AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday 20 August 2026
3:30pm

Council Chambers, 22 Watts Street, Wandering

OUR VISION

Wandering is a community of responsible, resilient and adaptable residents thriving in our scenic, economically diverse environment.

This Ordinary Council Meeting will be recorded in line with Section 5.23A of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Electronic copies of minutes and agendas are available for download from the Shire of Wandering website www.wandering.wa.gov.au

Notice of Meeting

Dear Elected Members, Residents and Ratepayers,

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Wandering will be held on Thursday 20 August 2026 in the Council Chambers commencing at 3.30pm. The purpose of this Council Meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda.

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No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Wandering for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during Council or Committee meetings or during formal/informal conversations with staff. The Shire of Wandering disclaims any liability for any loss whatsoever and howsoever caused arising out of reliance by any person or legal entity on any such act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during Council or Committee meetings or discussions.

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In particular and without derogating in any way from the broad disclaimer above, in any discussion regarding any planning application or application for a licence, any statement or limitation of approval made by a member or officer of the Shire of Wandering during the course of any meeting is not intended to be and is not taken as notice of approval from the Shire of Wandering.

The Shire of Wandering warns that anyone who has an application lodged with the Shire of Wandering must obtain and only should rely on **WRITTEN CONFIRMATION** of the outcome of the application, and any conditions attaching to the decision made by the Shire of Wandering in respect of the application.

Dr Alistair Pinto
Chief Executive Officer

10 August 2026

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The Shire of Wandering welcomes community participation during public question time.

1. All Council meetings are open to the public, except for matter raised by Council under "Confidential Reports".
2. Members of the public may ask a question at an ordinary Council Meeting under "Public Question Time".
3. A member of the public who raises a question during question time must:
    a. be in attendance at the meeting.
    b. first state their name and address.
    c. direct the question to the Presiding Member.
    d. ask the question briefly and concisely.
    e. limit any preamble to matters directly relevant to the question and
    f. ensure that the question is not accompanied by any expression of opinion, statement of fact or other comment, except where necessary to explain the question.
4. Each member of the public is entitled to ask a maximum of 3 questions. Questions must be related to the items on the agenda only. Questions on items not related to the agenda, within the remit of the local government, may be taken on notice and a response provided after the meeting.
5. Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer a minimum of one working day prior to the commencement of the meeting. Questions may be submitted via email to reception@wandering.wa.gov.au or submitted in written format at the Shire Office reception. A summary of each question and the response will be included in the meeting minutes.
6. When a question is unable to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided prior to the next ordinary meeting of Council.

Council Meeting Information:

Councillors may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the agenda. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote on the agenda item.

Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the presiding member of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.

Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer two weeks prior to an ordinary council meeting to allow the matter to be fully researched by a Shire Officer. An agenda item, including a recommendation, will then be submitted to Council for consideration. The agenda closes the Friday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. ten (10) days prior to the meeting).

Agendas for Ordinary Council Meetings are available on the Shire website seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to view a copy at the Shire Office. Printed copies can be made available from the Shire Administration Office for a printing fee, as per the Fees and Charges Schedule.

Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer on page 2.

Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Regulation 13) - A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Council Meetings will be available for public inspection from the Shire of Wandering Office and the Shire of Wandering website within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

Dr. Alistair Pinto
Chief Executive Officer

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting open.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Attendance

Elected Members

Cr. Sheryl Little	Shire President (Presiding Member)
Cr. Alan Price	Deputy President
Cr. Lou Cowan	
Cr. Gillian Hansen	
Cr. Peter Latham	
Cr. Andrew Thompson	
Cr. Brendan Whitely	

Staff

Dr. Alistair Pinto	Chief Executive Officer
Karl Mickle	Operations Manager

Members of the Public

2.2 Apologies

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

5. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Name	Item No.	Interest	Nature

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 16 July 2026

Statutory Environment:
Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Recommendation:
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 July 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: ______________________ Seconded: ______________________

Carried

For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

7.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – 05 August 2026

Statutory Environment:
Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Recommendation:
That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 05 August 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: ______________________ Seconded: ______________________

Carried

For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9. RECEPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

10. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

10.1 Shire President Report

Meetings attended by Shire President.
15 July – Meeting with the CEO.
21 July – Meeting with the CEO.
31 July - Extra Ordinary Elections - Vote Count and Announcement of Results
05 August - Special Council Meeting

10.2 Cr. Peter Latham

08 July - CCZ | August Meeting and Workshop | Shire of Kulin.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 Financial Report

File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**15 August 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**Bob Waddell**
Authorising Officer:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**Monthly Financial Statements - July 2026**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**Nil**

Summary of Report:
The monthly financial report for the period ending 31 July 2026 is presented for Councils consideration.

Background:
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, a statement of financial activity must be presented at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. This is required to be presented within two months, after the end of the month, to which the statement relates.
The statement of financial activity is to report on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the annual budget for the month, including explanations of any variances. Regulation 34, from the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 sets out the detail that is required to be included in the reports.

Consultation:
The Chief Executive Officer has been involved in monthly reviews of the operational budget and provides strategic advice to our financial consultant on trends and variances arising from various operational areas.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 34.

Policy Implications:
Not applicable.

Financial Implications:
As disclosed in the financial statements.

Strategic Implications:
Improve Our Financial Position

Our Goals	Our Strategies
The Wandering Shire is financially sustainable	• Improve accountability and transparency • Develop an investment strategy that plans for the future and provides cash backed reserves to meet operational needs • Prudently manage our financial resources to ensure value for money • Reduce reliance on operational grants

Risk Implications:

Risk	**Low**
Financial reports are prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Accounting Standards.	

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:
That Council receive the financial report presented for the period ending 31 July 2026.

Moved: ______________________________ Seconded: ______________________________

Carried

For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

SHIRE OF WANDERING

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
(Containing the Statement of Financial Activity)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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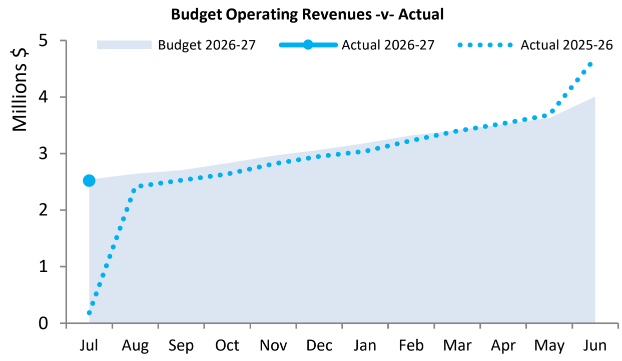

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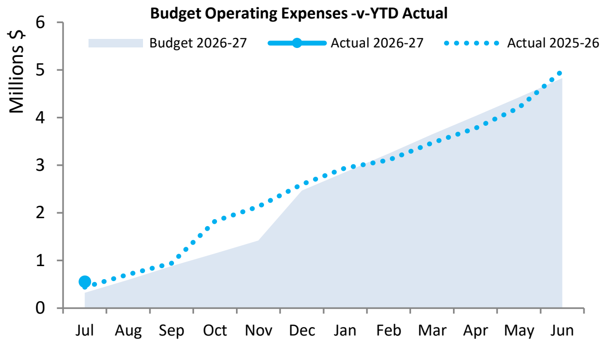

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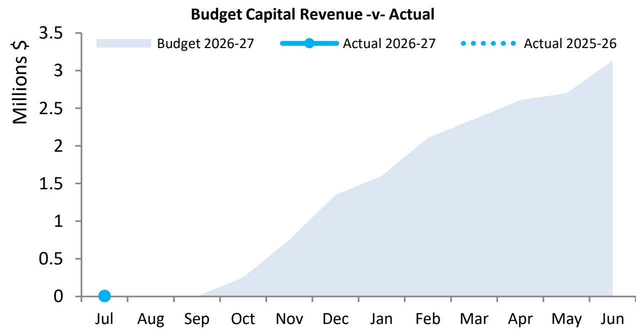

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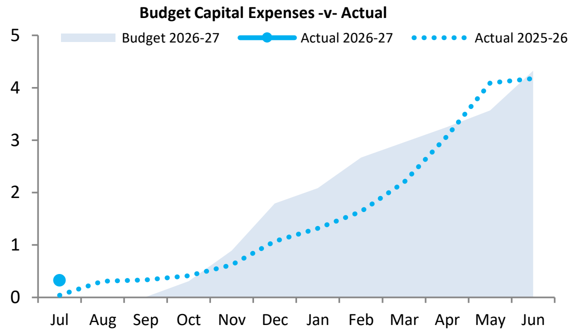

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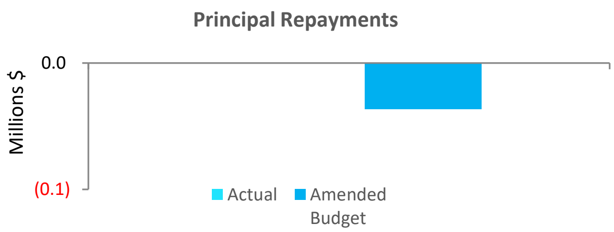

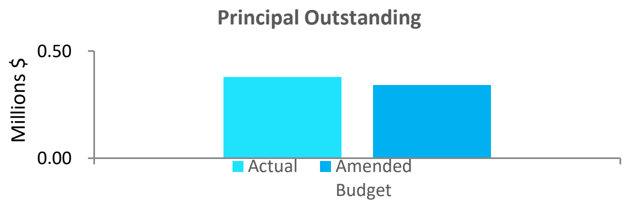

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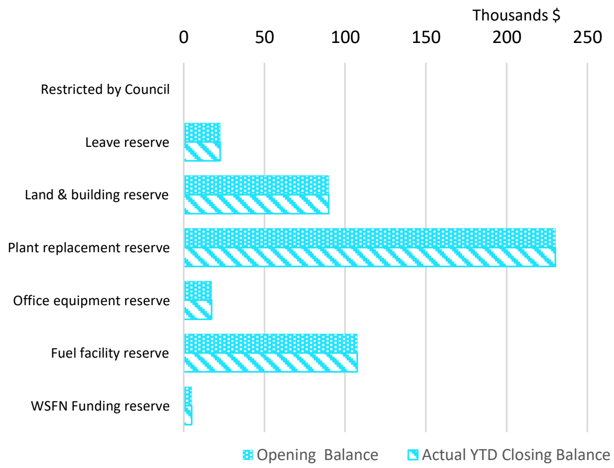

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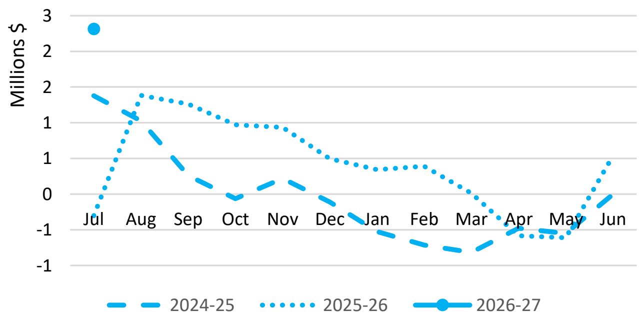

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

BY NATURE

	Ref Note	Adopted Annual Budget (a)	Amended Annual Budget (d)	YTD Budget (b)	YTD Actual (c)	Variance $ (c) - (b)	Variance % ((c) - (b))/(b)	Var. ▲▼
		$	$	$	$	$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES								
Revenue from operating activities								
Rates		2,384,335	2,384,335	2,384,334	**2,379,113**	(5,221)	(0.22%)	
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	11	469,738	469,738	42,178	**43,207**	1,029	2.44%	
Fees and charges		735,360	735,360	104,859	**97,836**	(7,022)	(6.70%)	
Interest revenue		44,500	44,500	3,707	**2,381**	(1,326)	(35.77%)	
Other revenue		356,305	356,305	3,426	**1,350**	(2,076)	(60.59%)	
Profit on disposal of assets	5	18,288	18,288	1,523	**0**	(1,523)	(100.00%)	
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		0	0	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
		4,008,526	4,008,526	2,540,027	**2,523,888**	(16,139)	(0.64%)	
Expenditure from operating activities								
Employee costs		(1,376,432)	(1,376,432)	(114,653)	**(197,350)**	(82,697)	(72.13%)	▼
Materials and contracts		(1,670,281)	(1,670,281)	(141,594)	**(148,058)**	(6,464)	(4.57%)	
Utility charges		(67,400)	(67,400)	(5,606)	**0**	5,606	100.00%	
Depreciation on non-current assets		(1,488,663)	(1,488,663)	(4,703)	**(135,293)**	(130,590)	(2776.73%)	▼
Finance costs		(25,355)	(25,355)	(2,111)	**(385)**	1,726	81.75%	
Insurance expenses		(114,984)	(114,984)	(50,004)	**(71,838)**	(21,834)	(43.66%)	▼
Other expenditure		(59,244)	(59,244)	(891)	**(2,351)**	(1,460)	(163.86%)	
Loss on disposal of assets	5	(25,255)	(25,255)	(2,104)	**0**	2,104	100.00%	
		(4,827,614)	(4,827,614)	(321,666)	**(555,274)**	(233,608)	72.62%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	1(a)	1,521,205	1,521,205	30,859	**135,293**	104,434	338.42%	▲
Amount attributable to operating activities		**702,117**	**702,117**	**2,249,220**	**2,103,906**	(145,314)	(6.46%)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from investing activities								
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	12	2,514,495	2,514,495	0	**6,320**	6,320	0.00%	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	5	186,500	186,500	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
		2,700,995	2,700,995	0	**6,320**	6,320	0.00%	
Outflows from investing activities								
Payments for inventories, property, plant and equipment and infrastructure	6	(3,635,880)	(3,635,880)	(1,582)	**(330,862)**	(329,280)	(20814.15%)	▼
		(3,635,880)	(3,635,880)	(1,582)	**(330,862)**	(329,280)	20814.15%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		**(934,885)**	**(934,885)**	**(1,582)**	**(324,542)**	(322,960)	20414.66%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from financing activities								
Proceeds from new debentures	7	0	0	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	9	431,500	431,500	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
		431,500	431,500	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities								
Repayment of borrowings	7	(36,496)	(36,496)	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	8	(46,173)	(46,173)	(3,847)	**(3,852)**	(5)	(0.13%)	
Transfer to reserves	9	(652,162)	(652,162)	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
		(734,831)	(734,831)	(3,847)	**(3,852)**	(5)	0.13%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		**(303,331)**	**(303,331)**	**(3,847)**	**(3,852)**	(5)	0.13%	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT								
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	1(c)	536,099	536,099	536,099	**539,420**	3,321	0.62%	
Amount attributable to operating activities		702,117	702,117	2,249,220	**2,103,906**	(145,314)	(6.46%)	
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Surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year	1(c)	**(0)**	**(0)**	**2,779,890**	**2,314,933**	(464,957)	(16.73%)	▼

