,944     | 15,821,180                    | 682,513                        | 16,503,693                     | 14,785,403                   | 15,504,525                   |
| Residential Vacant                              | Gross rental valuation | 0.172538          | 670                  | 10,252,664      | 1,768,974                     | 0                              | 1,768,974                      | 1,940,768                    | 1,757,269                    |
| Industrial, Commercial, Tourism                 | Gross rental valuation | 0.128959          | 1,275                | 57,721,864      | 7,443,754                     | 0                              | 7,443,754                      | 7,497,596                    | 7,349,420                    |
| Hosted STRA                                     | Gross rental valuation | 0.107617          | 277                  | 8,314,080       | 894,736                       | 0                              | 894,736                        | 0                            | 0                            |
| UV Rural                                        | Unimproved valuation   | 0.003435          | 743                  | 867,182,840     | 2,978,773                     | 0                              | 2,978,773                      | 3,026,792                    | 2,929,547                    |
| UV 1                                            | Unimproved valuation   | 0.004293          | 140                  | 170,245,000     | 730,862                       | 0                              | 730,862                        | 540,559                      | 514,819                      |
| UV 2                                            | Unimproved valuation   | 0.005152          | 25                   | 28,350,000      | 146,059                       | 0                              | 146,059                        | 125,724                      | 114,182                      |
| UV 3                                            | Unimproved valuation   | 0.006011          | 15                   | 25,020,000      | 150,395                       | 0                              | 150,395                        | 132,237                      | 132,237                      |
| UV Conservation                                 | Unimproved valuation   | 0.003491          | 67                   | 86,020,000      | 300,296                       | 0                              | 300,296                        | 339,905                      | 333,684                      |
| <b>Total general rates</b>                      |                        |                   | 9,666                | 1,436,489,392   | 30,235,029                    | 682,513                        | 30,917,542                     | 28,388,984                   | 28,635,683                   |
| <b>(ii) Minimum payment</b>                     |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
|                                                 |                        | <b>Minimum \$</b> |                      |                 |                               |                                |                                |                              |                              |
| Residential                                     | Gross rental valuation | 1,723.00          | 524                  | 8,783,160       | 902,852                       | 0                              | 902,852                        | 861,696                      | 864,960                      |
| Residential Vacant                              | Gross rental valuation | 1,304.00          | 639                  | 3,784,706       | 833,256                       | 0                              | 833,256                        | 803,985                      | 803,985                      |
| Industrial, Commercial, Tourism                 | Gross rental valuation | 1,853.00          | 208                  | 2,243,459       | 385,424                       | 0                              | 385,424                        | 368,550                      | 373,815                      |
| Hosted STRA                                     | Gross rental valuation | 1,788.00          | 1                    | 7,280           | 1,788                         | 0                              | 1,788                          | 0                            | 0                            |
| UV Rural                                        | Unimproved valuation   | 1,935.00          | 224                  | 84,458,549      | 433,440                       | 0                              | 433,440                        | 410,368                      | 410,368                      |
| UV 1                                            | Unimproved valuation   | 2,417.00          | 28                   | 12,333,500      | 67,676                        | 0                              | 67,676                         | 54,936                       | 54,936                       |
| UV 2                                            | Unimproved valuation   | 2,901.00          | 5                    | 2,405,000       | 14,505                        | 0                              | 14,505                         | 10,988                       | 10,988                       |
| UV 3                                            | Unimproved valuation   | 3,384.00          | 2                    | 955,000         | 6,768                         | 0                              | 6,768                          | 0                            | 0                            |
| UV Conservation                                 | Unimproved valuation   | 1,862.00          | 22                   | 9,020,000       | 40,964                        | 0                              | 40,964                         | 35,260                       | 35,260                       |
| <b>Total minimum payments</b>                   |                        |                   | 1,653                | 123,990,654     | 2,686,673                     | 0                              | 2,686,673                      | 2,545,783                    | 2,554,312                    |
| <b>Total general rates and minimum payments</b> |                        |                   | 11,319               | 1,560,480,046   | 32,921,702                    | 682,513                        | 33,604,215                     | 30,934,767                   | 31,189,995                   |
|                                                 |                        |                   |                      |                 | 32,921,702                    | 682,513                        | 33,604,215                     | 30,934,767                   | 31,189,995                   |
| Concessions (Refer note 2(f))                   |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | (28,988)                       | (29,320)                     | (29,320)                     |
| <b>Total rates</b>                              |                        |                   |                      |                 | 32,921,702                    | 682,513                        | 33,575,227                     | 30,905,447                   | 31,160,675                   |
| Pensioner deferred rates interest               |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 4,000                          | 4,044                        | 0                            |
| Instalment plan interest                        |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 146,000                        | 146,476                      | 134,700                      |
| Late payment of rate or service charge interest |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 280,000                        | 359,759                      | 150,000                      |
|                                                 |                        |                   |                      |                 |                               |                                | 430,000                        | 510,279                      | 284,700                      |

The Shire did not raise specified area rates for the year ended 30th June 2027.

\*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 2026/27 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.

# SHIRE OF AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027

## 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 24 September 2026.

#### Option 2 (Four Instalments)

- The first instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges plus the total outstanding amount of arrears, payable by 24 September 2024.
- The second instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges, including instalment interest, payable by 26 November 2026.
- The third instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges, including instalment interest, payable by 23 January 2027.
- The fourth instalment including 25% of the current amount of rates and waste charges, including instalment interest, payable by 8 April 2027.

#### Option 3 (Special Arrangements)

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

| Instalment options  | Date due   | Instalment plan<br>admin charge | Instalment plan<br>interest rate | Unpaid rates<br>interest rates |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                     |            | \$                              | %                                | %                              |
| <b>Option one</b>   |            |                                 |                                  |                                |
| Single full payment | 24/09/2026 | 0                               | 0.00%                            | 11.00%                         |
| <b>Option two</b>   |            |                                 |                                  |                                |
| First instalment    | 24/09/2026 | 0                               | 4.49%                            | 11.00%                         |
| Second instalment   | 26/11/2026 | 0                               | 4.49%                            | 11.00%                         |
| Third instalment    | 4/02/2027  | 0                               | 4.49%                            | 11.00%                         |
| Fourth instalment   | 8/04/2027  | 0                               | 4.49%                            | 11.00%                         |
| <b>Option three</b> |            |                                 |                                  |                                |
| Special arrangement | As agreed  | 0                               | 4.49%                            | 11.00%                         |

### (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.

#### Differential general rate and differential minimum payment

| Description | Characteristics                                                                                                                                                                    | Objects                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Reasons                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Residential | Properties zoned Residential under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 and Local Planning Scheme No. 2 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 and 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. |

