# SHIRE OF MERREDIN

# ANNUAL BUDGET

# FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2027

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

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The Shire of Merredin a Class 3 local government, conducts the operations of a local government with the following community vision:

Merredin is the commercial and cultural heart of the Eastern Wheatbelt region.
A place people are proud to call home and where visitors are always welcome.

# SHIRE OF MERREDIN
# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
# FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2027

| | Note | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | $ | $ | $ |
| Rates | 2(a) | 6,242,418 | 5,930,451 | 5,936,244 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions | | 1,645,800 | 5,036,315 | 2,363,350 |
| Fees and charges | 14 | 658,950 | 1,110,314 | 923,250 |
| Interest revenue | 9(a) | 463,800 | 555,567 | 435,050 |
| Other revenue | | 398,650 | 667,207 | 330,900 |
| | | 9,409,618 | 13,299,854 | 9,988,794 |
| **Expenses** | | | | |
| Employee costs | | (4,870,450) | (3,970,625) | (4,930,800) |
| Materials and contracts | | (4,389,950) | (3,142,381) | (3,848,800) |
| Utility charges | | (628,070) | (584,131) | (579,600) |
| Depreciation | 6 | (6,206,050) | (5,399,060) | (5,399,100) |
| Finance costs | 9(c) | (70,450) | (68,663) | (66,850) |
| Insurance | | (310,250) | (276,401) | (268,200) |
| Other expenditure | | (435,500) | (291,795) | (383,950) |
| | | (16,910,720) | (13,733,056) | (15,477,300) |
| | | (7,501,102) | (433,202) | (5,488,506) |
| Capital grants, subsidies and contributions | | 4,512,000 | 3,363,439 | 4,390,750 |
| Profit on asset disposals | 5 | 94,100 | 115,045 | 122,400 |
| Loss on asset disposals | 5 | (250) | (369,253) | 0 |
| | | 4,605,850 | 3,109,231 | 4,513,150 |
| **Net result for the period** | | **(2,895,252)** | **2,676,029** | **(975,356)** |
| **Other comprehensive income for the period** | | | | |
| *Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss* | | | | |
| **Total other comprehensive income for the period** | | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Total comprehensive income for the period** | | **(2,895,252)** | **2,676,029** | **(975,356)** |

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

**SHIRE OF MERREDIN**
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2027**

| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | Note | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | $ | $ | $ |
| **Receipts** | | | | |
| Rates | | 6,242,418 | 5,930,451 | 5,936,244 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions | | 1,645,800 | 5,036,315 | 2,363,350 |
| Fees and charges | | 658,950 | 1,110,314 | 923,250 |
| Interest revenue | | 463,800 | 555,567 | 435,050 |
| Other revenue | | 398,650 | 667,207 | 330,900 |
| | | 9,409,618 | 13,299,854 | 9,988,794 |
| **Payments** | | | | |
| Employee costs | | (4,870,450) | (3,970,625) | (4,930,800) |
| Materials and contracts | | (4,389,950) | (3,142,381) | (3,848,800) |
| Utility charges | | (628,070) | (584,131) | (579,600) |
| Finance costs | | (70,450) | (68,663) | (66,850) |
| Insurance paid | | (310,250) | (276,401) | (268,200) |
| Other expenditure | | (435,500) | (291,795) | (383,950) |
| | | (10,704,670) | (8,333,996) | (10,078,200) |
| **Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities** | 4 | (1,295,052) | 4,965,858 | (89,406) |
| **CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES** | | | | |
| Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment | 5(a) | (2,657,400) | (3,006,157) | (1,759,000) |
| Payments for construction of infrastructure | 5(b) | (5,804,900) | (3,351,669) | (6,531,850) |
| Non Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions | | 4,512,000 | 3,363,439 | 4,390,750 |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 5(a) | 283,550 | 286,542 | 258,000 |
| Self SupportingLoans | 7(a) | 112,800 | 40,611 | 40,600 |
| **Net cash (used in) investing activities** | | (3,553,950) | (2,667,234) | (3,601,500) |
| **CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES** | | | | |
| Repayment of borrowings | 7(a) | (243,300) | (233,552) | (233,600) |
| **Net cash (used in) financing activities** | | (243,300) | (233,552) | (233,600) |
| **Net increase (decrease) in cash held** | | (5,092,302) | 2,065,072 | (3,924,506) |
| Cash at beginning of year | | 16,792,910 | 15,756,437 | 12,057,070 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year** | 4 | **11,700,608** | **17,821,509** | **8,132,564** |

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

## SHIRE OF MERREDIN
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
## FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2027