KEY INFORMATION

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

Refer to Note 2 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

BY PROGRAM

	Note	Adopted Annual Budget	Amended Annual Budget (d)	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. $ (b)-(a)	Var. % (b)-(a)/(a)	Var. ▲▼
		$	$	$	$	$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES								
Revenue from operating activities								
Governance		0	0	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
General Purpose Funding - Rates	6	2,384,335	2,384,335	2,384,334	**2,379,113**	(5,221)	(0.22%)	
General Purpose Funding - Other		193,714	193,714	4,223	**2,441**	(1,782)	(42.20%)	
Law, Order and Public Safety		115,974	115,974	15,032	**10,913**	(4,120)	(27.40%)	
Health		1,000	1,000	541	**118**	(423)	(78.19%)	
Education and Welfare		0	0	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
Housing		33,480	33,480	2,789	**2,834**	45	1.62%	
Community Amenities		61,510	61,510	44,718	**53,560**	8,843	19.77%	
Recreation and Culture		3,000	3,000	249	**150**	(99)	(39.76%)	
Transport		104,788	104,788	1,523	**0**	(1,523)	(100.00%)	
Economic Services		752,920	752,920	83,067	**73,408**	(9,659)	(11.63%)	
Other Property and Services		357,805	357,805	3,551	**1,351**	(2,200)	(61.96%)	
		4,008,526	4,008,526	2,540,027	**2,523,888**	(16,139)	(0.64%)	
Expenditure from operating activities								
Governance		(343,384)	(343,384)	(30,632)	**(41,845)**	(11,213)	(36.61%)	▼
General Purpose Funding		(120,098)	(120,098)	(10,004)	**(10,104)**	(100)	(1.00%)	
Law, Order and Public Safety		(265,043)	(265,043)	(20,967)	**(13,455)**	7,512	35.83%	
Health		(21,309)	(21,309)	(1,772)	**(2,590)**	(818)	(46.14%)	
Education and Welfare		(7,485)	(7,485)	(622)	**(838)**	(216)	(34.76%)	
Housing		(56,533)	(56,533)	(4,694)	**(5,968)**	(1,274)	(27.14%)	
Community Amenities		(347,657)	(347,657)	(29,789)	**(37,556)**	(7,767)	(26.07%)	
Recreation and Culture		(370,725)	(370,725)	(29,879)	**(39,092)**	(9,213)	(30.83%)	
Transport		(2,110,007)	(2,110,007)	(91,363)	**(246,862)**	(155,499)	(170.20%)	▼
Economic Services		(1,082,661)	(1,082,661)	(89,683)	**(149,785)**	(60,102)	(67.02%)	▼
Other Property and Services		(102,712)	(102,712)	(12,261)	**(7,179)**	5,082	41.45%	
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SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

	30 June 2026	31 July 2026
	$	$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,133,831	1,002,681
Trade and other receivables	93,238	2,826,411
Inventories	57,824	14,903
Other assets	406	406
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,682,350	4,241,454
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	22,828	22,828
Other financial assets	38,974	38,974
Inventories	168,061	168,061
Property, plant and equipment	8,811,320	8,903,401
Infrastructure	91,511,399	91,618,663
Right-of-use assets	100,157	96,380
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	100,652,739	100,848,308
TOTAL ASSETS	102,335,090	105,089,763
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	60,364	102,752
Other liabilities	401,583	1,142,787
Lease liabilities	46,173	42,321
Borrowings	1	1
Employee related provisions	231,100	231,100
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	739,221	1,518,961
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	61,327	61,327
Borrowings	378,154	378,154
Employee related provisions	49,724	49,724
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	489,206	489,206
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,228,427	2,008,167
NET ASSETS	**101,106,663**	**103,081,596**
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	25,766,155	27,741,089
Reserve accounts	472,522	472,522
Revaluation surplus	74,867,986	74,867,986
TOTAL EQUITY	**101,106,663**	**103,081,596**

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

NOTE 1
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

(a) Non-cash items excluded from operating activities

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

Non-cash items excluded from operating activities	Notes	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
		$	$	$	$
Adjustments to operating activities					
Less: Profit on asset disposals	5	(18,288)	(18,288)	(1,523)	0
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash		25,575	25,575	25,575	0
Add: Loss on asset disposals	5	25,255	25,255	2,104	0
Add: Depreciation on assets		1,488,663	1,488,663	4,703	135,293
Total non-cash items excluded from operating activities		**1,521,205**	**1,521,205**	**30,859**	**135,293**

(b) Adjustments to net current assets in the Statement of Financial Activity

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.

	Notes	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2026	Amended Budget Opening 30 June 2026	Last Year Closing 30 June 2026	Year to Date 31 July 2026
Adjustments to net current assets					
Less: Reserves - restricted cash	9	(472,522)	(472,522)	(472,522)	(472,522)
Add: Borrowings	7	36,496	1	1	1
Add: Lease liabilities	8	46,173	46,173	46,173	42,321
Add: Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve		22,639	22,639	22,639	22,639
Total adjustments to net current assets		**(367,214)**	**(403,709)**	**(403,709)**	**(407,561)**

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

	Notes	Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2026	Amended Budget Opening 30 June 2026	Last Year Closing 30 June 2026	Year to Date 31 July 2026
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,148,139	1,133,831	1,133,831	1,002,681
Rates receivables	4	27,370	27,370	27,370	2,454,059
Receivables	4	52,683	65,868	65,868	372,352
Other current assets	5	455,282	455,282	455,282	412,362
Less: Current liabilities					
Payables	6	(83,062)	(60,364)	(60,364)	(102,752)
Borrowings	7	(36,496)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Contract and Capital Grant/Contribution liabilities	10	(398,676)	(401,583)	(401,583)	(1,142,787)
Lease liabilities	8	(46,173)	(46,173)	(46,173)	(42,321)
Provisions	10	(215,754)	(231,100)	(231,100)	(231,100)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	1(b)	(367,214)	(403,709)	(403,709)	(407,561)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		**536,099**	**539,420**	**539,420**	**2,314,933**

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

NOTE 1

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION (ALTERNATE PRESENTATION)

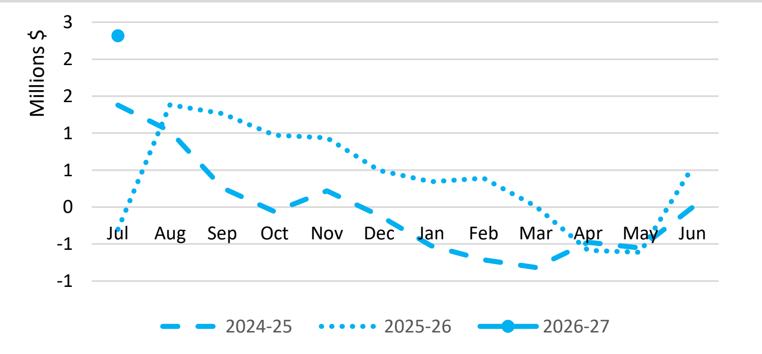
Adjusted Net Current Assets	Note	Last Years Closing 30/06/2026	This Time Last Year 31/07/2025	Year to Date Actual 31/07/2026
		$	$	$
Current Assets				
Cash Unrestricted	3	661,309	117,907	530,160
Cash Restricted - Reserves	3	472,522	275,777	472,522
Cash Restricted - Bonds & Deposits	3	0	0	0
Receivables - Rates	4	27,370	24,484	2,454,059
Receivables - Other	4	65,868	996,273	372,352
Other Assets Other Than Inventories	5	397,459	373,718	397,459
Inventories	5	57,824	75,699	14,903
		1,682,350	1,863,857	4,241,454
Less: Current Liabilities				
Payables	6	(52,579)	(167,375)	(94,967)
Contract and Capital Grant/Contribution Liabilities	10	(401,583)	(1,506,680)	(1,142,787)
Bonds & Deposits	6	(7,785)	(7,685)	(7,785)
Loan Liability	7	(1)	(34,853)	(1)
Lease Liability	8	(46,173)	(40,195)	(42,321)
Provisions	10	(231,100)	(231,100)	(231,100)
		(739,221)	(1,987,888)	(1,518,961)
Less: Cash Reserves	9	(472,522)	(275,777)	(472,522)
Add Back: Component of Leave Liability not Required to be funded		22,639	22,143	22,639
Add Back: Loan Liability		1	34,853	1
Add Back: Lease Liability		46,173	40,195	42,321
Less : Loan Receivable - clubs/institutions		0	0	0
Less : Trust Transactions Within Muni		0	0	0
Net Current Funding Position		**539,420**	**(302,617)**	**2,314,933**

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Please see Note 1(a) for information on significant accounting polices relating to Net Current Assets.

KEY INFORMATION

The amount of the adjusted net current assets at the end of the period represents the actual surplus (or deficit if the figure is a negative) as presented on the Rate Setting Statement.



This Year YTD Surplus(Deficit)
$2.31 M

Last Year YTD Surplus(Deficit)

NOTE 2
EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date Actual materially.
The material variance adopted by Council for the 2026-27 year is $10,000 or 10.00% whichever is the greater.

				Explanation of positive variances		Explanation of negative variances	
Nature or type	**Var. $**	**Var. %**		**Timing**	**Permanent**	**Timing**	**Permanent**
	$	%					
Expenditure from operating activities							
Employee costs	(82,697)	(72.13%)	▼			Various employee costs are running ahead of budget at this point in time.	
Depreciation on non-current assets	(130,590)	(2776.73%)	▼			Asset depreciation has commenced for 2026/27, however the majority of budgeted depreciation does not commence until December 2026.	
Insurance expenses	(21,834)	(43.66%)	▼			Insurance premiums have been paid ahead of budget phasing.	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	104,434	338.42%	▲	Non-cash depreciation expenses ahead of budget phasing.			
Investing activities							
Payments for inventories, property, plant and equipment	(329,280)	(20814.15%)	▼			Expenditure on capital expenditure projects is occurring ahead of budget phasing. Refer to Note 6 for further details.	

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

OPERATING ACTIVITIES
NOTE 4
RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue					Budget			YTD Actual		
	Rate in $ (cents)	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rate Revenue	Interim Rate	Total Revenue	Rate Revenue	Interim Rates	Back Rates	Total Revenue
RATE TYPE				$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Gross rental value										
GRV Residential	0.16546	34	406,640	67,281	0	67,281	67,281	0	0	67,281
GRV Special Use	0.16546	2	127,920	21,165	0	21,165	21,165	0	0	21,165
GRV Rural Residential	0.16546	57	771,170	127,595	0	127,595	127,595	0	0	127,595
GRV Industrial	0.16546	2	35,360	5,851	0	5,851	5,851	0	0	5,851
Unimproved value										
UV Rural, Rural Residential and Mining Tenements	0.00557	138	328,910,000	1,540,329	0	1,832,357	1,832,358	0	0	1,832,358
Non Rateable										
Non Rateable	0.00000	32	14,765	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total		**265**	**330,265,855**	**1,762,221**	**0**	**2,054,249**	**2,054,249**	**0**	**0**	**2,054,249**
Minimum payment	**Minimum $**									
Gross rental value										
GRV Residential	1,728	46	257,308	79,488	0	79,488	79,488	0	0	79,488
GRV Special Use	1,728	2	14,133	3,456	0	3,456	3,456	0	0	3,456
GRV Rural Residential	1,728	45	200,504	77,760	0	77,760	77,760	0	0	77,760
GRV Industrial	1,728	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unimproved value										
UV Rural, Rural Residential and Mining Tenements	1,728	95	19,831,835	164,160	0	164,160	164,160	0	0	164,160
Sub-total		**188**	**20,303,780**	**324,864**	**0**	**324,864**	**324,864**	**0**	**0**	**324,864**
		453	**350,569,635**	**2,087,085**	**0**	**2,379,113**	**2,379,113**	**0**	**0**	**2,379,113**
Discount						0				0
Concession						0				0
Amount from general rates						**2,379,113**				**2,379,113**
Rates Written Off		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ex-gratia rates		0	0	0	0	5,222	0	0	0	0
Total		**453**				**2,384,335**				**2,379,113**

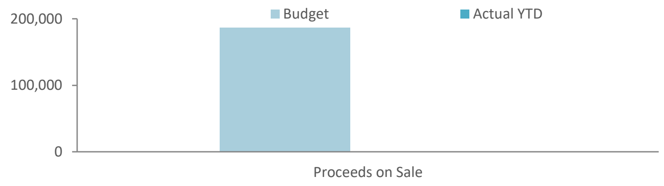
KEY INFORMATION

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event for the rates has occurred, refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance give rise to a financial liability. On 1 July 2021 the prepaid rates were recognised as a financial asset and a related amount was recognised as a financial liability and no income was recognised. When the taxable event occurs the financial liability is extinguished and income recognised for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES
NOTE 5
DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

		Budget				YTD Actual			
Asset Ref.	Asset description	Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book Value	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
	Plant and equipment								
	Transport								
105	Isuzu NLR45-150 Tipper - WD.000	22,037	15,000	0	(7,037)	0	0	0	0
93	Multipac 524H Multi-Tyred Roller - WD.182	65,383	50,000	0	(15,383)	0	0	0	0
118	2020 Mitsubishi Triton - WD.011	0	9,000	9,000	0	0	0	0	0
101	Holden Colorado 4x4 Crew Cab Auto Silver - WD.0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
704	Isuzu 2025 MU-X 4X4 LSU Wagon Auto 3.0L TD WD001 (OM)	49,712	54,000	4,288	0	0	0	0	0
703	Isuzu 2025 MU-X 4X4 LST Wagon Auto 3.0L TD 0WD (CEO)	56,335	53,500	0	(2,835)	0	0	0	0
		193,467	**186,500**	**18,288**	**(25,255)**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

The Shire has no assets budgeted for disposal in 2023/24.



INVESTING ACTIVITIES
NOTE 6
CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	$	$	$	$	$
Land held for resale - cost	50,000	50,000	0	**0**	0
Buildings	24,000	24,000	749	**0**	(749)
Furniture and equipment	20,000	20,000	833	**0**	(833)
Plant and equipment	629,000	629,000	0	**126,084**	126,084
Infrastructure - roads	2,720,693	2,720,693	0	**13,815**	13,815
Infrastructure - bridges	192,187	192,187	0	**190,962**	190,962
Infrastructure - footpaths	0	0	0	**0**	0
Infrastructure - recreation	0	0	0	**0**	0
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	**3,635,880**	**3,635,880**	**1,582**	**330,862**	**329,280**

Capital Acquisitions Funded By:					
	$	$	$	$	$
Capital grants and contributions	**2,514,495**	**2,514,495**	**0**	**6,320**	6,320
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	**186,500**	**186,500**	**0**	**0**	0
Cash backed reserves					
Plant replacement reserve	**431,500**	**431,500**	**0**	**0**	0
WSFN Funding reserve	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
Contribution - operations	**503,385**	**503,385**	**1,582**	**324,542**	322,960
Capital funding total	**3,635,880**	**3,635,880**	**1,582**	**330,862**	**329,280**

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Each class of fixed assets within either plant and equipment or infrastructure, is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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.

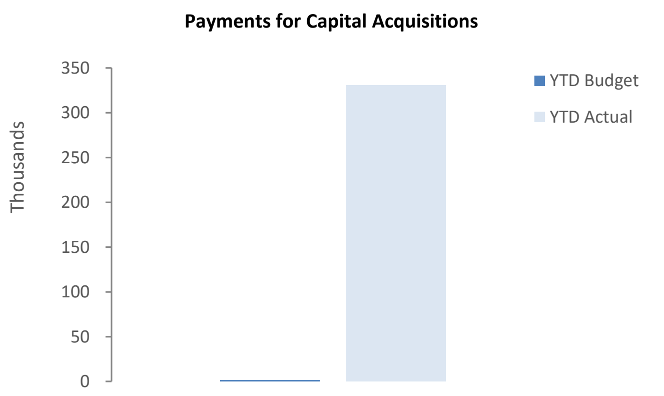
Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment is recognised at cost on acquisition in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A.* Where acquired at no cost the asset is initially recognise at fair value. Assets held at cost are depreciated and assessed for impairment annually.