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

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Residential Vacant              | Properties zoned Residential under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1 and Local Planning Scheme No. 2 that are not improved by a completed habitable dwelling (including land with incomplete buildings where no Notice of completion has been issued).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | To apply a differential rate and 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.                                                                                                                                            |
| Hosted STRA                     | Properties zoned Residential where:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A purpose for which the land is held or used is to offer short-term rental accommodation;</li> <li>•The property has an active registration on the WA Government Short Term Rental Accommodation Register portal as at 1 July; and</li> <li>•The property doesn't have Shire planning approval to operate as short-term rental accommodation.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | To apply a differential rate and minimum payment to properties used as hosted short-term rental accommodation, in order to raise additional revenue to fund the level of service to these properties.                                                   | To ensure that a reasonable contribution towards the higher costs of services and facilities associated with the properties such as carparking, landscaping, street cleaning and provision of amenities, whilst recognising these costs are often lower than those associated with commercial, industrial or tourism properties. |
| Commercial, industrial, tourism | Properties zoned:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Commercial, Industrial or Tourism under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1</li> <li>•Commercial under the Local Planning Scheme No. 2</li> <li>•Other Zones (Light Industry, Industrial Development, or Tourism) under Local Planning Scheme No. 2</li> </ul> and:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Properties zoned Residential where a purpose for which the land is held or used is to offer home short stay accommodation primarily for tourism experiences. This is applicable to any rateable property with an active registration on 1 July on the WA Government Short-Term Rental Accommodation Register portal, and applies for the full financial year.</li> <li>•Properties that have planning approval to operate as short-term holiday rentals.</li> </ul> | To apply a differential rate and minimum payment to commercial, industrial and tourism zoned properties, and properties used as short-term rental accommodation, in order to raise additional revenue to fund the level of service to these properties. | To ensure that reasonable contribution is made towards the higher costs of services and facilities associated with properties such as carparking, landscaping, street cleaning and provision of amenities.                                                                                                                       |

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

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UV Rural        | <p>Properties zoned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rural under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1</li> <li>•Other zones (Priority Agriculture, Environmental Conservation or Special Use Zone) under the Local Planning Scheme No. 2 which are not rated under another UV differential rating category.</li> </ul>                                                           | To apply a differential rate and minimum payment to properties with rural zoning and use, and to provide the base for the other UV rating categories. | The other UV categories are considered to have higher demand on Shire services and resources.                                                                                      |
| UV 1            | <p>Properties zoned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rural under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1</li> <li>•Other zones (Priority Agriculture, Environmental Conservation or Special Use Zone) under the Local Planning Scheme No. 2 where a valid planning approval is in force for one non-rural use (other than residential use or ancillary residential use).</li> </ul> | To apply a differential rate and 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            | <p>Properties zoned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rural under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1</li> <li>•Other zones (Priority Agriculture, Environmental Conservation or Special Use Zone) under the Local Planning Scheme No. 2 where a valid planning approval is in force for one non-rural use (other than residential use or ancillary residential use).</li> </ul> | To apply a differential rate and 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            | <p>Properties zoned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rural under the Local Planning Scheme No. 1</li> <li>•Other zones (Priority Agriculture, Environmental Conservation or Special Use Zone) under the Local Planning Scheme No. 2 where a valid planning approval is in force for one non-rural use (other than residential use or ancillary residential use).</li> </ul> | To apply a differential rate and 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.                                                                                                        |
| UV Conservation | <p>Properties zoned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conservation in the Local Planning Scheme No. 1</li> <li>•Environmental Conservation in the Local Planning Scheme No. 2 where no valid planning approval is in force for one non-rural use (other than residential use or ancillary residential use).</li> </ul>                                                       | To apply a differential rate and minimum payment to properties with the above zoning.                                                                 | A lower differential rate and 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) Variation in Adopted Differential Rates to Local Public Notice

The following rates and minimum payments were previously set out in the local public notice giving notice of the intention to charge differential rates.

| Differential general rate or general rate | Proposed Rate in \$ | Adopted Rate in \$ | Reasons for the difference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hosted STRA                               | 0.128959            | 0.107617           | When Council considered rate submissions received at the OM on 24/6/26, they resolved to adopt and advertise a new rating category for hosted Short-Term Residential Accommodation (STRA). These properties were initially proposed to be rated as Tourism. The rate in the dollar is 24.74% higher than the Residential rate while the tourism rate is 49.48% higher. |

  

| Minimum payment | Proposed Minimum \$ | Adopted Minimum \$ | Reasons for the difference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hosted STRA     | 1,853               | 1,788              | When Council considered rate submissions received at the OM on 24/6/26, they resolved to adopt and advertise a new rating category for hosted Short-Term Residential Accommodation (STRA). These properties were initially proposed to be rated as Tourism. The minimum payment is 3.77% higher than the Residential rate while the Tourism minimum payment is 7.54% higher. |

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

**(e) Service Charges**

The Shire did not raise service charges for the year ended 30th June 2027.

**(f) Waivers or concessions**

| Rate, fee or charge<br>to which the waiver or<br>concession is granted | Type | Waiver/<br>Concession | Discount % | Discount (\$) | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget | Circumstances in which the<br>waiver or concession is<br>granted                               | Objects and reasons of the<br>waiver or concession                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Commercial, Industrial, Tourism                                        | Rate | Concession            | 100.0%     |               | \$ 1,853          | \$ 1,755          | \$ 1,755          | Satellite facilities site                                                                      | Provide TV broadcasting services<br>for community benefit.                                    |
| Commercial, Industrial, Tourism                                        | Rate | Concession            | 50.0%      |               | 3,675             | 3,480             | 3,480             | Augusta Golf Club                                                                              | Not for profit organisation with<br>limited resources.                                        |
| Residential                                                            | Rate | Concession            | 100.0%     |               | 0                 | 1,869             | 1,869             | A property on the railway reserve<br>with possible heritage value.                             | To minimise imposition of costs.                                                              |
| Commercial, Industrial, Tourism                                        | Rate | Concession            | 100.0%     |               | 9,672             | 9,159             | 9,159             | Carpark                                                                                        | To ensure privately owned land<br>developed with a carpark is<br>available for community use. |
| Commercial, Industrial, Tourism                                        | Rate | Concession            | 100.0%     |               | 4,385             | 4,152             | 4,152             | Land provided to Noongar Boodja<br>trust as part of the South West<br>Native Title Settlement. | To minimise imposition of costs.                                                              |
| Residential Vacant                                                     | Rate | Concession            | 100.0%     |               | 3,968             | 3,758             | 3,758             | As above                                                                                       | As above                                                                                      |
| Residential Vacant                                                     | Rate | Concession            | 100.0%     |               | 5,435             | 5,147             | 5,147             | As above                                                                                       | As above                                                                                      |
|                                                                        |      |                       |            |               | 28,988            | 29,320            | 29,320            |                                                                                                |                                                                                               |

