

Shire of Wandering

2024-2025

Annual Report



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Shire President's Report

The 2024/2025 year has been one of transition and renewed focus for the Shire of Wandering.

I was honoured to be elected Shire President in February 2025. I thank Council and the community for their trust and support. Council extends its sincere appreciation to Cr Ian Turton for his many years of dedicated service. His commitment to the Shire has been significant, and we wish him a very happy retirement after his term finishes in October.



A major highlight of the 2024 year was the Shire's 150th anniversary. The celebrations brought the community together, concluding with a memorable fireworks display. I thank the 150th Celebration Committee for their outstanding work. They were instrumental in encouraging many current and past residents to document the history of their families and businesses, which our wonderful CRC team then collated into the history boards, now in storage until a suitable display area can be found for them. The event received a notable mention from His Excellency, the Honourable Christopher John Dawson, AC, APM, Governor of Western Australia, at the WALGA Conference, following his visit to Wandering.

Early last year we conducted an extensive recruitment program for a new CEO. In May we welcomed a new CEO, Dr Alistair Pinto and his family. Alistair's leadership is already strengthening organisational performance and governance. While this report reflects only the first two months of Alistair's tenure as Chief Executive Officer, building on work commenced by Acting CEO Ian Fitzgerald, Council has initiated financial recovery efforts in response to a significant deficit accumulated over several years. Improvements to internal processes and transparency remain a priority.

A major undertaking which began in this period was the start of work on the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Route project. This is progressing well and remains on schedule. Under the leadership of Operations Manager Karl Mickle and his team, the project is being delivered with strong planning and a clear focus on quality outcomes.

Unfortunately, the work on the Light Industrial Area blocks hasn't progressed as quickly as we would have liked, with the hold-up being completion of work by Western Power. The blocks have generated strong interest and once Western Power completes the remaining works, the blocks will be released for sale. The development will be a great asset in supporting future economic development.

Council's priorities for the coming year include:

- Continued financial consolidation
- Support for local industry and economic resilience
- Ongoing investment in roads and essential infrastructure
- Strengthened community engagement
- Building organisational capacity under the leadership of the CEO

The Shire of Wandering remains a resilient and community-minded district. My sincere thanks go to the CEO, Shire staff, and fellow Councillors for their commitment, dedication and hard work. I am proud to serve as Shire President and look forward to the year ahead with optimism and determination.

Cr Sheryl Little, Shire President

Chief Executive Officer's Report

I am pleased to present my first Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Report for the Shire of Wandering, covering the 2024–2025 financial year. I commenced in the role on Monday, 26 May 2025, and therefore contributed to only the final five weeks of this reporting period.

The Shire of Wandering is a Band 4 local government and a member of the WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) Central Country Zone. Despite our small size and workforce, our dedicated team has continued to deliver essential services and community programs throughout what has been another challenging year, particularly as the organisation navigated a period of leadership change.

I would like to acknowledge Mr Alan Hart, who served as CEO for the majority of this reporting period, for his leadership and commitment to the Shire. I also extend my appreciation to Mr Ian Fitzgerald, who stepped into the Acting CEO role during the transition. Ian's calm approach and extensive senior local government experience ensured that the organisation remained steady and well-prepared for the incoming leadership.

This year once again tested the Shire's financial resilience, with our operating results—outlined in this Annual Report—reflecting the ongoing pressures faced by small local governments. Statewide local government reform continues to place increasing statutory and reporting requirements on councils such as ours. I would like to recognise our Councillors, particularly the Shire President and Deputy President, for their ongoing advocacy on behalf of our community and for highlighting the impacts these reforms have on small regional Shires.

Our Works Team delivered another productive year, including the commencement of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network program in 2025 and significant works along York-Williams Road, among other projects. The Community Resource Centre continued to provide high-quality programs and services, fostering connection and offering vital support—particularly for our older residents.

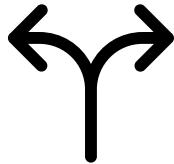
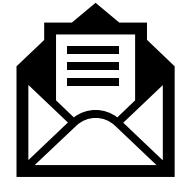
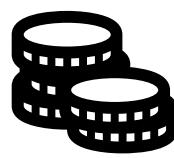
The Shire continued works on the upgrade of the Wandering Community Centre, through the Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee. This reporting period saw the construction of the new kitchen, bar and storeroom completed.

In closing, I wish to thank our entire Shire team – our indoor and outdoor employees, for their dedication and contributions during the year. I also acknowledge our Elected Members who work collaboratively with the administration to ensure that the strategic goals of the Shire are met. Finally, I extend my appreciation to our community, whose support, resilience and connectedness remain at the heart of what makes the Shire of Wandering a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

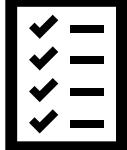
Dr. Alistair Pinto, Chief Executive Officer



Our Statistics

 <p>Distance from Perth 124kms</p>	 <p>Area (sq.km) 1,901</p>	 <p>Population *based on 2021 census 391</p>
 <p>Length of Sealed Roads 192kms</p>	 <p>Length of Gravel Roads 287kms</p>	 <p>Number of dwellings *based on 2021 census 192</p>
 <p>State Electoral District District of Central Wheatbelt</p>	 <p>Number of Electors 400</p>	 <p>Federal Electoral District O'Connor</p>
 <p>Total Shire Reserves \$275,290</p>	 <p>Total Assets \$99,589,446</p>	 <p>Rates Revenue \$1,553,562</p>
 <p>Operating Grant Revenue \$866,534</p>	<p>Shire of Wandering Band 4 Local Government Member of WALGA Central Country Zone</p>	 <p>Operating Revenue \$3,593,490</p>

Shire Services

		
Caravan Park	Tourism	Road Maintenance
		
Cemeteries	Waste and Recycling	Fire & Emergency Services
		
Parks and Gardens	Ranger Services	Town Planning
		
Economic Development	Facility Management & Maintenance	Community Events
		
Sport and Recreation	Fuel Station	Camping Facilities
		
Library Services	Community Resource Centre	Department of Transport

Statutory Disclosures

Councillor attendance at Council Meetings:

In the 2024-2025 year there were 11 Ordinary Council Meetings (OCM), one Audit Committee Meeting (ACM) and two Special Council Meetings (SCM) held. Attendance was as follows:

	OCM	SCM	ACM
Cr I Turton	10	1	1
Cr S Little	11	1	1
Cr R Cowan	11	1	1
Cr G Hansen	9	1	1
Cr D Jennings	9	1	1
Cr A Price	10	1	1
Cr M Watts	11	1	1

Public Interest Disclosures

As a public authority, the Shire has an obligation to provide information under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*. No public interest disclosure requests were received during the 2024/25 financial year.

Register of Complaints

Section 5.53(2)(hb) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that a local government's Annual Report is to contain details of entries made under Section 53121 of the Act during the financial year, in the register of complaints. There were no complaints received and recorded in the Register for the 2024/25 reporting period.

Employee Remuneration

In accordance with section 5.53(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Section 19B of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the following information is provided with respect to employees annual salary entitlements. Set out below, in bands of \$10,000 is the number of employees of the Shire of Wandering with an annual salary of \$100,000 or more.

Salary Range	Number of Employees
\$110,000 - \$119,999	0
\$120,000 - \$129,999	1
\$130,000 - \$139,999	0
\$140,000 - \$149,999	0
\$150,000 - \$159,999	1

National Competition Policy

The National Competition Policy statement requires Local Governments to include in the Annual Report, ongoing statements on the following: 1) Competitive Neutrality–To remove benefits (and costs) that accrue to government business because of their public ownership. 2) Structural Reform–Local government is required to reform the structure of publicly owned monopoly businesses where it is proposed to introduce competition. 3) Legislative Review–To review legislation that restricts competition.



150th Anniversary of the Wandering Roads Board Celebrations

Australia Day 2025



Your Elected Members

The Shire of Wandering is comprised of seven elected members, including a Council elected Shire President and Deputy President.
Councillors serve a 4 year term, with local government elections held every two years.



Cr Ian Turton

Shire President until February 2025
Term Expires October 2025

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Cr Sheryl Little

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Shire President from February 2025
Term Expires October 2027

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Term Expires October 2027

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Cr Max Watts
Term Expires October 2025

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Elected Members Representation on External Committees

Our Elected Members attended meetings on behalf of the Shire throughout the year. Below is a list of their representation.

Committee	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Proxy
Central Wheatbelt WALGA Zone	Cr Turton	Cr Little	As required
Regional Road Group	Cr Turton	Cr Price	Cr Little
Secondary Freight Routes Group	Cr Turton	Cr Price	Cr Watts
Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (VROC)	Cr Hansen	Cr Cowan	Cr Little
Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Cr Cowan	Cr Hansen	Cr Price
Peel Harvey Catchment Council	Cr Watts	Cr Hansen	Cr Jennings Cr Price
Local Emergency Management Committee	Cr Turton	Cr Little	Cr Cowan
Worsley Alumina Community Liaison Committee	Cr Hansen	Cr Jennings	Cr Watts
Newmont Goldcorp Boddington Community Reference Group	Cr Watts	Cr Price	Cr Jennings
Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee	Cr Hansen	Cr Little	Cr Watts (Delegate 3)
CEO Performance Review Committee	All councillors	Ex Cr Parsons Ex Cr Treasure	Nil

Wandering Community Centre Upgrade



Operation Manager's Report

During the year 2024-2025, the Wandering Shire Council once again committed more than \$896,113 towards the development and maintenance of its road infrastructure.

The table below illustrates some of the wide range of works that were completed during this reporting period.

PROJECT	EXPENDITURE
Roads – Construction	\$1,859,785
Roads – Maintenance	\$874,096
Street Lighting and maintenance	\$9,200
Bridge Maintenance	\$12,800

The Council is highly reliant on funds being made available from bodies such as the Federal Government, the WA Local Government Grants Commission, and Main Roads WA each year. This year was no different, with the Council receiving over \$630,369 in direct funding. The breakdown of the funding was as follows:

• Main Roads WA (Direct Grant)	\$87,112
• Street Light Subsidy	\$4,500
• Fire Mitigation DFES	\$23,232
• Regional Road Group Funding	\$478,307
• Roads To Recovery Funding	\$422,373
• Blackspot Funding	\$5,418
• Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Funding	\$846,647
• Department of Transport (WABN)	\$33,649

CAPITAL & RENEWAL WORKS

- York Williams Road was reconstructed 3km and sealed.
- Joe Kelly Road drainage works and patch gravel re-sheeting.
- Herdigan Road fixed bog holes and patch gravel re-sheeting.
- York Williams Road 4.97km final seal on last year's work.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS

Pavement repairs were carried out on various sections of road throughout the Shire, including:

- Wandering Pingelly Road.
- North Bannister Wandering Road.