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

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



INVESTING ACTIVITIES
NOTE 6
CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED)

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators

0%
20%
40%
60%
80%
100%
Over 100%

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

Level of completion indicator, please see table at the end of this note for further detail.

Account Number	Job Number	Balance Sheet Category	Account/Job Description	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
				$	$	$	$	$
Land Held for Resale								
Other Property & Services								
E14761		511	Land Held for Resale - Industrial Estate & Lot 801	(50,000)	(50,000)	0	0	0
Total - Other Property & Services				**(50,000)**	**(50,000)**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total - Land Held for Resale				**(50,000)**	**(50,000)**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Buildings								
Recreation And Culture								
E11383	WCC238	521	Wandering Community Centre - New Stage	(15,000)	(15,000)	0	0	0
Total - Recreation And Culture				**(15,000)**	**(15,000)**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Economic Services								
E13260		521	Purchase Buildings-Tourism	(9,000)	(9,000)	(749)	0	749
Total - Economic Services				**(9,000)**	**(9,000)**	**(749)**	**0**	**749**
Total - Buildings				**(24,000)**	**(24,000)**	**(749)**	**0**	**749**
Plant & Equipment								
Transport								
E12360		525	Purchase Plant & Equipment-Plant	(629,000)	(629,000)	0	(126,084)	(126,084)
Total - Transport				**(629,000)**	**(629,000)**	**0**	**(126,084)**	**(126,084)**
Total - Plant & Equipment				**(629,000)**	**(629,000)**	**0**	**(126,084)**	**(126,084)**
Furniture & Equipment								
Economic Services								
E13450		523	CRC - Purchase Furniture and Equipment	(10,000)	(10,000)	(833)	0	833
Total - Economic Services				**(10,000)**	**(10,000)**	**(833)**	**0**	**833**
Other Property & Services								
E14560		523	Purchase Furniture & Equipment-Administration	(10,000)	(10,000)	0	0	0
Total - Other Property & Services				**(10,000)**	**(10,000)**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total - Furniture & Equipment				**(20,000)**	**(20,000)**	**(833)**	**0**	**833**
Infrastructure - Roads								
Transport								
E12102	RRG008	541	RRG - York Williams Road Final Seal SLK3.00-6.00	(221,205)	(221,205)	0	0	0
E12102	RRG242	541	RRG - York Williams Road Reconstruct from SKL 3.00.6.00	0	0	0	(13,815)	(13,815)
E12102	RRG243	541	RRG - York Williams Road Reconstruct/Widen SLK 6.00-9.00	(624,452)	(624,452)	0	0	0
E12103	R2R016	541	R2R - Down Street and Watt's Street footpath and drainage repairs	(45,670)	(45,670)	0	0	0
E12103	R2R040	541	R2R - Gnowing Street Reseal SLK 0.00-0.20 26/27 Year	(37,668)	(37,668)	0	0	0
E12103	R2R042	541	R2R - Cheetaning Street-Reseal SLK 0.00-0.46 26/27 Year	(108,454)	(108,454)	0	0	0
E12105	WSFN251	541	WSFN North Bannister Wandering Rd - Replace Culverts-Clearing-Batter Works SLK13.60-18.52	(1,296,192)	(1,296,192)	0	0	0
E12105	WSFN252	541	WSFN North Bannister Wandering Road - Final Seal 4.5km	(387,052)	(387,052)	0	0	0
Total - Transport				**(2,720,693)**	**(2,720,693)**	**0**	**(13,815)**	**(13,815)**
Total - Infrastructure - Roads				**(2,720,693)**	**(2,720,693)**	**0**	**(13,815)**	**(13,815)**
Infrastructure - Bridges								
Transport								
E12120	BR0424	550	Bridge replacment 0424A Wandering Pingelly RD	(192,187)	(192,187)	0	(190,962)	(190,962)
Total - Transport				**(192,187)**	**(192,187)**	**0**	**(190,962)**	**(190,962)**
Total - Infrastructure - Bridges				**(192,187)**	**(192,187)**	**0**	**(190,962)**	**(190,962)**
Grand Total				**(3,635,880)**	**(3,635,880)**	**(1,582)**	**(330,862)**	**(329,280)**

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings			New Loans			Principal Repayments			Principal Outstanding			Interest Repayments		
Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2026	Actual	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Other property and services														
Industrial Estate Development	10	56,308	0	0	0	0	(7,006)	(7,006)	56,308	49,302	49,302	0	(2,414)	(2,414)
Industrial Estate Development	11	321,847	0	0	0	0	(29,490)	(29,490)	321,847	292,357	292,357	0	(14,768)	(14,768)
Total		378,155	0	0	0	0	(36,496)	(36,496)	378,155	341,659	341,659	0	(17,182)	(17,182)
Current borrowings		1							1					
Non-current borrowings		378,154							378,154					
		378,155							378,155					

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

The Shire has no unspent debenture funds as at 30th June 2026, nor is it expected to have unspent funds as at 30th June 2027.

KEY INFORMATION

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

Fair values of borrowings are not materiallly 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. Non-current borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

Repayments - leases

Information on leases			New Leases			Principal Repayments			Principal Outstanding			Interest Repayments		
Particulars	**Lease No.**	**1 July 2026**	**Actual**	**Adopted Budget**	**Amended Budget**	**Actual**	**Adopted Budget**	**Amended Budget**	**Actual**	**Adopted Budget**	**Amended Budget**	**Actual**	**Adopted Budget**	**Amended Budget**
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Transport														
JCB Excavator	1	107,501	0	0	0	(3,852)	(46,173)	(46,173)	103,649	61,328	61,328	(385)	(4,673)	(4,673)
Total		107,501	0	0	0	(3,852)	(46,173)	(46,173)	103,649	61,328	61,328	(385)	(4,673)	(4,673)
Current lease liabilities		46,173							42,321					
Non-current lease liabilities		61,327							61,327					
		107,501							103,649					

All lease repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

KEY INFORMATION
At inception of a contract, the Shire assesses if the contract contains or is 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 lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted using 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.

All contracts classified as short-term leases (i.e. a lease with a remaining term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Reserve accounts

Reserve name	Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Actual Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Restricted by Council									
Leave reserve	22,638.73	575.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,213.73	22,638.73
Land & building reserve	89,880.12	2,283.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142,163.12	89,880.12
Plant replacement reserve	230,215.07	5,846.00	0.00	415,162.00	0.00	(431,500.00)	0.00	219,723.07	230,215.07
Office equipment reserve	17,272.90	439.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,711.90	17,272.90
Fuel facility reserve	107,514.83	2,730.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135,244.83	107,514.83
WSFN Funding reserve	5,000.00	127.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,127.00	5,000.00
	472,521.65	**12,000.00**	**0.00**	**640,162.00**	**0.00**	**(431,500.00)**	**0.00**	**693,183.65**	**472,521.65**

Amendments to original budget since budget adoption. Surplus/(Deficit)

GL/JOB Code	Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
				$	$	$	$
	Budget adoption						0
			Opening Surplus(Deficit)			3,321	3,321
				0	**0**	**3,321**	**3,321**

11.2 Payment Listing

File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**15 August 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**Finance Officer**
Authorising Officer:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**List of Payments and Credit Card Statement 31 July 2026**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**Nil**

Summary of Report:
The list of payments for the month ending 31 July 2026 is presented for noting by Council.

Background:
Council has delegated the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the Shires municipal fund and the trust fund. In exercising their authority, and in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation, it is a requirement to produce a list of payments made from Councils Municipal Fund and Trust Fund bank accounts to be presented to Council for the purposes of noting, in the following month.

Consultation:
The Chief Executive Officer has been involved in the approvals of any requisitions, purchase orders, invoicing and reconciliation matters.

Statutory Environment:
Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states that

(1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared — (a) the payee's name; and
(b) the amount of the payment; and
(c) the date of the payment; and
(d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

Policy Implications:
Officers are required to ensure that they comply with the Shire's Purchasing Policy, where applicable and that budget provision is available for any expenditure commitments.

Financial Implications:
Payments are made under delegated authority and are within approved budgets. Payment is made within agreed trade terms and in a timely manner.

Strategic Implications:
Improve Our Financial Position

Our Goals	Our Strategies
The Wandering Shire is financially sustainable	• Improve accountability and transparency • Develop an investment strategy that plans for the future and provides cash backed reserves to meet operational needs • Prudently manage our financial resources to ensure value for money • Reduce reliance on operational grants

Risk Implications:

Risk	**Low**
Failure to make payments within terms may render Council liable to interest and penalties. **Failure to pay for goods and services in a prompt and professional manner, in particular to local suppliers, may cause dissatisfaction (reputational damage) amongst the community.**	

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Municipal Fund	**Amount**
Electronic Funds Transfers	$ 556,444.55
Direct Debits	$ 47,884.56
Cheques	Nil
TOTAL	$ 604,329.11

Officer Recommendation:
That Council receive the list of payments totalling $604,329.11 for the month ending 31 July 2026 as presented.

Moved: ______________________ Seconded: ______________________

Carried

For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

Shire of Wandering
List of Accounts for Payment for July 2026

Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Inv	Payment
QTR4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Alan John Price	Councillor Allowance Qtr ending June 2026	1,672.49	
47321	30/06/2026	Allwest Plant Hire	Roller Hire - 1/6/2026 - 30/6/2026	4,620.00	
AP4510	01/07/2026	Altus Planning	Town Planning Services for June 2026	1,278.75	
QTR 4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Andrew John Thompson	Councillor Allowance Qtr ending June 2026	1,272.49	
1014814991	03/07/2026	Australia Post	Various Postal Stock Requirements / Stamps , Envelopes, Receipt paper rolls	568.94	
5006907221	28/06/2026	BOC	Container service 29/5/2026 to 27/6/2026	40.91	
00013438	30/06/2026	Bookeasy Australia Pty Ltd	Online booking system fee - Caravan Park -June 2026	242.00	
SI058168	11/06/2026	Clarke Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd	Supply and install one K33 industrial generator - final	32,352.10	
QTR 4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Cr Gillian Hansen	Councillor Allowance Qtr ending June 2026	1,272.49	
QTR 4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Dennis Jennings	Councillor Allowance Qtr ending June 2026	424.16	
RM101829	25/06/2026	Ecowater Services	Routine Maintenance 22 Watts Street Water System	410.00	
RM101830	25/06/2026	Ecowater Services	Routine Maintenance 19 Humes Way Water System	227.60	
RM101831	26/06/2026	Ecowater Services	Routine Maintenance 5 Dunmall Water System	244.10	
QTR 4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Peter John Latham	Councillor Allowance Qtr ending June 2026	1,272.49	
QTR 4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Robert John Cowan	Councillor Allowance Qtr ending June 2026	1,278.11	
QTR4 JUNE 2026	06/07/2026	Sheryl Little	Councillor Allowances Qtr ending June 2026	5,372.41	
1038	30/06/2026	Shire of Narrogin	Environmental Health Officer Services June 2026	34.50	
030726	03/07/2026	Wandering Annual Fair	Community Grant Scheme 2026 - Wandering Fair	2,500.00	
00000086	07/06/2026	Wandering Tavern	Farewell Dinner (recouped from attendees)	405.00	
00077485	30/06/2026	Avon Waste	Domestic & Commercial general waste services June 2026	6,485.98	
5162	06/07/2026	Bob Waddell & Associates	Financial assistance 25/26 Annual report, 26/27 Budget and Monthly financials June 2026	2,772.00	
5170	14/07/2026	Bob Waddell & Associates	Financial assistance with various EOY processes, 26/27 Statutory Budget, 25/26 Annual Financial report	5,060.00	
WA19617944	29/04/2026	Boral Construction Materials	Patching Asphalt Bulk 6t	2,535.72	
SAAS-15762	10/07/2026	Focus Networks	Managed Computer/Server services and support July 2026	2,567.00	
00801807	15/07/2026	Fuel Distributors of WA	Hydraulic oil Azolla ZS 68 x 208ltr incl Freight	1,288.46	
30/6/2026	30/06/2026	Great Southern Fuel Supplies	Isuzu 2025 MU-X 4X4 0WD - fuel purchases 43.2lt	90.06	
23450	30/06/2026	LG Best Practices Pty Ltd	Creditors & Senior Finance Support June 2026	8,052.00	
23451	30/06/2026	LG Best Practices Pty Ltd	Payroll Assistance June 2026	2,332.00	
23449	30/06/2026	LG Best Practices Pty Ltd	Creditors training with FO on processing rejected payments and Invoices with CNOs	88.00	
MA2026123	01/07/2026	Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee	LHAAC Sampling Scheme Annual fee 26/27	420.74	
116139	03/07/2026	M2 Technology Group	Quarterly Fee- July 2026 Onhold Messages	330.00	
IH44-3	01/07/2026	Market Creations	CouncilConnect Subscription Renewal for FY26/27	16,654.00	
WA37	19/06/2026	McArthur Pty Ltd	Professional Services - CEO Performance Review	5,500.00	
630673772	08/07/2026	Officeworks	Office supplies and Toilet paper	205.89	
S40/1576	14/07/2026	Perth McIntosh & Son WA	Inspect and clear fault - Ad Blue issue.	1,314.78	
4233	10/07/2026	Perth Patios & Home Improvements (MCI Building Company P/L)	Supply and install Skillion patio - Final Payment	1,570.00	
00006911	01/07/2026	SHDL Group Pty Ltd T/a Wandering Smash Repairs, WD Auto Repairs, Wandering Towing	Youth Engagement Program - Vehicle Workshop - x4	675.00	
00006944	02/07/2026	SHDL Group Pty Ltd T/a Wandering Smash Repairs, WD Auto Repairs, Wandering Towing	UBolts x4 Inc Freight	52.45	
00007173	12/07/2026	WA Contract Ranger Services	Contract Ranger Service 7/7/2026 incl travel	442.75	
00000087	14/07/2026	Wandering Tavern	Councillor Meals	200.00	
001	18/06/2026	Wandering Town Volunteer Fire Brigade	Treatment 38705 Schorer Cemetery 6/6/26 & Treatment 38504 Codjatotine Cemetery 19/6/26	490.37	
K6349	20/07/2026	Gibbons Automotive	Purchase of new 2026 Kia MQ4 PE Sorento Sports	65,319.64	
K6350	20/07/2026	Gibbons Automotive	Purchase of new Kia 2026 MQ4 PE Sorento GT-Line	73,373.04	
JUNE 2026	30/06/2026	Australian Taxation Office	BAS June 2026	8,029.00	
00078093	30/06/2026	Avon Waste	Domestic & Commercial Secondary Fuel Levy June 2026	89.45	
5179	20/07/2026	Bob Waddell & Associates	Assistance with Transport Licensing issue	88.00	
863	04/07/2026	Boddington News	Boddington News Edition 785 x 6 copies	12.00	
870	17/07/2026	Boddington News	Boddington News Edition 786 x 6 Copies	12.00	
873	17/07/2026	Boddington News	Boddington News B & W Advert	400.00	
870	17/07/2026	Boddington News	Boddington News Edition 786 6 Copies	12.00	
22	23/07/2026	C & D Cutri	Bridge Maintenance repairs to bridge 3064 & 0420	6,710.00	
REIMBURS 130726	13/07/2026	Colleen Ovens	Ageing Wellness Program Replenishment of CRC Supplies	299.05	
15072026	15/07/2026	Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety	BSL Payment - June 2026	408.49	
INV-0197	22/07/2026	EverSharp Finance Services Pty Ltd	Youth Engagement Program - Finance Literacy Workshop	600.00	
INV-12007G	20/07/2026	Focus Networks	Manage Computer / Service Services - Backup SynergySoft Live & Play accounts	215.60	
MPSD-15771	21/07/2026	Focus Networks	Managed Computer /Server Services and Support	3,763.10	
00802483	20/07/2026	Fuel Distributors of WA	Diesel & ULP Purchase July 2026	44,952.75	
52	21/07/2026	JEB Cleaning Services	Shire Contract Cleaning - 06/7/2026 to 19/7/2026	2,422.56	
78398398	27/07/2026	Landgate	Interim Valuations Mining Tenements	19.10	
012	22/07/2026	Linda Barge	Wandering Collective Sale as at June 2026	45.60	
APAU-000231067	01/07/2026	One Music Australia	Country Music Rural License 01/7/2026 to 30/6/2027	402.37	
S40/1603	27/07/2026	Perth McIntosh & Son WA	Loader - Adblue Sensor	1,748.09	
71270	17/07/2026	Quest Payment Systems Pty Ltd	Fuel Facility Payment System 01/07/2026 to 31/07/2026	418.00	
INV-0715	17/07/2026	Redhill Civil Pty Ltd	Bridge Replacement Wandering Pingelly Road Variation 01 Survey	210,058.68	