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**3. NET CURRENT ASSETS**

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

**Current assets**

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

**Less: current liabilities**

Trade and other payables  
Contract liabilities  
Capital grant/contributions liabilities  
Lease liabilities  
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 | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>30 June 2027<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|      | \$                                                   | \$                                                   | \$                                                   |
| 4    | 19,449,927                                           | 40,026,042                                           | 26,064,424                                           |
|      | 13,000                                               | 13,000                                               | 13,000                                               |
|      | 4,106,092                                            | 4,476,092                                            | 3,532,924                                            |
|      | 396,614                                              | 386,614                                              | 246,059                                              |
|      | 621,261                                              | 591,261                                              | 248,427                                              |
|      | 0                                                    | 0                                                    | 648,806                                              |
|      | 24,586,894                                           | 45,493,009                                           | 30,753,640                                           |
|      | (4,602,496)                                          | (4,502,496)                                          | (3,539,537)                                          |
|      | (613,848)                                            | (2,113,848)                                          | (2,547,278)                                          |
|      | 4,000,000                                            | (3,500,000)                                          | (2,031,533)                                          |
| 7    | 45,197                                               | (27,899)                                             | (68,778)                                             |
| 8    | (1,057,123)                                          | (1,084,812)                                          | (1,111,602)                                          |
|      | (2,994,083)                                          | (2,798,083)                                          | (2,258,230)                                          |
|      | (2,449,469)                                          | (4,000,000)                                          | (3,189,122)                                          |
|      | (7,671,822)                                          | (18,027,138)                                         | (14,746,080)                                         |
|      | 16,915,072                                           | 27,465,871                                           | 16,007,560                                           |
| 3(b) | (16,915,072)                                         | (25,254,610)                                         | (16,007,560)                                         |
|      | 0                                                    | 2,211,261                                            | 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: Reserve accounts  
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year  
- Current portion of borrowings  
- Current portion of lease liabilities  
Add: Current liabilities covered by funds held in reserve account  
- 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 | (22,371,106) | (32,758,346) | (23,553,968) |
|   | 1,057,123    | 1,084,812    | 1,111,602    |
|   | (45,197)     | 27,899       | 68,778       |
|   | 465,313      | 445,062      | 423,777      |
|   | 1,529,326    | 1,945,963    | 1,942,251    |
|   | 2,449,469    | 4,000,000    | 4,000,000    |
|   | (16,915,072) | (25,254,610) | (16,007,560) |

**EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE IN 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) Amounts excluded from operating activities**

Less: Profit on asset disposals  
Add: Loss on asset disposals  
Add: Depreciation  
Movement in current liabilities associated funds held in reserve account:

**Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities**

| Note | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>30 June 2027<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>30 June 2026<br>Carried forward |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|      | \$                                                   | \$                                                   | \$                                                   |
| 5    | (54,871)                                             | (41,708)                                             | (86,502)                                             |
| 5    | 78,688                                               | 38,847                                               | 181,085                                              |
| 6    | 15,732,294                                           | 15,699,482                                           | 15,455,195                                           |
|      | 15,756,111                                           | 15,696,621                                           | 15,549,778                                           |

### 3. NET CURRENT ASSETS (CONTINUED)

#### (d) 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 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.

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### 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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**4. RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

**(a) 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 | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                                                          |      | \$ 19,449,927     | \$ 40,026,042     | \$ 26,064,424     |
| <b>Restrictions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |      |                   |                   |                   |
| The following classes of financial 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                                                                                                                                                                          |      | 18,984,954        | 38,372,194        | 25,611,951        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                    |      | 18,984,954        | 38,372,194        | 25,611,951        |
| The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:                                                                                   |      |                   |                   |                   |
| Reserve accounts                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9    | 22,371,106        | 32,758,346        | 23,553,968        |
| Contract liabilities                                                                                                                                                                               |      | 613,848           | 2,113,848         |                   |
| Capital grant/contributions liabilities                                                                                                                                                            |      | (4,000,000)       | 3,500,000         |                   |
| Unspent capital grants, subsidies and contribution liabilities                                                                                                                                     |      |                   |                   | 2,057,983         |
| <b>Total restricted financial assets</b>                                                                                                                                                           |      | 18,984,954        | 38,372,194        | 25,611,951        |

**(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities**

|                                                                |   |              |             |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net result                                                     |   | 8,232,102    | 1,348,227   | (327,636)   |
| Non-cash items:                                                |   |              |             |             |
| Depreciation                                                   | 6 | 15,732,294   | 15,699,482  | 15,455,195  |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of assets                                | 5 | 23,817       | (2,861)     | 94,583      |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:                             |   |              |             |             |
| (Increase)/decrease in receivables                             |   | 370,000      | (882,437)   |             |
| (Increase) in inventories                                      |   | (10,000)     | (41,921)    |             |
| (Increase)/decrease in other assets                            |   | (30,000)     | 849,821     |             |
| (Increase)/decrease in trade and other payables                |   | 100,000      | (956,299)   |             |
| (Increase)/decrease in contract liabilities                    |   | (1,906,643)  | 1,040,439   |             |
| (Increase)/decrease in capital grant/contributions liabilities |   | (1,000,000)  | 734,908     |             |
| Decrease in employee related provisions                        |   | 196,000      | 326,530     |             |
| Capital grants, subsidies and contributions                    |   | (16,933,444) | (7,321,190) | (9,000,111) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                      |   | 4,774,126    | 10,794,699  | 6,222,031   |

**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.

Term deposits are presented as cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition and are repayable with 24 hours notice with no loss of interest.

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.

Interest received is presented under cashflows from operating activities in the Statement of Cash Flows where it is earned from financial assets that are held for cash management purposes.

