



Ordinary Council Meeting

28 January 2026

MINUTES

Meeting Notice

To the Shire President and Councillors,

Please be advised that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River will be held in 41 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River on 28 January 2026, commencing at 5:30 pm.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Selvey".

ANDREA SELVEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River acknowledges we are on Wadandi and Pibelmen Boodja, whose ancestors and their descendants are the traditional owners of this country.

We acknowledge the Wadandi and Pibelmen have been custodians since the land was soft (creation times) and continue to perform age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

The Shire is committed to Aboriginal Australians sharing fairly and equitably in the region's cultural, social, environmental and economic future.

Our Values

- Respect
- Integrity
- Community
- Excellence

Community Vision

One community, standing together with nature.

Focus Areas

Caring for our natural environment

From preserving and restoring biodiversity to acting on climate change, we are committing to undertaking action and partnering with local groups to keep our environment healthy.

Managing our built environment

We're placing a strong focus on ensuring our built environment is functional, sustainable, accessible, safe and sympathetic to the surrounds, and promotes active lifestyles and community connection.

Looking after our growing community

To meet the needs of a growing population, we'll be working hard to support community wellbeing through advocating for better access to healthcare, childcare, aged care and education services, and partnering on community programs, events and cultural connection.

ATTENTION/DISCLAIMER

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.30pm

The Shire President gave an Acknowledgement of Country:

'Kaya Quabba Kidji Jinnung Noonda Gulyarra Yerunga Wadandi Boodja.

Hello good to see you altogether on Wadandi Boodja

Ngarlack Kaatij Wadandi Yunganjarli Wadandi Boodja.

I would like to acknowledge the Wadandi People, the Traditional Owners of Wadandi.'

2. ATTENDANCE

Shire President	:	Cr Julia Jean-Rice
Councillors	:	Cr Lisa Bell Cr Greg Boland Cr Melissa D'Ath Cr Joe Forte Cr Kylie Kennaugh Cr Pamela Winter
Chief Executive Officer	:	Ms Andrea Selvey
Director Corporate and Customer Services	:	Ms Melanie Stevens
Director Sustainable Economy and Communities	:	Mr Nick Byrne
Director Sustainable Development and Infrastructure Services	:	Mr Nick Logan
Senior Governance and Risk Officer	:	Ms Claire Schiller
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	:	8
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS	:	Nil

2.1 Apologies

Manager of Planning and Regulatory Services, Mr Matt Cuthbert
Manager Legal and Governance, Mr Ian McLeod

2.2 Approved Leave of Absence

Cr Tracey Muir

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

4.1. Response To Previous Public Questions Taken On Notice

4.1.1 Item 11.2.2 Coastal Infrastructure - Riflebutts to Gas Bay Concept Plan – Helen Bradbury

Helen Bradbury asked the following questions in relation to Item 11.2.2 Coastal Infrastructure - Riflebutts to Gas Bay Concept Plan.

- Q1:** Why was the concept of Beach Access as described on page 28 in the section “Mitchell Drive Car Parking and Beach Access” not included in the original documents presented to the community to comment on during the consultation period? There was no mention of Beach Access in the Community Consultation summary that closed in November 2024.
- Q2:** Will the Community have an opportunity to provide comment on this *Beach Access plan* to remove vital coastal fore dune vegetation for the perceived need of an “*additional emergency jetski/boat launch point*” which would appear to have arisen because of issues with the existing boat ramp not having been addressed?
- Q3:** Will the Community be consulted on this matter prior to the commencement of any clearing of coastal fore dune vegetation for emergency vehicle beach access?
- Q4:** When community consultation has formed part of a proposal is it acceptable practice to include new concepts and ideas in proposals without reference to them not having been part of the public consultation process?

The Director of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure provided the following response.

- A1:** I will answer those questions collectively in the short term, bearing in mind that there is an outstanding Council decision that is to be made, then respond in full by taking those questions on notice once we are aware of the outcome of the Council decision because they are relevant to some of the next steps that are queries in the questions. The primary question was the potential secondary or emergency access point subject to the initial consultation process and if not, why not. To respond to that, it was not part of the original consultation process and that occurred because of the opportunity to consider the proposal became clear after the consultation process had commenced. It is an issue that is relevant to the study area in the coastal infrastructure being considered. Some targeted consultation was undertaken with the Margaret River Volunteer Sea Rescue, and it is now an issue for the Council to determine where further consultation may be required or whether to progress that option.

Following the meeting, the Director of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure provided the following responses.

- A1:** Because the opportunity to consider the proposal became clear after consultation had commenced. Targeted consultation was undertaken with Margaret River Volunteer Sea Rescue.
- A2:** Yes – Council have required that further consultation take place, including consideration of alternative beach access options.
- A3:** Yes.

A4: It is necessarily the case that ideas arising from a consultation process will not have been subject to the public consultation process. Consideration of such items by Council allows for a transparent process which allows submitters to observe how a proposal may have changed and to express concerns directly to Council where necessary. Council has the option to require further consultation as they have done in this instance.

4.1.2 Beach Parking Issues – Ian Englert

Ian Englert asked the following question in relation to beach parking issues in Gracetown and Augusta.

Q1: Why does the Council staff and Councillors insist on closing off valuable parking spaces and parking spaces at at least 2 of the Shire's most beautiful and popular beach areas without what appears to be due concern how they do it, especially taking into account safety and full and proper consultation with the people who live in the areas.

A1: During the clearing permit application process for the final section of the Leeuwin Trail, the Shire was advised that the area of granite previously proposed for car parking at Ringbolt Bay was part of an area that had been formally listed by the State government as a Priority Ecological Community (PEC) – 'Coastal granitic shrublands and herblands of the exposed western and southern sides of the Leeuwin Block major landform'. This PEC is characterised by unique plant communities that only occur on the coastal granite outcrops of the Leeuwin coastline and is in need of special protection.

It was a requirement of both DBCA and DWER that the Shire avoid impacts to this PEC where possible. Through careful trail design, this was achieved by realigning sections of trail to avoid granite outcrops (including relocating the final 250m of trail to follow Leeuwin Road) and removing the car parking area on the large granite outcrop at Ringbolt Bay. Avoiding impacts to the granites was a key factor considered by DWER in granting the clearing permit required for the construction of this final section of the Leeuwin Trail.

4.1.3 Recording of Deputations – Scott Baxter

Scott Baxter asked the following questions in relation to the minuting of deputations and the Shire's Renewable Energy Facilities Policy.

Q1: I raised this at the November meeting however I did not receive a clear answer. Since then I formally asked staff for my deputation on the 26 November Ordinary Council Meeting to be minuted for the official record. I have been advised by a return email, the Shire does not record deputation content because it is not required and that an audio recording is available online. Given that deputations are a formal mechanism for the community to address Council on agenda items, will Council commit to introducing a searchable, public record of deputations on major strategic matters similar to that in-principle of a searchable Hansard record like they do in State and Federal Parliament, so the community can readily see what was put before the Council at the time major decision were made for transparency and historical purposes. I note that when I review older Shire records, I can see instances where statements, speeches and deputations were actually attached to the minutes of some meetings. So given that has been done before, can Council please explain why it can't be done now and whether or not Council will reinstate that practice for significant matters.

A1: In response to your specific request and broader question, the Shire is not able to create or maintain a separate, searchable public record of deputations comparable to a Hansard-style transcript for a number of reasons, including:

- Transcription of meetings is resource intensive even with the use of AI and voice recognition, and insufficient resourcing creates risks of inconsistency, transcription error, and dispute where spoken content differs from prepared notes.

- Unlike State and Federal Parliaments, local governments do not have the resourcing, systems to produce substantially verbatim transcripts of meetings.
- Selectively transcribing deputation content over other parts of the meeting such as debates on agenda items, may give the impression that one part of the meeting is more important than another.
- Transcribing deputations would be inconsistent with general local government practice in Western Australia which are based on the requirements in regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*,

We acknowledge that, historically, some deputations were included in meeting minutes. To provide some background, in 2020 the Shire ceased the practice of summarising deputations in the minutes due to these risks, including potential factual inaccuracies and misrepresentation of speakers' intent. Advice from WALGA supports this approach and confirms that local governments cannot realistically replicate the Hansard model used by higher tiers of government.

However, we appreciate the request for a written record of deputations and are committed to improving transparency and accessibility. All Council meetings are audio recorded, and deputations can be heard in full via the published recordings. This ensures the community can hear exactly what was presented to Council at the time decisions were made, while maintaining the integrity of the official written minutes.

To further support public access, we will now advise speakers that they have the option to table a written deputation at Council Meetings. Where a written deputation is formally tabled, that document will be appended to the minutes, published, and archived. Consistent with this approach, the written deputation tabled at the 26 November Ordinary Council Meeting will be appended to the meeting record, noting that the confirmed minutes themselves will remain unchanged.

Q2: **With the State Government's draft Renewable Energy Planning Code now out for consultation, can the Shire confirm on the public record, what input, if any, Synergy or any other windfarm proponent or any industry representative have had in shaping the Shire's draft Renewable Energy Facilities Policy, specifically have their been any briefings, meetings, workshops, emails or draft wording to provide to staff or Councillors in relation to the Shire developing its Renewable Energy Policy. Secondly, does the Shire accept that neighbouring properties and the public roads can be used as defacto buffers for industrial scale wind facilities or does the Shire agree that the impacts should be contained within the project footprint. Finally will the Shire make it explicit that neighbour agreements and curtailments are not acceptable substitutes for proper setbacks in its policy, yes or no?**

The Shire President provided the following response.

