AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday 19 November 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 19 November 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.

Any person or legal entity that act or fails to act in reliance upon any statement does so at the person's or legal entity's own risk.

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

16 November 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

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 – 22 October 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 22 October 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 – Cr. Sheryl Little

Meetings attended by Shire President.
19 October - Local Government Emergency Management Pre-Season Briefing.
21 October – Meeting with Shire President.
28 October - LEMC - local volunteer arrangements.
02 November - Emergency Management - Catering Planning.
10 November - Department of Communities - Evacuation Centre Training.
11 November - Remembrance Day Event.
13 November – WALGA Central Country Zone Meeting, Lake Grace

10.2 Deputy President Report – Cr. Alan Price

23 October – WSFN Steering Committee Meeting.

10.3 Cr. Gillian Hansen Report

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10.7 Cr. Brendan Whitely Report

11 November - Remembrance Day Event.

11. CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 Financial Report

File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**16 November 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**Bob Waddell**
Authorising Officer:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**Monthly Financial Statements - October 2026**
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**Nil**

Summary of Report:
The monthly financial report for the period ending 31 October 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 October 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 OCTOBER 2026

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

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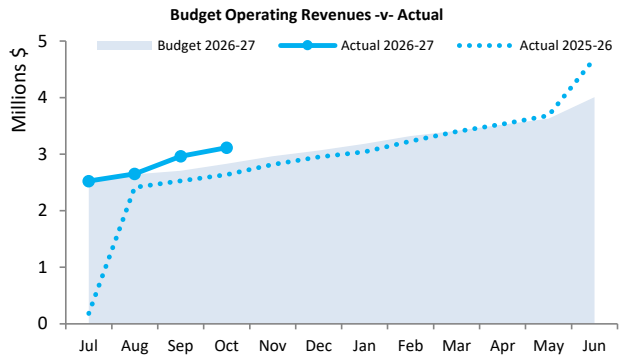
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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2026

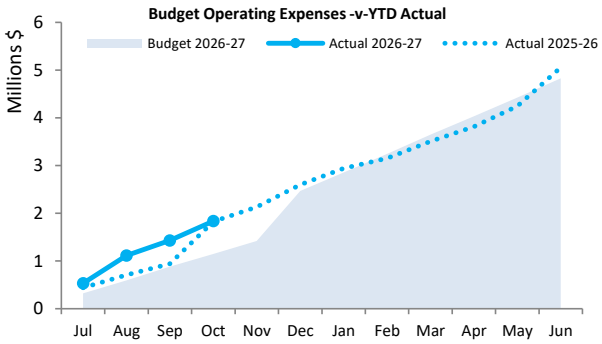
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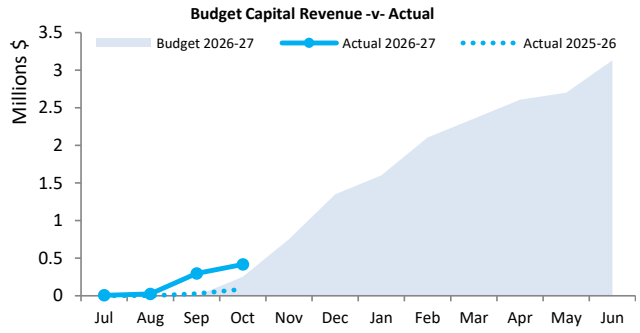


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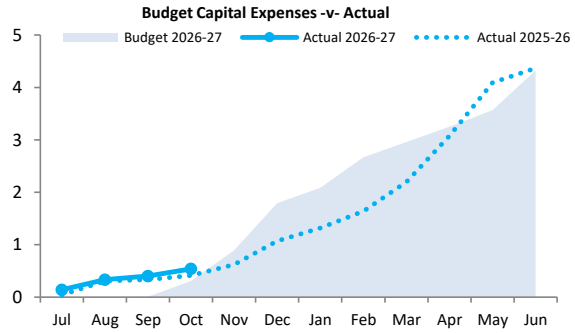


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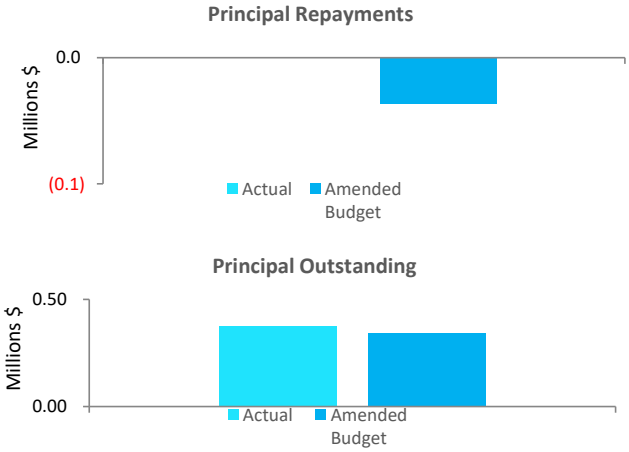