| | Note | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **OPERATING ACTIVITIES** | | $ | $ | $ |
| **Revenue from operating activities** | | | | |
| General rates | 2(a)(i) | 6,145,418 | 5,838,122 | 5,846,844 |
| Rates excluding general rates | 2(a) | 97,000 | 91,977 | 89,400 |
| Grants, subsidies and contributions | | 1,645,800 | 5,036,315 | 2,363,350 |
| Fees and charges | 14 | 658,950 | 1,110,314 | 923,250 |
| Interest revenue | 9(a) | 463,800 | 555,567 | 435,050 |
| Other revenue | | 398,650 | 667,207 | 330,900 |
| Profit on asset disposals | 5 | 94,100 | 115,045 | 122,400 |
| | | 9,503,718 | 13,414,547 | 10,111,194 |
| **Expenditure from operating activities** | | | | |
| Employee costs | | (4,870,450) | (3,970,625) | (4,930,800) |
| Materials and contracts | | (4,389,950) | (3,142,381) | (3,848,800) |
| Utility charges | | (628,070) | (584,131) | (579,600) |
| Depreciation | 6 | (6,206,050) | (5,399,060) | (5,399,100) |
| Finance costs | 9(c) | (70,450) | (68,663) | (66,850) |
| Insurance | | (310,250) | (276,401) | (268,200) |
| Other expenditure | | (435,500) | (291,795) | (383,950) |
| Loss on asset disposals | 5 | (250) | (369,253) | 0 |
| | | (16,910,970) | (14,102,309) | (15,477,300) |
| Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities | 3(c) | 6,112,200 | 5,653,268 | 5,276,700 |
| **Amount attributable to operating activities** | | **(1,295,052)** | **4,965,506** | **(89,406)** |
| **INVESTING ACTIVITIES** | | | | |
| **Inflows from investing activities** | | | | |
| Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions | | 4,512,000 | 3,363,439 | 4,390,750 |
| Proceeds from Disposal of Assets | 5(a) | 283,550 | 286,542 | 258,000 |
| Proceeds from disposal of inventory - land held for resale | | 0 | 101,094 | 0 |
| Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans | | 112,800 | 42,666 | 40,600 |
| | | 4,908,350 | 3,793,741 | 4,689,350 |
| **Outflows from investing activities** | | | | |
| Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment | 5(a) | (2,657,400) | (3,006,157) | (1,759,000) |
| Payments for Construction of Infrastructure | 5(b) | (5,804,900) | (3,351,669) | (6,531,850) |
| | | (8,462,300) | (6,357,826) | (8,290,850) |
| **Amount attributable to investing activities** | | **(3,553,950)** | **(2,564,085)** | **(3,601,500)** |
| **FINANCING ACTIVITIES** | | | | |
| **Inflows from financing activities** | | | | |
| Transfers from reserve accounts | 8(a) | 9,900 | 300,000 | 47,550 |
| | | 9,900 | 300,000 | 47,550 |
| **Outflows from financing activities** | | | | |
| Repayment of borrowings | 7(a) | (243,300) | (233,552) | (233,600) |
| Transfers to reserve accounts | 8(a) | (1,296,400) | (1,336,472) | (735,000) |
| | | (1,539,700) | (1,570,024) | (968,600) |
| **Amount attributable to financing activities** | | **(1,529,800)** | **(1,270,024)** | **(921,050)** |
| **MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT** | | | | |
| **Surplus at the start of the financial year** | 3 | 6,392,026 | 5,260,629 | 4,612,994 |
| Amount attributable to Operating Activities | | (1,295,052) | 4,965,506 | (89,406) |
| Amount attributable to Investing Activities | | (3,553,950) | (2,564,085) | (3,601,499) |
| Amount attributable to Financing Activities | | (1,529,800) | (1,270,024) | (921,050) |
| **Surplus/(deficit) remaining after the imposition of general rates** | 3 | **13,224** | **6,392,026** | **1,039** |

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

# SHIRE OF MERREDIN
# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027
# INDEX OF NOTES TO THE BUDGET

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The annual budget of the Shire of Merredin which is a Class 3 local government is a forward looking document and has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

**Local Government Act 1995 requirements**
Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that the annual budget be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied where no inconsistencies exist.

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

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

**The local government reporting entity**
All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this annual budget.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 11 to the annual budget.

**26/27 actual balances**
Balances shown in this budget as 2026/27 Actual are estimates as forecast at the time of preparation of the annual budget and are subject to final adjustments.

**Budget comparative figures**
Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in the budget relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

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

**Rounding off figures**
All figures shown in this statement are rounded to the nearest dollar.

**Statement of Cashflows**
Investing and financing transactions that do not require the use of cash or cash equivalents shall be excluded from a statement of cash flows. Such transactions shall be disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements in a way that provides all the relevant information about these investing and financing activities.

**Initial application of accounting standards**
During the budget year, the below revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations are expected to be compiled, become mandatory and be applicable to its operations.
• *AASB 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 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
*- Supplier Finance Arrangements*
• *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: Tier 2 Disclosures*
It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget.

• *AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*
*- Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*, became mandatory during the budget year. Amendments to AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* impacts the future determination of fair value when revaluing assets using the cost approach. Timing of future revaluations is defined by regulation 17A of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. Impacts of this pronouncement are yet to be quantified and are dependent on the timing of future revaluations of asset classes. No material impact is expected in relation to the 2026-27 statutory budget.

**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*
*- Standards – Annual Improvements Volume 11*
It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget.

**Critical accounting estimates and judgements**
The preparation of the annual budget in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

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

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
  • Infrastructure
• Expected credit losses on financial assets
• Assets held for sale
• Impairment losses of non-financial assets
• Investment property
• Estimated useful life of intangible assets
• Measurement of employee benefits
• Measurement of provisions