CD_001489574	06/07/2026	RingCentral	Phone system July 2026	662.00	
12303	30/06/2026	Shire of Beverley	Reimbursement & charges - Admin ERP Demonstration 5-6 March 2026	26.18	
I0038006	03/07/2026	South Regional Tafe	CIII in Business Units Semester 1 - C Comley	259.55	
09	03/07/2026	Spiffy Lawns & Gardens	The Wandering Collective - Sale of Stock	38.40	
SI-019555	20/07/2026	WALGA	WALGA Membership 2026/27	20,917.31	
1-00032529	21/07/2026	Yahava Koffeeworks Wholesale	CRC Cafe - Supplies and Freight	526.85	
290626	29/06/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 29/06/2026	1,373.00	
SUPER	14/07/2026	Australian Super	Superannuation contributions	1,077.96	
DEDUCTION	14/07/2026	Australian Super	Payroll deductions	88.70	
DEDUCTION	14/07/2026	Australian Super	Payroll deductions	147.84	
SUPER	14/07/2026	Aware Super	Superannuation contributions	6,205.35	
DEDUCTION	14/07/2026	Aware Super	Payroll deductions	943.60	
SUPER	14/07/2026	Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings	Superannuation contributions	326.71	
SUPER	14/07/2026	HUB24 Super Fund	Superannuation contributions	300.66	
SUPER	14/07/2026	Retail Employees Superannuation (REST)	Superannuation contributions	172.06	
7171340018677	30/06/2026	Australian Taxation Office	Fringe Benefits Tax for period 1/4/2025 to 31/3/2026	1,369.22	
SUPER	28/07/2026	Australian Super	Superannuation contributions	1,014.82	
DEDUCTION	28/07/2026	Australian Super	Payroll deductions	88.70	
DEDUCTION	28/07/2026	Australian Super	Payroll deductions	147.84	
SUPER	28/07/2026	Aware Super	Superannuation contributions	6,594.22	
DEDUCTION	28/07/2026	Aware Super	Payroll deductions	943.23	
SUPER	28/07/2026	Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings	Superannuation contributions	330.82	
SUPER	28/07/2026	HUB24 Super Fund	Superannuation contributions	304.35	
SUPER	28/07/2026	Retail Employees Superannuation (REST)	Superannuation contributions	172.06	
60155537	16/07/2026	Aussie Broadband	Broadband - Administration 19 Humes period 16/7/2026 - 15/8/2026	79.00	
K 496 205 071-5	18/06/2026	Telstra	Phone/Internet Charges 11/6/2026 - 10/7/2026	1,134.56	
JCB LEASE JULY 2026	12/07/2026	De Lage Landen Pty Ltd	JCB Lease Repayment July 2026	4,660.94	
060726	06/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 06/07/26	569.55	
080726	08/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 08/07/26	225.00	
090726	09/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 09/07/26	783.15	
130726	13/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 13/07/26	1,294.85	
150726	15/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 15/07/26	421.00	
200726	20/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 20/07/26	1,092.25	
210726	21/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 21/07/26	1,744.05	
230726	23/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 23/07/26	167.80	
270726	27/07/2026	DOT Licencing	Transport WADO EOD 27/07/26	6,164.90	
9007760943	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	Administration Building - Water use 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	33.13	
9007760898	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	Caravan Park Water Use - 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	283.13	
9007760978	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	Community Centre - Water use 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	54.22	
9007760951	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	CRC & Public Conveniences Water use - 12/5/2026 - 09/7/2026	180.72	
9007760919	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	Depot & Standpipe - Water use 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	674.69	
9016161686	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	19 Humes Way - Water use 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	84.63	
9016161846	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	5 Dunmall Drive - Water Service charge 1/7/2026 - 31/8/2026	51.82	
9007761110	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	1 Dowsett St - Service Charge 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	51.82	
9007761065	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	14 Down St - Water use & service charge 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	103.12	
9011269073	10/07/2026	Water Corporation	13 Dunmall Dr - Water use & Service Charge 12/5/2026 - 9/7/2026	245.15	
736847310	06/07/2026	Synergy	Street lighting - period 25/5/2026 - 24/6/2026	1,117.80	
9017752648	26/06/2026	Water Corporation	Standpipe - Water use 19/5/2026 - 22/6/2026	66.88	
240726	27/07/2026	Commonwealth Bank	Coles online, Dan Murhpys, GoodGuys, CostCo, BigW, Dept Transport, Canva, Australia Post	4,999.26	
				Direct Debits	47,884.56
				EFT	556,444.55
					604,329.11

Credit Card Breakdown 24/07/2026 to 24/07/2026				
Date	**Supplier**	Description	**Amount**	**GST**
26/06/2026	Coles Online	Ageing Wellness - Dinner dance supplies	$ 425.33	$ 38.67
26/06/2026	Big W	Portable Ice Maker Machine	$ 177.00	$ 16.09
29/06/2026	Costco Wholesale	Kitchen supplies	$ 75.97	$ 6.91
29/06/2026	Costco Wholesale	Power Generator - Waste facility	$ 599.99	$ 54.54
29/06/2026	Costco Wholesale	Fridge - Depot & Upright Freezer Community Centre	$ 799.97	$ 72.72
29/06/2026	Dan Murphys	Council chamber refreshments	$ 354.83	$ 32.26
29/06/2026	The Good Guys	Microwave & fridge	$ 1,192.50	$ 108.41
13/07/2026	Coles Online	Supplies - Cafe	$ 199.94	$ 18.18
15/07/2026	Shire of Wandering	Registration of CEO & Op Manager Vehicles	$ 249.00	$ 22.64
17/07/2026	Coles	Council chamber refreshments	$ 58.70	$ 5.34
17/07/2026	Myer	Air Fryer - Admin & CRC	$ 319.90	$ 29.08
22/07/2026	Coles	Supplies - Cafe	$ 225.44	$ 20.49
23/07/2026	Canva	Subscription- Canva Pro Solo	$ 164.99	$ 15.00
24/07/2026	Australia Post	Gift Vouchers $25.95 x 6	$ 155.70	$ 14.15
	Commonwealth Bank	Bank Fee		$ -
		TOTAL	**$ 4,999.26**	**$ 454.48**

12. PLANNING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 Retrospective Dam – Lot 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court, Wandering

File Reference:	**10.106.10690**
Date:	**7 August 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**Matthew Sherman**
Author:	**Ben Laycock (Altus Planning), Shire's Town Planning Consultant**
Authorising Officer:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**1. Development Application** **2. Neighbour Submission** **3. Applicant's Statement from July OCM** **4. Statement from Contractor** **5. CONFIDENTIAL Applicant's Satelitte Images & Photos**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**12.1 Retrospective Dam – Lot 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court, Wandering – OCM July 2026**

Summary of Report:
The landowner of Lot 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court, Wandering is seeking retrospective development approval relating to the construction of a dam at the property.

This item was initially considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 July 2026 where Council resolved:

That Council instructs the CEO to suspend the application approval submitted by Matthew Sherman, for the construction of a dam at Lot 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court, Wandering, until further sufficient design and construction detail has been provided to demonstrate that the dam is structurally sound, safely constructed, and capable of being adequately managed without adverse impacts on surrounding land or infrastructure.

The Applicant has since provided additional information and therefore the application is being presented to Council for final determination.

Background:
Lot 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court, Wandering (**subject land** or **site**) is zoned 'Rural Residential (RRes2)' pursuant to the Shire of Wandering Town Planning Scheme No. 3 (**TPS3** or **Scheme**).

The subject land is located to the south-west of the Redgum Court cul-de-sac head, measures approximately 61,997m^2 (6.19 hectares) and exists with a Single House, Ancillary Dwelling, and Rainwater Tank. The immediate surrounding locality comprises of similarly sized and developed Rural Residential properties, none of which are connected to reticulated sewer or water networks. Refer to Figure 1.

Figure 1: Locality Plan (Source: PlanWA 2026)

Under Schedule 11 of TPS3, it is explicitly stated that no dam or artificial lake is to be developed on any lot within Rural Residential Zone No. 2 without the prior planning approval of the Shire. It is unfortunate that the Applicant was apparently advised by personnel at the Shire that no approvals were required.

Based on the drawings provided by the Applicant, the dam is:

- Located in the south-eastern corner of the site and is setback approximately 1.5m from the subject land's eastern boundary;
- Approximately 75m (l) x 65m (w) at its largest points;
- Has a minimum depth of 5.5m; and
- Has a capacity of approximately 3,360,000L (3,360kL).

Consultation:
The below details the consultation and referral processes that occurred prior to the original consideration by Council. No additional consultation or referral has been deemed necessary.

The application was referred to the three (3) immediately adjoining neighbours for a period of fourteen (14) days. One (1) objection was received raising concerns with the following aspects:

- Lot boundary setbacks
- Capacity of the dam
- Dam construction and potential failure
- Amenity impacts

A copy of the neighbour submission can be viewed at **Attachment 2** of this report. The concerns raised by the neighbour are addressed in the following sections of this report.

The application was also referred to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (**DWER**) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (**DPIRD**) for comment.

Whilst DWER does not object to the proposal in principle, it recommends that the Shire ensure the dam:

- is properly designed (including overflow capacity and embankment stability)
- is constructed to acceptable engineering standards
- has appropriate dam storage and the freeboard should provide for at least a 1 per cent annual exceedance probability (**AEP**) storm event.

In relation to the above, the Applicant has now provided a written statement from the contractor who constructed the dam that is subject of this application. This statement from Phil Watts, Bulldozing Contractor confirms that the structure was built to standard agricultural engineering specifications and outlines the process undertaken to ensure adequate structural integrity (refer to **Attachment 4**). Officers have no basis to dispute the contractor's claims as there is no reference to specific Australian standards or other specifications that can be peer reviewed.

DPIRD advised that it did not have any comments to provide within its advisory scope.

Statutory Environment:
Town Planning Scheme No. 3

As mentioned, development (planning) approval is required under TPS3 for a dam within the Rural Residential Zone No. 2 (RRes 2). However, there are no specific development requirements within TPS3 or any local planning policy adopted by the Shire in relation to dams. This presents a challenge for officers when undertaking an assessment for such applications.
Since Council's previous consideration, the Applicant has provided a series of satellite images and photographs of other existing dams within the RRes 2 zone to demonstrate that the size and location of their dam is comparable with similar developments within the same zone and therefore is consistent with the established character. Refer to **Attachment 5**.

Policy Implications:
Moving forward, Council may wish to consider adopting a local planning policy relating to dams which specifies matters such as when development approval is required, minimum standards and requirements, and assessment criteria.

Financial Implications:
It is noted that should the applicant seek a review of Council's decision by the State Administrative Tribunal, there may be potential cost implications for the local government with respect to associated legal and administrative costs.

Strategic Implications:
Nil.

Risk Implications:

Risk	Medium
Approving the dam without adequate engineering details to demonstrate the suitability of the structure could have significant impacts on surrounding properties and infrastructure in the event of failure.	

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:

That Council approves the application for retrospective development approval, submitted by Matthew Sherman, for the construction of a dam at Lot 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court, Wandering, subject to the following conditions and advice notes:

Conditions:

1. **The development hereby approved shall be retained in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted with the application and these shall not be altered or modified without the prior written approval of the Council.**

2. **The dam, embankment and spillway shall be maintained in a safe and serviceable condition at all times.**

3. **The dam shall not cause flooding, erosion, sedimentation or drainage impacts on adjoining properties.**

Advice Notes:

1. **This is a development approval of Shire of Wandering under its Local Planning Scheme No. 3. It is not a building permit or an approval to commence or carry out development under any other law. It is the responsibility of the applicant/landowner to obtain any other necessary approvals, consents, permits and licenses required under any other law, and to commence and carry out development in accordance with all relevant laws.**

2. **Failure to comply with any of the conditions of this development approval constitutes an offence under the provision of the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Wandering Local Planning Scheme No. 3. This may result in compliance action being initiated by the Shire.**

3. **If the applicant / landowner is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be submitted within 28 days of the local government's determination.**

4. **Any enlargement, deepening or modification of the dam shall require separate approval from the Shire of Wandering.**

Moved: __________________________ Seconded: __________________________

Carried

For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

Matthew & Breann Sherman
38 Redgum Court
Wandering WA 6308
[redacted]

Planning Department
Shire of Wandering
22 Watts Street
Wandering WA 6308

RE: Retrospective Development Application – Existing Dam
Property: 38 Redgum Court, Wandering WA 6308

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this letter and the attached documentation as a retrospective Development Application for an existing dam located on our property at 38 Redgum Court, Wandering.

Prior to construction, we attended the Shire office on 12 December to seek advice regarding the requirements for constructing a dam and shed. At that time, we were advised by a Shire officer that no approvals were required for the dam. Based on this advice, we proceeded with construction in good faith.

Following recent correspondence from the Shire, we understand that planning approval is required, and we are now seeking to regularise the development through this application.

Project Details

The dam has been constructed to provide water storage for general rural use, including stock water and property management purposes. It is located on a natural fall within the property and captures overland runoff from the surrounding area.

Site and Design

- The dam is an earthen structure constructed using standard excavation and embankment methods.
- It is positioned within the property, with a minimum setback of approximately 1.5 metres from the boundary at its closest point.
- The dam includes an overflow area allowing water to continue downstream toward adjoining land.
- Dimensions, capacity, and design details are provided in the attached plans.

Environmental and Water Management

The dam is designed to operate within the existing landscape:

- It captures surface runoff from the property without reliance on a defineo watercourse.

- Overflow provisions allow continued downstream flow.
- No vegetation clearing was required for construction.