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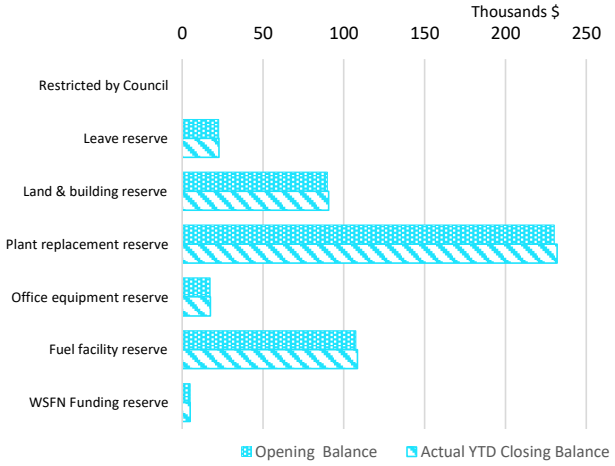


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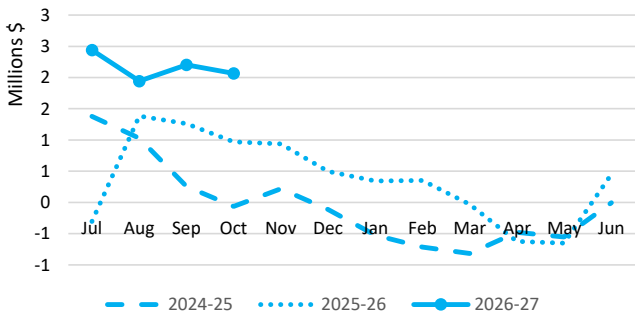
BORROWINGS



RESERVES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 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	**2,384,793**	459	0.02%	
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	11	469,738	469,738	136,858	**205,820**	68,962	50.39%	▲
Fees and charges		735,360	735,360	276,498	**414,136**	137,638	49.78%	▲
Interest revenue		44,500	44,500	14,828	**24,546**	9,718	65.53%	
Other revenue		356,305	356,305	13,704	**7,829**	(5,875)	(42.87%)	
Profit on disposal of assets	5	18,288	18,288	6,092	**78,265**	72,173	1184.72%	▲
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	2,832,314	**3,115,388**	283,074	9.99%	
Expenditure from operating activities								
Employee costs		(1,376,432)	(1,376,432)	(458,612)	**(478,996)**	(20,384)	(4.44%)	
Materials and contracts		(1,670,281)	(1,670,281)	(563,176)	**(702,486)**	(139,310)	(24.74%)	▼
Utility charges		(67,400)	(67,400)	(22,424)	**(12,208)**	10,216	45.56%	▲
Depreciation on non-current assets		(1,488,663)	(1,488,663)	(18,812)	**(542,299)**	(523,487)	(2782.73%)	▼
Finance costs		(25,355)	(25,355)	(8,444)	**2,567**	11,011	130.40%	▲
Insurance expenses		(114,984)	(114,984)	(54,477)	**(71,838)**	(17,361)	(31.87%)	▼
Other expenditure		(59,244)	(59,244)	(15,700)	**(23,509)**	(7,809)	(49.74%)	
Loss on disposal of assets	5	(25,255)	(25,255)	(8,416)	**(6,819)**	1,597	18.98%	
		(4,827,614)	(4,827,614)	(1,150,061)	**(1,835,588)**	(685,527)	59.61%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	1(a)	1,521,205	1,521,205	46,711	**471,030**	424,319	908.39%	▲
Amount attributable to operating activities		**702,117**	**702,117**	**1,728,964**	**1,750,830**	21,866	1.26%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from investing activities								
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	12	2,514,495	2,514,495	251,446	**213,184**	(38,262)	(15.22%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets	5	186,500	186,500	0	**203,559**	203,559	0.00%	▲
		2,700,995	2,700,995	251,446	**416,743**	165,297	65.74%	▲
Outflows from investing activities								
Payments for inventories, property, plant and equipment and infrastructure	6	(3,635,880)	(3,635,880)	(307,609)	**(535,350)**	(227,741)	(74.04%)	▼
		(3,635,880)	(3,635,880)	(307,609)	**(535,350)**	(227,741)	74.04%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		**(934,885)**	**(934,885)**	**(56,163)**	**(118,607)**	(62,444)	111.18%	
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)	(15,388)	**(11,556)**	3,832	24.90%	
Transfer to reserves	9	(652,162)	(652,162)	0	**(3,650)**	(3,650)	0.00%	
		(734,831)	(734,831)	(15,388)	**(15,206)**	182	(1.18%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities		**(303,331)**	**(303,331)**	**(15,388)**	**(15,206)**	182	(1.18%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT								
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	1(c)	536,099	536,099	536,099	**450,031**	(86,068)	(16.05%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		702,117	702,117	1,728,964	**1,750,830**	21,866	1.26%	
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Surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year	1(c)	**(0)**	**(0)**	**2,193,512**	**2,067,048**	(126,464)	(5.77%)	