A1: I will take that question on notice so it can have a thorough response but my initial answer to that would be that Council conducts its business in line with legislation and legislation requirements. Anything on top of that is a resource consideration.

Following the meeting, the Manager of Regulatory Services provided the following response.

A2: Neither Synergy, nor any other wind farm proponents or representatives had any input into the Shire's revised Renewable Energy Policy prior to it being advertised. Given that a public consultation process has since commenced, the Shire has welcomed input from within the sector and across the community.

Assessment of any windfarm proposal will need to consider what the impacts of that proposal are, and whether any impacts which affect land beyond the project site are acceptable. For example, the policy outlines that noise experienced from nearby 'sensitive premises' would need to be below a specified level.

The draft policy sets out how far a windfarm should be set back from a ‘sensitive premises’ depending on its height. The policy treats neighbour/negotiated agreements as a legitimate way of addressing amenity concerns, although minimum levels of protection of amenity for neighbouring premises are also included. Council will make a final decision on the content of the policy after considering submissions made during the consultation process.

4.1.4 Scott River Windfarm Development – Cliff Owen

Cliff Owen asked the following question in relation to the Scott River Windfarm.

Q1: Who will be reading the petitions, who will assess them and the people that will be representing us at the JDAP, are they members of Margaret River Clean Community Energy Inc?

A1: Shire planning staff will be reading the submissions received and collating them for presentation to the Development Assessment Panel (DAP). Council representatives on DAP consists of:

- Member 1, Shire President Jean-Rice who was a member from 2017-2018 with the Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy (AMRCCE) and has not been a member since.
- Member 2, Councillor Boland who has never been a member of the AMRCCE.
- Alternative Member 1 Councillor D'Ath who has never been a member of the AMRCCE.
- Alternative Member 2 Councillor Bell who has never been a member of the AMRCCE.

4.1.5 Scott River Wind Farm Proposal Assessor Qualifications – Emma Pinnick

Emma Pinnick asked the following question in relation to the Scott River Windfarm.

Q1: Who are the experts in the various fields that will help go through the submissions with the Shire? If in-house, what qualifications do they have to go through those submissions, or do you outsource?

A1: Shire officers will be involved where relevant to assist in reviewing submissions and formulating a recommendation to the DAP. Shire officers hold qualifications sufficient to enable them to meet the minimum requirements for their role. For example, Town Planners generally hold a degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

The consultation process allows for external input via State Government Departments which harnesses expertise in (for example) noise, the terrestrial and aquatic environment, visual impact, transport and bushfire.

Although rare, the Shire does seek external expert opinion from private providers where necessary.

4.2. Public Question Time

4.2.1 Scott River Windfarm Development - Scott Baxter

Q1: Will Council commit to meaningful, enforceable setbacks for 250m turbines and acknowledge many Augusta Margaret River blocks are too small to host turbines of this scale without harming neighbours?

Q2: Will Council obtain and publish clear advice on ariel firefighting constraints around 205m structures in high-risk areas?

Q3: Will Council ensure the Policy is environment first?

The questions were taken on notice.

4.2.2 Scott River Windfarm Development - Erin Hutton

Q1: Can Council clarify how Synergy has assessed the risk that dewatering during construction could lower groundwater levels beyond the immediate turbine footprint?

Q2: As the Shire develops its renewable energy policy, can Council clarify where legal and financial responsibility would lie if renewable energy infrastructure causes environmental and groundwater damage?

The questions were taken on notice.

4.2.3 Item 11.4.2 Weir Trial Closure Community Consultation Report - Mark Murray

Q1: During the trial, how will Rangers handle illegal camping on a day to day basis?

The question was taken on notice.

Responses to question taken on notice will be published in the 25 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting agenda.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr Forte – 25 February 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council

MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR FORTE, CR KENNAUGH OM2026/1

That Council grants Cr Forte a leave of absence for the 25 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL

5.2 Shire President Jean-Rice – 25 February 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council

MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR JEAN-RICE, CR BELL OM2026/2

That Council approves Shire President Jean-Rice to attend the 26 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting remotely from a suitable location.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 December 2025

MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR BOLAND, CR FORTE OM2026/3

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2025, with the following amendment:

a) That on page 9, Item 4.2.6 'Cliff Owen – Scott River Windfarm Development', after question 1, the following text be added:

'The question was taken on notice by the Shire President with a response to be published in the January 2026 agenda. The Shire President clarified with Mr Owen that the group he was referring to is Augusta Margaret River Clean Community Energy Inc.'

The Shire President nominated Cr Boland to respond to part of the question that related to him.

Cr Boland responded that he has never been a member of the group referred to.'

to be a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

**FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL**

7. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8. PETITIONS

8.1 Save Scott River from Wind Turbines

At the 28 January 2026 General Electors Meeting, Electors passed a motion for Council to consider the following petition:

(it is to be noted that Council received this petition on 24 September 2025 containing 1,377 signatures OM2025/123, this petition presents an additional 840 signatures)

'Action sought:

Objection to the proposed wind farm in Scott River, Western Australia for the following reasons:

1. The Scott River district is known for its high ecological value and its protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Scott River Ironstone Association – Endangered Category) there is a high risk to endangered flora and fauna from wind turbine construction and operation. There are 26 fauna species listed as threatened, priority or under protection that occur with the Scott River catchment.
2. Industrial wind turbines will increase fire risk to the local community, with no aerial and limited ground support around the site.
3. There is a very high risk of Acid Sulphate Soils being created during and after the construction of the enormous wind turbines and what this will present to the sensitive waterways of the Scott and Blackwood River, neighbouring farmland and Flinders Bay.
4. Neighbouring landowners have valid health concerns living under 250m high wind turbines and will be exposed to the noise, disturbance and shadow flicker.

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We ask you to consider the rare and endangered wildlife, nearby residents and our unique and sensitive environment when considering industrialised development at the Scott River and our strong objection to the proposed wind farm in such an unsuitable location.'

MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR WINTER, CR BELL OM2026/4

That Council receives the petition as presented at the 28 January 2026 General Electors Meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

**FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

'Good evening everyone, and welcome to our first Council meeting for 2026. It's great to be back together, and I'm really looking forward to what I believe will be a positive and productive year ahead for our Shire.

I'd like to begin by thanking the many Shire staff who continued working throughout the holiday period. From our outdoor crews and rangers to customer service, waste services and facilities teams — your dedication during our busiest time of year does not go unnoticed. You help keep our community safe, supported and running smoothly, and we truly appreciate your efforts.

January has also seen the running of the Beach Bus service, and I'm pleased to say it has been a great success. It's helping reduce congestion, improve access to our coastline and support safer, more sustainable beach visitation for both locals and visitors.

We also recently hosted a beautiful citizenship ceremony, welcoming new Australians into our community. These moments are always special and remind us of the diversity, connection and shared values that shape our Shire.

Looking ahead, we will continue our advocacy work on behalf of the community, and I encourage everyone to join the Undalup Association's Bunuru Festival on 21 February — a wonderful celebration of Wadandi culture, music and the arts.

Thank you, and here's to a strong start to 2026.'

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICER REPORTS

11.1

Chief Executive Officer

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Nil

11.2

Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

11.2.1. APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Location/Address	N/A
Applicant/Landowner	N/A
File Reference	EMS/3
Report Author	Claire Schiller, Senior Governance and Risk Officer
Authorising Officer	Nick Logan, Director Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
Authority/Discretion	Executive/Strategic

IN BRIEF

- The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) has been amended to include a councillor representative and a proxy in the absence of this councillor representative.
- It is required that Council appoint a councillor to each of these positions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. LEMC Terms of Reference 19 November 2025 FINAL [11.2.1.1 - 5 pages]

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Local Emergency Management Committee, appoints:

- a) Councillor _____ as member of the Local Emergency Management Committee; and
- b) Councillor _____ as proxy member of the Local Emergency Management Committee in the absence of the appointed member.

LOCATION PLAN

Nil

BACKGROUND

- At the Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) held 24 September 2025, Council resolved to establish the LEMC solely under s38 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.
- At the 22 October 2025 OCM, in accordance with the LEMC's TOR, Council appointed the Shire President as member and presiding member of the LEMC.
- In November 2025, Council amended the LEMC Terms of Reference to expand the Membership requirements. In addition to the Shire President, the Terms of Reference now require a councillor representative and a proxy to act in the representative's absence.
- Council is required to appoint a councillor to fill these positions.

