

SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

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24 June 2025

SHIRE OF MERREDIN

These Minutes were presented to Council at
its Ordinary Council Meeting of
24 June 2025.

Donna Crook - Shire President

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin

Tuesday, 27 May 2025
Commencing 4.00pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document

CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
EO	Executive Officer
EMCS	Executive Manager Corporate Services
EMDS	Executive Manager Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager Engineering Services
EMS&C	Executive Manager Strategy & Community
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
GO	Governance Officer
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
MCO	Media and Communications Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Manager of Projects
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils



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Shire of Merredin
Ordinary Council Meeting
4:00pm Tuesday, 27 May 2025



1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and paid her respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The President then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 4:01pm.

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2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr D Crook	President
Cr R Manning	Deputy President
Cr B Anderson	
Cr H Billing	
Cr M McKenzie	
Cr L O'Neill	
Cr P Van Der Merwe	

Staff:

C Watts	CEO
L Boehme	EMCS
B Wall	EMIS
P Zenni	EMDS
M Wyatt	EO
R Cahill	TO

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: C Brindley-Mullen, EMS&C

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest

Cr Anderson and Cr Billing declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 14.4.

C Watts, CEO declared a Financial Interest in Item 19.2.

5. Applications of Leave of Absence

Nil

6. Petitions and Presentations

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025

Attachment 7.1A

7.2 Special Council Meeting held 13 May 2025

Attachment 7.2A

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Billing

Seconded: Cr McKenzie

That the following Minutes be confirmed as true and accurate records of proceedings:

83602

1. Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025; and
2. Special Council Meeting held 13 May 2025.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

Nil

9. Matters for which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public

19.1 Lease of Reserve 17767 and Lot 1443 Merredin

19.2 CEO Annual Performance Review Process

10. Receipt of Minutes of Meetings

- 10.1 Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held 10 April 2025.
Attachment 10.1A
- 10.2 Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held 1 May 2025.
Attachment 10.2A
- 10.3 Minutes of the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc Board Meeting held 7 May 2025.
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- 10.4 Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 27 May 2025.
Attachment 10.4A

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Manning

Seconded: Cr O'Neill

That Council

83603

1. RECEIVE the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held 10 April 2025;
2. RECEIVE the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held 1 May 2025;
3. RECEIVE the minutes of the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc Board Meeting held 7 May 2025; and
4. RECEIVE the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 27 May 2025.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes

10 April 2025

**Hosted by the Shire of Merredin
Merredin Regional Community
Leisure Centre**

ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following items are the Zone's priority issues, as resolved at the February 2024 Zone meeting:

- Regional Health Services to include:
 - Hospitals
 - Aged Care
 - Future of Nurse Practitioner Service
- St John Ambulance Service – Impact on Volunteers and the provision of the service generally.
- Regional Subsidiaries
- Transport – Road Network
- Telecommunications
- Education
- Review of GROH Housing and Regional Housing issues
- Waste Management
- Agricultural Land Use

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2. Item 8.4 Main Roads WA presentation
3. Item 8.5 Water Corporation presentation

1. OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1. OPENING

Chair, President Cr Tony Sachse opened the meeting at 9:32am.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council
Shire of Bruce Rock	President Cr Ram Rajagopalan
	Cr Stephen Strange (State Council Representative)
Shire of Cunderdin	President Cr Alison Harris JP
	Deputy President Cr Tony Smith
	Mr Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Kellerberrin	Deputy President Cr Emily Ryan
	Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer (voting delegate)
Shire of Koorda	President Cr Jannah Stratford
	Mr Zac Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Merredin	Cr Mark McKenzie
Shire of Mount Marshall	President Cr Tony Sachse (Zone Chair)
	Mr Ben McKay, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Cr Gary Shadbolt
	Ms Tanika McLennan, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Narembeen	Deputy President Cr Holly Cusack
	Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Nungarin	Deputy President Cr Gary Coumbe
Shire of Tammin	Deputy President Cr Tanya Nicholls
	Mr Andrew Malone, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Trayning	Mr John Merrick, A/Chief Executive Officer, non voting

Shire of Westonia	President Cr Mark Crees
	Ms Jasmine Geier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer non-voting
Shire of Wyalkatchem	President Cr Owen Garner
	Ms Sabine Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Yilgarn	President Cr Wayne Della Bosca
	Mr Nic Warren, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

GUESTS	
Main Roads WA	Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt
Regional Development Australia WA	Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development
Water Corporation	Ms Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer & Stakeholder – Goldfields & Agricultural Region
CBH Group	Ms Kellie Todman, Manager Governance and Industry Relations

WALGA	
	Cr Paul Kelly, WALGA Deputy President
	Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure
	Mr Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services (Zone Executive Officer)
	Ms Chantelle O'Brian, Governance Support Officer

1.3. APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Bruce Rock	Mr Mark Furr, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dowerin	President Cr Robert Trepp
	Deputy President Cr Nadine McMorran
	Mrs Manisha Barthakur, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Kondinin	President Cr Kent Mouritz
	Deputy President Cr Bev Gangell
	Mr David Burton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Koorda	Deputy President Cr Gary Greaves
Shire of Merredin	Deputy President Cr Renee Manning
	Mr Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Mount Marshall	Deputy President Cr Nick Gillett
Shire of Narembeen	President Cr Scott Stirrat

Shire of Nungarin	President Cr Pippa de Lacy
	Mr David Nayda, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Tammin	Cr Nick Caffell
Shire of Trayning	President Cr Melanie Brown
	Cr Michelle McHugh
Shire of Westonia	Deputy President Cr Ross Della Bosca
	Mr Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Deputy President Cr Christy Petchell
Shire of Yilgarn	Deputy President Cr Bryan Close

GUESTS	
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Mr Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack
Mr Rick Wilson MP, Member for O'Connor
Hon Sandra Carr MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region
Hon Shelley Payne MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Darren West MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Mr Lachlan Hunter MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt
Mr Peter Rundle MLA, Member for Roe

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT 'VIRTUAL HOST'

A Zone member Local Government was invited to make a short presentation on what is occurring in their Local Government.

The **Shire of Wyalkatchem President, Cr Owen Garner** made a presentation to the Zone.

The **Shire of Westonia** is invited to make a presentation to the next Zone meeting, in June.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

6.1. SPEAKERS FOR THE APRIL ZONE MEETING

6.1.1. IAN DUNCAN, WALGA EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

Ian presented on infrastructure matters of interest to the Zone.

The presentation is attached with the Minutes (Attachment 1).

Noted

7. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

There were no Members of Parliament in attendance.

A brief apology was given on behalf of the new Member for the Central Wheatbelt, Mr Lachlan Hunter MLA, noting that the meeting was held during the first sitting week of the new Western Australian Parliament. It was also acknowledged that Mr Hunter's office has indicated an interest in representing Mr Hunter at future Zone meetings when Mr Hunter is unable to personally attend.

Noted

8. AGENCY REPORTS

8.1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

No report was received.

Noted

8.2. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer

Rob Cossart was an apology for this meeting. A brief update was provided by the Executive Officer.

Noted

8.3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT

Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development

The Regional Development Australia report was provided with the Agenda. Mr Pomykala was available to answer questions.

Noted

8.4. MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt

Mohammad spoke to his report.

The presentation is attached with the Minutes (Attachment 2).

Noted

8.5. WATER CORPORATION

Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer and Stakeholder

Rebecca provided a presentation to the Zone.

The presentation is attached with the Minutes (Attachment 3).

Noted

8.6. CBH GROUP

Kellie Todman, Manager - Government & Industry Relations

Kellie provided a verbal update to the Zone.

Noted

9. MINUTES

9.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2025

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on 14 February 2025 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Koorda**
Second **Shire of Cunderdin**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held on 14 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to noting President Cr Mark Crees and CEO Mr Bill Price, Shire of Westonia as apologies.

CARRIED

9.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2025

9.2.1. ITEM 8.1: DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES ATTENDANCE

Background

The Zone requested WALGA enquire about DLGSC representatives attending Zone meetings as it has been a significant period of time since the Zone had an attendee. It is understood that DLGSC representatives did not attend the February round of Zone meetings, which fell during the State Government caretaker period.

On 31 March, Machinery of Government changes were announced, including the transfer of the Local Government and Racing & Gaming (Liquor) portfolios to a new **Department of Local Government, Commerce, Industry Regulation and Safety**, to substantially replace the existing Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS).

WALGA will continue to engage with the Local Government portfolio staff to facilitate attendance and reports for Zone meetings.

Noted

9.2.2. ITEM 10.1: DRAFT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE 113: OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND ASSET MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES: RURAL REGIONS

A submission to Main Roads WA with the inclusion of collated feedback from the Sector was submitted on 24 March. This submission was attached to the Agenda.

Since this is a procedure of high significance to the operations of both Main Roads and Local Governments, it has been rerecommended that any subsequent drafts be referred to the sector, including Regional Road Groups for further review.

WALGA has also suggested the formation of a reference group comprising representation from the Main Roads Regions, Local Governments, WALGA and Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) be established to guide the final outcome.

Noted

9.2.3. ITEM 14.1: WA TELSTRA AUTOMATIC TRANSFER UNIT PILOT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Background

The Zone resolved the following:

WALGA organise a roundtable with WALGA, Telstra, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to discuss the drafting of Community Support Agents Agreement for the implementation of the WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program.

Comment

Following the February meeting, WALGA has been engaging with a range of stakeholders on this important issue.

WALGA met with Mr Brendon Riley, Chief Executive Officer of Telstra InfraCo, and Mr Boyd Brown, Regional General Manager, Telstra, on 10 March, to discuss a range of matters including the Community Support Agents Agreements for the ATU Pilot. WALGA followed up on this meeting and is awaiting further advice from Telstra on the draft Community Support Agents Agreements. It is understood that Telstra's legal division is still developing agreements.

WALGA met separately with DPIRD on 13 March and has been engaging with DPIRD on the potential options for procuring generators. WALGA understands that final site inspections and confirmation of generator specifications is required before procurement can progress.

The Zone Executive Officer also received a helpful overview of pilot work from the Acting CEO of the Shire of Mukinbudin. Initial trial work with the Shire of Mukinbudin has benefited from the Shire's personnel having pre-existing site access credentials through their prior work experience.

WALGA has been advised of a potential further meeting and is awaiting advice on the next date from the Wheatbelt Development Commission.

Noted

9.2.4. TIER 3 RAIL

The Executive Officer advised that WALGA would provide the Zone with WALGA's Advocacy Position on Freight on Rail.

This is WALGA's current Advocacy Position:

5.1.1 Freight on Rail

The Local Government sector supports keeping grain freight (Tier 3) rail lines open.

Please refer to Item 10.3 for a potential related initiative.

Noted

9.3. MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2025

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025 were provided as an attachment to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Cunderdin**
Seconder **Shire of Mukinbudin**

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9.4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 APRIL 2025

These are reported in Zone Business below.

10. ZONE BUSINESS

10.1. PROVISION OF RURAL GP SERVICES IN RM 6 AND RM 7 COMMUNITIES

Shire of Narembeen

BACKGROUND

Following the WALGA-hosted Band 4 Local Governments meeting on 11 October 2024, where key issues impacting local governments were discussed, the Shire of Lake Grace convened a meeting on 29 November 2024 with six local governments (Band 3 and Band 4) and key stakeholders.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the financial and in-kind contributions made by local governments to secure medical service providers in their communities. It was agreed that submissions be made to both the State and Federal Governments for budget consideration to address this pressing issue.

To support this advocacy, Caroline Robinson from 150 Square was contracted to prepare a comprehensive submission and subsequent actions. A position paper was developed on behalf of the Shires of Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Kojonup, Narembeen, Lake Grace, and Ravensthorpe and was formally submitted to the Federal Budget Pre-Submission process for consideration.

Additionally, the participating local governments agreed that a motion should be prepared and submitted to the ALGA National Assembly of Local Government, scheduled to be held in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025. The Shire of Lake Grace is submitting this motion to ALGA on behalf of the alliance, now collectively referred to as the 'Alliance of RM 6 and RM 7 Councils.'

COMMENT

The motion to be submitted to ALGA calls on the Australian Government to increase Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) for regional and remote local governments (RM6 and RM7) to cover costs associated with attracting and retaining general practitioners. The aim is to redirect ratepayer funds back to essential local government responsibilities rather than subsidising medical services.

This initiative aligns with the Local Government Primary Healthcare Services Survey conducted by Rural Health West and endorsed by WALGA in December 2024.

The full submission detailing the challenges and proposed solutions for attracting and retaining GPs in RM 6 and RM 7 communities was attached to the Agenda for reference.

The current plan is to send up to four delegates to the Assembly, which will also include meetings with relevant government departments.

If the advocacy campaign is successful, local governments will experience financial relief, enabling them to sustainably retain medical services within their communities while reallocating resources to core local government functions.

RECOMMENDATION (SHIRE OF NAREMBEEN)

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the motion submitted to the National Assembly of Local Government regarding financial assistance for the provision of medical services to regional and remote local governments.

WALGA SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA supports the Alliance of RM 6 and RM 7 Councils' (the Alliance) motion submitted to the ALGA NGA calling for increased Australian Government financial support for Local Governments supporting the provision of essential healthcare services for their communities. The provision of healthcare services in Australia is both an Australian and State responsibility, principally through the Medicare system at the Federal level. Raising this issue at the ALGA NGA provides an opportunity to elevate the issue to an ALGA priority at the National level and gain support from Local Governments experiencing similar cost imposts in other jurisdictions. It is pleasing to hear that the WALGA commissioned Local Government Primary Healthcare Services Survey Report (Survey Report) was useful in the development of the Alliances' Position Paper and ALGA motion.

Equitable access to primary healthcare is an important issue for many WALGA, including some that fall outside of the rural zone according to the Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area (RRMA) classification. Reflective of the financial impact on the sector and building on the Survey Report, WALGA has begun a strategic advocacy plan which includes targeted actions for the Australian and State Governments, leveraging the opportunities of elections, new Cabinet compositions and the renegotiation of the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) between the Australian Government and States and Territories. WALGA continues to offer its support to the Alliance on this important issue.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Wyalkatchem**
Seconder **Shire of Koorda**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone supports the motion submitted to the National Assembly of Local Government regarding financial assistance for the provision of medical services to regional and remote local governments.

CARRIED

10.2. POTENTIAL INITIATIVES TO INVEST CASH RESERVES

The Great Eastern Country Zone has approximately \$200,000 in funds currently held at bank. While having adequate reserve funds provides a financial buffer for the Zone, the buffer is very substantial, and there may be opportunities to invest some of the funds towards new initiatives for the general benefit of Zone members.

At the suggestion of the Zone, WALGA have developed a range of suggestions for how some proportion of the reserve funds could be invested in initiatives or the benefit of Zone Local Governments.

A wide range of potential initiatives has been identified. The management time required to coordinate delivery of these initiatives is expected to be significant, so it is suggested that focusing on the delivery of one preferred initiative may provide for timely completion. One approach could be to provisionally schedule a sequential order of initiatives into the future, which could be reviewed on a regular basis.

It is important to consider that, while WALGA will provide support for any initiatives, the success of any initiative will ultimately depend on the degree to which Zone-based officials contribute to managing the practical delivery of the initiative. This is likely to be particularly imperative for projects that involve consultants and/or specific advocacy for the Zone.

Suggestions are as follows. The estimated cost magnitude represents a realistic upper-bound estimate for what the initiative is expected to cost.

Potential Initiative	Potential Cost Magnitude	Other Resourcing Required from Zone
<p>1. Engage a consultant to undertake a study on potential uses of the new powers for Local Governments to mortgage freehold land to fund development or upgrades to Local Government housing (potentially with/through CEACA), to deliver a report for all Zone members.</p> <p>This work could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in ensuring future advocacy is positioned recognising the needs of Zone LGs; • Inform engagement with DLGSC in ensuring any regulations on these powers are fit-for-purpose; • Assist Zone LGs with asset and budget planning. 	\$50,000	<p>Advice from Zone CEOs on landholdings</p> <p>Lead zone-based person to assist the consultant.</p>
<p>2. Trial of employing a shared resource to strategically target grant funding opportunities (potentially targeting 2026 Disaster Resilience and Recovery Funding as combined applications, etc.)</p>	\$75,000	<p>Zone LG to be employer or principal for contractor. CEOs to assist with access to records etc.</p>
<p>3. Engage consultant to undertake research and opportunity assessment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform advocacy on measures to shift grain freight task back to specific rail routes; and/or • Position advocacy in relation to any potential transfer of freight railway transition back to State Government. <p>This work could potentially base on a case study route to be determined by the Zone (as an example that might apply for other railway lines generally, etc.). This work could assist with significant advocacy and earned media.</p>	\$50,000	<p>Zone to determine specific focus of study (routes, issues, etc.)</p> <p>Zone CEOs to be available to brief consultant and provide data if required.</p> <p>May work best if lead LG on relevant freight corridor manage the engagement.</p>

<p>4. Fund a Zone delegation to Perth for specific zone advocacy/engagement aims.</p> <p>Suggest delegation during a Parliament sitting week with the aim of meeting several Ministers on one Parliament Sitting day. Likely to realise greatest value if the delegation was focussed on targeting specific outcomes from political representatives and agencies. This delegation could utilise WALGA's new Member Hub or central city hotel as base.</p> <p>This delegation could also involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with Party Leaders and/or Parliamentary dinner (typically a Tuesday only). • Meetings with key agencies and organisations (PoweringWA, Telstra, Synergy, etc.) • Professional development opportunities for matters or topics of interest to Zone delegates. • Earned media opportunities. 	<p>\$15,000</p>	<p>Zone to resolve key intended aims of trip.</p> <p>Zone to confirm travelling party and priority engagements.</p> <p>Zone LG may need to coordinate some logistics.</p>
<p>5. Delegation to Canberra or elsewhere interstate for ALGA Conference</p>	<p>\$35,000</p>	<p>Zone LG may need to coordinate some logistics.</p>
<p>6. Expanded 2027 conference to include interstate or international speakers (potentially regional development experts, economists, agronomists, etc.).</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>	<p>Zone to give direction on areas of interest.</p>
<p>7. Provide group professional development opportunities for Zone Council Members and/or staff - may be able to facilitate discount on all-in training delivered at host LG.</p> <p>Types of PD activity that may be of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA short courses • Guest speakers on specific topics (e.g. updates on use of technology in regional economic sectors) • Media training • Training for potential future CEOs employed by Zone LGs 	<p>\$15,000</p>	<p>Zone LG to host.</p> <p>Zone to define scope of training (what, for who) advise on types of PD of interest.</p>

There may be other initiatives that have not been identified. Further initiatives could be added to the list at the suggestion of Zone members, although it could be advisable to avoid initiatives which might:

- Overlap or duplicate other initiatives or programs,
- Provide only a benefit for a small number of member Local Governments,
- Involve significant risks, or
- Require unrealistic management overhead.

It is proposed that the Zone discusses potential initiatives and priorities, so that further work and proposed priority initiatives can be presented for a formal decision at the June Zone meeting.

RESOLUTION

Mover Shire of Bruce Rock
Seconder Shire of Mukinbudin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Notes and reviews this report.**
- 2. Discusses the listed initiatives and adds to the list – Funding for delegates to attend the Local Government Convention and Training for Delegates.**
- 3. Discusses potential considerations for determining priority initiatives.**
- 4. Requests the Executive Committee reports back with proposed priority initiatives for decision at the next Zone meeting on 12 June 2025.**

CARRIED

10.3. AVONWEST LOGISTICS AND ENTERPRISE HUB (NORTHAM FREIGHT HUB) – POTENTIAL TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS FOR GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY

Following the Executive Committee meeting on 1 April, WALGA made inquiries in relation to the proposed Northam Freight Hub – known also as the Avon Logistics Hub (AvonWest) - which has been supported by studies by the Wheatbelt Development Commission: <https://wheatbelt.wa.gov.au/project/northam-freight-hub-study/>.

A desktop review indicated that part of the site was recently rezoned from “Environmental Conservation” to “Light and Service Industry”, with the amendment gazetted on 12/04/2024. The Shire of Northam appears to have indicated support for the proposal through the relevant planning processes.

Public documents appear to indicate that the logistics hub could potentially facilitate logistics strategies such as load consolidation and multimodal transfers via the Avon Rail Yard, which could improve efficiency of heavy vehicle movements on Great Eastern Highway.

In reply to queries, the Shire of Northam advised that:

The developer, Procon Developments, have a website at <https://www.procondevelopmentsaustralia.com/>, which will provide you an overview of their proposal.

Regarding the traffic concerns / implications, [the] Shire and Main Roads have considered the traffic implications and management as part of the subdivision proposals, which have concluded that the traffic can be managed with upgrades to Yilgarn Ave and the entry and exit points of the site that will cater for RAV7 vehicles.

[The Scheme amendment] relates to 2 portions of the site and the remainder of the site was already zoned Light & Service Industry. This amendment did not really reassess the traffic as it was considered as part of an earlier subdivision application.

Additionally, the developer has also been in discussions with Main Roads to manage any impacts relating to the use and upgrading of their existing road train assembly area to ensure that the area can continue to be used during the construction phase.

WALGA is awaiting further advice from the Shire in relation to any forecast traffic implications for Great Eastern Highway.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Cunderdin**
Seconder **Shire of Wyalkatchem**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Notes this report.**
- 2. Invites the proponent to provide an address at the June Zone meeting.**
- 3. Considers any potential advocacy position in relation to the development.**

CARRIED

10.4. GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE CONFERENCE 2025

The Forum was held on Friday, 28 March at the Bruce Rock Town Hall, and was attended by around 90 delegates. The Forum ran to plan and initial feedback has been positive. After the Forum, a brief media statement was circulated to Wheatbelt media and published on WALGA's website.

The Zone Executive Committee discussed potential learnings and improvements for future conferences as follows:

General comment:

- The Committee thanked the Shire of Bruce Rock for hosting the Forum, thanked all speakers for their contributions, and expressed appreciation to everyone involved in organising the event.
- Local businesses in the Shire of Bruce Rock were thankful for the business due to the Forum.
- Mr. Lachlan Hunter was pleased to be available for the afternoon session.

Things that worked well:

- The MC, Di Darmody, did an excellent job.
- The centrally located venue was ideal for the event and the venue was well suited to the Forum.
- A good amount of time was provided for networking.

Potential improvements for future events:

- Increase the number of Councillors from the Zone by promoting the event earlier, using more impactful advertising, and featuring a high-profile or must-see keynote speaker or presentation.
- Make sessions more interactive by allocating time for questions and answers, ensuring delegates gain the most benefit from the sessions and can leverage the expertise of the speakers.
- Develop a strategy to address the mid-afternoon slump.
- Clearly define the key question each session aims to answer and continually refer back to it to stay on track.

A short attendee feedback survey has been developed and sent to registered delegates, which is available here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3HKNVJ>. All attendees are encouraged to complete the survey by 5:00pm on Friday, 11 April.

A report of the outcomes of the Survey will be presented to the June Zone meeting.

During the Acknowledgement of Country, Shayna Campbell gifted the Zone Chair a message stick as a gesture to welcome the Forum to Bruce Rock. It is proposed that this message stick is bequeathed by the Zone to the Shire of Bruce Rock in recognition of the Shire's generous hospitality at the Forum.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Bruce Rock**
Second **Shire of Mukinbudin**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Invites verbal reports from President Cr Gary Shadbolt (Conference Committee Chair) and President Cr Ram Rajagopalan (Host Local Government President) on their reflections on the Forum.**
- 2. Considers the reports and receives any further verbal feedback Zone members wish to provide at the Zone meeting.**
- 3. Bequeaths the message stick received from Shayna Cambell to the Shire of Bruce Rock in recognition of the Shire's hospitality at the Forum.**
- 4. Note that a formal report will be presented to the Executive Committee and Zone during the June meetings.**

CARRIED

Cr Shadbolt Comments

Special thanks to Executive: James (prior to leaving WALGA), Tony, Sam, and Meghan.

The Program was excellent.

Discussed the process for planning the Forum.

A future suggestion would be to have more time for Q&A in all sessions.

Cr Rajagopalan Comments

Thanks to the Zone for allowing Bruce Rock to host.

Additionally, thanks to Executive team.

Central location within the Zone was a good place to have the Forum for attendance.

Executive arriving to the region early was well regarded.

Suggestion of an Officer CEO speaker/s maybe a panel for perspective in the role of CEO.

10.5. ZONE PRIORITIES FOR MINISTERIAL BRIEFINGS

By Dana Mason, External Affairs Manager, WALGA

BACKGROUND

Following the March election, the Cook Government has unveiled its new Cabinet, emphasizing regional representation by appointing a dedicated Minister for each region.

The new Cabinet structure shows that the Government intends to have a greater focus on regional WA during this term.

WALGA has written to all Ministers responsible for specific regions, inviting them to participate in upcoming meetings of their respective WALGA Zones.

WALGA will also provide each Minister with a written briefing on the key issues facing their region.

To ensure these briefings are comprehensive, WALGA is seeking input from the Zones to identify the top three to five priorities they would like highlighted.

The Great Eastern Country Zone identified its priority issues at the February 2024 Zone meeting (see page 2) and may like to use these as a basis for identifying their top priorities.

The Zones provide an important opportunity for the Government to have a direct line of communication and engagement with regional WA and ensure that local issues are considered in the broader policy agenda.

WALGA will report on engagements with Ministers responsible for specific regions through the President's report at future Zone meetings.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Yilgarn**
Secunder **Shire of Wyalkatchem**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone provide the below top three items to WALGA as the Zone's priorities:

- a. Housing**
- b. GP Services including Locums**
- c. Roads**

CARRIED

10.6. AUTHORISATION OF PUBLIC OFFICER FOR THE ZONES AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE (ATO)

By Richard May, Finance Manager

Managing the Zones for taxation, registration, and annual reporting requirements occurs through the ATO online services. To ensure adequate cover of authorised officers, the Zone is requested to approve the access to the following WALGA Finance team member:

Public Officer
Richard Andrew Murray Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION

Mover Shire of Bruce Rock
Seconder Shire of Cunderdin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone authorise Richard Andrew Murray as Public Officer for the Great Eastern Country Zone.

CARRIED

10.7. UPDATE ON SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

Further to comments about potential School Bus Route changes at the February Executive meeting, the Executive Officer lodged an inquiry with the Public Transport Authority (PTA). It is understood that the PTA review School Bus Routes at the commencement of every school year to make route adjustments in line with enrolments.

In line with the findings of the 2022 Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into the Student Transport Assistance Policy Framework, the PTA has been working to re-institute School Bus Advisory Committees. Further information on those is available here: <https://schoolbuses.wa.gov.au/News/TabId/598/ArtMID/1748/ArticleID/84/School-Bus-Advisory-Committee.aspx>.

After the April Executive Committee meeting, the PTA provided an email response as follows:

"There are no significant changes as such with regard to the way routes are altered i.e. eligibility drives where buses are directed for farm gate pick ups.

"The best way for Shires to get an understanding of school bus routes for 2025 throughout regional Western Australia is to access the spatial data set from SBS' GIS mapping database (MAPNET). Any Shire can access this data by utilising SLIP, which is hosted by Landgate. PTA regularly updates spatial data to SLIP so the bus routes are reasonably up to date. As the start of the new school year results in the most changes of bus routes, it may take a couple of months for all routes to be published via SLIP. Specific detail can also be raised with our Contract Officers. Contact details are on our website linked to regional towns at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au."

WALGA has mapped the latest available School Bus Route data for the Great Eastern Country Zone (Attachment 5). It should be noted that this data and map may not yet reflect route changes for the 2025 school year.

If required, WALGA could re-map this dataset following the next update being published by the PTA.

Noted

10.8. UPDATE ON BAND 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MEETING

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

BACKGROUND

Following the Band 4 roundtable meeting hosted by the Minister for Local Government, Hon Hannah Beasley, on 3 September 2024, WALGA was pleased to host a further meeting of Band 4 Local Governments to continue the discussion.

The meeting was held on 11 October 2024 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. All 60 Band 4 Local Governments in the State were invited to attend. Overall, 72 representatives from 48 Local Governments attended the meeting.

The aim of the meeting was to identify and agree on the top issues facing Band 4 WA Local Governments, to enable the group to consider and develop potential solutions to these issues, before presenting to the Minister.

Caroline Robinson, Director of 150 Square facilitated the discussion.

As the main outcome of the meeting, the group identified the top four strategic and operational issues facing Band 4 Local Governments (from most pressing to least pressing):

1. Housing;
2. Audit;
3. Provision of medical services; and
4. Financial Assistance Grants (timing).

WALGA has since undertaken considerable work on the above issues.

An update report on the work done to date was recently circulated to all Band 4 CEOs and Presidents and is provided as an attachment (Attachment 6)

Noted

10.9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS) REGULATIONS 2025

By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building and Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

BACKGROUND

The State Government's 2021 updates to the *Action Plan for Planning Reform* included measures to improve consistency and transparency for DAP applications, including clarifying the respective role of Elected Members and officers to remove Elected Members from what were deemed to be administrative DAP functions.

These changes were not included in amendments to the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, but were included as part of the 2024 reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* through the insertion of a new section (s. 9.69 B) to allow for the creation of regulations that specify DAP functions that must be performed on behalf of the Local Government by the CEO or authorised officer.

On Tuesday 1 April, new *Local Government (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2025* (the Regulations) were gazetted. The Regulations come into full effect from 1 May, and will apply to all Development Assessment Panel (DAP) applications lodged from that date. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) sent an LG Alert to the sector on 2 April advising of the new regulations.

The Regulations:

- require Responsible Authority Reports (RARs) to be prepared and submitted by the CEO of a Local Government, or an employee authorised by the CEO
 - CEOs of Class 1 and 2 Local Governments must authorise at least one employee
 - Local Governments will still be able to engage external consultants to assist in preparing RARs
- prohibit the Council from directing the CEO, an authorised employee or a consultant in preparing the RAR or directing the CEO to engage a particular consultant
- require the CEO and authorised employees to disclose conflicts of interests in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, and not undertake any DAP functions in which they have a conflict of interest.

The Regulations are available on the [WA Legislation website](#).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

WALGA [Advocacy Positions](#) 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform and 6.4 Development Assessment Panels.

COMMENT

Local Governments have one month to consider and implement the appropriate authorisations, and any resulting changes to systems and processes. WALGA will produce template authorisations and will host an officer information session with the relevant departments to assist Local Governments.

While Councils will be prevented from directing staff in the preparation of RARs, the administration can continue to brief Council on the content and progress of any DAP applications. There are no changes to the composition of DAPs.

WALGA will continue to oppose changes that erode Local Government autonomy and influence in the WA planning system and will continue to advocate for reforms that recognise the benefits of local decision making in planning.

WALGA is commencing a review of its Development Assessment Panel advocacy position and will consult with the sector and zones as part of that process.

Questions regarding the Regulations can be directed to the local government reform team at actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au or the DAP secretariat at daps@dplh.wa.gov.au.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Cunderdin**
Secunder **Shire of Yilgarn**

That the GECZ requests the Executive considers the DAP changes and seek advice from WALGA planning staff, to report back to the June meeting.

CARRIED

11. ZONE REPORTS

11.1. CHAIR REPORT

President Cr Tony Sachse

Welcome to our April 2025 meeting.

The Zone Executive met on Tuesday 1st of April. The minutes of the meeting were attached with the Agenda.

The GECZ Forum was held in Bruce Rock on Friday 28th of March. Many thanks to the guest speakers, Shire of Bruce Rock for hosting, MC Di Darmody, WALGA and to the GECZ Forum Subcommittee for organising the forum. It was very successful and well attended. There is an Agenda item including a debrief today. Congratulations to everyone involved.

We welcome and congratulate Ministers Dawson (Regional Development), Winton (Wheatbelt), and Beazley (Local Government) with their appointments in the State Government. We look forward to working with you and hope that you can attend future meetings of our Zone.

Thank you to all the Agency representatives for sending in their respective reports and for your attendance today. There will be sufficient time to give an overview and take questions during the meeting.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem provided a 10-minute presentation.

Some other Agenda items include Provision of Remote GP Services, Zone actions, the Northam Freight Hub and Great Eastern Highway implications, potential initiatives to invest cash reserves, and WALGA business including State Council recommendations. It has been suggested that sufficient time be allowed to go through the WALGA State Council Agenda Items with appropriate input from WALGA Zones.

Thanks to the Shire of Merredin for hosting us today.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Westonia**
Seconder **Shire of Mukinbudin**

That the Zone Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

11.2. WHEATBELT DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DEMC)

President Cr Tony Sachse

The last meeting of the Wheatbelt DEMC was on 12 March. At the time of writing the minutes are not yet available.

Agenda items included:

- Overdue LEMA
- Advising of Agency exercises
- DEMC Webinars and Exercises
- Heatwave Reflection led by WA Country Health Services
- High Risk Weather Period Reflections – OASG Activations
- Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Implementation Plan Project: For Noting
- SEMC Policy Response Subcommittee – EM Districts
- Other information including exercising, OASG debriefs/outcomes, LEMC dates, LEMA status
- Agency Reports

Please note that there have been some very informative webinars run by the DEMC over recent months.

The Wheatbelt Operational Area Support Group (OASG)/ISG is now meeting on an as needed basis.

RESOLUTION

Mover Shire of Koorda
Second Shire of Nungarin

That the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

11.3. WALGA ROADWISE

Tracey Peacock, Regional Road Safety Advisor is an apology for the meeting.

Nil.

12. WALGA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

12.1. WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly presented the President's report.

The WALGA President's Report was attached with the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Mover Shire of Bruce Rock
Second Shire of Merredin

That the WALGA President's Report be received.

CARRIED

12.2. STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cr Stephen Strange

State Councillor, Cr Stephen Strange provided an update from the previous State Council meeting and State Councillor report to the Zone.

RESOLUTION

Mover Shire of Mukinbudin
Second Shire of Tammin

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

12.3. STATUS REPORT

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
13 February 2025 Zone Agenda Item 14.1 WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program	That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests WALGA organise a roundtable with WALGA, Telstra, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to discuss the drafting of Community Support Agents Agreement for the implementation of the WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program.	The Infrastructure Policy Team supported this proposal. WALGA met with senior representatives from InfraCo (a subsidiary that holds Telstra's exchanges, poles, ducts, pits and pipes, and fibre network) and Telstra. Discussions with DPIRD have commenced.	April 2025	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
5 March 2025 State Council Agenda Item 8.1 Climate Change Advocacy Position	The Zone supported the recommendation. However, the Zone also requests that WALGA remains open minded to further conversations on climate change.	State Council ALTERNATE MOTION That State Council refer this advocacy item back to the Environment Policy Team for further development. RESOLUTION 003.1/2025 CARRIED	April 2025	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039
11 April 2024 Zone Agenda Item 9.1.2 Agricultural Land Use	That the Great Eastern Country Zone recommend that WALGA 1. In considering Agricultural Land Use, establishes and promotes policy templates to guide Local Governments for their individual adoption to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land. 2. Within the Policy includes such uses but not limited to tree planting for offsets or carbon,	State Council endorsed the Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position at its meeting of 4 September, 2024. This position calls for the State Government to develop a renewable energy facility state planning policy that would provide greater guidance to applicants and decision makers. WALGA is continuing its energy transition advocacy and has written to the Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson BA MLA seeking further discussion on this issue.	April 2025	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039

	<p>renewable energy generation and transmission.</p> <p>3. Investigates potential impacts to local government rates on rural land, that has approved long term tree planting for different purposes, for example but not limited to planting for carbon offsets, planting for clearing offsets, or planting for renewable fuels; and renewable energy investments.</p> <p>4. Provides advice to local government on what Policies or Special Area Rates should be considered for the land affected.</p>	<p>In respect to the rating issues, it is noted that the land remains rateable land. In WA, rural property is generally based on Unimproved Value (UV) unlike NSW and Victoria which use Capital Improved Value as the basis. Also in Victoria there is Payment in Lieu of Rates (PILOR) system. Established under section 94(6A) of the Electricity Industry Act 2000 (EI Act), the Payment in Lieu of Rates (PiLoR) framework allows for councils and electricity generators to negotiate annual payments. The methodology combines a fixed charge with a variable charge based on the capacity of the power station in megawatts.</p> <p>WALGA is currently scoping a piece of work to research the rating system and other charging regimes. This work is ongoing.</p>	<p>April 2025</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au</p>
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Noted

Shire of Koorda left the meeting at 12.49pm and did not return.

13. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which was provided as an attachment to the Agenda and can be found via the link [here](#).

The Zone can provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation on any of the items, including the items for noting. The Zone comment will then be presented to the State Council for consideration at their meeting.

The State Council Agenda items requiring a decision of State Council are extracted for Zone consideration below.

13.1. REGULATIONS FOR CEO KPIS AND ONLINE REGISTERS – WALGA SUBMISSION (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.1)

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services and Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Consultation is open on the draft Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations 2024 (the Draft Regulations), which give effect to reforms relating to the publication of online registers, publication of CEO performance criteria and performance reviews, and other CEO matters.
- The Local Government legislation reform platform from the State Government indicated that one of the reform outcomes was "Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity".
- The overwhelming sector feedback is that these reforms will not achieve this aim and will instead increase red tape without any clear public benefit.
- Sector feedback has been collated and identifies overarching concerns listed in this report.
- The attached submission, informed by this feedback, is recommended for endorsement.

ATTACHMENT

- [Regulations for CEO KPIs and public registers Draft WALGA submission](#)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

WALGA's existing advocacy positions are based on the high-level reform proposals provided for public consultation in 2022.

The current [Advocacy Positions](#) are:

2.2.4 CEO Recruitment Panel

The Local Government sector supports the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries establishing a panel of approved panel members to perform the role of the independent person on CEO recruitment panels.

2.5.27 Online Registers

The Local Government sector supports requiring Local Governments to report specific information in online registers on the Local Government's website, including registers for leases, community grants, interests disclosures, applicant contributions and contracts (excluding contracts of employment).

2.5.28 Publishing CEO Key Performance Indicators

- 1. The Local Government sector conditionally supports the reporting of CEO Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that are consistent with the strategic direction and operational function of the Local Government, subject to exemptions for publishing KPIs of a confidential nature.*
- 2. The Local Government sector does not support results of CEO performance reviews being published.*

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* (2023 Amendment Act) contained the Tranche 1 reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act). This included the following changes which are yet to commence:

- Requirements for Local Government CEO's performance criteria and performance reviews to be published.
- Establishment of a panel of independent persons for CEO performance reviews.
- A requirement for Local Governments to publish and maintain registers on their website.

The draft Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations 2024 (the Draft Regulations), which will give effect to these reforms, have been released for public consultation. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) have requested comment by 8 May. Information is available on the [DLGSC website](#), including a copy of the [Draft Regulations](#) and a [DLGSC Consultation Paper](#).

WALGA circulated a discussion paper and request for comment to all Local Governments on 30 January.

COMMENT

Responses received from Local Governments indicate serious concerns with the detail of the Draft Regulations. Overarching concerns include:

- The creation of red tape and excessive administrative burden, in conflict with a stated aim of the reform, and without clear public benefit.
- Continued proliferation of compliance requirements for Local Governments, including overlapping but inconsistent reporting obligations.
- Unreasonable implementation timeframes given existing Local Government workload, cumulative burden of ongoing program of reform and upcoming elections.
- Confusion and lack of clarity (plain English drafting) in the Draft Regulations.