The pavement repair on Wandering Pingelly Road required full boxing out, as simple patching of the pothole was no longer effective.



Wandering Pingelly Road Works

We discovered when boxing out that the base course pavement layer was very poor, with less than 100mm of gravel, and wet clay material close to the surface. We boxed this section out to around 500mm, applied stabilised gravel compacted and sealed.

FIRE MITIGATION WORKS

The Shire was successful in receiving grant funding for fire mitigation on the following roads

- Moramockining Road
- North Wandering Road
- Cheetaning Street
- White Street
- Watts Road
- Mill Street

WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT NETWORK (WSFN)

Pre-Construction on the North Bannister-Wandering Road is now completed. We have replacing and upgraded 13 culverts from SLK 9.10- 13.6 (4.5). This work also includes clearing, batter works, and subsoil drainage.



What is the WSFN program?

The WSFN program is designed to increase freight efficiency, productivity and safety. The major aim is to reduce freight input costs and increase Australia's international competitiveness in agricultural markets.

The network consists of 4400kms of local government roads with the full support of all 42 Wheatbelt Shires—the largest local government collaboration in Australia. Governance is provided by a steering committee and a technical committee along with a program management team. All 42 local governments are represented on these committees. Funding for the program is provided by the federal government (80%) state government (13.4%) and local government (6.6%).

At the close of year four (2022/23 financial year), over \$73 million has been spent on development and construction projects. This has delivered more than 500km of regional road upgrades to a minimum 8m seal width.

WSFN desires to turn the fund into a rolling program to allow continued upgrade to these vital routes to increase efficiency, productivity and safety. Certainty of funding to allow continued development works across the network, allow ongoing review of priorities as changes occur, such as bin closures, seasonal harvest variance, increased size and weight of freight.

Benefits:

- Improved freight efficiency
- Improved road safety
- Wheatbelt local governments benefit through capability and capacity building
- Wheatbelt communities benefit – agriculture, tourism, mining, road safety and financially

Maintenance Crews

It has been a busy and highly productive year for the maintenance team, responsible for keeping 297 km of unsealed roads and 182 km of sealed roads in safe, reliable condition. The team has maintained the gravel network throughout the harvest season and winter grading period, ensuring smooth and stable roads for the community.

In addition to grading, the team has carried out extensive culvert and drainage cleaning, clearing blockages and maintaining water flow to protect road formations. The crew has managed these tasks alongside ongoing construction projects and seasonal challenges, demonstrating adaptability, skill, and dedication.

This year's achievements reflect not just the volume of work completed, but also the teamwork and commitment of the small maintenance crew, who have ensured the Shire's Road network remains safe, functional, and well-maintained under sometimes difficult conditions.

Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens team delivered essential maintenance and support across Shire assets, ensuring public spaces, community facilities, and infrastructure were safe, functional, and well-presented.

Key achievements included preparing the Caravan Park for peak periods such as Easter, with mowing, bay marking, bin management, and ablution facility restocking, while promptly addressing issues including lighting failures, blocked toilets, and power outages.

Routine works were carried out across ovals, reserves, town facilities, and verges, including mowing, gardening, planting, leaf raking, weed and pest control, kerb blowdowns, and general tidy-ups.

The team supported infrastructure and asset management with stormwater and gutter cleaning, depot and fuel facility maintenance, minor footpath repairs, inspections of structures such as Pumphrey's Bridge, and preparatory works for future upgrades at the CRC, Caravan Park, and Community Centre Oval.

A major focus was implementing the Shire's fire mitigation program, preparing road verges through spraying, snipping, pruning, shrub removal, and mechanical works to reduce fire risk, with activities continuing through to 30 June.

The team also provided logistical support, collecting equipment, safety gear, signage, and materials, while assisting with facility power, communications, and emergency responses.

Performance Highlights

- Managed Caravan Park operations efficiently during peak visitor periods.
- Maintained high standards of town presentation through mowing, gardening and verge management.
- Progressed the Shire's fire mitigation program with comprehensive verge and vegetation preparation.
- Responded quickly to infrastructure and service issues to ensure continuity of service.
- Supported future asset upgrades through investigative and preparatory works.



Verti Mowing of Oval

(WABN) Grants Program 2023-24-2024-25 on Gnowing Street Shared Footpath

We have now completed the installation stage 1 & 2 of the Department of Transport (WABN) Grants Program.2023-24 - 2024-2025 on Gnowing Street shared foot path funding.

The project aimed to connect the Wandering Caravan Park to the Town Centre, providing visitors and the local community with safer and more convenient access to key public services and facilities, including the Shire office, Community Resource Centre, post office, Wandering Tavern, skate park, town oval, and a variety of community events and activities.

The construction of new footpaths enhances pedestrian connectivity, encourages active transport such as walking and cycling, and improves overall accessibility for all users, including families, seniors, and people with mobility challenges. By linking key community destinations, the project promotes greater community engagement, supports local businesses, and contributes to the safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike.



DFES Funding for the Wandering Bush Fire Brigade

We have also completed a concrete apron to the fire shed and a path to the front that was 100% funded by DFES.



Light-Industrial Area – Underground Power Upgrade

The underground power upgrade in the Light Industrial Area is nearing completion, with all light poles and heads installed and final connection to the transformer pending from Western Power. Once operational, the upgrade will provide reliable, modern, and safe electrical infrastructure for the six newly created industrial lots, making them attractive to new businesses. This will support economic growth, create local employment, increase Shire revenue, and enhance the safety and visual appeal of the industrial area. The project positions the Shire to attract investment, strengthen the local economy, and provide long-term benefits to the community.





Community Resource Centre Report

The Wandering Community Resource Centre (WCRC) is partly funded through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and is a service provided with the support of the Shire of Wandering. Its core services align with the contractual obligations with DPIRD and other contracts held such as Department of Transport and Services Australia. Any other activities and services are provided and developed through community needs analysis.

The CRC is open four days a week and staffed with one Co-ordinator (four days), one part-time assistant (two days) and one part-time trainee (three days - two days CRC and one day study).

Community Resource Centres (CRCs) deliver a range of community services for DPIRD which, as part of the Western Australian Community Resource Network, contribute towards the Community Level Outcomes for the WACRN program. These Community Level Outcomes (CLO) are:

- CLO 1 - Development of vibrant and sustainable regional communities.
- CLO 2 - Regional communities have improved access to the state government and community information they need.
- CLO 3 - Regional communities improve their economic health.
- CLO – 4 Regional communities improve their social cohesion and capacity.

Each CRC service provider contributes towards these through their work in delivering services tailored to address the Service Level Outcome for the WACRN.

The Service Level Outcomes (SLO) for the WACRN are:

- SLO 1 – Community members are provided with access to state government and community information and services.
- SLO 2 – Local businesses and the workforce have access to activities and initiatives that improve skills and capacity to foster economic growth in the local community.
- SLO 3 – Community members have access to activities and initiatives that create or improve community connectedness and capacity.



Men's night

Economic and Business Development Support:

The Wandering CRC delivered a range of workshops and training opportunities for local businesses, including our local farmers.

We partnered with IPS to deliver a range of workshops and several one-on-one sessions for local business owners. This gave local businesses a chance to receive assistance at their business location to discuss things they were having difficulties with. Most of these connections were made through the hosting of the workshops where discussions were had around what participants were struggling with in their own businesses.

We partnered with Busselton Advanced Driver Training to deliver HR & MC Truck Training. Our local participants went to Narrogin for their training and assessment.

Some of the other workshops held:

- Facebook for Business – delivered by CRC staff.
- Website Building for Business – WIX – delivered by CRC staff. This also included several follow-up appointments to get their websites fully functioning and able to take payments for online orders.
- Heavy Vehicle Pilot Course and Refresher.
- Canva for Business.
- ChemCert.
- Senior First Aid for Shire Staff.
- Pre-seeding Breakfast – with information from Rural Aid.
- EOFY Breakfast.
- Small Landholder Information.
- Pre-harvest sundowner – with Carbon Sync and Worksafe.

The Wandering CRC continues to deliver the Wandering Collective, which enables local businesses to have a place to sell their products, without having their own shop front. This continues to be popular with tourists and local people looking for gifts etc. This service promotes the local talents and businesses to visitors to the centre.

The CRC partnered with several local businesses to deliver workshops. This enabled us to provide the workshops at a more cost-effective rate for participants and as a result more participants attended. This also helps new local businesses to promote what they do and what they can provide for the local community.

Community Support and Activities

The Wandering CRC delivered a wide range of activities for the community this year. Some were well received, others didn't quite hit the target and will be reassessed based on feedback collected.

Some of these activities included:

- Kids craft days
- Kids holiday activities - Children's Week – Bricks 4 Kids
- Australia Day Breakfast
- Harvest Me workshops - gardening workshops
- Big Blue Table
- Kids Have A Go Series
- Tiny Tots First Aid
- Android Phone Workshop Series
- National Simultaneous Reading Time – a joint venture with the Wandering Primary School.
- Health Info Sessions – Cervical Screening

- Party in a Paint Box
- Men's Night – BBQ, beer and check on a mate
- Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- Book Club
- Seniors Card Info
- Hearing Bus Australia
- Plant Swap
- Community Garden
- Halloween Disco
- Adult Learners Week Scam Awareness, Canva Workshop
- History Board Workshops

BuildingCommunityConnections

The Wandering CRC assists many groups with a range of services including a meeting space, assisting with organizing their events and fundraising activities, helping with governance and document submissions, and printing and photocopying.

The CRC delivers an annual Roadside Breakfast event, which is a joint venture with the Wandering Lions Club and the Shire of Wandering. We cook breakfast at three locations across the Shire and invite community members in that area to come along and meet members of staff, Council and Lions members. This provides an opportunity for us to stay connected with the community and do an annual welfare check on everyone. Community members can also advise of any concerns they have and ideas for events and activities. The Lions Club promote their volunteering opportunities and how people can become a member of their club to assist the community.



Annual Roadside Breakfast

The Wandering CRC organises the Australia Day Breakfast for the Shire and this includes managing the National Australia Day Committee (NADC) grant for the event. The event attracts between 100-150 people and many groups are involved in delivering the event for the community. This breakfast enables the celebration of outstanding community members and celebrates the town and its achievements over the previous year.

This year the Wandering CRC assisted the Shire of Wandering to collate over 80 history boards that were put on display at the town's 150-year celebration weekend. This involved scanning photos, assisting people with typing their history information and formatting the boards ready to be sent to the printers. These boards will be made into a book and since the event many other families have added their information to the collection. This collection will also be available online on the Shire's website in the future.