STATUTORY AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS RELEVANT TO DECISION

The establishment of the LEMC is mandatory under s38 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

22 October 2025 OCM:

RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR MUIR, CR D'ATH OM2025/138

That Council in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Local Emergency Management Committee:

a) *Appoints, the Shire President as a member and Presiding Member of the Local Emergency Management Committee.*

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, MUIR, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2025-2035

Focus Area: How we work

Outcome Statement W4: We demonstrate ethical leadership at all levels in our organisation, making decisions in an open, transparent and accountable way

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

- Executive Leadership Team
- Community Emergency Services Manager

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

In accordance with section 38 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, local governments are required to establish a LEMC. The role of the LEMC is to advise the local government on emergency management matters and to develop, maintain, and review the Shire's Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

Section 38(4) of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* provides that the constitution and procedures of LEMCs are determined by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC); accordingly, the TOR is aligned with the SEMC State Emergency Management Procedure (Procedure).

The Procedure specifies that the LEMC Chair is to be a Member of Council, with the Deputy Chair being the Local Emergency Coordinator (Officer in Charge, WA Police – Margaret River Sub-district). In October 2025, Council appointed the Shire President as LEMC Chair.

In circumstances where the Shire President is unable to attend, there would otherwise be no councillor representation on the LEMC. To address this, the TOR has been amended to include the appointment of a councillor member and proxy, ensuring that a Member of Council is represented in the absence of the Shire President as Presiding Member.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications, Long Term Financial Plan, Whole of Life Cycle Considerations

The main costs associated with running committees are staff time and wages, involving mostly out-of-hours work. Other costs include catering in the form of food and beverages. Members of Council are also entitled to receive travel reimbursements and other costs in accordance with Council policy.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental, Social, Economic, Contribution to 'Net Zero' Targets

Nil

ADVOCACY

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR BOLAND, CR KENNAUGH OM2026/5

That Council, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Local Emergency Management Committee, appoints:

- a) Councillor Boland as member of the Local Emergency Management Committee; and
- b) Councillor Forte as proxy member of the Local Emergency Management Committee in the absence of the appointed member.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER

AGAINST: NIL

11.3

Corporate and Customer Services

11.3.1. PROPOSED CHANGE OF PURPOSE - RESERVE 47049

Location/Address	Reserve 47049, Wadandi Track, Witchcliffe
Applicant/Landowner	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
File Reference	RES/47049, PTY/12579
Report Author	Chris McAtee, Land Liaison & Administration Officer
Authorising Officer	Ian McLeod, Manager Legal and Governance Services Melanie Stevens, Director Corporate and Customer Services
Authority/Discretion	Executive/Strategic

IN BRIEF

- The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) requires the Shire to offer land as an offset for vegetation clearing on Warner Glen Road.
- A portion of Reserve 47049 between Redgate Road in Witchcliffe and Calgadup Road in Forest Grove has been identified as being suitable to meet offset requirements.
- Reserve 47049 is vested with the Shire for the purpose of Heritage Trail. The trail is broken up into several separate lots which together comprise the Wadandi Track.
- To be used for offsets, the purpose of the reserve must change from 'Heritage Trail' to 'Heritage Trail and Conservation'.
- Changing the purpose of a reserve requires formal support from Council and the Minister for Lands.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the change of purpose for Reserve 47049, being Lot 5438 on Deposited Plan 27432, from 'Heritage Trail' to 'Heritage Trail and Conservation'.
2. Requests that the CEO to write to the Minister for Lands to request the change of purpose.

LOCATION PLAN



Figure 1 – Location plan, portion of Reserve 47049

The section of the Wadandi track identified as being suitable for revegetation for offset purposes is between Redgate Road in Witchcliffe and Calgadup Road in Forest Grove. It is a 0.54ha unvegetated area, approximately 1.2km south of the Witchcliffe town site and 5km northwest of the area that was cleared for the realignment of Warner Glen Road.

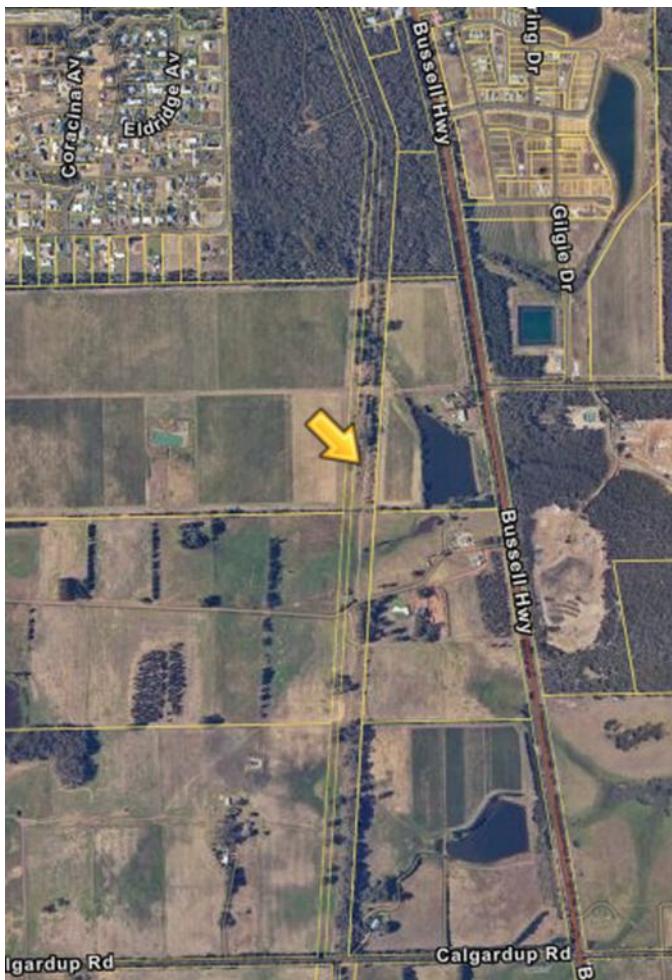


Figure 2 – Approximate location of offset revegetation area on Reserve 47049

BACKGROUND

The Shire is completing a staged realignment of a 2,320m section of Warner Glen Road to improve road safety. The project involves widening sections of road, which has resulted in the clearing of native vegetation within the road reserve. In accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*, the Shire submitted a clearing permit application to DWER in August 2022, along with supporting flora and fauna surveys. DWER's assessment found that the proposed clearing of roadside vegetation could potentially impact the habitat for some significant fauna species.

To minimise the impact on fauna, the Shire committed to implementing avoidance and mitigation measures, including:

- minimising disturbance to native vegetation where possible;
- avoiding the removal of trees $\geq 50\text{cm}$ Diameter at Breast Height (DBH);
- the installation of an artificial cockatoo nest, in consultation with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; and
- the revegetation of disturbed land within the Warner Glen Road road reserve.

DWER's assessment found that the above avoidance and mitigation measures were not sufficient to counterbalance the residual environmental impact and land acquisitions and rehabilitation offsets were required to address the significant residual impacts. Specifically, DWER additionally require the Shire to:

- conserve 8.50ha of native vegetation that provides suitable foraging habitat for black cockatoos and western ringtail possums within Crown Reserve 39622, Margaret River; and
- revegetate and rehabilitate 0.41ha of Wadandi Trail Crown Reserve 47049 with species suitable for black cockatoo foraging habitat and western ringtail possum habitat.

The change of purpose of the above reserves are conditions on the clearing permit which was issued in November 2024.

The repurposing of Crown Reserve 39622 was supported by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting 13 December 2023, Item 11.2.4 proposed change of purpose – Reserve 39622 Brotherton Place, Margaret River.

Reserve 47049, containing the remaining offset area, is to be repurposed by 25 December 2026.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for changing the purpose of a section of the Wadandi Track from 'Heritage Trail' to 'Heritage Trail and Conservation'. Changing the purpose of this section of the trail will allow revegetation and conservation of the area in perpetuity and will satisfy the requirements for offsets in the clearing permit.

STATUTORY AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS RELEVANT TO DECISION

Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA)

The Shire is responsible for the care, control and management of Crown Land vested with the Shire pursuant to a management order under section 46 of the LAA.

Cancelling, changing, etc reserves, is legislated under Section 51 of the LAA.

Subject to sections 42, 43 and 45, the Minister may by order cancel, change the purpose of or amend the boundaries of, or the locations or lots comprising, a reserve.

Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EPA)

Clearing permits are issued under Part V Division 2 of the EPA. Under section 51H, the permit is subject to conditions that the CEO considers to be *necessary or convenient for the purposes of preventing, controlling, abating or mitigating environmental harm or offsetting the loss of cleared vegetation*. Under Section 51I, a condition of the clearing permit may include *establishing and maintaining vegetation on other land to offset the loss of the cleared vegetation*.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

13 December 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting – Proposed Change of Purpose – Reserve 39622 Brotherton Place, Margaret River

RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL DECISION

CR Earl, CR Muir OM2023/221

That Council:

1. Supports the change of purpose for Reserve 39622 from Golf Course, Recreation and Water to Conservation.
2. Requests that the Minister for Lands implements the change

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: Crs Meldrum, Binks, Boland, Earl, Kennaugh, Jones and Muir

AGAINST: Nil

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2025-2035

Focus Area: Caring for our natural environment

Outcome Statement E1: Natural landscapes are protected and managed to preserve and restore their biodiversity and cultural values

Focus Area: Caring for our natural environment

Outcome Statement E4: The Shire and community are committed to climate action, reducing carbon emissions and achieving net zero

Focus Area: Managing our built environment

Outcome Statement B4: A well-connected network of paths, cycle trails, roads and transport options allows safe movement through and between townsites

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

External consultation

- Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) have no objection in principle to the change in reserve purpose. When the time comes to formally reflect the status of land as an offset, further consultation may be required.