Specific concerns are discussed in relation to each proposal.

CEO matters: Publishing performance criteria and reports on performance review

Of the submissions that provided comment on this aspect of the Draft Regulations, over half expressed strong opposition to publication of CEO KPIs and performance reviews. Opposition was based on factors including the inconsistency with public sector practice, risks to CEOs, mechanisms for reporting on organisational rather than individual performance and the erosion of Local Government autonomy. A small number of Local

Governments broadly supported the regulations or their intent. In addressing the content of Draft Regulations 18AA and 18FAA, submissions raised concerns with the proposed reporting of target achievement and the mechanisms for exclusion of performance criteria from publication.

CEO matters: Independent persons panel (CEO recruitment)

Key concerns included a lack of clarity about the selection criteria and processes to be followed by the Departmental CEO in establishing the panel, the capacity for Councils to appoint independent members from within their own districts, and the management of conflicts of interest.

CEO matters: Certification, recruitment and termination

There were divided views on the requirement for separate certification, but support for the retention of a requirement to conduct a selection process before contract expiry, the option to include additional information in a performance criterion and the proposed modification of the CEO Standards in relation to termination during probation.

Registers: General considerations

Local Governments articulated a range of concerns that are applicable to all registers, including the administrative burden, unreasonable commencement and retrospectivity, lack of clarity and difficulty in applying the requirements, and the implications of the *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* (the PRIS Act).

Lease register

Submissions raised considerable concerns with this proposed register. Issues include the breadth of the lease definition, safety and confidentiality for residents and community groups, commercial in confidence information and the ability of Local Governments to generate best value from assets, whether through commercial returns or community benefits.

Grants and sponsorships register

Some Local Governments provided general support for the register, subject to the exclusion of retrospectivity. However, the majority of submissions identified concerns regarding the value threshold, privacy and confidentiality, and a lack of clarity in the calculation of value.

Development contributions register

The majority of submissions expressed concerns regarding the administrative burden with limited improvements in transparency and oversight of Developer Contribution Plans (DCPs) than is currently provided for under the state planning framework. This burden is exacerbated by the retrospectivity and short implementation timeframe. Those Local Governments with a high number of DCPs advise that this is likely to lead to delays and increased costs in the administration of DCPs. Privacy considerations and practical issues with the calculation of interest for individual contributions, and the list of items and percentage of expenditure were also identified.

Contracts for goods and services register

All submissions that commented on the contract register highlighted concerns including the administrative burden associated with the unreasonably low threshold value and duplication of existing reporting requirements. Members raised heightened fraud risks, and issues relating to commercial in confidence information. There is also a lack of clarity regarding the definition of contract and contract value.

This sector feedback and detailed analysis of the Draft Regulations has informed the preparation of the attached draft WALGA submission.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA endorse the recommendations contained in the attached *'Regulations for CEO KPIs and public registers submission'*.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Cunderdin**
Secunder **Shire of Kellerberrin**

That the Zone strongly support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.1 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.2. DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT ADVOCACY POSITION (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.2)

By Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement and Marnie Herrington, Governance Specialist

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Motions from Zones regarding the PetsWA Centralised Registration Database provide an opportunity to review the existing *Puppy Farming* advocacy position and replace it with a new *Dog and Cat Management* advocacy position.
- The purpose of the new position is to reflect the progression of the *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021* and the emerging concerns of the Local Government sector regarding the PetsWA centralised registration system.
- The Governance Policy Team endorsed the new advocacy position at its meeting on 24 March.

ATTACHMENT

- [Comparison table between current Advocacy Position 2.12 Puppy Farming, and proposed advocacy position Dog and Cat Management.](#)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This item is to replace existing Advocacy Position 2.12 *Puppy Farming* with a new *Dog and Cat Management* position.

The current Advocacy Position is as follows:

2.12 Puppy Farming

1. *The WA Local Government sector:*
 - a) *Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments to ensure that Local Government is able to fully recover costs and not be disadvantaged in ensuring compliance of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming.*
 - b) *Acknowledges the benefit of de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes, and request further information on the complexities associated with de-sexing of dogs prior to considering supporting the proposal.*
 - c) *Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government.*
 - d) *Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements.*
 - e) *Does not support the transition of pet shops to adoption centres.*
 - f) *Requests there be a Local Government-specific consultation process in relation to the proposed amendments to the Animal Welfare Act to introduce Standards and Guidelines for the Health and Welfare of Animals including dogs.*
 - g) *Supports a State Government-led education initiative whereby the community is encouraged to purchase puppies from professional registered breeders.*
 - h) *Requests the State Government discontinue the use of the term 'Farming' due to the negative connotation that may be associated with other regulated industries, and consider re-naming the initiative 'Stop Puppy Mills'.*

2. *The Local Government sector advocates that:*
 - a) *any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government; and*
 - b) *the Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and at minimum, be adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index.*

The recommended new Advocacy Position is as follows:

Dog and Cat Management

In regard to the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021 and the PetsWA Centralised Database, the WA Local Government sector advocates:

- a) *that fees reflect completed cost modelling to ensure that Local Governments achieve full cost recovery in ensuring compliance with the Dog Act 1976 or Cat Act 2011.*
- b) *that Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and, at minimum, adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index.*
- c) *that the PetsWA centralised registration database is developed, operated and maintained by State Government, with no loss to Local Government registration fee revenue.*
- d) *that the function of PetsWA be restricted to the registration of dogs and cats, exclude ancillary functions such as animal related complaints and infringement notices, and integrate with existing Local Government corporate systems.*
- e) *for the continued legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements.*
- f) *for a State Government-led education initiative whereby the community is encouraged to purchase puppies from approved breeders.*

A table comparing the current and proposed advocacy position can be seen in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

Stop Puppy Farming Legislation

- At its September 2018 meeting, State Council adopted a detailed position in relation to the Stop Puppy Farming Initiative (*Resolution 103.6/2018*).
- At its March 2020 meeting, State Council resolved that “WALGA write to the Minister and request that he withdraw the Stop Puppy Farming Bill and more appropriately consult with the sector, traditional custodians and the wider community, or failing that, that he remove any reference to Local Government in the bill as the sector does not endorse it in its current form”(*Resolution 13.1/2020*).
- At its September 2021, State Council adopted additional points to the advocacy position, supporting WALGA continuing to advocate that:
 - a. any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government; and
 - b. the Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and at minimum, be adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index.
 (*Resolution 275.5/2021*)
- In December 2021, the *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021*(the Act) was passed by Parliament. The Act amended both the *Dog Act 1976* and the *Cat Act 2011* in several ways.

- The implementation of the legislation is occurring in phases, with existing pet shops needing to transition to adoption centres by obtaining a 'pet shop approval' through their Local Governments by 26 May.
- It is anticipated that dog breeding approval provisions and mandatory sterilisation of dogs (unless an exemption is in place) will take effect later in 2025. In August 2024, the State Government awarded a contract to Seisma Group to establish PetsWA (the new centralised registration system for dogs and cats), which is anticipated to be operational later in 2025.

Fees and cost recovery

In a letter to WALGA dated 1 November 2021, Minister John Carey confirmed that “the State Government has committed to covering the costs associated with the establishment of the Centralised Registration System, to centrally record the registration of all domestic cats and dogs within Western Australia”. However, the State Government position relating to ongoing costs associated with the system and the particulars about revenue generated from registrations has not been made clear.

In early 2024, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) released a Consultation Paper prepared by consultants Marsden Jacob Associates on the new and existing fees and charges under the *Dog Act 1976* and *Cat Act 2011*. WALGA provided a submission in line with State Councils advocacy position as follows.

That WALGA:

1. *Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments to ensure that Local Government is able to fully recover costs and not be disadvantaged in ensuring compliance of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming;*
2. *Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;*
3. *Any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government; and*
4. *The Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed biennially and at minimum, be adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index.*

Zone resolutions

Central Country Zone

At the Central Country Zone Meeting of 15 November 2024, the Zone considered an item which raised concerns that the administrative costs of the PetsWA central registration system would be withheld by the State Government from registration fees collected by Local Governments. As already noted, registration fees are already insufficient to cover the costs of Local Government cat and dog management responsibilities.

The Zone resolved:

That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to:

- a) *advocate to the Government of Western Australia that 100% of the revenue derived from pet registrations (both dogs and cats) continue to be returned directly to Local Governments to effectively administer the Dog Act 1976 and Cat Act 2011.*
- b) *recommend that the new centralized PetsWA Pet Registry Scheme, administered by the State Government, should not retain any commission or portion of the registration fees for its operations, as the current fee structure does not adequately cover the costs associated with pet management at the Local Government level.*

North Metropolitan Zone

At the North Metropolitan Zone Meeting of 20 November 2024, the Zone considered an item which raised concerns that the community would be able to lodge complaints through the PetsWA centralised registration system and that infringements would be issued through the system. As no integration with Local Government systems has been advised, this would create a duplicate workload for officers.

The Zone resolved:

That WALGA advocate to the State Government for the PetsWA Centralised Registration Database scope to be restricted to a centralised registration system (excluding complaints and infringements) that integrates with Local Government's existing corporate systems.

COMMENT

As the Act has progressed, the existing advocacy position should be reviewed to reflect the current state.

A comparison between the current and proposed advocacy position is provided in Attachment A, with key themes addressed below.

Cost Recovery

Under the *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021*, Local Governments will have increased responsibilities, including approvals to breed and pet shop approvals, as well as associated investigation and enforcement functions. WALGA has continued to advocate to the State Government for fees and charges to be set at a level that achieves full cost recovery and that any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government. The proposed advocacy position retains these key positions.

The fees from registrations and animal related infringements do not currently cover all costs associated with Local Government responsibilities. There is a risk that the State Government could administer the PetsWA system in a way which reduces Local Government income from registrations.

WALGA's existing advocacy position supports PetsWA to be managed by the State (Advocacy Position 2.12.b). The proposed *Dog and Cat Management Advocacy Position* expands on the existing position to make it absolutely clear that there should be no loss of registration fee revenue to the Local Governments in administering the database.

Scope of PetsWA

The Act provides for a centralised registration system, known as PetsWA, to be managed by the State Government. DLGSC has been tasked with the implementation of the system. The contract to develop PetsWA was awarded on 2 August 2024 and is expected to launch in the second half of 2025. PetsWA is intended to replace the dog and cat registers managed by individual Local Governments with a single online system, used state-wide. PetsWA will allow dog and cat owners to register their pets and make payments online.

In addition to uncertainty about revenue from fees and charges under PetsWA, there is ambiguity about the scope of information recorded within PetsWA. DLGSC has noted that PetsWA could be used to manage public complaints, request ranger visits, manage dangerous dog notices, and issue infringements. This could increase administrative burden

on Local Government staff by duplicating data entry with existing record management systems, as there is no clarity on the extent of the integration with Local Government's existing systems.

To avoid this, PetsWA should be integrated with Local Government's existing systems and the scope should be restricted to its original function as a centralised registration system.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA replace Advocacy Position 2.12 *Puppy Farming* with a revised *Dog and Cat Management* advocacy position, as follows:

In regard to the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021 and the PetsWA Centralised Database, the WA Local Government sector advocates:

- a) that fees reflect completed cost modelling to ensure that Local Governments achieve full cost recovery in ensuring compliance with the Dog Act 1976 or Cat Act 2011.*
- b) that Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and, at minimum, adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index.*
- c) that the PetsWA centralised registration database is developed, operated and maintained by State Government, with no loss to Local Government registration fee revenue.*
- d) that the function of PetsWA be restricted to the registration of dogs and cats, exclude ancillary functions such as animal related complaints and infringement notices, and integrate with existing Local Government corporate systems.*
- e) for the continued legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements.*
- f) for a State Government-led education initiative whereby the community is encouraged to purchase puppies from approved breeders.*

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Cunderdin**
Seconder **Shire of Bruce Rock**

That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.2 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.3. NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING REGULATIONS ADVOCACY POSITION (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.3)

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy and Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The effectiveness, cost and complexity of the regulatory system for native vegetation clearing has been a longstanding concern for Local Governments, particularly in relation to its impacts on the delivery of road and other infrastructure projects.
- WALGA has made numerous representations and submissions to the State Government on this issue.
- WALGA's current [advocacy positions](#) relating to the regulation of clearing of native vegetation were endorsed by State Council in 2004 (5.2.1) and 2006 (5.2.2).
- Numerous reviews and significant legislative and policy changes aimed at streamlining regulatory requirements have occurred since that time which has resulted in some improvement, however, problems persist.
- The updated Advocacy Position, seeks to respond to feedback and issues raised by the sector, calls the State Government to:
 - implement **legislative, policy and process changes**, including the imposition of statutory timeframes for assessments and appeals; increasing the duration of clearing permits; providing a permanent exemption to enable clearing in previously legally cleared transport corridors; and strengthening environmental data sharing requirements.
 - allocate **adequate resources** to implement an expedited process for road safety and state and federally funded or co-funded projects; a dedicated Local Government unit to process applications and support the sector; timely compliance and enforcement action; and implement a state-funded collection and provision of data.
 - undertake **bioregional planning** and implement **strategic solutions for environmental offsets** for Local Government.
 - **reduce duplication** between the State and Australian government regulatory systems.
- At their joint meeting on 24 March, the Environment and Infrastructure Policy Teams recommended that State Council endorse the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations advocacy position.

ATTACHMENT

- [WALGA Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Issues Paper](#)
- [Road Safety Briefing Note](#)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This item is to replace existing Advocacy Positions 5.2.1 Environmental Protection Act and 5.2.2 Land Clearing in Road Reserves with a new *Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations* position.

The current [Advocacy Positions](#) are as follows:

5.2.1 Environmental Protection Act

Impact on Road Reserves Position Statement. The Local Government sector supports continued advocacy to minimise the impact on road reserves and in regards to

Regulations, processing times, access to vegetation data and a Code of Practice on maintenance activities.

5.2.2 Land Clearing in Road Reserves

The Local Government sector supports Schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 as a permanent exemption for the maintenance of existing transport corridors and supports the continued advocacy for improvements to processing and timelines of the current clearing legislation.

The proposed Advocacy Position is as follows:

Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations

WALGA calls on the Western Australian Government, in consultation with Local Government, to undertake legislative and policy reform to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the regulatory system for clearing native vegetation in Western Australia, including:

- 1. Amending the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and associated regulations to remove unnecessary process, complexity and improve timeframes, including:*
 - a. introducing statutory timeframes for the determination of referrals, permit applications and appeals*
 - b. increasing the default duration of Area and Purpose Permits to 10 years*
 - c. provide a permanent exemption for clearing of previously legally cleared transport corridors*
 - d. strengthening environmental data sharing requirements to ensure proponents cannot opt-out of sharing data collected for environmental assessment and monitoring purposes.*
- 2. Ensuring the regulatory system is adequately resourced to:*
 - a. implement an expedited process for clearing permits for projects that prevent death and serious injury (road safety), and state and federally funded or co-funded projects*
 - b. establish a dedicated Local Government unit within the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to:*
 - i. case manage Local Government referrals and clearing permit applications*
 - ii. provide guidance and training for Local Governments, particularly in relation to roadside vegetation management*
 - iii. support partnerships with Local Governments in strategic environmental offsets*
 - c. enable timely investigation and enforcement action for illegal clearing*
 - d. increase investment in the collection and provision of statewide biodiversity data, including:*
 - i. funding and coordinating a state-wide biodiversity survey program to standardise habitat and vegetation mapping*
 - ii. making biodiversity data more discoverable, accessible and useable.*
- 3. Undertaking bioregional planning for native vegetation management, with a focus on highly cleared areas and implementing strategic solutions for environmental offsets that can be utilised by Local Government.*
- 4. Working with the Australian Government to reduce duplication between the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*

BACKGROUND

Western Australia is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth and has significant regional endemism, meaning it has plants and animals that only live in a particular location (Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute). Eight of Australia's 15 declared biodiversity hotspots are in WA and the South West Ecoregion, (running from Shark Bay in the northwest to Esperance in south east with a narrow strip along the southeastern coast to the border between WA and SA) is one of only 34 internationally recognised Global Biodiversity Hotspots (and the only in Australia). A Global Biodiversity Hotspot is defined as a geographical region that has at least 1,500 vascular plant species and has lost at least 70 per cent of its original supporting habitat.

In Western Australia the clearing of native vegetation is primarily regulated under Part V Division 2 of the [Environmental Protection Act 1986](#) (EP Act) and [Environmental Protection \(Clearing of Native Vegetation\) Regulations 2004](#) (Regulations). Under section 51C of the EP Act clearing of native vegetation is an offence unless a permit has been granted, or an exemption applies.

The Regulations provide exemptions for routine land management practices, including for clearing done for maintenance in existing, previously legally cleared transport (road and rail) corridors, provided that the previous clearing occurred within the preceding 10 years (Regulation 5, Item 22). Schedule 2, cl. 2 of the Regulations specify the extent of maintenance clearing for an area or purpose:

Area or purpose	Extent of clearing
Crossover area	Clearing to the extent previously cleared for the area.
Lateral clearance area	Complete clearing to the width and height previously cleared for that stretch of road or railway.
Maintenance and protection of transport corridor infrastructure	Clearing to the extent necessary to – a) Maintain the efficacy and safety of the infrastructure; b) Protect the infrastructure (for example from fire); and c) Provide access to the infrastructure to maintain it.
An area that is a public roadside facility	Clearing to the extent necessary to maintain (but not extend) the intended use of the area.
Sight line area	Clearing to the extent previously cleared for that area.

Schedule 2, cl. 1 of the Regulations provides the following definitions:

- *crossover area* means the area occupied by a crossover from a road to a property adjacent to the road and any associated sight line areas;
- *lateral clearance area*, in relation to a stretch of road or railway, means the area (if any) parallel to and immediately adjacent to the stretch of road or railway that is ordinarily cleared;
- *public roadside facility* includes a camping area, rest area, information bay, road train assembly area or parking area or a footpath or cycle track in the road reserve;

- *transport corridor infrastructure*, in relation to a stretch of road or railway, includes barriers, signs, guideposts, drains, levies, embankments, gutters, bridges, overpasses and other similar structures or works.

While this exemption does not apply in an environmentally sensitive area, an area that would otherwise be an environmentally sensitive area is not an environmentally sensitive area to the extent it is in a maintenance area of transport corridor.

The Australian Government regulates clearing that is likely to impact a matter of National Environment Significance through the application of Parts 7 - 9 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) and *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000*.

The effectiveness, cost, complexity and timeframes associated with the regulatory system for native vegetation clearing have been a longstanding concern for Local Governments, particularly in relation to impacts on the delivery of road projects, which make up approximately 60 per cent of Local Government clearing permit applications and 30 per cent of referrals (Dec 2021 – Oct 2024). WALGA has made numerous representations and submissions to the State Government on this issue.

WALGA has three [advocacy positions](#) related to native vegetation clearing regulation dating (2004, 2006, 2018). Numerous reviews and significant legislative and policy changes have occurred since that time, aimed at streamlining regulatory requirements, including the Western Australian Offset Policy (2011) and Guideline (2014), the Review of the Western Australian Offsets Framework (2019), the implementation of cost recovery for clearing permit applications (2019), the release of the [Native Vegetation Policy for Western Australia](#) in 2022, the [Independent \(Vogel-McFerran\) Review of WA Environmental Approvals Processes and Procedures](#) (2023) and amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* in 2020 and 2024.

As a result of these changes, the exemption for clearing in previously cleared transport corridors increased from 5 to 10 years, a referral process was introduced for low impact clearing and minor scheme amendments no longer require referral to the Environmental Protection Authority.

While these changes have resulted in some improvements, problems persist. This was recognised by the Vogel-McFerran Review, which found that “approvals processes have become overly complex, time-consuming, and costly – holding back economic development without any benefit to the environment”.

In 2024, to inform the development of an updated advocacy position on native vegetation clearing regulation, WALGA undertook research and analysis of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and the Office of the Appeals Convenor data, previous submissions and Zone resolutions/feedback and held a sector webinar to inform the development of an [Issues Paper](#). The Paper was considered by the Environment Policy Team and included in the November 2024 Zone meeting Agendas for feedback.

The main themes from the consultations, Zones and issues paper feedback were:

- key challenges faced by the sector related to the complexity of the regulatory system, costs associated with the process and the time taken for assessment and appeals; and

- these challenges can delay critical road and infrastructure projects and impact Local Government's ability to attract and retain grant funding.

COMMENT

A consolidated, updated advocacy position will enable WALGA to comprehensively advocate for members to address the challenges of operating in a complex and costly regulatory environment, whilst balancing the protection of the environment.

The updated Advocacy Position calls on the State Government to:

- Implement **legislative, policy and process changes** including:
 - the imposition of statutory timeframes for assessments and appeals;
 - a permanent exemption for clearing in previously legally cleared transport corridors;
 - increasing the duration of clearing permits; and
 - strengthening environmental data sharing requirements.
- Allocate **adequate resources** to implement an expedited process for road safety and state and federally funded or co-funded projects; a dedicated Local Government unit to process applications and support the sector; timely compliance and enforcement action; and implement a state-funded collection and provision of data.
- Undertake **bioregional planning** and implement **strategic solutions for environmental offsets** for Local Government.
- **Reduce duplication** between the State and Australian government regulatory systems.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA replace the following Advocacy Positions:

5.2.1 Environmental Protection Act

5.2.2 Land Clearing in Road Reserves

with an updated Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Advocacy Position as follows:

WALGA calls on the Western Australian Government, in consultation with Local Government, to undertake legislative and policy reform to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the regulatory system for clearing native vegetation in Western Australia, including:

1. *Amending the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and associated regulations to remove unnecessary process, complexity and improve timeframes, including:*
 - a. *introducing statutory timeframes for the determination of referrals, permit applications and appeals*
 - b. *increasing the default duration of Area and Purpose Permits to 10 years*
 - c. *provide a permanent exemption for clearing of previously legally cleared transport corridors*
 - d. *strengthening environmental data sharing requirements to ensure proponents cannot opt-out of sharing data collected for environmental assessment and monitoring purposes.*
2. *Ensuring the regulatory system is adequately resourced to:*

- a. *implement an expedited process for clearing permits for projects that prevent death and serious injury (road safety), and state and federally funded or co-funded projects*
 - b. *establish a dedicated Local Government unit within the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to:

 - i. *case manage Local Government referrals and clearing permit applications*
 - ii. *provide guidance and training for Local Governments, particularly in relation to roadside vegetation management*
 - iii. *support partnerships with Local Governments in strategic environmental offsets**
 - c. *enable timely investigation and enforcement action for illegal clearing*
 - d. *increase investment in the collection and provision of statewide biodiversity data, including:

 - i. *funding and coordinating a state-wide biodiversity survey program to standardise habitat and vegetation mapping*
 - ii. *making biodiversity data more discoverable, accessible and useable.**
3. *Undertaking bioregional planning for native vegetation management, with a focus on highly cleared areas and implementing strategic solutions for environmental offsets that can be utilised by Local Government.*
 4. *Working with the Australian Government to reduce duplication between the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Bruce Rock**
Seconder **Shire of Mukinbudin**

That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.3 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.4. SUBMISSION ON THE STATE RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.4)

By Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is consulting on revised State Recovery Arrangements via [Engage WA Emergency Management](#). Formal consultation closes Friday, 2 May.
- WALGA was granted an extension to enable the draft submission to be included as an Item for Decision in the 7 May State Council Agenda.
- The revised arrangements integrate lessons from past recoveries, current best practices, and clarify roles and responsibilities.
- There are no significant changes to Local Government roles and responsibilities under the *Emergency Management Act 2005* and State Emergency Management Framework.
- The Commonwealth - State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements - Western Australia (DRFA-WA) are not part of the State Emergency Management Framework and are outside the scope of the review.
- WALGA's draft submission was shared with Local Governments and the draft final version incorporates feedback.
- WALGA's submission is generally supportive of the revised State Recovery Arrangements, which provide improved clarity on roles and responsibilities in recovery, particularly for State Government, and clearer arrangements for transitioning from response to recovery and from recovery to business as usual.
- WALGA's submission highlights the need for State Government investment in streamlined, appropriate and effective funding mechanisms for recovery and resilience building, and the need to ensure adequate support to Local Governments.
- The People and Place Policy Team noted the draft submission at its 18 March meeting.

ATTACHMENT

- [Draft State Recovery Arrangements – WALGA submission](#)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

WALGA's submission on the State Recovery Arrangements is aligned to the following [Advocacy Positions](#) :

8.1 Emergency Management Principles

- 1. The State Government bears fundamental responsibility for emergency management and has the role of providing strategic guidance, support and services for emergency management activities in Western Australia.*
- 2. The State Government should provide financial and resourcing support as necessary to enable Local Governments to adequately deliver their extensive emergency management roles and responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Framework.*
- 3. The Local Government Sector should be engaged as a partner in policy and legislative reviews that impact Local Government emergency management roles and responsibilities.*

8.2 State Emergency Management Framework

Local Governments are supported to undertake their emergency management responsibilities by a simple and streamlined State Emergency Management Framework with the primary objectives of:

- 1. Protecting people, the economy, and the natural environment from disasters;*
- 2. Supporting communities in preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies;*
- 3. Clearly outlining roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for Local Government and other emergency management stakeholders;*
- 4. Scalability and adaptability that supports Local Governments of varied capacity and capability; and*
- 5. Supporting agency interoperability through common systems and approaches to key activities including data management, communications, and hazard management.*

8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management

Local Government should be empowered to discharge its emergency management responsibilities through sustainable grant funding models that support a shared responsibility and all hazards approach to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from natural disasters. A sustainable grant funding model for Local Government emergency management:

- 1. Empowers Local Governments to undertake proactive approaches to preparedness, prevention, response and recovery;*
- 2. Supports the resilience of local communities through capacity-building activities and programs;*
- 3. Is responsive to the variations in Local Government resourcing and context; and*
- 4. Develops the skills, capacity and capability of the emergency management workforce; and*
- 5. Is consistent, flexible, timely, accessible, scalable, strategic and the guidance provided is comprehensive.*

8.11 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA)

- 1. The State Government should fund the implementation of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Plan endorsed by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).*
- 2. A reformed LEMA system should:*
 - a. Clearly articulate the roles and responsibilities of Local Governments in emergency management;*
 - b. Simplify the reporting processes and reduce the administrative burden of maintaining compliance;*
 - c. Provide a suite of scalable tools and guidance materials that are accessible through an online knowledge hub;*
 - d. Build the emergency management capacity and capability of Local Governments through the provision of targeted training, exercising support, human resources and sustainable funding;*
 - e. Assist Local Governments to continue to deliver their core business activities and provide public information during an emergency event;*
 - f. Improve the connectivity of Local Governments' various risk management and hazard planning processes through an integrated approach; and*
 - g. Enable resource sharing and collaboration across the Local Government sector.*

5.4.3 Betterment (resilience)

The Local Government sector supports increased funding for the replacement or restoration of damaged assets to a more resilient standard following an event.

BACKGROUND

Since 2020, Western Australia has faced complex recovery challenges from events like Cyclone Seroja, Wooroloo bushfires, and Kimberley floods, necessitating greater State involvement. The review of State Recovery Arrangements aims to integrate lessons from past recoveries, update best practices, and clarify roles.

There are no changes to Local Government's responsibility to manage recovery following an emergency affecting the community in its district as set out in the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (s36b). There are no substantive changes to Local Government roles and responsibilities for recovery under the State Emergency Management Framework.

The proposed changes to the State Recovery Arrangements include:

- introducing four State Strategic Recovery Priorities which are informed by the National Principles for Disaster Recovery in the [Australian Disaster Recovery Framework](#).
- implementing a new four-tiered Model for State Involvement in Recovery where the State's involvement increases with the complexity of the recovery.
- clarifying roles and responsibilities for Local Government, Hazard Management Agencies, State agencies, and support organisations. The improved clarity in State roles in recovery should make it easier for Local Governments to access the support they need to coordinate community-led recovery.
- emphasising greater community engagement in recovery.
- reduced emphasis on an Impact Statement as a trigger for transitioning recovery coordination from the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) to Local or State Government and a new requirement for transition arrangements to be planned/agreed with Local Governments.
- clarifying the requirement for a planned transition from recovery arrangements to 'business-as-usual' service delivery for Local and State Government.

WALGA and Local Governments have been involved in preliminary consultations to support the development of the revised State Recovery Arrangements, including through the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC), WALGA's Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Group (LGEMAG) and Local Government Focus Groups.

COMMENT

WALGA requested and was granted an extension to enable the draft submission to be included as an Item for Decision in the 7 May State Council Agenda.

WALGA's draft submission incorporates feedback from preliminary consultation, WALGA's advocacy positions, and input from the sector via the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review and the 2023 Local Government Emergency Management Survey. This feedback has consistently demonstrated support within the sector for shared responsibility for recovery, with the level and type of support required varying with the size, scale and complexity of the event and Local Government capacity.

Overall, the amended State Recovery Arrangements provide much improved clarity on how responsibility for recovery is to be shared and therefore a better foundation for recovery coordination.

The submission recommends:

1. The State Government should develop streamlined, appropriate and effective funding mechanisms to invest in Local Government recovery and resilience building.
2. Investment in recovery should not be limited by the eligibility requirements of the DRFA-WA and should meet the recovery requirements of Local Governments and Communities.
3. The DRFA-WA must be urgently reviewed to streamline administration, approvals and evidentiary requirements, address the cash-flow impacts of the reimbursement model and enable resilient reconstruction / betterment following a disaster.
4. The State Government should invest in effective risk assessment and risk reduction, in addition to ensuring to providing effective and fit for purpose State Recovery Arrangements.

State Strategic Recovery Priorities

5. WALGA supports the proposed four State Strategic Recovery Priorities: 1. Assist people to meet their recovery needs; 2. Enable community-centred recovery; 3. Restore community function and wellbeing; 4. Foster community disaster resilience.

Model for State Involvement in Recovery

6. WALGA supports the proposed 4-tier Model for State involvement in Recovery.
7. WALGA supports the roles assigned to Local Government under each recovery level (R1-4). The roles and responsibilities are aligned to current roles and responsibilities.
8. WALGA supports the roles assigned to State Government under each recovery level (R1-4), which provide improved clarity.

Roles and responsibilities

9. WALGA supports the roles and responsibilities allocated to Local Governments in the revised State Recovery arrangements, including section 6.3 of the revised State EM Policy, with minor amendments as outlined in Appendix 1. The roles and responsibilities in the revised arrangements are aligned to current roles and responsibilities.
10. WALGA recommends that the revised State Recovery Arrangements clearly reinforce the role of the State Recovery Coordinator to confirm individual Local Government's capacity to undertake their allocated roles and responsibilities during recovery and ensures additional support is provided as required.
11. WALGA supports the roles and responsibilities allocated to Hazard Management Agencies and Controlling Agencies in section 6.6 of the revised State EM Policy, which provide improved clarity.
12. WALGA supports the roles and responsibilities allocated to State agencies in section 6.7 and Appendix F of the revised State EM Policy, which provide improved clarity.
13. The revised State Recovery Arrangements should formalise coordination protocols between Local Governments and State agencies to enable rapid mobilisation of essential workers in disaster impacted communities.
14. The revised State Recovery Arrangements should consider inclusion of roles, responsibilities and coordination protocols for essential services, as coordinated restoration of essential services is fundamental to early recovery.
15. The revised State Recovery Arrangements should reinforce compliance with data sharing arrangements under 6.1.72 of the EM Act to ensure that State Agencies are sharing information effectively in recovery and include this as a specific function of the State Recovery Coordinator / Controller.

Greater emphasis on engaging community

16. WALGA supports the greater emphasis on engaging communities in planning recovery, and the flexibility in approach so that this can be adapted to meet Local Government and community needs and capacities.

Phases of Recovery

17. WALGA supports amendments to the State EM Plan to introduce three phases of recovery: 1) Recovery Planning. 2) Response and Early Recovery. 3) Recovery Operations.
18. Considering Phase 3) Recovery Operations:
 - a. The requirements for Local Governments to review and evaluate the Local Operational Recovery Plan should be scalable to the Local Government's capacity, and the recovery level and context and supported by simple and effective guidance.
 - b. All monitoring and evaluation requirements for DRFA-WA programs, if applicable, should be coordinated by the State Government.
19. Recovery Operations should be supported by pre-prepared State-level Urgent Recovery Programs and surge capacity for implementation.
20. Streamlined guidance should be provided for needs assessment, review and evaluation. The approach should be scalable to the Local Government's capacity, and the recovery level and context.

Public Information and Communication

21. WALGA supports nomination of DFES, instead of the State Emergency Public Information Coordinator to coordinate State-level recovery public information and communications. DFES should consult and coordinate with Local Governments on recovery communications.

Transition between response and recovery

22. WALGA supports the proposed requirements for a planned transition of recovery coordination by agreement between the Hazard Management Agency and Local Government for R1 and R2 recoveries.
23. WALGA supports the proposed requirements for a planned transition of recovery coordination between the Hazard Management Agency and State Government for R3 and R4 recoveries with a written transition plan.

Transition from recovery to 'business-as-usual' service arrangements

24. WALGA supports the proposed requirements for the State to plan the de-escalation of State recovery involvement and transition to 'business as usual' service arrangements. The requirements for a transition plan are clearly described and sufficient, however should be outlined in a written plan.

Requirement for an Impact Statement

25. WALGA supports the requirement that the HMA prepares an Impact Statement in all Level 2 and 3 incidents.

Local Operational Recovery Plans

26. WALGA supports the general requirement for a Local Operational Recovery Plan to be prepared for R2, R3 and R4 events.
27. The Local Recovery Guideline should be revised to provide better guidance to Local Governments on how to prepare a Local Operational Recovery Plan.

28. State Recovery support should be provided to prepare a Local Operational Recovery Plan, if requested by the Local Government.
29. WALGA Recommends renaming the Local Operational Recovery Plan to [Event] Recovery Action Plan.

Executive Government Forum

30. WALGA supports provisions to enable strategic oversight and direction for complex recovery issues via referral to an existing cross-government executive forum or a Director General/Chief Executive Officer-level forum.

The People and Place Policy Team noted the draft submission at their 18 March meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the submission to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services on proposed revisions to the State Recovery Arrangements.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Yilgarn**
Seconder **Shire of Tammin**

That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.4 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.5. HEALTH (PUBLIC BUILDINGS) REGULATIONS CONSULTATION (STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.5)

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Department of Health (DoH) is seeking feedback on the [Consultation Paper 2025 Health \(Public Buildings\) Regulations 1992](#) (Consultation Paper), which examines whether the Regulations should be repealed without replacement.
- Repealing the Regulations is not supported by the sector, as it would impede Local Governments' ability to proactively manage and mitigate public health risks.
- Revised Regulations are supported to provide a contemporary, risk-based approach to public building management, eliminating unnecessary building construction requirements and incorporating modern compliance and enforcement tools.
- WALGA received an extension of time from DoH to allow the submission to be considered by State Council as part of the May Agenda.

ATTACHMENT

- [WALGA's submission on the Health \(Public Buildings\) Regulations Consultation](#)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

WALGA's submission is consistent with the following [WALGA Advocacy Position](#)

6.6 Building Act and Regulations

Assessments of the effectiveness of building control systems across Australia have recognised that there is diminishing public confidence in the building and construction industry, and that change is required to ensure buildings are safe and perform to expected standards. Now more than ever, the focus is on Local Government building departments to deliver good governance, local leadership and sustainable services that meet the needs of their communities whilst supporting local jobs and economic growth. The Association has the following endorsed positions:

- 1. Support the retention of Local Government as the primary permit authority in Western Australia for decisions made under the Building Act 2011.*
- 2. Supports mandatory inspections for all classes of buildings; however, Local Government should not be solely responsible for all mandatory inspections.*
- 3. Advocate for the State Government to urgently prioritise legislative reform that addresses systemic failures in the current building control model and to provide clarification on the role of Local Government in building control to ensure building legislation supports the following objectives:*
 - a. Quality buildings that are cost efficient.*
 - b. Functional, safe and environmentally friendly buildings.*
 - c. Good decision making in all aspects of building.*
 - d. Efficiency and effectiveness in building management, administration and regulation.*
 - e. Openness and accountability with respect to all building matters.*
 - f. Recognition of the rights and responsibilities of all parties in building matters in an equitable manner.*
- 4. Existing and proposed building control related fees and charges to be cost recovery for Local Government.*
- 5. WALGA will work with members, state agencies and industry groups to develop training opportunities and to promote the Local Government building surveying*

profession to ensure sustainability of Local Government building control services.

- 6. WALGA supports the Australian Building Codes Boards Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings by supporting Local Governments to meet community strategic objectives of a net zero carbon future by 2050 through work with members, state agencies and industry groups.*

BACKGROUND

The *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992* (the Regulations) were established to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of people using public buildings in Western Australia. The current definition of a public building is broad, and captures most public areas where people gather for a pre-determined purpose, including for entertainment, sports and recreation, worship and educational purposes.

These Regulations set standards for the construction, maintenance, and operation of public buildings, covering aspects such as occupancy limits, emergency exits, evacuation plans, ventilation, lighting and sanitary facilities. Local Governments play a crucial role in enforcing the Regulations, specifically by conducting routine inspections to ensure ongoing compliance with health and safety standards.

In 2018, the DoH released a Discussion Paper *Managing public health risks in public buildings in Western Australia*, that sought feedback on two options: repealing the Regulations without replacement or providing new, updated Regulations under the *Public Health Act 2016*.

WALGA's submission at the time supported the latter option as Regulations would continue to allow for the assessment and maintenance of the operational safety of public buildings that would maintain patron safety and provide adequate control and enforcement tools for Local Government officers.

This was the position of DoH when the Consultation Summary Report was published in 2019. The report also noted that the Regulations shouldn't duplicate the construction requirements in building legislation and instead focus on the ongoing management of public health risks associated with the building. No updated Regulations were released.

In February, DoH released the Consultation Paper that re-examined if the Regulations should be repealed without replacement. The paper outlines relevant legislative and regulatory changes since 2019 and further examines the need for Regulations in addition to the WA building legislation and the National Construction Codes (NCC) that set safety standards and protocols for building construction.

COMMENT

WALGA does not support the repealing of the Regulations, as it would impede Local Governments' ability to undertake routine inspections, proactively managing and mitigating public health risks related to public buildings.

WALGA's submission acknowledges that the Regulations are outdated, and they should be reviewed and updated to ensure they are contemporary, fit for purpose and focus on the ongoing management of public buildings, rather than building construction requirements.

Health provisions, specifically the ongoing management of public buildings, are not appropriately placed within building legislation, and the building sector is not adequately trained or resourced to effectively manage ongoing public health risks.

Additionally, the general public health duty under the updated *Public Health Act 2016*, along with other legislation and inspections undertaken by government agencies, does not provide effective management and compliance mechanisms to address public building safety.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA endorse the submission on Health (Public Buildings) Regulations Consultation to the Department of Health.

RESOLUTION

Mover **Shire of Mukinbudin**
Seconder **Shire of Merredin**

That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.5 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.6. OTHER STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Zone Delegates are invited to raise for discussion, questions or decision any of the items in the State Council Agenda, including the Items for Noting, Policy Team and Committee Reports or the Key Activity Reports.

14. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 June commencing at 8:00am, via MSTeams.

The next Great Eastern Country Zone meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 June commencing at 9:30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Kellerberrin.