As part of the 150-year celebration, the Wandering CRC also assisted the Wandering Country Woman's Association (CWA) with the production of their cookbook which they sold at the event.

During this year the CRC developed the Wandering tourist map which will be used to provide tourists with a map of the area, including tourist attractions such as walk trails and local business information. This is being printed as a sign to install at the fuel station and as a counter map for tourists to take a copy.



Supporters and Finance

The Wandering CRC received a range of small grants for various activities such as Youth Week and Children's Week. These grants helped the CRC to deliver activities at a reduced rate or free for participants.

The Wandering CRC receives a commission for the delivery of services on behalf of the Department of Transport Agency and Services Australia Access Point. Although the Department of Transport Agency is a frequently used service, the staffing and operational costs outweigh the commission earned.

The Cafe that operates from the CRC is still regularly utilised by locals and tourists. The review confirmed the need for better signage to the building to attract more people passing by to stop and use the service. The kitchen is regularly used to cater for CRC events and the CRC also provided catering for several meetings by other businesses that require it. With more staff, we can look at extending this service in the next financial year to deliver a more profitable service for the CRC.

Since the review of the Wandering CRC in the 23/24 financial year, the staff and working group have focused on ensuring the activities of the CRC have cost recovery or are profitable, to ensure we work towards the CRC being sustainable for the future.

The CRC assists the Shire with the following strategies:

- Tourism and History
- Youth
- Age Friendly

These strategies will help the Shire and CRC to work towards a better community for everyone to enjoy and it will provide a more structured plan for the CRC to integrate into its annual planning of events and activities.



Integrated Planning

Principles

The Council members and employees will follow the Local Government Department's Integrated Planning Framework that provides the process to:

- Ensure community input is explicitly and reliably generated.
- Provide capacity for location specific planning where appropriate.
- Inform long-term objectives of the Shire with these inputs.
- Identify the resourcing requirements to deliver against the long-term objectives.
- Clearly articulate long-term financial interchange implications and strategies.

Application

As part of the Shire of Wandering's planning cycle, the principles and practices of the integrated planning framework will be demonstrated in all consultation, research, development and implementation phases of the strategic planning process.

Outcomes from the process are a Wandering Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 (CSP) representing the long-term community aspirations, a Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025 (CBP) outlining the strategic and operational objectives to be achieved in the four-year period. The CBP will demonstrate activities and projects are fully resourced and have appropriate timelines and performance measures.

This will be underpinned by a series of informing strategies and plans which will include:

- A 10-year long-term financial plan;
- A workforce plan that is reviewed every four years in conjunction with the corporate business plan;
- An asset management plan for the life cycle of all assets including maintenance and replacement programs; and
- Any relevant issue specific strategies and plans for major projects or key developments.

The Council will ensure that there are adequate resources provided in both the integrated planning development and delivery phases to ensure timelines and legislative requirement are met and that the community expectations are addressed in a sustainable manner.

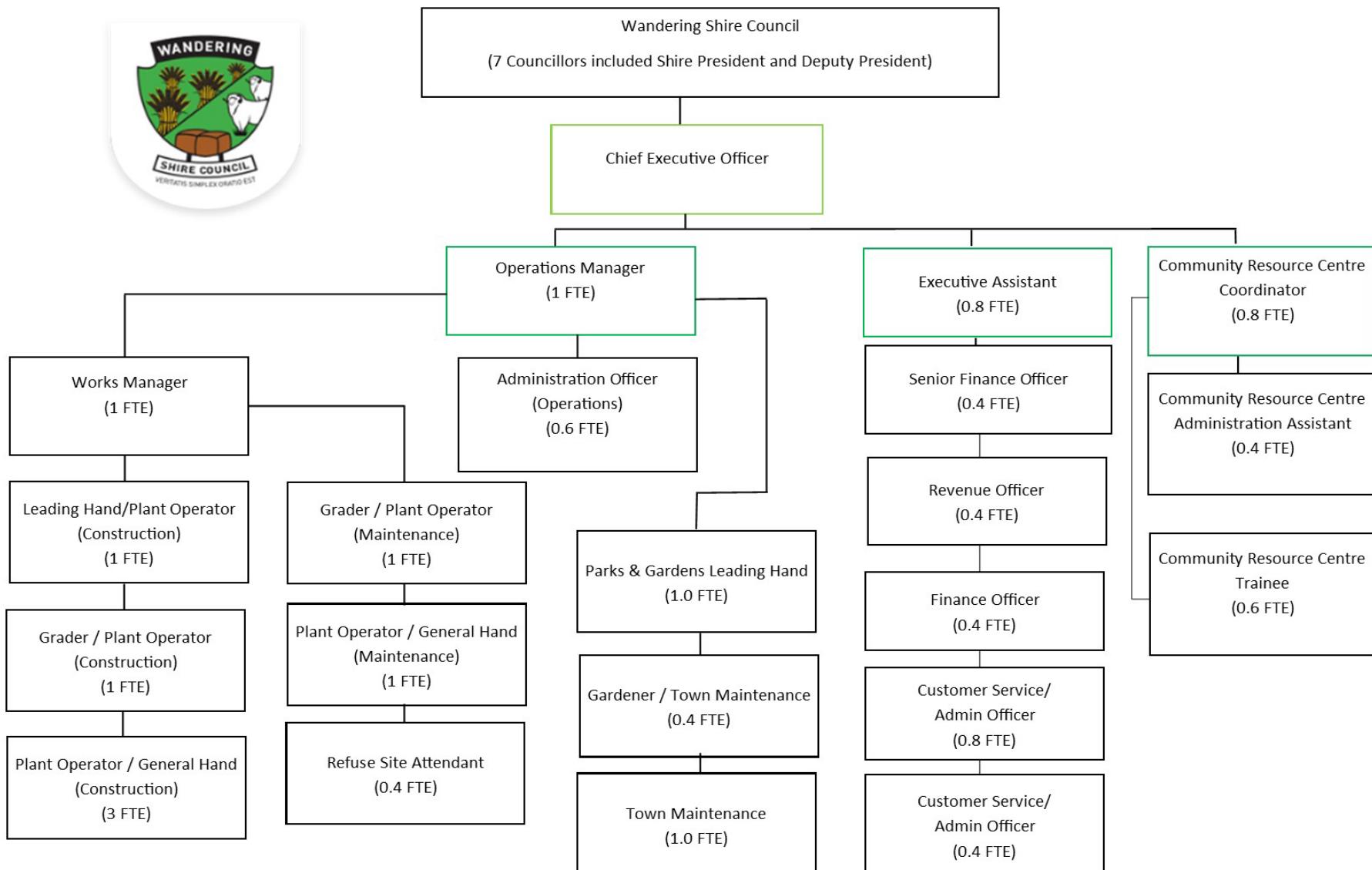
The integrated planning process and outcomes will be incorporated into the performance indicators of the CEO for the overall integrated planning process and for Managers for the components relative to their areas of control.

Council members and employees will be trained as appropriate and guideline documents and processes will be recorded appropriately and made available to all new and existing employee to ensure continuity and quality management of the integrated planning process.



Shire of Wandering

Organisational Structure



Corporate Business Plan

1. Improve Our Financial Position

OUTCOME: 1 IMPROVE OUR FINANCIAL POSITION			Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023-2024	2024-2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Improve accountability and transparency	1.1	Seek a high level of legislative compliance and effective internal controls						
		1.1.1 Meet key financial ratios	CEO	Ratios at or better than benchmark standard	✓	✓		
		1.1.2 Annual external audit identifies no adverse trends	CEO	Audit Report	✓	✓		
		Demonstrate sound financial planning						
	1.1.3	Implement recommendations from Regulation 17 Review	CEO	Adopted Strategy	✓	✓		
Develop an investment strategy that plans for the future and provides cash-backed reserves to meet operational needs	1.2	Annually review and update the Long-Term Financial Plan and Strategic Resource Plan ensuring they integrate with the Strategic Community Plan and that adequate cash backed reserves are maintained to meet investing activities						
		1.2.1 Maintain the Fuel Facility Reserve and actively save to fund 90% of the replacement of the fuel tanks by 2027/28	OM	Establishment of reserve fund			\$103,002	\$119,547
	1.2.2	Maintain the Plant Replacement Reserve to ensure replacement of the Shire's Plant fleet	OM	Adopted Council Report	✓	✓	\$357,138	\$72,004

OUTCOME: 1 IMPROVE OUR FINANCIAL POSITION			Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023-2024	2024-2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Prudently manage our financial resources to ensure value for money.	1.3	Ensure that the Annual Budget is in line with the strategies within the Corporate Business Plan						
		1.3.1 Balanced budget delivered annually	CEO	Budget	✓	✓		
		Demonstrate sound financial management, implementing opportunities where appropriate.						
		1.3.2 Reactive to industry trends.	CEO	Professional Development sessions attended	✓	✓	\$2,500	\$2,500
		Implement changes to rating structure as recommended by the Rate Review						
		1.4.2 Rate review implemented over a staged process	CEO/Consultant	Budget	✓			
		Review income generated by rates						
		1.4.3 Rates are reviewed annually	Consultant	Budget	✓	✓		

2. Improve the Economic Growth of our Community

OUTCOME: 2	IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY		Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
Capture tourism opportunities locally	2.4	Encourage tourists, longer stays and repeat visitation						
		2.4.1 Support and develop tourism opportunities within the Shire	CEO/Council	Maintain membership of HWEDA	✓	✓	\$5,000	\$5,000
		Provide for and maintain infrastructure that grows tourism						
		2.4.2 Continuing development of the Wandering Caravan Park	OM/Consultant Contractors	Implementation Stage 2 - Cabin				
The Hotham Williams Economic Development Alliance (HWEDA) partnership brings economic return to the Shire and community	2.5	Maintain our commitment to HWEDA						
		2.5.1 Ensure that a Council member is an active participant on the HWEDA Board	Council	Meetings attended by Council member	✓	✓		
		2.5.2 Support HWEDA Initiatives where they benefit the Shire and Region.	Council	Council resolutions supporting HWEDA initiatives	✓	✓		
		Start-up incentives are investigated for businesses						
		2.5.3 Format strategy to actively promote and encourage business development in the Shire.	Consultant	Adopted strategy				