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5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|                                              | 2026/27 Budget |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       |                     | 2025/26 Actual |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       |                     | 2025/26 Budget |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                              | Additions      | In-kind | Disposals -<br>Net Book<br>Value | Transfer to non-<br>current assets<br>classified as<br>held for sale | Disposals -<br>Sale<br>Proceeds | Disposals -<br>Profit | Disposals -<br>Loss | Additions      | In-kind | Disposals -<br>Net Book<br>Value | Transfer to non-<br>current assets<br>classified as<br>held for sale | Disposals -<br>Sale<br>Proceeds | Disposals -<br>Profit | Disposals -<br>Loss | Additions      | In-kind | Disposals -<br>Net Book<br>Value | Transfer to non-<br>current assets<br>classified as<br>held for sale | Disposals -<br>Sale<br>Proceeds | Disposals -<br>Profit | Disposals -<br>Loss |
| (a) Property, Plant and Equipment            | \$             | \$      | \$                               |                                                                      | \$                              | \$                    | \$                  | \$             | \$      | \$                               |                                                                      | \$                              | \$                    | \$                  | \$             | \$      | \$                               |                                                                      | \$                              | \$                    | \$                  |
| Buildings - specialised                      | 1,867,546      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 1,019,686      |         | (18,057)                         |                                                                      |                                 |                       | (18,057)            | 1,446,621      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Furniture and equipment                      | 211,937        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 273,362        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 593,700        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Plant and equipment                          | 3,380,000      |         | (422,817)                        |                                                                      | 399,000                         | 54,871                | (78,688)            | 2,537,689      |         | (179,835)                        |                                                                      | 200,753                         | 41,708                | (20,790)            | 4,964,600      |         | (584,710)                        |                                                                      | 490,127                         | 86,502                | (181,085)           |
| Total                                        | 5,459,483      | 0       | (422,817)                        | 0                                                                    | 399,000                         | 54,871                | (78,688)            | 3,830,757      | 0       | (197,892)                        | 0                                                                    | 200,753                         | 41,708                | (38,847)            | 7,004,921      | 0       | (584,710)                        | 0                                                                    | 490,127                         | 86,502                | (181,085)           |
| (b) Infrastructure                           |                |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       |                     |                |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       |                     |                |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       |                     |
| Infrastructure - roads                       | 7,726,995      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 6,059,375      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 6,524,278      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - paths                       | 8,670,124      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 1,979,211      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 2,093,522      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - drainage                    | 366,673        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 227,152        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 512,500        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - public utilities            | 2,496,900      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 47,787         |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 560,040        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - parks and reserves          | 1,681,260      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 678,026        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 1,633,944      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - waste management facilities | 4,250,000      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 13,029         |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 4,280,000      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - aerodromes                  | 99,554         |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 214,863        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 243,718        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - car parks                   | 519,230        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 185,410        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 469,010        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - marine structures           | 1,103,788      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 161,771        |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 1,018,550      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - caravan and camping         | 0              |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 62,029         |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 85,000         |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Infrastructure - road bridges                | 1,608,080      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 1,470,348      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   | 1,487,500      |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Cemeteries                                   | 28,800         |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |                |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |                |         |                                  |                                                                      |                                 |                       | 0                   |
| Total                                        | 28,551,404     | 0       | 0                                | 0                                                                    | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 11,099,001     | 0       | 0                                | 0                                                                    | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   | 18,908,062     | 0       | 0                                | 0                                                                    | 0                               | 0                     | 0                   |
| Total                                        | 34,010,887     | 0       | (422,817)                        | 0                                                                    | 399,000                         | 54,871                | (78,688)            | 14,929,758     | 0       | (197,892)                        | 0                                                                    | 200,753                         | 41,708                | (38,847)            | 25,912,983     | 0       | (584,710)                        | 0                                                                    | 490,127                         | 86,502                | (181,085)           |

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 - roads                       |
| Infrastructure - paths                       |
| Infrastructure - drainage                    |
| Infrastructure - public utilities            |
| Infrastructure - parks and reserves          |
| Infrastructure - waste management facilities |
| Infrastructure - aerodromes                  |
| Infrastructure - car parks                   |
| Infrastructure - marine structures           |
| Infrastructure - caravan and camping         |
| Infrastructure - road bridges                |
| Right of use - plant and equipment           |

**By Program**

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

| 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$                | \$                | \$                |
| 3,585,107         | 3,577,630         | 3,521,961         |
| 268,993           | 268,432           | 264,255           |
| 1,021,639         | 1,019,508         | 1,003,644         |
| 7,124,355         | 7,109,497         | 6,998,872         |
| 592,766           | 591,529           | 582,325           |
| 947,118           | 945,143           | 930,436           |
| 265,871           | 265,316           | 261,188           |
| 1,187,413         | 1,184,936         | 1,166,499         |
| 83,351            | 83,177            | 81,883            |
| 137,966           | 137,678           | 135,536           |
| 54,782            | 54,668            | 53,817            |
| 85,312            | 85,134            | 83,809            |
| 43,472            | 43,381            | 42,706            |
| 225,799           | 225,329           | 221,822           |
| 108,350           | 108,124           | 106,441           |
| 15,732,294        | 15,699,482        | 15,455,195        |
| 69,350            | 67,083            | 68,985            |
| 537,097           | 464,456           | 400,040           |
| 183,230           | 188,230           | 183,595           |
| 4,320,870         | 4,332,317         | 4,267,580         |
| 9,504,600         | 9,504,511         | 9,329,035         |
| 227,395           | 230,899           | 224,840           |
| 889,752           | 911,986           | 981,120           |
| 15,732,294        | 15,699,482        | 15,455,195        |

**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 - roads                       | up to 80 years      |
| Infrastructure - paths                       | up to 50 years      |
| Infrastructure - drainage                    | up to 80 years      |
| Infrastructure - public utilities            | up to 40 years      |
| Infrastructure - parks and reserves          | up to 50 years      |
| Infrastructure - waste management facilities | up to 40 years      |
| Infrastructure - aerodromes                  | up to 80 years      |
| Infrastructure - car parks                   | up to 60 years      |
| Infrastructure - marine structures           | up to 30 years      |
| Infrastructure - caravan and camping         | up to 80 years      |
| Infrastructure - road bridges                | up to 80 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. LEASE LIABILITIES**