Supporting Documentation

Please find attached:

- Completed Development Application Form
- Certificate of Title
- Scaled and dimensioned site plan
- Sectional drawings illustrating the dam design

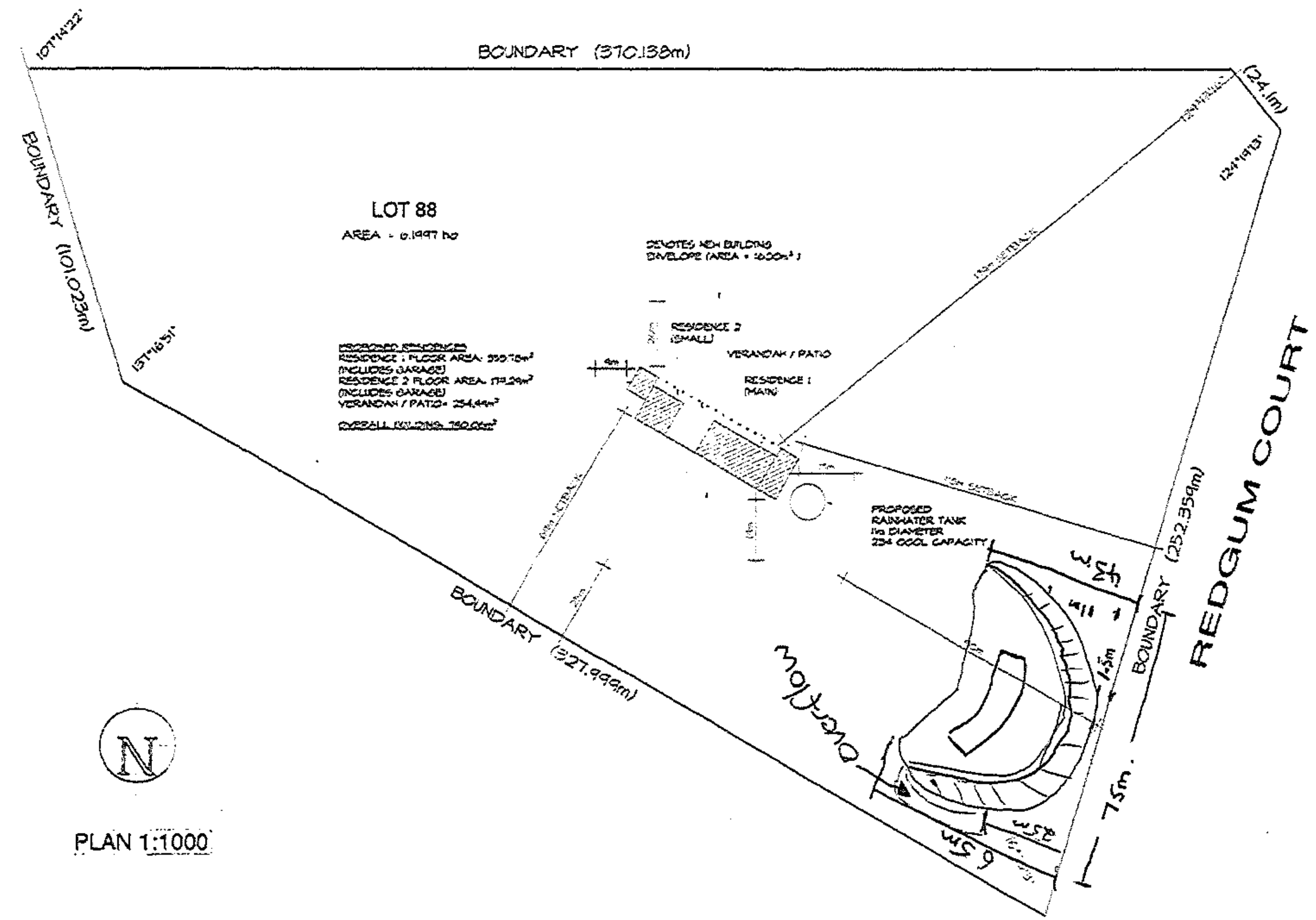
We acknowledge the Shire's advice that approval is required and are committed to working cooperatively to resolve this matter. We would appreciate consideration of the circumstances under which the dam was constructed, including that we sought and relied on advice from the Shire prior to commencing works.

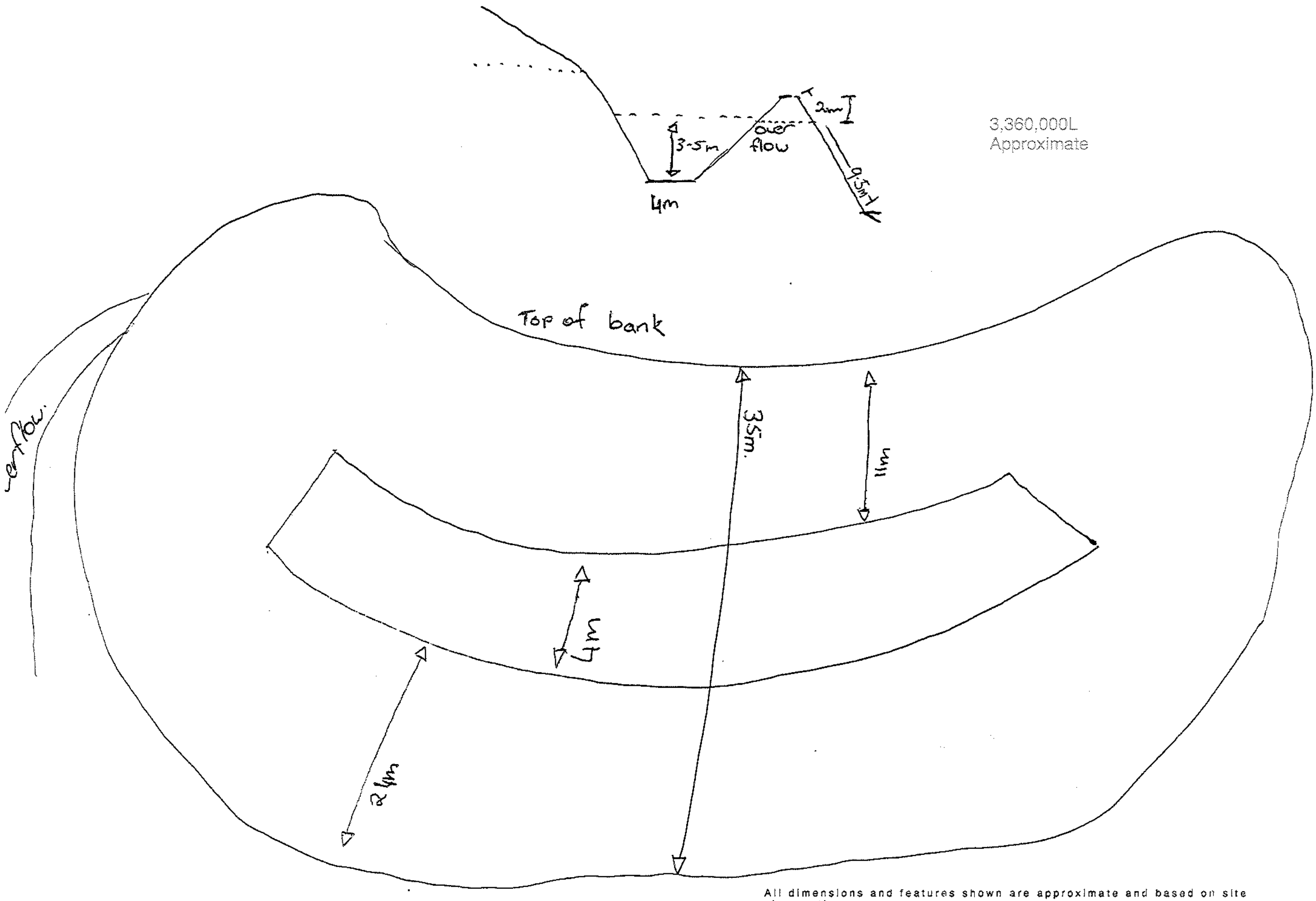
We welcome any feedback and are willing to make reasonable modifications if required to achieve compliance.

Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to progressing this application.

Yours sincerely,
Matthew and Breann Sherman

All dimensions and features shown are approximate and based on site observations.





3,360,000L
Approximate

All dimensions and features shown are approximate and based on site observations.
This plan is not to survey accuracy.

DJ & KM Green
37 Redgum Court
Wandering WA 6308

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wandering
22 Watts Street
Wandering WA 6308

Dear Dr Pinto,

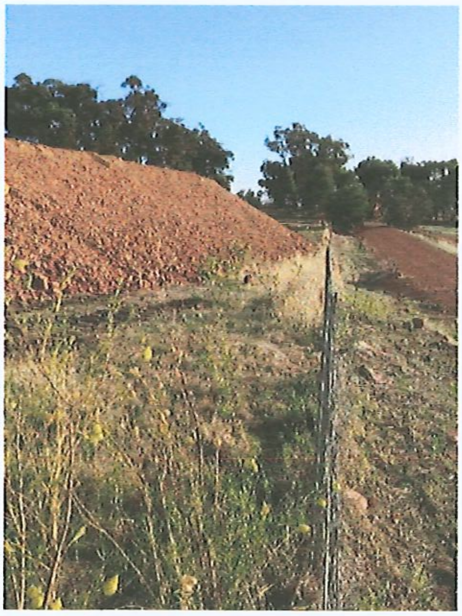
In regards to the Schedule 8 – Notice of Public Advertisement of Planning Proposal for the property located as Lot No. 88 (No. 38) Redgum Court Wandering (your reference 10.106.10690 – PA480) for the construction of a Dam (Retrospective), we wish to lodge our objection to this approval.

This dam has been constructed without the necessary planning and building approvals and therefore, the rules and regulations that are required to gain approval have not been applied to the dam that has been constructed.

The owners of the dam have constructed a dam the size that they wanted in the location they wanted without any consideration for adjoining landowners and the impact that their dam has on those properties, being ourselves and the two neighbours downstream due to the topography of the land.

Planning Scheme Compliance

The proposal contradicts the Shire of Wandering Local Planning Scheme No. 3, as their setback from the boundary fence is only 1.5m, the Local Planning Scheme No 3 states that "setbacks (50m from Moramockining Road, 30m from the front boundary to other roads or the common boundary with the State Forest and any watercourse or drainage line and 10m for all other boundaries) is still required to be maintained"(www.wandering.wa.gov.au/assets/documents/content/services/notesonruralresidentialareacontrols0604.pdf). The setback also goes against Department of Primary Industries information, "Farm dams should not be sited closer than 300 m from boundary fences without agreement from the adjoining land user". (Department of Primary Industries Farm dams in Western Australia By David Stanton March 2005 Bulletin 4609 ISSN 1448-0352)

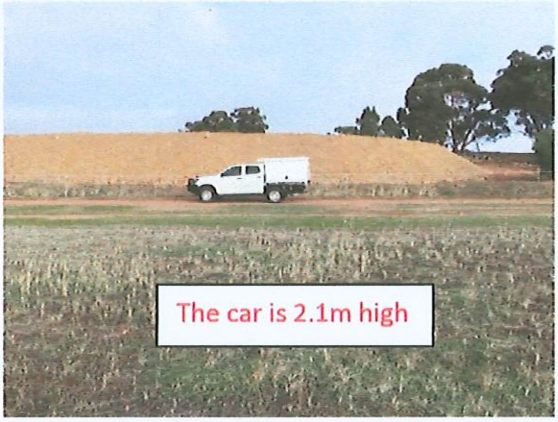


The capacity of the dam seems to be excessive for a Rural Residential (RR2) lot as per the following;
While specific maximum capacities for individual RR2 lots are assessed on a case-by-case basis, general guidelines for rural residential, lifestyle-sized properties (e.g., 2-4 hectares) often suggest capacities in the range of 2,000 - 2,500 kilolitres (2-2.5 megalitres) for, as a guide, water requirements based on reasonable riparian rights (rural residential RR2 farm dam size capacities in Wandering WA - Google Search)

Dam Construction/Failure

The drawings supplied by the owners appear to have been hand drawn and do not appear to be certified engineering drawings. Given the size of the dam wall (which according to the drawings is over 5.5metres as this is the height for the overflow), the water holding capacity of 3.36 mega litres, and the lack of compaction evident at side of the dam wall facing our property, it appears that these should have been completed, as per the following resources. Why should a dam with the chance to impact significantly on other properties not require engineered drawings, when you are not able to construct a building on your property without these documents?

Another concern about the construction of this dam, given the height of the dam wall and lack of engineering drawings, is the risk of the wall collapsing and flooding our property and other properties further downhill.



The Shire of Wandering is lacking in resources regarding the constructions of dams, the below information has been gathered from Google searches, utilising information from The Shire of Mundaring, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and Australian Government – Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience. These references all support the supply of engineering drawings and compaction of the dam wall.

- "Large Dams: Any dam with a surface area dimension greater than 15 meters or a depth greater than 5 meters (from the top of the wall) often requires a detailed engineering design by a certified practitioner"

  (rural residential RR2 farm dam size capacities in Wandering WA - Google Search).
- 3.2. Dam Size and Stability
  - The structural safety and water holding capacity are very important considerations to be taken into account before beginning earthworks. There is limited information regarding acceptable standards for "sizing" dams based on proposed use or land area. As a guide, the Water and Rivers Commission suggest that water requirements for a 2 - 4 hectare property based on riparian rights may be achieved with storage capacities in the order of 2,000 - 2,500 kilolitres. This assumes that:
    - the water would be used for domestic use, irrigation and stock; and
    - the landowner has a 92,000 litre rainwater tank.
  - The foundations for the dam must be structurally sound, built on clay and not be situated on gravel, sand or on seepage areas. Clay content, water holding capacity, wall design and spillway design are also important factors requiring consideration as part of dam construction proposals. In most cases, it is recommended that expert advice from a structural engineer and/or hydrogeologist addressing these issues is obtained and forwarded to the Shire for assessment prior to the construction of a dam.

  (Dam Construction Guidelines Shire of Mundaring March 2000 6 Ref:7002/A07-15:MM 431:mm 8 March 2000 ©EMRC)

- 15. Rural dams should have a holding capacity appropriate to annual usage requirements (i.e. dams should not remove excessive amounts of water from the catchment). Expert advice should be sought to determine the appropriate size for a dam.