3. Retain and Grow our Population

OUTCOME: 3	RETAIN AND GROW OUR POPULATION		Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023-2024	2024-2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
Our permanent and transient population grows	3.1	We assist with retaining the Wandering Primary School						
		3.1.1 Liaise with government to ensure the future viability of the Wandering Primary School	CEO/Council	Provision of housing for School Staff	✓	✓		
		We promote the lifestyle and business opportunities of Wandering						
		3.1.2 Parks and gardens are maintained to an high standard.	OM	85% or greater satisfaction from survey (See 4.1.2) Maintain funding levels to meet target	✓	✓	\$129,600	\$155,520
		3.1.3 Number of residents engaged and actively participating in community events	CRC	Data collection	✓	✓		
		We support early years and youth						
		3.1.4 Develop a Youth Strategy that identifies initiatives, support services, facilities and programs.	Consultant	Adopted Strategy				
		We encourage Aging in Place						
		3.1.6 Undertake needs study for services and/or facilities for the well-aged	Consultant	Adopt Study				
		3.1.7 Ensure Access and Inclusion Plan meets changing needs of community	CEO/CRC	Survey (see 4.1.2)	✓	✓		

OUTCOME: 3	RETAIN AND GROW OUR POPULATION		Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023-2024	2024-2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
People feel safe, connected and actively involved in the Community.	3.2	Facilitate and support activities that optimise use of our facilities						
		3.2.1 Develop Recreation Strategy to promote and encourage usage of recreation facilities	Consultant	Adopted Strategy				
		3.2.2 Ensure Shire buildings are maintained and/or upgraded in a planned and funded approach.	OM/CEO/CRC		✓	✓	\$60,000	\$75,000
		Assist Community and sporting organisations to remain sustainable and active						
		3.2.2 Maintain a subsidised fee for use of facilities for sporting and community organisations of the Shire	CEO	Council Policy 30 - takeup	✓	✓		
		3.2.3 Provide grant writing assistance to local sporting and community groups	CRC	Number of grants written	✓	✓		
		The diversity and number of clubs in our Shire adds to our quality of life						
		3.2.4 Support Clubs by actively engaging with Council	CEO/Council	Number of Clubs assisting with Community Events Clubs invited to Council forums	✓	✓		
		Engage and celebrate local culture, both indigenous and non-indigenous						
		3.2.5 Advocate and support projects and initiatives that will develop and recognise the cultural heritage of the Shire	CEO/Council	Number of initiatives	✓	✓		
		3.2.6 Hold Welcome to Country for designated Shire Events	CEO/Council	Australia Day & other designated Civic Functions	✓	✓		

OUTCOME: 3	RETAIN AND GROW OUR POPULATION		Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023-2024	2024-2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
		Facilitate and support Emergency Services Planning						
		3.2.7 Actively participate with LEMC & DOAC	OM	Number of meetings attended	✓	✓		
		3.2.8 Actively pursue joint CESM role in conjunction with BFAC, DFES and other local governments	OM	Engagement of CESM			\$5,000	\$5,000
		Preserve our history.						
		Secure the data contained in the Municipal Heritage inventory	CEO/Heritage Council	Hard and soft Copy secured.				
		Undertake recorded history project for the preservation of spoken word stories.	CRC	Funding sourced & DVD/CD produced	✓		\$1,000	

4. Provide Strong Leadership

OUTCOME: 4	PROVIDE STRONG LEADERSHIP		Responsible Agency / Officer	Measures & Targets	2023-2024	2024-2025	2023-2024	2024-2025
A well informed Community	4.1	Foster Opportunities for connectivity between Council and the Community						
		4.1.1 Develop and implement a Community Engagement and Communication Strategy	Consultant	Adopted Strategy				
		4.1.2 Undertake biannual community satisfaction survey	Consultant/CRC	> 30% participation		✓		\$2,500
We plan for the future and are strategically focussed.	4.2	Ensure accountable, ethical and best practice governance						
		4.2.1 Legislative compliance measures set at best practice levels or higher.	CEO	100% compliance on CAR	✓	✓		
		4.2.2 Full review of Policy Manual, Delegations and Authorisations.	CEO	Adopted Manual, Delegations & Authorisations.		✓		\$3,500
		Develop and maintain our Strategic Plan, Corporate Business Plan, Asset Management Plan, Workforce Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.						
		4.2.3 Review Integrated Plans within statutory guidelines	CEO	Adopted plans within statutory guidelines	✓	✓		
		Service Level Plans detail operational roles, responsibilities and resources.						
		4.2.4 Develop and implement service levels for all operational areas.	CEO/EMTS/CRC	Service levels incorporated into IPR				
		Engage with local, regional, state and federal stakeholders to grow mutually beneficial relationships.						
		4.2.5 Develop and foster strategic alliances with local governments, major industry and government agencies	CEO/Council	Meetings attended	✓	✓		

Freedom of Information

This information statement is published in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*.

Structure and Functions of Council

The Shire of Wandering is established under the *Local Government Act 1995* and has the responsibility for the administration of this Act within the municipality. Other major legislation, which creates a duty or an authority for Council to act, includes but is not limited to the following:

- *Health Act 1911*
- *Cat Act 2011*
- *Town Planning and Development Act 2005*
- *Bush Fires Act 1954*
- *Dog Act 1976*
- *Cemeteries Act 1986*



Wandering Community Garden

Council

Council's affairs are managed by seven people elected from the community who act in a voluntary capacity.



Wandering Collective – at the Community Resource Centre

The Council acts as a community board, establishing policies and making decisions within the requirements of the Local Government Act on a wide range of issues affecting the community, and in keeping with the legislative requirements to:

- Determine policies to be applied by Council in exercising its discretionary powers.
- Determine the type, range and scope of projects to be undertaken by Council.
- Develop comprehensive management plans, budgets, financial controls and performance objectives and indicators for the operations of Council.
- The Council makes decisions which direct and/or determine its activities and functions. Such decisions include the approval of works and services to be undertaken, and the allocation of resources to works and services.
- Decisions are also made to determine whether or not approvals are to be granted for applications for residential and commercial development.
- Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 3.30pm except January. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Services to the Community

Council provides an extensive variety of services for the community under a wide range of legislation. Services provided include:

- Building control
- Bush fire control
- Cat control
- Cemeteries
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Community Resource Centre
- Crossovers
- Demolition permits
- Dog control
- Environmental health
- Fire prevention
- LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee)
- Library services
- Media releases
- Natural Resource Management/ Landcare
- Parks and reserves
- Planning controls
- Playground equipment
- Public health services
- Public buildings for hire
- Public toilets
- Recreation/sporting facilities
- Roads and footpaths
- Rubbish collection
- Street bins
- Storm water drainage
- Street lighting
- Traffic control works
- Weed control on reserves

Significant Local Events

- Wandering Fair
- ANZAC Day Breakfast
- Australia Day Breakfast
- Wandering Campout Weekend
- Remembrance Day
- Wandering Christmas Tree

Tourist Attractions

The Wandering Caravan Park is the perfect place for visitors to base themselves, and visit the following attractions:

- Wineries
- Hotham River
- Dryandra Woodland & Barna Mia Wildlife Sanctuary
- State Forest
- Bibbulman Track
- Munda Biddi Trail
- Mount Cooke Trail



Local Industries and Services

Major agricultural activities include cereal crops, oil seed, livestock, vineyards and olive groves.

Education services include a local primary school and bus services to Boddington and Narrogin for district high school education.

Local industries include smash repairs and mechanical services.

The Shire provides a high level of community amenities including a town oval, playgrounds, skate park, tennis, basketball, netball and badminton courts, bowling greens, clay target shooting ground and a golf course.



Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

(1) In this regulation:

renew, in relation to an asset, means to return the asset to its original state by rebuilding, repairing or restoring the asset;

replace, in relation to an asset, does not include to upgrade the asset or to replace the asset with a different version of the asset.

(2) For the purposes of section 5.53(2)(i), the annual report for a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2022 must include the amount of all capital grants, subsidies and contributions, for replacing and renewing assets, that were received by the local government during:

(a) the financial year; and

(b) the two financial years before the financial year.

	2025	2024	2023
Main Roads WA			
Regional Road Group	\$ 598,307	\$ 574,000	\$ 453,141
Black Spot	\$ 0	\$ 132,075	\$ 42,400
Western Secondary Freight Network	\$ 1,496,202	\$ 213,674	\$ 41,017
Bridge Replacement	\$ 1,151,411	\$ 0	\$ 0
Direct Grant	\$ 84,977	\$ 71,619	\$ 66,639
Rural Road Safety Project	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications			
Roads to Recovery	\$ 283,392	\$ 217,788	\$ 0
Local Roads Community Infrastructure	\$ 0	\$ 409,828	\$ 106,305
Department of Water & Environmental Regulation			
Community Water Supply Grant Program	\$ 0	\$ 28,661	\$ 7,255



Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network – Subsoil Drains

SHIRE OF WANDERING
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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The Shire of Wandering conducts the operations of a local government with the following community vision:

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

Principal place of business:
22 Watts Street
WANDERING WA 6308

**SHIRE OF WANDERING
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

*Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*

Statement by CEO

The accompanying financial report of the Shire of Wandering has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2025 and the financial position as at 30 June 2025.

At the date of signing this statement the particulars included in the financial report are not misleading or inaccurate.

Signed on the **12** day of **December** **2025**



CEO

Dr Alistair Pinto
Name of CEO

SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
Revenue		\$	\$	\$
Rates	2(a),24	1,539,224	1,551,072	1,459,853
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	866,534	529,100	878,554
Fees and charges	2(a)	836,611	707,096	761,236
Interest revenue	2(a)	41,849	19,000	22,855
Other revenue	2(a)	235,936	507,798	185,968
		3,520,154	3,314,066	3,308,466
Expenses				
Employee costs	2(b)	(1,526,645)	(1,335,562)	(1,403,435)
Materials and contracts		(1,209,201)	(1,198,153)	(1,305,101)
Utility charges		(67,945)	(41,200)	(57,798)
Depreciation		(1,521,714)	(1,389,860)	(1,445,124)
Finance costs	2(b)	(16,443)	(28,294)	(11,787)
Insurance		(101,979)	(104,214)	(105,306)
Other expenditure	2(b)	(539,713)	(43,658)	(64,050)
		(4,983,640)	(4,140,941)	(4,392,601)
		(1,463,486)	(826,875)	(1,084,135)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	2,069,023	2,067,614	1,627,749
Profit on asset disposals		74,224	92,215	0
Loss on asset disposals		(12,750)	(7)	0
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	(888)	0	421
		2,129,609	2,159,822	1,628,170
Net result for the period		666,123	1,332,947	544,035
Other comprehensive income for the period				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	16	784,561	0	0
Total other comprehensive income for the period	16	784,561	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the period		1,450,684	1,332,947	544,035