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 OCTOBER 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	**2,384,793**	459	0.02%	
General Purpose Funding - Other		193,714	193,714	52,645	**55,136**	2,491	4.73%	
Law, Order and Public Safety		115,974	115,974	33,021	**40,360**	7,339	22.22%	
Health		1,000	1,000	664	**770**	106	15.90%	
Education and Welfare		0	0	0	**0**	0	0.00%	
Housing		33,480	33,480	11,156	**11,154**	(2)	(0.02%)	
Community Amenities		61,510	61,510	49,284	**56,267**	6,983	14.17%	
Recreation and Culture		3,000	3,000	996	**2,010**	1,014	101.82%	
Transport		104,788	104,788	14,742	**98,298**	83,556	566.79%	▲
Economic Services		752,920	752,920	271,268	**380,488**	109,220	40.26%	▲
Other Property and Services		357,805	357,805	14,204	**86,112**	71,908	506.25%	▲
		4,008,526	4,008,526	2,832,314	**3,115,388**	283,074	9.99%	
Expenditure from operating activities								
Governance		(343,384)	(343,384)	(118,495)	**(111,259)**	7,236	6.11%	
General Purpose Funding		(120,098)	(120,098)	(40,016)	**(23,913)**	16,103	40.24%	▲
Law, Order and Public Safety		(265,043)	(265,043)	(66,180)	**(69,022)**	(2,842)	(4.29%)	
Health		(21,309)	(21,309)	(7,088)	**(7,679)**	(591)	(8.33%)	
Education and Welfare		(7,485)	(7,485)	(2,488)	**(2,203)**	285	11.44%	
Housing		(56,533)	(56,533)	(18,776)	**(17,403)**	1,373	7.31%	
Community Amenities		(347,657)	(347,657)	(116,150)	**(142,808)**	(26,658)	(22.95%)	▼
Recreation and Culture		(370,725)	(370,725)	(101,006)	**(108,292)**	(7,286)	(7.21%)	
Transport		(2,110,007)	(2,110,007)	(362,047)	**(828,601)**	(466,554)	(128.87%)	▼
Economic Services		(1,082,661)	(1,082,661)	(356,512)	**(521,413)**	(164,901)	(46.25%)	▼
Other Property and Services		(102,712)	(102,712)	38,697	**(2,994)**	(41,691)	107.74%	
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Amount attributable to financing activities		**(303,331)**	**(303,331)**	**(15,388)**	**(15,206)**	182	(1.18%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT								
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	1	536,099	536,099	536,099	**450,031**	(86,068)	(16.05%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		702,117	702,117	1,728,964	**1,750,830**	21,866	1.26%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(934,885)	(934,885)	(56,163)	**(118,607)**	(62,444)	111.18%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		(303,331)	(303,331)	(15,388)	**(15,206)**	182	(1.18%)	
Surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year	1	**(0)**	**(0)**	**2,193,512**	**2,067,048**	(126,464)	(5.77%)	

KEY INFORMATION

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

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

SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2026

	30 June 2026	31 October 2026
	$	$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,178,668	2,854,627
Trade and other receivables	99,596	1,184,961
Inventories	114,492	92,307
Other assets	36,604	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,017,376	4,168,923
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	17,193	17,193
Other financial assets	38,794	38,794
Inventories	111,393	93,041
Property, plant and equipment	8,811,320	8,817,706
Infrastructure	91,703,172	91,591,062
Right-of-use assets	100,157	85,170
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	100,782,029	100,642,967
TOTAL ASSETS	102,799,405	104,811,890
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	410,830	261,582
Other liabilities	398,676	1,090,436
Lease liabilities	46,173	34,617
Borrowings	36,497	36,497
Employee related provisions	251,288	239,833
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,143,464	1,662,965
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	61,327	61,327
Borrowings	341,658	341,658
Employee related provisions	24,687	24,687
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	427,672	427,672
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,571,136	2,090,637
NET ASSETS	**101,228,269**	**102,721,253**
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	25,887,762	27,377,096
Reserve accounts	472,522	476,172
Revaluation surplus	74,867,986	74,867,986
TOTAL EQUITY	**101,228,269**	**102,721,253**

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)	(6,092)	(78,265)
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash		25,575	25,575	25,575	177
Add: Loss on asset disposals	5	25,255	25,255	8,416	6,819
Add: Depreciation on assets		1,488,663	1,488,663	18,812	542,299
Total non-cash items excluded from operating activities		**1,521,205**	**1,521,205**	**46,711**	**471,030**

(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.		Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2026	Amended Budget Opening 30 June 2026	Last Year Closing 30 June 2026	Year to Date 31 October 2026
Adjustments to net current assets					
Less: Reserves - restricted cash	9	(472,522)	(472,522)	(472,522)	(476,172)
Less: - Land held for resale		0	0	(56,668)	(56,668)
Add: Borrowings	7	36,496	36,496	36,497	36,497
Add: Lease liabilities	8	46,173	46,173	46,173	34,617
Add: Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve		22,639	22,639	22,639	22,815
Total adjustments to net current assets		**(367,214)**	**(367,214)**	**(423,881)**	**(438,910)**