Depending on confirmation of speakers, it is provisionally anticipated that this meeting will partly have a focus on matters related to Renewable Energy.

The Chair raised the duration of guest speakers and the potential to limit agency speakers at future meetings to 10 minutes. The issue will be raised at the next Executive Committee meeting for possible adjustments to future Zone meetings.

16. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 1:20pm.

Local Emergency Management Committee Minutes
1 May 2025 at 3.00 pm
Shire of Merredin Council Chambers
Cnr Barrack Street and King Street, Merredin

1.0 Attendance	
Cr Phil Van Der Merwe	Shire of Merredin – Chair / Merredin VFRS
Craig Watts	Shire of Merredin
Codi Brindley-Mullen	Shire of Merredin
Sheree Lowe	Shire of Merredin / Merredin VFRS
Greg Hart	WA Police
Blair Jordan	WA Police
Ashley Smith	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Aaron Cuthbert	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Shelby Robinson	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Danielle Parkin	Merredin SES
Paul Wanless	Merredin Bush Fire Services
Michael Phillips	Department of Communities
Philippa Reppington	Merredin Hospital
David Hamersley	St Mary's School (left at 4.01pm)
Gren Putland	Main Roads WA (left at 3.52pm)
Blake Newton	Main Roads WA (left at 3.52pm)
Terrence King	Western Power
Gary Anderson	CBH
2.0 Apologies	
Cr Brad Anderson	Shire of Merredin
Peter Zenni	Shire of Merredin
Glenn Crees	Merredin Bush Fire Services
Laurent Marsol	Department of Parks and Wildlife
Kylie Cattaway	Merredin College

3.0 Welcome

3.1 Opening of Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.05pm, welcomed all in attendance and asked those present to introduce themselves.

4.0 Presentations or Proposed Exercises

4.1 Emergency management discussion exercise

Q & A with Gren Putland and Blake Newton of Main Roads

Gren and Blake walked the meeting through Main Roads processes around opening and closing roads for emergencies, and touched on topics including:

- The process for notifying Main Roads WA of an incident
- The process for reopening a road that has been closed by emergency responders
- Additional support that Main Roads can provide

A couple of key points of note included:

- If a road is fully or partially closed, even if only for crew safety, Main Roads WA need to be the ones to reopen it. This may be possible over the phone, but it's best to advise Main Roads WA of an incident as early as possible so they can begin mobilising sooner.
- Main Roads WA is not ever the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for an incident, but a support agency.
- Main Roads WA have good public information processes, so even for minor incidents where Main Roads are not required on scene, it's beneficial to keep them informed from a communications perspective.

5.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: *That the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on 6 Feb 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Moved: G Hart

Seconded: G Anderson

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1 Activating evacuation centres

In investigating an action arising from the discussion exercise during the February meeting, it has become apparent that more clarity is required on the process of opening an evacuation centre.

Outcomes: Michael confirmed again that the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) (generally in the form of the Incident Controller) must formally activate an evacuation centre through the Department of Communities emergency on call number.

If the LG is asked directly by the IC to open an evacuation centre, they are to check that the IC has formally activated Department of Communities; if not, the LG is assuming responsibility for costs associated with the evacuation centre.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Incoming Correspondence

Email from Shelby Robinson “Disability Inclusive Emergency Management – Expressions of Interest”

Email from Megan Lehaney “Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning Forums – Dates”

7.2 Outgoing Correspondence

Email to Leah Parlour and Saloni Sharma with the Shire’s EOI for “Disability Inclusive Emergency Management – Expressions of Interest”

Motion: That correspondence in/out be received as presented.

Moved: M Phillips

Seconded: C Watts

8.0 HMA and other Agency Updates

8.1 Agency Briefings pre-circulated

Nil

8.2 Other Agency Briefings

Addressed at item 11.1

9.0 Standing Items (Submitted at each Meeting)

9.1 Update of Contacts and Resources Register

- **Merredin VFRS** email address has been updated
- **Mick Caughey** has been removed as Merredin Bush Fire Services Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- **Glenn Crees** has been removed as Merredin Bush Fire Services Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and added as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- **Paul Wanless** has been added as Merredin Bush Fire Services Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- **Keith McCarron** has been removed as DFES Area Officer (Central Wheatbelt) and replaced by **Aaron Cuthbert**
- **Blake Newton** added as Deputy Incident Manager for Main Roads WA
- **Danielle Parkin** has been added as Merredin SES Unit Leader

9.2 Change of Positions/Leave and Acting Arrangements Notification

- **Mick Caughey** has been removed as Merredin Bush Fire Services Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

- **Glenn Crees** has been removed as Merredin Bush Fire Services Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and added as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- **Paul Wanless** has been added as Merredin Bush Fire Services Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- **Keith McCarron** has been removed as DFES Area Officer (Central Wheatbelt) and replaced by **Aaron Cuthbert**
- **Danielle Parkin** is Acting Unit Leader, Merredin SES
- **Jacinta Herbert** is on secondment, and **Philippa Reppington** is filling in temporarily.

9.3 Incident Support Group Activations

Nil

9.4 Risk Profile Change

Nil

9.5 Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Nil

9.6 Local Recovery Plan

Nil

9.7 Report and/or debrief of any LEMC exercise(s)

Nil

10.0 Documentation

Nil

11.0 General Business

11.1 Around the table

Merredin Police

No changes from the last meeting. The last of the vacant positions at Merredin has been filled, with a new Sergeant en route. Sergeant Lindsay Collett should be in place by the next LEMC meeting.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

The “high threat” period has finished and the focus has shifted from response to training. August has been designated “Local Government training month”, where the focus will be to schedule in training to benefit Local Governments / the Bush Fire Brigades.

If a severe weather warning is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, a storm advice will automatically be put in place.

The “Great ShakeOut” is an international drill taking place on 16th October where people all over the world participate in earthquake training drills. DFES will be participating and will

send more information out closer to the date. DFES are producing some information packages and Ash will be working with Community Preparedness to do school visits.

Merredin SES

No updates

Merredin Hospital

Jacinta Herbert has moved to Great Southern for next 6 months, with Philippa Reppington covering at the moment.

Currently everyone's attention is on the measles outbreak, with WACHS ensuring staff are vaccinated. Processes and procedures that were refined during Covid can be applied to any outbreak, so the Hospital is already geared up to isolate patients, put marquees in the carpark for testing, etc. The elderly population (those born before 1966) are the lowest risk demographic, so it's young children, particularly babies who are not yet vaccinated, that staff are concerned about. If you're not sure if you've been vaccinated, it's safe to be vaccinated a second time, but if you know you have been vaccinated you don't need a booster.

CBH

Business as usual, still outloading. Ash Sharp is the new manager for south of the highway (Area 9).

They have emergency response drills scheduled in June with St John Ambulance. Seeing a consistent trend of the same type of incident that CBH staff haven't responded to as well as they'd like, so will be using previous incidents as scenarios for training.

Western Power

Crews have been unexpectedly busy for the last few months. This has been the result of a combination of staff turnover and farmers accidentally burning some poles down. Some planned outages in the near future will be cancelled while crews prioritise a significant amount of fault works.

Bush Fire Brigades

Business as usual.

Shire of Merredin

There are new Chief and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers in position. The Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) have decided to implement a rotation system so that every two years there is a new Deputy, and the previous Deputy steps up into the Chief role.

Council has endorsed Fire Control Officers and Fire Weather Officers for the upcoming financial year, as well as the Fire Breaks Order, the Restricted Burning Period and the Prohibited Burning Period.

Merredin VFRS

Business as usual. Several training courses coming up.

Encourage everyone to download the Emergency WA app. The app enables the user to set zones, so you receive an alert if there's an incident in that zone.

12.0 Next Meeting

Motion: That the next LEMC Meetings be held on the following dates:

Date and Time	Venue
Thursday, 7 August 2025 at 3pm (or combine with Disability forum once date is confirmed)	Shire of Merredin Council Chambers
Thursday, 2 October 2025 at 3pm	Shire of Merredin Council Chambers
Thursday, 5 February 2026 at 3pm	Shire of Merredin Council Chambers
Thursday, 7 May 2026 at 3pm	Shire of Merredin Council Chambers

Moved: P Van Der Merwe

Seconded: A Smith

13.0 Close

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 4.33pm, thanking all in attendance.



WEROC Inc. Board Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Shire of Westonia
Wanderers Stadium

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WEROC Inc.

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.

Shires of Bruce Rock, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Tammin, Westonia, Yilgarn

MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held in Westonia on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Lisa O'Neill as Chair of WEROC Inc. welcomed guests and Members of the Board and opened the meeting at 9.34am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Mr. Mark Crees

Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Mr. Mark Furr

Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Mr. Andrew Malone

Ms. Lisa O'Neill (Chair)

Mr. Bill Price

Mr. Ramesh Rajagopalan

Ms. Emily Ryan

Ms. Charmaine Thomson (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Nic Warren

Mr. Craig Watts

Ms. Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Guests

Mr. Stuart Hobley, CEO Shire of Cunderdin

Ms. Alison Harris, President Shire of Cunderdin

Mr. Ben Redman and Mr. Brendon Riley, Wheatbelt Connect (joined the meeting at 11.22am and left the meeting at 12.20pm)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Ben Redman and Brendon Riley, Wheatbelt Connect, 11.00am

Wheatbelt Connect is a project that partners QANTAS, INPEX and ANZ and aims to deliver land restoration and diversified income opportunities for landholders. Additional information is available on the [Wheatbelt Connect](#) website.

Wheatbelt Connect have requested an opportunity to present to the WEROC Board to provide an overview of their objectives and activities.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Ben Redman and Mr. Brendon Riley provided an overview of the foundations of Wheatbelt Connect, benefits to land owners and some examples of projects they have undertaken.
- In response to a comment regarding Wheatbelt Connects focus on tree plantings on marginal/less productive land, it was noted that what they consider to be “marginal” is still productive agricultural land and there are concerns that the market for carbon will outweigh considerations around preserving farmland for food production.
- Wheatbelt Connected discussed the concept of integrated farming practices (essentially tree planting alongside cropping) but it was argued that while the concept of integrated farming sounds good, it is not a reality because agricultural products do not grow in tree plantings.
- Mr. Nic Warren noted that community benefit from renewable projects is very topical at the moment and there are plenty of examples to follow in terms of policies and formulas to work out a fair and reasonable return. Mr. Warren questioned if there is a way that they could work this out and incorporate it into a policy for tree planting. For example could it be based on the value of carbon credit units generated or the anticipated profit from the planting?
- Mr. Riley responded to say that there isn’t really an established method of determining return of benefit to a community, and at the moment it comes down to an individual negotiation with Shires. Mr. Riley noted that the cost of generating carbon credits is more expensive than what they can buy in the market, so they are essentially operating at a loss and therefore a percentage of profits would not be a suitable model.
- Mr. Riley advised that all projects are listed on the [Clean Energy Regulator](#) website. For each project, detail is provided on the anticipated carbon credits that will be issued. The value of each credit can be calculated through an online search of the market value at the time and from this it would be possible to determine the anticipated return and make a determination about what might be fair to contribute back to the community.
- It was questioned when project information is made available on the Clean Energy Regulator website. Mr. Riley advised that it is generally posted at the same time they are going through the development application process.
- Mr. Riley advised that there are not enough credits being created to meet demand and they anticipate that there will be a supply pinch around 2028 which will drive the price considerably higher than the \$30-\$35 that units are currently being traded at.
- Ms. Charmaine Thomson asked how long a carbon credit lasts and at what point they can claim credits. Mr. Riley responded that there is no clear answer on how long a credit can be held before it needs to be sold, but the permanence period for a planting is 25 years. It was noted that if a fire goes through and the trees are lost, the credit issuance will stop. In relation to when they can claim credits, Mr. Riley indicated that there is an establishment period and in-fill process to replace trees lost in planting that has to be completed before they can claim credits. Typically they claim from government within three to five years.

- Ms Alison Harris asked if they know how much land is required to meet the governments requirement for carbon credits. Mr. Riley’s response was that there isn’t enough land to meet the government requirement.

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on Monday 17 March 2025

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held in Merredin on Monday 17 March 2025 have previously been circulated.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Merredin on Monday 17 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Mr. Mark Furr

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Merredin on Monday 17 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 April 2025

Attachment 1: WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting Minutes 14 April 2025

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held in Kellerberrin and via videoconference, on Monday 14 April 2025 are provided as Attachment 1.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held in Kellerberrin and via videoconference on Monday 14 April 2025 be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Seconded: Mr. Craig Watts

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held in Kellerberrin and via videoconference on Monday 14 April 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

5.3 Business Arising – Status Reports

5.3.1 Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 17 March 2025

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
5.3 Business Arising	Invite Member for the Central Wheatbelt, Lachlan Hunter to a future WEROC meeting to discuss cultural intricacies/challenges and to seek clarity on requirements and points of contact.	The Member for the Central Wheatbelt will join the meeting to discuss cultural and other matters.
7.2 WEROC Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contact James McGovern to request assistance with a compliance audit for WEROC Councils. Contact Department of Communities and request a meeting to discuss the Local Government call for submissions. 	<p>James McGovern and Anthoy Quahe from Civic Legal, joined the WEROC CEO Committee meeting on 14 April 2025 and discussed options for a compliance audit.</p> <p>The Department of Communities was contacted with a request to</p>

	<p>3) Contact the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and request a meeting to discuss water supply issues and funding opportunities.</p>	<p>meet with the WEROC CEOs. This request was declined. A representative from DWER joined the WEROC CEO Committee meeting on 14 April.</p>
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5.3.2 Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2025

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
5.1 Water	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Source a quote for water audits. 2) Investigate eligibility to apply for Community Water Supply Program funding to enable water audits. 3) Contact the Wheatbelt Development Commission to ascertain if they have capacity to assist WEROC with water audits. 	Please refer to agenda item 7.2 for further detail.
5.3 Compliance Audit	Request a quote from Civic Legal to deliver Project AWARE across the seven WEROC Shires.	A quote has been submitted. Please refer to agenda item 7.4 for further detail.
6.1 Community Benefits Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Each Shire to adapt the Narrogin Policy for their own local policy and present to individual Councils for endorsement. 2) Once policies have been approved, look at the option of having a presentation on the establishment of a community benefit fund or trust. 	It may be appropriate for WEROC CEOs to provide an update on how they are progressing with their local policies.

Recommendation:
That the status reports be received.

Comments from the meeting:

- WEROC CEOs were invited to provide an update on their progress in developing local policies for community benefit funds. The Shires of Yilgarn, Kellerberrin, and Merredin have adapted the Shire of Narrogin’s policy and are nearly ready to present their versions to their respective Councils. It was noted that the Shire of Narrogin’s policy did not include provisions for tree farms.
- Mr. Bill Price commented that INPEX (aka Wheatbelt Connect) are a proponent in the Shire of Westonia, and they have been fairly accommodating in terms of the community benefit aspect. The Shire have been able to negotiate a return based on capital input costs not long term return.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

Seconded: Mr. Craig Watts

That the status reports be received.

CARRIED

6. WEROC INC. FINANCE

6.1 WEROC Inc. Financial Report as of 30 April 2025

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.
Date: 30 April 2025
Attachments: Nil
Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

At the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 9 May 2024 the budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025 was adopted. The approved Budget 2024-25 is used as the basis for the financial report.

An explanation for each of the notations on the financial report is provided below.

Note 1	Annual Financial contributions paid by Member Local Governments.
Note 2	Interest paid on term deposit
Note 3	GST received
Note 4	GST refund for Q4 BAS 2023-24
Note 5	Executive Officer services
Note 6	Executive Officer travel to Board and CEO meetings. This is higher than budgeted due to additional CEO meetings.
Note 7	Monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software
Note 8	Payment to Audit Partners Australia for the 2023-24 financial year audit
Note 9	Payments to Vanessa King for Town Team Builder services, HR Cornerstone for IR/HR consultancy services, Carol Taylor for social media marketing campaign, Lauren Clarke for the branding guide and logo refresh, JE Planning and Econosis for the WEROC housing investigation, Australia’s Golden Outback for cooperative marketing activities, Shire of Merredin for an advertisement in the Eastern Wheatbelt Visitors Guide and the two WEROC interns’ meal allowance.
Note 10	Payments to PWD for website domain name renewal, website security upgrade and audit, and 12-months website hosting. This is higher than budgeted because only the website hosting was accounted for. The domain name renewal and website upgrade were unknown expenses.
Note 11	Catering expenses for WEROC CEO farewell in Kellerberrin on 9 May and ERP demonstrations in Kellerberrin on 6 August
Note 12	Personal accident, workers compensation, associations liability, public & products liability and cyber insurance renewals
Note 13	GST paid

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 ABN 28 416 957 824
 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

	Budget 2024/2025	Actual to 30/04/2025	Notes	
INCOME				
0501	General Subscriptions	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	1
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00		
0575	Interest received	\$4,863.29	\$4,863.29	2
584	Other Income	\$0.00		
	GST Output Tax	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	3
	GST Refunds	\$6,184.00	\$5,143.00	4
Total Receipts		\$90,247.29	\$89,206.29	
EXPENSES				
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$35,383.84	\$29,463.62	5
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$1,400.00	\$2,252.50	6
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,000.00	\$681.80	7
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,050.00	\$984.00	8
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$60,000.00	\$57,774.88	9
1850	WEROC Management of WEROC App & Website	\$420.00	\$844.50	10
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$829.09	11
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$6,020.79	12
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00		
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00		
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$4,863.29	\$0.00	
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00		
3384	GST Input Tax	\$10,835.39	\$8,949.87	13
	ATO Payments	\$3,464.57	\$4,960.00	
Total Payments		\$127,517.09	\$112,761.05	
Net Position		-\$37,269.79	-\$23,554.76	
OPENING CASH 1 July		\$64,270.72	\$69,784.64	
CASH BALANCE		\$27,000.93	\$46,229.88	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 April 2025, be received.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Craig Watts noted that there was an error in the report, with the expenses being cut and paste into the wrong line items and the Executive Services expenses being duplicated. It was questioned if changed, would this alter the net position. The Executive Officer advised that it was just a formatting error and would not alter the net position.
- The correction has been made and is reflected in the report shown in these minutes.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Craig Watts

Seconded: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 April 2025, be received with the corrections to the expenses against budget line items being made.

CARRIED

6.2 Income, Expenditure & Balance Sheet

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 30 April 2025

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

A summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 March to 30 April 2025 is provided below.

Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
Opening Balance		65,016.88		
07 Mar 2025	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	3,516.00	61,500.88
17 Mar 2025	Australia's Golden Outback	0.00	3,300.00	58,200.88
07 Apr 2025	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	5,371.00	52,829.88
24 Apr 2025	Payment: JE Planning	0.00	6,600.00	46,229.88
TOTAL		0.00	18,787.00	
Closing balance		46,229.88		

Balance Sheet

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc
As at 30 April 2025

	30 APR 2025
Assets	
Bank	
Term Deposit	100,000.00
Westpac Community Solution One	46,229.88
Total Bank	146,229.88
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	66,960.00
Total Current Assets	66,960.00
Total Assets	213,189.88
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	2,112.35
Total Current Liabilities	2,112.35
Non-current Liabilities	
GST Clearing	244.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	244.00
Total Liabilities	2,356.35
Net Assets	210,833.53
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	38,884.81
Retained Earnings	171,948.72
Total Equity	210,833.53

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 March 2025 to 30 April 2025 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 March 2025 to 30 April 2025 totalling \$18,787 be approved.

That the Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2025 be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Seconded: Mr. Nic Warren

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 March 2025 to 30 April 2025 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 March 2025 to 30 April 2025 totalling \$18,787 be approved.

That the Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 WEROC Inc. Budget 2025-26

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 30 April 2025

Attachments: Nil

Consultation: Nil

Financial Implications: As per budget

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

The WEROC Inc. Constitution states that:

17.3 The Board will prepare and approve the annual budget at least 1 month before the end of the financial year.

As there are no further scheduled meetings of the WEROC Inc. Board before the end of the financial year, to adhere to the rules of our Association, a draft budget for WEROC Inc. for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 has been prepared and is presented for the Board's consideration.

The proposed budget assumes that the \$12,000 (Ex. GST) annual subscription per Member Council will remain consistent with previous years. On the matter of subscriptions, the WEROC Inc. Constitution does not specify the amount of the annual subscription rather it states:

10.1 Annual Subscriptions: Members are not required to pay a membership fee or annual subscription but may be required to pay an annual financial contribution as determined by the Association with such contributions to be in equal shares.

Under the proposed budget, it is anticipated that WEROC Inc. will have a cash balance of \$50,716.74 on 30 June 2026. This assumes that the \$100,000 in the term deposit will be reinvested at maturity.

BUDGET NOTES

Income

- A. The draft budget assumes that the annual subscription amount will be retained at \$12,000 (Ex. GST) per Member Council.
- B. The estimated income in the Consultancy and Project Reserve to 30 June, is Shire contributions toward the WEROC workforce housing analysis.
- C. Budgeted interest is based on the current rate on the Westpac Term Deposit of 4.80%.
- D. GST on General Subscriptions.
- E. GST refunds have been calculated based on estimates of GST Input and Output Tax for each quarter.

Expenditure

1. The Westpac Community Solution One Account does not incur any fees and therefore no fees have been budgeted for.
2. Proposed budget is based on the Executive Officer's estimated hours (38 hours per month standard plus additional hours for attending meetings and WMSIP) and a rate of pay of \$70 Ex. GST per hour.
3. Budget based on anticipated travel for the Executive Officer to attend 10 meetings (CEO and Board) averaged at 350km for a return trip at the current ATO rate of 0.88c per km.
4. Current contract expires on 1 March 2026 therefore a provision has been made for recruitment of an Executive Officer.
5. The proposed budget for Financial Services includes the monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software (\$81.82 Ex. GST).
6. The financial services audit allocation is based on the accepted quote of Audit Partners Australia for \$1,000 Ex. GST and an allowance for disbursements.
7. This allocation enables WEROC Inc. to engage consultants and to undertake special projects. Co-operative marketing initiatives are also allocated to this budget line item. The budgeted amount includes \$7,000 for tourism/marketing initiatives, \$11,000 for the final payment to JE Planning for the workforce housing analysis (it is assumed that the second payment will be made in the 2024/25 financial year), \$20,160 for Econosis to complete the cost benefit analysis and \$3,000 for WDC to complete the feasibility testing for the housing project. The remaining allocation is an allowance for new projects.
8. The allocation for the management of the WEROC Inc. website is based on the hosting fee of \$40 (Ex. GST) per month. The hosting fee is currently paid up until October 2025. An allowance is also included for renewal of the WEROC domain names, security upgrades and SSL certificate.
9. Host Council's will generally cover all meeting expenses. A small allocation is provided for any unforeseen meeting costs.
10. The proposed budget allocation for insurance is based on the current financial years actual expenditure, with an allowance for premium increases for the following forms of insurance cover:
 - Public & Products Liability
 - Associations and Officials Liability
 - Workers Compensation
 - Personal Accident – Volunteers
 - Cyber Insurance
11. A small allocation is made for legal expenses to cover any eventuality.
12. The estimated expenditure to June 30 for WEROC Incorporation Expenses is the cost to submit a change to the WEROC Constitution.
13. A small allocation is made for any miscellaneous items.
14. GST Input Tax is calculated on budgeted expenditure items subject to GST.
15. ATO payments have been calculated based on estimates of GST Input and Output Tax for each quarter.

WEROC Inc.
DRAFT BUDGET 2025-2026

		Budget 2024/2025	Actual to 30/04/2025	Estimated Income/ Expenditure to 30 June 25	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Notes
INCOME						
0501	General Subscriptions	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$102,000.00	\$84,000.00	A
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00		\$30,872.70	\$0.00	B
0575	Interest received	\$4,863.29	\$4,863.29	\$4,863.29	\$4,392.33	C
584	Other Income	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
	GST Output Tax	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$13,287.30	\$8,400.00	D
	GST Refunds	\$6,184.00	\$5,143.00	\$5,143.00	\$6,399.00	E
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$90,247.29	\$89,206.29	\$156,166.29	\$103,191.33	
EXPENSES						
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$35,383.84	\$29,463.62	\$34,936.66	\$38,920.00	2
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$1,400.00	\$2,252.50	\$2,704.70	\$3,080.00	3
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	4
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,000.00	\$681.80	\$818.16	\$1,080.00	5
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,050.00	\$984.00	\$984.00	\$1,100.00	6
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$60,000.00	\$57,774.88	\$68,774.88	\$70,000.00	7
1850	Management of WEROC Website	\$420.00	\$844.50	\$894.50	\$900.00	8
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$829.09	\$829.09	\$500.00	9

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1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$6,020.79	\$6,020.79	\$6,300.00	10
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	11
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	12
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$4,863.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00		\$0.00	\$300.00	13
3384	GST Input Tax	\$10,835.39	\$8,949.87	\$10,666.03	\$12,518.00	14
	ATO Payments	\$3,464.57	\$4,960.00	\$4,960.00	\$9,088.71	15
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$127,517.09	\$112,761.05	\$131,638.81	\$146,786.71	
	Net Position	-\$37,269.79	-\$23,554.76	\$24,527.48	-\$43,595.38	
	OPENING CASH 1 July	\$64,270.72	\$69,784.64	\$69,784.64	\$94,312.12	
	CASH BALANCE	\$27,000.93	\$46,229.88	\$94,312.12	\$50,716.74	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2026, as presented, with a general subscription for each Member Council set at \$12,000 (Ex. GST), be adopted.

Comments from the meeting:

- There was discussion over the need to increase subscription fees in light of the budget operating in deficit year on year and the eventuality that the carry over funds will run out at some point.
- It was noted that with the \$100,000 in the term deposit and the anticipated closing balance of approximately \$50,000 at the end of the next financial year, there is no immediate need to increase subscriptions. This will be reviewed again next year.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Lisa O’Neill

Seconded: Mr. Mark Crees

That the WEROC Inc. draft budget for the year ending 30 June 2026, as presented, with a general subscription for each Member Council set at \$12,000 (Ex. GST), be adopted.

CARRIED

7.2 Water Audits

Author:	Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose.
Attachments:	Attachment 2. Shire of West Arthur Water Security Strategy
Consultation:	WEROC CEO's, Wheatbelt Development Commission
Financial Implications:	Unknown
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority

Background:

Ms. Sandy Turton-Parkinson, Senior Natural Resource Management Officer – Rural Water Planning, joined the WEROC CEO Committee meeting on 14 April 2025 and discussed the Community Water Supplies Partnership (CWSP) program and opportunities for Councils to apply for funding for water infrastructure projects.

A question was raised over the value in developing a water plan for the WEROC Local Governments to enable targeted investment in water infrastructure over the short, medium and long term. Ms. Turton-Parkinson indicated that a water audit would be valuable and noted that Development Commissions are completing water planning in other regions and the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) are being encouraged to do the same. Ms. Turton-Parkinson recommended that WEROC contact WDC and request assistance in completing water audits for each of the seven WEROC local governments.

Subsequent to the discussions with Ms. Turton-Parkinson, the WEROC CEOs discussed the possibility of applying for funding through the CWSP program to cover the cost of water audits.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Executive Officer emailed Mr. Grant Arthur and Ms. Renee Manning from the Wheatbelt Development Commission on 16 April 2025, requesting clarification on what, if any, work the Commission was doing in regard to a regional water plan or audit.

Ms. Manning replied on 16 April 2025, and advised as follows:

Hi Bek

I reached out to my GSDC colleague, and Sandy is referring to a piece of work being undertaken through the Inland Great Southern Regional Drought Resilience Plan implementation funding. It is like the work WEROC is looking to do and is across 8 Shires.

WDC were going to fund a similar project for the 5 Southern Wheatbelt Shires, though given there 3 of the Shires have undertaken similar work (including the Shire of Wagin), that funding will be allocated towards feasibility and planning work for specific infrastructure projects.

WDC would encourage WEROC to pursue the Community Water Supply Planning funding option for a water supply, demand and opportunities assessment project.

It would be a good use of the funding as it builds the evidence base to support future investment by the Shires, and also for applications to grant programs such as the CWSP.

I have advised Sandy (and will discuss with Renae Thorpe, the A/Rural Water Planning manager) to reiterate our support of the use of CWSP funding for this work.

The WEROC approach could serve as a model for other sub-regional groups.

As discussed, West Arthur and Wagin's recently completed water plans (Wagin is due for completion May) could be a useful guide.

GSDC has a list of potential consultants that could be of interest to WEROC for this work. They are in the process of developing a detailed scope of works. I can introduce you if you like.

Unsurprisingly, water is emerging as the key challenge to build regional drought resilience and in supporting ongoing growth and development of the Wheatbelt economy and communities.

WDC would be keen to stay across the WEROC project as it progresses. I can get back to you on the possibility of direct funding support. We can also discuss any in-kind support – eg scope development and review, collation of existing water planning work.

Let's stay in touch. Might be worth us having a chat with the DWER team on this.

Regards

Renee

The Executive Officer requested quotes from the consultants who completed the West Arthur Water Security Strategy (Water Technology) and a Hydrology company (JDA Consultant Hydrologists) recommended by the Great Southern Development Commission. Water Technology have indicated an interest in working with WEROC but as yet have not supplied a quote and JDA advised that they were not in a position to assist WEROC.

The Executive Officer emailed Ms. Turton-Parkinson on 21 April 2025 to seek clarification on whether water audits are eligible for funding under the CWSP program. Ms. Turton-Parkinson is on leave until 1 May 2025 and so no response had been received at the time of preparing this agenda.

Recommendation:

That:

- 1) The Board provide in-principal support for WEROC to pursue funding for water audits for each of the seven member Councils.
- 2) If a water audit is confirmed as an eligible project under the CWSP program and a quote is provided by Water Technology, the Executive Officer to forward this information to members of the Board and seek endorsement of an application via flying email.
- 3) WEROC make a financial co-contribution of up to 30% of the total project cost, as is a requirement of the CWSP program.

Comments from the meeting:

- The value in undertaking a project to develop water audits or strategies was questioned. It was noted that a piece of work like this will be essential to establish the case for bigger scale projects (e.g., desalination) and to prevent changes to water allocations.
- The Executive Officer advised that two consultants had now provided indicative pricing. The estimated price for all seven strategies is between \$140,000 and \$175,000 (\$20,000 - \$25,000 per Shire).
- Discussion was had over the key requirements for the strategies. It was agreed that the primary purpose of this work is to ensure a sustainable supply of water (for all uses and purposes) to WEROC communities in the future. It is an expectation that from of this work the Shires will get a better understanding of:
 - The capacity of existing potable and non-potable water supply and how well this is equipped to meet current and future demand.
 - How existing water infrastructure and resources can be better utilised.
 - How water capture and storage can be increased to reduce reliance on the scheme supply
 - What alternative water sources exist that are not currently being utilising.
- It is also an expectation that from this work, each Shire will be provided with a clear list of projects/recommendations (both small scale quick wins and big picture) that they can undertake to achieve the goal of a sustainable water supply.

- The consultants engaged to quote on this work advised that they have capacity to undertake a couple of strategies concurrently. For logistical reasons it was recommended that the Shires be grouped and the work undertaken in stages as per the below:
 - Yilgarn and Westonia
 - Bruce Rock and Merredin
 - Kellerberrin, Tammin and Cunderdin
- The amount being requested from DWER was discussed. It was agreed that the full cash amount would be applied for, and the WEROC/Shire contribution would be in-kind. If required, further discussion will be had at a later time to resolve a financial contribution.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Mr. Andrew Malone

That WEROC Inc. proceed with an application to the Community Water Supply Partnerships Program for the full cash component of the water strategy project and each Shire will contribute in-kind to cover the 30% co-contribution requirement.

CARRIED

7.3 Proposal to host Eastern Wheatbelt Projects Update

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: Nil

Consultation: NEWROC Executive Officer, RoeROC Executive Officer

Financial Implications: Unknown

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

The Wheatbelt Development Commission recently presented at the Great Eastern Country Zone Conference. Key takeaways from the presentation were that economic development projects and priorities in the region should align with the Federal Government's Future Made in Australia Policy, and the State Government's policies; Diversify WA and Made in WA.

The Wheatbelt Futures Forum, which is taking place in Northam on 2 May 2025, is focused on bringing Wheatbelt businesses, local government, and government representatives together to focus on business opportunities in the coming year and beyond. The event is industry focused, with brief presentations from delegates representing a range of Wheatbelt industries.

The Dowerin Down Town event held in July each year focuses on promoting agriculture to government, private and community stakeholders as well as promoting the Dowerin Machinery Field Days.

What is missing from these events is an opportunity for local governments to pitch investment and partnership opportunities to government and industry and to discuss ambitions for growth in our region.

Executive Officer Comment:

The [Midwest & Gascoyne Major Projects Update](#) event, held on April 8-9, 2025, at Novotel Perth Langley, focused on investment, project development, and collaboration across the region. Key topics included economic growth, diversification, renewable energy, and infrastructure development. The attendees of the event are predominantly Federal and State Government representatives, members of Parliament and major industry.

The Executive Officers of NEWROC, RoeROC and WEROC have had an initial discussion about hosting a similar event. The aim of this event would be to:

Showcase Regional Projects: Highlight ongoing and upcoming projects within the Eastern Wheatbelt (across all three ROCs and a pipeline of projects that the Wheatbelt Development Commission has)

Attract Investment: Provide a platform for attracting investment and partnership opportunities.

Promote Collaboration: Foster collaboration between local government, industry, and community stakeholders through networking time.

Discuss Key Topics: Address critical issues such as renewable energy, infrastructure development, housing and economic diversification.

Key Benefits include:

Networking Opportunities: Facilitate connections between regional leaders of the ROCs, investors, and industry experts.

Economic Growth: Stimulate economic growth by promoting what we have, and not what we don't have.

Knowledge Sharing: Share insights and best practices on regional development and evidence of our collaboration already.

It is proposed that the costs of the event would be jointly shared by the three ROCs. RDA Wheatbelt and the Wheatbelt Development Commission could be approached to support the event.

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Board:

- 1) Discuss the interest in, and feasibility of hosting a major project update event in conjunction with NEWROC and RoeROC in the second half of 2025.
- 2) Discuss a potential theme and topics for the event (assuming there is support for the concept).
- 3) Approve the WEROC Executive Officer working in collaboration with the NEWROC Executive Officer and RoeROC Executive Officer to develop a proposal and budget for the event.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Executive Officer advised that both RoeROC and NEWROC have approved to concept.
- General support for hosting this event, was given from the Board.
- It was suggested that to minimise costs, consideration be given to using the conference facilities at WALGA.
- Topics WEROC would like to see included are protection of agricultural land, funding for Local Governments, land development and housing, and roads (particularly in the context of escalating construction costs and no contribution from the State).
- It was noted that to have impact, both Federal and State Government representatives need to be around the table.
- It was suggested that a component of the event be a discussion around how the ROCs can work better together.
- It was suggested that WALGA be consulted on key advocacy pieces to make sure we are aligned.
- The Executive Officer will work with the RoeROC and NEWROC Executive Officers on a proposal and email it to Board members for review and approval.

7.4 Governance Services Proposal

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: Attachment 3: Project AWARE cover letter
Attachment 4: Project AWARE Proposal

Consultation: Civic Legal
Financial Implications: \$94,500 ex. GST
Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 17 March 2025, priorities for WEROC in 2025 were discussed and in relation to the challenges being faced by Local Governments in meeting escalating compliance requirements, it was recommended that governance consultant Mr. James McGovern be contacted with a request to facilitate a compliance audit for each of the WEROC Shires.

Executive Officer Comment:

Mr. James McGovern, Governance Consultant and Mr. Anthony Quahe, Managing Principal at Civic Legal, joined (via videoconference) the WEROC Inc. CEO Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025, to discuss the requirements of the audit. It was advised that Civic Legal have a governance support and improvement service – Project AWARE - that would deliver the outcomes being sought by the WEROC Shires. Civic Legal were requested to provide a proposal to deliver Project AWARE to the seven WEROC Councils.

As per the proposal, which is provided as Attachment 4, Civic Legal can provide 12-months governance support to the seven WEROC Councils at a rate of \$13,500 ex. GST per Shire (total of \$94,500 ex. GST). This is a discount on the regular rate of \$16,250 ex. GST per Shire.

Recommendation:

That the proposal be discussed and, if supported, consideration be given to whether WEROC should contribute financially or if the cost should be covered by individual Councils.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Shires of Bruce Rock and Merredin have discussed the proposal and feel that they do not stand to gain any value from this program. The Shire of Westonia concurred and indicated that, given the size of their operations, this level of support is not required.
- Mr. Andrew Malone noted a concern that through this process, they will just be told what they are missing now and not what they need to do to prepare for future requirements. This defeats the initial intent of the audit, which was to ensure that Shires are prepared to accommodate new regulations.
- It was questioned whether the discounted price would be offered if only a smaller number of Councils decide to proceed with the project. The Executive Officer will query this with Civic Legal.
- It was also questioned whether a revised proposal could be prepared, which offers a one off audit rather than a 12 month service. The Executive Officer will contact James McGovern with this query.

8. PROJECT UPDATES

8.1 Marketing/Promotion

WEROC as a partner organisation to the Wheatbelt Co-operative Marketing Group, committed \$3,000 + GST in the 2024-25 financial year to cooperative marketing initiatives in conjunction with Roe Tourism, NEW Travel, Pioneers Pathway and Australia’s Golden Outback. Part of this funding was used toward a Wheatbelt Weekends autumn campaign which ran from 22 March to 28 April 2025. The campaign used a variety of media targeting the Perth metro audience. This campaign included the development of a road trip reel which featured on Australia’s Golden Outback social media platforms:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1364775284835504>

And sponsored Perth Now articles:

[Pack the car: Four weekend road trips the whole fam will love | PerthNow](#)

[A weekend holiday to remember | PerthNow](#)

Comments from the meeting:

- It was noted that now that the Shire of Cunderdin are a member of WEROC, they should be included in the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail.
- A quote to revise the map will be sourced and the Executive Officer will work with the Shire of Cunderdin on the content.

8.2 Housing

Attachment 5: WEROC Housing Investigation Stakeholder Engagement & Communication Plan

The Shire of Cunderdin have now been included in the scope of works for the WEROC housing investigation. JE Planning have revised the timeline for delivery of the worker housing needs analysis report and we are now looking at completion in July/August 2025 (refer to Attachment 5).

Once the Workforce Housing Needs Analysis Report is completed the next stage of the project involves a housing options analysis and feasibility testing. The Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) will prepare workforce housing models for two locations. The intention is that these models can then be adapted to the priority development sites identified for each town. The adaptation of the housing models for additional sites is not included in the costed scope of works.

Given previous discussions indicating that some Shires will be ready to proceed with housing developments sooner than others, it may be worthwhile the Board considering whether WEROC should advise WDC on where to prioritise the initial two housing models.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Executive Officer suggested that rather than prioritising the two housing models, the additional amount required to have all six completed, should be considered.
- The two included in the scope of works are being done at a cost of \$3,000 so it is assumed that the cost for an additional four will be \$6,000.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ram Rajagopalan

Seconded: Mr. Wayne Della Bosca

That:

- 1) The Executive Officer contact the Wheatbelt Development Commission to confirm that cost of having the additional four housing models completed will be \$6,000.
- 2) If the cost is no greater than \$6,000 WEROC will cover the expense to have these completed.