19. Dams should have appropriately constructed spillways and/or bypass channels to return water to the original waterway. These facilities should provide sufficient freeboard to prevent overtopping of the dam wall and reduce the risk of dam failure during periods of high or extended rainfall. They should be designed and constructed to reduce potential erosion and pressure on the dam wall.
34. Soil embankments should have consistent low-permeability soil characteristics, be moisture-conditioned and compacted and have appropriate shape and dimensions, so they are sufficiently sturdy to prevent failure of the structure. The amount of weight and subsequent pressure on the dam walls from the dam water should not be underestimated. Organic material in the dam wall, such as dead tree trunks, roots and plant matter, should be removed as the dam wall can weaken and fracture as the organic material decays.
36. Dams built with fractured and porous rocks under the dam structure tend to have higher rates of seepage and a higher chance of the structure failing (see Romanov et al. 2003).
39. For large reservoirs, in steep terrain or where dam wall may be affected by wave action, surface protection (e.g. rock armouring) should be used to minimise erosion.
(Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Water quality protection note no. 53, September 2019, Dam construction and operation in rural areas, pages 6,7 & 8)

- A 4-metre-high dam wall that has not been properly compacted is at high risk of failure due to potential piping or erosion, particularly given the soil types in the Wandering, WA region, which can be prone to leakage.
    - Here is an analysis and recommended actions for a 4m uncompacted dam wall in WA:
        - Immediate Risks
            - Structural Failure: Lack of compaction leads to air pockets, allowing water to force its way through the wall, creating "pipes" or tunnels.
            - Leakage/Seepage: Uncompacted material allows for significant leakage, reducing the dam's ability to hold water.
            - Soil Type Variability: The area, particularly near former salmon gum/gimlet areas, may have porous soils (gravels/sandy duplex) that need high-quality, compacted clay cores to hold water.
        - Recommended Actions
            1. Stop Water Input: Do not allow the dam to fill further until repairs are made to avoid a catastrophic breach.
            2. Inspect Soil Quality: Determine if the material used is suitable clay or if it is too gravelly/sandy, which may require artificial sealing.
            3. Corrective Compaction/Reconstruction:
            4. Ideally, the wall should be constructed in 150-200mm layers, with each layer compacted by a sheep's foot roller and added water to achieve the optimum moisture content.
            5. If the wall is already built, it may need to be broken down, the material moisture-conditioned, and re-compacted.
            6. Use Bentonite or Gypsum: If the soil is dispersive or not holding water well, incorporate bentonite or gypsum (1t/750m3) into the wall.
            7. Seek Expert Advice: Consult a specialized local earthmoving contractor or agricultural engineer experienced with dams in the WA Wheatbelt.
        - Key Design Standards
            - Batters: The slope should be 2.5-3 horizontal to 1 vertical.
            - Spillway: Ensure a properly designed spillway is included to prevent overtopping, which is the main cause of dam failure.

(dam wall not compacted at 4m high wandering wa - Google Search)

- How to know if your dam is leaking
    - Other likely indicators are the soil type in the dam:
        - red loamy soils and soils with broken rock are more likely to leak.

(Treating leaky farm dams | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development)

- Construction
    - Prepare site by pegging and referencing corners (square and rectangular shapes) or centre (circular shape). Measure fall across the site for calculating any storage volume above the excavation. Install a temporary bench mark (TBM) in a protected location.
    - Remove topsoil and stockpile clear of the embankment (wall) location.
    - Excavate core trench under the embankments if pervious materials are present under the topsoil. Core trench must extend 1 m into impervious material.
    - Build the embankments by excavating in 'floors' and pushing material to the correct location. Compact the embankments with the bulldozer weight in 50 to 75 mm layers or compact 150 mm layers with a sheepsfoot roller. Embankment sideslope ratios can be confirmed by using an electronic builders' slope finder or battometer.
    - Install inlet and outlet pipes early in construction of the embankments.
    - Construct the overflow and 'final trim' structure.
    - Spread the stockpiled topsoil on the outside batters and embankment top. Topsoil encourages vegetation and helps retain embankment moisture and resist cracking.

  (Department of Primary Industries DPIRD-143 Page 10)

- As dam failures have potential to cause significant damage to downstream landholders, special care needs to be exercised in identifying a suitable dam site, constructing the dam and providing on- going maintenance. If a dam fails and causes losses to others significant damages claims could result. Landholders can minimise this risk by seeking professional advice before commencing work, especially in circumstances where the failure of the dam may cause significant damage (due to its size or proximity to downstream infrastructure such as roads and buildings).

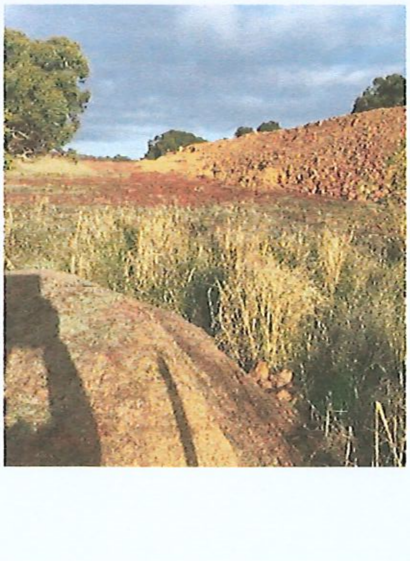
  (Department of Primary Industries Farm dams in Western Australia By David Stanton March 2005 Bulletin 4609 ISSN 1448-0352)

- If dams are not managed properly, then all dams, large and small, high and low hazard, pose considerable safety risks because of the potential for failure. Such risks can arise at either the individual and/or cumulative level within catchments. These risks can be magnified by the attitudes, behaviours and practices of private dam owners as well as the attitudes and responses of policy makers.... In South Australia, the attitude of farm dam owners is clearly one of complacency. Their on-farm behaviour and practices over the past 12 years show that they underestimate the importance of a dam's spillway and dam maintenance and safety in general. Policy makers are also complacent.

  (https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/ajem-jul-2010-the-need-for-adequate-farm-dam-safety-management-accountability-to-avoid-dam-failure-emergencies/)

Amenity and Impacts on Adjoining Landowners

The amenity and impact on adjoining land owners including visual and altered drainage patterns, has a rather large impact on ourselves. The natural water flow into our dam will be significantly reduced and the applicants' statements "The dam includes an overflow area allowing water to continue downstream towards adjoining land" and "Overflow provisions allow continued downstream flow", do not allow for a continued water flow into our dam as they are relying on their dam overflowing.



We also now have a wall of clay to look at from our property, that is taller than the roof of our house.

A major concern is the risk of our home and property flooding due to failure of their dam, especially given the amount of water that it has the capacity to hold. Should their dam fail, it has the potential to destroy buildings on our property, take out fencing and destroy vegetation (including our trees). The only building on our property that can be insured under our farm policy through WFI is our house and its contents. When it comes to our outbuildings and their contents, and our fencing, their Rural Plan Product does not include flood cover and cannot be taken out. When we purchased our property the concerns around our property flooding were non-existent, given that we sit on the hillside. The chance of flooding has now become a reality.

Should this dam fail, it will also have an impact on other properties, not just ours.

The Department of Primary Industries DPIRD-143, Excavated tanks (farm dams) document states;

- Common law
  Common law rules govern the flow of surface water discharged into watercourses. To reduce the likelihood of cross-boundary disputes:
    - take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of other people and other people's property
    - consider what effect planned earthworks will have on other people and seek consent from any person that may be affected
- Safety and environmental aspects
    - Before construction, consult the local government authority, neighbours and, where needed, a specialist engineer or trained contractor. Take care in siting and constructing farm dams to avoid the risk of injury to people and damage to property or infrastructure. Failure of dam walls can lead to flash flooding. Eroded material from poorly planned, constructed or maintained structures can reduce flow capacities when deposited in downstream channels

  (Department of Primary Industries DPIRD-143 Page 6 of 11)

Another article from Department of Primary Industries, Farm dams in Western Australia states;

Duty to take care Under common law, landholders have a duty to ensure that the use and enjoyment of the land does not unreasonably interfere with neighbours' use and enjoyment of their land. They also have a duty to avoid acting negligently or recklessly in circumstances where damage could result to other persons or to property.

As dam failures have potential to cause significant damage to downstream landholders, special care needs to be exercised in identifying a suitable dam site, constructing the dam and providing on- going maintenance. If a dam fails and causes losses to others significant damages claims could result. Landholders can minimise this risk by seeking professional advice before commencing work, especially in circumstances where the failure of the dam may cause significant damage (due to its size or proximity to downstream infrastructure such as roads and buildings).
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In Conclusion

Construction on this dam was noticed late on Friday 24th April and continued across the long weekend. Is the contractor that constructed this dam without the necessary approvals being investigated by the council, does the contractor not have an obligation to ensure that the correct planning/building approvals are in place before commencing works.

Regardless of the fact that the Shire has apparently given the applicants incorrect information around the construction of a dam on their property, this information is readily accessible on the internet and there are plenty of documents that state this and the need for engineered drawings. Just because the dam has already been built does not mean that it needs to be approved without the correct information being supplied, how do you know that this dam has been built to the correct specifications and construction methods, especially to avoid the collapse of the dam wall, and to also meet the requirements for the dam setback from boundary lines.

Other dams that are visible from the road sides within the estate do not appear to be of the same size as this dam, they are smaller, they do not appear to impact on their neighbours' water flows and are located in positions that should the dam walls fail or a large rainfall event occurs, they would not cause damaged to their neighbours' properties. Are we not entitled to the same level of respect from our neighbours, they did not even make an attempt to advise us what they were planning to do and for us to have input, which would have occurred if they had followed the correct approval procedures.

We are not disputing the applicants' rights to make improvements on their land, however, we would expect that the dam is of a size that is suitable for the subdivision, it's location on the property to not have adverse effects on neighbouring properties, to meet the planning and building guidelines of the council, and to be fair and equitable to all parties concerned.

Yours sincerely,

D Green KM Green

Darrel and Kathy Green

10th May 2026

Good afternoon, President, Councilors, and Shire staff. Thank you for giving me the time today to speak regarding the retrospective development application for the dam at Lot 88, No. 38 Redgum Court.

I want to start on a deeply personal note. While we only purchased our property in the Blackboy Springs estate in 2023, my family's history in this region is deeply entrenched. My family first settled in Wandering in 1903. For over 120 years, without a break, my family has lived, worked, and stayed in this area. Because of that deep-seated respect and love for this town, I am genuinely saddened to find myself standing in this position before you today. It was never our intention to bypass planning systems, or find ourselves in this position with our local Shire or our neighbours.

To establish our absolute good faith: on December 12th, before a single blade of grass was cleared or a machine was brought to our property, we physically visited the Shire administration office. We spoke directly to the technical services administration officer – at the time to clarify exactly what was required to build a dam on our rural residential property. We were guided by the advice we received that day and proceeded entirely in accordance with what we believed to be the correct local rules. We acted with total transparency, hoping only to make a safe, practical improvement to our home.

Let us look at the structure itself. The officer's report notes a concern regarding a lack of engineering drawings and raises theoretical questions about the stability of the dam wall. In your packets, you will find a signed technical statement from our earthmoving contractor. He is a local operator with over 40 years of direct, hands-on experience building agricultural dams specifically in the Wandering region and in our exact soil types.

Furthermore, to ensure complete due diligence, we sought independent professional advice from JCB Earthworks, a company that specializes specifically in constructing dams and ponds in the Perth Hills. We provided them with every single piece of documentation: the Shire officer's report, the neighbor's submission, our application and our complete progressive construction photography plus finished earthworks. After a thorough review, JCB Earthworks was completely satisfied that our dam has been built to the proper standard, and they were entirely happy for us to stand here today and use their name in support of this structure.

As these independent experts and our step-by-step construction photos demonstrate, this dam was built using the highest standard of rural agricultural practice:

- The site was excavated down to a clean, solid clay base.
- A deep, subsurface keyway trench was cut into the foundation and packed with pure clay to anchor the wall deep into the earth and prevent water from ever piping or seeping underneath.
- The wall was built using clean, rock-free clay, which was moisture-conditioned and systematically track-rolled in thin layers over seven consecutive days using heavy machinery.
- An active, wide overflow spillway was constructed to work with the natural topography, ensuring that during an extreme rain event, water is safely discharged away from the wall along natural drainage lines.

The collective professional assessment of these operators is clear: this settled, compacted clay structure is exceptionally stable. Attempting to excavate, cut, or alter this already stabilized, sealed clay wall would actively compromise the compacted clay seal, introducing severe, genuine structural risks where none currently exist.

The legal liability for a private dam rests entirely with the private landowner. Approving this application does not transfer that civil liability to the Shire. Under common law, we retain full responsibility and duty of care to ensure our land does not cause harm. We accept that responsibility wholeheartedly. We have met our duty of care by building this dam using standard, robust, professional agricultural practices.

I want to address the objection submitted by the resident at No. 37. It is vital that we look at the actual geography and scale of the site, rather than assumptions. First, the objection refers to guidelines meant for small 2-to-4-hectare lifestyle blocks. This is a fundamental error. The Blackboy Springs estate does not consist of tiny hobby blocks; it is made up of properties ranging from 5 to 10 hectares. Our property at No. 38 is a significant 6.2 hectares—over 15 acres. A dam of this size has commonly been built within Blackboy springs – as per the satellite images.

Second, let's address the physical layout. If you look at the Landgate map in your packets, you will see that the objector at No. 37 does not share a direct property boundary fence with our dam. Our dam is setback 1.5 metres from our eastern boundary, which belongs entirely to the private access leg of No. 39. The resident at No. 39—our actual adjoining neighbour—has raised absolutely no objections. Running directly between our boundary and No. 37's active land is an 11-metre-wide driveway and access corridor. When you combine our 1.5-metre setback with this 11-metre-wide physical corridor, there is a total physical separation of over 12.5 metres between our dam wall and the objector's property. Furthermore, the objectors home is built on a complete different part of their block, elevated on the other side of the natural gully, facing away from the dam, and heavily screened by a thick stand of mature trees on their property.

In stark contrast to the objection, our other neighbor at lot 104 has expressed satisfaction with the dam. Historically, seasonal runoff would build up and pool at the top of his paddock where the ground levels out. Our dam has successfully regulated the flow, preventing the water logging issue. He is completely supportive and has offered to provide a formal statement to the shire if required.

The officer's report expresses concern that a 1.5-metre setback is inconsistent with the rural character and visual amenity of the area. I strongly challenge this. Because our dam is tucked away in the far south-eastern corner of our 6.2-hectare lot, it is completely invisible to the public eye. It cannot be seen from Redgum Court, nor can it be seen from any other public road or public vantage point. It has absolutely zero impact on the public streetscape or the general amenity of the community. I have attached images in your package taken from public roadways in blackboy springs estate of dams located within the boundary proximites – a majority being front boundaries which supposedly apply a 30m boundary setback – let alone the 10m. Please note, there is more dams within Blackboy springs that we didn't photograph that would impose on these setbacks.

Furthermore in your packets, I have also included Google Earth images of several other existing dams located in Blackboy Springs along with their rough sizes. I want to make a point of complete transparency regarding these measurements. When looking at dams from aerial satellite imagery, you cannot accurately see where their dam banks finish. We have been 100% honest and upfront about our dam's true physical footprint, which is a maximum of 75 metres by 65 metres at its furthest points on the ground. However, if we measure our dam from Google Earth in the exact same aerial way we have measured the surrounding dams, our dam would only measure a maximum of 75m x 35m. At this time we don't have access to satellite imagery to compare our dam as it is newly built. This means two things: it is highly likely that the surrounding dams are actually larger on the ground than satellite images show, and when comparing like-for-like aerial measurements, our dam is completely in line with the scale of other dams in the immediate area.

These images prove that dams of this scale including many that sit well within standard setbacks—are an inherent, functional part of the Blackboy Springs landscape. Our dam is entirely consistent with the established working rural character of this estate. To force the demolition or unfeasible modification of a safely constructed dam while multiple large dams exist across the estate is simply inequitable.

Councillors, we want to work constructively with the Shire. We understand the Shire has a broader planning framework to manage, but as the planner's own report explicitly confirms, there are no specific development requirements or exact rules governing dams within our local planning scheme or local planning policies. Because of this we hope common sense will prevail rather than applying generic residential building parameters to a functional rural asset.

Demolishing a professionally built, fully functioning clay dam—returning the earth to its original state—is an incredibly destructive, environmentally wasteful, and costly exercise. It benefits no one, and as our contractor noted, excavating a stabilized wall introduces structural instability where none currently exists.