## 2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

### (a) Rating Information

| Rate Description | Basis of valuation | Rate in dollar | Number of properties | Rateable value* | 2026/27 Budgeted rate revenue | 2026/27 Budgeted interim rates | 2026/27 Budgeted total revenue | 2025/26 Actual total revenue | 2025/26 Budget total revenue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **(i) General rates** | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross rental value | Gross rental valuation | 0.123853 | 1,498 | 22,806,445 | 2,824,647 | | 2,824,647 | 2,667,769 | 2,655,303 |
| UV 1 Rural | Unimproved valuation | 0.010194 | 448 | 256,943,001 | 2,619,277 | | 2,619,277 | 2,493,978 | 2,472,990 |
| UV 2 Urban Rural | Unimproved valuation | 0.020300 | 82 | 5,523,000 | 112,117 | | 112,117 | 110,923 | 126,965 |
| UV 3 Mining | Unimproved valuation | 0.020000 | 21 | 69,539 | 1,391 | | 1,391 | 1,780 | 1,264 |
| UV 4 Power Generation | Unimproved valuation | 0.020388 | 16 | 10,165,000 | 207,244 | | 207,244 | 176,768 | 210,327 |
| UV 5 Airstrips | Unimproved valuation | 0.018491 | 1 | 495,000 | 9,153 | | 9,153 | 8,675 | 8,675 |
| **Total general rates** | | | 2,066 | 296,001,985 | 5,773,828 | 0 | 5,773,828 | 5,459,892 | 5,475,524 |
| | | **Minimum** | | | | | | | |
| **(ii) Minimum payment** | | $ | | | | | | | |
| Gross rental value | | 960 | 179 | 361,719 | 171,840 | | 171,840 | 174,720 | 173,760 |
| UV 1 Rural | | 1,190 | 125 | 6,316,489 | 148,750 | | 148,750 | 151,130 | 149,940 |
| UV 2 Urban Rural | | 1,190 | 37 | 1,033,100 | 44,030 | | 44,030 | 47,600 | 42,840 |
| UV 3 Mining | | 200 | 17 | 35,069 | 3,400 | | 3,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| UV 4 Power Generation | | 1,190 | 3 | 57,000 | 3,570 | | 3,570 | 2,380 | 2,380 |
| UV 5 Airstrips | | 1,190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total minimum payments** | | | 361 | 7,803,377 | 371,590 | 0 | 371,590 | 378,230 | 371,320 |
| **Total general rates and minimum payments** | | | 2,427 | 303,805,362 | 6,145,418 | 0 | 6,145,418 | 5,838,122 | 5,846,844 |
| **(iii) Ex-gratia rates** | | | | | | | | | |
| Ex Gratia Rates | | | | | 97,000 | | 97,000 | 91,977 | 89,400 |
| **Total ex-gratia rates** | | | 0 | 0 | 97,000 | 0 | 97,000 | 91,977 | 89,400 |
| | | | | | 6,242,418 | 0 | 6,242,418 | 5,930,099 | 5,936,244 |
| **Total rates** | | | | | 6,242,418 | 0 | 6,242,418 | 5,930,099 | 5,936,244 |

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

*Rateable Value at time of adopting budget.

All rateable properties within the district used predominately for non-rural purposes are rated according to their Gross Rental Valuation (GRV), all other properties are rated according to their Unimproved Valuation (UV).
The general rates detailed for 2026/27 financial year have been determined by Council on the basis of raising the revenue required to meet the estimated deficiency between the total estimated expenditure proposed in the budget and the estimated revenue to be received from all sources other than general rates and also considering the extent of any increase in rating over the level adopted in the previous year.
The minimum payments have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services/ facilities.

## 2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)

### (b) Interest Charges and Instalments - Rates and Service Charges

The following instalment options are available to ratepayers for the payment of rates and service charges.

**Option One (Full Payment)**
Full amount of rates and charges including arrears, to be paid on or before 11th September 2026 or 35 days after the date of issue appearing on the rates notice whichever is the later.

**Option Two (Four Instalments)**
First instalment to be made on or before 11th September 2026 or 35 days after the date of issue on the rates notice, whichever is later including all arrears and a quarter of the current rates and service charges;
Second instalment to be made on or before 13th November 2026, or 2 months after the due date of the first instalment, whichever is later;
Third instalment to be made on or before 15 th January 2027, or 2 months after the due date on the second insalment, whicever is later; and
Fourth instalment to be made on or before 19th March 2027, or 2 months after the due date of the third instalment, whichever is later.

| Instalment options | Date due | Instalment plan admin charge | Instalment plan interest rate | Unpaid rates interest rates |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | $ | % | % |
| **Option One** | | | | |
| Single full payment | 11/09/2026 | | | |
| **Option Two** | | | | |
| First instalment | 11/09/2026 | 14.60 | 5.5% | 8.0% |
| Second instalment | 13/11/2026 | 14.60 | 5.5% | 8.0% |
| Third instalment | 15/01/2027 | 14.60 | 5.5% | 8.0% |
| Fourth instalment | 19/03/2027 | 14.60 | 5.5% | 8.0% |

| | 2026/27 Budget revenue | 2025/26 Estimate revenue | 2025/26 Budget revenue |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ |
| Instalment plan admin charge revenue | 0 | 21,096 | 21,100 |
| Instalment plan interest earned | 40,000 | 43,904 | 40,000 |
| Unpaid rates and service charge interest earned | 0 | | |
| Pensioner Deferred Interest Received | 3,800 | 3,952 | 3,950 |
| | 43,800 | 68,952 | 65,050 |

### (c) Objectives and Reasons for Differential Rating

To provide equity in the rating of properties across the Shire the following rate categories have been determined for the implementation of differential rating.

#### (i) Differential general rate

| Description | Characteristics | Objects | Reasons |
|---|---|---|---|
| UV1 - Rural | Properties listed as Rural Uses under the LPS6 Zoning Table. | This rate sets the base rate for which the UV Tiered differential rating categories are applied and is set to achieve an equitable contribution to the cost of services desired by the community. | This is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties i.e. heavy haulage vehicle movements, environmental health and strategic planning. |
| UV2 - Urban Rural | Properties listed as Rural Residential Users as listed under the LPS6 Zoning Table. | This object of this rate is to ensure an equitable spread of the costs associated with services provided to these properties. | The objective is to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties. |
| UV3 - Mining | Properties listed as Mining Tenements and is not related to the LPS6 Zoning Table. | The object of this rate is to raise additional revenue to contribute towards higher costs associated with mining. A lesser minimum is applied to this UV category than all others, due to the limited number of this type of property within the Shire. | The object of the differential rate is to ensure an equitable spread of the costs associated with services provided to these properties. |
| UV4 - Power Generation | Properties listed as Special Wind Farm and Merredin Power under the LPS6 Zoning Table. | The object of the differential rate is to ensure an equitable spread of the costs associated with services provided to these properties. | This rate is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties. |
| UV5 - Special Use Airstrip | Properties listed as Special Use Airstrips under the LPS6 Zoning Table. | The object of the differential rate is to ensure an equitable spread of the costs associated with services provided to these properties. | This rate is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties. |