Internal consultation

- Manager Asset Services supports the proposal.
- Manager Planning and Regulatory Services supports the proposal.
- Coordinator Environment Landcare Services supports the proposal and further suggested that the change in purpose could be applied to the entire Wadandi Track, providing options for future offsets.

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

The clearing of native vegetation for the purpose of road widening and realignment was approved in Clearing Permit CPS 9857/1 issued by DWER in November 2024. The clearing permit contains conditions that require the Shire to undertake certain actions within a specified period.

Within 24 months of undertaking the clearing, and no later than 25 December 2026, the Shire is to provide DWER with a copy of the executed change in purpose of Lot 5438 on Deposited Plan 27432, Witchcliffe from 'Heritage Trail' to 'Heritage Trail and Conservation' (the subject of this report) and to implement the 'Offset Management Plan Wadandi Track – Witchcliffe'.

The 'Offset Management Plan Wadandi Track – Witchcliffe' was prepared by Cape Life Environmental Services in 2024. The report assessed the vegetation on the portion of the Wadandi Track that was being considered for use for offsets. The vegetation in the subject area is rated 'completely degraded' due to previous land use including railway and mixed agriculture. Importantly, the site has the same vegetation complex as the area on Warner Glen Road which has been cleared.



Figure 3 – Boundary of the area subject to Condition 9 of the clearing permit

The revegetation area will link a previously revegetated section of the Wadandi Track to the north and is bound on the east by mixed-use agricultural land and on the west by disused road reserve. Besides a remnant Marri tree in poor health and some replanted Marri, Peppermint and Hakea trees, the area is covered in a mix of thick Kikuyu grass and common pasture weeds.

The clearing permit specifies that the following activities are to be undertaken in the offset area:

- planting and/or direct seeding native vegetation which provides suitable foraging habitat for black cockatoo species, and suitable habitat for western ringtail possums;
- establish monitoring sites;
- undertake weed control activities prior to planting, and annually thereafter until completion; and
- after five years, undertake remedial activities in the areas which have failed to meet the specified completion criteria in the revegetated monitoring areas.

The clearing permit specifies that this activity is to be undertaken no later than 25 December 2026.

Stage one of the road works associated with the clearing permit has been practically completed. The remaining reconstruction of 1,020m of Warner Glen Road is scheduled for next financial year with completion expected by October 2026.

The revegetation and repurposing of the reserve will not hamper access to the Wadandi Track and will enhance the experience of users by providing future shade, vegetation, and habitat areas for fauna.

The clearing associated with the project is likely to be significantly less than the 0.47ha anticipated in the clearing permit. The Shire's Landcare team has contacted DWER about applying for an amendment to the clearing permit with a reduced clearing area, which may mean that the revegetation offset requirements are reduced. If this is the case, the Shire can apply to DWER to bank the residual revegetation offset for a future project that involves vegetation clearing. DWER are open to this variation when the final cleared area is confirmed by survey.

With the road widening and realignment still in progress, the requirement to implement the Offset Management Plan by 25 December 2026 is difficult to achieve. Shire Officers will be applying to DWER for a two-year extension to the clearing permit duration and the offset implementation timeframe. Revegetation is anticipated to commence in 2027.

The change of reserve purpose can be progressed regardless of the timing of the offset plan implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications, Long Term Financial Plan, Whole of Life Cycle Considerations

There are no financial implications or considerations for the change of purpose of the reserve.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental, Social, Economic, Contribution to 'Net Zero' Targets

The Shire has commenced the reconstruction of a section of Warner Glen Road to improve the safety of the road. The project involves widening and realigning some sections of road, which has resulted in the clearing of some native vegetation within the road reserve. The design of the road has minimised the amount of clearing required and during construction, even less native vegetation has been cleared as originally anticipated.

ADVOCACY

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk of not supporting the change of purpose of the reserve is that the Shire will not comply with the conditions of the clearing permit issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR KENNAUGH, CR BELL OM2026/6

That Council:

1. **Supports the change of purpose for Reserve 47049, being Lot 5438 on Deposited Plan 27432, from 'Heritage Trail' to 'Heritage Trail and Conservation'.**
2. **Requests that the CEO to write to the Minister for Lands to request the change of purpose.**

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL

11.3.2. LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Location/Address	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
Applicant/Landowner	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
File Reference	FIN/42
Report Author	Emma O'Brien, Finance Officer - Accounts Payable
Authorising Officer	Melanie Stevens, Director Corporate and Customer Services
Authority/Discretion	Legislative

IN BRIEF

It is a requirement of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* that payments made under delegated authority by the CEO are reported to Council on a monthly basis showing details of each account paid since the last such list was prepared.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Payments for December 2025 [11.3.2.1 - 19 pages]

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the December 2025 List of Payments for \$18,122,915.60 as certified correct by the Chief Executive Officer.

LOCATION PLAN

Nil

BACKGROUND

Where Council has delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from the Shire's bank accounts then under regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* a list of such payments is to be prepared each month for noting by Council. The list of payments for December 2025 was prepared on 8 January 2026.

STATUTORY AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS RELEVANT TO DECISION

Local Government Act 1995, s 6.10

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 r.13

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2025-2035

Focus Area: How we work

Outcome Statement W6: We manage our finances responsibly, investing in services and assets that deliver sustainable, long-term value for now and the future

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Nil

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

Table 1 below provides a summary of the payments made and Table 2 makes comparison between payments for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years.

The List of Payments attachment provides further details as required under Regulation 13(1). These details are as follows:

- (a) The payee's name;
- (b) The amount of the payment;
- (c) The date of the payment; and
- (d) Sufficient information to identify the transaction.

In order to improve operational efficiency and reduce costs, the Shire's Finance team continually liaise with creditors paid by cheque to encourage them to switch to EFT.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS MADE IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

MODE OF PAYMENT	CHEQUE / EFT NUMBERS	AMOUNT
Cheques	5	\$ 383.90
EFT	107261-107924	\$ 16,473,983.10
Direct Debits		\$ 1,648,548.60
TOTAL		\$ 18,122,915.60

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TABLE 2 – COMPARISON WITH PRIOR YEAR OF PAYMENTS

MONTH	2024-25				2025-26			
	CHEQUES	EFT/DD	TOTAL PAYMENTS	CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS	CHEQUES	EFT/DD	TOTAL PAYMENTS	CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS
July	Nil	\$ 5,524,178.15	\$ 5,524,178.15	\$ 5,524,178.15	Nil	\$ 4,105,745.15	\$ 4,105,745.15	\$ 4,105,745.15
August	Nil	\$ 2,154,102.51	\$ 2,154,102.51	\$ 7,678,280.66	Nil	\$ 5,335,877.15	\$ 5,335,877.15	\$ 9,441,622.30
September	Nil	\$ 3,861,331.53	\$ 3,861,331.53	\$ 11,539,612.19	Nil	\$ 4,971,770.96	\$ 4,971,770.96	\$ 14,413,393.26
October	Nil	\$ 17,330,030.90	\$ 17,330,030.90	\$ 28,869,643.09	Nil	\$ 9,964,965.62	\$ 9,964,965.62	\$ 24,378,358.88
November	\$ 486.00	\$ 4,298,085.40	\$ 4,298,571.40	\$ 33,168,214.49	Nil	\$ 6,765,385.33	\$ 6,765,385.33	\$ 31,143,744.21
December	Nil	\$ 4,552,994.70	\$ 4,552,994.70	\$ 37,721,209.19	\$ 383.90	\$ 18,122,531.70	\$ 18,122,915.60	\$ 49,266,659.81
January	Nil	\$ 4,171,551.29	\$ 4,171,551.29	\$ 41,892,760.48			\$ -	\$ -
February	Nil	\$ 3,963,331.09	\$ 3,963,331.09	\$ 45,856,091.57			\$ -	\$ -
March	\$ 452.95	\$ 7,195,496.78	\$ 7,195,949.73	\$ 53,052,041.30			\$ -	\$ -
April	Nil	\$ 4,874,918.51	\$ 4,874,918.51	\$ 57,926,959.81			\$ -	\$ -
May	Nil	\$ 5,142,580.45	\$ 5,142,580.45	\$ 63,069,540.26			\$ -	\$ -
June	\$ 165.75	\$ 5,550,921.07	\$ 5,551,086.82	\$ 68,620,627.08			\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 1,104.70	\$ 68,619,522.38	\$ 68,620,627.08		\$ 383.90	\$ 49,266,275.91	\$ 49,266,659.81	

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications, Long Term Financial Plan, Whole of Life Cycle Considerations

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental, Social, Economic, Contribution to 'Net Zero' Targets

Nil

ADVOCACY

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR D'ATH, CR WINTER OM2026/7

That Council notes the December 2025 List of Payments for \$18,122,915.60 as certified correct by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER

AGAINST: NIL

11.3.3. FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Location/Address	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
Applicant/Landowner	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
File Reference	FIN/14
Report Author	Angela Hickman, Finance Coordinator
Authorising Officer	Melanie Stevens, Director Corporate and Customer Services
Authority/Discretion	Legislative

IN BRIEF

- The monthly financial activity statement report is a standard financial reporting item prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* (FM Regs).
- Council is to consider the financial results for the period ending 30 November 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. November 2025 - Monthly Financial Report [11.3.3.1 - 23 pages]
2. November 2025 - Capital Works [11.3.3.2 - 4 pages]
3. November 2025 -Monthly Business Units [11.3.3.3 - 39 pages]

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Monthly Financial Report for November 2025 in accordance with section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulations 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

LOCATION PLAN

Nil

BACKGROUND

The Shire is required to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity, reporting on the sources and applications of funds as set out in the annual budget for that month with the following details:

1. annual budget estimates;
2. budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
3. actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
4. material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in (b) and (c); and
5. net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

In addition, the Shire is required to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Position, showing the financial position as at:

1. The last day of the previous month; and
2. The last day of the previous financial year.

Under Regulation 34(5) of the FM Regs Council are to adopt a material variance threshold every year. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 July 2025 (OM2025/90) Council adopted a monthly variance for reporting of material variances, where financial activity is greater than 10% and \$10,000.