| Purpose              | Lease Number | Institution | Lease Interest Rate | Lease Term | Budget Lease Principal 1 July 2026 | 2026/27 Budget New Leases | 2026/27 Budget Lease Principal Repayments | Budget Lease Principal outstanding 30 June 2027 | 2026/27 Budget Lease Interest Repayments | Actual Principal 1 July 2025 | 2025/26 Actual New Leases | 2025/26 Actual Lease Principal repayments | Actual Lease Principal outstanding 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Actual Lease Interest repayments | Budget 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 |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                      |              |             |                     |            | \$                                 | \$                        | \$                                        | \$                                              | \$                                       | \$                           | \$                        | \$                                        | \$                                              | \$                                       | \$                           | \$                        | \$                                        | \$                                              | \$                                       |
| Postage meter        |              |             |                     |            | 1,427                              |                           | (3,976)                                   | (2,549)                                         | (37)                                     | 5,440                        |                           | (4,013)                                   | 1,427                                           | (4)                                      | 5,440                        | 0                         | (3,976)                                   | 1,464                                           | (37)                                     |
| CESM utility vehicle |              |             |                     |            | 0                                  |                           | 0                                         | 0                                               | 0                                        | 3,579                        |                           | (3,579)                                   | 0                                               | 79                                       | 3,579                        | 0                         | (3,579)                                   | 0                                               | (9)                                      |
| CESM utility pod     |              |             |                     |            | 0                                  |                           | 0                                         | 0                                               | 0                                        | 1,266                        |                           | (1,266)                                   | 0                                               | 26                                       | 1,266                        | 0                         | (1,266)                                   | 0                                               | (4)                                      |
| Patching truck       |              |             |                     |            | 230,388                            |                           | (64,277)                                  | 166,111                                         | (13,092)                                 | 307,757                      |                           | (77,369)                                  | 230,388                                         | (6,547)                                  | 307,757                      | 0                         | (64,277)                                  | 243,480                                         | (13,092)                                 |
| CESM utility vehicle |              | SG Fleet    | 2.3%                | 3 years    | 0                                  |                           | (4,843)                                   | (4,843)                                         | (13)                                     | 0                            |                           | 0                                         | 0                                               | 0                                        | 0                            | 0                         | 0                                         | 0                                               | 0                                        |
|                      |              |             |                     |            | 231,815                            | 0                         | (73,096)                                  | 158,719                                         | (13,142)                                 | 318,042                      | 0                         | (86,227)                                  | 231,815                                         | (6,446)                                  | 318,042                      | 0                         | (73,098)                                  | 244,944                                         | (13,142)                                 |

**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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8. BORROWINGS

(a) Borrowing repayments

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

| Purpose                            | Loan<br>Number | Institution | Interest<br>Rate | Budget<br>Principal<br>1 July 2026 | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>New<br>Loans | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>Principal<br>Repayments | Budget<br>Principal<br>outstanding<br>30 June 2027 | 2026/27<br>Budget<br>Interest<br>Repayments | Actual<br>Principal<br>1 July 2025 | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>New<br>Loans | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>Principal<br>Repayments | Actual<br>Principal<br>outstanding<br>30 June 2026 | 2025/26<br>Actual<br>Interest<br>Repayments | Budget<br>Principal<br>1 July 2025 | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>New<br>Loans | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>Principal<br>Repayments | Budget<br>Principal<br>outstanding<br>30 June 2026 | 2025/26<br>Budget<br>Interest<br>Repayments |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                    |                |             |                  | \$                                 | \$                                | \$                                           | \$                                                 | \$                                          | \$                                 | \$                                | \$                                           | \$                                                 | \$                                          | \$                                 | \$                                | \$                                           | \$                                                 | \$                                          |
| Civic Administration Building      | 191            | WATC        | 5.15%            | 2,836,948                          |                                   | (458,248)                                    | 2,378,700                                          | (137,347)                                   | 3,272,337                          |                                   | (435,389)                                    | 2,836,948                                          | (159,749)                                   | 3,272,337                          | 0                                 | (435,389)                                    | 2,836,948                                          | (160,207)                                   |
| Cultural Centre Redevelopment      | 192            | WATC        | 3.48%            | 584,492                            |                                   | (75,075)                                     | 509,417                                            | (19,367)                                    | 657,010                            |                                   | (72,518)                                     | 584,492                                            | (19,066)                                    | 657,010                            | 0                                 | (72,518)                                     | 584,492                                            | (21,924)                                    |
| Margaret River Youth Precinct      | 193            | WATC        | 2.97%            | 59,325                             |                                   | (39,256)                                     | 20,069                                             | (1,327)                                     | 97,436                             |                                   | (38,111)                                     | 59,325                                             | (2,157)                                     | 97,436                             | 0                                 | (38,111)                                     | 59,325                                             | (2,472)                                     |
| Asbestos Removal and Reinstatement | 194            | WATC        | 3.20%            | 226,274                            |                                   | (111,334)                                    | 114,940                                            | (5,913)                                     | 334,116                            |                                   | (107,842)                                    | 226,274                                            | (7,233)                                     | 334,016                            | 0                                 | (107,842)                                    | 226,174                                            | (9,406)                                     |
| Cultural Centre Redevelopment      | 195            | WATC        | 3.58%            | 281,114                            |                                   | (33,545)                                     | 247,569                                            | (8,999)                                     | 313,558                            |                                   | (32,444)                                     | 281,114                                            | (9,329)                                     | 313,558                            | 0                                 | (32,444)                                     | 281,114                                            | (10,099)                                    |
| Building Projects                  | 196            | WATC        | 1.45%            | 419,666                            |                                   | (81,518)                                     | 338,148                                            | (5,651)                                     | 500,012                            |                                   | (80,346)                                     | 419,666                                            | (5,546)                                     | 500,012                            | 0                                 | (80,346)                                     | 419,666                                            | (6,822)                                     |
| Aquatic Centre Renewal             | 197            | WATC        | 3.97%            | 6,865,710                          |                                   | (312,726)                                    | 6,552,984                                          | (271,055)                                   | 7,167,351                          |                                   | (301,641)                                    | 6,865,710                                          | (252,583)                                   | 7,167,351                          | 0                                 | (300,479)                                    | 6,866,872                                          | (283,304)                                   |
| Gnarabup Café                      | 181            | WATC        | 6.22%            | 0                                  |                                   | 0                                            | 0                                                  |                                             | 16,884                             |                                   | (16,884)                                     | 0                                                  | (567)                                       | 16,884                             | 0                                 | (16,884)                                     | 0                                                  | (661)                                       |
|                                    |                |             |                  | 11,273,529                         | 0                                 | (1,111,702)                                  | 10,161,827                                         | (449,659)                                   | 12,358,704                         | 0                                 | (1,085,175)                                  | 11,273,529                                         | (456,230)                                   | 12,358,604                         | 0                                 | (1,084,013)                                  | 11,274,591                                         | (494,895)                                   |

All borrowing repayments, other than self supporting loans, will be financed by general purpose revenue.

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8. BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

(b) New borrowings - 2026/27

The Shire does not intend to undertake any new borrowings for the year ended 30th June 2027

(c) Unspent borrowings

The Shire had no unspent borrowing funds as at 30th June 2026 nor is it expected to have unspent borrowing funds as at 30th June 2027.