As a multi-generational local whose family has stood by this town for over a century, I genuinely hope we can find common-sense grounds here this afternoon. At the end of the day, this is a farm dam, in a rural setting. I thank you for your time and your consideration, and I hope we can resolve this safely, practically, and with local common sense. Thank you.

16-7-26.

STATUTORY DECLARATION / CONTRACTOR STATEMENT

Technical Construction Review & Integrity Assessment

Property: 38 Redgum Court, Wandering, WA 6308

Structure: Earthen Farm Dam (Retrospective Planning Application)

To the Chief Executive Officer and Councillors, Shire of Wandering,

I am providing this formal statement in relation to the retrospective planning application for the earthen farm dam constructed at 38 Redgum Court.

I have over 40 years of direct, hands-on experience constructing rural dams and undertaking civil earthworks within the Shire of Wandering and the surrounding region. As a result of this extensive history, I am intimately familiar with the local soil profiles, geological formations, and specifically the high-quality, impermeable clay characteristics native to this area.

I personally undertook the excavation, structural positioning, and systematic construction of the dam at 38 Redgum Court. I formally confirm that the structure was built to standard agricultural engineering specifications through the execution of the following rigorous technical process:

1. **Foundation Excavation & Keyway Cut:** The footprint of the dam was thoroughly excavated down to a clean, solid, pristine clay base profile to entirely eliminate topsoil, root systems, and organic matter. Crucially, a dedicated keyway trench was cut into the ground beneath the center line of the dam wall to act as a deep foundational anchor, mechanically interlocking the wall to the subgrade and systematically blocking subsurface water seepage.
2. **Keyway and Layered Construction (Lifts):** The foundational keyway anchor trench and the main body of the structural dam wall were packed tightly with high-grade, highly cohesive, rock-free clay. The wall was systematically built up from the base using thin, controlled, engineered layers (lifts) approximately 200mm to 300mm deep.
3. **Moisture Optimization & Mechanical Compaction:** Each individual layer of clay was meticulously checked for appropriate moisture content to ensure optimal binding and compaction. We utilized heavy civil earthmoving machinery to repeatedly track-roll the clay over an intensive duration of 7+ consecutive days. This continuous mechanical process successfully drives out air pockets, bonds the clay particles on a structural level, and creates a highly stable, completely impermeable barrier.
4. **Settlement and Structural Stability:** The progressive methods utilized ensure that the mass of the dam wall has settled uniformly and reached maximum natural density. In my professional opinion, based on four decades of regional earthworks, the structural integrity of this compacted clay wall and integrated

keyway system is excellent. Modifying, excavating, or cutting into this stabilized wall now would unnecessarily compromise its tightly compacted seal and introduce unnecessary structural risk.

The dam features a fully established overflow spillway that utilizes the natural topography and levels of the land to safely manage maximum water levels and direct overland flows away from the wall structure without risk to the dam itself, the boundary, or surrounding properties under normal operating conditions. ***As with all rural earthworks and civil infrastructure, this statement reflects standard engineering and construction practices, and does not serve as a warranty against extreme acts of God.***

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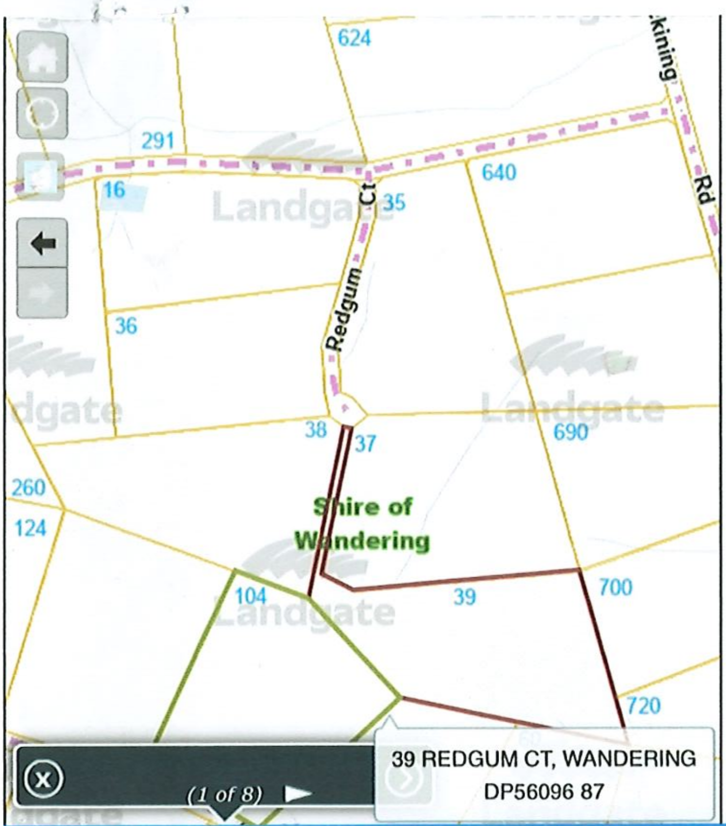

37 - The Greens

38 - The Shermans

39 - boundary to boundary of 39 access Minimum 11m


37 Residence

12.2 Development Application for Sea Container – Lot 102 (No. 275) O'Connell Road, Wandering

File Reference:	**10.106.10606**
Date:	**27 July 2026**
Location:	**Lot 102 (No. 275) O'Connell Road, Wandering**
Applicant:	**William Temby**
Author:	**Ben Laycock (Altus Planning), Shire's Town Planning Consultant**
Authorising Officer:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**Nil**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**Nil**

Summary of Report:
The landowner of Lot 102 (No. 275) O'Connell Road, Wandering is seeking development approval for the permanent installation of one (1) sea container, for permanent storage and is located within the recently approved building envelope.

Background:
Lot 102 (No. 275) O'Connell Road, Wandering (**subject land** or **site**) is zoned 'Rural Residential (RRes2)' pursuant to the Shire of Wandering Town Planning Scheme No. 3 (**TPS3** or **Scheme**) which requires all buildings and effluent disposal facilities to be contained within a defined building envelope.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 May 2026, Council approved a modification to the building envelope on the subject land, as per the extract below.

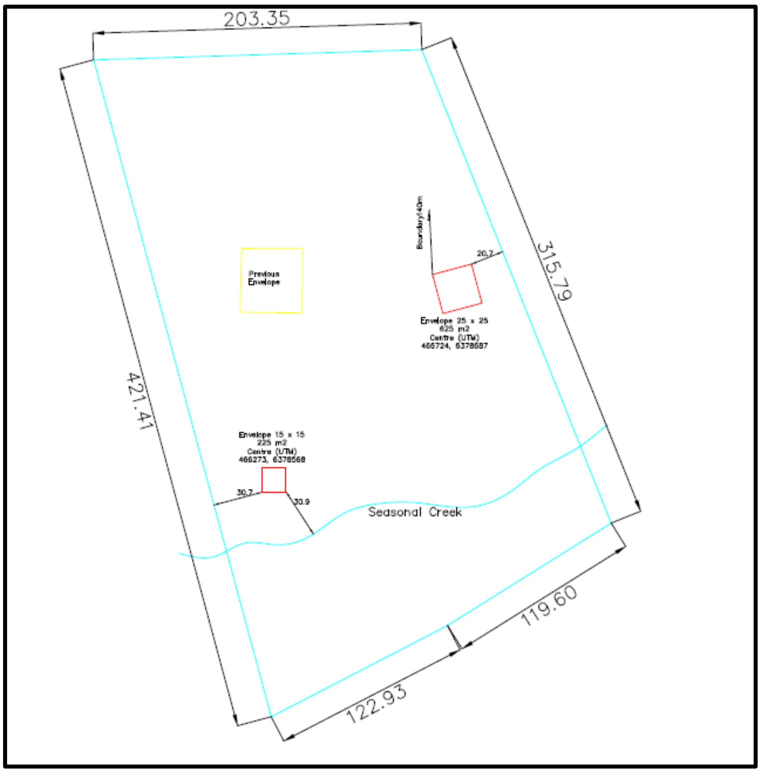

Figure 2: Building Envelope approved at May 2026 OCM

The Applicant previously sought development approval to locate two (2) shipping/sea containers on the subject land:

- One (1) of the sea containers was proposed for long term storage and to be located within the southern building envelope recently approved by Council.
- The other sea container was intended for temporary storage of building and construction materials associated with the future dwelling development and was to be removed from site when no longer required. This sea container was not located within either of the approved building envelopes on the subject land.

Pursuant to Local Planning Policy 3 – Sea Containers (**LPP3**), containers may be temporarily placed on a property to store building material during the construction of a house on the same property. However, a building licence must be issued prior to the approval of a planning application. At the time of the previous application, a building license had yet to be issued for the construction of a dwelling on the subject land and as such, no approval has been issued.

The Applicant is now seeking approval to permanently install only one (1) x 20-foot shipping/sea container on the subject land. The sea container is proposed to be located within the southern building envelope recently approved by Council.

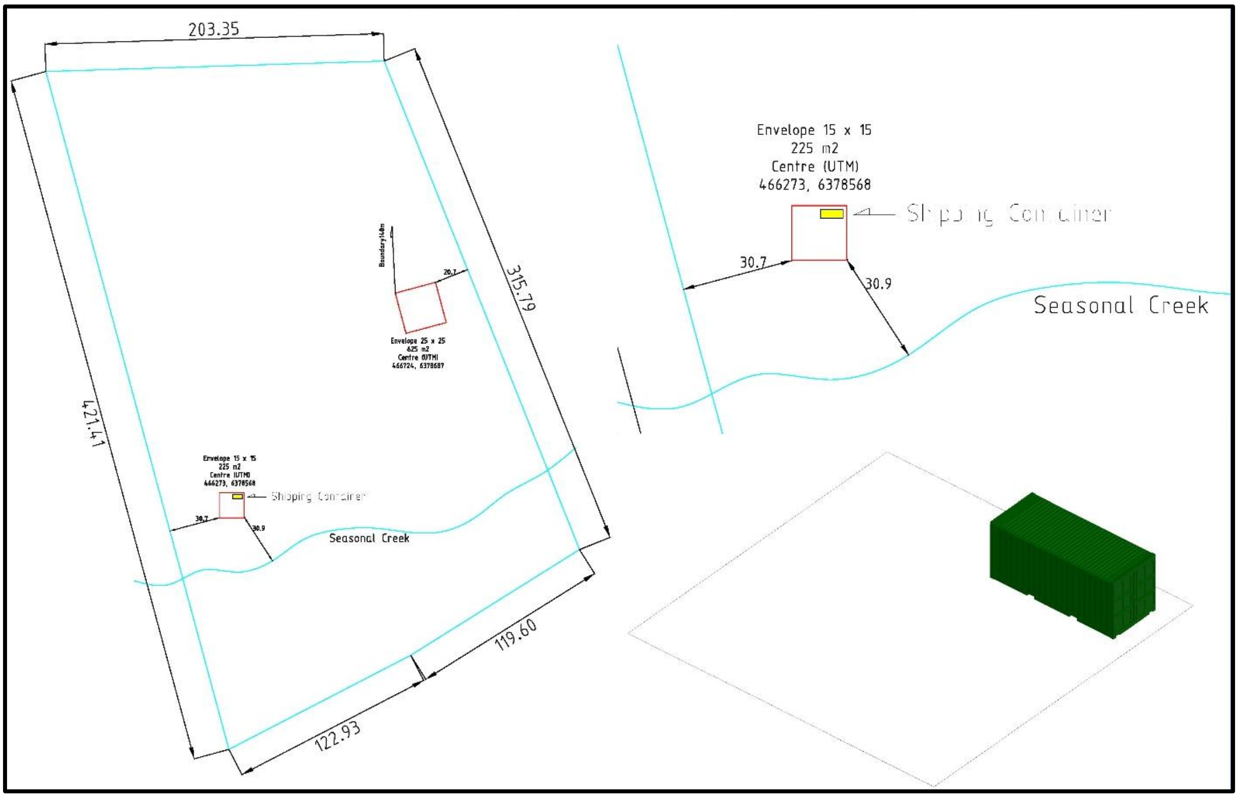

Figure 2: Location of Proposed Sea Container

The Applicant has further advised that the container will be purchased once/if the application is approved and will be a new (one trip) container that is either green, as per the example image below, or painted green to allow the container to blend in with its surrounds.

Figure 3: Example of sea container from Applicant's intended supplier

For reference, the following image has been captured from Google Street View dated May 2023 showing the subject land and its existing vegetation. This shows that the building envelope location is predominantly screened when viewed from the street.

Figure 4: Google Street View of subject site from O'Connell Road

Consultation:
Given that the permanent sea container is to be located within the recently approved building envelope and complies with LPP3, consultation has not been deemed necessary.

Statutory Environment:
LPP3 was adopted by Council on 19 November 2020 and provides guidance to Council and landowners regarding the use and sitting of sea containers.

The proposal has been assessed against LPP3 and is generally considered consistent with the requirements of the policy, noting that:

- Containers may be approved in any zone;
- The container is seeking permanent approval which is considered to be adequately screened owning to the existing vegetation on site and the proposed colour scheme;
- Containers may be approved on a vacant property;
- The proposed container is not to be used for habitable purposes (which can be reinforced via a condition of approval); and
- The proposed container is not within the front boundary setbacks.

On balance, it is considered that the proposed development is generally consistent with the applicable planning framework and will not detract from the visual amenity of the locality. For these reasons, development approval can be supported.

Policy Implications:
Local Planning Policy No. 3

Financial Implications:
Not applicable.

Strategic Implications:
Not applicable.

Risk Implications:

Risk	Low
The proposed sea container is generally consistent with the requirements of Local Planning Policy 3. Amenity impacts on adjoining and surrounding landowners and occupiers are likely to be negligible.	

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:
That Council approves the application for development approval, submitted by William Temby, for one (1) sea container on Lot 102 (No. 275) O'Connell Road, Wandering, subject to the following conditions and advice notes:

Conditions:

1. **The development hereby approved shall occur in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted with the application and these shall not be altered or modified without the prior written approval of the Council.**

2. **The sea container is not to be used for industrial or commercial purposes and is not to be used for human habitation.**

3. **The sea container shall be painted in muted tones and maintained in good repair with no visible rust marks, to the satisfaction of the Shire.**

Advice Notes:

1. **This is a development approval of Shire of Wandering under its Local Planning Scheme No. 3. It is not a building permit or an approval to commence or carry out development under any other law. It is the responsibility of the applicant/landowner to obtain any other necessary approvals, consents, permits and licenses required under any other law, and to commence and carry out development in accordance with all relevant laws.**

2. **Failure to comply with any of the conditions of this development approval constitutes an offence under the provision of the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Wandering Local Planning Scheme No.3. This may result in compliance action being initiated by the Shire.**

3. **If the applicant / landowner is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be submitted within 28 days of the local government's determination.**

Moved: ____________________________ Seconded: ____________________________

Carried

For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Letter of Support - Wilman Dryandra People Corporation.

File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**17 August 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**CEO Wilman Dryandra People Corporation**
Authorising Officer	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**Letter of support for the Wilman Corporation**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**N/A**

Summary of Report:
The CEO Wilman Dryandra People Corporation is seeking a letter of support from the Wandering Shire Council in relation to a funding submission to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Survey.