CARRIED

9. EMERGING ISSUES

9.1 Turf Contractor

Mr. Raymond Griffiths advised that he had been contacted by a local contractor looking at setting up a turf management business and was wanting to get an idea of the level of interest from Local Government. The business would provide comprehensive care of turf surfaces including conducting soil testing, spraying, coring, etc.

Mr. Griffiths will provide contact details for each of the WEROC CEOs to the turf contractor so that they can discuss their individual requirements for this type of service.

9.2 Member for the Central Wheatbelt

Mr. Lachlan Hunter, Member for the Central Wheatbelt, was invited to attend this meeting and was a late cancellation. It was suggested that Mr. Hunter's office be contacted and asked to advise a time and place where members of the WEROC board can meet with him.

9.3 Wheatbelt Minister

In light of the recent appointment of a new Minister for the Wheatbelt, it was discussed that rather than individual approaches from 42 Local Governments, there should be consensus across the region about the best avenue for communicating with the Minister. It was agreed that advancing matters through the Zones would likely yield the greatest influence and impact.

10. OTHER MATTERS (FOR NOTING OR DISCUSSION)

10.1 Shared Services

Attachment 6: Legal and Governance Models for Shared Resources in Local Government

The option of formalising shared resources across the WEROC Shires has been discussed several times. Over the past five years we have looked at the option of a shared ranger, Environmental Health Officer, compliance officer, regional waste coordinator, emergency services coordinator (for those Shires without a CESM) and a tourism development officer. More recently there was discussion around a shared resource for town planning/building approvals. To date no shared resource arrangements have been entered into, with the exception of the visitor servicing provided by the Shire of Merredin through the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre.

It is recommended that the Board consider the value in developing a shared services framework or plan for WEROC, to provide a formal structure that can support shared service arrangements should the need arise.

Comments from the meeting:

- It was suggested that a cost analysis be conducted to get a better understanding of what Shires are paying for outsourced services and the potential for cost savings through a shared resource arrangement.
- This will be included on the agenda for discussion at the next WEROC CEO Committee meeting.

10.2 Strategic Artificial Intelligence Support for Local Governments

LG Professionals WA has entered into a new partnership with Component6 to provide Local Government Subscribers discounts on a range of Artificial Intelligence (AI) service offerings. Options are available to band 3 and 4 local governments to join as a group to minimize costs. An option that may be of interest to WEROC Shires is:

AI Readiness assessment - Assessment across your organisation of your readiness to adopt AI. A dynamic report will be produced, providing scoring and highlighting the likelihood of AI adoption in different parts of your organisation along with areas that may drive significant benefit.

Comments from the meeting:

- It was generally agreed that something of this nature will be worthwhile given the increasing use of AI across all sectors, but the timing is not right.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

The approved schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2025 is as follows:

WEROC Inc. Board Meetings

Date	Host Council
Wednesday 17 March 2025	Merredin
Wednesday 7 May 2025	Westonia
Wednesday 31 July 2025	Kellerberrin

Wednesday 24 September 2024	Southern Cross
Thursday 27 November 2024	Bruce Rock

Given that the Shire of Cunderdin have now joined WEROC, the Board might like to consider an adjustment to the host council rotation for the rest of the year.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Raymond Griffiths requested that the meeting scheduled to take place in Kellerberrin on 31 July, be moved to Wednesday 13 August to align with the LGISWA Inter-municipal Golf Tournament. The meeting will be held in the morning, followed by lunch and enable those who are participating, to then carry on to the golf tournament.
- The Shire of Bruce Rock offered the Shire of Cunderdin the opportunity to host the November meeting. The Shire of Cunderdin accepted the offer. The November meeting will therefore now be held in Cunderdin.
- The September meeting date clashes with the WALGA convention. The date or the location for this meeting will need to be moved. The Executive Officer will provide options once the proposal for the joint ROC event is finalised.

12. CLOSURE

Ms. Alison Harris thanked the WEROC Board for their acceptance of the Shire of Cunderdin’s application. Ms. Lisa O’Neill formally welcomed the Shire of Cunderdin on behalf of the WEROC Board.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12.27pm.

<p>DECLARATION</p> <p>These minutes were confirmed by the WEROC Inc. Board at the meeting held _____</p> <p>Signed _____</p> <p>Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed</p>



MINUTES

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin
Tuesday, 27 May 2025
Commencing 1:30pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document	
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
EMSC	Executive Manager Strategy and Community
EMDS	Executive Manager Development Services
EMIS	Executive Manager Infrastructure Services
EMCS	Executive Manager Corporate Services
EO	Executive Officer
GO	Governance Officer
MCS	Manager Corporate Services
SFO	Senior Finance Officer
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
SCP	Strategic Community Plan
OAG	Office of the Auditor General

Shire of Merredin
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
Meeting
1.30pm Tuesday 27 May 2025



1. Official Opening

The Presiding Member acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, and paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The Presiding Member then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 1:32pm.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr D Crook	President
Cr R Manning	Deputy President
Cr M McKenzie	Chair
Cr B Anderson	

Staff:

C Watts	CEO
L Boehme	EMCS
B Wall	EMIS – 1:36pm – 1:47pm
M Wyatt	EO
R Cahill	TO

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2025
Attachment 5.1A

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Crook

Seconded: Cr Anderson

83598

That the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 4/0

For: Cr McKenzie, Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson

Against: Nil

6. Officer's Reports

6.1 Risk Dashboard Update – May 2025

<h2>Corporate Services</h2>		
Responsible Officer:	Leah Boehme, EMCS	
Author:	As above	
Legislation:	<i>Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i>	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 6.1A - Shire of Merredin Risk Dashboard Report May 2025 (CONFIDENTIAL)	

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee with an update on the Shire's risk management, due to a review of the Risk Management Dashboard being completed by the Executive Team.

Background

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* requires the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislation compliance.

In December 2022, this review was completed and presented to the Audit Committee and Council. Part of that process included a review of the Shire's Risk Dashboard. Each year the dashboard is reviewed at an Executive level to ensure it remains current.

Comment

With a number of changes to the Executive Leadership Team in the previous twelve months, and a number of changes to the organisational structure occurring, it was considered pertinent to complete reviews each year.

A number of finalised actions have been removed, and a number of new items have been added. The updated Shire of Merredin Risk Dashboard Report for May 2025 can be found at Attachment 6.1A.

Policy Implications

Policy 3.24 – Risk Management applies.

Statutory Implications

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	4. Communications and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2 - Decision Making 4.2.3 – The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice 4.4.1 – The Shire is continuously working to maintain efficient communication, providing open, transparent and factual information, through a variety of channels

Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil
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➤ Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	4. Communications and Leadership.
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives	Nil

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

There is a compliance risk associated with this Item as the Shire would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* if this Item was not presented to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. The risk rating is considered to be Low (4), which is determined by a likelihood of Unlikely (2) and a consequence of Minor (2). This risk will be eliminated by the adoption of the Officer's Recommendation.

The Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework includes relevant procedures to be followed when assessing and managing risk. The framework provides tools that monitor the Shire's risk profile on a quarterly basis. This framework has been reviewed and is also provided to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee today.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved:

Cr McKenzie

Seconded:

Cr Manning

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee;

83599

- 1. NOTES the review of the Risk Dashboard Report for May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.1A.**
- 2. RECOMMENDS that Council NOTES the review of the Risk Dashboard Report for May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.1A; and**
- 3. RECOMMENDS that Council ENDORSES the Risk Dashboard Report for May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.1A.**

CARRIED 4/0

For: Cr McKenzie, Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson

Against: Nil

EMIS, Brian Wall entered the Chambers at 1:36pm.

6.2 Risk Management Framework – May 2025

Corporate Services



Responsible Officer:	Leah Boehme, EMCS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 6.2A – Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework – May 2025

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee with an updated Risk Management Framework for the Shire of Merredin.

Background

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* requires the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislation compliance.

In December 2022, this review was completed and presented to the Audit Committee and Council. Part of that process included a review of the Shire's Risk Management Framework.

Comment

Due to a number of changes to the Executive Leadership Team and Senior Staff over the past 18 months, the Framework has been reviewed now to reflect these changes, rather than waiting until the end of the year.

The key changes are outlined below:

- Change from Executive Management Team to 'Executive Leadership Team' to match current terminology.
- Change of reference to Audit Committee to 'Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee' as per current Terms of Reference.
- Where 'Managers' listed – changed to Managers/ Supervisors/ Coordinators to ensure that all necessary staff are captured.

- Change of DCEO to 'Executive Manager Strategy & Community' and change of EMES to 'Executive Manager Infrastructure Services' (EMIS), as per current organisation structure. Engineering Services also updated to Infrastructure Services.
- Movement of the Occupation Health and Safety area from Development to Corporate Services (and change to Work Health and Safety as per current Act).
- Movement of Swimming Pool area from the Office of the CEO to Strategy and Community Services.
- Change of font from LT Aroma to Calibri – as per updated branding guidelines

Policy Implications

Policy 3.24 – Risk Management applies.

Statutory Implications

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: 4. Communications and Leadership
Service Area Objective: 4.2 - Decision Making
4.2.3 – The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice
4.4.1 – The Shire is continuously working to maintain efficient communication, providing open, transparent and factual information, through a variety of channels

Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Theme: 4. Communications and Leadership.
Priorities: Nil
Objectives Nil

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

There is a compliance risk associated with this Item as the Shire would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* if this Item was not presented to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. The

risk rating is considered to be Low (4), which is determined by a likelihood of Unlikely (2) and a consequence of Minor (2). This risk will be eliminated by the adoption of the Officer's Recommendation.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved:

Cr Manning

Seconded: Cr Anderson

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee;

83600

- 1. NOTES the review of the Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.2A;**
- 2. RECOMMENDS that Council NOTES the review of the Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.2A; and**
- 3. RECOMMENDS that Council ENDORSES the updated Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.2A.**

CARRIED 4/0

For: Cr McKenzie, Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson

Against: Nil



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RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

MAY 2025



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Introduction

The Shire of Merredin recognises that risk management is fundamental to achieving strategic and operational objectives and that it plays an integral role in day-to-day management and decision making at all levels of the organisation. The Shire’s Risk Management Policy, in conjunction with the components of this document, constitute the Shire’s Risk Management Framework. The Framework sets out the Shire’s approach to the identification, assessment, management, reporting and monitoring of risks.

The Risk Management Framework is a key component in the Shire’s overall governance practices. It is the structure upon which risks are identified and managed and allows for consistency across the Shire. This allows Council to confidently make decisions that are timely, informed and conscious of the factors that may impact on the success and delivery of its strategic, operational and project objectives.

It is essential that all areas of the Shire adopt and adhere to these procedures to ensure:

- Strong corporate governance;
- Compliance with relevant legislation, regulations and policies;
- Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements are met; and
- Uncertainty and its effects on objectives is understood.

This Framework aims to balance a documented, structured and systematic process with the size and complexity of the Shire, while acknowledging existing time, resource and workload pressures.

The objectives of this Framework are:

- To establish an integrated and effective approach to risk management
- Provide accountability for the management and reporting of risk
- Support the Shire’s risk reporting and legislative obligations

All components of this document are based on AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management – Guidelines.

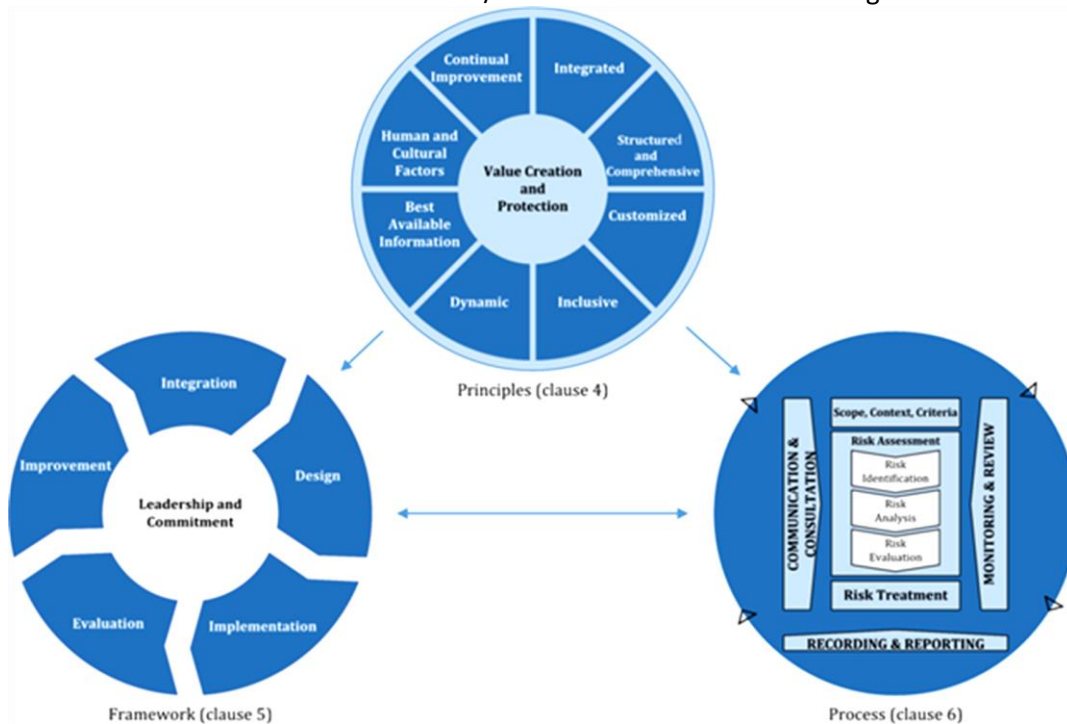


Figure 1: Relationship between the risk management principles, framework and process

Governance

Appropriate governance of risk management within the Shire provides:

- Transparency of decision making;
- Clear identification of the roles and responsibilities of the risk management functions; and
- An effective Governance Structure to support the risk framework.

Framework Review

The framework will be reviewed every three years, with results presented to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

Operating Model

The Shire has adopted a model for the management of risk that involves a three-tiered approach. This model ensures roles; responsibilities and accountabilities for decision making are structured to demonstrate effective governance and assurance. By operating within the approved risk appetite and Framework, the Council, Management and Community will have assurance that risks are managed effectively to support the delivery of the Strategic, Corporate & Operational Plans.

Tier 1 – First Line of Defence

All operational areas of the Shire are considered 'First Line'. They are responsible for ensuring that risks (within their scope of operations) are identified, assessed, managed, monitored and reported. Ultimately, they bear ownership and responsibility for losses or opportunities from the realisation of risk. Associated responsibilities include:

- Establishing and implementing appropriate processes and controls for the management of risk (in line with these procedures);
- Undertaking adequate analysis (data capture) to support decision making regarding matters of risk;
- Preparation of risk acceptance proposals, where necessary, based on level of residual risk; and
- Retention of primary accountability for the ongoing management of their risk and control environment.

Tier 2 – Second Line of Defence

The Executive Leadership Team act as the 'Second Line'. The Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS), with support from the remaining executive, owns and manages the Framework. In consultation, they draft and implement most governance procedures and provide the necessary tools and training to support the first line processes.

Maintaining oversight on the application of the Framework provides a transparent view and level of assurance to the first & third lines on the risk and control environment. Support can be provided by additional oversight functions completed by other First Line Teams (where applicable).

Additional responsibilities include:

- Providing oversight of risk matters as required;
- Monitoring and reporting on emerging risks; and
- Co-ordinating the Shire's risk reporting for the Chief Executive Officer and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

Tier 3 – Third Line of Defence

External Audits are the third line of defence, providing independent assurance to the Council, Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Shire Management on the effectiveness of business operations and the Framework.

External Auditors are appointed or provided by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to report independently to the President, CEO and Audit Committee on the annual financial statements, plans, policies and processes of the Shire.

Risk Management Governance Structure

The following diagram depicts the current operating structure for risk management within the Shire of Merredin.

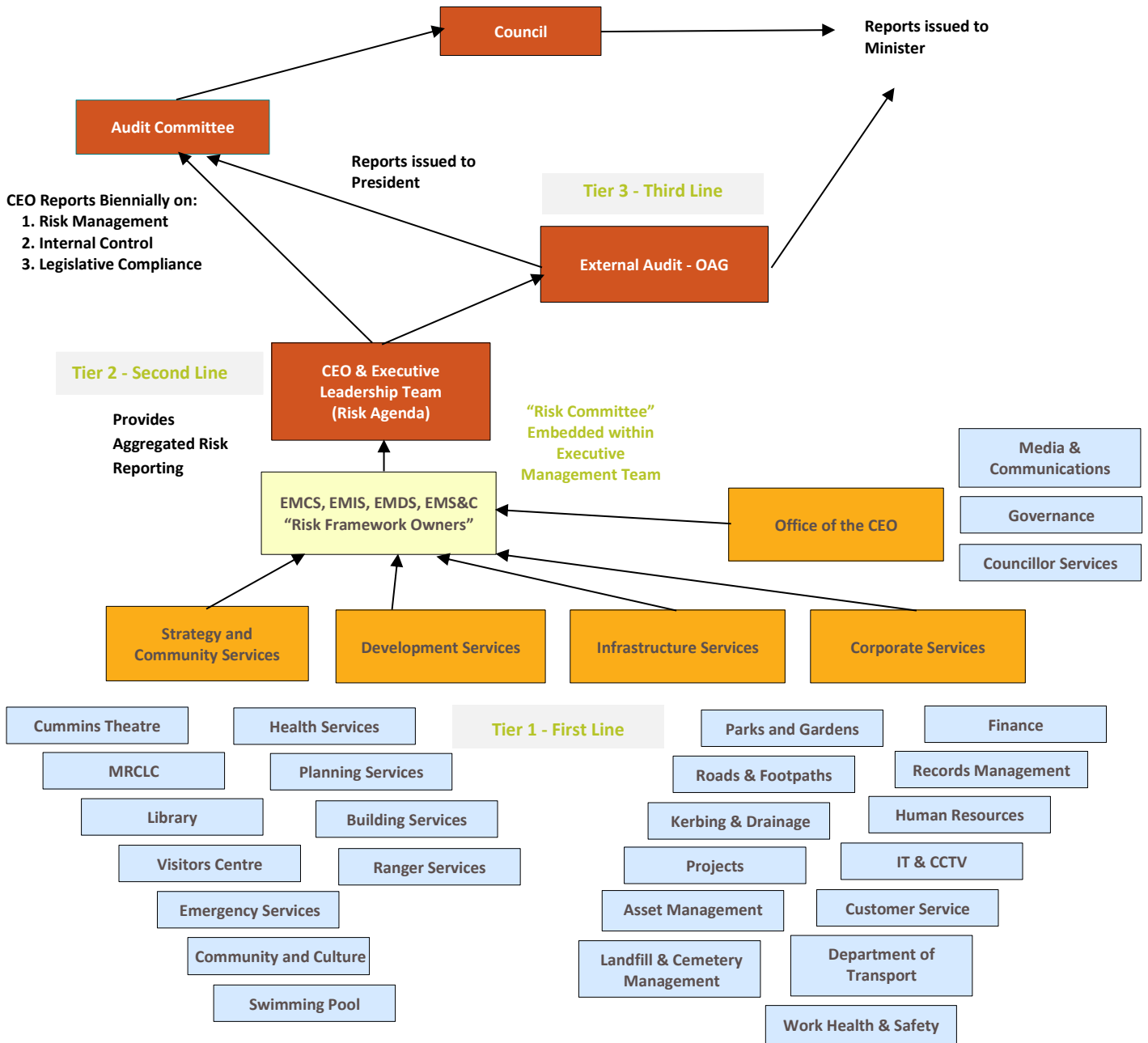


Figure 2: Shire of Merredin Risk Management Operating Model

Roles & Responsibilities

Council

- Review and approve the Shire's Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment & Acceptance Criteria; and
- Establish and maintain an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee in terms of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

- Regularly review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Framework, at least biannually;
- Support Council to provide effective corporate governance;
- Oversee the conduct of External Audits; and
- Must be independent, objective and autonomous in deliberations.

CEO / Executive Leadership Team

- Liaise with Council in relation to risk acceptance requirements;
- Approve and review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Risk Management Framework;
- Drive consistent embedding of a risk management culture;
- Analyse and discuss emerging risks, issues and trends;
- Document decisions and actions arising from 'risk matters';
- Own and manage the Risk Profiles at the Shire Level;
- Oversee and facilitate the risk management Framework; and
- Support reporting requirements for Risk matters.

Managers, Supervisors, Coordinators and Officers

- Drive risk management culture within work areas;
- Own, manage and report on specific risk issues as required;
- Assist in the Risk & Control Management process as required;
- Highlight any emerging risks or issues; and
- Incorporate 'Risk Management' into management meetings by incorporating the following agenda items:
 - New or emerging risks;
 - Review of existing risks;
 - Control adequacy; and
 - Outstanding issues and actions.

Document Structure

The following diagram depicts the relationship between the Risk Management Framework, Risk Management Policy and supporting documentation and reports.

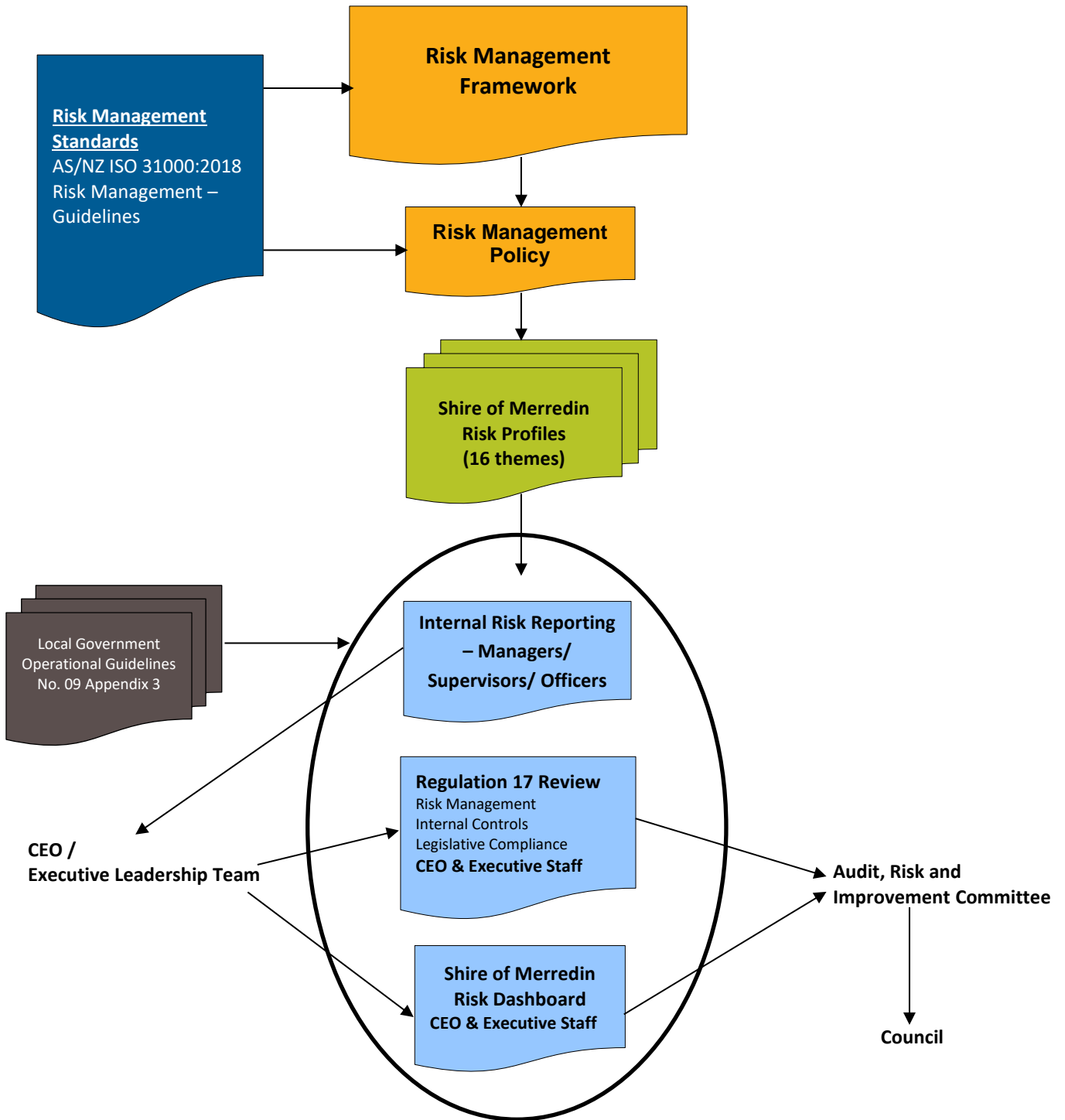


Figure 3: Document Structure

Note: Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 states that the review should take place at least every 2 years.

Risk Management Procedures

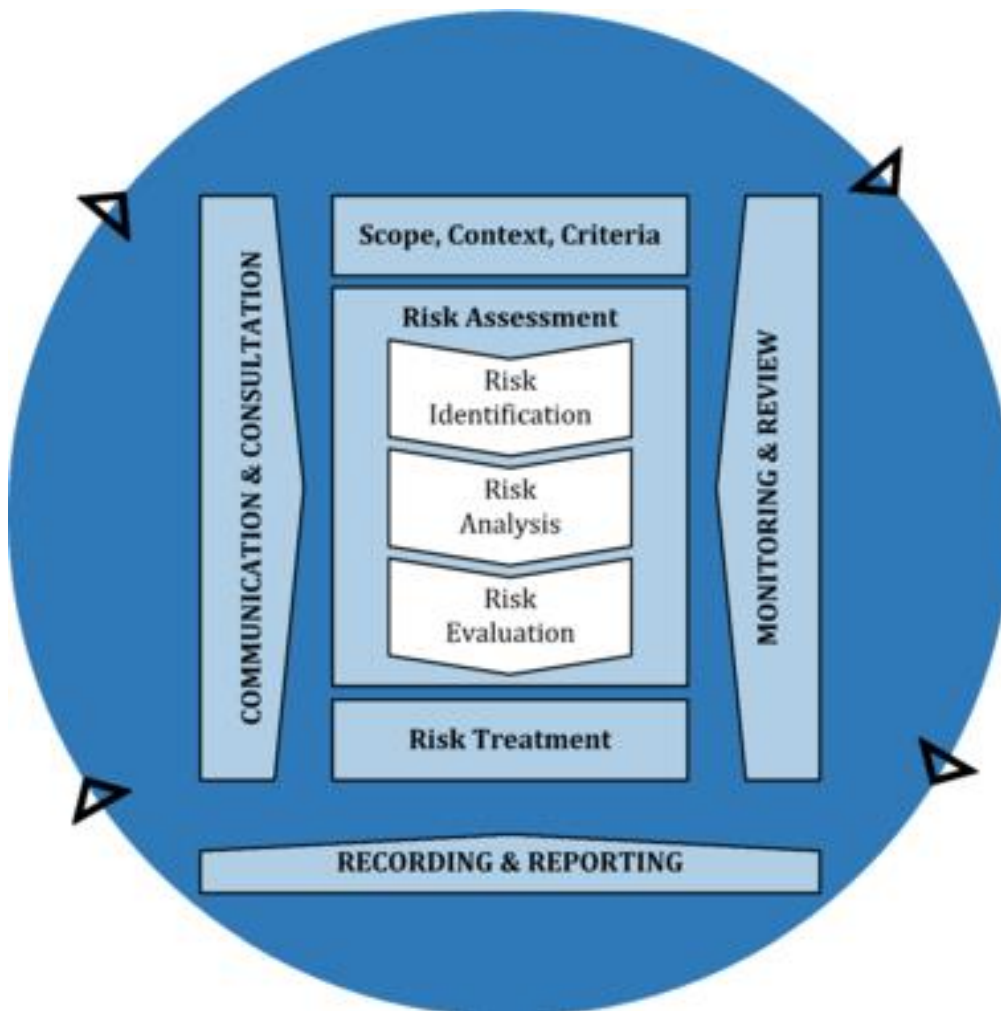
All Managers/ Supervisors/ Officers of the Shire are required to assess and manage the Risk Profiles in the context of their areas, on an ongoing basis.

Each Manager/ Supervisor/ Coordinator, in conjunction with the Executive Managers, are accountable for ensuring that Risk Profiles are:

- Reflective of the material risk landscape of the Shire;
- Reviewed on at least a six-monthly basis, unless there has been a material restructure or change in the risk and control environment; and
- Maintained in the standard format.

This process is supported by the use of key data inputs, workshops and ongoing business engagement.

The risk management process is standardised across all areas of the Shire. The following diagram outlines that process with the following commentary providing broad descriptions of each step.



**Figure 4: Risk Management Process
(ISO 31000:2018)**

A: Scope, Context, Criteria

Establishing a scope, context and criteria supports the organisation to customise the risk management process, enabling effective risk assessment and appropriate risk treatments.

The first step in the risk management process is to understand what is being assessed, and the context within which the risks are to be assessed.

Scope and Context

To direct the identification of risks, the specific risk assessment context is to be determined prior to and used within the risk assessment process. Risk sources can be internal or external.

Organisational Criteria

This includes the Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria (Appendix A) and any other tolerance tables as developed by the Shire.

All risk assessments are to utilise these documents to ensure consistent and comparable risk information is developed and considered within the planning and decision-making processes.

For specific risk assessment purposes, the Shire has three levels of risk assessment context; Strategic, Operational and Project.

Strategic Context

These risks are associated with achieving the organisation's long-term objectives. Inputs for establishing the strategic risk assessment context may include:

- Organisations Vision/ Mission;
- Stakeholder Analysis;
- Environmental Scan/ SWOT Analysis; and
- Strategies/ Objectives/ Goals (Integrated Planning & Reporting).

Operational Context

This relates to the Shire's day-to-day activities, functions, infrastructure and services. Prior to identifying operational risks, the operational area (directorate) should identify its key activities i.e. what are they trying to achieve?

In addition, existing Risk Themes are to be utilised where possible to assist in the identification of related risks. There are 16 Risk Themes that have been identified by the Shire of Merredin. These include:

- Asset management practices
- Business and community disruption
- Failure to fulfil statutory, regulatory or compliance requirements
- Document management processes
- Employment practices
- Engagement practices
- Environment management
- Errors, omissions or delays
- External theft or fraud
- Management of facilities/ venues/ events
- IT or communication systems and Infrastructure
- Misconduct
- Projects/ change management
- Safety and security practices
- Supplier/ contract management
- Procurement and disposal

These Risk Themes are expected to change over time, however, to ensure consistency, amendments must be approved by the Executive Leadership Team.

Project Context

Project Risk has two main components:

- Direct refers to the risks that may arise as a result of project activity (i.e. impacting on process, resources or IT systems) which may prevent the Shire from meeting its objectives; and
- Indirect refers to the risks which threaten the delivery of project outcomes.

In addition to understanding what is to be assessed, it is also important to understand who the key stakeholders are and recognise areas of expertise that may need to be included within the risk assessment.

B: Risk Identification

Once the context has been determined the next step is to identify risks. This is the process of finding, recognising and describing risks that might help or prevent the Shire achieving its goals. It is important to identify risks, whether or not their sources are under the Shire's control. Risk is described as the effect of uncertainty on objectives, where the effect is a deviation from the expected. This deviation can be positive, negative or both and can address, create or result in opportunities and threats. The risk is the point in an event sequence where control can be lost. An event sequence is demonstrated below:

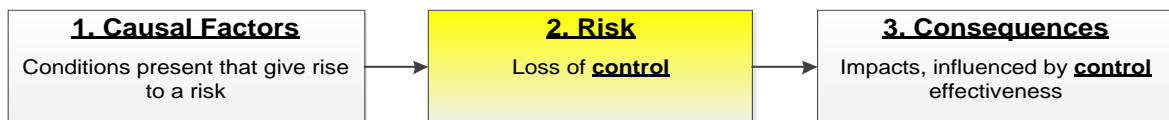


Figure 5: Event (Risk) Sequence

Using the specific risk assessment context as the foundation, in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, it is important to raise the below questions, then capture and review the information collected within each defined risk theme. The objective is to identify potential risks that could stop the Shire from achieving its goals.

- What can go wrong? / What are areas of uncertainty? (**Risk Description**)
- How may this risk eventuate? (**Potential Causes**)
- What are the current measurable activities that mitigate this risk from eventuating? (**Controls**)
- What are the potential consequential outcomes of the risk eventuating? (**Consequences**)

Risk Description – describe what the risk is and specifically where control may be lost. This can also be described as an event, but should not be confused with outcomes following an event or the consequences of an event.

Potential Causes – are the conditions that may present, or the failures that may lead to the event or point in time when control is lost.

Controls – are measures that modify risk. At this point in the process only existing controls should be considered. They must meet the following three tests to be considered:

1. Is it an object, technological system and/ or human action?
2. Does it, by itself, arrest or mitigate an unwanted sequence?
3. Is the required performance specifiable, measurable and auditable?

Consequences – need to be impacts on the Shire. These impacts may include:

- the health of staff, visitors or contractors;
- financial;
- interruption to services provided;
- non-compliance;
- damage to reputation or other assets or the environment.

There is no need to determine the level of impact at this stage.

The above questions and considerations are a guide only as unidentified risks can cause major losses through missed opportunities or adverse events occurring.

‘Brainstorming’ will always produce a broad range of ideas and all things should be considered as potential risks. Relevant stakeholders are considered to be the subject experts when considering potential risks to the objectives of the work environment and should be included in all risk assessments being undertaken. Key risks to the organisation can then be identified and captured within the risk profiles.

This step is also where opportunities for enhancement or gain across the organisation can be found. Risks can also be identified through other business operations including policy and procedure development, audits, customer complaints, incidents and systems analysis.

C: Risk Analysis

To analyse identified risks, the Shire’s Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria (Appendix A) is applied.

Step 1 - Consider the Effectiveness of the Identified Key Controls

Controls need to be considered from three perspectives:

1. The design effectiveness of each individual key control
2. The operating effectiveness of each individual key control
3. The overall or combined effectiveness of all identified key controls

Design Effectiveness

This process reviews the ‘design’ of the controls to understand their potential for mitigating the risk without any ‘operating’ influences. Controls that have inadequate designs will never be effective, no matter if it is performed perfectly every time.

There are four components to be considered in reviewing existing controls or developing new ones:

1. Completeness – the ability to ensure the process is completed once. How will the control ensure that the process is not lost or forgotten, or potentially completed multiple times?
2. Accuracy – the ability to ensure the process is completed accurately, that no errors are made or components of the process missed.
3. Timeliness – the ability to ensure that the process is completed within statutory timeframes or internal service level requirements.
4. Theft/ Fraud – the ability to protect against internal misconduct or external theft/ fraud based activities.

It is very difficult to have a single control that meets all the above requirements when viewed against a Risk Theme. It is imperative that all controls are considered so that the above components can be met across a number of controls.

Operating Effectiveness

This process reviews how well the control design is being applied. Similar to above, the best designed control will have no impact if it is not applied correctly.

As this generally relates to the human element of control application, there are four main approaches that can be employed by management or the risk function to assist in determining the operating effectiveness and/ or performance management:

1. Re-perform – this is only applicable for those short timeframe processes where they can be re-performed. The objective is to re-perform the same task, following the design to ensure that the same outcome is achieved.
2. Inspect – review the outcome of the task/ process to provide assurance that the desired outcome was achieved.
3. Observe – physically watch the task/ process being performed.
4. Inquire – through discussions with individuals/ groups, determine the relevant understanding of the process and how all components are required to mitigate any associated risk.

Overall Effectiveness

This is the value of the combined controls in mitigating the risk. All factors as detailed above are to be taken into account so that a considered qualitative value can be applied to the 'control' component of risk analysis.

The criterion for applying a value to the overall control is the same as for individual controls and can be found in Appendix A under 'Existing Control Ratings'.

Step 2 – Determine the Residual Risk Rating

There are three components to this step:

1. Determine relevant consequence categories and rate the 'probable worst consequence' if the risk eventuated with existing controls in place. This is not the worst-case scenario but rather a qualitative judgement of the worst scenario that is probable or foreseeable (Consequence).
2. Determine how likely it is that the 'probable worst consequence' will eventuate with existing controls in place (Likelihood).
3. Using the Shire's Risk Matrix in Appendix A, combine the measures of Consequence and Likelihood to determine the Risk Rating.

D: Risk Evaluation

Risk evaluation takes the Residual Risk Rating and applies it to the Shire's Risk Acceptance Criteria (Appendix A) to determine whether the risk is within acceptable levels to the Shire. The outcome of this evaluation will determine whether the risk is Low; Moderate; High or Extreme.

It will also determine, through the use of the Risk Acceptance Criteria, what (if any) high level actions or treatments need to be implemented.

Note: Individual Risks or Issues may need to be escalated due to their urgency, level of risk or systemic nature.

E: Risk Treatment

There are generally two requirements following the evaluation of risks:

1. In all cases, regardless of the Residual Risk Rating; controls that are rated 'Inadequate' require a treatment plan (action) be developed to improve the control effectiveness to at least 'Adequate'.
2. If the Residual Risk Rating is High or Extreme, treatment plans must be implemented to either:
 - a. Reduce the consequence of the risk materialising;
 - b. Improve the effectiveness of the overall controls to 'Effective' and obtain delegated approval to accept the risk as per the Risk Acceptance Criteria; or
 - c. Reduce the likelihood of occurrence.

(Note: these should have the desired effect of reducing the Risk Rating to at least Moderate)

Once a treatment has been fully implemented, the Executive Leadership Team is to review the risk information and acceptance decision with the treatment now noted as a control and those risks that are acceptable then become subject to the monitor and review process. (Refer to Risk Acceptance section)

F: Communication & Consultation

Effective communication and consultation are essential to ensure that those responsible for managing risk and those with a vested interest, understand the basis on which decisions are made. It is also important they understand why particular treatment/ action options are selected or the reasons to accept risks have changed.