STATUTORY AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS RELEVANT TO DECISION

Regulation 34 of the FM Regs requires a local government to prepare each month a Statement of Financial Activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under Regulation 22(1) (d) of the FM Regs.

Regulation 35 of the FM Regulations was introduced from 1 July 2023, requiring the monthly financial report to include a Statement of Financial Position showing the financial position of the local government as at the last day of the previous month, and of the previous financial year.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2025-2035

Focus Area: How we work

Outcome Statement W6: We manage our finances responsibly, investing in services and assets that deliver sustainable, long-term value for now and the future.

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Business unit managers were provided the draft monthly financial reports for their business units and have provided their comments on variances greater than 10% and \$10,000.

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

The commentary contained in the body of this report is in line with *Financial Management Regulations* r34(2)(b) that requires commentary on material variances to the Statement of Financial Activity at the nature/type level.

The Statement of Financial Activity included in the monthly financial report shows an opening position on 1 July 2025 of \$3.126 million, being the true opening position as confirmed by the Office of the Auditor General, who have finalised their audit of the Shire's 2024-25 Annual Financial Report.

Operating revenue for the year to date is \$41.663 million, which is \$0.327 million above budget, due mainly to higher-than-expected fees for the Margaret River Recreation Centre and Engineering Works Supervision Fees.

Operating expenditure for the year to date is \$22.970 million, which is \$2.001 million (8.02%) below the budgeted spend for this period. Part of the underspend is due to employee costs, and also due to timing differences around large payments.

Actual employee expenses for the year to date were \$9.346 million, being \$0.996 million (9.63%) under budget. This underspent position will be reviewed as part of the mid-year budget review to identify how much is a true underspend due to position vacancies, and how much is attributable to leave provision adjustments required.

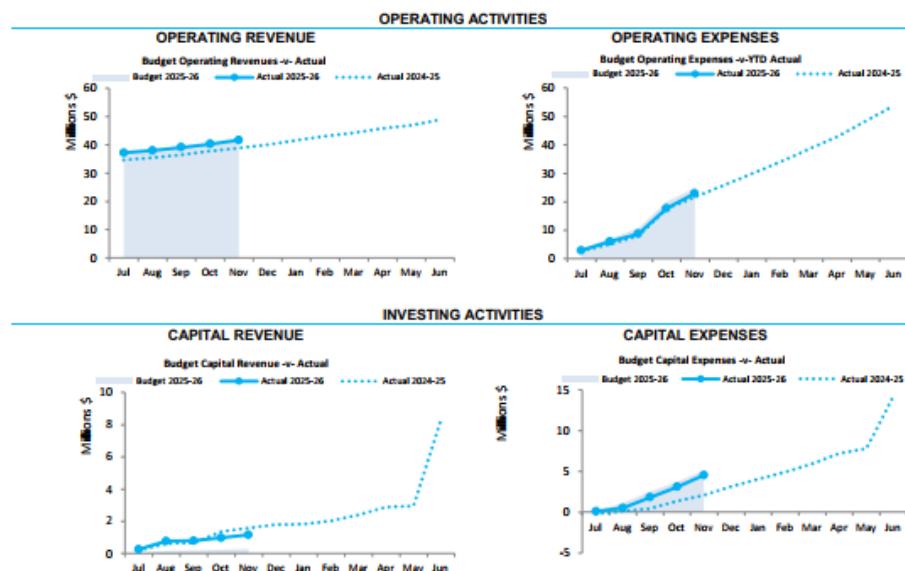
The table below provides a breakdown of employee expenses at 30 November 2025.

Category	Adopted Budget (\$ millions)	YTD Budget (\$ millions)	YTD Actual (\$ millions)	YTD Variance (\$ millions)
Salaries & Wages	\$ 18.673	\$ 7.886	\$ 7.177	\$ 0.709
Employee provisions	\$ 1.910	\$ 0.808	\$ 0.740	\$ 0.068
Superannuation	\$ 2.716	\$ 1.146	\$ 1.095	\$ 0.051
Workers compensation	\$ 0.234	\$ 0.234	\$ 0.118	\$ 0.117
Fringe benefits tax	\$ 0.046	\$ 0.024	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.006
Professional memberships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.002	\$ (0.002)
Recruitment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.029	\$ (0.029)
Training, education & conferences	\$ 0.477	\$ 0.204	\$ 0.126	\$ 0.078
Uniforms & protective clothing	\$ 0.090	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.041	\$ (0.000)
Total	\$ 24.147	\$ 10.343	\$ 9.346	\$ 0.996

Capital grants, subsidies, and contributions recognised to 30 November 2025 total \$1.172 million, which is \$0.886 million above the forecasted year-to-date position. This variance is due to the receipt of a higher amount of developer contributions than budgeted for the year to date. It should be noted that developer contributions are transferred to the Developer Contributions Reserve to fund future growth-related demand in line with the Developer Contributions Plan.

\$4.527 million of capital expenditure has been incurred year to date, which is \$1.490 million lower than budget. This includes a reported underspend of \$0.930 million on roads and \$0.140 million on road bridges. A number of capital jobs are scheduled to commence over the summer months when weather conditions are more suitable for construction.

Financial performance against budget is shown in the following charts:



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Following is the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 30 November 2025:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2025

Supplementary Information	Budget	YTD	YTD Actual	Variance*	Variance*	Var.		
	Estimates (a)	Budget Estimates (b)		\$ (c)	\$ (c) - (b)			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES								
Revenue from operating activities								
General rates	31,160,675	30,848,175	30,555,872	(292,303)	(0.95%)	▼		
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13 2,399,697	973,280	848,340	(124,940)	(12.84%)	▼		
Fees and charges	14,480,861	8,550,470	9,251,619	701,149	8.20%	▲		
Interest revenue	1,932,066	923,616	992,587	68,971	7.47%	▲		
Other revenue	93,783	11,464	16,354	4,890	42.66%	▲		
Profit on asset disposals	6 86,502	0	0	0	0.00%			
	50,153,584	41,307,005	41,664,772	357,767	0.87%			
Expenditure from operating activities								
Employee costs	(24,146,663)	(10,342,549)	(9,346,231)	996,318	9.63%	▲		
Materials and contracts	(15,086,548)	(5,652,755)	(4,739,639)	913,116	16.15%	▲		
Utility charges	(1,492,364)	(536,392)	(451,327)	85,065	15.86%	▲		
Depreciation	(15,455,195)	(6,478,479)	(6,524,236)	(45,757)	(0.71%)	▼		
Finance costs	(508,036)	(215,575)	(173,117)	42,458	19.70%	▲		
Insurance	(962,114)	(962,114)	(1,065,755)	(103,641)	(10.77%)	▼		
Other expenditure	(1,649,324)	(783,467)	(669,361)	114,106	14.56%	▲		
Loss on asset disposals	6 (181,085)	0	0	0	0.00%			
	(59,481,329)	(24,971,331)	(22,969,666)	2,001,665	8.02%			
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Note 2(b)	15,549,778	6,478,479	6,524,236	45,757	0.71%	▲	
Amount attributable to operating activities		6,222,033	22,814,153	25,219,342	2,405,189	10.54%		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from investing activities								
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	14 9,000,112	285,000	1,171,504	886,504	311.05%	▲		
Proceeds from disposal of assets	6 490,127	0	0	0	0.00%			
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	11,500	11,500	6,500	(5,000)	(43.48%)	▼		
	9,501,739	296,500	1,178,004	881,504	297.30%			
Outflows from investing activities								
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	(20,000)	0	0	0	0.00%			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5 (7,155,970)	(1,066,420)	(797,117)	269,303	25.25%	▲		
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5 (18,908,064)	(4,069,062)	(3,729,512)	339,550	8.34%	▲		
	(26,084,034)	(5,135,482)	(4,526,629)	608,853	11.86%			
Amount attributable to investing activities		(16,582,295)	(4,838,982)	(3,348,625)	1,490,357	30.80%		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from financing activities								
Transfer from reserves	4 15,541,186	996,865	996,865	0	0.00%			
	15,541,186	996,865	996,865	0	0.00%			
Outflows from financing activities								
Repayment of borrowings	10 (1,084,015)	(420,206)	(416,612)	3,594	0.86%			
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	11 (73,097)	(34,238)	(44,005)	(9,767)	(28.53%)	▼		
Transfer to reserves	4 (7,065,137)	(452,470)	(486,674)	(34,204)	(7.56%)	▼		
	(8,222,249)	(906,914)	(947,291)	(40,377)	(4.45%)			
Amount attributable to financing activities		7,318,937	89,951	49,574	(40,377)	(44.89%)		
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT								
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		3,030,276	3,030,276	3,126,371	96,095	3.17%	▲	
Amount attributable to operating activities		6,222,033	22,814,153	25,219,342	2,405,189	10.54%	▲	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(16,582,295)	(4,838,982)	(3,348,625)	1,490,357	30.80%	▲	
Amount attributable to financing activities		7,318,937	89,951	49,574	(40,377)	(44.89%)	▼	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		(11,051)	21,095,396	25,046,662	3,951,266			