(d) Credit Facilities

|                                        | 2026/27<br>Budget | 2025/26<br>Actual | 2025/26<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                        | \$                | \$                | \$                |
| <b>Undrawn borrowing facilities</b>    |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>credit standby arrangements</b>     |                   |                   |                   |
| Bank overdraft limit                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Bank overdraft at balance date         |                   |                   |                   |
| Credit card limit                      | 32,000            | 32,000            | 32,000            |
| Credit card balance at balance date    | 0                 | (9,430)           | 0                 |
| <b>Total amount of credit unused</b>   | 32,000            | 22,570            | 32,000            |
| <b>Loan facilities</b>                 |                   |                   |                   |
| Loan facilities in use at balance date | 10,161,827        | 11,273,529        | 11,274,591        |

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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**9. RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

**(a) Reserve Accounts - Movement**

|                                                     | 2026/27 Budget  |             |                 |                 | 2025/26 Actual  |             |                 |                 | 2025/26 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            | 3,213,764       | 762,287     | (2,445,224)     | 1,530,827       | 3,082,434       | 1,180,876   | (32,551)        | 4,230,759       | 3,071,435       | 554,478     | (102,356)       | 3,523,557       |
| (b) Infrastructure assets contributions reserve     | 805,295         | 234,036     | (126,333)       | 912,998         | 772,388         | 40,497      | 0               | 812,885         | 715,675         | 95,252      | (70,000)        | 740,927         |
| (c) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC126197, Blackwood Ave) | 81,935          | 3,728       | 0               | 85,663          | 78,586          | 3,349       | 0               | 81,935          | 78,292          | 2,664       | 0               | 80,956          |
| (d) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC116132, Cowaramup)     | 83,458          | 3,797       | 0               | 87,255          | 80,048          | 3,410       | 0               | 83,458          | 79,748          | 2,713       | 0               | 82,461          |
| (e) Cash in lieu of POS (WAPC55869, Margaret River) | 125,075         | 5,691       | 0               | 130,766         | 119,964         | 5,111       | 0               | 125,075         | 119,515         | 4,066       | 0               | 123,581         |
|                                                     | 4,309,527       | 1,009,539   | (2,571,557)     | 2,747,509       | 4,133,420       | 1,233,243   | (32,551)        | 5,334,112       | 4,064,665       | 659,173     | (172,356)       | 4,551,482       |
| <b>Restricted by council</b>                        |                 |             |                 |                 |                 |             |                 |                 |                 |             |                 |                 |
| (f) Staff leave reserve                             | 445,062         | 20,251      | 0               | 465,313         | 426,875         | 18,187      | 0               | 445,062         | 425,277         | 14,469      | 0               | 439,746         |
| (g) Caravan Park Upgrade reserve                    | 1,931,772       | 102,795     | 0               | 2,034,567       | 1,852,476       | 279,295     | (926,639)       | 1,205,132       | 1,857,205       | 262,789     | (972,891)       | 1,147,103       |
| (h) Limesand Pit reserve                            | 79,417          | 3,614       | 0               | 83,031          | 76,172          | 3,245       | 0               | 79,417          | 75,887          | 2,582       | 0               | 78,469          |
| (i) Cemeteries reserve                              | 14,905          | 678         | 0               | 15,583          | 14,297          | 608         | 0               | 14,905          | 14,243          | 485         | 0               | 14,728          |
| (j) Community Loan reserve                          | 294,749         | 25,783      | 0               | 320,532         | 282,705         | 27,544      | (20,000)        | 290,249         | 281,680         | 21,082      | (20,000)        | 282,762         |
| (k) Cedarvale reserve                               | 272,908         | 12,418      | 0               | 285,326         | 261,756         | 11,152      | 0               | 272,908         | 260,776         | 8,872       | 0               | 269,648         |
| (l) Waste Management reserve                        | 10,401,911      | 1,881,431   | (5,726,182)     | 6,557,160       | 9,976,126       | 2,231,408   | (1,352,865)     | 10,854,669      | 10,260,807      | 2,034,137   | (5,746,352)     | 6,548,592       |
| (m) Parking reserve                                 | 107,582         | 4,895       | 0               | 112,477         | 103,186         | 4,396       | 0               | 107,582         | 102,800         | 3,497       | 0               | 106,297         |
| (n) Biodiversity reserve                            | 303,318         | 11,033      | (63,674)        | 250,677         | 290,924         | 12,394      | (1,270)         | 302,048         | 289,794         | 9,861       | (60,000)        | 239,655         |
| (o) Community Facility reserve                      | 6,392           | 289         | 0               | 6,681           | 6,148           | 244         | 0               | 6,392           | 6,059           | 208         | 0               | 6,267           |
| (p) Plant reserve                                   | 1,520,211       | 747,089     | (1,181,000)     | 1,086,300       | 1,458,088       | 828,502     | (1,220,359)     | 1,066,231       | 1,453,459       | 874,321     | (1,894,473)     | 433,307         |
| (q) Cowaramup reserve                               | 513,152         | 23,349      | 0               | 536,501         | 492,183         | 20,969      | 0               | 513,152         | 490,340         | 16,682      | 0               | 507,022         |
| (r) Gravel Pits reserve                             | 412,759         | 18,781      | 0               | 431,540         | 395,890         | 16,869      | 0               | 412,759         | 394,408         | 13,419      | 0               | 407,827         |
| (s) Self insurance reserve                          | 40,017          | 1,821       | 0               | 41,838          | 38,382          | 1,635       | 0               | 40,017          | 38,238          | 1,301       | 0               | 39,539          |
| (t) Recreation Centres reserve                      | 32,599          | 896         | (7,500)         | 25,995          | 31,267          | 4,530       | (7,602)         | 28,195          | 31,149          | 1,160       | (15,000)        | 17,309          |
| (u) Old Settlement reserve                          | 339,459         | 73,927      | (60,650)        | 352,736         | 325,585         | 72,462      | 0               | 398,047         | 322,498         | 67,576      | (60,650)        | 329,424         |
| (v) Community Grants reserve                        | 28,015          | 1,275       | 0               | 29,290          | 26,869          | 1,146       | 0               | 28,015          | 26,768          | 911         | 0               | 27,679          |
| (w) Emergency Services reserve                      | 191,562         | 8,716       | 0               | 200,278         | 183,734         | 7,828       | 0               | 191,562         | 183,046         | 6,228       | 0               | 189,274         |
| (x) Augusta Revitalisation reserve                  | 256,933         | 845         | 0               | 257,778         | 246,374         | 10,559      | (244,000)       | 12,933          | 244,364         | 8,351       | (234,000)       | 18,715          |
| (y) Youth Facilities reserve                        | 133,910         | 61,112      | (40,000)        | 155,022         | 128,436         | 65,408      | (77,404)        | 116,440         | 125,932         | 57,713      | (92,000)        | 91,645          |
| (z) Sporting reserve                                | 304,344         | 620,309     | (175,000)       | 749,653         | 291,888         | 1,032,141   | 0               | 1,324,029       | 291,009         | 1,009,893   | (163,400)       | 1,137,502       |
| (aa) Roads reserve                                  | 1,193,194       | 54,291      | (66,667)        | 1,180,818       | 1,144,433       | 48,761      | 0               | 1,193,194       | 1,140,148       | 38,790      | 0               | 1,178,938       |
| (ab) Emergency Disaster Relief reserve              | 120,335         | 5,475       | 0               | 125,810         | 115,419         | 4,916       | 0               | 120,335         | 114,987         | 3,912       | 0               | 118,899         |
| (ac) Legal/Risk reserve                             | 79,538          | 3,619       | 0               | 83,157          | 76,286          | 3,252       | 0               | 79,538          | 76,000          | 2,586       | 0               | 78,586          |
| (ad) ICT reserve                                    | 3,891,106       | 601,084     | (1,935,317)     | 2,556,873       | 3,731,388       | 609,719     | (1,076,515)     | 3,264,592       | 3,985,116       | 869,439     | (2,666,000)     | 2,188,555       |
| (ae) Asset Renewal reserve                          | 3,229,290       | 510,488     | (1,223,640)     | 2,516,138       | 3,095,262       | 1,054,728   | (1,038,469)     | 3,111,521       | 3,857,217       | 1,025,613   | (2,307,198)     | 2,575,632       |
| (af) Storm Damage reserve                           | 501,350         | 183,628     | 0               | 684,978         | 480,861         | 20,489      | (250,000)       | 251,350         | 479,061         | 16,299      | (1)             | 495,359         |
| (ag) Unspent Grants Reserve                         | 0               | 1,510       | (1,563,965)     | (1,562,455)     | 996,865         | 1,693,960   | (996,865)       | 1,693,960       | 997,084         | 33,788      | (996,865)       | 34,007          |
| (ah) Revaluation Reserve                            | 0               | 40,000      | 0               | 40,000          | 0               | 0           | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0           | 0               | 0               |
|                                                     | 26,645,790      | 5,021,402   | (12,043,595)    | 19,623,597      | 26,549,875      | 8,086,347   | (7,211,988)     | 27,424,234      | 27,825,352      | 6,405,964   | (15,228,830)    | 19,002,486      |
|                                                     | 30,955,317      | 6,030,941   | (14,615,152)    | 22,371,106      | 30,683,295      | 9,319,590   | (7,244,539)     | 32,758,346      | 31,890,017      | 7,065,137   | (15,401,186)    | 23,553,968      |