## 2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES (CONTINUED)

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

### (e) Waivers or concessions

The Shire does not anticipate any waivers or concessions for the year ended 30th June 2027

## 3. NET CURRENT ASSETS

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

| | Note | 2026/27 Budget 30 June 2027 | 2025/26 Actual 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current assets** | | $ | $ | $ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4 | 12,130,654 | 16,792,910 | 8,132,565 |
| Financial assets | | 112,800 | 112,800 | 0 |
| Receivables | | 680,372 | 680,372 | 958,881 |
| Inventories | | 84,974 | 84,974 | 23,923 |
| Other assets | | 159,396 | 159,396 | 639,070 |
| | | 13,168,196 | 17,830,452 | 9,754,439 |
| **Less: current liabilities** | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | (1,430,099) | (1,430,099) | (916,524) |
| Contract liabilities | | (8,313) | (8,313) | (8,372) |
| Capital grant/contribution liability | | (1,482,853) | (1,482,853) | (208,079) |
| Long term borrowings | 7 | 0 | (243,268) | 0 |
| Employee provisions | | (494,332) | (494,332) | (516,573) |
| | | (3,415,597) | (3,658,865) | (1,649,548) |
| **Net current assets** | | 9,752,599 | 14,171,587 | 8,104,891 |
| | | | | |
| **Less: Total adjustments to net current assets** | 3(b) | (9,739,375) | (8,209,607) | (8,103,852) |
| **Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity** | | **13,224** | **5,961,980** | **1,039** |

### (b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32* to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.

| | Note | 2026/27 Budget 30 June 2027 | 2025/26 Actual 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Adjustments to net current assets** | | | | |
| Less: Cash - reserve accounts | 8 | (9,739,375) | (8,452,875) | (8,103,852) |
| Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year | | | | |
| - Current portion of borrowings | | 0 | 243,268 | 0 |
| **Total adjustments to net current assets** | | (9,739,375) | (8,209,607) | (8,103,852) |

## EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE IN NET CURRENT ASSETS AND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

**Items excluded from calculation of budgeted deficiency**
When calculating the budget deficiency for the purpose of Section 6.2 (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following amounts have been excluded as provided by *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 32* which will not fund the budgeted expenditure.

### (c) 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 *Financial Management Regulation 32.*

| | Note | 2026/27 Budget 30 June 2027 | 2025/26 Actual 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Budget 30 June 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Adjustments to operating activities** | | $ | $ | $ |
| Less: Profit on asset disposals | 5 | (94,100) | (115,045) | (122,400) |
| Add: Loss on asset disposals | 5 | 250 | 369,253 | 0 |
| Add: Depreciation | 6 | 6,206,050 | 5,399,060 | 5,399,100 |
| **Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities** | | 6,112,200 | 5,552,174 | 5,276,700 |

## 3. NET CURRENT ASSETS

### (d) MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION**
The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the 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.

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

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

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

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

**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.

**INVENTORY - LAND HELD FOR RESALE**
Land held for development and sale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development. Finance costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for grants, contributions, reimbursements, and goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional, unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value.

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

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

The Shire applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, rates receivable are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security for rates receivable.

**PROVISIONS**
Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the determination of the net current asset position.
The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the determination of the net current asset position.

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

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

## 4. RECONCILIATION OF CASH

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Estimated cash at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

| | Note | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | $ | $ | $ |
| Cash at bank and on hand | | 3,677,779 | 8,340,035 | 716,163 |
| Term deposits | | 8,452,875 | 8,452,875 | 7,416,402 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | | 12,130,654 | 16,792,910 | 8,132,565 |
| | | | | |
| Held as | | | | |
| - Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents | | 1,021,226 | 6,969,982 | (179,366) |
| - Restricted cash and cash equivalents | | 11,109,428 | 9,822,928 | 8,311,931 |
| | 3(a) | 12,130,654 | 16,792,910 | 8,132,565 |
| **Restrictions** | | | | |
| The following classes of 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 | | 11,109,428 | 9,822,928 | 8,311,931 |
| - Restricted financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits | | 112,800 | 112,800 | 0 |
| | | 11,222,228 | 9,935,728 | 8,311,931 |
| | | | | |
| The assets are restricted as a result of the specified purposes associated with the liabilities below: | | | | |
| Reserve accounts | 8 | 9,739,375 | 8,452,875 | 8,103,852 |
| Unspent capital grants, subsidies and contribution liabilities | | 1,482,853 | 1,482,853 | 208,079 |
| | | 11,222,228 | 9,935,728 | 8,311,931 |
| **Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to net result** | | | | |
| | | | | |
| **Net result** | | (2,895,252) | 2,676,029 | (975,356) |
| | | | | |
| Depreciation | 6 | 6,206,050 | 5,399,060 | 5,399,100 |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of asset | 5 | (93,850) | 254,208 | (122,400) |
| (Increase)/decrease in receivables | | 0 | 181,122 | 0 |
| (Increase)/decrease in inventories | | 0 | 40,043 | 0 |
| (Increase)/decrease in other assets | | 0 | 156,718 | 0 |
| Increase/(decrease) in payables | | 0 | 455,778 | 0 |
| Increase/(decrease) in unspent capital grants | | 0 | (80,360) | 0 |
| Capital grants, subsidies and contributions | | (4,512,000) | (3,283,079) | (4,390,750) |
| **Net cash from operating activities** | | (1,295,052) | 5,799,519 | (89,406) |

### MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks, other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Bank overdrafts are shown as short term borrowings in current liabilities in Note 3 - Net Current Assets.

**FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST**
The Shire classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:
- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

## 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The following assets are budgeted to be acquired and/or disposed of during the year.

| | 2026/27 Budget | | | | | 2025/26 Actual | | | | | 2025/26 Budget | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Additions | Disposals - Net Book Value | Disposals - Sale Proceeds | Disposals - Profit | Disposals - Loss | Additions | Disposals - Net Book Value | Disposals - Sale Proceeds | Disposals - Profit | Disposals - Loss | Additions | Disposals - Net Book Value | Disposals - Sale Proceeds | Disposals - Profit | Disposals - Loss |
| **(a) Property, Plant and Equipment** | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Land - freehold land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buildings - Non-Specialised | 64,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | (211,717) | 0 | 0 | (211,717) | 52,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buildings - Specialised | 1,866,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 811,776 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,299,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 25,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,127 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Plant and Equipment | 702,000 | (207,050) | 283,550 | 94,100 | (250) | 2,186,254 | (171,497) | 286,542 | 115,045 | 0 | 407,000 | (135,600) | 258,000 | 122,400 | 0 |
| Total | 2,657,400 | (207,050) | 283,550 | 94,100 | (250) | 3,006,157 | (383,214) | 286,542 | 115,045 | (211,717) | 1,759,000 | (135,600) | 258,000 | 122,400 | 0 |
| **(b) Infrastructure** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Infrastructure - Roads | 5,006,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,649,516 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,692,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Infrastructure - Footpaths | 280,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106,250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Infrastructure - Drainage | 250,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Infrastructure - Parks and Ovals | 73,150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 264,529 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 305,150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Infrastructure - Other | 195,250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 331,374 | (157,535) | 0 | 0 | (157,535) | 419,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 5,804,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,351,669 | (157,535) | 0 | 0 | (157,535) | 6,531,850 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | 8,462,300 | (207,050) | 283,550 | 94,100 | (250) | 6,357,826 | (540,749) | 286,542 | 115,045 | (369,252) | 8,290,850 | (135,600) | 258,000 | 122,400 | 0 |

### MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**RECOGNITION OF ASSETS**

Assets for which the fair value as at the date of acquisition is under $5,000 are not recognised as an asset in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A (5)* . These assets are expensed immediately.

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

**GAINS AND LOSSES ON DISPOSAL**

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in profit or loss in the period which they arise.

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## 6. DEPRECIATION

| | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | |
| **By Class** | | | | |
| Buildings - Non-Specialised | 150,200 | 137,643 | 168,000 | |
| Buildings - Specialised | 1,673,050 | 1,413,454 | 1,565,312 | 1410750 |
| REC-Landheld for Improvements | 16,955 | 15,543 | 16,947 | |
| Furniture and Equipment | 16,700 | 13,490 | 10,762 | |
| Plant and Equipment | 554,400 | 483,212 | 522,359 | |
| Infrastructure - Roads | 3,265,450 | 2,581,890 | 2,674,705 | |
| Infrastructure - Footpaths | 121,772 | 111,625 | 117,703 | |
| Infrastructure - Drainage | 274,702 | 251,811 | 277,461 | |
| Infrastructure - Parks and Ovals | 70,101 | 332,902 | 1,687 | |
| Infrastructure - Other | 62,719 | 57,493 | 44,164 | |
| | 6,206,050 | 5,399,060 | 5,399,100 | |
| **By Program** | | | | |
| Law, order, public safety | 114,050 | 104,525 | 86,400 | |
| Education and welfare | 335,950 | 30,208 | 32,900 | |
| Housing | 150,200 | 137,643 | 168,000 | |
| Community amenities | 72,550 | 66,413 | 69,500 | |
| Recreation and culture | 1,741,700 | 1,580,804 | 1,395,950 | |
| Transport | 3,290,500 | 3,015,924 | 3,110,950 | |
| Economic services | 40,950 | 39,069 | 39,900 | |
| Other property and services | 460,150 | 424,473 | 495,500 | |
| | 6,206,050 | 5,399,060 | 5,399,100 | |

### MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**DEPRECIATION**
The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

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

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Major depreciation periods used for each class of depreciable asset are:

| | |
|---|---|
| Land - freehold land | Not depreciated |
| Buildings - Non-Specialised | 20 to 80 years |
| Buildings - Specialised | 20 to 80 years |
| REC-Landheld for Improvements | 5 to 10 years |
| Furniture and Equipment | 5 to 20 years |
| Infrastructure - Roads - Subgrade | not depreciated |
| Infrastructure - Roads - Pavement | 60 to 120 years |
| Infrastructure - Roads - Surface | 20 to 60 years |
| Infrastructure - Roads - Kerbing | 50 years |
| Infrastructure - Footpaths | 30 to 60 years |
| Infrastructure - Drainage | 60 to 80 years |
| Infrastructure - Parks and Ovals | 10 to 100 years |

**AMORTISATION**
The depreciable amount of all intangible assets with a finite useful life, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held for use.

The assets residual value of intangible assets is considered to be zero and useful live and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each financial year.

Amortisation is included within Depreciation on non-current assets in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## 7. BORROWINGS