KEY INFORMATION

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

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

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

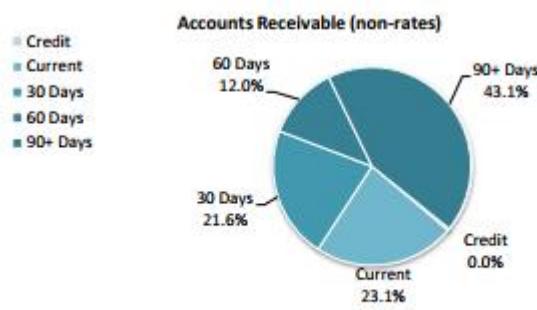
Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

Outstanding Debtors

The following charts compare the outstanding balance of rates and services and the outstanding balance of rates and services in arrears for the current and previous years.

Rates & Services Receivable	30 Jun 2025	30 Nov 2025
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	1,133,789	2,227,185
Levied this year	34,566,402	36,055,606
Less - collections to date	<u>(33,473,005)</u>	<u>(26,326,518)</u>
Gross rates collectable	2,227,185	11,956,273
Allowance for impairment of rates receivable	<u>(82,422)</u>	<u>(82,422)</u>
Net rates collectable	2,144,764	11,873,851
% Collected	93.8%	68.8%



The largest portion of the debt outstanding for more than 90 days relates to a fine billed but not yet paid in full.

Investments

At 30 November the Shire's cash on hand, deposits and investments totaled \$51.730 million including term deposits of \$21.500 million.

Of the \$0.184 million investment interest received \$0.102 was attributed to interest on reserves and \$0.081 to municipal investments.

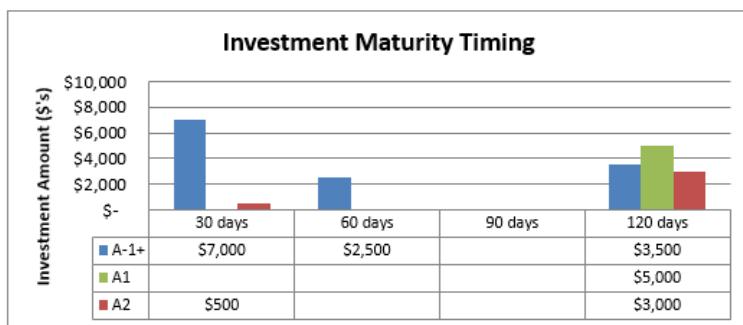
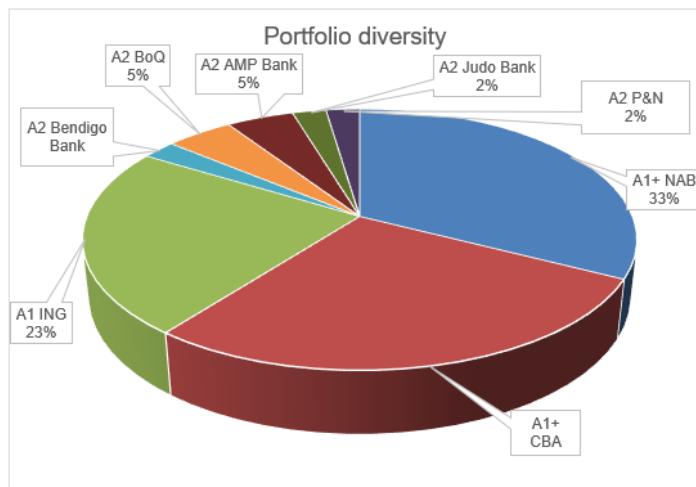
Term Deposits – Cash Management

At 30 November 2025, the Shire had the following short-term facilities (term deposits).

Maturity Date	Term (days)	Institution (ADI)	Credit Rating	Investment Principal (\$ millions)	Interest Rate	Interest Due (\$ millions)
2/12/2025	91	NAB	A-1+	\$ 1.500	4.05%	\$ 0.015
3/12/2025	9	CBA	A-1+	\$ 0.500	2.50%	\$ 0.000
23/12/2025	119	NAB	A-1+	\$ 1.000	4.10%	\$ 0.013
23/02/2026	182	BOQ	A-2	\$ 1.000	4.05%	\$ 0.020
2/03/2026	181	Bendigo Bank	A-2	\$ 0.500	3.95%	\$ 0.010
2/03/2026	181	Judo Bank	A-2	\$ 0.500	4.00%	\$ 0.010
10/03/2026	120	CBA	A-1+	\$ 2.000	4.18%	\$ 0.027
7/04/2026	182	AMP	A-2	\$ 1.000	4.00%	\$ 0.020
9/04/2026	150	CBA	A-1+	\$ 2.500	4.20%	\$ 0.043
4/05/2026	182	P&N	A-2	\$ 0.500	4.32%	\$ 0.011
11/05/2026	181	CBA	A-1+	\$ 1.000	4.21%	\$ 0.021
19/05/2026	183	NAB	A-1+	\$ 1.000	4.10%	\$ 0.021
14/10/2026	365	ING	A1	\$ 5.000	4.14%	\$ 0.207
23/10/2026	365	NAB	A-1+	\$ 3.500	4.10%	\$ 0.144
				\$ 21.500		\$ 0.562

During November 2025 six term deposits matured and were rolled over.

The weighted average interest rate on all investments held on 30 November 2025 was 4.09%



In-Kind Support

During November 2025 the following fees & charges have been waived:

- \$128.50 – Margaret River Hockey Club waiver of Planning fee for Club Change Rooms.

During November 2025 the following donations were approved:

- Nil

Reserves

Monthly interest on reserve balances was processed for November 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications, Long Term Financial Plan, Whole of Life Cycle Considerations

Monthly financial performance will influence the Long-Term Financial Plan by providing actual revenue and expenditure parameters to compare against forecast results.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental, Social, Economic, Contribution to 'Net Zero' Targets

Nil

ADVOCACY

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR WINTER, CR BOLAND OM2026/8

That Council receives the Monthly Financial Report for November 2025 in accordance with section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulations 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.*

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER

AGAINST: NIL

11.4

Sustainable Economy and Communities

11.4.1. DONATION REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT

Location/Address	Shire Augusta Margaret River
Applicant/Landowner	South West Academy of Sport
File Reference	FIN/226
Report Author	Fiona King, Executive Assistant
Authorising Officer	Andrea Selvey, Chief Executive Officer
Authority/Discretion	Executive/Strategic

IN BRIEF

- Southwest Academy of Sport (SWAS) has requested a \$5,500 ex GST donation from the 2025-26 annual budget.
- SWAS assists young athletes residing within the Southwest to develop leadership skills, access specialised, high-level coaching and support services easing the financial burden placed on regional families.
- The Shire of Augusta Margaret River has supported SWAS for the past 18 years.
- The Council is requested to consider donating \$5,500 ex GST to SWAS to provide opportunities for local athletes to progress within their chosen sport.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

The Council donates \$5,000 ex GST, to Southwest Academy of Sport to support partner sports and individual athlete support programs.

LOCATION PLAN

Nil

BACKGROUND

The South West Academy of Sport plays a major role in developing tomorrow's Southwest community leaders (today's youth) as well as providing all youth with an opportunity to build a sporting pathway to their future. The Shire of Augusta Margaret River has a significant representation of athletes in the SWAS Program again this year. Support services offered by SWAS to athletes residing in the Southwest has eased the financial burden placed on regional families.

SWAS provides support to the young athletes through high-performance talent development programs, as well as an athlete support program to allow them to remain living with their families in the home environment and reduce the requirement to travel or relocate to Perth. Programs ensure athletes are set up for long and rewarding careers in sport, and access is provided to support services including:

- Medical screenings
- Athlete strength and conditioning programs

- Life skills coaching
- Nutrition
- Physiotherapy
- Mental health skills including psychology and preventative medical measures.

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River has supported SWAS with direct cash contribution for the past 18 years, and in previous years has supported athletes in the program by waiving the cost of gym membership.

Currently nine athletes inducted into the 2025-26 program are Shire of Augusta Margaret River residents, the highest number of athletes from the Augusta Margaret River shire since inception.