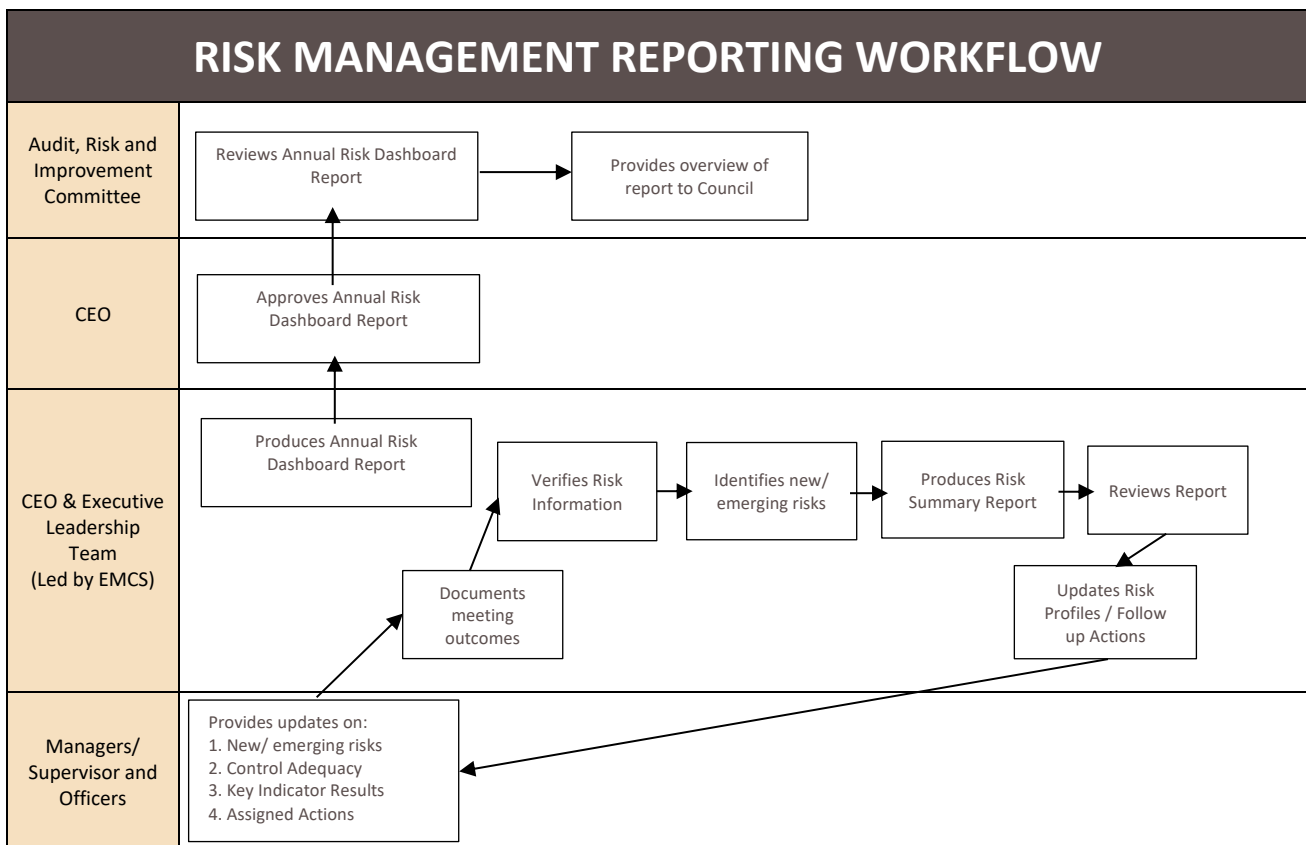
As risk is defined as the effect of uncertainty on objectives, consulting with relevant stakeholders assists in the reduction of components of uncertainty. Communicating these risks and the information surrounding the event sequence ensures decisions are based on the best available knowledge.

G: Monitoring & Review

It is essential to monitor and review the management of risks as changing circumstances may result in some risks increasing or decreasing in significance. By regularly reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of controls and the appropriateness of options selected, it can be determined if the organisation's resources are being put to the best use possible. During the reporting process, management are required to review any risks within their area and follow up on controls and actions that are mitigating those risks. Monitoring and the reviewing of risks, controls and treatments also applies to any actions to come out of audit. The audit report will provide recommendations that effectively are treatments for controls and risks that have been tested during an internal review.

H: Recording & Reporting

The following diagram provides a high-level overview of the ongoing reporting process for Risk Management.



Each Manager/ Supervisor/ Coordinator is responsible for ensuring:

- They continually provide updates in relation to new/ emerging risks, control effectiveness and key indicator performance to the Executive Leadership Team;
- Work through assigned actions and provide relevant updates to the Executive Leadership Team; and
- Risks/ issues reported to the CEO & Executive Leadership Team are reflective of the current risk and control environment.

The Executive Leadership Team is responsible for:

- Ensuring Shire Risk Profiles are formally reviewed and updated (at least on a six monthly basis or when there has been a material restructure, change in risk ownership or change in the external environment);
- Quarterly Risk Reporting to the CEO and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee; and
- Annual Compliance Audit Return completion and lodgement.

Key Indicators

Key indicators may be used for monitoring and validating key risks and controls. The following describes the process for the creation and reporting of key indicators:

- Identification
- Validity of Source
- Tolerances
- Monitor & Review

Identification

The following represent the minimum standards when identifying appropriate key indicators, key risks and controls:

- That the risk description and causal factors are fully understood;
- The key indicator is fully relevant to the risk or control;
- Predictive key indicators are adopted wherever possible; and
- Key indicators provide adequate coverage over monitoring key risks and controls.

Validity of Source

In all cases an assessment of the data quality; integrity and frequency must be completed to ensure that the key indicator data is relevant to the risk or control.

Where possible, the source of the data (data owner) should be independent to the risk owner. Overlapping key indicators can be used to provide a level of assurance on data integrity.

If the data or source changes during the life of the key indicator, the data is required to be revalidated to ensure reporting of the key indicator against a consistent baseline.

Tolerances

Tolerances are set based on the Shire's Risk Appetite. They are set and agreed over three levels:

- **Green** – within appetite; no action required;
- **Amber** – the key indicator must be closely monitored and relevant actions set and implemented to bring the measure back within the green tolerance; and
- **Red** – outside risk appetite; the key indicator must be escalated to the CEO & Executive Management Team where appropriate management actions are to be set and implemented to bring the measure back within appetite.

Monitor & Review

All active key indicators are updated as per their stated frequency of the data source.

When monitoring and reviewing key indicators, the overall trend must be considered over a longer timeframe instead of individual data movements. The trend of the key indicator is specifically used as an input to the risk and control assessment.

Risk Acceptance

Day-to-day operational decisions are generally managed under the delegated authority framework of the Shire.

Risk Acceptance is a management decision to accept (within authority levels) material risks which will remain outside appetite framework (refer Appendix A – Risk Assessment & Acceptance Criteria) for an extended period of time (generally 3 months or longer).

The following process is designed to provide a framework for those identified risks.

The 'Risk Acceptance' must be in writing, signed by the relevant Manager/ Supervisor and Executive Manager/ CEO, and contain:

- A description of the risk;
- An assessment of the risk (e.g. impact consequence, materiality, likelihood, working assumptions, etc.);
- Details of any mitigating action plans or treatment options in place; and
- An estimate of the expected remediation date.

A lack of budget/ funding to remediate a material risk outside appetite is not sufficient justification in itself to accept a risk.

Accepted risks must be continually reviewed through standard operating reporting structure (i.e. Executive Leadership Team).

Appendix A – Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria

MEASURES OF CONSEQUENCE							
Rating (Level)	Health	Financial Impact	Service Interruption	Compliance	Reputational	Property	Environment
Insignificant (1)	Negligible injuries	Less than \$1,000	No material service interruption	No noticeable regulatory or statutory impact	Unsubstantiated, low impact, low profile or 'no news' item	Inconsequential or no damage	Contained, reversible impact managed by on site response
Minor (2)	First aid injuries	\$1,001 - \$10,000	Short term temporary interruption – backlog cleared < 1 day	Some temporary non compliances	Substantiated, low impact, low news item	Localised damage rectified by routine internal procedures	Contained, reversible impact managed by internal response
Moderate (3)	Medical type injuries	\$10,001 - \$100,000	Medium term temporary interruption – backlog cleared by additional resources < 1 week	Short term non-compliance but with significant regulatory requirements imposed	Substantiated, public embarrassment, moderate impact, moderate news profile	Localised damage requiring external resources to rectify	Contained, reversible impact managed by external agencies
Major (4)	Lost time injury	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	Prolonged interruption of services – additional resources; performance affected < 1 month	Non-compliance results in termination of services or imposed penalties	Substantiated, public embarrassment, high impact, high news profile, third party actions	Significant damage requiring internal & external resources to rectify	Uncontained, reversible impact managed by a coordinated response from external agencies
Catastrophic (5)	Fatality, permanent disability	More than \$1,000,000	Indeterminate prolonged interruption of services – non-performance > 1 month	Non-compliance results in litigation, criminal charges or significant damages or penalties	Substantiated, public embarrassment, very high multiple impacts, high widespread multiple news profile, third party actions	Extensive damage requiring prolonged period of restitution Complete loss of plant, equipment & building	Uncontained, irreversible impact

MEASURES OF LIKELIHOOD			
Level	Rating	Description	Frequency
5	Almost Certain	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances	More than once per year
4	Likely	The event will probably occur in most circumstances	At least once per year
3	Possible	The event should occur at some time	At least once in 3 years
2	Unlikely	The event could occur at some time	At least once in 10 years
1	Rare	The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances	Less than once in 15 years

RISK MATRIX						
CONSEQUENCE		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
LIKELIHOOD		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)

RISK ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Risk Rank	Description	Criteria	Responsibility
LOW	Acceptable	Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by routine procedures and subject to annual monitoring	Operational Manager/ Supervisor
MODERATE	Monitor	Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by specific procedures and subject to semi-annual monitoring	Operational Manager/ Supervisor
HIGH	Urgent Attention Required	Risk acceptable with excellent controls, managed by senior management/ executive and subject to monthly monitoring	Executive Manager/ CEO
EXTREME	Unacceptable	Risk only acceptable with excellent controls and all treatment plans to be explored and implemented where possible, managed by highest level of authority and subject to continuous monitoring	CEO / Council

EXISTING CONTROLS RATINGS

Rating	Foreseeable	Description
Effective	There is <u>little</u> scope for improvement.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Processes (Controls) operating as intended and aligned to Policies / Procedures. Subject to ongoing monitoring. Reviewed and tested regularly.
Adequate	There is <u>some</u> scope for improvement.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Processes (Controls) generally operating as intended, however inadequacies exist. Nil or limited monitoring. Reviewed and tested, but not regularly.
Inadequate	There is a <u>need</u> for improvement or action.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Processes (Controls) not operating as intended. Processes (Controls) do not exist, or are not being complied with. Have not been reviewed or tested for some time.

6.3 Risk and Regulation Action Plan May 2025

Corporate Services



Responsible Officer:	Leah Boehme, EMCS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 6.3A – Risk and Regulation Action Plan May 2025

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit Committee with an update on the Shire of Merredin’s (the Shire) progress toward the actions highlighted during the 2023/24 Audit and the Shire’s Financial Management Review (FMR), which was presented to the Audit Committee and Council in December 2023.

Actions relating to the Shire of Merredin Risk Dashboard are also incorporated in the document. It should be noted that a full review of the Risk Dashboard has been completed and the Risk and Regulation Action Plan has been amended to include the current information.

The Chief Executive Officer’s review of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the financial management systems and procedures of the local government (Regulation 17 review) will occur prior to the end of the current calendar year.

Background

Regulation 5(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* directs the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) undertake reviews of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the financial management systems and procedures of the local government regularly (and not less than once in every 3 financial years) and report to the local government the results of those reviews. The FMR for the Shire was undertaken in the last quarter of 2023 and results were presented to the Audit Committee and Council. The previous FMR was completed in 2020.

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* requires the CEO to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislation compliance.

The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to the sub-regulation (1) (a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review at least once every three (3) financial years. The CEO is to report to the Audit Committee the results of that review and then provide updates on the progress toward identified actions on a regular basis.

The Shire undertook this review in December 2022 and all identified actions have now been closed out. The Shire will look to complete this review again prior to the end of 2025.

Comment

As with the previous action plan presented to Council, works toward the completion of the actions have been outlined throughout the document (Attachment 6.3A).

Policy Implications

Policy 3.24 – Risk Management applies.

Statutory Implications

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* applies.

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	4. Communications and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2 Decision Making. 4.2.3 The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice. 4.4.1 The Shire is continuously working to maintain efficient communication, providing open, transparent and factual information, through a variety of channels.
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	4. Communications and Leadership.
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives	Nil

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

There is a risk to the organisation if regulation and risk items are not regularly reviewed and presented to the Audit Committee. The rating is considered to be Moderate (6), which is determined by a likelihood of Possible (3) and a consequence of Minor (2).

By regularly reviewing the Shire's Risk and Regulation Action Plan, and providing updates to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Council, the risk to the organisation should decrease.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved:

Cr McKenzie

Seconded: Cr Crook

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee;

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- 1. NOTES the quarterly Risk and Regulation Action Plan for May 2025 as presented in Attachment 6.3A; and**
- 2. RECOMMENDS that Council NOTES the Risk and Regulation Action Plan, as tabled to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.**

CARRIED 4/0

For: Cr McKenzie, Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson

Against: Nil

Risk and Regulation Action Plan – May 2025

Completed In progress Ongoing Not yet commenced Reviewed elsewhere 

2023/24 Financial Audit

Area's Actions Required	Actions:	Date completed/ comment:
Corporate IT Strategy **previous Audit	Develop a Corporate IT Strategy for the Shire of Merredin that links to the business objectives outlined in the Shire of Merredin Corporate Business Plan.	The Office of Digital Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet Cyber Security Pilot Project has commenced and will continue until 30 June 2026. Initial meetings held. DGOV team visited the Shire on 19.5.2025 and the template for the Strategy was discussed. It is hoped to have a draft version of this ready by the June OCM.
IT Policies/ Procedures **previous Audit	Though a range of processes are currently in place in relation to backups, physical security, HR security and a number of the other areas listed below, the Shire will formalise/ develop documented IT and Cyber Security policies/ procedures that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access control (including Account management, Account requests and approvals, Account monitoring, User authentication, Account auditing) - Physical security - Backup protocols - Change management - HR security - Information classification - Data loss prevention 	Documents not yet developed, will be working with the Office of Digital Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet on the Cyber Security Pilot Project until 30 June 2026. Initial meetings held. DGOV team visited the Shire on 19.5.2025 and the template for the required policies were discussed. It is hoped to have draft versions of these ready by the June OCM.
Outdated Workforce Plan	Complete a full review of the current document, taking into account planned organisation changes and predicted needs of the organisation in the coming five years.	Full review has been commenced. Staff survey completed
Excessive Leave Balances	Executive staff will work with any members of their team with around or over 300 hours of annual leave to develop Leave Plans that ensure that excess leave is cleared as soon as possible.	Discussions held with staff members who have excessive leave balances. All staff members have leave booked in 2025 to reduce excess leave. Formal letters to be provided to necessary staff outlining leave requirements.

Financial Management Review

Recommendations:	Actions:	Date completed/ comment:
Bank Reconciliations processes require review to ensure current practices are documented.	Documented processes and procedures to be developed relating to bank reconciliations	Three of four bank reconciliations are now completed utilising the Altus Bank Reconciliation module. The fourth is completed manually. Procedure to be developed. No further progress due to vacancy in the team.
End of Month checklist to be developed to ensure all processes are completed.	The End of Month Checklist has been developed, however is not being used regularly. This will become part of the usual end of month process, with the EMCS to sign off each month moving forward. Some additional items will also be added to deal with items raised in the FMR relating to end of month procedures.	End of Month Checklist is now used at the end of each month to ensure all processes are complete. Further checklists will be put in place for each of the positions. No further progress due to vacancy in the team.
Key reconciliations should be completed prior to the finalisation of the monthly financial reports.	This will be added to the End of Month Checklist moving forward to ensure completion and sign off occurs each month within the required timeframe.	These processes are now included in the End of Month Checklist. These are currently checked each month and the EOM checklist is reviewed and authorised. This will continue to be completed moving forward.
Monthly payroll reconciliations noted three imbalances, however these imbalances were reported at the time and records were maintained to support the reasons for the imbalances. It is suggested that these controls and practices are continued.	The current controls will be documented to ensure their continuation.	Monthly payroll reconciliations are completed and imbalances rectified prior to the commencement of the following pay. A payroll end of month checklist will be implemented to ensure processes continue. No further progress due to vacancy in the team.
Credit card reconciliations are not completed prior to the monthly funds direct debit being completed. The recommendation is for staff to check their statements earlier in the billing cycle.	The EMCS will check credit card statements when pulling through creditor / payroll batches each week and check any suspicious looking transactions with the respective executive. A work instruction for this will be developed.	The EMCS checks all credit cards at least fortnightly and queries any unusual payments with the cardholder. A spreadsheet has been developed and checks are entered as completed. However the work instruction has not yet been developed.

Regular review of cost reallocations to ensure accuracy and so that administration costs are not being incorrectly capitalised.	A review will be undertaken to review cost allocations prior to the 2024/25 budget adoption. This review will be added to the Budget Checklist to ensure it is undertaken annually as part of the budget process.	The Engineering Team work closely with Finance Team and capitalise completed projects monthly. Plant op costs and public works overheads have been reviewed prior to adoption of the new budget. Allocations were also reviewed during Budget Review 1 and Budget Review 2.
Written procedures are required for the reconciliation of borrowings.	A work instruction will be developed and this will be added to the End of Month Checklist moving forward to ensure completion and sign off occurs each month within the required timeframe.	No further progress due to vacancy in the team. We will look to implement this in the new financial year now that the finance team is fully staffed.
Timely reconciliation of stock (including fuel) is required and controls need to be established.	This issue has already been identified through the risk register and processes are beginning to be developed.	Fuel dips have been completed twice weekly (19 May – current), however the reconciliation process and work instruction are to be developed.
Documentation of controls relating to general journal procedures are required. This should include regular audit trails being completed to ensure no unauthorised journals have been completed.	The printing and review of audit trails will be added to the end of month checklist moving forward to ensure completion and sign off occurs each month. A written procedure will also be drafted to outline the processes required.	No further progress due to vacancy in the team. We will look to implement this in the new financial year now that the finance team is fully staffed.
The investment register is not routinely reviewed by a more senior officer.	Currently the Shire do not have any active investments, with all funds being in the form of cash and held with our Bank. Moving forward the “cash” register which is completed will be added to the End of Month Checklist to ensure sign off occurs each month.	Investment Register has been added to the End of Month Checklist to be authorised each month by a more senior officer.
The Business Continuity Plan requires routine testing to ensure validity.	Desktop testing of the Business Continuity Plan will be scheduled prior to the end of the financial year.	Desktop exercise with ELT members led by the CEO occurred 23 January 2025.
Policy 3.5 - Investment Policy requires review and updating. It is suggested that the review timeframe could be amended to align with organisational requirements.	This Policy, along with a number of others, will be reviewed in the coming months.	This will be completed in the new financial year now that the finance team is fully staffed and the new EMIS has commenced.

Risk Dashboard Review

Asset Management			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Transition QGIS data to RAMMS	New	Dec-25	
Ensure appropriate training in RAMMS program for necessary staff	New	Dec-25	
Development of Sport and Recreation Asset Management Plan	New	Jul-25	This is already in progress, with Urbis undertaking works currently
Investigate replacement systems for Building and other asset management (ERP)	New	Dec-25	
Continue quarterly stocktakes at works depot, review oncosts	ongoing	ongoing	Oncosts were review during 2024/25 budget development
Review and update Asset Management Policy	N	Jun-25	Due for review
Create Asset Management Strategy	N	Jun-26	
Business and Community Disruption			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Implement internal emergency management arrangements across Shire	N	ongoing	Planned for May 2025
Review LEMA annually	N	ongoing	Review of LEMA and associated contact lists to occur prior to bushfire season
Hold at least one evacuation practice in each Shire facility each year	Partial	ongoing	Evacuation practice schedule developed in WHS committee and circulated to necessary staff
Desktop testing of IT Disaster Recovery Plan/ Business Continuity Plan	N	Jun-26	Completed September 2024/ Jan 2025. To be scheduled to occur again in 2026
Failure to Fulfil Compliance Requirements (statutory, regulatory)			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Review Compliance Calendar within Attain	ongoing	ongoing	Weekly due items report sent to Exec
Review process for CAR completion	Y	ongoing	2024 CAR presented to Audit and Council in February 2025
Policy and Plan Spreadsheets	Y	ongoing	Spreadsheets developed Q3 2023 updated regularly
Document Management Process			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes

Policy review included in ELT agenda as required	Y	ongoing	Included in ELT agenda when staff policy required to be reviewed
Digitise vital records	Partial	ongoing	Many old records digitised, most new digitised as created
Review policies by due dates	Partial	ongoing	A number are outstanding currently
Creation of key secure documents that are unable to be edited (H Drive – templates, procedures etc)	Partial	Dec-25	Most folders / documents secured
Continue to review archives of the Shire	Partial	Ongoing	Records officer and Governance Officer have continued review
Employment Practices			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Ensure Recruitment Process are implemented consistently	Partial	ongoing	PDs and Classifications reviewed and updated Onboarding and offboarding checklists developed and utilised
Review of qualification, licenses and tickets for required staff	Partial	ongoing	Training register updated and reviewed regularly
Engagement Practices			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Review Engagement & Consultation Framework	N	Dec-25	
Complete Community Scorecard Survey	N	Jun-26	Will require funds in 2025/26 budget – CEO KPI to engage contractor to completed community scorecard or similar prior to August 2025, with scorecard to be undertaken during 2025/26
Environment Management			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Maintenance and monitoring of waste water re-use scheme	Y	ongoing	Monthly sampling complies with legislation requirements.
Training to be completed for the waste water management program	As required	ongoing	Ongoing training consistently provided to new employees. Current employees working with waste water have up to date training.
Implement Landfill Operational Management Plan	New	ongoing	

Errors, Omissions and Delays

Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Identify key procedures for ALL areas, to be documented	Partial	Jun-26	A number of Corporate procedures identified via FMR and Audit Added to monthly communities agenda
Create Procedural/Internal Management procedures and policies	Partial	ongoing	Some initial Corporate procedures created. Strategy and Community team have commenced documenting procedures in the correct template Added to monthly communities agenda
Regularly review key information on website for accuracy	Partial	ongoing	Exec to review own information regularly. Media and Comms officer to monitor
Maintain process to track complaints/ work requests	Partial	ongoing	A spreadsheet is in place currently to log requests / Snap Send Solves.

External Theft, Fraud or Damage

Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Review Admin Security Procedure to include individual 4 digit access system for relevant staff. Removal of access when staff leave.	Y	ongoing	Alarm and swipe card system in use, all staff have individual pins.
Continue implementation of CCTV throughout Shire facilities	Partial	Jun-26	Apex, Town Centre, Cummins, Depot, Admin completed 2024/25
Review of contractor access and induction processes – DAMSTRA use	New	Jun-26	
Contractors/ contract management of works	New	ongoing	

Management of Facilities/ Venues/ Events

Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Review internal procedures for events and bookings - communication focus	As required	ongoing	Project plans implemented which serve as part of the procedure, including a communication plan section

Review facility/ venue hire forms	As required	ongoing	A new template has been developed and all forms are being reviewed
Develop hire forms for high profile outdoor areas (e.g. Town Centre)	New	Jul-25	Currently being developed
Review fees and charges for bonds and costs charged for cleaning of venues after events	New	ongoing	Fees and Charges are reviewed regularly Proposed 25/26 F&C include these
Review Building Maintenance Program Annually	New	ongoing	
IT or Communications Systems and Infrastructure			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Document IT equipment register and replacement plan	Partial	Jun-25	One third fleet replacement each year. Hardware audit completed 13.5.2025
Develop and implement Corporate IT Strategy	Partial	Jun-26	DGOV team visited the Shire on 19.5.2025 and the template for the Strategy was discussed. It is hoped to have a draft version of this ready by the June OCM.
Implement staff and councillor training for enhanced IT security	Partial	Dec-25	Cyber security video rolled out to all staff who have computer access. Cyber security posters installed. Lock computer reminders on Admin Building computers. Training for all staff completed 19.5.2025 – offered to Councillors
Review staff IT access profiles on shared drive and in SynergySoft	Partial	ongoing	Quarterly review of synergy user access
Review of Whisper resource and its effectiveness	New	Annually	A review is completed annually prior to Bushfire season
Misconduct			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Review of Induction Procedure	Partial	ongoing	Most documents now updated to new templates
Review Fraud & Corruption Control Plan	New	Jun-26	Last reviewed May 2024
Authorised officers' letters of appointment	Y	ongoing	All current staff have letters. New staff receive on commencement

Ethical and Accountable Decision-Making training	N	Dec-25	Will be completed as required moving forward
Projects/ Change Management			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Develop project management plans for the management of major projects (i.e. CBD)	As required	As required	Kept as live documents, updated as required.
Project plans for events in place	As required	ongoing	Review undertaken March 2025, will occur annually moving forward
Develop change management process	New	Jun-26	
Develop a project management reporting template	Partial	Jun-25	Commenced April
Develop a handover process template	New	Jun-25	
Safety and Security Practices			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Determine contractor/ site inspection procedural approach	Partial	Jun-26	Working with Regional Risk Coordinator (LGIS) to utilise DAMSTRA contractor induction system. Procedure to be developed. Work with stakeholders to occur
Finalise register of qualification and competencies and develop procedure for its regular review	Partial	Dec-25	Register commenced
Conduct annual building inspection for BFB and SES	New	ongoing	ESO and RRC to complete annually
Review the effectiveness of DAMSTRA and how to ensure trades complete required data entry (Quals, Insurances, Licences, SWMS, SWPs etc)	New	ongoing	
Review the compliance and effectiveness of chemical and hazardous substance storage throughout all facilities	New	ongoing - biannual	
Supplier/ Contract Management			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Regular review of Tenders, Contracts, Agreements and Grants SynergySoft module	Y	ongoing	Contract and Grant milestones emailed weekly
Development of TCAG procedure	N	Dec-25	
Identify standard template for RFQ and RFT processes	New	Jun-25	

Identify standard template for Goods and Services Contracts	New	Jun-25	
Develop a process flow chart (checklist) for RFQ and RFT processes	New	Jun-25	
Procurement and Disposal			
Action	Completed Y/N	Date Due	Date Completed/ Notes
Procedure for e-quotes/ Vendor Panel/ Tenderlink to be developed	No	Dec-25	-
Development of Asset Disposal procedures	Yes	Dec-25	Completed, awaiting ELT review
Review the cost of paid Vendor Panel and consider for 2025/26 budget	No	Jun-25	

7. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 1:47pm.

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11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council Consideration

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution – Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 27 May 2025

Moved: Cr McKenzie

Seconded: Cr O'Neill

That Council ENDORSE the following recommendations from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 27 May 2025 being;

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1. Item 6.1: That Council NOTES the review of the Risk Dashboard Report for May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.1A and ENDORSES the Risk Dashboard Report for May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.1A;
2. Item 6.2: That Council NOTES the review of the Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.2A and ENDORSES the updated Shire of Merredin Risk Management Framework May 2025, as presented in Attachment 6.2A; and
3. Item 6.3: That Council NOTES the Risk and Regulation Action Plan, as tabled to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.


CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

12. Officer's Reports – Development Services

12.1 Application for Subdivision (WAPC 201639) Lot 7785 (No 60) Hughes Road Merredin

<h2>Development Services</h2>		
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS	
Author:	As above	
Legislation:	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> <i>Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6</i>	
File Reference:	A7180	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 12.1A – WAPC Referral Documentation.	

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider that it advises the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) that it has no objection to the proposed subdivision of Lot 7785 (No 60) Hughes Road, Merredin (WAPC Application No: 201639) resulting in the creation of two new lots, proposed Lot A (3.2801Ha) and proposed Lot B (124.052Ha).

Background

An application for subdivision of land located approximately 2 kilometres east of the Merredin townsite, has been lodged with the WAPC for approval. The WAPC is seeking comments from Council prior to issuing a determination on the application.

The proposed subdivision will divide existing Lot 7785 (No 60) Hughes Road, Merredin into 2 new Lots. Lot A (3.2801Ha) which will contain all existing building and structures (Homestead Lot) and Lot B (124.052Ha) which will contain the balance of the rural land.

Comment

Planning Considerations

The portion of the land in question which will incorporate the proposed Lot A (Homestead Lot) is zoned Rural Residential, the balance of the land forming part of the proposed Lot B being zoned both Rural Residential as well as General Farming (Rural) under the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6 (the Scheme). All existing buildings incorporating the

farmhouse and sheds will be located on the proposed Lot A (Homestead Lot). There are currently no buildings located on the proposed Lot B.

The WAPC Development Control Policy 3.4 – Subdivision of Rural Land as well as provisions of the Scheme highlight the need to maintain the viability and rural character of the land in question.

With respect to the creation of a homestead Lot, Development Control Policy 3.4 – Subdivision of Rural Land, states as follows;

The creation of homestead lots is intended to allow primary producers to continue to occupy their dwelling when they cease to farm, and provide settlement opportunities in areas where land fragmentation is limited and unlikely to increase. Homestead lots are to be created in a manner that is consistent with the rural character of the landscape of a locality. Homestead lots may be facilitated through boundary rationalisation or the creation of a new lot”

Homestead lots may therefore be created to enable an approved existing house on a rural lot to continue to be occupied provided that;

- a) The land is in the DC 3.4 Homestead lot policy area;*
- b) The homestead lot has an area between one and four hectares, or up to 20 hectares to respond to the landform and include features such as existing outbuildings, services or water courses;*
- c) There is an adequate water supply for domestic land management and fire management purposes;*
- d) The dwelling is connected to a reticulated electricity supply or an acceptable alternative demonstrated;*
- e) The homestead lot has access to a constructed public road;*
- f) The homestead lot contains an existing residence that can achieve an appropriate buffer from adjoining rural land uses;*
- g) a homestead lot has not been excised from the farm in the past;*
- h) the balance lot is suitable for the continuation of the rural land use, and generally consistent with the prevailing lot sizes, where it can be shown that this is consistent with the current farming practices at the property; and*
- i) the dwelling on a homestead lot must be of a habitable standard and may be required to be certified as habitable by the local government.*

In this case, given the Lot sizes in question, their location and existing infrastructure on the Lots, it is believed that the proposed subdivision meets the required criteria in that the viability of the rural land is not jeopardised and at the same time the creation of the homestead Lot will not generate any undue additional need for government and community services.

Bush Fire Management

The supporting documentation forwarded to the Shire of Merredin (the Shire) by the WAPC incorporates correspondence from FM Surveys – Licensed Surveyors, stating that the Homestead Lot (proposed Lot A) is not within the Bushfire Prone area, with a portion of the rural land (proposed Lot B) being in a Bushfire Prone area, but that no future development is to occur in this area.

Site Soil Evaluation

Contact has been made with the owner of the land which confirmed that the existing onsite effluent disposal system has been in the ground for some time and is functioning well. In addition, there is ample space for the provision of a replacement, or an additional onsite effluent disposal system should the need arise. As such the Shire Administration is of the opinion that a formal Site Soil Evaluation (SSE) is not warranted in this case.

Road Access

Lot 7785 (No 60) Hughes Road, Merredin currently has road access from Hughes Road. Following the proposed subdivision, both Lot A and Lot B will have potential road access from Hughes Road.

Policy Implications

Compliance with WAPC Development Control Policy 3.4 – Subdivision of Rural Land

Statutory Implications

Compliance with the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6

Strategic Implications

∅ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Service Area Objective:	5.4 Town Planning & Building Control 5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

∅ Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	5.4 Town Planning & Building Control 5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

Subdivisional processes are statute-based requirements subject to approval of the WAPC with comments from various stakeholders including the relevant local government authority. Risks associated with the Shire not opposing the proposed subdivision are considered low (3) based

on the likelihood (1) and consequence (3) of adverse events associated with the proposed subdivision taking place. Adoption of the officer's recommendation will eliminate the risk.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr O'Neill

Seconded: Cr Billing

That Council ADVISES the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) that it has no objection to the proposed subdivision of Lot 7785 (No 60) Hughes Road, Merredin (WAPC Application No: 201639) resulting in the creation of two new Lots, proposed Lot A (3.2801Ha) and proposed Lot B (124.052Ha), as identified in Attachment 12.1A, subject to;

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1. The proposed boundaries not encroaching upon any existing structures or onsite effluent disposal facilities, and;
2. All new Lots being connected to a constructed road via crossovers to the satisfaction of the Shire of Merredin.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

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Our Ref : 201639
 Previous Ref :
 Your Ref : 4080
 Enquiries : Olivia Clark (6551 8077)

07 May 2025

Application No: 201639 - 60 HUGHES ROAD MERREDIN

The Western Australian Planning Commission has received an application for planning approval as detailed below. Plans and documentation relating to the proposal are attached. The Commission intends to determine this application within 0 days from the date of lodgement.

Please provide any information, comment or recommended conditions pertinent to this application by 18 June 2025 being 42 days from the date of this letter. The Commission will not determine the application until the expiry of this time unless all responses have been received from referral agencies. If your response cannot be provided within that period, please provide an interim reply advising of the reasons for the delay and the date by which a completed response will be made or if you have no comments to offer.

Referral agencies are to use the Model Subdivision Conditions Schedule (1 January 2024) in providing a recommendation to the Commission. Non-standard conditions are discouraged, however, if a non-standard condition is recommended additional information will need to be provided to justify the condition. The condition will need to be assessed for consistency against the validity test for conditions. A copy of the Model Subdivision Conditions Schedule can be accessed: <http://www.dplh.wa.gov.au>

Please send responses via Planning Online Portal here: <https://planningonline.dplh.wa.gov.au/>.

This proposal has also been referred to the following organisations for their comments: *Water Corporation, Merredin, Shire of, DBCA - Wheatbelt, DWER - Swan Region, Main Roads, Wheatbelt, Western Power and LG Merredin, Shire of.*

Yours faithfully



Ms Sam Boucher
 WAPC Secretary

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Type	Subdivision	Application No	201639
Applicant(s)	FM Surveys		
Owner(s)	[Redacted]		

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Locality	60 HUGHES ROAD MERREDIN		
Lot No(s).	7785, 7785	Purpose	Subdivision
Location	,	Local Gov. Zoning	GENERAL FARMING, RURAL RESIDENTIAL
Volume/Folio No.	1988/15, 1988/15	Local Government	Merredin, Shire of
Plan/Diagram No.	120140, 120140	Tax Sheet	
Centroid Coordinates			
Other Factors	FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AREA, MRWA - STATE ROAD EXTERNAL REFERRAL, BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA, HYDROGRAPHY (), THREATENED FAUNA BUFFER, REMNANT VEGETATION (NLWRA)		

Our ref: 4080

The Secretary
Western Australian Planning Commission
PO Box J747
PERTH WA 6001

Dear Sir/ Madam

RE: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7785 #60 HUGHES ROAD MERREDIN

FM Surveys act on the behalf of the owner of the above land holding.

1. Background

The proposal involves the subdivision into two lots. The proposal is to create a homestead lot from the rural land.

2. Bushfire

The homestead lot is not within the Bushfire Prone area. Portion of the rural land is in a bushfire prone area, but no future development is to occur in this area.



3. On-site sewage disposal

There is an existing on-site sewage disposal system.

4. Power

Power is connected to the house from the consumer pole via overhead cable.