### (a) Borrowing repayments

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

| Purpose | Loan Number | Institution | Interest Rate | Budget Principal 1 July 2026 | 2026/27 Budget New Loans | 2026/27 Budget Principal Repayments | Budget Principal outstanding 1 June 2027 | 2026/27 Budget Interest Repayments | Actual Principal 1 July 2025 | 2025/26 Actual New Loans | 2025/26 Actual Principal Repayments | Actual Principal outstanding 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Actual Interest Repayments | Budget Principal 1 July 2025 | 2025/26 Budget New Loans | 2025/26 Budget Principal Repayments | Budget Principal outstanding 30 June 2026 | 2025/26 Budget Interest Repayments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| CEACA Housing | 217 | WATC | 3.20% | 68,784 | 0 | (68,784) | (0) | (2,500) | 135,451 | 0 | (66,667) | 68,784 | (1,888) | 135,451 | 0 | (66,700) | 68,751 | (3,746) |
| Town Centre | 219 | WATC | 4.60% | 1,232,787 | 0 | (131,850) | 1,100,937 | (61,800) | 1,359,061 | 0 | (126,274) | 1,232,787 | (34,023) | 1,359,061 | 0 | (126,300) | 1,232,761 | (55,186) |
| | | | | 1,301,571 | 0 | (200,634) | 1,100,937 | (64,300) | 1,494,512 | 0 | (192,941) | 1,301,571 | (35,911) | 1,494,512 | 0 | (193,000) | 1,301,512 | (58,932) |
| **Self Supporting Loans** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Merritville | 215 | WATC | 4.90% | 110,635 | 0 | (42,666) | 67,969 | (6,150) | 151,246 | 0 | (40,611) | 110,635 | (4,866) | 151,246 | 0 | (40,600) | 110,646 | (7,918) |
| | | | | 110,635 | 0 | (42,666) | 67,969 | (6,150) | 151,246 | 0 | (40,611) | 110,635 | (4,866) | 151,246 | 0 | (40,600) | 110,646 | (7,918) |
| | | | | 1,412,206 | 0 | (243,300) | 1,168,906 | (70,450) | 1,645,758 | 0 | (233,552) | 1,412,206 | (40,778) | 1,645,757 | 0 | (233,600) | 1,412,158 | (66,850) |

All borrowing repayments, other than self supporting loans, will be financed by general purpose revenue.
The self supporting loan(s) repayment will be fully reimbursed.

## 7. BORROWINGS

### (b) New borrowings -2026/27

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

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

### (d) Credit Facilities

| | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ |
| **Undrawn borrowing facilities** | | | |
| **credit standby arrangements** | | | |
| Bank overdraft limit | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank overdraft at balance date | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Credit card limit | 30,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Credit card balance at balance date | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total amount of credit unused** | 30,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| | | | |
| **Loan facilities** | | | |
| Loan facilities in use at balance date | 1,168,906 | 1,412,206 | 1,412,158 |

### MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature.
Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate.

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## 8. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

### (a) Reserve Accounts - Movement

| | | 2026/27 Budget | | | | 2025/26 Actual | | | | 2025/26 Budget | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Opening Balance | Transfer to | Transfer (from) | Closing Balance | Opening Balance | Transfer to | Transfer (from) | Closing Balance | Opening Balance | Transfer to | Transfer (from) | Closing Balance |
| | | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| | **Restricted by legislation** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) | Land & Development Reserve | 1,648,776 | 60,000 | 0 | 1,708,776 | 1,648,776 | | | 1,648,776 | 1,648,776 | 0 | 0 | 1,648,776 |
| (b) | Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (c) | Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Reserve | 309,943 | 15,000 | 0 | 324,943 | 490,206 | 119,736 | (300,000) | 309,943 | 490,206 | 120,000 | 0 | 610,206 |
| (d) | Declared Disaster Reserve | 259,071 | 0 | 0 | 259,071 | 259,071 | | | 259,071 | 259,071 | 0 | 0 | 259,071 |
| (e) | Recreation Development Reserve | 1,261,731 | 160,000 | 0 | 1,421,731 | 1,091,819 | 169,912 | | 1,261,731 | 1,091,819 | 87,500 | 0 | 1,179,319 |
| (f) | Unspent Grants Reserve | 386,143 | 0 | 0 | 386,143 | 386,143 | | | 386,143 | 386,143 | 0 | 0 | 386,143 |
| (g) | Road Construction Merredin-Narembeen Road Reserve | 1,078,039 | 0 | (9,900) | 1,068,139 | 1,078,039 | | | 1,078,039 | 1,078,039 | 0 | (47,550) | 1,030,489 |
| | | 4,943,703 | 245,000 | (9,900) | 5,178,803 | 4,954,054 | 289,648 | (300,000) | 4,943,703 | 4,954,054 | 207,500 | (47,550) | 5,114,004 |
| | **Restricted by council** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | Employee Entitlement Reserve | 388,389 | 0 | 0 | 388,389 | 388,389 | 0 | 0 | 388,389 | 388,389 | 0 | 0 | 388,389 |
| (i) | Buildings Reserve | 983,744 | 150,000 | 0 | 1,133,744 | 931,832 | 51,912 | 0 | 983,744 | 1,031,832 | 40,000 | 0 | 1,071,832 |
| (j) | Waste Management Reserve | 392,509 | 60,000 | 0 | 452,509 | 392,509 | | 0 | 392,509 | 392,509 | 0 | 0 | 392,509 |
| (k) | Plant Replacement Reserve | 749,618 | 120,000 | 0 | 869,618 | 649,618 | 100,000 | 0 | 749,618 | 649,618 | 0 | 0 | 649,618 |
| (l) | Housing Reserve | 494,912 | 250,000 | 0 | 744,912 | 100,000 | 394,912 | 0 | 494,912 | 0 | 87,500 | 0 | 87,500 |
| (m) | Swimming Pool Reserve | 500,000 | 250,000 | 0 | 750,000 | 0 | 500,000 | 0 | 500,000 | 0 | 400,000 | 0 | 400,000 |
| (n) | Merrittville Reserve | 0 | 221,400 | | 221,400 | 0 | | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| | | 3,509,172 | 1,051,400 | 0 | 4,560,572 | 2,462,348 | 1,046,824 | 0 | 3,509,172 | 2,462,348 | 527,500 | 0 | 2,989,848 |
| | | 8,452,875 | 1,296,400 | (9,900) | 9,739,375 | 7,416,402 | 1,336,472 | (300,000) | 8,452,875 | 7,416,402 | 735,000 | (47,550) | 8,103,852 |