Table 1 – SWAS Athletes from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River

Athletes	Sport / Comment
Poppy Stevens	Rugby – Competing nationally
Indigo Dale	Skateboarding – Competing internationally
Alex Fenton	MTB – Competing nationally
Tommy Lukac	MTB – Competing nationally
Jemima Anderson	Basketball – Competing nationally
Ruby Berry	Surfing – Competing nationally
Okie Fraser	Surfing – Competing nationally
Macklin Flynn	Surfing – Competing nationally
Archie O'Beirne	Swimming – Competing nationally
Alumni – Willow Hardy	Surfing – Competing internationally
Alumni - Seth Van Haften	Surfing – Competing internationally
Alumni - Emma Cattlin	Surfing – Competing internationally
Alumni - Zali Hewson	Surfing – Competing internationally
Alumni - Lucinda Jones	Swimming - Competing nationally and Busselton Jetty Swim Age Group Winner
Alumni - Kade Dittmar	AFL Draft Prospect – WAFL Player
Alumni - Ella Roberts	AFLW Draft Prospect – WAFLW Player
Alumni - Ashlee Jarvis	Hockey
Alumni - Jessie Whitehead	Netball
Alumni - Jasmine Nielsen	Netball
Alumni - Jacob Wilcox	Surfing - Competing on the world stadium
Alumni - Bronte Macaulay	Surfing - Competing on the world stadium
Alumni - Laura Macaulay	Surfing - Competing on the world stadium
Alumni - Creed McTaggart	Surfing - Competing on the world stadium
Alumni - Mikayla Green	Surfing - Competing on the world stadium
Alumni - Eliza Green	Surfing - Competing on the world stadium
Alumni - Jonathan Marsh	AFL - Draftee

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Community, Economic, Environmental and Events Funding Policy

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

11 December 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting:

RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR MUIR, CR EARL OM2024/188

The Council donates \$4,000 ex GST, to Southwest Academy of Sport to support partner sports and individual athlete support programs.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BINKS, BOLAND, D'ATH, EARL, KENNAUGH, MELDRUM, MUIR

AGAINST: NIL

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2025-2035

Focus Area: Looking after our growing community

Outcome Statement C3: Our community's wellbeing is supported by a variety of services, programs and community groups that build strength and connection

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

- Chief Executive Officer
- Manager Community Sport and Recreation

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

Shire's Funding Policy and Donations Guidelines

The Shire's Community, Economic, Environmental, and Events Funding Policy (the Policy) has a Donations Stream, described as '*Council support for specified activities/services that provide benefit to the Shire or Shire community*' and allows for up to \$20,000 to be allocated from the annual budget. The Policy specifies a maximum of \$5,000 per application, with applications to be determined by Council.

Officers have also adopted Donation Guidelines that are used to 'provide prospective applicants with information about financial assistance from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River by way of a Donation.' The Guidelines provide the following Donation Categories:

- \$6,000 allocated for recurrent civic events
- \$5,000 allocated for sporting support (e.g., Southwest Academy of Sport)
- \$1,000 allocated for End of Year Awards for local schools
- \$8,000 allocated for Council discretionary support for 'disaster' or 'emergency' type appeals or to individuals or private organisations where, in the opinion of Council, the donation is in the interest of, or of benefit to, the community.

As indicated above, \$5,000 has been allocated to sporting support. Southwest Academy of Sport (SWAS) have formalised their request for a donation for sporting support by applying for the 2025-2026 budget year.

SWAS is registered as an 'Other Incorporated Entity'. The Australian Business Register describes an 'Other Incorporated Entity' as:

"an entity that has the same characteristics as a company but is not incorporated as a corporation's law company. This category includes:

- *a branch of an overseas company not incorporated in Australia (often the name ends in corporation)*
- *incorporated associations which are incorporated under a State Act*
- *incorporated charitable institutions"*

Athletes selected for SWAS programs are already excelling in their sport at a regional, state, and national level with endorsement from the state sporting body. SWAS has four partner sport programs – AFL, Cricket, Hockey, and Netball – in partnership with the State sport bodies. They also offer places each year for athletes in the Individual Athlete Support Program for those excelling in sports other than the partner sports listed.

The tyranny of distance and financial burden to access facilities and support services in Perth can be prohibitive for young athletes to pursue sporting careers. SWAS programs offer athletes and their families access to local support services to ease the financial burden placed on regional families. The programs offered also assist the development of future community leaders.

Athlete services delivered locally as close to the athlete's residence include:

- Initial Medical Assessments:
 - ECG
 - Medical
 - Musculoskeletal assessment
 - Functional movement assessment
- Programs:
 - Personalised Strength and Conditioning Program
 - Supervised Strength and Conditioning Sessions
 - Gym membership
 - Financial assistance to access coaching locally
- Access to:
 - Nutrition workshops
 - Sport Science workshops
 - Physical and Mental Health workshops
 - Life Skills and Future Prospects workshops

There are currently nine residents of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River involved with the SWAS.

The importance of the SWAS along with the benefits it provides to the individual athletes, their families and the community is recognised by other local governments throughout the South West. Table 2 below shows confirmed local government support for the SWAS for the 2025-26 budget year.

Table 2 – Confirmed local government contributions to SWAS

Local Government	Financial contribution for 2025-26
City of Bunbury	\$11,000
City of Busselton	\$11,000
Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes	\$500
Shire of Capel	\$8,800
Shire of Collie	\$2,200
Shire of Dardanup	\$5,610
Shire of Harvey	\$9,900

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications, Long Term Financial Plan, Whole of Life Cycle Considerations

There is \$20,000 allocated to donations in the 2025-26 Annual Budget. The Donation Guidelines adopted by officers contain a \$5,000 funding category allocated for sporting support such as the Southwest Academy of Sport.

The provision of \$5,000 (excluding GST) to the Southwest Academy of Sport will leave \$0 within the donations budget for any future sporting support requests. It should be noted that in 2024-25 the SWAS were the only organisation who were granted a sporting support donation.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental, Social, Economic, Contribution to 'Net Zero' Targets

It is recognised that physical activity can improve physical and mental health, quality of life and has positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes. The skills workshops undertaken by athletes promote youth leadership and aid the development of future community leaders.

Athletes being able to access services locally reduced the carbon footprint and financial burden of families travelling to Perth.

ADVOCACY

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR D'ATH, CR BOLAND OM2026/9

The Council donates \$5,000 ex GST, to Southwest Academy of Sport to support partner sports and individual athlete support programs.

CARRIED 7/0

**FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL**

11.4.2. WEIR TRIAL CLOSURE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

Location/Address	Barrett Weir
Applicant/Landowner	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
File Reference	COR/506
Report Author	Nick Byrne, Director Sustainable Economy and Communities
Authorising Officer	Andrea Selve, Chief Executive Officer
Authority/Discretion	Executive/Strategic

IN BRIEF

- For many years, residents across the Shire have raised concerns about illegal camping and its impacts, with complaints consistently escalating during the peak-season.
- As the Shire engaged with the community, it became clear that many of the issues attributed to illegal camping were broader and included peak-season visitation pressures.
- In 2024–2025, the Shire established the Illegal Camping and Peak-season Community Working Group following more than a dozen community meetings to identify localised impacts and propose practical solutions.
- Barrett Street Weir was identified through this process as a high-use natural site affected by peak-season pressures.
- The Working Group recommended testing restricted vehicle access to Barrett Street Weir as one potential action to reduce environmental, amenity and safety impacts.
- A Shire-wide public survey to gather community views on the proposed vehicle access restriction attracted 350 submissions: 38% in support, 54% opposed and 8% unsure.
- Informed by the Working Group's insights and broader community feedback, officers recommend an after hours no-parking trial for three months to test assumptions and impacts.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Barrett St Weir Engagement Report V 3 [11.4.2.1 - 65 pages]
2. Responses to Barrett St Weir Consultation [11.4.2.2 - 60 pages]

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with clause 1.9 of the Shire's *Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2013*, resolves to establish a no-parking zone for vehicles during the hours falling between sunset on one day, and sunrise on the succeeding day, on any part of Reserve 27633 (Barrett Street Weir Reserve) and Reserve 41211 (Barrett Street Access Reserve) on a trial basis from 1 February 2026 to 30 April 2026 as part of the Illegal Camping and Peak-season Pressures Community Roadmap.
2. Requests the CEO to monitor intended and unintended impacts and provide an evaluation report of the trial to Council by June 2026 for Council's consideration when determining longer term strategies to manage the Barrett Street Weir.

LOCATION PLAN

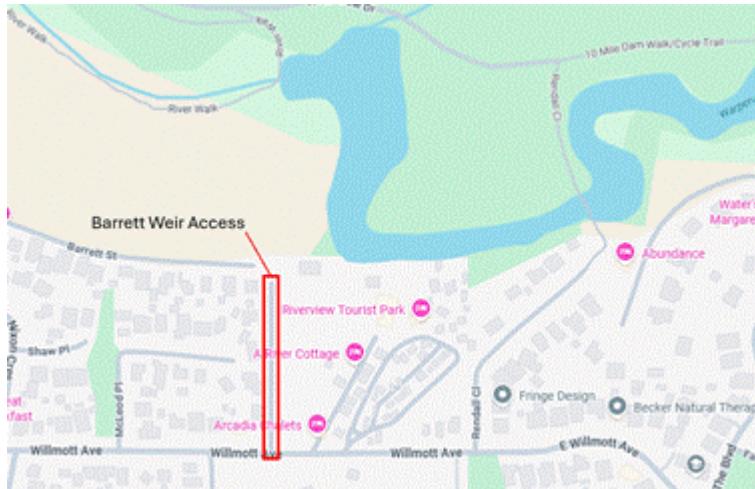


Figure 1 – Barrett Street Weir access road

BACKGROUND

Illegal camping has been a long-standing concern across the Shire, with residents reporting impacts such as human waste, litter, fire risk, noise and reduced access at popular natural areas. These concerns typically intensify during the peak-season.