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

Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,148,139	1,148,139	1,178,668	2,854,627
Rates receivables	4	27,370	27,370	25,662	460,071
Receivables	4	52,683	52,683	73,935	724,890
Other current assets	5	455,282	455,282	739,111	129,335
Less: Current liabilities					
Payables	6	(83,062)	(83,062)	(410,830)	(261,582)
Borrowings	7	(36,496)	(36,496)	(36,497)	(36,497)
Contract and Capital Grant/Contribution liabilities	10	(398,676)	(398,676)	(398,676)	(1,090,436)
Lease liabilities	8	(46,173)	(46,173)	(46,173)	(34,617)
Provisions	10	(215,754)	(215,754)	(251,288)	(239,833)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	1(b)	(367,214)	(367,214)	(423,881)	(438,910)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		**536,099**	**536,099**	**450,031**	**2,067,048**

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)

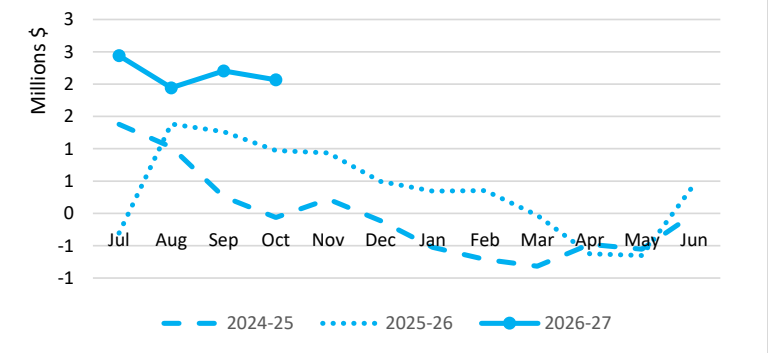
Adjusted Net Current Assets	Note	Last Years Closing 30/06/2026	This Time Last Year 31/10/2025	Year to Date Actual 31/10/2026
		$	$	$
Current Assets				
Cash Unrestricted	3	706,147	1,985,198	2,378,456
Cash Restricted - Reserves	3	472,522	277,198	476,172
Cash Restricted - Bonds & Deposits	3	0	0	0
Receivables - Rates	4	25,662	460,507	460,071
Receivables - Other	4	73,935	43,893	724,890
Other Assets Other Than Inventories	5	624,620	208,709	37,028
Inventories	5	114,492	52,413	92,307
		2,017,376	3,027,917	4,168,923
Less: Current Liabilities				
Payables	6	(403,045)	(30,407)	(253,777)
Contract and Capital Grant/Contribution Liabilities	10	(398,676)	(1,532,616)	(1,090,436)
Bonds & Deposits	6	(7,785)	(7,485)	(7,805)
Loan Liability	7	(36,497)	(19,293)	(36,497)
Lease Liability	8	(46,173)	(28,352)	(34,617)
Provisions	10	(251,288)	(231,100)	(239,833)
		(1,143,464)	(1,849,253)	(1,662,965)
Less: Cash Reserves	9	(472,522)	(277,198)	(476,172)
Add Back: Component of Leave Liability not Required to be funded		22,639	22,276	22,815
Add Back: Loan Liability		36,497	19,293	36,497
Add Back: Lease Liability		46,173	28,352	34,617
Add Back: Land Held for Resale		(56,668)	0	(56,668)
Less : Loan Receivable - clubs/institutions		0	0	0
Less : Trust Transactions Within Muni		0	0	0
Net Current Funding Position		**450,031**	**971,388**	**2,067,048**

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)
$2.07 M

Last Year YTD Surplus(Deficit)
$.97 M

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2026

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**
	$	%					
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	(86,068)	(16.05%)	▼				Budgeted closing position estimate higher than actual at year end.
Revenue from operating activities							
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	68,962	50.39%	▲	The MRWA direct grant funding received ahead of budget phasing.			
Fees and charges	137,638	49.78%	▲		Fuel facility income greater than YTD budget.		
Profit on disposal of assets	72,173	1184.72%	▲		One lot of land held for resale sold that was not budgeted for.		
Expenditure from operating activities							
Materials and contracts	(139,310)	(24.74%)	▼			Various material and contract costs are greater than budget for the year, e.g.: fuel purchases, IT expenses, consultancy expenditure.	
Utility charges	10,216	45.56%	▲	Standpipe water and other utility charges coming in under budget.			
Depreciation on non-current assets	(523,487)	(2782.73%)	▼			Asset depreciation has commenced for 2026/27, however the majority of budgeted depreciation does not commence until December 2026.	
Finance costs	11,011	130.40%	▲	Interest on loan borrowing and lease repayments are currently behind budget.			
Insurance expenses	(17,361)	(31.87%)	▼			Insurance premiums have been paid ahead of budget phasing.	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	424,319	908.39%	▲	Non-cash depreciation expenses ahead of budget phasing.			
Investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(38,262)	(15.22%)	▼			Recognition of revenue which is tied to capital projects is currently ahead of budget phasing.	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	203,559	0.00%	▲	Some asset disposals have happened ahead of budget phasing.	One lot of land held for resale sold that was budgeted for.		
Payments for inventories, property, plant and equipment and infrastructure	(227,741)	(74.04%)	▼			Expenditure on capital expenditure projects is occurring ahead of budget phasing. Refer to Note 6 for further details.	