### (b) Reserve Accounts - Purposes

In accordance with Council resolutions in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside are as follows:

| | Reserve name | Anticipated date of use | Purpose of the reserve |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Restricted by legislation** | | |
| (a) | Land & Development Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to fund major land developments/purchases within the Shire of Merredin, in addition to any feasibility studies or business cases. |
| (b) | Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to fund future redevelopment and extensions of Apex Park. |
| (c) | Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Reserve | Ongoing | To be utilised for the continuing upgrade of the Shire's ICT requirements keeping council abreast with modern technology. |
| (d) | Declared Disaster Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to meet the Shire's obligation in the event of a natural disaster that is declared under the current Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA (DRFAWA) system. |
| (e) | Recreation Development Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to fund future developments and major renewals of recreation facilities within the Shire of Merredin. |
| (f) | Unspent Grants Reserve | Ongoing | To be utilised for any unspent grants paid to the Shire of Merredin and remaining unspent as at the 30 June of any year. |
| (g) | Road Construction Merredin-Narembeen Road Reserve | Ongoing | Future maintenance and construction of the Merredin-Narembeen Road. |
| | **Restricted by council** | | |
| (h) | Employee Entitlement Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure that adequate funds are available to finance the Shire's liability for employee leave entitlements. |
| (i) | Buildings Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to finance future building construction and major maintenance of the Shire of Merredin's property portfolio. |
| (j) | Waste Management Reserve | Ongoing | To be utilised for the collection, transport, storage, treatment, processing, sorting, recycling or disposal of waste; the provision of receptacles for the temporary deposit of waste; the provision and management of waste facilities, machinery for the disposal of waste and processes for dealing with waste, and rehabilitation. |
| (k) | Plant Replacement Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to purchase a responsive and modern plant fleet at the optimum replacement point. |
| (l) | Housing Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to finance future residential housing development and/ or upgrades. |
| (m) | Swimming Pool Reserve | Ongoing | To ensure adequate funds are available to finance future redevelopment or replacement of the swimming pool. |

## 9. OTHER INFORMATION

| The net result includes as revenues | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ |
| **(a) Interest earnings** | | | |
| Reserve Accounts | 230,000 | 239,472 | 240,000 |
| Other Funds | 190,000 | 247,143 | 130,000 |
| Other interest revenue | 43,800 | 68,952 | 65,050 |
| | 463,800 | 555,567 | 435,050 |
| * The Shire has resolved to charge interest under section 6.13 for the late payment of any amount of money at 8%. | | | |
| **The net result includes as expenses** | | | |
| **(b) Auditors remuneration** | | | |
| Audit services | 66,500 | 30,958 | 66,500 |
| Other services | 1,500 | 4,400 | 1,500 |
| | 68,000 | 35,358 | 68,000 |
| **(c) Interest expenses (finance costs)** | | | |
| Borrowings (refer Note 7(a)) | 70,450 | 68,784 | 66,850 |
| | 70,450 | 68,784 | 66,850 |
| **(d) Write offs** | | | |
| General rate | 60,000 | 0 | 60,000 |
| | 60,000 | 0 | 60,000 |

## 10. COUNCIL MEMBERS REMUNERATION

| | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ |
| **Cr Donna Crook-President** | | | |
| President's allowance | 16,000 | 14,650 | 14,650 |
| Meeting attendance fees | 10,000 | 8,790 | 8790 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 3,250 | 2,110 | 2,813 |
| | 29,250 | 25,550 | 26,253 |
| **Cr Renee Manning-Past Deputy President** | | | |
| Deputy President's allowance | | 3,501 | 3,700 |
| Meeting attendance fees | | 6,101 | 8790 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | | 661 | 1,494 |
| | 0 | 10,263 | 13,984 |
| **Cr Mark McKenzie-Past President** | | | |
| President's allowance | | 0 | 8790 |
| Meeting attendance fees | | 2,115 | |
| Superannuation contribution payments | | 0 | 1,055 |
| | 0 | 2,115 | 9,845 |
| **Cr Phil Van Der Merwe-Deputy President** | | | |
| Deputy President's allowance | 4,000 | 0 | 8790 |
| Meeting attendance fees | 10,000 | 8,790 | |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 1,750 | 909 | 1,055 |
| | 15,750 | 9,699 | 9,845 |
| **Cr Bradley Anderson** | | | |
| Meeting attendance fees | | 2,631 | 8790 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | | 0 | 1,055 |
| | 0 | 2,631 | 9,845 |
| **Cr Hayley Billing** | | | |
| Meeting attendance fees | 10,000 | 8,790 | 8790 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 1,250 | 791 | 1,055 |
| | 11,250 | 9,581 | 9,845 |
| **Cr Lisa O'Neill** | | | |
| Meeting attendance fees | 10,000 | 8,790 | 8790 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 1,250 | 791 | 1,055 |
| | 11,250 | 9,581 | 9,845 |
| **Cr Paul Boehme** | | | |
| Meeting attendance fees | 10,000 | 6,125 | 0 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 1,250 | 735 | 0 |
| | 11,250 | 6,860 | 0 |
| **Cr Peter Madigan** | | | |
| Meeting attendance fees | 10,000 | 6,125 | 0 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 1,250 | 735 | 0 |
| | 11,250 | 6,860 | 0 |
| **Council member-Vacant to be filled during the year** | | | |
| Meeting attendance fees | 5,775 | | |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 725 | | |
| | 6,500 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Council Member Remuneration** | 96,500 | 83,140 | 89,461 |
| President's allowance | 16,000 | 14,650 | 14,650 |
| Deputy President's allowance | 4,000 | 3,501 | 3,700 |
| Meeting attendance fees | 55,775 | 49,467 | 61,530 |
| Superannuation contribution payments | 10,725 | 6,732 | 9,581 |
| | 96,500 | 83,140 | 89,461 |

## 11. TRUST FUNDS

Funds held at balance date which are required by legislation to be credited to the trust fund and which are not included in the financial statements are as follows:

| Detail | Balance 30 June 2026 | Estimated amounts received | Estimated amounts paid | Estimated balance 30 June 2027 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| LG Professionals Australia - WA Central Wheatbelt Branch Fund | 8,719 | | | 8,719 |
| | 8,719 | 0 | 0 | 8,719 |

## 12. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

### (a) Revenue and Expenditure Classification

**REVENUES**

**RATES**
All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specific area rates, minimum payment, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts offered.
Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears, service charges and sewerage rates.

**GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**
All amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not capital grants.

**CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**
Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of non-current assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

**REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS**
Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when the local government satisfies its performance obligations under the contract.

**FEES AND CHARGES**
Revenues (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees.
Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

**SERVICE CHARGES**
Service charges imposed under *Division 6 of Part 6 of the Local* Government Act 1995. Regulation 54 of the Local Government *(Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies the charges which can be raised. These are television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services and water.
Exclude rubbish removal charges which should not be classified as a service charge. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

**INTEREST REVENUE**
Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

**OTHER REVENUE / INCOME**
Other revenue, which cannot be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, rebates etc.

**PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL**
Gain on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long-term investments.

**EXPENSES**

**EMPLOYEE COSTS**
All costs associated with the employment of person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences, safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.
Note *AASB 119 Employee Benefits* provides a definition of employee benefits which should be considered.

**MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS**
All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses (such as telephone and internet charges), advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc.
Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology and rental or lease expenditures.

**UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER)**
Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water.
Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

**INSURANCE**
All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

**LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL**
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets.

**DEPRECIATION ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS**
Depreciation and amortisation expenses raised on all classes of assets.

**FINANCE COSTS**
Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

**OTHER EXPENDITURE**
Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or levies including DFES levy and State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

## 12. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

### (b) Revenue Recognition

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

| Revenue Category | Nature of goods and services | When obligations typically satisfied | Payment terms | Returns/Refunds / Warranties | Determination of transaction price | Allocating transaction price | Measuring obligations for returns | Timing of Revenue recognition |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grant contracts with customers | Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services | Over time | Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting | Contract obligation if project not complete | Set by mutual agreement with the customer | Based on the progress of works to match performance obligations | Returns limited to repayment of transaction price of terms breached | Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared |
| Licences/ Registrations/ Approvals | Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming. | Single point in time | Full payment prior to issue | None | Set by State legislation or limited by legislation to the cost of provision | Based on timing of issue of the associated rights | No refunds | On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval |
| Waste management entry fees | Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites | Single point in time | Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided | None | Adopted by council annually | Based on timing of entry to facility | Not applicable | On entry to facility |
| Airport landing charges | Permission to use facilities and runway | Single point in time | Monthly in arrears | None | Adopted by council annually | Applied fully on timing of landing/take-off | Not applicable | On landing/departure event |
| Fees and charges for other goods and services | Cemetery services, library fees, reinstatements and private works | Single point in time | Payment in full in advance | None | Adopted by council annually | Applied fully based on timing of provision | Not applicable | Output method based on provision of service or completion of works |
| Sale of stock | Aviation fuel, kiosk and visitor centre stock | Single point in time | In full in advance, on 15 day credit | Refund for faulty goods | Adopted by council annually, set by mutual agreement | Applied fully based on timing of provision | Returns limited to repayment of transaction price | Output method based on goods |

## 13. PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Key Terms and Definitions - Reporting Programs

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the community, Council has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis, reflected by the Shire's Community Vision, and for each of its broad activities/programs.

| OBJECTIVE | ACTIVITIES |
|---|---|
| **Governance**<br>To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of resources. | To include the activiites of members of council and the administration support available to the council for the provision of governance of the district. Other costs relate to assisting elected members and ratepayers on matters which do not concern specific council services. |
| **General purpose funding**<br>To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services. | Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue. |
| **Law, order, public safety**<br>To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community. | Supervision and enforcement of various local laws relating to fire prevention, animal control and other aspects of public safety including emergency services. |
| **Health**<br>To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health. | Inspection of food outlets and their control, provisions. |
| **Education and welfare**<br>To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth. | Maintenance of playgroup centre, senior citizens centre and aged-care centre. Provision of community programs and youth services. |
| **Housing**<br>To provide and maintain residential housing for staff, contractors and medical practitioners. | Provision and maintenance of residential housing for staff, contractors and medical practitioners. |
| **Community amenities**<br>To provide services required by the community. | Rubbish collection services, operation of refuse disposal sites construction and maintenance storm water drains, protection of the environment and administration of town planning schemes, cemetery and public conveniences. |
| **Recreation and culture**<br>To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resource which will help the social well-being of the community. | Maintenance of public halls, civic centres, swimming pools, recreation centres and various sporting facilities. Provision and maintenance of parks, gardens and playgrounds. Operation of library, theatre and other cultural facilities. |
| **Transport**<br>To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community. | Construction and maintenance of roads, streets, footpaths, depots, cycle ways, parking facilities and traffic control. Cleaning of streets and maintenance of street trees, street lighting etc. |
| **Economic services**<br>To help promote the Shire and its economic well being. | Includes tourism and area promotion, pest control, standpipes and building control. |
| **Other property and services**<br>To monitor and control the Shire's overhead operating accounts. | Private works operations, plant repairs and operating cost and engineering operation costs. |

## 14. FEES AND CHARGES

| | 2026/27 Budget | 2025/26 Actual | 2025/26 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ |
| **By Program:** | | | |
| Governance | 15,700 | 17,310 | 15,400 |
| General purpose funding | 40,100 | 18,142 | 17,850 |
| Law, order, public safety | 5,600 | 6,112 | 9,600 |
| Health | 7,100 | 7,178 | 9,900 |
| Education and welfare | 210,000 | 19,629 | 0 |
| Housing | 48,000 | 53,480 | 44,600 |
| Community amenities | 113,850 | 743,272 | 612,750 |
| Recreation and culture | 125,900 | 151,793 | 160,250 |
| Economic services | 84,000 | 93,398 | 42,700 |
| Other property and services | 8,700 | 0 | 10,200 |
| | 658,950 | 1,110,314 | 923,250 |

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