5. Water

The house is connected to the Water Mains

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter or require additional information from our office, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by phone

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Mark Spencer
Project Manager
Surveying

Form 1A - Preliminary approval application

Lodgement ID	2025-02958		
Date submitted	14/04/2025		
Submitted by	Mark Cameron Spencer		
Your reference	4080		
Location of subject property	Lot 7785 Hughes Rd, Merredin		
Existing tenure	Freehold (Green Title)	Application type	Subdivision
Proposed tenure	Freehold (Green Title)		

Applicants

Applicant (1)

Is person the primary applicant?	Yes		
Is the applicant an organisation/company?	Yes	Is the applicant a landowner?	No
Organisation/company	FM Surveys	ACN/ABN	84 659 647 970
Name	Mark Spencer	Position	Director
Email	[REDACTED]		
Phone number	[REDACTED]	Additional phone no.	N/A
Address	[REDACTED] Duncraig 6023 Australia	Additional phone no. type	N/A

Certificate of Title details

Certificate of Title (1)

Volume	1988	Folio	15
Plan number	120140	Lot number	7785
Part lot?	No	Location	N/A
Reserve number	N/A		
Address	60 HUGHES RD MERREDIN	Nearest road intersection	MERREDIN-NAREMBEEN ROAD

Landowners

Have all registered proprietors (landowners) listed on the Certificate/s of Title provided consent?	Yes
Are any of the landowner's names different from that shown on the certificate of title?	No

Landowner (1)

Is the landowner an organisation/company?	No	Landowner type	Registered proprietor
Organisation/company	N/A	ACN/ABN	N/A

Name	[REDACTED]	Position	N/A
Email	[REDACTED]		
Phone number	[REDACTED]		
Address	[REDACTED] MERREDIN 6415 Australia		
Consent to apply:			
Has this landowner provided consent to apply?		No	
Date of consent document	N/A		

Additional consent to apply

Consent to apply checklist	
Current copies of all records of title are attached	Yes
All registered proprietors (landowners) listed on the certificate/s of title have signed the application or an attached letter of consent. This includes landowners specified on a certificate of title for a leasehold lot	Yes
Consent to apply is given on behalf of landowners or tier 1 corporation	No
The application is by or on behalf of a prospective purchaser/s under contract of sale or offer and acceptance	No
Consent to apply is given by or on behalf of joint tenant survivors	No
Consent to apply is given by or on behalf of an executor of a deceased estate	No
This application includes land that is owned by or vested in or held by management order by a government agency or local government	No
This application includes Crown land	No

Summary of the Proposal

Existing tenure	Freehold (Green Title)	Application type	Subdivision
Proposed tenure	Freehold (Green Title)		
Local government where the subject land is located		Merredin, Shire of	
Additional local government/s where the subject land is located		N/A	
Have you submitted a related application?		No	
Lodgement ID of related application		N/A	
How is the application related?		N/A	
Land use and lots			
Current land use	RURAL		
Total number of current lot/s subject of this application	1	Number of proposed lot/s	2

Proposed use/development:

Proposed zone (1)	Rural	Zone lot size	2 HA - 5 HA
		Number of zone lots	1
Proposed zone (2)	Rural	Zone lot size	Over 25 HA
		Number of zone lots	1

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Reserved lots:			
Reserve lot type (N/A)	N/A	Number of reserve lots	N/A

Dwellings, outbuildings and structures			
Does the subject lot/s contain existing dwellings, outbuildings and/or structures?		Yes	
Dwellings:			
Number of dwellings	1	Specify details	All to be retained
Details of partially retained/ removed dwellings	N/A		
Outbuildings:			
Number of outbuildings	7	Specify details	All to be retained
Details of partially retained/ removed outbuildings	N/A		
Other development:			
Specify details	N/A		
Amendment			
Type 1 (a) Addition of land from outside the parcel of a strata titles scheme to common property in the scheme (but not including temporary common property)		No	
Type 1 (b) Conversion of a lot in a strata titles scheme to common property in the scheme		No	
Type 2 Removal from the parcel of a strata titles scheme of land comprised of common property		No	
Type 3 Consolidation of 2 or more lots in a strata titles scheme into 1 lot in the scheme (not affecting common property in the scheme)		No	
Type 4 Subdivision that does not involve the alteration of the boundaries of the parcel and is not a type 1, type 2 or type 3 subdivision		No	
Termination			
Strata company resolution in support of the termination proposal is available?		No	
Has an outline termination proposal been prepared?		No	
Survey-Strata or Leasehold (Survey-Strata)			
Is common property proposed?		No	
Does the plan of subdivision show the indicative internal sewer and water connections to each lot?		No	
Proposed leasehold scheme term		N/A	
Is an option for postponement of the leasehold expiry scheme proposed?		No	
What is the proposed postponement timeframe?		N/A	
Strata or Leasehold (Strata)			
Is common property proposed?		No	
Does this application relate to an approved development application?		No	
Development application approval date/s	N/A	Development application reference number/s	N/A
Does this application relate to an approved building permit?		No	
Building permit issue date/s	N/A	Building permit reference number/s	N/A
Is it proposed to create a vacant strata lot by registration of the plan?		No	
Number of vacant strata lot/s	N/A		

Details of restrictions to be placed on any lots on the plan	N/A
Leasehold scheme proposed timeframe	N/A
Is an option for postponement of the leasehold expiry scheme proposed?	No
Proposed postponement timeframe	N/A

Subdivision details	
Transport impacts	
Are there 10 - 100 vehicle trips in the subdivision's peak hour?	No
Are there more than 100 vehicle trips in the subdivision's peak hour?	No
Access to/from, right-of-way or private road	
Access is to be provided from an existing right of way or private road?	No
Road and rail noise	
Is the proposal within the trigger distance of a strategic transport route as defined by State Planning Policy 5.4?	Yes
Contaminated sites	
Has the land ever been used for potentially contaminating activity?	No
Does the land contain any site or sites that have been classified under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003?	No
Does the land contain any site or sites that have been reported or are required to be reported under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003?	No
Information requirements liveable neighbourhoods	
Is this application to be assessed under the Liveable Neighbourhoods policy?	No
Acid sulfate soils	
Is the land located in an area where site characteristics or local knowledge lead you to form the view that there is a significant risk of disturbing acid sulfate soils at this location?	No
Bushfire prone areas	
Is all, or a section of the subdivision in a designated bushfire prone area?	No
Has a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Contour Map been prepared?	No
Does the BAL Contour Map indicate areas of the subject site as BAL-12.5 or above?	No
Has a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) been prepared?	No
On-site sewerage disposal	
Is on-site sewerage disposal proposed?	No
Is it proposed to create lots of 4ha or smaller?	No
Has a site and soil evaluation been provided?	No

Final Checklist	
Subdivision plans are based on an accurate and up-to-date feature survey that includes existing ground levels relative to AHD or topography of the subject lot/s. A feature survey is not required for amalgamation approval	Yes
Relevant copies of the subdivision plans and supporting documentation or accompanying information are attached	Yes
The subdivision plan is capable of being reproduced in black and white format	Yes
The subdivision plan is drawn to a standard scale (ie 1:100, 1:200, 1:500, 1:1000) at A3 or A4	Yes
All dimensions on the subdivision plan are in metric standard	Yes
The north point is shown clearly on the subdivision plan	Yes
The subdivision plan shows all lots or the whole strata or community titles (land) scheme plan (whichever is applicable)	Yes
The subdivision plan shows all existing and proposed lot boundaries	Yes

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The subdivision plan shows all existing and proposed lot dimensions (including lot areas)	Yes
The subdivision plan shows the lot numbers and boundaries of all adjoining lots	Yes
Is a battleaxe lot/s proposed?	No
The subdivision plan shows the width and length of the access leg, the area of the access leg and the total area of the lot	No
The subdivision plan shows the name/s of existing road/s	Yes
Is a new road/s proposed to be created?	No
The subdivision plan shows the width of proposed road/s	No
Is the land vacant?	No
The subdivision plan shows all buildings and/or improvements, including driveways and crossovers (including setbacks) which are to be retained, or removed	Yes
Does the land contain features such as watercourses, wetlands, significant vegetation, flood plains and dams?	Yes
The subdivision plan shows features such as watercourses, wetlands, significant vegetation, flood plains and dams?	Yes
The subdivision plan shows all electrical, sewer and water infrastructure. For on-site sewage disposal, the indicative disposal areas for wastewater distribution are to be shown	Yes
Additional information required in the case of applications for residential infill subdivision within existing residential zoned areas	No

Estimated Fee & Payment Details			
Estimated fee payable	\$3,814.00		
Number of proposed lots	2	Number of reserved lots	0
Payer details			
Would you like to nominate that the invoice is sent to another party for payment?			Yes
Payer name	██████████	Organisation/company	N/A
Phone number	██████	Email	██████████
Postal address	██████████	City/Town/Suburb	Waroona
Postcode	6215		
Submit application			
Are the payer's details correct?			Yes
Have you checked the Summary of the Proposal and acknowledged all items?			Yes

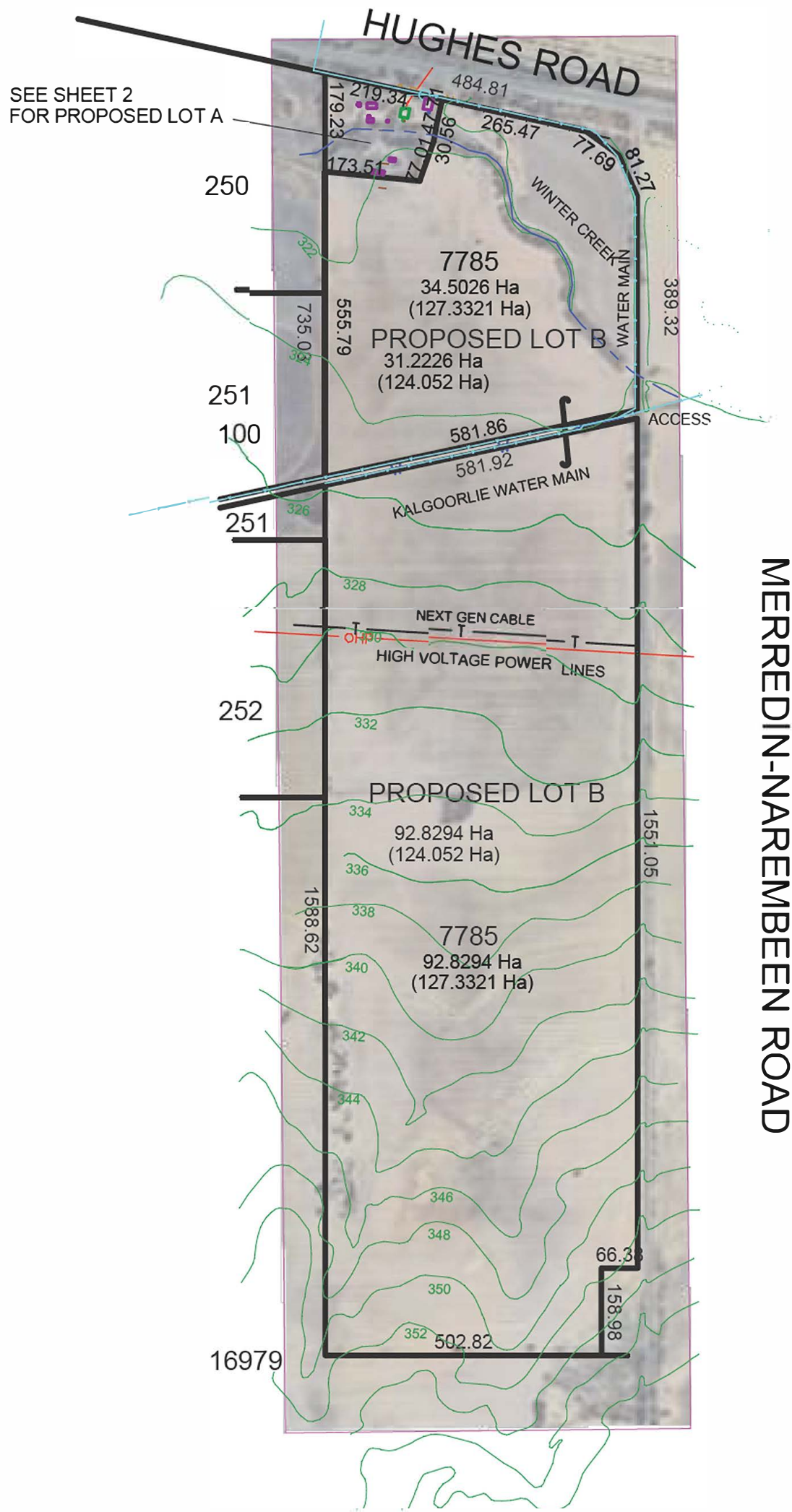
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Document type	Document
Certificate of Title	Certificate of Title with Sketch 1988-15 60 Hughes Road, MERREDIN 6415 - Certificate of Title 1988-15.pdf
Covering letter	PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF 60 HUGHES ROAD MERREDIN.pdf
Export PDF - Lodged application	20250414 2025-02958 60 HUGHES RD, MERREDIN - Form 1A.pdf
Letter of consent	consent.pdf
Subdivision plan	4080-proposal-merredin-2.pdf
Tax Invoice	Tax Invoice - INV0005533 - 20250417.pdf
Tax Invoice - Receipt	Tax Invoice Receipt - INV0005533 - 20250430.pdf

WAPC contact information			
Infoline	1800 626 477	Planning Online	https://planningonline.dph.wa.gov.au
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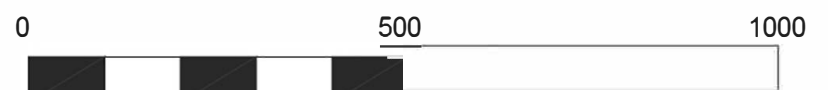
NOTE DWELLING AND ALL SHEDS TO REMAIN



ORIGINAL AREAS
 Lot 7785 127.3321 Ha
 No of existing lots 1
 No of proposed lots 2

NOTES
 This survey does not guarantee the correct position of fences or found pegs.
 For the location of underground utility services see "Dial Before You Dig" plans
 All units are in metres
 Contour interval 2m
 Vertical datum is the A.H.D.
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 Cadastral information has been sourced from Landgate.

SHEET 1 OF 2 SHEETS

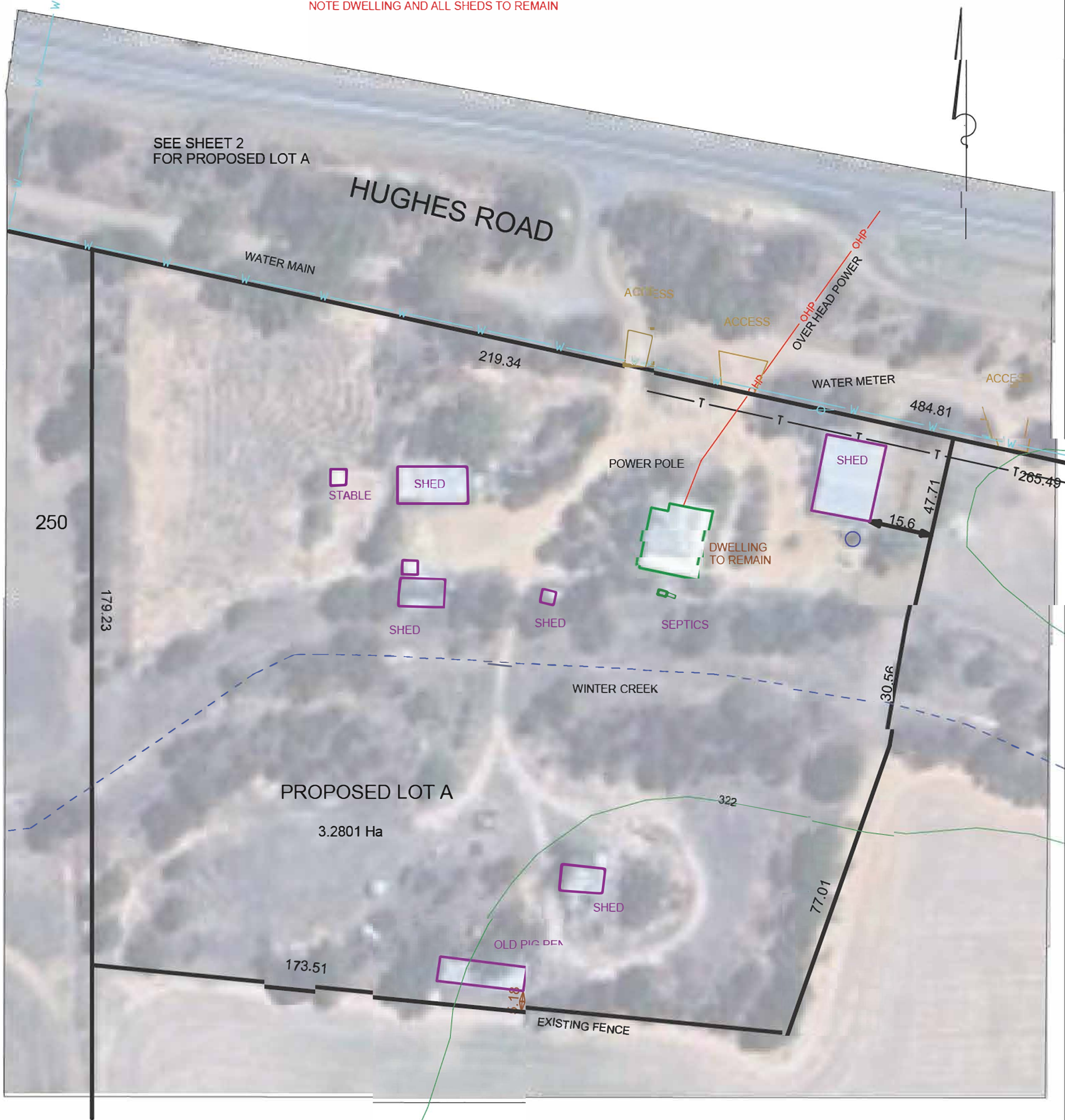


PLAN OF PROPOSED HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7785 60 HUGHES ROAD MERREDIN	METADATA	JOB NUMBER 4080 VERSION 1	F.M. SURVEYS PTY LTD P.O. Box 178 DUNCRAIG WA 6023 Ph. [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED] Drawn Mark Spencer	
	LOCAL AUTHORITY			SHIRE OF MERREDIN
	DATE OF SURVEY			6-4-2025
	SCALE			1:10000 AT A3

NOTE DWELLING AND ALL SHEDS TO REMAIN

SEE SHEET 2 FOR PROPOSED LOT A

HUGHES ROAD



250

179.23

WATER MAIN

219.34

ACCESS

ACCESS

OVER HEAD POWER OHP

WATER METER

484.81

ACCESS

POWER POLE

SHED

T 265.49

STABLE

SHED

DWELLING TO REMAIN

SEPTICS

SHED

SHED

WINTER CREEK

PROPOSED LOT A

3.2801 Ha

322

SHED

OLD PIG DEN

77.01

173.51

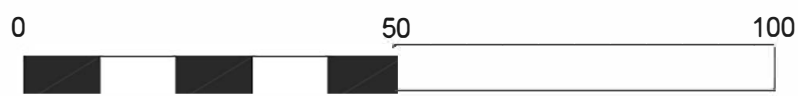
EXISTING FENCE

PROPOSED LOT B

31.2226 Ha
(124.052 Ha)

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Lot 7785 127.3321 Ha
No of existing lots 1
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SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

<p>PLAN OF PROPOSED HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION OF LOT 7785 60 HUGHES ROAD MERRIDIN</p>	METADATA		<p>JOB NUMBER 4080 VERSION 1</p>	<p>F.M. SURVEYS PTY LTD P.O. Box 178 DUNCRAIG WA 6023 Ph. [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED] Drawn Mark Spencer</p>
	LOCAL AUTHORITY	SHIRE OF MERRIDIN		
	DATE OF SURVEY	6-4-2025		
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12.2 Application for Development Approval – Shed with Reduced Front Setback Lot 501 Goldfields Road Hines Hill

<h3>Development Services</h3> 	
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> <i>Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6</i>
File Reference:	A6122
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 12.2A – Application for development approval and supporting documentation

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider approving an application for Development Approval (DA) for the erection of a shed incorporating a reduced front setback on Lot 510 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill.

Background

The Shire of Merredin (the Shire) has received an application for development approval for the erection of a shed incorporating a reduced front setback on Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill.

Comment

Statutory Requirements - Planning Considerations

Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill is zoned 'General Farming' under the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6 (LPS).

The erection of a shed on land zoned General Farming is a permitted activity and would normally be granted development approval at the officer level under delegation from Council.

On this occasion the applicant seeks to erect the shed on Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill incorporating a reduced front setback. Whilst the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has delegated authority to approve reduced setbacks on Residential zoned land, in this case the land is zoned General Farming and as such the matter is being referred to Council for its consideration.

The land in question is not subject to the Residential Design Codes (R Codes), in addition as General Farming zoned land is not captured by provisions of the LPS Table Two – Development Table, which stipulates minimum front, rear and side boundary setbacks, the

default setback for General Farming zoned land is a 20m front boundary setback and a 10m side and rear boundary setback.

Although the land is zoned General Farming, Lot 501 Goldfields Road Hines Hill comprises an area of only 1.72 Hectares. The applicant is seeking approval for a reduced front setback of 7.0m from the front boundary on the basis that the placement of the shed on a different portion of the Lot is problematic due to a large portion of the Lot on the east side being low lying and subject to water inundation as well as the presence of existing bores on the northern portion of the Lot.

Moreover, the Shire has recently approved the placement and use of two (grouped) relocatable dwellings on Lot 500 Fitzpatrick Road, Hines Hill, with one of these dwellings incorporating a reduced setback. This dwelling will be located immediately adjacent to the proposed development on Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill with both Lots being owned by the same party. The applicant intends to live in the dwelling and use the shed on the adjoining Lot for hobby farm related purposes. The previously approved reduced front setback for the dwelling on Lot 500 Fitzpatrick Road Hines Hill will align with the proposed reduced setback for the shed.

Furthermore, the LPS specifically allows for discretion by Council with respect to an application of this nature in accordance with Clause 4.5 of the LPS, which states as follows;

4.5 VARIATIONS TO SITE AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

4.5.1 Except for development in respect of which the Residential Design Codes apply, if a development is the subject of an application for development approval and does not comply with a standard or requirement prescribed under the Scheme, the local government may, despite the non-compliance, approve the application unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the local government thinks fit.

4.5.2 In considering an application for development approval under this clause, where, in the opinion of the local government, the variation is likely to affect any owners or occupiers in the general locality or adjoining the site which is the subject of consideration for the variation, the local government is to –

a) consult the affected parties by following one or more of the provisions for advertising uses under clause 64 of the deemed provisions; and

b) have regard to any expressed views prior to making its determination to grant the variation.

4.5.3 The power conferred by this clause may only be exercised if the local government is satisfied that –

a) approval of the proposed development would be appropriate having regard to the criteria set out in clause 67 of the deemed provisions; and

b) the non-compliance will not have an adverse effect upon the occupiers or users of the development, the inhabitants of the locality or the likely future development of the locality

Given the specific circumstances of Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill, the f is not subject to the Residential Design Codes and that the proposal will not be inconsistent with existing development in the locality, it is recommended that Council use its discretion to approve the development application.

Statutory Requirements – Health Act Considerations

Statutory considerations are specifically related to development on a given Lot (individual land parcel in question) as such land parcel may be sold independently in its own right and there is no guarantee that facilities on adjacent Lots will be available for use by the neighbouring landholder.

In this case the application relates to the erection of a shed, notwithstanding the fact that the applicant in this case will have access to a previously approved dwelling on the immediately adjacent Lot, the Shire must assess the application on its merits looking solely at the Lot subject to the application before Council.

Section 144 of the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*, specifically prohibits the conversion, adaptation or use as a dwelling of any building not originally constructed or erected as a dwelling house.

This has been addressed by the Shire having received a Statutory Declaration from the applicant confirming that the proposed shed will not be used for the purposes of habitation.

Statutory Requirements – Building Act Considerations

Building work including the placement or erection of a building or incidental structure on land is subject to building permit requirements. An application for a building permit must be submitted to the Shire and be approved before any building work can commence on site, since the property is located within the Hines Hill townsite.

Policy Implications

Compliance with Local Planning Scheme Policy No.1 – Moveable Buildings

Statutory Implications

Compliance with the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6.

Compliance with the *Building Act 2011*.

Compliance with *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*.

Strategic Implications

∅ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Service Area Objective:	5.4 Town Planning & Building Control 5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

∅ Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	5.4 Town Planning & Building Control

5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

The proposed development will not result in an adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding area. Council has discretion to approve an application in accordance with Clause 4.5 of the LPS which allows for variation from LPS standards and requirements. The specific circumstances of the Lot in question offers sufficient justification for use of Council's discretion and minimise risk of such a decision setting a precedent. Accordingly, the risks associated with this proposal are considered Low (3) based on the likelihood of Rare (1) and consequence of Moderate (3) of adverse events associated with the proposed development taking place.

Financial Implications

Development application fees have been paid.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Billing

Seconded: Cr Anderson

That Council GRANTS development (planning) approval for the erection of a shed incorporating a reduced front setback on Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill as outlined in Attachment 12.2A.

ADVICE NOTES

- 1. The applicant is advised that if the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term “substantially commenced” has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time.*
- 2. The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permit must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any building work can commence on site.*
- 3. The applicant is advised that if an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination.*

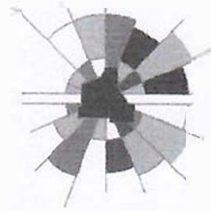
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For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O’Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

Application for development approval



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

Owner details		
Name: [REDACTED]		
ABN (if applicable):		
Address: [REDACTED], Narembeen		Postcode: 6369
Phone: Work: [REDACTED]	Fax: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Home: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Mobile: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Contact person for correspondence :		
Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 25-4-25	
Signature: [REDACTED]	Date:	
<p><i>The signature of the owner(s) is required on all applications. This application will not proceed without that signature. For the purposes of signing this application an owner includes the persons referred to in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Schedule 2 clause 62 (2).</i></p>		
Applicant details (if different from owner)		
Name:		
Address:		
		Postcode:
Phone: Work: [REDACTED]	Fax: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
Home: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Mobile: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Contact person for correspondence :		
<p>The information and plans provided with this application may be made available by the local government for public viewing in connection with the application. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		

Signature: 	Date: 25-4-25
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Property details		
Lot No: 501	House/Street No:	Location No:
Diagram or Plan No: 46059	Certificate of Title Vol. No: 2629	Folio: 572
Title encumbrances (e.g. easements, restrictive covenants): N/A		
Street Name: York Goldfields Road	Suburb: Mines Hill	
Nearest street intersection: Fitzpatrick Road / York Goldfields Rd.		

Proposed development	
Nature of Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Works <input type="checkbox"/> Use <input type="checkbox"/> Works and use
Is an exemption from development claimed for part of the development?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, is the exemption for	<input type="checkbox"/> Works <input type="checkbox"/> Use
Description of proposed works and/or land use:	Construction of a shed
Description of exemption claimed (if relevant):	
Nature of any existing buildings and/or land use:	Nil / fallow
Approximate cost of proposed development:	\$70 000
Estimated time of completion:	August 2025

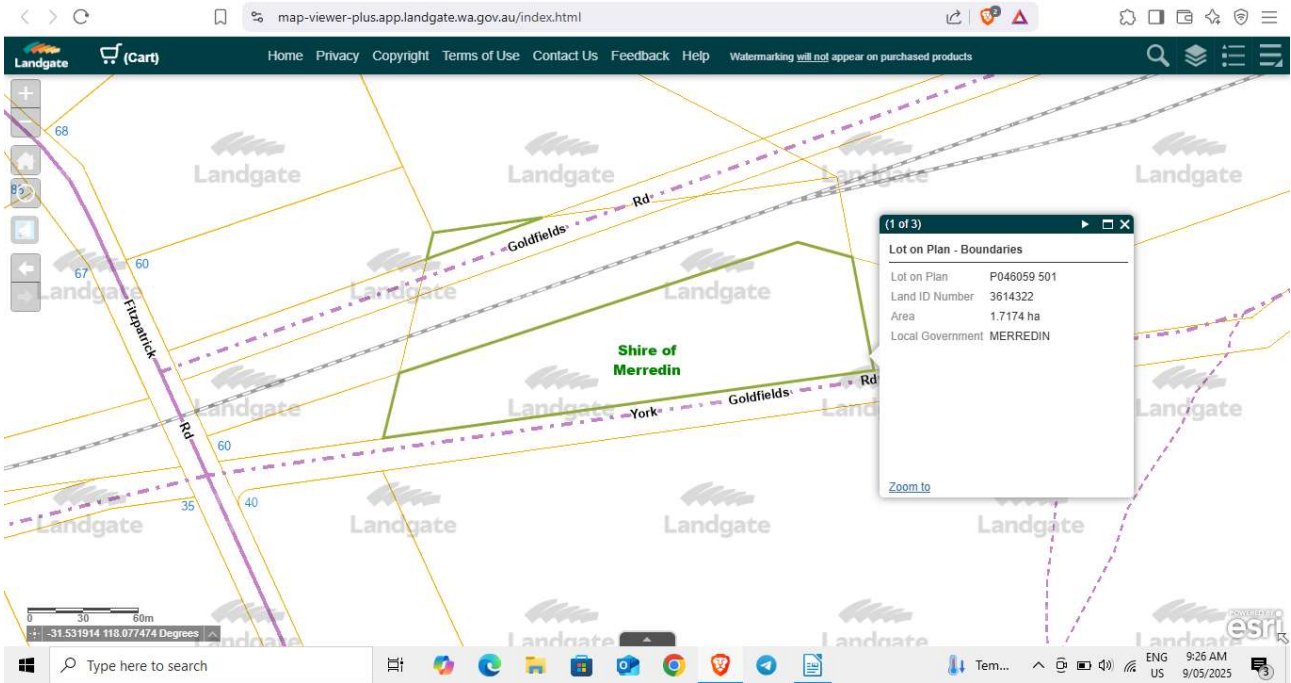
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Acceptance Officer's initials:
Local government reference No:

Date Received:

Building Application Lot 501 York Goldfields Rd Hines Hill 6413

Request for Boundary Exclusion Variation



Lot 501 (+Lot 500) Site Map

Not To Scale – Indicative Only



Legend

Blue shapes – proposed houses – Lot 500

Purple Shape – proposed shed location – Lot 501

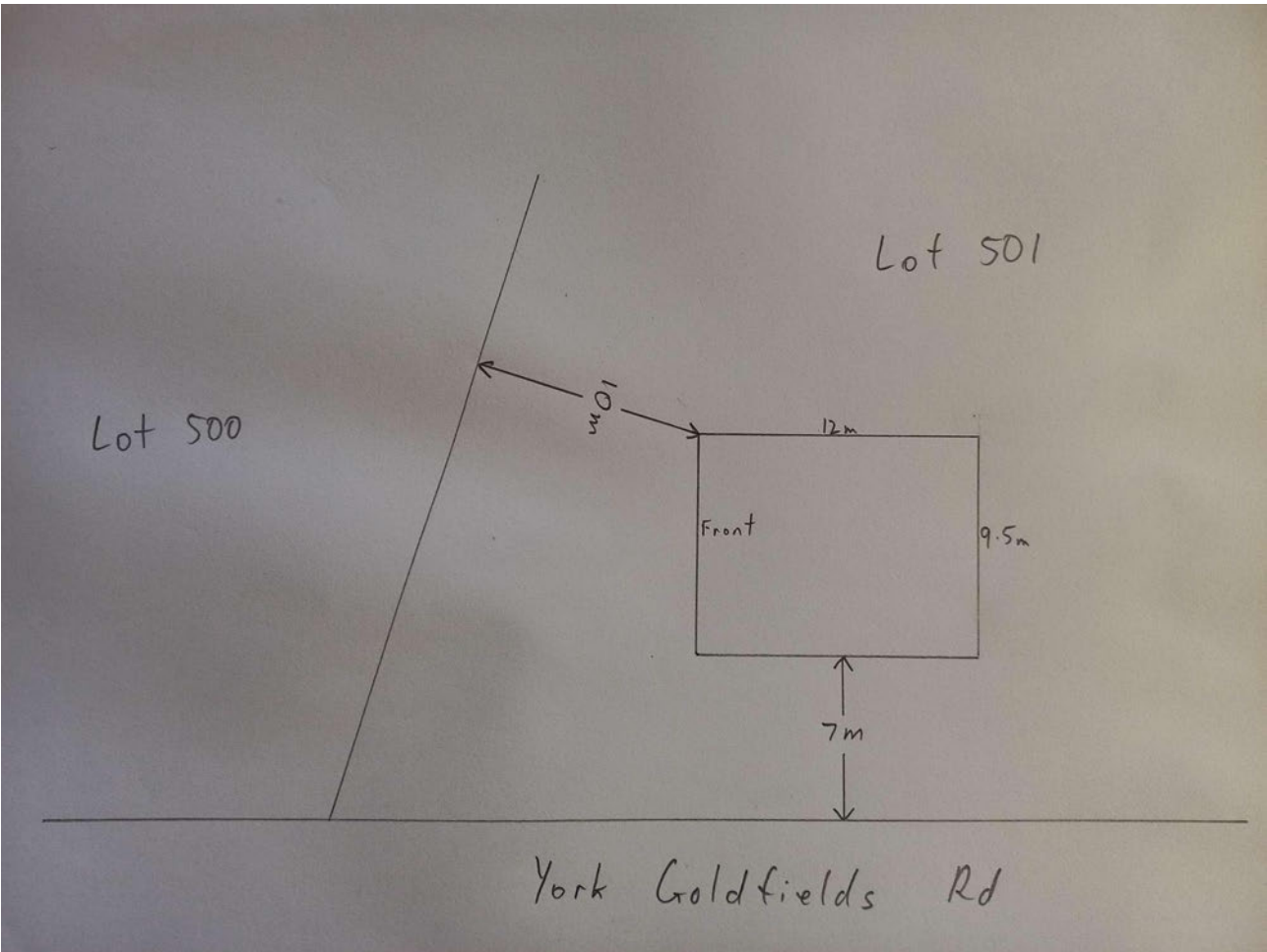
Yellow shapes – pre-existing bore pipes – Lot 501

Green Line – delineates inundation zone to the east

Reasons for boundary exclusion variation request

- To include the proposed shed as part of the building envelope for the proposed (southern) house on Lot 500
- To avoid the inundation zone to the eastern portion of the Lot
- Siting the shed within the required exclusions, closest to the proposed dwelling on Lot 500 with the shed front facing west impractical due to presence of bore stand pipe
- Siting the shed with the front facing the road within the required exclusions pushes the shed further to the east due to the narrow north / south axis of the block / greater length of the shed.

**Proposed Shed Location
To Scale**



Lot 500

Lot 501

10m

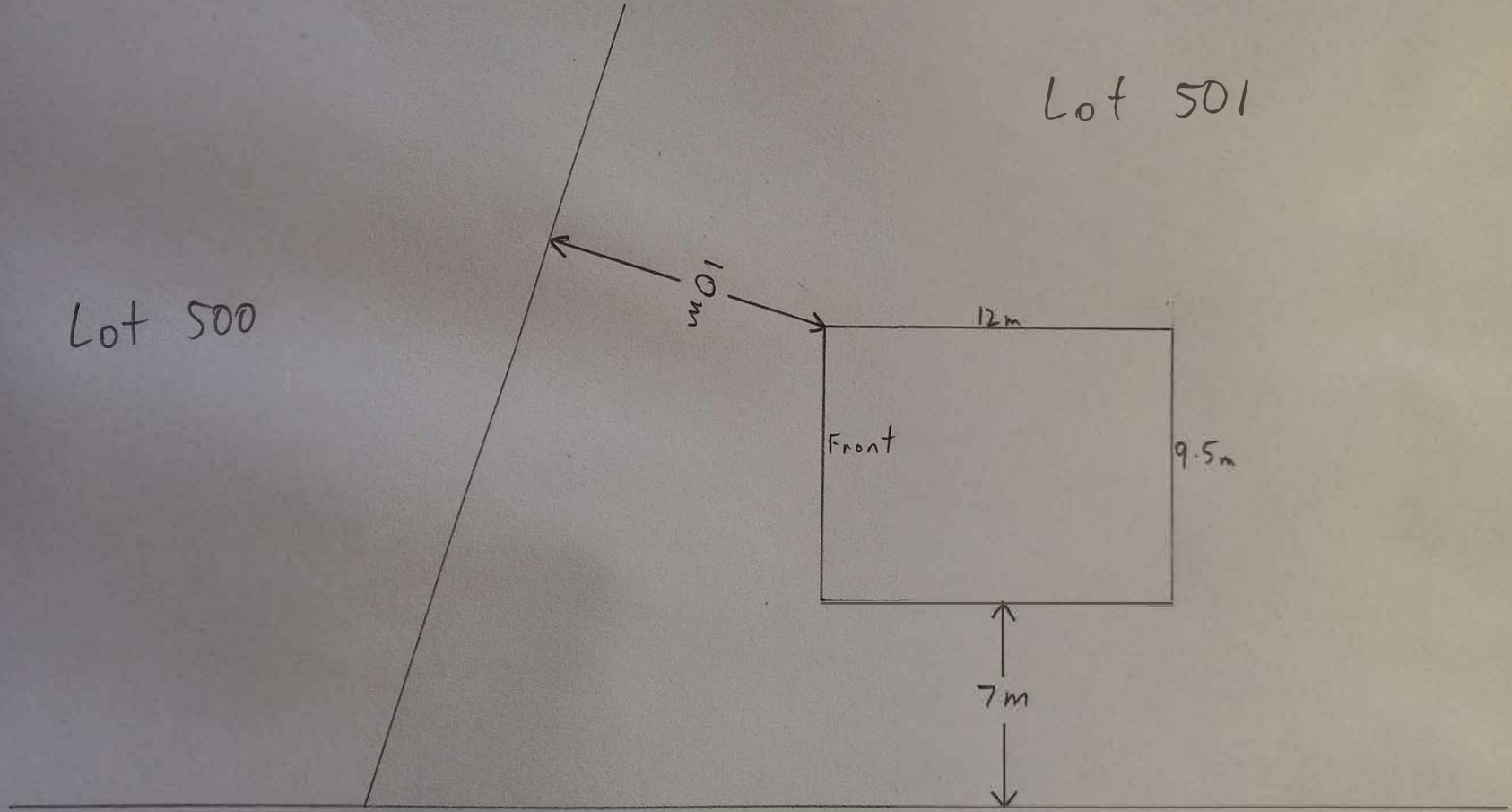
12m

Front

9.5m

7m

York Goldfields Rd



ENGINEERING SCHEDULE

CERTIFIED STEEL PORTAL FRAME SHED DESIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCC 2022 FOR SITE WIND SPEED "40.93m/s", WIND REGION "A0", TERRAIN CATEGORY "2.38", IMPORTANCE LEVEL "2"

Internal Pressure: 0.5
Design Snow Load: 0.00 KPa, Roof Snow Load: 0.00 KPa

Customer: Jonathan Laird
Site Address: Lot 501 Goldfields Road, Hines Hill WA 6413

Main Building: Span: 3.5, Length: 12, Height: 3.6, Roof Pitch: 22 degrees
The length being comprised of 3 bays, the largest bay is 4m bays.
Left LeanTo: Span: 3, Length: 12, Eave Height: 2.4, Roof Pitch: 11 degrees, Enclosed
Right LeanTo: Span: 3, Length: 12, Eave Height: 2.4, Roof Pitch: 11 degrees, Enclosed

Total Kit Weight: 2686.71kg

DOMESTIC & LIGHT INDUSTRIAL STEEL PORTAL FRAME SHED STRUCTURES

This structure is designed in compliance with AS4600, AS3600 and AS1170 1 to 4 as Importance Level 2 with a Live Load of 0.25kPa as "Air Leaky Structures" providing stability when openings are prevalent.

The structures are clad with corrugated pre-painted finish, 0.42mm walls and 0.42mm roof (compliant with AS1562.1 Metal) over cold formed 450 to 550mPa galvanized steel C sections primary frames.

Primary framing is fastened together with 4.6 Class galvanized bolts adequately tensioned on ground prior to erection.

Secondary framing steel bracing, with purlins and girts lapped, are all tek fastened to primary steel with a minimum of two (2) teks per connection as specified in details.

All rainwater products are compliant with AS2179.1 (Metal).

ENGINEERING

The undersigning engineer has checked that the design of the structure complies with relevant current Australian Standards as stated above and the following i.e AS4671- 2001 Steel Reinforcing materials, AS3600 - Concrete structures. However, he will not be present during construction, neither will he conduct inspections nor construction supervision.

The class 10a buildings are designed for erection on pad footings or slab based on soil of classification "A"- "P" with minimum bearing capacity 100kPa (i.e. organic soil is to be removed to a suitable material below natural surface).

Where (suitable) fill is required to level the site, it should be placed and compacted in layers of 150mm maximum.

Concrete pad footings and slab supply and placement is to be in compliance with AS2870-2011 Residential Slabs & Footings, AS3600-2009 Concrete Structures for A2 and B2 exposure (i.e. 25mPa strength @ 28 days strength) with recommended slump 75 to 80mm for light pneumatic tyred traffic all trafficable floors.

25mm deep concrete saw cut, to be made into the surface of the concrete slab every 6m in width or length as crack control joints.

For sites where these conditions are considered to be inadequate, a customized foundation design for the structure can be supplied to suit a specific purpose.

CONSTRUCTION

Erection of the structure is to be in compliance with local and state ordinances,

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations and with plans provided.

GENERAL

The designs as portrayed on the drawings remain the intellectual property of Best Sheds Pty Ltd and are provided for building approval and construction purposes only.

SNOW LOAD

Following conditions only apply to buildings with snow loading:

- No maintenance or roof traffic permitted on the roof while there is snow present.
- No other structure to be erected within 500mm of the gutters of this building.

INTERNAL PORTALS
Column: 2C15015
Rafter: C15015
Knee Brace: NA
Knee Brace Length: NA
Apex Brace: NA
Apex Brace Length: NA

END PORTALS
Column: C15015
Rafter: C15015
Knee Brace: NA
Knee Brace Length: NA
Apex Brace: NA
Apex Brace Length: NA
Endwall Mullion: C15015

LEFT LEAN TO PORTALS
Internal Column: C15015
Internal Rafter: C15015
End Column: C15015
End Rafter: C15015
Knee Brace: N/A
Knee Brace Length: 1000

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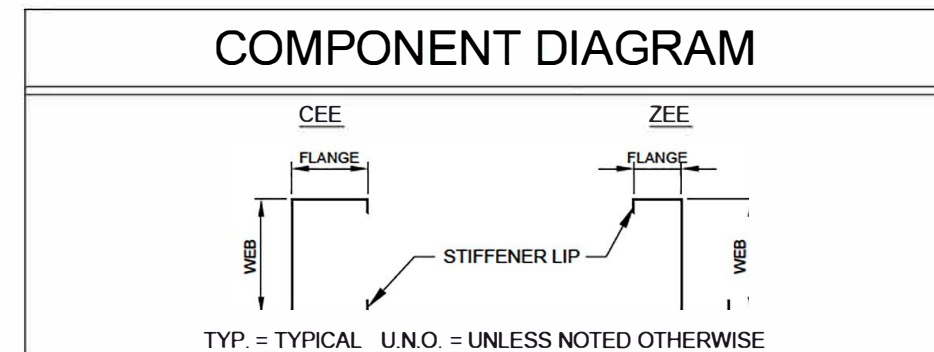
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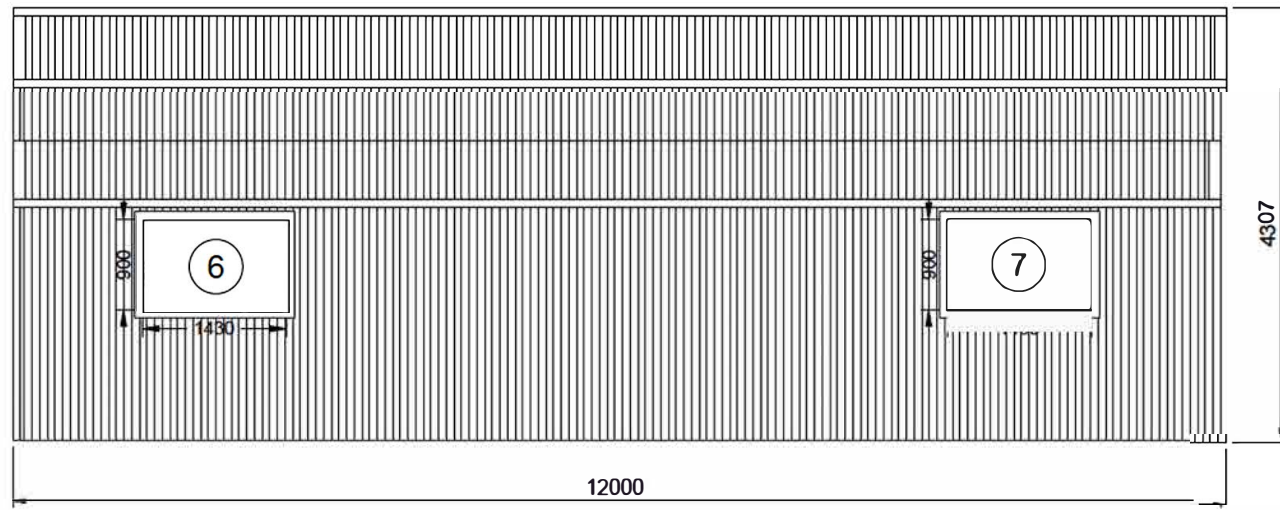
PURLINS AND GIRTS		
Eave Purlin: C10010		
Side Wall Girts: TH64100	Max Spacing: 1100	Overlap: 10%
Front End Wall Girts: TH64100	Max Spacing: 1100	Overlap: 10%
Back End Wall Girts: TH64100	Max Spacing: 1100	Overlap: 10%
Roof Purlins: TH64100	Max Spacing: 1000	Overlap: 10%

NOTE: Girt spacing will vary to a maximum 1.1m where window/s are located.