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	461	0	1,832,818
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**	**461**	**0**	**2,054,710**
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**	**461**	**0**	**2,379,574**
Discount						0				0
Concession						0				0
Amount from general rates						**2,379,113**				**2,379,574**
Rates Written Off		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3)
Ex-gratia rates		0	0	0	0	5,222	5,222	0	0	5,222
Total		**453**				**2,384,335**				**2,384,793**

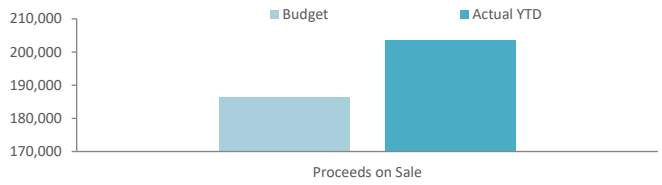
KEY INFORMATION

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)
		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
	Land held for resale								
	Other property and services								
298	Lot 11 Ferguson Way, Wandering (25/26 Subdivision of Asset 296)	0	0	0	0	25,320	103,585	78,265	0
	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	50,424	49,533	0	(891)
703	Isuzu 2025 MU-X 4X4 LST Wagon Auto 3.0L TD 0WD (CEO)	56,335	53,500	0	(2,835)	56,370	50,442	0	(5,928)
		193,467	**186,500**	**18,288**	**(25,255)**	**132,113**	**203,559**	**78,265**	**(6,819)**

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	**6,968**	6,968
Buildings	24,000	24,000	2,996	**2,193**	(803)
Furniture and equipment	20,000	20,000	13,332	**7,625**	(5,707)
Plant and equipment	629,000	629,000	0	**243,181**	243,181
Infrastructure - roads	2,720,693	2,720,693	272,063	**242,102**	(29,961)
Infrastructure - bridges	192,187	192,187	19,218	**33,280**	14,062
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	**3,635,880**	**3,635,880**	**307,609**	**535,350**	**227,741**
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:					
	$	$	$	$	$
Capital grants and contributions	**2,514,495**	**2,514,495**	**251,446**	**213,184**	(38,262)
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	**186,500**	**186,500**	**0**	**203,559**	203,559
Cash backed reserves					
Plant replacement reserve	**431,500**	**431,500**	**0**	**0**	0
Contribution - operations	**503,385**	**503,385**	**56,163**	**118,607**	62,444
Capital funding total	**3,635,880**	**3,635,880**	**307,609**	**535,350**	**227,741**

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.

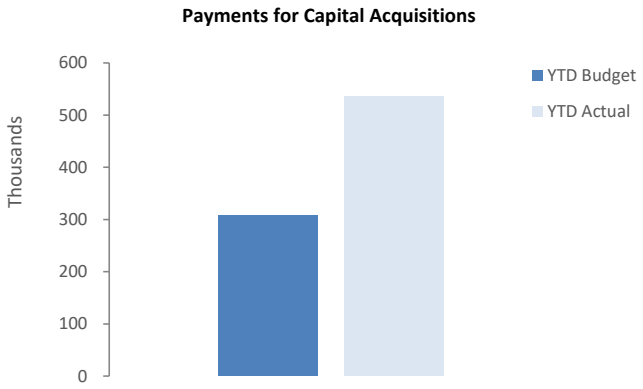
Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

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

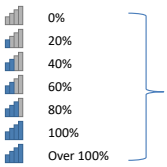
In relation to this initial measurement, cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. The 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