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**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 (WAPC55869, Margaret River) |                         | To be used as per the conditions of the subdivision.                                                                                          |
| <b>Restricted by council</b>                        |                         |                                                                                                                                               |
| (f) Staff leave reserve                             | As required             | To be used to fund annual and long service leave requirements.                                                                                |
| (g) Caravan Park Upgrade reserve                    | As required             | To be used for the upgrading of holiday parks and camping grounds.                                                                            |
| (h) Limesand Pit reserve                            | As required             | To be used for the rehabilitation and development of the Boranup, Redgate and any other Shire limesand pits.                                  |
| (i) Cemeteries reserve                              | As required             | To be used for the upgrade of cemeteries.                                                                                                     |
| (j) Community Loan reserve                          | As required             | To be used for the interest-free funding of eligible groups associated with sporting and cultural activities.                                 |
| (k) Cedarvale reserve                               | As required             | To be used to meet obligations in respect of the Cedarvale agreement for Gnarabup and future foreshore rehabilitation at Prevelly & Gnarabup. |
| (l) Waste Management reserve                        | As required             | To fund future waste facility and plant requirements.                                                                                         |
| (m) Parking reserve                                 | As required             | To be used to fund future car parking requirements.                                                                                           |
| (n) Biodiversity reserve                            | As required             | To be used for the funding of biodiversity initiatives.                                                                                       |
| (o) Community Facility reserve                      | As required             | To be used for the construction and major maintenance of community buildings and facilities.                                                  |
| (p) Plant reserve                                   | As required             | To be used for the purchase of plant, vehicles and equipment.                                                                                 |
| (q) Cowaramup reserve                               | As required             | To be used for infrastructure and capital improvements within the Cowaramup townsite and West Cowaramup townsite strategy area.               |
| (r) Gravel Pits reserve                             | As required             | To be used for the rehabilitation and development of the Shire's gravel and other related resource reserves.                                  |
| (s) Self insurance reserve                          | As required             | To be used to fund self insurance, workers compensation performance risk, risk management and related employee and organisational activities. |
| (t) Recreation Centres reserve                      | As required             | To be used for future improvements to recreation facilities.                                                                                  |
| (u) Old Settlement reserve                          | As required             | To be used to fund future improvements to facilities at the Old Settlement site.                                                              |
| (v) Community Grants reserve                        | As required             | To be used in the provision of community grants.                                                                                              |
| (w) Emergency Services reserve                      | As required             | To be used to support the provision of emergency services in the Shire.                                                                       |
| (x) Augusta Revitalisation reserve                  | As required             | To be used for funding capital projects in Augusta.                                                                                           |
| (y) Youth Facilities reserve                        | As required             | To be used to renew and develop youth facilities in the Shire.                                                                                |
| (z) Sporting reserve                                | As required             | To be used for development of Active Sporting Areas.                                                                                          |
| (aa) Roads reserve                                  | As required             | To be used to renew and upgrade roads in the Shire.                                                                                           |
| (ab) Emergency Disaster Relief reserve              | As required             | To provide funds for the Shire and community to respond to emergency events.                                                                  |
| (ac) Legal/Risk reserve                             | As required             | To be used to assist with legal and risk matters.                                                                                             |
| (ad) ICT reserve                                    | As required             | To provide funds for the replacement and upgrade of ICT software and hardware systems.                                                        |
| (ae) Asset Renewal reserve                          | As required             | To provide funds for the renewal of the Shire's building and infrastructure assets.                                                           |
| (af) Storm Damage reserve                           | As required             | To provide funds to assist with storm damage clean-up.                                                                                        |
| (ag) Unspent Grants Reserve                         | As required             | To hold Government and third party monies received in advance as well as deferred municipal funded work.                                      |
| (ah) Revaluation Reserve                            | As required             | To be used to fund statutory external revaluations for assets and property values                                                             |

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**10. OTHER INFORMATION**

**The net result includes as revenues**

**(a) Interest earnings**

|                        |                  |                  |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investments            | 1,541,933        | 1,717,300        | 1,647,366        |
| Other interest revenue | 430,000          | 521,647          | 284,700          |
|                        | <b>1,971,933</b> | <b>2,238,947</b> | <b>1,932,066</b> |