FASTENERS
Sleeve Anchor Bolts: M12x75 Sleeve Anchor Yellow Zinc
Frame Bolts: M12x30 Purlin Assembly Zinc (Mild)
Frame Screws: Frame Screw 14x14x22
Cross Bracing Strap: NA
Open Bay Header Height: NA

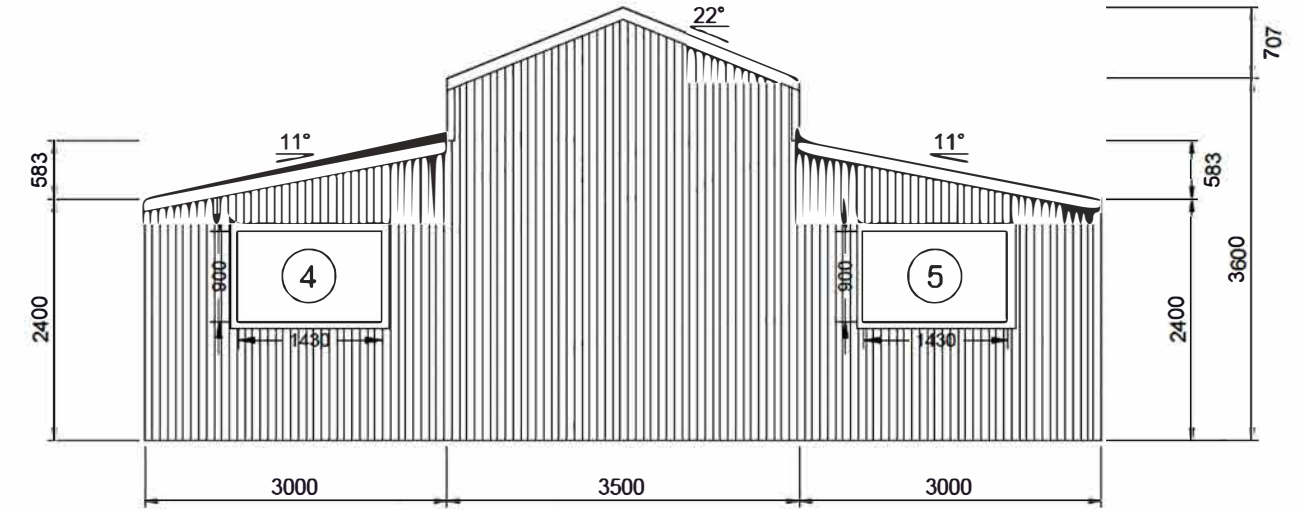
COLOUR SCHEDULE
Roof Sheets: Smooth Cream
External Wall Sheets: Smooth Cream
Roller Doors: Heritage Red
Flashings: Heritage Red
PA Doors: Smooth Cream
Windows: Heritage Red





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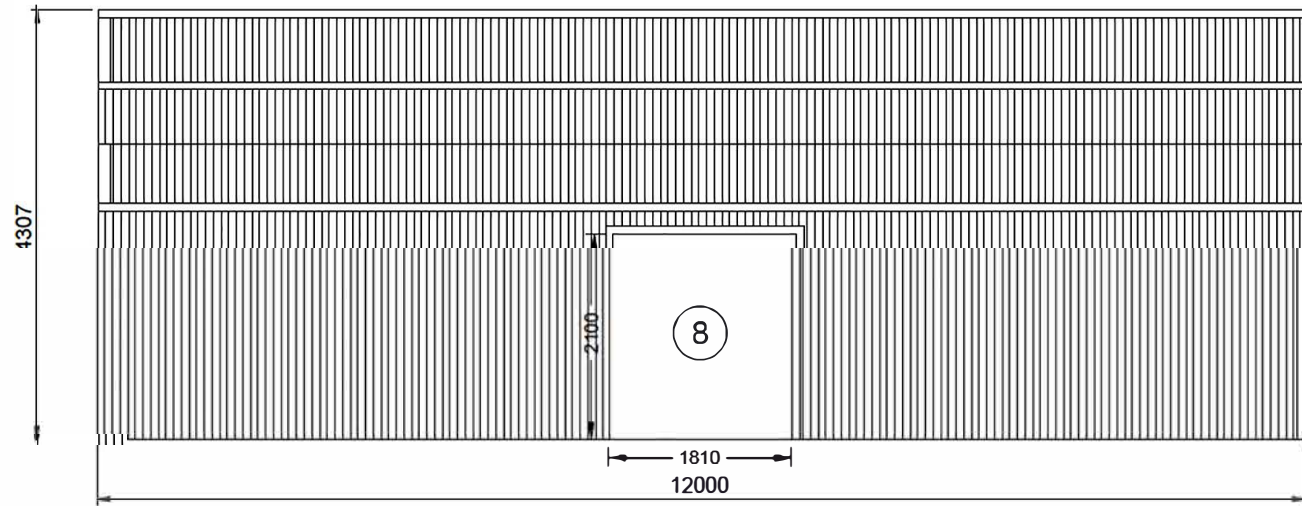
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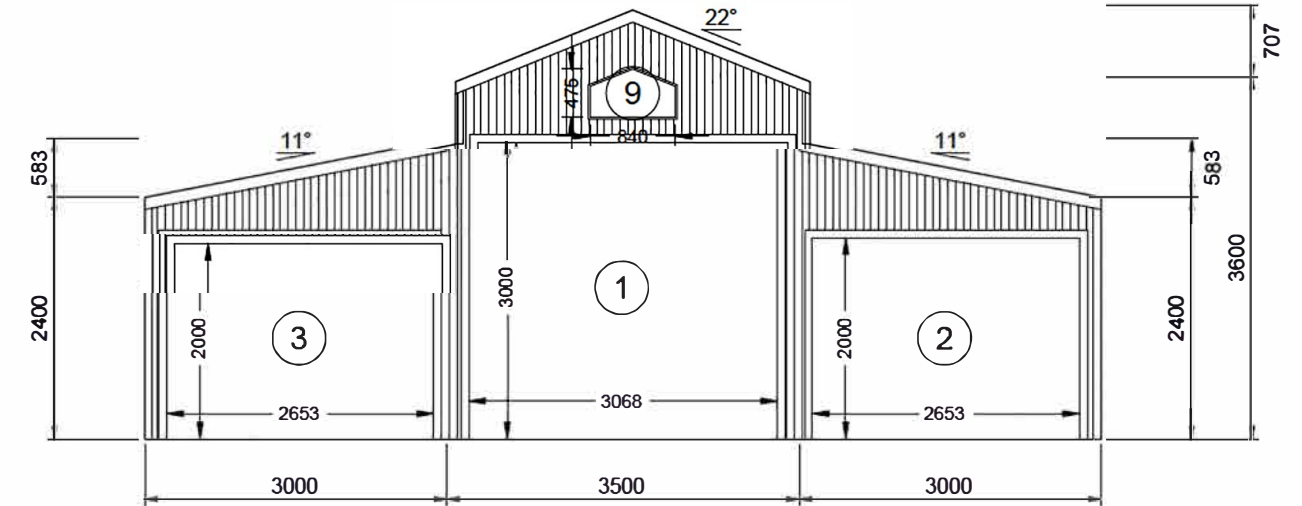
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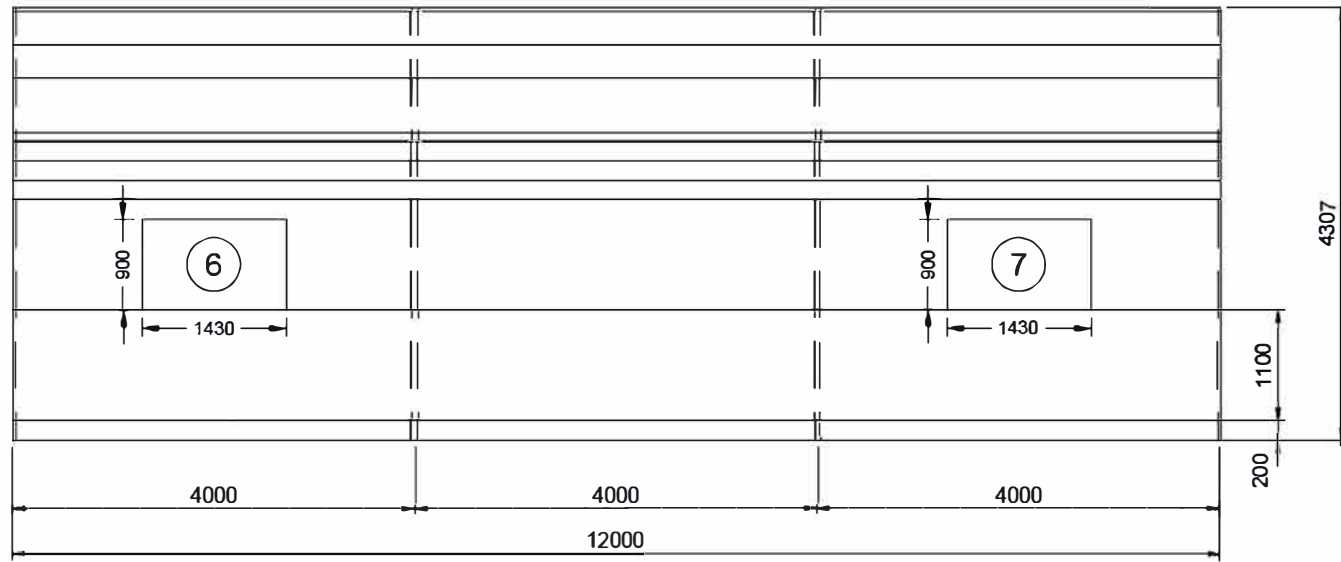
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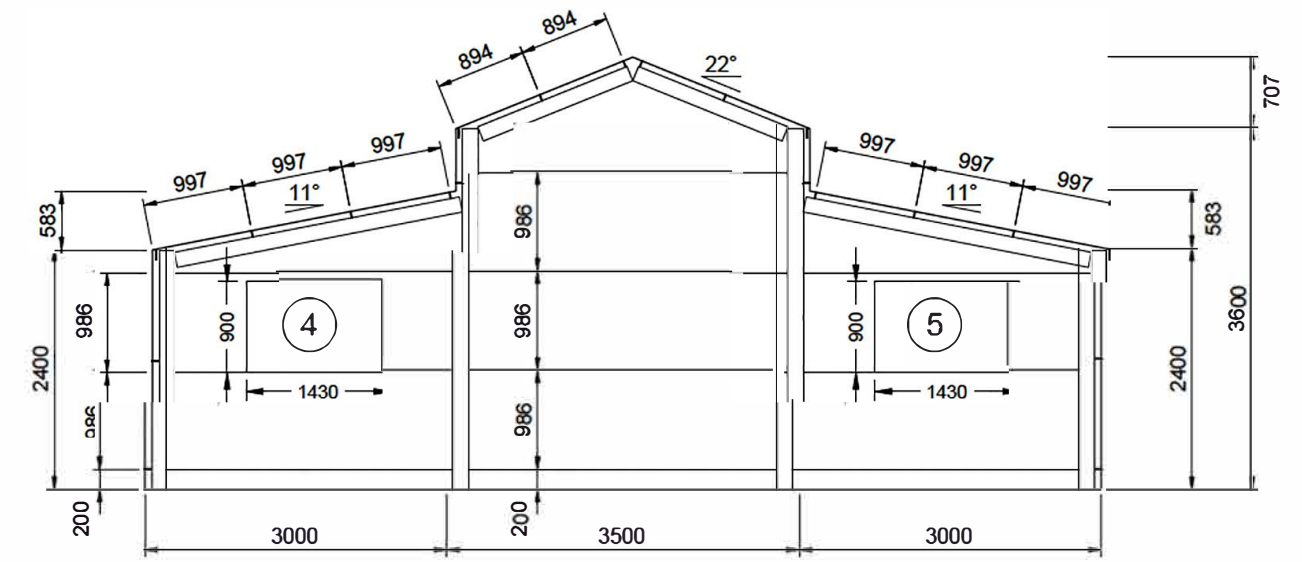
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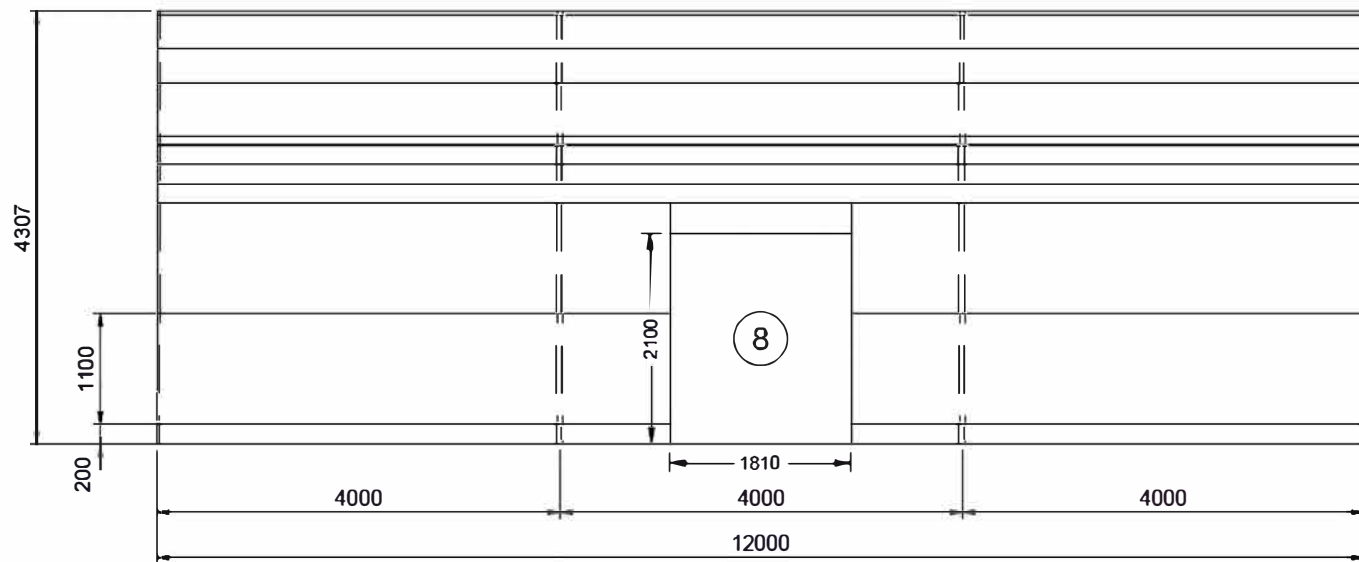
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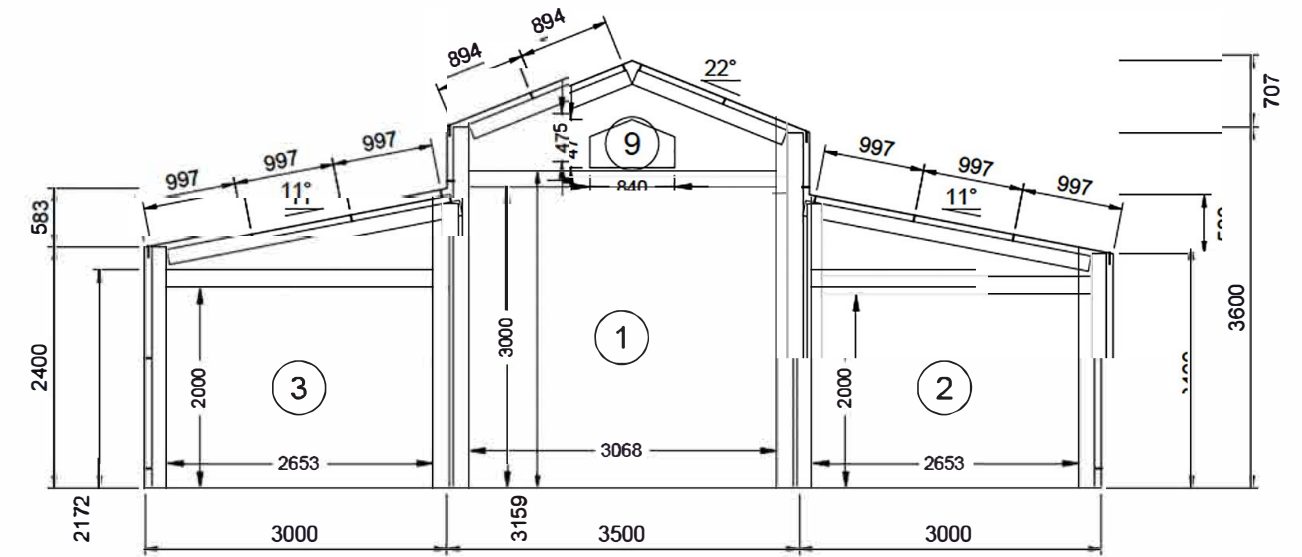
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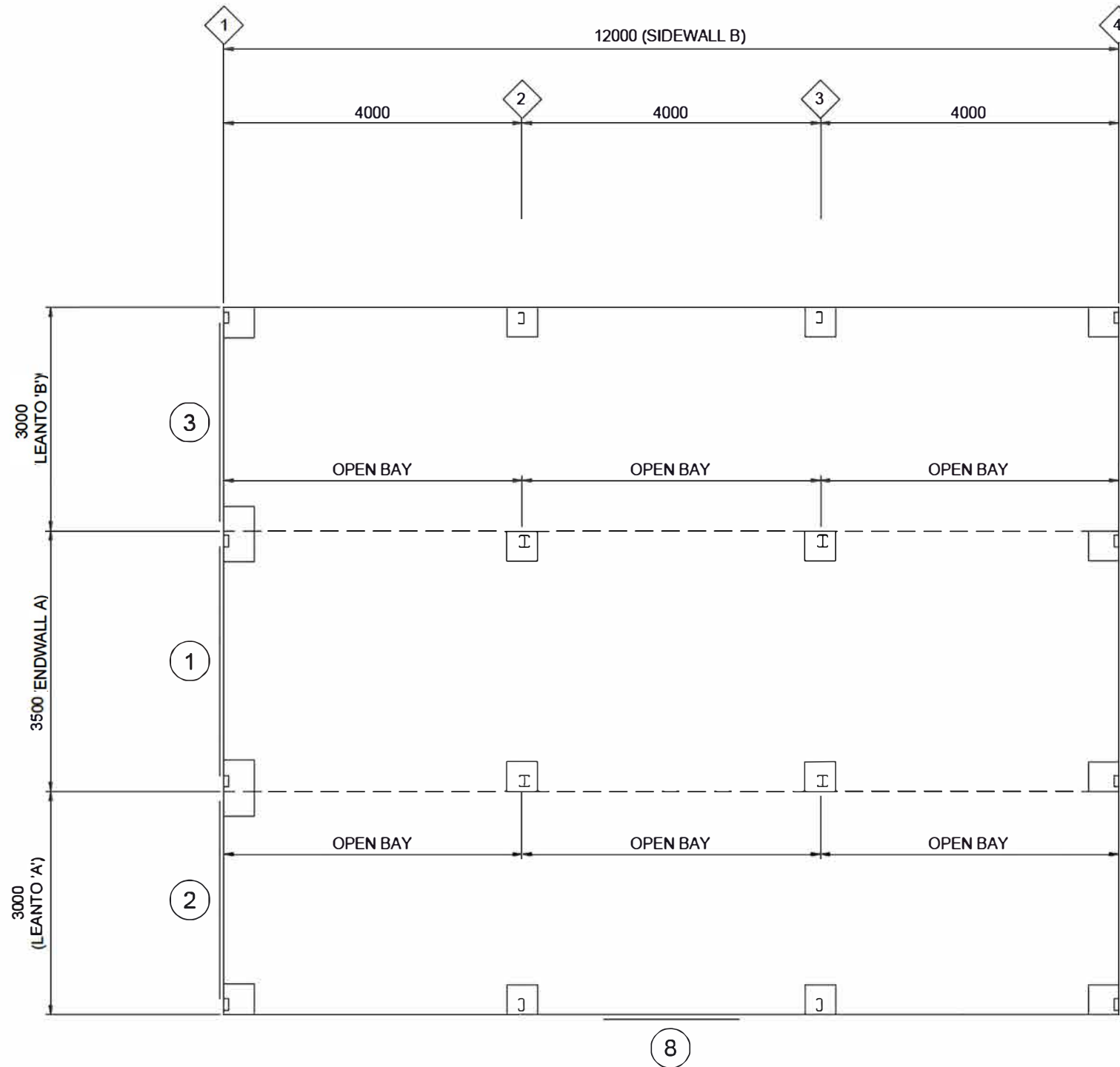
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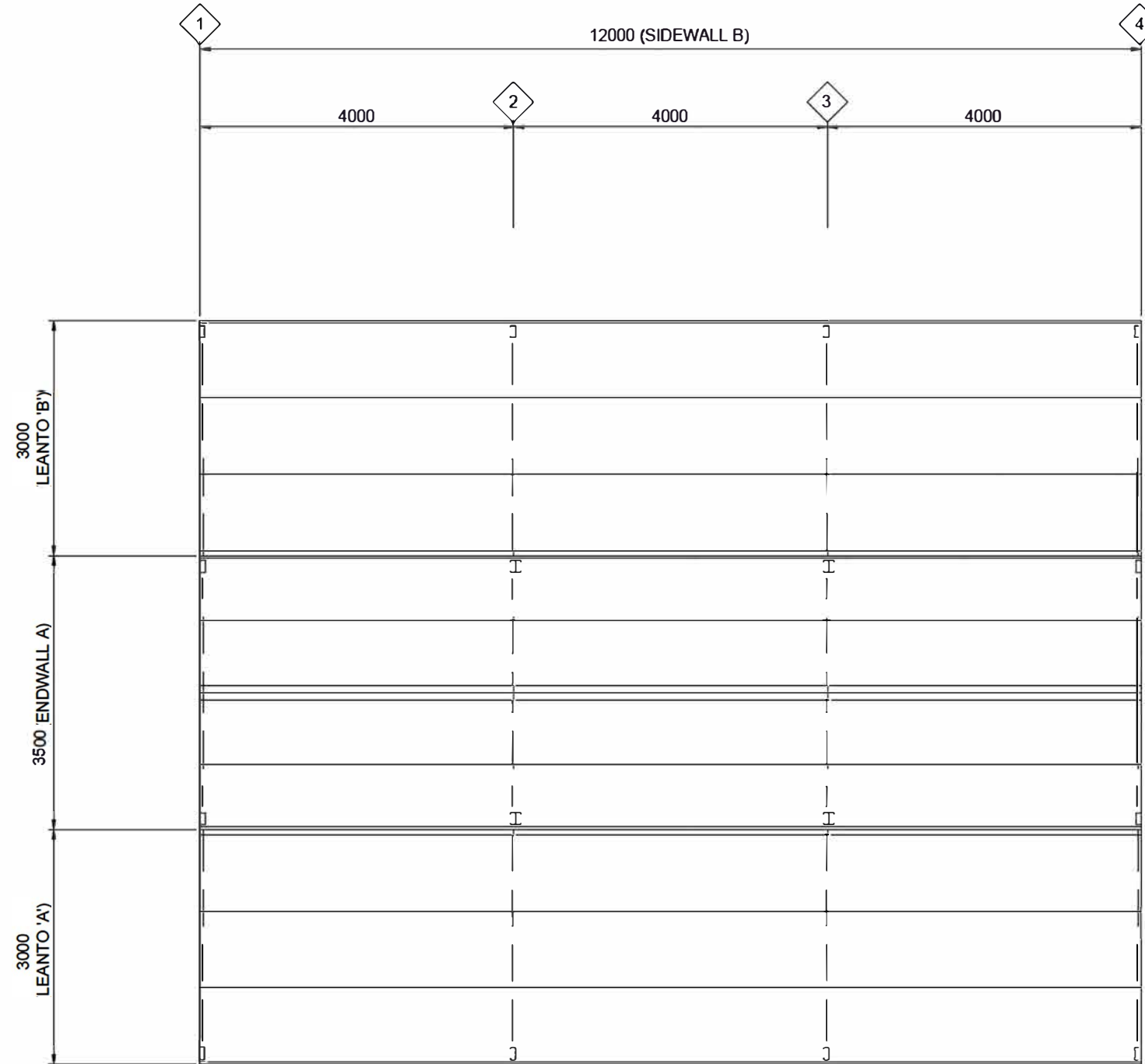


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1 ROOF FRAMING PLAN

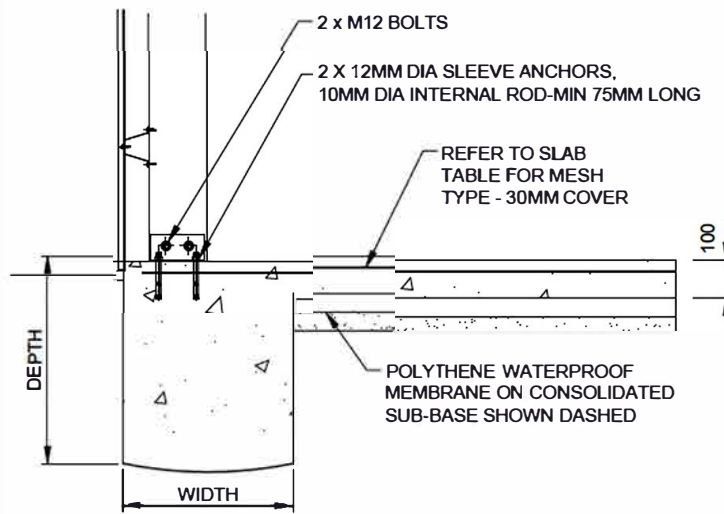
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SLAB FOUNDATIONS DOMESTIC / LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
(100mm MINIMUM CONCRETE SLAB INCLUDED)

SOIL CLASSIFICATION (COMPACTED)	REINFORCING IN SLAB	EDGE BEAM	PIER	EDGE BEAM (slab thickness not included)	
	MESH REINFORCING	TRENCH MESH	Ø x DEPTH	DEPTH	WIDTH
A, S, & M	SL72	---	450 x 400	---	---
M - D	SL82	L11TM3	---	300	300
H TO H - D	SL82	L11TM3	---	400	300
E TO E - D	SL82	L11TM4	---	400	400
P (DROP EDGE BEAM OR STANDARD EDGE BEAM WITH PIERS UNDER COLUMNS 300 INTO FIRM GROUND)	SL82	L11TM4	450Ø	400	400

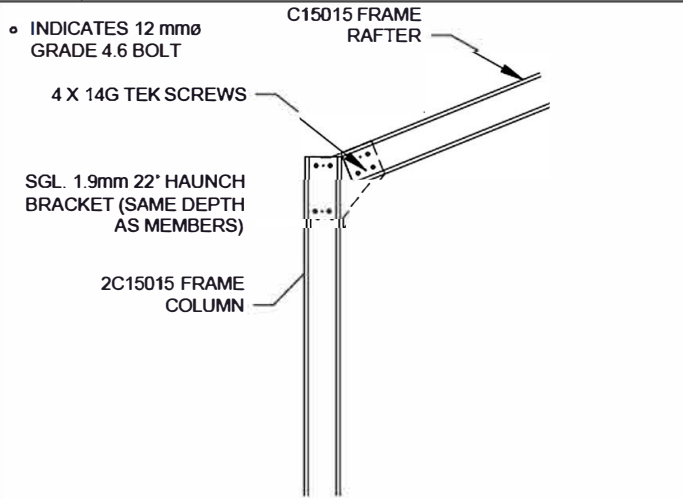
THICKNESS: 100MM WITH MINIMUM 30MM COVER. REFER TO SLAB FOUNDATION TABLE FOR REINFORCING SPECIFICATION

STRENGTH: 25mPa



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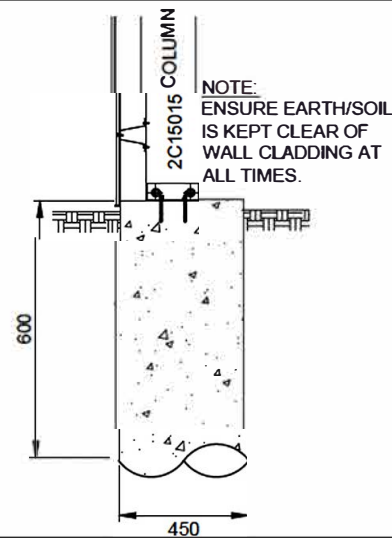
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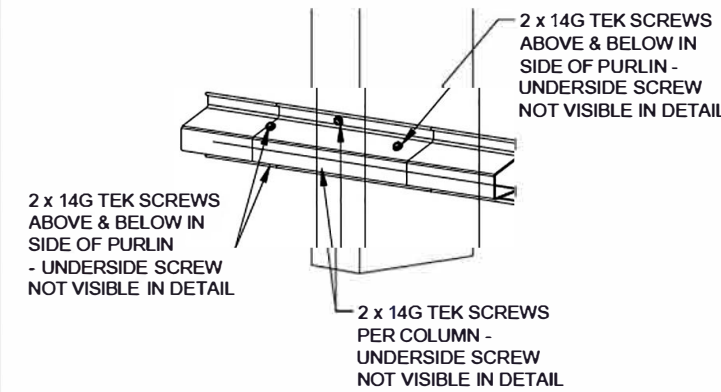
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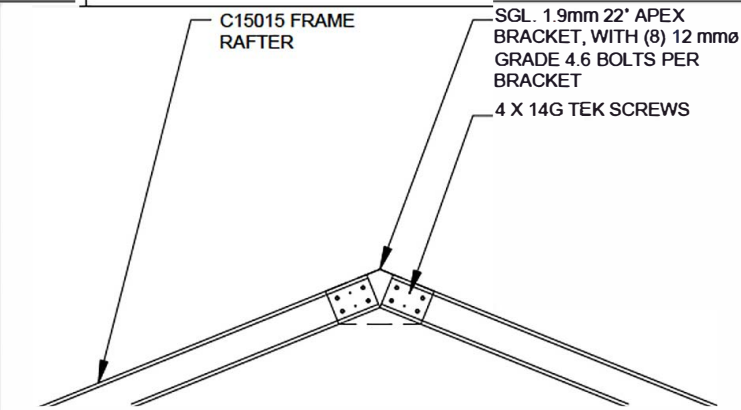
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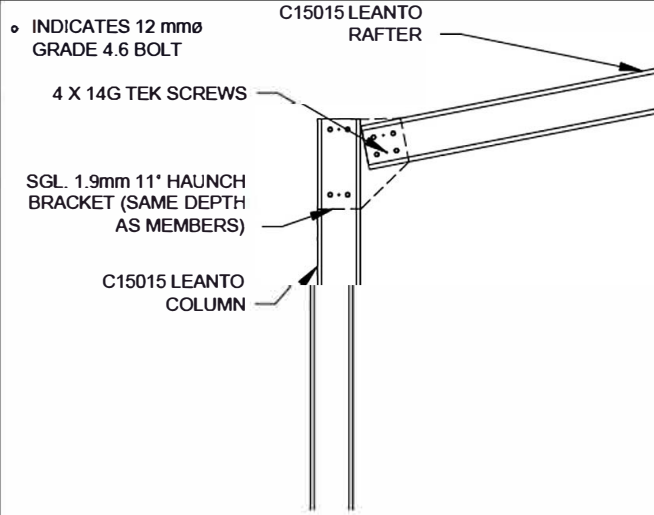
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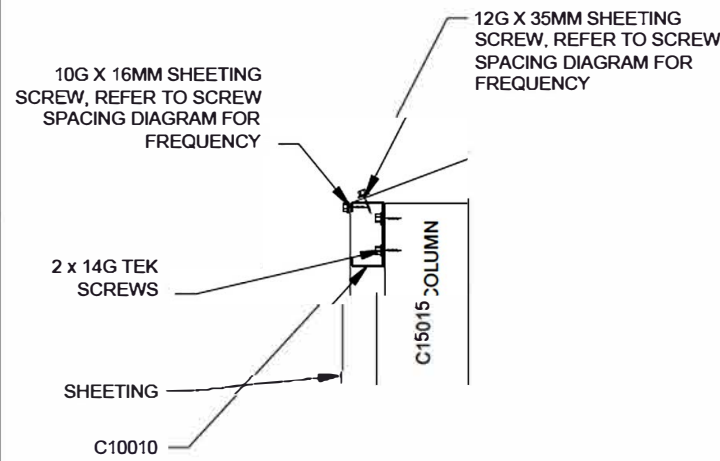
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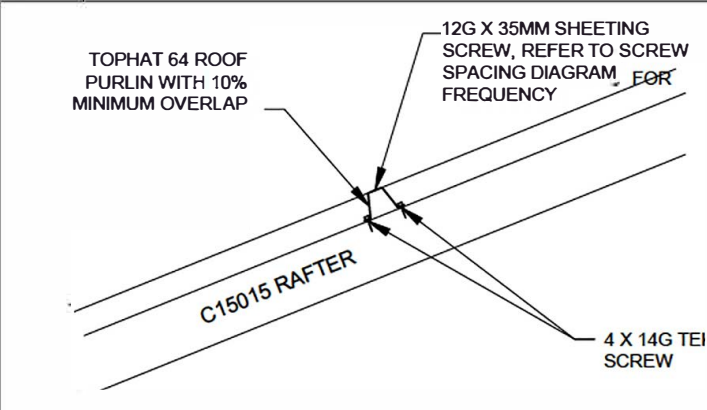
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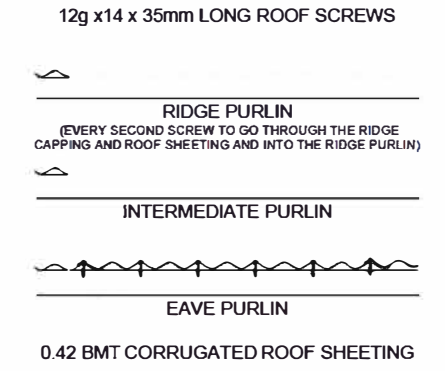
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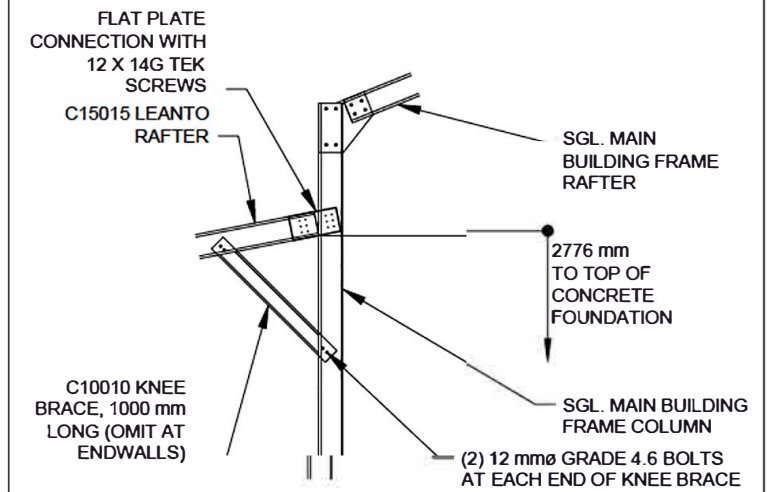
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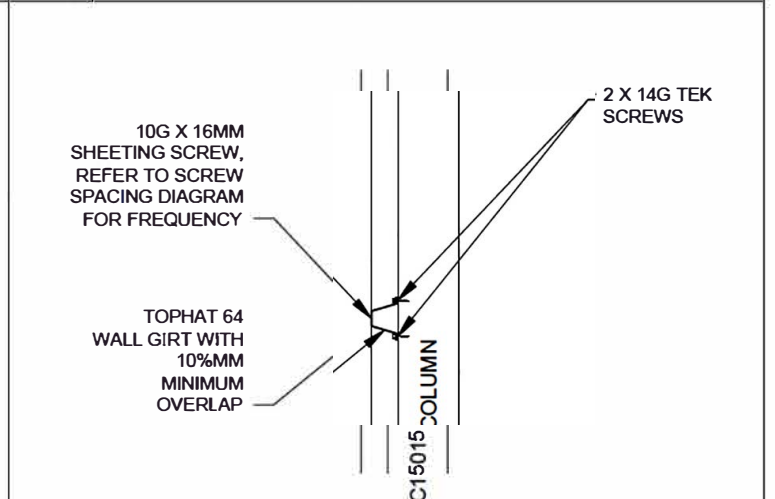
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ROOF SHEETING



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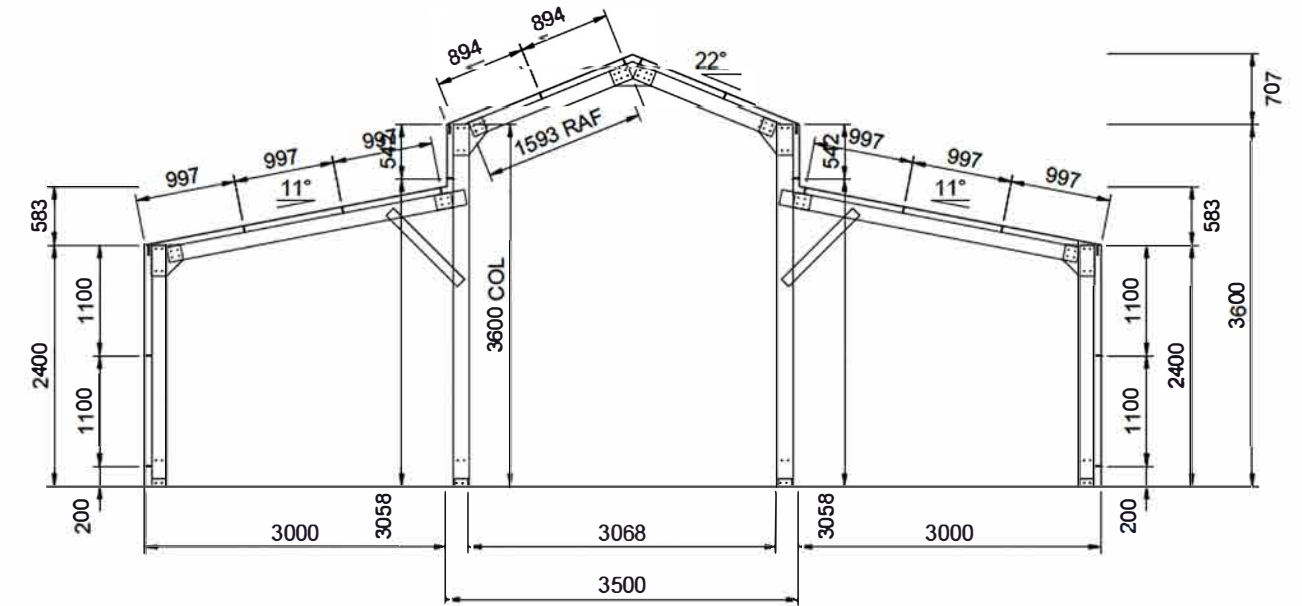
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CAMILO PINEDA MORENO
Bend MIEAust RPEng
RPEQ 15562 TBP PE003976 (VIC)
Signature: [Redacted]

Customer Name: [Redacted]
Site Address: Lot 501 Goldfields Road
Hines Hill,
WA, 6413

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<p>N END DOOR HEADER AND JAMB</p>	<p>O COLUMN ADJACENT TO ROLLER DOOR</p>	<p>P GLASS SLIDING DOOR STYLE CONNECTION (TH64)</p>	
<p>J WALL SHEETING</p>	<p>K CORNER COLUMN BASE</p>	<p>L INTERNAL COLUMN BASE</p>	<p>M ENDWALL GIRT BRACKET</p>



1 TYP. FRAME CROSS-SECTION

8 SCALE: 1:75

FRAMES 2, 3

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Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005

Statutory Declaration

I, [redacted] {name of person making declaration}
of [redacted] Wadderin 6369 {address of person making declaration}
occupation retired {occupation of person making declaration}

sincerely declare as follows:

That the proposed shed for Lot 501, DP 46059 off the York Goldfields Road in Hines Hill 6413 is not to be used for the purposes of habitation.