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	(6,968)	(6,968)
Total - Other Property & Services				**(50,000)**	**(50,000)**	**0**	**(6,968)**	**(6,968)**
Total - Land Held for Resale				**(50,000)**	**(50,000)**	**0**	**(6,968)**	**(6,968)**
Buildings								
Recreation And Culture								
E11383	WCC238	521	Wandering Community Centre - New Stage	(15,000)	(15,000)	0	0	0
E11383	WCC239	521	Wandering Community Centre - BBQ Shelter	0	0	0	(2,193)	(2,193)
Total - Recreation And Culture				**(15,000)**	**(15,000)**	**0**	**(2,193)**	**(2,193)**
Economic Services								
E13260		521	Purchase Buildings-Tourism	(9,000)	(9,000)	(2,996)	0	2,996
Total - Economic Services				**(9,000)**	**(9,000)**	**(2,996)**	**0**	**2,996**
Total - Buildings				**(24,000)**	**(24,000)**	**(2,996)**	**(2,193)**	**803**
Plant & Equipment								
Transport								
E12360		525	Purchase Plant & Equipment-Plant	(629,000)	(629,000)	0	(243,181)	(243,181)
Total - Transport				**(629,000)**	**(629,000)**	**0**	**(243,181)**	**(243,181)**
Total - Plant & Equipment				**(629,000)**	**(629,000)**	**0**	**(243,181)**	**(243,181)**
Furniture & Equipment								
Economic Services								
E13450		523	CRC - Purchase Furniture and Equipment	(10,000)	(10,000)	(3,332)	(126)	3,206
Total - Economic Services				**(10,000)**	**(10,000)**	**(3,332)**	**(126)**	**3,206**
Other Property & Services								
E14560		523	Purchase Furniture & Equipment-Administration	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(7,499)	2,501
Total - Other Property & Services				**(10,000)**	**(10,000)**	**(10,000)**	**(7,499)**	**2,501**
Total - Furniture & Equipment				**(20,000)**	**(20,000)**	**(13,332)**	**(7,625)**	**5,707**
Infrastructure - Roads								
Transport								
E12102	RRG008	541	RRG - York Williams Road Final Seal SLK3.00-6.00	(221,205)	(221,205)	(22,121)	(16,563)	5,558
E12102	RRG242	541	RRG - York Williams Road Reconstruct from SKL 3.00.6.00	0	0	0	(17,467)	(17,467)
E12102	RRG243	541	RRG - York Williams Road Reconstruct/Widen SLK 6.00-9.00	(624,452)	(624,452)	(62,444)	(21,698)	40,746
E12103	R2R016	541	R2R - Down Street and Watt's Street footpath and drainage repairs	(45,670)	(45,670)	(4,567)	0	4,567
E12103	R2R040	541	R2R - Gnowing Street Reseal SLK 0.00-0.20 26/27 Year	(37,668)	(37,668)	(3,766)	0	3,766
E12103	R2R042	541	R2R - Cheetaning Street-Reseal SLK 0.00-0.46 26/27 Year	(108,454)	(108,454)	(10,844)	0	10,844
E12105	WSFN251	541	WSFN North Bannister Wandering Rd - Replace Culverts-Clearing-Batter Works SLK13.60-18.52	(1,296,192)	(1,296,192)	(129,618)	(152,380)	(22,762)
E12105	WSFN252	541	WSFN North Bannister Wandering Road - Final Seal 4.5km	(387,052)	(387,052)	(38,703)	(16,224)	22,479
E12105	WSFN0055	541	WSFN - Wandering Bannister Rd SLK 9.10-13.60 (4.5km)	0	0	0	(17,772)	(17,772)
Total - Transport				**(2,720,693)**	**(2,720,693)**	**(272,063)**	**(242,102)**	**29,961**
Total - Infrastructure - Roads				**(2,720,693)**	**(2,720,693)**	**(272,063)**	**(242,102)**	**29,961**
Infrastructure - Bridges								
Transport								
E12120	BR0424	550	Bridge replacment 0424A Wandering Pingelly RD	(192,187)	(192,187)	(19,218)	(33,280)	(14,062)
Total - Transport				**(192,187)**	**(192,187)**	**(19,218)**	**(33,280)**	**(14,062)**
Total - Infrastructure - Bridges				**(192,187)**	**(192,187)**	**(19,218)**	**(33,280)**	**(14,062)**
Grand Total				**(3,635,880)**	**(3,635,880)**	**(307,609)**	**(535,350)**	**(227,741)**

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	56,307	0	0	0	0	(7,006)	(7,006)	56,307	49,301	49,301	7	(2,414)	(2,414)
Industrial Estate Development	11	321,847	0	0	0	0	(29,490)	(29,490)	321,847	292,357	292,357	3,716	(14,768)	(14,768)
Total		378,154	0	0	0	0	(36,496)	(36,496)	378,154	341,658	341,658	3,723	(17,182)	(17,182)
Current borrowings		36,497							36,497					
Non-current borrowings		341,658							341,658					
		378,154							378,154					

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	(11,556)	(46,173)	(46,173)	95,945	61,328	61,328	(1,156)	(4,673)	(4,673)
Total		107,501	0	0	0	(11,556)	(46,173)	(46,173)	95,945	61,328	61,328	(1,156)	(4,673)	(4,673)
Current lease liabilities		46,173							34,617					
Non-current lease liabilities		61,327							61,327					
		107,501							95,945					

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	176.74	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,213.73	22,815.47
Land & building reserve	89,880.12	2,283.00	701.69	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142,163.12	90,581.81
Plant replacement reserve	230,215.07	5,846.00	1,797.29	415,162.00	0.00	(431,500.00)	0.00	219,723.07	232,012.36
Office equipment reserve	17,272.90	439.00	134.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,711.90	17,407.75
Fuel facility reserve	107,514.83	2,730.00	839.36	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135,244.83	108,354.19
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**	**3,649.93**	**640,162.00**	**0.00**	**(431,500.00)**	**0.00**	**693,183.65**	**476,171.58**

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)			0	0
				0	**0**	**0**	**0**

12. PLANNING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Shire of Wandering Policy Manual Review – Policies 32, 41 and 48.	
File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**16 November 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Authorising Officer	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	**Policy 32 - Public Interest Disclosure**
	Policy 41 - Debt Collection
	Policy 48 - Community Funding, Grants and Donations
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 (3) policies are to be reviewed this month:

- Policy 32 - Public Interest Disclosure
- Policy 41 - Debt Collection
- Policy 48 - Community Funding, Grants and Donations

These policies were reviewed at the October General Planning Forum Meeting.

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 32 - Public Interest Disclosure**
- **Policy 41 - Debt Collection**
- **Policy 48 - Community Funding, Grants and Donations**

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

Carried

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

POLICY TYPE:	GOVERNANCE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS	POLICY NO:	32
DATE ADOPTED:	18/07/2019	DATE LAST REVIEWED:	17/09/2020 16/09/2021 15/06/2023 19/11/2026
LEGAL (PARENT):	*Local Government Act 1995*	LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY):	*Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:		DELEGATION NO.	