While the Shire has applied traditional enforcement tools (signage, patrols, infringements), community feedback and officer observations indicated that these measures were not addressing the impacts.

In 2024–2025, the Shire engaged with residents across affected locations, which led to the establishment of the Illegal Camping and Peak-season Community Working Group (Working Group). Through this engagement, it became clear that many issues previously attributed to illegal camping also resulted from broader peak-season visitation pressures.

Within this context, Barrett Street Weir was identified as a high-use site experiencing cumulative impacts. Community members, stakeholder agencies and officers observed riparian wear, litter and waste issues, periods of after-hours congregation, and friction between users. Although overnight illegal camping at this location appears limited, peak-season use and after-hours activity has been the subject of community concern and complaints. The Working Group deliberations suggested that restricting vehicle access could be tested as part of a broader Illegal Camping and Peak-season Pressures Community Roadmap (Community Roadmap). This concept was explored with the broader community via a survey.

This report presents results of consultation and an assessment of options regarding vehicle access restrictions to Barrett Street Weir and recommends a trial of no parking after hours at Barrett Street Weir.

STATUTORY AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS RELEVANT TO DECISION

Council's authority to regulate access and use of the Weir derives from:

- **Local Government Act 1995** – Part 3 Division 3 provides general powers to regulate use of Shire-owned and managed land
- **Local Government Property Local Law 2013** – permits Council to regulate access to Shire-managed land
- **Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2013** – permits Council, by resolution to prohibit or regulate by signs or otherwise, the stopping or parking of any vehicle or any class of vehicles in any part of the Shire's district.
- **Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995** – governs camping activity and overflow facilities

The Barrett Street Weir reserve and access does not constitute a 'road' for the purposes of the *Land Administration Act 1997* or a 'throughfare' under the *Local Government Act 1995*, and accordingly the proposed trial closure can be implemented under Council's existing management powers under s3.54 and of the *Local Government Act 1995* and general parking regulation powers under the *Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2013* without requiring formal local law amendments or public notification, though Council has elected to conduct public consultation consistent with best practice governance and the Community Roadmap principles.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

Council has previously resolved to:

- Establish an illegal camping project team (OM2024/69 – 24 April 2024)
- Receive interim updates and continue investigation (OM2024/100 – 25 June 2024)
- Receive an illegal camping strategy and consider overflow camping options (OM2024/190 – 11 December 2024)
- Consider actions for the 2025/26 season, along with a longer-term Community Roadmap (SM2025/4 – 12 November 2025).

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2025-2035

Focus Area: Caring for our natural environment

Outcome Statement E1: Natural landscapes are protected and managed to preserve and restore their biodiversity and cultural values

Focus Area: How we work

Outcome Statement W3: We actively listen, engage and collaborate with our whole community to better understand all perspectives to inform our decision-making

CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Community Working Group Consultation

Between March and September 2025, thirteen community meetings were held across townsites, including on site at Barrett Street Weir, resulting in the formation of a Community Working Group. The group, supported by Rangers and other Shire officers, advised on impacts and potential responses as part of a wider peak-season management approach. Working Group advice informed the development of the Community Roadmap which Council received in November 2025.

Insights from the Working Group relevant to the Barrett Street Weir included:

- Impacts at Barrett Street Weir occur across the day, but many concerns relate to after-hours behaviour and heavy seasonal use.
- Vehicle access contributes to congestion and conflict between users.
- Restricting vehicle access on a trial basis may allow the Shire to observe whether impacts decrease and whether displacement occurs elsewhere.
- Any recommendation should be framed as temporary and evidentiary, not pre-determining permanent outcomes.

The Working Group suggested trialling vehicle restrictions to the site and this proposal was subsequently presented for broader consultation via a public survey.

Public survey on proposed trial vehicle closure at Barrett Street Weir

A total of 350 responses were received:

- 132 support (38%)
- 190 oppose (54%)
- 28 unsure (8%)

Opposition emphasised loss of access for families, elderly people and people with mobility restrictions; reliance on the site for recreation and river access; and concern about displacement to nearby streets or access points.

Support emphasised river health and vegetation protection; addressing waste and after-hours behaviour; and support for a temporary trial as a responsible, evidence-building step.

ICAN and WA Police Consultation

- The Inclusive Communities Advisory Network (ICAN) indicated the trial was unlikely to significantly affect accessibility, as people with mobility needs generally access the river through Rotary Park.
- WA Police (WAPOL) expressed strong support for trialling vehicle restrictions given safety-related incidents they have observed at the site.

Community Working Group response to survey results

After the community survey closed, the Working Group was provided with a summary of the survey results and reconsulted. On balance, the Working Group's view was action should still be taken but, given community feedback, alternatives to the full closure should be considered.

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

The following options have been considered.

Not proceeding with a trial

Pros:

- Avoids immediate disruption to legitimate access and use
- Responds to the majority view expressed in consultation i.e., opposition outweighs support
- Avoids displacement risks such as parking or congregation shifting to nearby areas

Cons:

- Leaves after-hours impacts untested and potentially unmanaged at this location
- Relies on assumptions about effectiveness and consequences of restrictions
- Risks undermining the integrity of the Community Working Group process

Proceed with trial all day vehicle closure

Pros:

- Aligns with the Community Roadmap's approach
- Tests assumptions regarding impacts and consequences and provides evidence for any subsequent decisions
- Operationally simpler and cheaper to enforce than time-based restrictions; unambiguous for signage and enforcement

Cons:

- Causes immediate inconvenience for some users
- Restricts legitimate day use
- Risk of short-term displacement effects (parking and congregation)

Time based trial - Sunset to sunrise no parking zone

Pros:

- Preserves legitimate day time use and access for families, elderly people, and people with mobility restrictions
- Responds to the strong theme in consultation responses requesting nighttime-only restrictions
- May protect evening amenity and improve public safety

Cons:

- Potentially more operationally complex than full closure, relies on Ranger patrols to enforce
- Higher ongoing costs than full closure, e.g., Ranger patrols
- May not address negative impacts at the site if they are occurring during daylight hours

Considering community consultation results, and the presumed advantages and disadvantages of all options, officers support trialling an after-hours parking restriction in the area for this season. Under this option, the Barrett Street Weir carpark would be a designated no-parking zone from sunset to sunrise. (Note: the 'sunset to sunrise' terminology is legally recognised and enforceable under the Shire's Local Law and allows the restriction to adjust naturally with changing daylight hours over the trial period.) The restriction will be enforced through Ranger patrols and infringements.

A time-based approach responds to the concerns, preserves daytime access and legitimate daytime use, and provides an opportunity to test a moderate management approach to inform future Council decisions.

Monitoring and evaluation

To inform Council's post-trial decision-making, officers will evaluate the trial and report on impacts, consequences on access and displacement and community response using:

- Complaints data
- Ranger observations
- Human waste and litter reports
- Environmental condition observations
- Consultation with WAPOL and ICAN
- Post-trial community consultation / survey
- Feedback from Community Working Group
- Observations of conflict or cooperation

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications, Long Term Financial Plan, Whole of Life Cycle Considerations

Nil. Signage and enforcement costs can be met within the existing operational budget.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental, Social, Economic, Contribution to 'Net Zero' Targets

Environmental: Potential reduction in riparian damage, litter and human waste.

Social: Balancing community safety and environmental protection with legitimate access.

Economic: Reduced reactive enforcement and remediation costs if trial demonstrates effectiveness.

ADVOCACY

Nil specific to this item. Broader advocacy relating to illegal camping and peak-season pressures will continue through existing channels with the State Government and the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

RISK ASSESSMENT

Displacement to nearby locations.

Mitigation: Active monitoring and response by Rangers; targeted ranger patrols.

Community dissatisfaction due to perceived loss of amenity/access.

Mitigation: Provide a feedback channel during the trial.

No noticeable reduction of negative impacts.

Mitigation: Longer term strategies and actions informed by post-trial evaluation using complaints data, ranger observations, waste and environmental observations, WAPOL incident information.

Trust risk - trial perceived as permanent.

Mitigation: Clear communication that the trial is temporary and cannot become permanent without a separate Council decision informed by post-trial consultation and the evaluation report; reaffirm end date in all signage and communications; engage the Community Working Group post-trial to validate findings before recommendations proceed to Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR KENNAUGH, CR D'ATH OM2026/10

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CARRIED 7/0

FOR: CRS BELL, BOLAND, D'ATH, FORTE, JEAN-RICE, KENNAUGH, WINTER
AGAINST: NIL

12. MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

Nil

14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

14.1. Members

Nil

14.2. Chief Executive Officer

Nil

15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President thanked all in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.06pm