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



SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	876,141	1,523,531
Trade and other receivables	5	93,810	108,572
Inventories	6	70,753	48,158
Other assets	7	407,296	161,210
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,448,000	1,841,471
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	5	22,828	16,766
Other financial assets	4	19,905	20,793
Inventories	6	145,291	166,300
Property, plant and equipment	8	9,006,192	7,539,204
Infrastructure	9	88,802,600	87,994,574
Right-of-use assets	11(a)	144,630	189,104
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		98,141,446	95,926,741
TOTAL ASSETS		99,589,446	97,768,212
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	303,150	149,857
Contract liabilities	13	52,971	75,628
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	13	611,411	721,218
Lease liabilities	11(b)	43,751	41,456
Borrowings	14	34,853	6,336
Employee related provisions	15	231,100	196,435
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,277,236	1,190,930
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	11(b)	107,501	151,252
Borrowings	14	378,154	64,636
Employee related provisions	15	49,724	35,247
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		535,379	251,135
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,812,615	1,442,065
NET ASSETS		97,776,831	96,326,147
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		22,633,556	21,610,923
Reserve accounts	27	275,290	631,800
Revaluation surplus	16	74,867,985	74,083,424
TOTAL EQUITY		97,776,831	96,326,147

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SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	Retained surplus \$	Reserve accounts \$	Revaluation surplus \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2023		21,127,882	570,806	74,083,424	95,782,112
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		544,035	0	0	544,035
Total comprehensive income for the period		544,035	0	0	544,035
Transfers from reserve accounts	27	50,000	(50,000)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	27	(110,994)	110,994	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2024		21,610,923	631,800	74,083,424	96,326,147
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		666,123	0	0	666,123
Other comprehensive income for the period	16	0	0	784,561	784,561
Total comprehensive income for the period		666,123	0	784,561	1,450,684
Transfers from reserve accounts	27	370,000	(370,000)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	27	(13,490)	13,490	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2025		22,633,556	275,290	74,867,985	97,776,831

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SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Rates		1,553,562	1,463,162
Grants, subsidies and contributions		828,904	1,057,363
Fees and charges		836,611	761,236
Interest revenue		41,849	22,855
Goods and services tax received		417,709	262,979
Other revenue		235,936	185,968
		3,914,571	3,753,563
Payments			
Employee costs		(1,471,160)	(1,337,193)
Materials and contracts		(1,332,026)	(1,601,172)
Utility charges		(67,945)	(57,798)
Finance costs		(16,443)	(10,981)
Insurance paid		(101,979)	(105,306)
Goods and services tax paid		(407,280)	(291,954)
Other expenditure		(104,687)	(64,050)
		(3,501,520)	(3,468,454)
Net cash provided by operating activities		413,051	285,109
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for inventories (Land held for resale)	6	(339,017)	0
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	8(a)	(1,441,760)	(484,469)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	9(a)	(1,893,436)	(1,550,637)
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions		1,959,216	1,971,459
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		353,977	0
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(1,361,020)	(63,647)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings	26(a)	(7,965)	(4,570)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	26(d)	(41,456)	(29,659)
Proceeds from new borrowings	26(a)	350,000	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		300,579	(34,229)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(647,390)	187,233
Cash at beginning of year		1,523,531	1,336,298
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		876,141	1,523,531

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SHIRE OF WANDERING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 Actual \$	2025 Budget \$	2024 Actual \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue from operating activities				
General rates	24	1,535,020	1,546,319	1,455,886
Rates excluding general rates	24	4,204	4,753	3,967
Grants, subsidies and contributions		866,534	529,100	878,554
Fees and charges		836,611	707,096	761,236
Interest revenue		41,849	19,000	22,855
Other revenue		235,936	507,798	185,968
Profit on asset disposals		74,224	92,215	0
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	(888)	0	421
		3,593,490	3,406,281	3,308,887
Expenditure from operating activities				
Employee costs		(1,526,645)	(1,335,562)	(1,403,435)
Materials and contracts		(1,209,201)	(1,198,153)	(1,305,101)
Utility charges		(67,945)	(41,200)	(57,798)
Depreciation		(1,521,714)	(1,389,860)	(1,445,124)
Finance costs		(16,443)	(28,294)	(11,787)
Insurance		(101,979)	(104,214)	(105,306)
Other expenditure		(539,713)	(43,658)	(64,050)
Loss on asset disposals		(12,750)	(7)	0
		(4,996,390)	(4,140,948)	(4,392,601)
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	25(a)	1,905,061	1,302,771	1,441,676
Amount attributable to operating activities		502,161	568,104	357,962
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from investing activities				
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		2,069,023	2,067,614	1,627,749
Proceeds from disposal of assets		353,977	406,500	0
		2,423,000	2,474,114	1,627,749
Outflows from investing activities				
Right of use assets received - non cash		0	(440,000)	0
Right of use assets received - non cash	11(a)	0	0	(222,367)
Acquisition of inventories (Land held for resale)	6	(339,017)	0	0
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	8(a)	(1,441,760)	(1,163,000)	(484,469)
Acquisition of infrastructure	9(a)	(1,893,436)	(2,181,617)	(1,550,637)
		(3,674,213)	(3,784,617)	(2,257,473)
Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities	25(b)	0	0	222,367
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,251,213)	(1,310,503)	(407,357)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from financing activities				
Proceeds from borrowings	26(a)	350,000	350,000	0
Proceeds from new leases - non cash	26(d)	0	0	222,367
Transfers from reserve accounts	27	370,000	547,500	50,000
		720,000	897,500	272,367
Outflows from financing activities				
Repayment of borrowings	26(a)	(7,965)	(32,945)	(4,570)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	26(d)	(41,456)	(41,456)	(29,659)
Transfers to reserve accounts	27	(13,490)	(504,700)	(110,994)
		(62,911)	(579,101)	(145,223)
Non-cash amounts excluded from financing activities	25(c)	0	0	(222,367)
Amount attributable to financing activities		657,089	318,399	(95,223)
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	25(d)	88,138	424,000	232,756
Amount attributable to operating activities		502,161	568,104	357,962
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,251,213)	(1,310,503)	(407,357)
Amount attributable to financing activities		657,089	318,399	(95,223)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	25(d)	(3,825)	0	88,138

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SHIRE OF WANDERING
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report of the Shire of Wandering which is a Class 4 local government comprises general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied except for disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 7 Financial Instruments Disclosures
- AASB 16 Leases paragraph 58
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements paragraph 61
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows paragraphs 43 and 45
- AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment paragraph 79
- AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets paragraph 85
- AASB 140 Investment Property paragraph 75(f)
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures paragraph 11
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures paragraph 16

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 *Leases* which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provide that:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment; or
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls; and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years. Revaluing these non-financial assets every five years is a departure from AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, which would have required the Shire to assess at each reporting date whether the carrying amount of the above mentioned non-financial assets materially differs from their fair value and, if so, revalue the class of non-financial assets.

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

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
 - Property, plant and equipment - note 8
 - Infrastructure - note 9
- Measurement of employee benefits - note 15

Fair value hierarchy information can be found in note 23

The local government reporting entity

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

Initial application of accounting standards

During the current year, the following new or revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations were applied for the first time.

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

These amendments are not expected to have any material impact on the financial report on initial application.

- AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards
 - Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities

These amendment may result in changes to the fair value of certain non-financial assets on revaluation. The impact has not been quantified as it is not considered practicable to determine the amount of the difference in fair value attributable to the change in the standard.

New accounting standards for application in future years

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

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

These amendments are not expected to have any material impact on the financial report on initial application.

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(a) Revenue

Contracts with customers

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

Revenue category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/refunds/warranties	Timing of revenue recognition
Grants, subsidies and contributions	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations
Fees and charges - licences, registrations, approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment of the licence, registration or approval
Fees and charges - waste management entry fees	Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites	Single point in time	Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided	None	On entry to facility
Fees and charges - sale of stock	Fuel, post office agency and community resource	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	Output method based on goods
Fees and charges for other goods and services	Cemetery services, library fees, reinstements and private works	Single point in time	Payment in full in advance	None	Output method based on provision of service or completion of works

Consideration from contracts with customers is included in the transaction price.

Revenue recognition

Rate revenue was recognised from the rate record as soon as practicable after the Shire resolved to impose rates in the financial year as well as when the rate record was amended to ensure the information in the record was current and correct.

Revenue recognised during the year under each basis of recognition by nature of goods or services is provided in the table below:

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	1,539,224	0	1,539,224
Grants, subsidies and contributions	225,419	0	0	641,115	866,534
Fees and charges	831,212	0	5,399	0	836,611
Interest revenue	0	0	7,026	34,823	41,849
Other revenue	196,450	0	0	39,486	235,936
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	2,069,023	0	0	2,069,023
Total	1,253,081	2,069,023	1,551,649	715,424	5,589,177

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	1,459,853	0	1,459,853
Grants, subsidies and contributions	98,356	0	0	780,198	878,554
Fees and charges	754,763	0	6,473	0	761,236
Interest revenue	0	0	9,613	13,242	22,855
Other revenue	163,184	0	0	22,784	185,968
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	1,627,749	0	0	1,627,749
Total	1,016,303	1,627,749	1,475,939	816,224	4,936,215

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(a) Revenue (Continued)

Note	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
	\$	\$
Interest revenue		
Interest on reserve account	13,490	7,776
Trade and other receivables overdue interest	7,026	9,613
Other interest revenue	21,333	5,466
	41,849	22,855
The 2025 original budget estimate in relation to: Trade and other receivables overdue interest was \$9,500.		
Fees and charges relating to rates receivable		
Charges on instalment plan	1,510	1,780
The 2025 original budget estimate in relation to: Charges on instalment plan was \$1,700.		
(b) Expenses		
Auditors remuneration		
- Audit of the Annual Financial Report	38,500	29,340
- Other services – grant acquittals	4,080	1,850
	42,580	31,190
Employee Costs		
Employee benefit costs	1,200,167	1,131,631
Other employee costs	326,478	271,804
	1,526,645	1,403,435
Finance costs		
Interest and financial charges paid/payable for lease liabilities and financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	16,443	11,787
	16,443	11,787
Other expenditure		
Write down of inventories to net realisable value	6	0
Sundry expenses	435,026	64,050
	104,687	64,050
	539,713	64,050

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3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Note	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	876,141	1,523,531
Total cash and cash equivalents	876,141	1,523,531
 Held as		
- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents *	(82,199)	86,968
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents	958,340	1,436,563
 17	 876,141	 1,523,531

* The negative unrestricted cash and cash equivalents reflects the Shire's application of its restricted funds for operational purposes.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Restricted financial assets

Restricted financial asset balances are not available for general use by the local government due to externally imposed restrictions. Restrictions are specified in an agreement, contract or legislation. This applies to reserve accounts, unspent grants, subsidies and contributions and unspent loans that have not been fully expended in the manner specified by the contributor, legislation or loan agreement.

4. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Note	2025	2024
	\$	\$
 Non-current assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19,905	20,793
	19,905	20,793
 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Units in Local Government House Trust - opening balance	20,793	20,372
Movement attributable to fair value increment	(888)	421
Units in Local Government House Trust - closing balance	19,905	20,793

Loans receivable from clubs/institutions have the same terms and conditions as the related borrowing disclosed in Note 26(a) as self supporting loans. Fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined from the net asset value of the units held in the Trust at balance date as compiled by WALGA.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Shire classifies the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- debt investments which do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income.
- equity investments which the Shire has elected to recognise as fair value gains and losses through profit or loss.

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5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Current	15		
Rates and statutory receivables		26,007	40,745
Trade receivables		32,358	11,188
GST receivable		18,546	28,975
Receivables for employee related provisions		16,899	27,664
		93,810	108,572
Non-current			
Rates and statutory receivables		6,875	5,381
Receivables for employee related provisions		15,953	11,385
		22,828	16,766

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rates and statutory receivables

Rates and statutory receivables are non-contractual receivables arising from statutory requirements and include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other statutory charges or fines.

Rates and statutory receivables are recognised when the taxable event has occurred and can be measured reliably.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with customers for goods sold, services performed or grants or contributions with sufficiently specific performance obligations or for the construction of recognisable non financial assets as part of the ordinary course of business.

Measurement

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of the transaction price, unless they contain a significant financing component, and are to be recognised at fair value.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Receivables which are generally due for settlement within 30 days except rates receivables which are expected to be collected within 12 months are classified as current assets. All other receivables such as, deferred pensioner rates receivable after the end of the reporting period are classified as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore the Shire measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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

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6. INVENTORIES

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Current			
Fuel and materials		57,100	34,505
Gravel		13,653	13,653
		70,753	48,158
Non-current			
Land held for resale			
Cost of acquisition		145,291	80,000
Development costs		0	86,300
		145,291	166,300
Balance at beginning of year		214,458	202,251
Inventories expensed during the year		(176,330)	(477,521)
Transfer from freehold land		75,000	0
Write down of inventories to net realisable value	2(b)	(435,026)	0
Additions to inventory		537,942	489,728
Balance at end of year		216,044	214,458

The following movements in inventories occurred during the year:

Balance at beginning of year	214,458	202,251
Inventories expensed during the year	(176,330)	(477,521)
Transfer from freehold land	75,000	0
Write down of inventories to net realisable value	(435,026)	0
Additions to inventory	537,942	489,728
Balance at end of year	216,044	214,458

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

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

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

Land held for resale

Land held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development.

Land held for resale (Continued)

Borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

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

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

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7. OTHER ASSETS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Other assets - current		
Prepayments	33,578	31,730
Accrued income	17,904	4,333
Contract assets	355,814	125,147
	407,296	161,210

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other current assets

Other non-financial assets include prepayments which represent payments in advance of receipt of goods or services or that part of expenditure made in one accounting period covering a term extending beyond that period.

Contract assets

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

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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Movements in balances

Movement in the balances of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Assets not subject to operating lease			Assets subject to operating lease			Total property			Plant and equipment		Total property, plant and equipment		
	Note	Land	Buildings		Land	Buildings		Land	Buildings	Work in progress	Total property	Furniture and equipment	Plant and equipment	
Balance at 1 July 2023		1,341,000	4,046,198		29,000	288,000		1,370,000	4,334,198	3,395	5,707,593	19,488	1,669,285	7,396,366
Additions		0	385,593		0	0		0	385,593	0	385,593	0	98,876	484,469
Depreciation		0	(83,951)		0	(6,000)		0	(89,951)	0	(89,951)	(5,012)	(246,668)	(341,631)
Transfers		0	3,395		0	0		0	3,395	(3,395)	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2024		1,341,000	4,351,235		29,000	282,000		1,370,000	4,633,235	0	6,003,235	14,476	1,521,493	7,539,204
Comprises:														
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2024		1,341,000	4,586,567		29,000	300,000		1,370,000	4,886,567	0	6,256,567	115,465	2,702,568	9,074,600
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024		0	(235,332)		0	(18,000)		0	(253,332)	0	(253,332)	(100,989)	(1,181,075)	(1,535,396)
Balance at 30 June 2024	8(b)	1,341,000	4,351,235		29,000	282,000		1,370,000	4,633,235	0	6,003,235	14,476	1,521,493	7,539,204
Additions		0	45,859		0	0		0	45,859	432,713	478,572	29,546	933,642	1,441,760
Disposals		0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	(292,503)	(292,503)
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus		648,200	71,361		26,000	39,000		674,200	110,361	0	784,561	0	0	784,561
Depreciation		0	(91,790)		0	(6,000)		0	(97,790)	0	(97,790)	(10,703)	(283,337)	(391,830)
Transfers		(75,000)	(15,595)		0	0		(75,000)	(15,595)	0	(90,595)	15,595	0	(75,000)
Balance at 30 June 2025		1,914,200	4,361,070		55,000	315,000		1,969,200	4,676,070	432,713	7,077,983	48,914	1,879,295	9,006,192
Comprises:														
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2025		1,914,200	4,361,070		55,000	315,000		1,969,200	4,676,070	432,713	7,077,983	160,605	3,164,222	10,402,810
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2025		0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	(111,691)	(1,284,927)	(1,396,618)
Balance at 30 June 2025	8(b)	1,914,200	4,361,070		55,000	315,000		1,969,200	4,676,070	432,713	7,077,983	48,914	1,879,295	9,006,192

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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) Carrying amount measurements

Asset class	Note	Carrying amount 2025	Carrying amount 2024	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique	Basis of valuation	Date of last valuation	Inputs used
(i) Fair value - as determined at the last valuation date								
Land and buildings								
Land - market value		1,969,200	1,370,000	Level 2	Market cost	Independent valuation	June 2025	Unobservable inputs for assets and liabilities
Land - subject to usage restrictions		0	0	Level 2	Market cost	Independent valuation	June 2025	Unobservable inputs for assets and liabilities
Total land	8(a)	1,969,200	1,370,000					
Buildings - non specialised		1,353,000	1,259,600	Level 2	Market cost	Independent valuation	June 2025	Unobservable inputs for assets and liabilities
Buildings - specialised		3,323,070	3,373,635	Level 3	Replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2025	Unobservable inputs for assets and liabilities
Total buildings	8(a)	4,676,070	4,633,235					

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of land at market value of buildings using either level 2 or level 3 inputs. The valuation techniques applied to property subject to lease was the same as that applied to property not subject to lease.

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9. INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Movements in balances

Movement in the balances of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Infrastructure - roads	Infrastructure - bridges	Infrastructure - drainage	Infrastructure - footpaths	Infrastructure - recreation	Infrastructure - other	Total infrastructure
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	59,944,132	23,445,440	2,167,130	290,130	1,096,692	570,643	87,514,167
Additions	1,487,474	0	0	63,163	0	0	1,550,637
Depreciation	(546,897)	(382,763)	(59,444)	(6,203)	(52,808)	(22,115)	(1,070,230)
Transfers	(106,691)	54,917	51,774	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2024	60,778,018	23,117,594	2,159,460	347,090	1,043,884	548,528	87,994,574
Comprises:							
Gross balance at 30 June 2024	74,739,037	31,688,250	4,510,171	550,251	1,755,900	725,148	113,968,757
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	(13,961,019)	(8,570,656)	(2,350,711)	(203,161)	(712,016)	(176,620)	(25,974,183)
Balance at 30 June 2024	60,778,018	23,117,594	2,159,460	347,090	1,043,884	548,528	87,994,574
Additions	1,859,786	0	0	33,650	0	0	1,893,436
Depreciation	(559,918)	(383,428)	(60,134)	(7,008)	(52,808)	(22,114)	(1,085,410)
Balance at 30 June 2025	62,077,886	22,734,166	2,099,326	373,732	991,076	526,414	88,802,600
Comprises:							
Gross balance at 30 June 2025	76,598,823	31,688,250	4,510,171	583,901	1,755,900	725,149	115,862,194
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2025	(14,520,937)	(8,954,084)	(2,410,845)	(210,169)	(764,824)	(198,735)	(27,059,594)
Balance at 30 June 2025	62,077,886	22,734,166	2,099,326	373,732	991,076	526,414	88,802,600

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9. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

(b) Carrying amount measurements

Asset class	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique	Basis of valuation	Date of last valuation	Inputs used
(i) Fair value - as determined at the last valuation date					
Infrastructure - roads	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessment inputs
Infrastructure - bridges	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessment inputs
Infrastructure - drainage	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessment inputs
Infrastructure - footpaths	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessment inputs
Infrastructure - recreation	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2022	Unobservable inputs for assets and liabilities
Infrastructure - other	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent valuation	June 2022	Unobservable inputs for assets and liabilities

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used to determine the fair value of infrastructure using level 3 inputs.

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10. FIXED ASSETS

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation rates

Typical estimated useful lives for the different asset classes for the current and prior years are included in the table below:

Asset class	Useful life
Buildings	40 to 50 years
Furniture and equipment	3 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	3 to 10 years
Sealed roads and streets	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	20-50 years
seal	
- bituminous seals	15-20 years
- asphalt surfaces	15-25 years
Gravel roads	
formation	not depreciated
pavement	50 years
Footpaths - slab	20 years
Sewerage piping	100 years
Water supply piping and drainage systems	50 years
Landfill assets	4 to 50 years
Bridges	4 to 50 years
Recreation assets	4 to 50 years
Other infrastructure assets	4 to 50 years
Right-of-use (plant and equipment)	5 years

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10. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Initial recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment or infrastructure that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at its cost.

Upon initial recognition, cost is determined as the amount paid (or other consideration given) to acquire the assets, plus costs incidental to the 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. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

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 *Local Government (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.

Individual assets that are land, buildings and infrastructure acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the Shire's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at reportable value.

Measurement after recognition

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment and right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) are measured using the cost model as required under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*. Assets held under the cost model are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses being their reportable value.

Reportable value

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

Reportable value is for the purpose of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)* is the fair value of the asset at its last valuation date minus (to the extent applicable) the accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses in respect of the non-financial asset subsequent to its last valuation date.

Revaluation

Land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years in accordance with the regulatory framework. This includes buildings and infrastructure items which were pre-existing improvements (i.e. vested improvements) on land vested in the Shire.

Whilst the regulatory framework only requires a revaluation to occur every five years, it also provides for the Shire to revalue earlier if it chooses to do so.

For land, buildings and infrastructure, increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of asset classes are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity.

Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Subsequent increases are then recognised in profit or loss to the extent they reverse a net revaluation decrease previously recognised in profit or loss for the same class of asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment and infrastructure, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

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

Depreciation on revaluation

When an item of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:

- (i) The gross carrying amount is adjusted in a manner that is consistent with the revaluation of the carrying amount of the asset; or
- (ii) Eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Impairment

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 17A(4C)*, the Shire is not required to comply with *AASB 136 Impairment of Assets* to determine the recoverable amount of its non-financial assets that are land or buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

In other circumstances where it has been assessed that one or more of these non-financial assets are impaired, the asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains or losses on disposal

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

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11. LEASES

(a) Right-of-use assets

Movement in the balance of each class of right-of-use asset between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

Note	Right-of-use assets - plant and equipment	Total right-of-use assets
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	0	0
Additions	222,367	222,367
Depreciation	(33,263)	(33,263)
Balance at 30 June 2024	189,104	189,104
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2024	222,367	222,367
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	(33,263)	(33,263)
Balance at 30 June 2024	189,104	189,104
Depreciation	(44,474)	(44,474)
Balance at 30 June 2025	144,630	144,630
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2025	222,367	222,367
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2025	(77,737)	(77,737)
Balance at 30 June 2025	144,630	144,630

The following amounts were recognised in the statement of comprehensive income during the period in respect of leases where the Shire is the lessee:

	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
	\$	\$
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	0	
Finance charge on lease liabilities	(44,474)	(33,263)
Total amount recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(9,390)	(8,476)
	(53,864)	(41,739)
Total cash outflow from leases		
	(50,846)	(38,135)

(b) Lease liabilities

Current	43,751	41,456
Non-current	107,501	151,252
26(d)	151,252	192,708

The Shire has one lease relating to plant and equipment. The lease has a term of 5 years.

Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

Lease liabilities are effectively secured, as the rights to the leased assets recognised in the financial statements revert to the lessor in the event of default.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Leases

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 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 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 that are classified as short-term leases (i.e. a lease with a 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.

Details of individual lease liabilities required by regulations are provided at Note 26(d).

Right-of-use assets - measurement

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost. All right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost (i.e. not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position). The exception is vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which are reported at fair value.

Refer to Note 10 under revaluation for details on the material accounting policies applying to vested improvements.

Right-of-use assets - depreciation

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shorter. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset, or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Shire anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

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11. LEASES (Continued)

(c) Lessor - property, plant and equipment subject to lease

The table below represents a maturity analysis of the undiscounted lease payments to be received after the reporting date.

Less than 1 year
 1 to 2 years

2025 Actual	2024 Actual
\$	\$
17,980	32,240
0	17,980
17,980	50,220
	32,240

Amounts recognised in profit or loss for property, plant and equipment subject to lease

Rental income

The Shire leases one house to the Housing Authority with rental payable weekly. This lease is classified as an operating lease as it does not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the asset. The house is not considered investment property as it is leased for use in the supply of services to the community.

Lease payments for some contracts include CPI increases, but there are no other variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate. Although the Shire is exposed to changes in the residual value at the end of the current lease, the Shire typically enters into a new operating lease and therefore will not immediately realise any reduction in residual value at the end of this lease. Expectations about the future residual values are reflected in the fair value of the property.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Shire as lessor

Upon entering into each contract as a lessor, the Shire assesses if the lease is a finance or operating lease.

The contract is classified as a finance lease when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases not within this definition are classified as operating leases. Rental income received from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific lease.

Initial direct costs incurred in entering into an operating lease (eg legal cost, cost to setup) are included in the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

When a contract is determined to include lease and non-lease components, the Shire applies AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* to allocate the consideration under the contract to each component.

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12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Current

Sundry creditors
 Prepaid rates
 Accrued payroll liabilities
 ATO liabilities
 Bonds and deposits held
 Accrued interest
 Accrued expenditure

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Sundry creditors	3,261	880
Prepaid rates	16,770	15,676
Accrued payroll liabilities	52,612	47,525
ATO liabilities	29,162	27,906
Bonds and deposits held	7,685	7,917
Accrued interest	4,048	806
Accrued expenditure	189,612	49,147
	303,150	149,857

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value when the Shire becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and any consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Statutory liabilities

Statutory liabilities, are amounts owed to regulatory authorities due to statutory obligations such as FBT and PAYG. GST payable is offset against GST receivable and any net GST payable is included as a statutory liability.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

Prepaid rates

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

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13. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		
Contract liabilities	52,971	75,628
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	611,411	721,218
	664,382	796,846
Reconciliation of changes in contract liabilities		
Opening balance	75,628	47,592
Additions	52,971	75,628
Revenue from contracts with customers included as a contract liability at the start of the period	(75,628)	(47,592)
	52,971	75,628
The aggregate amount of the performance obligations unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) in relation to these contract liabilities was \$42,479 (2024: \$75,628)		
The Shire expects to satisfy the performance obligations, from contracts with customers unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period, within the next 12 months.		
Reconciliation of changes in capital grant/contribution liabilities		
Opening balance	721,218	377,508
Additions	611,411	721,218
Revenue from capital grant/contributions held as a liability at the start of the period	(721,218)	(377,508)
	611,411	721,218
Expected satisfaction of capital grant/contribution liabilities		
Less than 1 year	611,411	721,218
	611,411	721,218

Performance obligations in relation to capital grant/contribution liabilities are satisfied as project milestones are met or completion of construction or acquisition of the asset.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Contract liabilities

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

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

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Capital grant/contribution liabilities represent the Shire's obligations to construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications to be controlled by the Shire which are yet to be satisfied. Capital grant/contribution liabilities are recognised as income when the obligations in the contract are satisfied.

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14. BORROWINGS

	Note	2025			2024		
		Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
Secured		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Debentures		34,853	378,154	413,007	6,336	64,636	70,972
Total secured borrowings	26(a)	34,853	378,154	413,007	6,336	64,636	70,972

Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

Debentures, bank overdrafts and bank loans are secured by a floating charge over the assets of the Shire of Wandering. Other loans relate to transferred receivables. Refer to Note 5.

The Shire of Wandering has complied with the financial covenants of its borrowing facilities during the 2025 and 2024 years.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Borrowing costs

The Shire has elected to recognise borrowing costs as an expense when incurred regardless of how the borrowings are applied.

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature.

Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 23(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

Risk

Details of individual borrowings required by regulations are provided at Note 26(a).

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15. EMPLOYEE RELATED PROVISIONS

Employee related provisions

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current provisions		
Employee benefit provisions		
Annual leave	105,968	87,001
Long service leave	95,989	82,598
	201,957	169,599
Employee related other provisions		
Employment on-costs	29,143	26,836
	29,143	26,836
	231,100	196,435
Total current employee related provisions		
Non-current provisions		
Employee benefit provisions		
Long service leave	43,789	30,534
	43,789	30,534
Employee related other provisions		
Employment on-costs	5,935	4,713
	5,935	4,713
	49,724	35,247
Total non-current employee related provisions		
Total employee related provisions	280,824	231,682

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave and associated on costs for services rendered up to the reporting date and recorded as an expense during the period the services are delivered.

Annual leave liabilities are classified as current, as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave, long service leave and other employee leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the Statement of Financial Position.

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

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

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

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16. REVALUATION SURPLUS

	2025 Opening balance	Total Movement on revaluation	2025 Closing balance	2024 Opening balance	Total Movement on revaluation	2024 Closing balance
Revaluation surplus - PPE & Other	\$ 3,499,207	\$ 784,561	\$ 4,283,768	\$ 3,499,207	\$ 0	\$ 3,499,207
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure	70,584,217	0	70,584,217	70,584,217	0	70,584,217
	74,083,424	784,561	74,867,985	74,083,424	0	74,083,424

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17. RESTRICTIONS OVER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Note	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
	\$	\$
The following classes of financial assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:		
- Cash and cash equivalents	3 958,340	1,436,563
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	958,340	1,436,563
The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:		
Restricted reserve accounts	27 275,290	631,800
Contract liabilities	13 52,971	75,628
Capital grant liabilities	13 611,411	721,218
Bonds and deposits held	12 7,685	7,917
Unspent loans	26(c) 10,983	0
Total restricted financial assets	<hr/> 958,340	<hr/> 1,436,563
18. UNDRAWN BORROWING FACILITIES AND CREDIT STANDBY ARRANGEMENTS		
Credit standby arrangements		
Bank overdraft limit	300,000	0
Bank overdraft at balance date	0	0
Credit card limit	5,000	5,000
Credit card balance at balance date	0	(849)
Total amount of credit unused	<hr/> 305,000	<hr/> 4,151
Loan facilities		
Loan facilities - current	34,853	6,336
Loan facilities - non-current	378,154	64,636
Total facilities in use at balance date	<hr/> 413,007	<hr/> 70,972
Unused loan facilities at balance date	<hr/> 10,983	<hr/> 0

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Shire has no contingent liabilities.

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Shire had no capital commitments to report at the end of the reporting or at the end of the prior reporting period.

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21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Council member remuneration

Fees, expenses and allowances to be paid or reimbursed to council members.	Note	2025	2025	2024
		Actual	Budget	Actual
President's annual allowance		\$ 6,270	\$ 6,270	\$ 6,270
President's meeting attendance fees		3,560	3,884	3,112
President's annual allowance for ICT expenses		1,090	1,100	1,090
President's travel and accommodation expenses		0	214	0
		10,920	11,468	10,472
Deputy President's annual allowance		1,000	1,000	500
Deputy President's meeting attendance fees		4,440	3,884	3,735
Deputy President's annual allowance for ICT expenses		1,090	1,100	1,181
Deputy President's travel and accommodation expenses		7,154	215	2,638
		13,684	6,199	8,054
All other council member's meeting attendance fees		18,541	19,420	14,935
All other council member's annual allowance for ICT expenses		5,450	5,500	5,087
All other council member's travel and accommodation expenses		3,630	1,071	526
		27,621	25,991	20,548
	21(b)	52,225	43,658	39,074

(b) Key management personnel (KMP) compensation

The total of compensation paid to KMP of the Shire during the year are as follows:

Short-term employee benefits		551,568	493,817
Post-employment benefits		70,385	62,996
Employee - other long-term benefits		11,854	10,348
Employee - termination benefits		13,113	0
Council member costs	21(a)	52,225	39,074
		699,145	606,235

Short-term employee benefits

These amounts include all salary and fringe benefits awarded to KMP except for details in respect to fees and benefits paid to council members which may be separately found in the table above.

Post-employment benefits

These amounts are the current-year's cost of the Shire's superannuation contributions made during the year.