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Public Interest Disclosure
OBJECTIVE:	• To affirm the support of the Shire of Wandering for public interest disclosures.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Wandering does not tolerate corrupt or other improper conduct, including mismanagement of public resources, in the exercise of the public functions of the Shire of Wandering and its employees and contractors.

The Shire of Wandering is committed to the aims and objectives of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003* (PID Act). It recognises the value and importance of contributions of employees to enhance administrative and management practices and strongly supports disclosures being made by employees as to corrupt or other improper conduct.

As a proper authority, the Shire of Wandering is responsible for:

(a) Receiving disclosures;
(b) Investigating disclosures;
(c) Taking appropriate action; and
(d) Reporting.

The Shire of Wandering will take all reasonable steps to provide protection to employees who make such disclosures from any detrimental action in reprisal for the making of a public interest disclosure. The Shire of Wandering does not tolerate any of its employees, employees or contractors engaging in acts of victimisation or reprisal against those who make public interest disclosures.

The following Code uses as its ethical base the principles of personal integrity, relationships with others and accountability as referred to in the Western Australian Public Sector Code of Ethics.

Consistent with those principles, to meet the minimum standards of conduct and integrity, persons receiving disclosures, must comply with the following Code.

1. THE CODE

(a) Be professional and courteous to those involved in a disclosure, and give prompt attention to all their lawful requirements
(b) Not use any circumstance or information connected to a disclosure for personal profit or gain.
(c) Take all reasonable steps to seek to ensure informants who make a public interest disclosure are protected in accordance with the provisions specified in the PID Act
(d) Take all reasonable steps to seek to ensure that persons who are the subject of a disclosure are also provided with appropriate safeguards and protections as specified in the PID Act
(e) Maintain records that ensure all action taken about the receipt and processing of a disclosure is reviewable
(f) Declare to an appropriate person, in writing, any interests that may conflict with their obligations to impartially receive and process disclosures
(g) Immediately report corrupt behaviour that has been, or may be occurring, to an appropriate authority
(h) Provide information to the informant about their rights and responsibilities and the possible implications of lodging a public interest disclosure.

POLICY TYPE:	GOVERNANCE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS	POLICY NO:	41
DATE ADOPTED:	18/07/2019	DATE LAST REVIEWED:	17/09/2020 16/09/2021 15/06/2023 19/11/2026
LEGAL (PARENT):	*Local Government Act 1995*	LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY):	
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:	Yes	DELEGATION NO.	12 & 19

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Debt Collection
OBJECTIVE:	• To determine action for collection of outstanding rates and services charges

POLICY STATEMENT

The Shire of Wandering takes a responsible and supportive approach to debt collection based on the following:

(a) The Shire may recover unpaid rates, debtors or other charges in a court of competent jurisdiction for amounts outstanding for a period of less than three (3) years

- The Shire may lodge caveats on land where rates and service charges are in arrears and it is considered appropriate that the interest of the Council should be protected
- Caveats should only be removed once all rates and charges have been paid in full.

(b) Council approval must be sought for any action recommended for rates, debtors or other charges outstanding for three (3) years or more.

(Note: property and owner's details are prevented by the Privacy Act prevents from being published in a report to Council – only can include Assessment Number, and recommended action to be authorised by the Council.)

POLICY TYPE:	COMMUNITY	POLICY NO:	48
DATE ADOPTED:	18/07/2019	DATE LAST REVIEWED:	15/04/2021 17/09/2020 15/04/2021 16/09/2021 21/10/2021 15/06/2023 19/11/2026
LEGAL (PARENT):	*Local Government Act 1995*	LEGAL (SUBSIDIARY):	
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY APPLICABLE:		DELEGATION NO.	

ADOPTED POLICY	
TITLE:	Community Funding, Grants and Donations
OBJECTIVE:	• To provide financial assistance for organisations and/or projects, which benefit the community. • To provide guidelines for the consideration and approval, or otherwise, of financial assistance applications. • To maintain and build on Wandering's vibrant community spirit and welfare by providing financial support for local events which involve people coming together in the celebration and enjoyment of their culture or a common interest.

DEFINITIONS

Community Organisation means any organisation which has as its members, members of the Wandering community and which operates on a "not for profit" basis.

Not for Profit means that the proceeds of the organisation are used for the benefit of the organisation and are not available for disbursement to the members of the organisation.

Major Community Grant means any financial assistance grant over $2,000. Usually provided for the development of a capital works project eg: building construction, major purchase of equipment, ground-works, etc.

Minor Community Grant means any financial assistance up to $2,000. Usually provided for minor building construction, maintenance or repair, minor projects, equipment purchase, relief from Council fees and charges etc.

GST means the Federal Government's Goods and Services Tax. Provision of grant funds will be exclusive of GST unless the recipient organisation is registered for GST, in which case the grant amount will be grossed up by 10%.

POLICY STATEMENT

FUNDING ROUNDS

The Community Financial Assistance Program will be open all year round and applications will be considered once each financial year, with the funding being allocated from within Council's budget for that financial year. The round will be advertised on the 1st of April and close on the 30th May each year and will be considered at the June Council meeting with the project to be completed by the end of June the following year.

Once funds have been fully allocated no further funds will be available until the following financial year

APPLICATIONS

All applications shall be made on the appropriate forms.