Background:
As a key interest holder in relation to Reserves at Pumphreys Bridge (specifically Lot Number 29214, 29215, 29216, 29217 and 29218 on Plan DP91172 and Lot Number 29197 on Plan DP104049) the Wilman Dryandra People Corporation is seeking council approval and support, via a letter of support from the Shire.

The Wilman Dryandra People Corporation have drafted the attached letter of support for council's consideration.

Consultation:
Chief Executive Officer
Councillors

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S.2.7(2)(b)

Policy Implications:
No policy implications.

Financial Implications:
No financial implications.

Strategic Implications:
Provide Strong Leadership

Our Goals	Our Strategies
A well-informed Community	Foster Opportunities for connectivity between Council and the Community

Risk Implications:

Risk	**Low**
There is no perceived risk associated with council providing this letter of support to the Wilman Dryandra People Corporation.	

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:
That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute, on behalf of the Shire, the Letter of Support contained in Attachment 1 to the Wilman Dryandra People Corporation.

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Our Ref:
Your Ref:
Enquiries:

Date: 20/08/2026

To
Brett Hill
Chairperson
Wilman Dryandra People Corporation.
Ph: 0420214979
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https://wilmandryandra.com.au/

RE LETTER OF SUPPORT

Thank you for providing the chance for the Shire to show our continued support for the Wilman Corporation and their latest submission to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Survey, in 2026.

We note that Wilman people are intrinsically linked to Koompkinning (Hotham River/ Pumphreys Bridge area) through ancestral creation stories associated with the waterway.

These stories have been passed down to generations of Wilman people who have continued their connection to this place over thousands of years, during European settlement of the area, time Wilman people continued to occupy the Reserve, with many working at the stations that had taken over their land.

In later years, Wilman people were removed from the Reserve to another Reserve further downstream (ACH-00029170). This Reserve will also be included in the survey as the pools of the River and the associated adjoining bushland had long been associated with Wilman people, as has the Pumphreys Bridge site.

The Wilman survey project on Country will allow Elders to reconnect with place and share their knowledge of the physical cultural components of the Reserves, as well as the intangible stories connected to this place that can be documented, preserved and shared in the future with younger generations of Wilman people.

The survey will also improve knowledge of highly sensitive sub-surface components of place such as burial grounds and corroboree grounds to ensure that places are protected into the future and spatial accuracy of the extent of the historical places will also be improved through the survey program.

As an interest holder in relation to Reserves at Pumphreys Bridge (specifically Lot Number 29214, 29215, 29216, 29217 and 29218 on Plan DP91172 and Lot Number 29197 on Plan DP104049), the Shire provides consent for survey of the Reserves by Wilman (Dryandra) people through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Survey Program.

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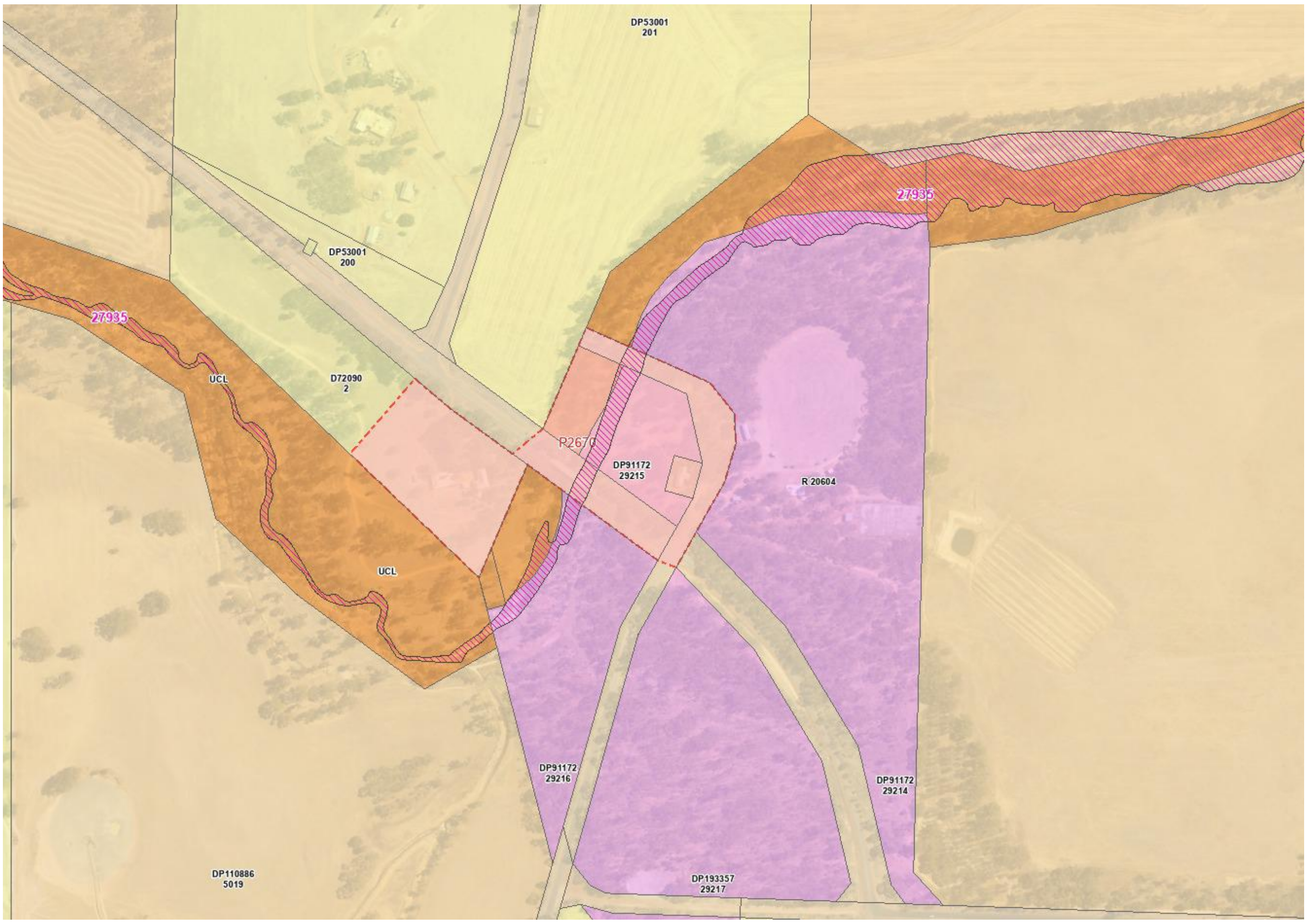
The Shire looks forward to working together to achieve meaningful outcomes for our communities. Please accept this letter as our formal support for Wilman in their project with the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage Survey Program Grant.

Please see Pumphreys Bridge Land Tenure Map image with Reserve identified.

Attachment: Image Pumphreys



Yours sincerely,

Dr. Alistair Pinto
CEO, Shire of Wandering
22 Watts Street
WANDERING WA 6308
Email: ceo@wandering.wa.gov.au

13.2 Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review – Policies 52,53,55 and 82	
File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**20 August 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Authorising Officer	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**Policy 52 – Fence Line Clearing** **Policy 53 – Plantation Fire Protection** **Policy 55 – Refilling Standpipes** **Policy 82 – Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Management**
Voting Requirements:	**Absolute Majority**
Previous Reference:	**N/A**

Summary of Report:
To continue with the process of reviewing all Council policies to ensure they are still relevant and correct for the day-to-day workings of the Shire.

Background:
At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 August 2022 Council resolved to adopt Policy 83 – Policy Manual which states that:

All policies within the Policy Manual are to be reviewed by Council every three years, being one third of Council's policies each year in a three-year period. Council may review an individual policy at any time before the next review date if it determines it to be necessary.

There are currently 95 Shire policies. It is proposed that each month policies are reviewed by Council. This will ensure that all policies are reviewed in the stated three-year period.

Three (4) policies are to be reviewed this month:

- Policy 52 – Fence Line Clearing
- Policy 53 – Plantation Fire Protection
- Policy 55 – Refilling Standpipes
- Policy 82 – Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Management

These policies were reviewed at the June 2026 General Planning Forum.

Consultation:
Chief Executive Officer
Councillors

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S.2.7(2)(b)

Policy Implications:
As reviewed and updated.

Financial Implications:
No financial implications.

Strategic Implications:

Provide Strong Leadership

Our Goals	Our Strategies
A well-informed Community	Foster Opportunities for connectivity between Council and the Community
We plan for the future and are strategically focused	Ensure accountable, ethical and best practice governance Service Level Plans detail operational roles, responsibilities and resources.

Risk Implications:

Risk	**Low**
There is no perceived risk associated with the review and updating of these policies.	

Voting Requirements:
Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation:
That Council adopts the following policies with any amendments made.

- **Policy 52 – Fence Line Clearing**
- **Policy 53 – Plantation Fire Protection**
- **Policy 55 – Refilling Standpipes**
- **Policy 82 – Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Management**

Moved: ______________________________ Seconded: ______________________________

Carried

F For/Against: Cr Little □ Cr Price □ Cr Cowan □ Cr Hansen □ Cr Latham □ Cr Thompson □ Cr Whitely □

POLICY TYPE:	COMMUNITY
DATE ADOPTED:	18/07/2019

POLICY NO:	52
DATE LAST REVIEWED:	17/09/2020 16/09/2021 21/09/2023 20/08/2026

LEGAL (PARENT):	*Environmental Protection Act 1986*
LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY):	*Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:	Yes
DELEGATION NO.	52

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Fence Line Clearing within Road and other Reserves
OBJECTIVE:	• To define the Shire's Policy on fence line clearing within Road and other Reserves

POLICY STATEMENT

Shire approval is required for all fence line clearing that involves the clearing of native vegetation on Crown land, including road reserves, under the care and control of the Shire. Any approval granted may be subject to the following:

(a) The clearing is done in such a way as to limit damage to adjoining or nearby native vegetation;
(b) All material resulting from the clearing removed from the reserve be placed in the landholder's at the landowner's direction;
(c) Fences are replaced on any reserve boundary at the cost of the landholder;

Note: The landholder must comply with all other Acts and Regulations in force from time to time with regard to land clearing

POLICY TYPE:	COMMUNITY
Date Adopted:	18/07/2019
Legal (Parent):	*Local Government Act 1995*
Delegation of Authority Applicable:	

POLICY NO:	53
Date Last Reviewed:	17/09/2020 16/09/2021 21/09/2023 20/08/2026
Legal (Subsidiary):	
Delegation No.	

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection
Objective:	• To provide for consistency for landholders developing plantations

DEFINITIONS

Plantation – means any area of planted trees for the purpose of future harvest, within gazetted town sites exceeding 1ha and elsewhere exceeding 40 hectares.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Wandering adopts the Department of Fire & Emergency Services "Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection" and applies the definition shown above.

POLICY TYPE:	COMMUNITY
DATE ADOPTED:	18/07/2019

POLICY NO:	55
DATE LAST REVIEWED:	17/09/2020 16/09/2021 19/09/2023 20/08/2026

LEGAL (PARENT):	*Local Government Act 1995*
LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY):	
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:	
DELEGATION NO.	

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Refilling at Standpipes
OBJECTIVE:	• To prevent any contamination of potable water

POLICY STATEMENT

Vehicles and water transport vessels with any pesticide or herbicide chemical contaminants or remnants onboard are not permitted to be filled at any Shire potable water standpipes.

POLICY TYPE:	GOVERNANCE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
DATE ADOPTED:	21 April 2022

POLICY NO: 82
DATE LAST REVIEWED: 20/08/2026 20/08/2026

LEGAL (PARENT):	*Local Government Act 1995*

LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY):

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:

DELEGATION NO.

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Vehicle Plant and Equipment Management
OBJECTIVE:	The objective of this policy is to ensure Council's vehicles, plant and equipment are standardised and meet operational requirements, required safety standards and are replaced at a time that optimises its use and minimises the whole of life costs.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the administration of this Policy and for the determination of the use and categories of vehicles together with application of conditions of use.

When acquiring and disposing of vehicle plant and equipment, the Shire shall apply a structured test based on the following four key principles, being:

- **Economic Criteria** - Whole of life costs shall be estimated from best available data and highest preference shall be given to the vehicle with the lowest optimised whole of life cost.
- **Functional Criteria** - Highest preference shall be given to the vehicle that best fits the functional requirements of the position for which the vehicle or equipment is being acquired.
- **Safety Criteria** - Highest preference shall be given to vehicles or equipment that have the highest safety ratings or ANCAP as applicable.
- **Environmental Criteria** - Highest preference for reduced CO_2 emissions allocated to the vehicle or equipment.

Where possible the Shire of Wandering will aim for a standardisation fleet through a reputable manufacturer.

The annual budget provides allocations for each category of vehicle within the vehicle plant and equipment fleet that is consistent with and complimentary to the needs of the operators and operational requirements (fit for purpose). The allocation of vehicles and equipment is outlined as a non-exhaustive list below.

Position or Work Purpose	Type and Description	Replacement Strategy
Chief Executive Officer Vehicle	Executive Wagon or Sedan – towbar, window tint, lightbar, floor mats, dash mat, first aid kit	120,000km or 5yrs whichever comes first
Executive Manager(s) Vehicle	Medium Wagon or Sedan, towbar, window tint, lightbar, floor mats, dash mat, first aid kit, fire extinguisher	120,000km or 5yrs whichever comes first
Work Supervisor Vehicle	4WD Dual Cab Ute towbar, window tint, lightbar, floor mats, dash mat, first aid kit, fire extinguisher	120,000km or 5yrs whichever comes first

Position or Work Purpose	Type and Description	Replacement Strategy
Operational Ute Vehicles	Towbar, window tint, lightbar, floor mats, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights, hoist	3 years or 80,000km
Light Truck(s) 4 Tonne or less carrying capacity-Crew Cab and Gardeners truck	4 Tonne or less carrying capacity towbar, window tint, lightbar, floor mats, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights	7 years or 250,000km
Heavy Truck(s) (ie Prime Mover, Tip Truck	Greater than 8 Tonne carrying capacity towbar, window tint, lightbar, floor mats, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights	7 years or 250,000km
Loader Greater than 8 Tonne carrying capacity	Greater than 8 Tonne carrying capacity, window tint, floor mats, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights	7 years or 5000 Hours
Grader(s) Blade, Pusher Block, Rear Rippers	Blade, Pusher Block and Rear Rippers	7 years or 8000 Hours
Excavators’	Track or wheeled, window tint, floor mats, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights Blade, with Ripper capacity, buckets	10 years or 5000 Hours
Heavy Plant Trailers and Appliances Trailer(s), Roller(s) Low Loader(s)	Dolly(s) and Low Loader(s)	15 years
All trailers		15 years
Roller – multi-tyred, tractor	Window tint, floor mats, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights	8 years or 5000 Hours
Skid-steer loader	Window tint, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, twin beacon lights	10 years or 5000 hours
Data Signs	Tow behind	10 years
*PSP (*MISCELLANEOUS *PLANT)ie -Mowers, Traffic Light Trailer, Spray unit, Excavator Mulcher Head, Road Broom, Mobile Service Trailer*		10 years

Certain vehicles may form part of an employee’s remuneration package and may be varied based on the relevant employment contract, any variation must not exceed the overall remuneration package.

This policy is intended to be the basis for the on-going review of Council’s ten (10) year plant replacement program.

14. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

15. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

16. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting closed.