\* 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) Auditors remuneration**

|                |               |               |               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Audit services | 54,000        | 52,414        | 53,986        |
| Other services | 3,400         | 3,500         | 3,681         |
|                | <b>57,400</b> | <b>55,914</b> | <b>57,667</b> |

**(c) Interest expenses (finance costs)**

|                                              |                |                |                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Borrowings (refer Note 8(a))                 | 449,659        | 456,230        | 494,895        |
| Interest on lease liabilities (refer Note 7) | 13,142         | 6,446          | 13,142         |
|                                              | <b>462,801</b> | <b>462,676</b> | <b>508,037</b> |

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**11. COUNCIL MEMBERS REMUNERATION**

|                                          | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Budget</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                          | \$                        | \$                        | \$                        |
| <b>President</b>                         |                           |                           |                           |
| President's allowance                    | 73,435                    | 70,951                    | 70,951                    |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 36,112                    | 34,890                    | 34,890                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,150                     | 3,150                     | 3,150                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     | 578                       | 2,000                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 13,146                    | 8,838                     | 9,499                     |
|                                          | <b>127,343</b>            | <b>118,407</b>            | <b>120,490</b>            |
| <b>Deputy President</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Deputy President's allowance             | 18,359                    | 17,592                    | 17,738                    |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 25,806                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,150                     | 3,124                     | 3,395                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     | 512                       | 2,000                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 5,435                     | 3,672                     | 3,668                     |
|                                          | <b>55,375</b>             | <b>50,706</b>             | <b>52,821</b>             |
| <b>Council member 1</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 26,020                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,500                     | 3,500                     | 3,500                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     |                           | 2,000                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 3,232                     | 2,173                     | 2,181                     |
|                                          | <b>35,163</b>             | <b>31,693</b>             | <b>33,701</b>             |
| <b>Council member 2</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 26,020                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,500                     | 3,500                     | 3,500                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     |                           | 2,000                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 3,232                     | 2,173                     | 2,181                     |
|                                          | <b>35,163</b>             | <b>31,693</b>             | <b>33,701</b>             |
| <b>Council member 3</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 25,806                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,150                     | 3,317                     | 3,500                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     | 1,173                     | 2,000                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 3,232                     | 2,156                     | 2,181                     |
|                                          | <b>34,813</b>             | <b>32,452</b>             | <b>33,701</b>             |
| <b>Council member 4</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 25,806                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,150                     | 3,124                     | 3,395                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     | 1,922                     | 2,000                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 3,232                     | 2,156                     | 2,181                     |
|                                          | <b>34,813</b>             | <b>33,008</b>             | <b>33,596</b>             |
| <b>Council member 5</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 25,806                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,500                     | 3,124                     | 3,395                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     | 1,320                     | 2,500                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 3,232                     | 2,156                     | 2,181                     |
|                                          | <b>35,163</b>             | <b>32,406</b>             | <b>34,096</b>             |
| <b>Council member 6</b>                  |                           |                           |                           |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 26,931                    | 17,964                    | 26,020                    |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 3,150                     | 2,175                     | 2,445                     |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 1,500                     | 2,257                     | 2,500                     |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 3,232                     | 2,156                     | 2,181                     |
|                                          | <b>34,813</b>             | <b>24,552</b>             | <b>33,146</b>             |
| <b>Total Council Member Remuneration</b> | <b>392,646</b>            | <b>354,917</b>            | <b>375,252</b>            |
| President's allowance                    | 73,435                    | 70,951                    | 70,951                    |
| Deputy President's allowance             | 18,359                    | 17,592                    | 17,738                    |
| Meeting attendance fees                  | 224,629                   | 208,118                   | 217,030                   |
| Annual allowance for ICT expenses        | 26,250                    | 25,014                    | 26,280                    |
| Travel and accommodation expenses        | 12,000                    | 7,762                     | 17,000                    |
| Superannuation contribution payments     | 37,973                    | 25,480                    | 26,253                    |
|                                          | <b>392,646</b>            | <b>354,917</b>            | <b>375,252</b>            |

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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<br>30 June 2026 | Estimated<br>amounts<br>received | Estimated<br>amounts<br>paid | Estimated<br>balance<br>30 June 2027 |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                   | \$                      | \$                               | \$                           | \$                                   |
| 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**

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 (CONTINUED)**

**(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:

| Revenue Category                              | Nature of goods and services                                                                                     | When obligations typically satisfied | Payment terms                                                            | Returns/Refunds / Warranties                | Determination of transaction price                                          | Allocating transaction price                                    | Measuring obligations for returns                                   | Timing of Revenue recognition                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 | Set by mutual agreement with the customer                                   | Based on the progress of works to match performance obligations | Returns limited to repayment of transaction price of terms breached | 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                                        | Set by State legislation or limited by legislation to the cost of provision | Based on timing of issue of the associated rights               | No refunds                                                          | 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                                        | Adopted by council annually                                                 | Based on timing of entry to facility                            | Not applicable                                                      | On entry to facility                                                                                                     |
| Airport landing charges                       | Permission to use facilities and runway                                                                          | Single point in time                 | Monthly in arrears                                                       | None                                        | Adopted by council annually                                                 | Applied fully on timing of landing/take-off                     | Not applicable                                                      | 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                                        | Adopted by council annually                                                 | Applied fully based on timing of provision                      | Not applicable                                                      | 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                     | Adopted by council annually, set by mutual agreement                        | Applied fully based on timing of provision                      | Returns limited to repayment of transaction price                   | 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**

|                           | <b>2026/27<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2025/26<br/>Budget</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                           | \$                        | \$                        | \$                        |
| <b>By Program:</b>        |                           |                           |                           |
| Governance                | 644,684                   | 561,424                   | 623,773                   |
| General purpose funding   | 213,433                   | 210,792                   | 196,286                   |
| Law, order, public safety | 215,900                   | 178,997                   | 215,900                   |
| Health                    | 142,000                   | 168,095                   | 142,000                   |
| Education and welfare     | 722,814                   | 705,050                   | 807,444                   |
| Community amenities       | 7,011,376                 | 7,379,222                 | 6,629,999                 |
| Recreation and culture    | 2,448,307                 | 2,414,024                 | 2,072,347                 |
| Transport                 | 250,700                   | 302,744                   | 178,700                   |
| Economic services         | 4,155,943                 | 4,090,331                 | 3,614,412                 |
|                           | <b>15,805,157</b>         | <b>16,010,679</b>         | <b>14,480,861</b>         |

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