MAJOR COMMUNITY GRANTS ($2,000+)

Major Community Grants may be used for any purpose, but are generally provided for purposes such as building purchase or construction, purchase of equipment, ground-works etc. Applications should address the following criteria:

a) Type of organisation (eg sport, community, hobby, health and welfare, artistic, religious etc);
b) Organisation membership;
c) Nature of service/facility provided;
d) Project details/planning/design/timing;
e) Demonstrated need or community benefit;
f) Financial position of the applicant;
g) Financial viability of project;
h) Other financial/in kind contributions;
i) On-going management;
j) Existing services and facilities of a like nature, within Wandering;
k) Provision of quotes (2) for all items greater than $1,000 in value; and
l) Provision of a detailed project budget including GST breakdown.
m) Details of applications to other possible funding sources. (eg Dept of Sport and Recreation, Healthways, Lotteries, etc.)
n) Licensed clubs, under the Liquor Act, must disclose the amount of income generated from the sale of alcohol.

MINOR COMMUNITY GRANTS (UP TO $2,000)

Minor Community Grants may be used for any purpose, including minor building construction, maintenance or repair, equipment purchases or hire, events or functions, relief from Council fees and charges etc.

Applications should address the following criteria:

(a) Type of organisation (eg sport and recreation, community based, general interest, health and welfare, artistic, religious etc);
(b) Organisation membership;
(c) Nature of service/facility provided;
(d) Demonstrated need or community benefit;
(e) Applicant's financial position;
(f) Purpose of the grant; and
(g) Provision of a detailed project budget including GST breakdown.
(h) Details of applications to other possible funding sources. (eg Dept of Sport and Recreation, Healthways, Lotteries, etc.)
(i) Licensed clubs, under the Liquor Act, must disclose the amount of income generated from the sale of alcohol.

WHAT IS NOT FUNDED

(j) Ongoing expenditure in the form of operating or administrative costs.
(k) Applications that are insular or of self-interest.
(l) Applications that benefit personal business aspirations.
(m) Purchase of alcohol.
(n) Projects whose goals or strategies are not included within the Shire of Wandering Community Strategic Plan.
(o) Applications for projects outside the Shire of Wandering.

CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Groups, individuals, organisations or clubs are not to expect, as of right, any financial assistance from the Council. Requests will only be considered in respect to the overall priorities of other projects within the Shire and will also be subject to the availability of finance.

Financial assistance approvals shall be administered in accordance with the following:

(p) Project must commence and be completed in the financial year for which funding has been approved. Funds not expended by the end of the financial year in which they were approved, may be forfeited, unless a deferment has been requested by the Grantee.

(q) Where financial assistance is approved by Council for projects that are dependent upon funding from an outside source, eg: Sport and Recreation WA; Lotteries Commission etc, and that funding application is unsuccessful or the level of financial assistance from an outside source has been reduced below that requested by an organisation, the organisation shall be required to demonstrate its ability to meet the funding shortfall.

(r) Council may restrict its contribution to the project or event on a case by case basis.

(s) 50% of the approved grant will be paid on approval of the project and the balance following successful acquittal of the project.

(t) Prior approval must be sought for any substantial change of proposal.

(u) Acquittal of the grant funds must be submitted to the Shire in a timely manner.

(v) Acknowledgement that "This project was made possible through financial assistance from the Shire of Wandering" must be made in all publicity associated with the project. Use of the Shire of Wandering logo is encouraged in all promotional material.

13.2 Shire of Wandering Council Meeting Dates 2027

File Reference:	**N/A**
Date:	**22 October 2026**
Location:	**Shire of Wandering**
Applicant:	**N/A**
Author:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Authorising Officer:	**Chief Executive Officer**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Attachments:	
Voting Requirements:	**Simple Majority**
Previous Reference:	**Item 12.1 Ordinary Council Meeting 20 November 2025**

Summary of Report:
To advertise council meeting dates for the calendar year 2027

Background:
It is a requirement of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 that Local Governments give local public notice of the dates and times and place of upcoming Council Meetings.

Consultation:
The Chief Executive Officer
Shire Councillors at the October General Planning Forum meeting.

Each meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise advertised. There is no meeting for January.

Meeting start time for 2027 has been changed to 4pm.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996:
r12. Meetings, public notice of (Act s. 5.25(1)(g))
(1) At least once each year a local government is to give local public notice of the dates on which and the time and place at which –
a) The ordinary council meetings; and
The committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to the members of the public, are to be held in the next 12 months.

Policy Implications:
Not applicable

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
Improve Our Financial Position

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

Risk Implications:

Risk	Low
No risk associated	

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:
That Council adopts the following meeting dates for 2027 Ordinary Council Meetings:

- **18 February 2027**
- **18 March 2027**
- **15 April 2027**
- **20 May 2027**
- **17 June 2027**
- **15 July 2027**
- **19 August 2027**
- **23 September 2027 (change to fourth Thursday)**
- **21 October 2027**
- **18 November 2027**
- **09 December 2027 (change to second Thursday)**

Note: Each meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month commencing at 4pm unless otherwise advertised. There is no meeting for January.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

Carried

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

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.