Other long-term benefits

These amounts represent annual leave and long service leave entitlements accruing during the year.

Termination benefits

These amounts represent termination benefits paid to KMP (Note: may or may not be applicable in any given year).

Council member costs

These amounts represent payments of member fees, expenses, allowances and reimbursements during the year.

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21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(c) Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties and the Shire are on normal commercial terms and conditions, no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated.

No outstanding balances or provisions for doubtful debts or guarantees exist in relation to related parties at year end.

In addition to KMP compensation above the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
	\$	\$
Sale of goods and services	1,027	0
Purchase of goods and services	760	0
Amounts outstanding from related parties:		
Trade and other receivables	18	0

(d) Related parties

The Shire's main related parties are as follows:

i. Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Shire, directly or indirectly, including any council member, are considered key management personnel.

During the previous year, a company controlled by a related party of a council member, was awarded a contract under the selective tender process on terms and conditions equivalent for those that prevail in arm's length transactions under the Shire's procurement process.

The contract involved roadworks in the Shire, and amounted to \$265,941 in the current year (\$369,871 in the prior year).

Short-term employee benefits related to an associate person of the CEO who was employed by the Shire under normal employment terms and conditions.

Outside of normal citizen type transactions with the Shire, there were no other related party transactions involving key management personnel and/or their close family members and/or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities.

iii. Entities subject to significant influence by the Shire

There were no such entities requiring disclosure during the current or previous year.

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22. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

The Shire is not aware of any material events occurring after the end of the reporting period that may impact these financial statements.

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23. OTHER MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Goods and services tax (GST)

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

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

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

b) Current and non-current classification

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

c) Rounding off figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar. Amounts are presented in Australian Dollars.

d) Comparative figures

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

When the Shire applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements that has a material effect on the statement of financial position, an additional (third) Statement of Financial Position as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial report is presented.

e) Budget comparative figures

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

f) Superannuation

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

g) Fair value of assets and liabilities

Fair value is the price that the Shire would receive to sell the asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (i.e. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (i.e. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

h) Interest revenue

Interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset measured at amortised cost except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

i) Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurement into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation techniques

The Shire selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Shire are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

Market approach

Valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Income approach

Valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

Cost approach

Valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of the service capacity of an asset.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Shire gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

j) Impairment of assets

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Shire's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount except for non-financial assets that are:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment;
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls, in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

These non-financial assets are assessed in accordance with the regulatory framework detailed in Note 10.

Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. *AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment*) whereby any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

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24. RATING INFORMATION

(a) General rates

*Rateable Value at time of raising of rate.

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25. DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

	Note	2024/25 (30 June 2025 carried forward)	2024/25 Budget (30 June 2025 carried forward)	2023/24 (30 June 2024 carried forward)
		\$	\$	\$
(a) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities				
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .				
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals		(74,224)	(92,215)	0
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash		492	5,119	5,240
Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		888	0	(421)
Add: Loss on disposal of assets		12,750	7	0
Add: Impairment of Land Held for Resale	6	435,026	0	0
Add: Depreciation	10(a)	1,521,714	1,389,860	1,445,124
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:				
Pensioner deferred rates		(1,494)	0	(1,410)
Receivable - employee related provision		(4,568)	0	(7,445)
Employee benefit provisions		14,477	0	588
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		1,905,061	1,302,771	1,441,676
(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities				
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to investing activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .				
Adjustments to investing activities				
Right of use assets received - non cash	11(a)	0	0	222,367
Non-cash amounts excluded from investing activities		0	0	222,367
(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from financing activities				
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to financing activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .				
Adjustments to financing activities				
Non cash proceeds from new leases	26(d)	0	0	(222,367)
Non-cash amounts excluded from financing activities		0	0	(222,367)
(d) Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates				
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.				
Adjustments to net current assets				
Less: Reserve accounts	27	(275,290)	(580,079)	(631,800)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year				
- Current portion of borrowings	14	34,853	0	6,336
- Current portion of lease liabilities	11(b)	43,751	0	41,456
- Employee benefit provisions		22,097	21,704	21,605
Total adjustments to net current assets		(174,589)	(558,375)	(562,403)
Net current assets used in the Statement of financial activity				
Total current assets		1,448,000	1,133,385	1,841,471
Less: Total current liabilities		(1,277,236)	(575,010)	(1,190,930)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets		(174,589)	(558,375)	(562,403)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		(3,825)	0	88,138

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26. BORROWING AND LEASE LIABILITIES

(a) Borrowings

Purpose	Note	Actual						Budget				
		Principal at 1 July 2023	New loans during 2023-24	Principal repayments during 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024	New loans during 2024-25	Principal repayments during 2024-25	Principal at 30 June 2025	Principal at 1 July 2024	New loans during 2024-25	Principal repayments during 2024-25	Principal at 30 June 2025
Industrial Estate Development	14	\$ 75,542	\$ 0	\$ (4,570)	\$ 70,972	\$ 0	\$ (7,965)	\$ 63,007	\$ 70,972	\$ 0	\$ (4,570)	\$ 66,402
Industrial Estate Development	14	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	350,000	0	350,000	(28,375)	321,625
Total		75,542	0	(4,570)	70,972	350,000	(7,965)	413,007	70,972	350,000	(32,945)	388,027
Borrowing finance cost payments												
Purpose		Loan number	Institution	Interest rate	Date final payment is due	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Industrial Estate Development	10	WATC*	WATC*	4.4949%	30/06/2033							
Industrial Estate Development	11	WATC*	WATC*	4.6949%	2/04/2035							
Total						\$ (3,012)	\$ (3,302)	\$ (4,041)	\$ (15,602)	\$ (7,053)	\$ (18,904)	
Total finance cost payments											\$ (3,302)	

* WA Treasury Corporation

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26. BORROWING AND LEASE LIABILITIES (Continued)

(b) New borrowings - 2024/25

Particulars/purpose	Institution	Loan type	Term years	Interest rate %	Amount borrowed		Amount (used)		Total interest and charges \$	Actual balance unspent \$
					2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget		
Industrial Estate Development	WATC*	Debenture	10	4.6949%	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ (339,017)	\$ 0	\$ 92,585	\$ 10,983
					\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ (339,017)	\$ 0	\$ 92,585	\$ 10,983

* WA Treasury Corporation

(c) Unspent borrowings

Particulars	Institution	Date Borrowed	Unspent balance 1 July 2024	Borrowed during 2024-25	Expended during 2024-25	Unspent balance 30 June 2025
				\$	\$	\$
Industrial Estate Development	WATC*	2/04/2025	\$ 0	\$ 350,000	\$ (339,017)	\$ 10,983
			\$ 0	\$ 350,000	\$ (339,017)	\$ 10,983

* WA Treasury Corporation

(d) Lease liabilities

Purpose	Note	Actual						Budget				
		Principal at 1 July 2023	New leases during 2023-24	Principal repayments during 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024	New leases during 2024-25	Principal repayments during 2024-25	Principal at 30 June 2025	Principal at 1 July 2024	New leases during 2024-25	Principal repayments during 2024-25	Principal at 30 June 2025
JCB Excavator		0	222,367	(29,659)	192,708	0	(41,456)	151,252	192,709	0	(41,456)	151,253
Total lease liabilities	11(b)	0	222,367	(29,659)	192,708	0	(41,456)	151,252	192,709	0	(41,456)	151,253
Lease finance cost payments												
Purpose	Lease number	Institution	Interest rate	Date final payment is due	Actual for year ending 30 June 2025		Budget for year ending 30 June 2025		Actual for year ending 30 June 2024		Lease term	
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
JCB Excavator	1	Construction Equipment Australia	5.40%	11/09/2028		(9,390)		(9,390)		(8,476)	5 years	
Total finance cost payments						(9,390)		(9,390)		(8,476)		

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27. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	2025				2025				2024			
	Actual opening balance	Actual transfer to	Actual transfer (from)	Actual closing balance	Budget opening balance	Budget transfer to	Budget transfer (from)	Budget closing balance	Actual opening balance	Actual transfer to	Actual transfer (from)	Actual closing balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by council												
(a) Leave reserve	21,604	493	0	22,097	16,583	5,120	0	21,703	16,364	5,240	0	21,604
(b) Office equipment reserve	40,927	933	(25,000)	16,860	40,873	5,295	(25,000)	21,168	40,336	591	0	40,927
(c) Land & building reserve	256,874	5,855	(175,000)	87,729	256,538	6,853	0	263,391	253,165	3,709	0	256,874
(d) Plant replacement reserve	169,792	3,870	(170,000)	3,662	182,395	470,518	(522,500)	130,413	135,589	84,203	(50,000)	169,792
(e) Fuel facility reserve	102,603	2,339	0	104,942	86,490	16,625	0	103,115	85,352	17,251	0	102,603
(f) WSFN funding reserve	40,000	0	0	40,000	40,000	289	0	40,289	40,000	0	0	40,000
	631,800	13,490	(370,000)	275,290	622,879	504,700	(547,500)	580,079	570,806	110,994	(50,000)	631,800

All reserves are supported by cash and cash equivalents and financial assets at amortised cost and are restricted within equity as Reserve accounts.

In accordance with council resolutions or adopted budget in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside and their anticipated date of use are as follows:

Name of reserve account	Purpose of the reserve account
Restricted by council	
(a) Leave reserve	For the payment of long service leave
(b) Office equipment reserve	For the replacement of office equipment
(c) Land & building reserve	For the purchase of land and buildings, and major repairs/upgrading of existing buildings
(d) Plant replacement reserve	For the purchase and replacement of plant and equipment
(e) Fuel facility reserve	For the renewal or replacement of fuel facility equipment
(f) WSFN funding reserve	To assist in financing Councils contribution to Western Secondary Freight Network Works Program



Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

2025

Shire of Wandering

To the Council of the Shire of Wandering

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Shire of Wandering (Shire) which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and statement of financial activity for the year then ended
- notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial report :

- is based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2025 and its financial position at the end of that period
- is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section below.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When I do receive it, I will read it and if I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, I am required to communicate the matter to the CEO and Council and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, I may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and Council for the financial report

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire is responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts and records
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Regulations and Australian Accounting Standards
- managing internal control as required by the CEO to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the CEO is responsible for:

- assessing the Shire's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the State Government has made decisions affecting the continued existence of the Shire.

The Council is responsible for overseeing the Shire's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

My independence and quality management relating to the report on the financial report

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Shire of Wandering for the year ended 30 June 2025 included in the annual report on the Shire's website. The Shire's management is responsible for the integrity of the Shire's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Shire's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the Shire to confirm the information contained in the website version.



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Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia
15 December 2025