{insert above the content of the statutory declaration; use numbered paragraphs if content is long}

This declaration is true and I know that it is an offence to make a declaration knowing that it is false in a material particular.

This declaration is made under the Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005.

At Australind {place}

On 28-4-2025 {date}

By [redacted] {Signature of person making the declaration}



In the presence of

[redacted] {Signature of authorised witness}

KERRY KING PD83125 {Name of authorised witness}

Public servant (state) {Qualification as such a witness}

12.3 Adoption of Amended Local Planning Strategy and Omnibus Scheme Amendment

<h3>Development Services</h3>		
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS	
Author:	Paul Bashall – Planwest (WA) Pty Ltd	
Legislation:	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> <i>Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6</i>	
File Reference:	CM/19/93	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 12.3A – West Australian Public Notice Attachment 12.3B – Schedule of Submissions Attachment 12.3C – Local Planning Scheme 6 Amendment 8 - Omnibus Amendment, and Local Planning Strategy Pt 1 & 2	

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider that it;

1. Adopts the officer recommendations for each submission received following the advertising of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2024 Strategy) in accordance with the Schedule of Submissions.
2. Endorses the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2024 Strategy) as advertised without modification.
3. Requests the WA Planning Commission's (WAPC) final approval for the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2024 Strategy).
4. Adopts the officer recommendations for each submission received following the advertising of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 Amendment No 8 (Omnibus) in accordance with the Schedule of Submissions.
5. Supports the proposed amendment to the local planning scheme with proposed modifications to address issues raised in the submissions.
6. Requests the WA Planning Commission's recommendation for the Minister for Planning's final approval for the Omnibus Amendment.

Background

The Planning and Development Act 2005 requires a local planning scheme to be reviewed every five years. Although there is some flexibility in this review period, the Council resolved

to review its Scheme because it was originally gazetted in 2011. In accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, Council prepared a 'Report of Review'. This was adopted by Council on 22 February 2022 and duly forwarded to the WAPC for approval.

On the 27 May 2022 the WAPC approved the Report of Review that also sort to concurrently amend several components of the Local Planning Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy was prepared in 2007.

Although not specified at the time of the WAPC approval of the Report of Review, the Strategy is now required to comply with the latest format and content. The task of rewriting the Strategy has subsequently been completed and will be put before Council for approval prior to forwarding the document to the WAPC for approval.

Unlike a Scheme that is a statutory document and requires the Minister's final approval, the Strategy is a strategic document that only requires the WAPC's endorsement.

Local Planning Strategy

The Strategy has been duly updated to reflect changes to State Planning Policies and the same components that are included in the Omnibus Scheme amendment.

Probably the most significant of these changes are those that relate to future industrial and industrial investigation areas. This reflects Council's awareness of the benefit of ensuring a potential supply of land in the various sectors, not only to provide a choice of residential options, but also in providing a variety of employment areas and workplaces.

Omnibus Amendment

The Scheme Amendment is determined to be defined as a 'Complex' amendment needing specific advertising requirements as set out in the Regulations 2015.

Principally, the Amendment seeks to make 15 changes reflected in the Strategy, as summarised below (Parts 'a' to 'o'). The details and explanation of the changes are contained in the amendment documentation attached to this Agenda Item.

Parts a) to Part j) relate to amendments to the Scheme maps, and in some cases connected amendments to the Scheme text.

- a) To rezone several lots in the townsites of Burracoppin, Nangeenan and Nukarni from 'Parks and recreation' or 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with new R10 density codes.
- b) Reclassifying Lot 377 and portion of Lot 1 Kitchener Road, Merredin, from 'Residential' to 'Special Use - Place of Worship' and deleting the R10/30 density code accordingly.
- c) Reclassifying Lot 461 Throssell Road, Merredin, from 'Public purposes – Kindergarten' to 'Residential' with an R-Code of 'R10/30'.
- d) Rezoning lots around the Lukin/Goldfields Road area, Merredin, from 'General farming' and 'Special use – Tourist development' to 'Special Residential' and 'Parks and Recreation'.
- e) Reclassifying Crown Reserve 29700 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin, from 'Public Purposes – Public use' to 'Special use – Tourist development'.
- f) Rezoning Lots 4, 5 and 20261 Merredin-Naremben Road, Merredin, from 'Special use – Airstrip' and 'General agriculture' to 'Special use' – Airstrip Mixed Use with modified Special Control Area provisions.
- g) Reclassifying Lot 26740 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin, from 'Public purposes – Public use' to 'Special use - Concrete batching plant'.

- h) Deleting the Development Area shown on the Scheme Map in the area surrounded by Farrar Parade, Third Avenue, Second Avenue, Marino Street and Fifth Avenue, Merredin.
- i) Reclassifying portion Lot 501 Bates, Duff and Coronation Streets, Merredin, from ‘Public purposes – Civic and cultural’ to ‘Residential’ with an R-Code of R80, and ‘Parks and recreation’.
- j) Rezoning of Lots 503 and 601 Goldfields Road, Lot 504 Gabo Avenue, and the northern portions of Lots 82 Adamson Road, Merredin, from ‘General farming’ to ‘General industry’, and the southern portion of Lot 82 Adamson Road, Merredin, from ‘General farming’ to ‘Light industry’. An objection was lodged in relation to Lot 602 Gamenya Avenue which has been supported by the officers, therefore this will remain “General farming” land.

The following Parts relate to Scheme text amendments only.

- k) Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a Convenience Store from an ‘A’ use in the Residential zone to an ‘X’ use in the Residential zone, and amending the permissibility of a Road House to an “X” use within General Industry and Light Industry zones.
- l) Amending Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions by deleting, and then adding, updated definitions of several words and expressions of tourism related use classes.
- m) Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a ‘Grouped dwelling’ from an ‘X’ use in the ‘Town centre’ zone to an ‘A’ use in the ‘Town centre’ zone.
- n) Adding new provisions relating to Renewable energy facilities to provide definitions and requirements for development approval applications and superseding existing wind farm provisions.
- o) Amending the text of Special Control Areas by making the referral all applications to the EPA from obligatory to discretionary.

Comment

The 2024 Strategy and Omnibus Amendment were advertised for submissions The notice was included in the West Australian newspaper, the Shire of Merredin (the Shire) web site and on the local government notice board at the Shire office. The advertisement invited submissions to both documents.

The Deemed provisions of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* determine the advertising requirements for Schemes, amendments and strategies.

The Omnibus Amendment, being a ‘Complex’ amendment, was advertised for 60 days between 21 December 2024 and 24 February 2025.

A Strategy is required to be advertised for 21 days; however, it was advertised concurrently with the Omnibus Amendment resulting in a 60-day advertising for the 2024 Strategy.

During this advertising period, the Shire received 14 submissions to the Omnibus Amendment and 3 submissions to the 2024 Strategy.

Attached is a Schedule of these submissions, for both the Strategy and Omnibus, including;

- a) the date that the submission was received by the Council;
- b) the name and address of the person making the submission;
- c) where it is relevant, a description of the property that is the subject of the submission;
- d) a summary of the submission;
- e) an officer comment and recommendation;
- f) the response of the local government in respect to each submission; and
- g) particulars of any modifications to the proposed amendment or strategy proposed by the local government in response to the submissions.

Once the Council has determined the submissions, the revised Scheme and Strategy documents will be modified and forwarded to the WAPC.

Strategic Considerations

The existing Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2007 Strategy) has been reviewed concurrently with the Omnibus Amendment and seeks to identify areas where future residential options and industrial areas could be created.

Environmental Impact

The proposals considered in the Omnibus Amendment are not considered to be environmentally sensitive and was not required to be assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Policy Implications

Nil, however, the local planning policies will be reviewed following the completion of the Omnibus Amendment.

Statutory Implications

The Omnibus Amendment is classified as a Complex amendment and will need to be advertised for 60 days – or a longer period approved by the WAPC.

Strategic Implications

Ø Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2 Decision Making 4.2.3 The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice.
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

Ø Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Priorities:	Nil

Objectives: 5.4 Town Planning & Building Control
5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

The proposed LPS Omnibus Amendment received clearance from the EPA and the WAPC for advertising. Both the Omnibus Amendment and Local Planning Strategy are based on good planning principles and allow for the controlled growth of Merredin for the next 10 -15 years. Both the Omnibus Amendment and Local Planning Strategy have been advertised for public comment. Accordingly, the risks associated with this proposal are considered Low (3) based on the likelihood of Rare (1) and consequence of Moderate (3) of any adverse events.

Financial Implications

The cost of the proposed Omnibus Amendment formed part of the Shire's Annual Budget as a component of the Shire's planning obligations to maintain the currency of its local planning strategy and scheme.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Manning

Seconded: Cr McKenzie

That Council

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1. **ADOPTS** the Officer Recommendations for each submission received following the advertising of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2024 Strategy) in accordance with the Schedule of Submissions;
2. **ENDORSES** the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2024 Strategy) as advertised without modification;
3. **REQUESTS** the WA Planning Commission's final approval for the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (the 2024 Strategy);
4. **ADOPTS** the Officer Recommendations for each submission received following the advertising of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 Amendment No 8 (Omnibus) in accordance with the Schedule of Submissions;
5. **SUPPORTS** the proposed amendment to the local planning scheme with proposed modifications to address issues raised in the submissions; and
6. **REQUESTS** the WA Planning Commission's recommendation for the Minister for Planning's final approval for the Omnibus Amendment.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

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Employment - Yardman/Handyman

The Shire of Sandstone seeks the services of all-rounder Yardman/handyman for a period of 6 months which could be extended.
 This position is to assist with a variety of predominantly outdoor tasks of minor maintenance to & repairs, assisting other employees and contractors, such as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, concreting, erecting of signage, maintenance of the depot, care and operation of the Water Park and various other tasks.
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 The pay rate depends on the applicant's skill level. The Shire pays well above award wages plus a Sandstone Location allowance, legislated isolation allowance and generous additional (conditional) superannuation. You would be working a 9-day fortnight.
 For further enquiries please contact Works Manager Paddy O'Brien on 0417 181 499 or email wm@sandstone.wa.gov.au

Local Govt Tenders

Shire of Exmouth

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFP 24/24/21 Murat Road Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay
 The Shire of Exmouth is seeking a suitably qualified contractor to apply a hot-mix asphalt overlay to a nominated section of Murat Road.
 A copy of the RfQ documentation is available from TenderLink, no other provision of documentation is available. Submissions must be lodged via TenderLink Portal - portal.tenderlink.com/Exmouth
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 Ben Lewis Chief Executive Officer



Shire of Woodanilling Chief Executive Officer

(Package negotiable from \$156,780 to \$240,396 as per SAT Determination 2024)
 The Shire of Woodanilling is seeking to appoint a dynamic and innovative Chief Executive Officer. This is a unique opportunity to join a Shire that is energetic, progressive and has a strong connection to its community and environment.
 As Chief Executive Officer you will take overall corporate responsibility for the organisation. You will foster a customer service focus, a positive team culture, a cohesive relationship with the Council and the community and a basis for efficient planning and delivery of services provided by the organisation. You will develop and lead the goals and objectives of the Council as set out in plans, budgets, capital works programs and integrated and asset management plans. You will be accountable for the Council's human, financial and physical resources whilst acting as the face of the organisation in the community.
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 Interested applicants may obtain the Position Description by contacting Mike Fitzgerald on 0419 907 443 or emailing mike@fitzgeraldstrategies.com.au or by downloading the document from https://www.fitzgeraldstrategies.com.au/local-government-job-vacancies/
 Applications addressed to Cr Dale Douglas, Shire President, including Curriculum Vitae and statement addressing the Selection Criteria should reach the Fitz Gerald Strategies, PO Box 6155 CANNING VALE WA 6155 or scanned and emailed to mike@fitzgeraldstrategies.com.au by the close of business Friday 24th January 2025.
 Mike Fitz Gerald PRINCIPAL Fitz Gerald Strategies Licensed Employment Agent (Lic No EA2423)

Shire of Dardanup

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST ROIF0410017 Design, Build, Own and Operate an Open Access Intermodal Terminal
 The Shire of Dardanup is seeking Registration of Interest (ROI) from suitably qualified and experienced Contractors to Design, Build, Own and Operate an Open Access Intermodal Terminal at Lot 100 Martin Pelusey Road Waterloo.
 Linked with currently advertised ROI-F0410038 Design, Build, Own and Operate Waterford Manufacturing Facilities also at Lot 100 Martin Pelusey Road Waterloo are strategically located and are aligned to create a cohesive industrial hub. Designed to complement each other with the Advanced Manufacturing Facilities benefiting from seamless logistics and transportation capabilities provided by the Intermodal Terminal.
 A copy of the request for tender documentation must be obtained by registering your details at the Shire of Dardanup's e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com/dardanup or by downloading the document from www.tenderlink.com/dardanup marked to the attention of the Procurement Officer.
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 MR ANDRÉ SCHÖNFELDT Chief Executive Officer

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REGISTRATION OF INTEREST ROIF0410038 Design, Build, Own and Operate Manufacturing Facilities
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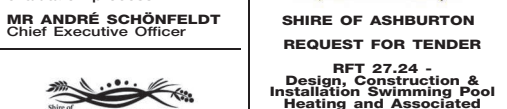
Shire of Broome

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
 Transforming Gumarri Town Beach Restaurant/Cafe/ Kiosk/ Food Van
 The Shire of Broome is seeking proposals to activate the iconic location at one of Broome's most popular recreation, swimming and boating beaches. All proposals shall be considered from refurbishing the existing building, demolition and modular or mobile offerings or a large scale redevelopment of the site.
 Interested parties are requested to submit an EOI Application Form from procurement@broome.wa.gov.au.
 Submissions should be made in writing and directed to the Chief Executive Officer by email at shire@broome.wa.gov.au, and will be received until 10am AWST Friday 31st January 2025.
 For further information please contact procurement@broome.wa.gov.au.
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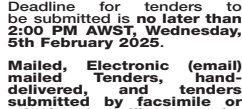
SHIRE OF DALWALLINU RFT2425-07 UPGRADES TO DALWALLINU AQUATIC CENTRE
 The Shire of Dalwallinu is inviting proposals from suitably qualified contractors to undertake upgrades to the Dalwallinu Aquatic Centre (removal and replacement 25m pool liner and associated PVP pipework).
 All requests for tender documentation can be directed to Jean Knight via email ceo@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.
 All tenders must be received prior to the tender deadline, enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the tender number and tender name and lodged in the tender box situated in the office of Shire of Dalwallinu, 151 Johnson Street, Dalwallinu WA 6609, by post to PO Box 141 Dalwallinu 6609 or emailed to tenders@dalwallinu.wa.gov.au.
 Tenders close at 2pm, Friday 7 February 2025.
 Jean Knight Chief Executive Officer



City of Kalamunda

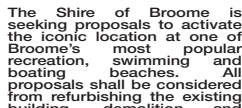
The City of Kalamunda is inviting tenders for the following:
RFT 2434 Hartfield Park Sporting Facilities
 Tender specifications and all other documents are available for downloading from the City of Kalamunda e-tendering portal TenderLink: <https://portal.tenderlink.com/kalamunda>
 All Enquiries are to be directed to Gaurav Desai via the TenderLink Forum: <https://portal.tenderlink.com/kalamunda>
 Tenders must be submitted electronically via the City of Kalamunda e-tendering portal located on TenderLink (<https://portal.tenderlink.com/kalamunda>)
 Deadline for tenders to be submitted is no later than 2pm AWST Wednesday, 5th February 2025.
 Mailed, Electronic (email) mailed Tenders, hand-delivered, and tenders submitted by facsimile or telephone will not be accepted.
 Tenders received after the due time and date will not be accepted.
 Canvassing of any City of Kalamunda Councilors or Officers will disqualify Tenders from the Tender process.
 Anthony Vuleta Chief Executive Officer

The Order of Business shall be:
 1. Report from the Shire President
 2. Receiving of the Annual Report for 2023/24
 3. General Business
 Copies of the Annual Report are available on the Shire of Broome website www.broome.wa.gov.au/About-Council/Publications-Reports/Annual-Reports or printed copies are available on request from the Shire of Broome Administration Office.
 Electors with queries relating to the Annual Report are invited to seek clarification prior to the meeting during normal office hours (Monday - Friday from 9am to 4pm).
 To ensure that the meeting proceeds as efficiently as possible, we ask that electors who wish to ask a question or propose a motion do so in advance via our online form by 4pm Tuesday 4 February 2025.
 Public questions can also be submitted online via the Shire website www.broome.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings-and-Events/Public-Questions, emailed to shire@broome.wa.gov.au or delivered to the Shire.
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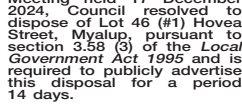
Shire of Harvey

Request for Tender T112024 Redevelopment of the BRUNSWICK TENNIS COURTS
 Tenders are invited for the engagement of a suitable contractor to undertake the Redevelopment of the Brunswick Tennis Courts.
 Details of the Tender Request are only available by registering on the Shire of Harvey Tenderlink e-tendering website: <https://portal.tenderlink.com/shireofharvey>
 Any matters requiring clarification must be submitted via the online forum on the Shire of Harvey Tenderlink e-tendering portal. A response will be posted on the portal for all tenders to view.
 The Shire of Harvey encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, as well as disability organisations to tender for work with us.
 Tenders close at 3.00pm AWST on Friday, 24 January 2024 and can only be lodged using the e-tendering website: <https://portal.tenderlink.com/shireofharvey>
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 Canvassing of Councilors or Officers of the Shire of Harvey will automatically disqualify any submission.
 ANNE RIORLAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Shire of Merredin

Planning and Development Act 2005
COMPLEX AMENDMENT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION
LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT No 8
 Pursuant to r.38 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 notice is hereby given that the Shire of Merredin has prepared the above-mentioned Omnibus amendment in regard to land located in the Shire of Merredin.
 The amending documents and plans setting out and explaining the Omnibus amendment have been deposited at the Shire of Merredin administration building, corner of King and Barrack Streets, Merredin WA 6415 and will be available for inspection during office hours up to and including Monday 24 February 2025.
 The Omnibus amendment can also be viewed on the Shire of Merredin website at www.merredin.wa.gov.au
 Submissions on the Omnibus amendment must be made in writing and are to include the Amendment name and number, and the submitter's name and the address of the property affected. Submissions must be lodged with the undersigned via PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415 or in person at the Shire of Merredin administration building, corner King and Barrack Street Merredin, on or before Monday 24 February 2025.
 Please note: This amendment is being advertised to seek public comment on the proposals. The advertising of this amendment does not indicate any formal support of the proposal by the Shire of Merredin or the Western Australian Planning Commission.
 For further information please contact Peter Zenni on (08) 9041 1611 or emds@merredin.wa.gov.au
 Craig Watts Chief Executive Officer



Shire of Harvey

Local Government Act 1995
Notice to Dispose of Property
 At its Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 December 2024, Council resolved to dispose of Lot 46 (#1) Hovea Street, Myalup, pursuant to section 3.58 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and is required to publicly advertise this disposal for a period 14 days.
Property Details:
 Lot 46 (#1) Hovea Street, Myalup, on Diagram 71166 Volume 1760 Folio 240.
Parties:
 Vendor: Shire of Harvey, 102 Uduc Road, Harvey.
 Purchaser: Lorna Elizabeth Bramwell and Martin John Bramwell, 168 The Boulevard, Australia.
Market Valuation by Auctioneers: \$230,000
Purchase Offer: \$275,000
 Any comments on the proposed disposal can be made in writing and submitted to the undersigned by no later than 4.00pm AWST Monday 6 January 2025 by email to shire@harvey.wa.gov.au, or as a hard copy by post or delivery to a Shire of Harvey Administration Office.
ANNE RIORLAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Shire of Harvey

Local Government Act 1995
Notice to Dispose of Property
 At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 December 2024, Council resolved to dispose of its Caterpillar CW34 Multi Tyre Roller, pursuant to section 3.58 (3) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and is required to publicly advertise this disposal for a period 14 days.
Property Details:
 2014 Caterpillar CW34 Multi Tyre Roller 8,000 hrs.
Parties:
 Vendor: Shire of Harvey, 102 Uduc Road, Harvey.
 Purchaser: Westrac Ply Ltd, 128-136 Great Eastern Highway, South Guildford.
Market Valuation by Smith Broughton Auctioneers: \$25,000 (GST exclusive)
Purchase Offer: \$50,000 (GST exclusive)
 Any comments on the proposed disposal can be made in writing and submitted to the undersigned by no later than 4.00pm AWST Wednesday, 8 January 2025 by email to shire@harvey.wa.gov.au or as a hard copy by post or delivery to a Shire of Harvey Administration Office.
ANNE RIORLAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SHIRE OF MERREDIN - LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 6 - Amendment No 8 (Omnibus Amendment)						
SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS						
Sub No	Date Rec'd	Submitter	Property Affected	Summary of Submission	Officer Comment	Officer Recommendation
1	13-Jan-25	DWER	n/a	No objections and no comments.	Noted	That the submission be noted .
2	16-Jan-25	MRWA	n/a	No issues and no comments	Noted	That the submission be noted .
3	17-Jan-25	Rachel Knowles and Adrian Cahill	65 Merredin-Nungarin Rd, Merredin	We moved to our property to enjoy country life, we have animals and chose this location as we can enjoy the quiet and peace of the country and also be close to town, an industrial area on Goldfields Rd will destroy all of this and all that we have built. The concerns expressed regarding the proposed industrial zoning south of Goldfields Road include; disturbance of the peace, disturbance to the animals, creation of an eye-sore, increased noise and pollution, reduction in the property value, increased traffic and road damage and increased risk for visitors.	The subject land is not included in the Omnibus amendment. The residence, being a sensitive use, will need to be considered in any Council determination of a Development Approval (DA) application in the proposed new industrial area. The nearest industrial proposal in the amendment is nearly 500m south of the residence on 65 Nungarin-Merredin Rd. There is no evidence that livestock will be impacted, or land values will be affected. Any future planning of the new industrial area will be required to provide landscaping to screen any development from non-industrial uses. Until the local government is in receipt of a DA, there is no evidence that an increase in traffic will impact the Merredin-Nungarin Road. The local government through mechanisms such as the Environmental Protection Act, and the Planning and Development Act, has the ability to control noise, dust, fumes, light, emissions etc	1. That the submission be dismissed . 2. That the Council advise the submitter that it has obligations to consider the impact of any new (industrial) development on any sensitive nearby uses. Existing mechanisms include the Environmental Protection Act, EPA guideline for buffer distances, and the Planning and Development Act, all of which have the ability to control noise, dust, fumes, light, emissions etc
4	23-Jan-25	DoHealth	n/a	1. No objection subject to compliance with existing State and local waste water requirements. 2. No objection subject to compliance with existing water supply guidelines. 3. Chemical and asbestos hazards must be appropriately assessed prior to the issue of any approvals. 4. Any future Structure Plans (SPs), subdivisions and DAs be submitted for specific comment that any new developments be assessed against the guidelines for separation distances and sensitive land uses.	1. and 2. Wastewater and water supplies are State controlled requirements and will be complied with. 3. and 4. Any major developments or Structure Plans will require environmental assessments where appropriate.	1. That the submission be noted . 2. That the submitter be advised that all new developments will be required to be connected to essential services in line with State policies. 3. That the submitter be advised that any new development requiring subdivision will be required to prepare a Structure Plan - with its advertising.
5	24-Jan-25	DEMIRS	n/a	No objections to the Amendment.	Noted	That the submission be noted .
6	7-Feb-25	DPLH - Heritage	N Merredin Primary School (NMPS)	1. No State Registered Heritage Places affected. 2. We note that P13495 NMPS, which is on the Shire's Heritage List is affected by the amendment which proposes rezoning of a portion of the site to R80 to allow 4 storey residential development. The Shire may wish to consider introducing development controls to ensure the future development is sympathetic to the heritage place. 3. There are no objections to the proposed Amendment No.8 from a historic heritage perspective.	1. Noted. 2. Future Development Approval (DA) applications will be assessed in the context of the heritage value of the NMPS. 3. Noted	1. That the submission be noted . 2. That the submitter be advised that any future DA assessment will need to ensure that the heritage value of the NMPS will be protected.
7	11-Feb-25	DFES	n/a	A Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) is required to accompany strategic planning proposals designated on the Map of Bushfire Prone Areas as Area 2 that has or will have a bushfire hazard level above low (refer to policy measure 7.1 of SPP 3.7). A BMP should include an assessment of the broader landscape, identification of any environmental, biodiversity or conservation values on the subject site, identification of the bushfire hazard issues arising from the relevant assessment and a clear demonstration that compliance with the bushfire protection criteria contained within the Guidelines, is or can be achieved.	The Council will require the preparation of a BMP when triggered by a subdivision, DA or Structure Plan (SP) in areas within Bushfire Prone mapping. A BMP at the level of a Shire Strategy or Shire Scheme is considered inappropriate.	1. That the submission be noted . 2. That the submitter be advised of the Council's intention to require a BMP when triggered by a subdivision, DA or SP.
8	13-Feb-25	Planwest	n/a	It is not considered appropriate to allow a Road house to be a permissible use in a Light industry and General industry zone because a Road house, by definition, allows for a residential component.	Allowing residential uses in an industrial environment is not consistent with sound planning principles. A Road house without accommodation could be considered as an alternative and permissible use - for example a Service station.	That the submission be upheld by changing the permissibility of a Road house to an 'X' use in a General industry and Light industry zone.

9	13-Feb-25	DPIRD	n/a	<p>DPIRD does not object to any part of the Amendment - except for the following.</p> <p>Part I - Cnr Duff and Coronation Streets should remain Parks and Recreation because:</p> <p>a) The western part of the development resulted in the loss of native vegetation.</p> <p>b) The western development resulted in the destruction of groundwater monitoring bores.</p> <p>Other comments and suggestions relate to:</p> <p>Part a)iv Nangeenan Progress Association should be consulted.</p> <p>Part e) Reserve 29700 proposed for more tourist and visitor accommodation should be advertised separately, including consultation with DBCA and DWER. Conditions should prevent any clearing of native vegetation.</p> <p>Part f)ii Merredin Airstrip concerns regarding the mixed use mainly concerning the RFDS activities, surrounding native vegetation and Merredin Pet Cemetery.</p> <p>Part f)iii Suggested change to the Special Control Area (SCA) provisions to make the local government comply with environmental advice received.</p> <p>Part j)i New industrial land west of Merredin will be a loss of agricultural land.</p> <p>Concern expressed for;</p> <p>* potential impact on the Merredin Plantation setup to control town salinity.</p> <p>* potential impact on Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo feeding regime.</p> <p>* protection of existing groundwater monitoring bores.</p>	<p>Part I - The land is within the Merredin townsite and is fully serviced. A portion of the land will be retained as public open space.</p> <p>Development of the site to be rezoned will be subject to a detailed assessment of bores and native vegetation. The site is adjacent to the existing aged person's accommodation and will be able to share resources.</p> <p>Other comments - a) Nangeenan community should be aware of proposals through the public advertising process.</p> <p>e) - Any development on Reserve 29700 will be subject to a DA at which time it may be referred DBCA and DWER.</p> <p>f)ii - Merredin airstrip development will be subject to a more detailed assessment through a DA and a LDP (Local Development Plan).</p> <p>f)iii - Council may refer proposals for environmental advice in SCAs, however, once advice is received, the Council will take into consideration the advice prior to making a determination.</p> <p>j)i - Merredin townsite is surrounded by agricultural land, and the loss in area is a minor proportion of the agricultural sector. It is essential that forward planning provides for townsite expansion demands for various landuse sectors.</p> <p>Any industrial development near the Merredin Plantation area;</p> <p>* - will need to assess its impact on the Plantation and red-tailed black cockatoo habitats.</p> <p>* - will need to protect existing groundwater monitoring bores.</p>	<p>1. That the submission regarding Lot 501 Bates, Duff and Coronation Streets site be dismissed.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that the Council considers that any new aged persons accommodation should be co-located with the existing development in the street block allowing the sharing of existing facilities. Development of the site to be rezoned will be subject to a detailed assessment of bores and native vegetation at the time of a DA.</p> <p>3. That the submission regarding other comments be noted.</p>	
10	19-Feb-25	Luke Swarts	602 Gamenya Ave, Merredin	<p>The submitter has a deep personal and emotional connection to Merredin. Changing the zoning from farming to industry would have a significant and detrimental impact on his business and his future in the community.</p> <p>The area is not readily accessible from the highway. Noise pollution and increased disturbance for nearby families will increase.</p> <p>The railway line increases costs of servicing for industrial uses.</p>	<p>It is noted that 60% of the property is impacted by the WWTP SCA which precludes sensitive landuses. The land is surrounded by a creekline to the north, railway line to the south, light industrial zoning to the east. Notwithstanding these factors, it is not considered essential to include this land in the Industry zone.</p>	<p>That the submission be upheld and the subject land remaining General farming.</p>	
11	21-Feb-25	DoEducation	Colleges and schools in Merredin	<p>No objection to amendment, however the Department would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Shire through consultation with new Structure Plans.</p>	<p>All major amendments and significant Structure Plans will be referred to servicing agencies - including the Department of Education.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that all major amendments and significant Structure Plans will be referred to the Department.</p>	
12	24-Feb-25	D and A Prnich	750 Merredin Narembeen Rd, Merredin	<p>Although supportive in principle, as owners of a rural property immediately south of the existing Merredin airstrip, are concerned about the impact of any future development of the area.</p> <p>Concerns include fumes, noise, light spill, security and increased traffic.</p> <p>Bushland in the southern part of the airstrip area should be protected as a buffer.</p>	<p>The Council will require a Local Development Plan (LDP) to be prepared for any major development of the area (that does not involve subdivision). This LDP will be required to assess the environmental impact of any development on nearby uses.</p> <p>The local government through mechanisms such as the Environmental Protection Act, and the Planning and Development Act have the ability to control noise, dust, fumes, light, emissions etc.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitters be advised that the Council will require a Local Development Plan (LDP) to be prepared for any major development of the area (that does not involve subdivision). This LDP will be required to assess the environmental impact of any development on nearby uses. The local government through mechanisms such as the Environmental Protection Act, and the Planning and Development Act have the ability to control noise, dust, fumes, light, emissions etc</p>	
13	24-Feb-25	Greg Doncon	n/a	<p>1. Maiolo Way land being rezoned carries a fire risk.</p> <p>2. The submitter has provided an annotated version of the Amendment document to identify typos and other comments.</p>	<p>1. - The Maiolo Way area is within the Bushfire Prone mapping prepared by DFES. Any development in this area will require the preparation of a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) and a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) prior to Development Approval being determined.</p> <p>2. - The annotations in the Amendment are acknowledged, however, now that the advertising period has closed, there is little value in updating the discussion part of the document.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that any development in the Maiolo Way area will require the preparation of a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) and a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) prior to Development Approval being determined.</p>	
14	24-Feb-25	WA Water Corporation	n/a	<p>Amendment components appear to be minor, however 4 areas need to address minor issues.</p> <p>1. Maiolo/Lukin St area (3d) requires water main extensions.</p> <p>2. Mixed use at airstrip (3f) may require water mains upgrades.</p> <p>3. CEACA site (3i) requires sewer main extension.</p> <p>4. New industrial areas (3j) will require water mains planning.</p>	<p>Development of the vacant lots in Maiolo Way will require water mains extensions and water meters. The Council is not in a position to pay for these services that should have been provided by the developer.</p> <p>Development in the other 3 areas (airstrip, CEACA and industrial land) will not be supported without the necessary services.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that any development in the Maiolo/Lukin Street area, Merredin airstrip, Duff/Coronation Street area and new industrial areas will require the provision of essential services as required by existing State provisions.</p>	
SHIRE OF MERREDIN - LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY							
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1	19-Feb-25	Andrew Roy Butler		<p>Part 1 - Planning Area A (not sure why it is named Cohn St) if subdivided, should retain as much of the native vegetation as possible. Some references are old. List of native plants needs updating, ideally with a Natural Resource Manager.</p> <p>Part 2 - Many of the alternative agricultural industries have been tried. Other alternatives may include hydroponics, fish farming etc</p> <p>Other renewable energy advantages could be added to the text, like solar panels under turbines and continued agriculture along with renewables.</p>	<p>Part 1 - Development of Planning Areas will be subject to a Structure Plan (SP) where subdivision is involved. The SP will be subject to assessments of native vegetation, open space and essential services. SPs are subject to advertising.</p> <p>Part 2 - The Council is prepared to entertain alternative agricultural industries and welcomes serious development proposals that are appropriate, viable and sustainable.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that any future subdivision and development of the Cohn Street Planning Area will be subject to the preparation of a Structure Plan (SP).</p> <p>Any future SP will be subject to assessments of native vegetation, open space and essential services. SPs are subject to advertising.</p> <p>3. That the submitter be advised that the Council is prepared to entertain alternative agricultural industries and welcomes serious development proposals that are appropriate, viable and sustainable.</p>
2	20-Feb-25	DPIRD	n/a	<p>DPIRD acknowledges population challenges and supports renewable energy industries.</p> <p>Suggests undeveloped residential land be revegetated and then cleared when development occurs.</p> <p>Considers converting unused POS areas as contrary to 'caring for the environment'.</p> <p>Cohn St Planning Area (PA) - DPIRD does not support clearing of any native vegetation.</p> <p>Davies St PA - Native vegetation to be protected.</p> <p>French Ave PA - This POS is central for South Merredin, no native vegetation should be cleared.</p> <p>Golf course PA - Bushland on Golf Road to be retained as a visual buffer.</p> <p>Jellicoe PA - Should remain POS.</p> <p>Kitchener Road PA - OK for housing without removing native vegetation.</p> <p>Telfer Ave PAs - Would displace men's shed annual crop, but otherwise would be suitable for housing.</p> <p>Abattoir Road PA - No objection, but could provide visual and noise buffer to the Highway.</p> <p>Proposed industrial lots surrounding the Merredin Plantation, which is an area of native vegetation that was planted in 1991 to address the spread of salinity in the area.</p> <p>Any development would need to ensure that there is no impact on the Merredin Plantation, and to be mindful of the local surface and groundwater hydrology to avoid impacts from, or spread of, salinity.</p> <p>Any development proposal would need to be assessed very carefully to make sure that no adverse impacts occur relating to red-tailed black cockatoos and monitoring bores.</p> <p>General comments - many strategy proposals will lead to loss of native vegetation.</p> <p>Council should prepare a revegetation strategy to reduce the urban heat island effect</p> <p>New subdivisions should keep native vegetation areas in POS or road reserves.</p>	<p>DPIRD's has expressed its support for renewable energy projects, however the main thrust of its submission is based on opposing the removal of any native vegetation, protecting red-tailed black cockatoos and reducing the town's heat build-up by revegetating areas.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that the Council needs to assess the balance of the future supply of serviced land and the protection of vegetation and wildlife.</p> <p>Ensuring the supply of land for future development is critical for Merredin to survive and thrive. The Council has commissioned Urbis to prepare a Master Recreation Plan, Concept Plan and Recreation Infrastructure Asset Management Plan to best service the Merredin community.</p> <p>3. Any subdivision proposals in the Planning Areas and any new industrial area will be subject to a Structure Plan - and its advertising.</p>
3	24-Feb-25	Greg Doncon	n/a	<p>Strategy Part 1</p> <p>Page 4 - Lifestyle blocks to prepare livestock management plans prior to stocking properties.</p> <p>Page 5 - Where is 'existing fragmented land and/or unproductive land' for new rural residential development.</p> <p>Page 6 - Can the impact of large areas of bitumen in Merredin be reduced by preparing a 'Planning Direction' or 'Actions'.</p> <p>Page 7 - The Shire should be proactive in block planting of vegetation to reduce summer temperature impacts.</p> <p>Page 9 - The area east of Farrar Parade may be suitable for permanent workers camp.</p> <p>Page 13 - Rural Residential areas discussion is ambiguous, reference to mapping may help clarity. Reference to Planning areas H (O'Connor) and M (Abattoir Road) as 'Residential' is confusing.</p> <p>Strategy Part 2</p> <p>Page 27 - Table 8 and Figure 4 are based on superseded documents.</p> <p>Page 31 - Conflict period between Rural residential and agricultural land is not just sowing and harvesting. Conflicts could potentially include spraying, burn-offs, livestock activities, fertilising periods and dog attacks.</p>	<p>Strategy Part 1</p> <p>P4 - This is a suggestion worth pursuing as a condition of a DA or as a provision in a SP that applies to the subdivision of land.</p> <p>P5 - Existing fragmented land is land that has already been subdivided to sizes that may not be viable as agricultural land.</p> <p>P6 and P7 - This is not within the ambit of a Strategy, however, the Council has commissioned Urbis to prepare a Master Recreation Plan, Concept Plan and Recreation Infrastructure Asset Management Plan to best service the Merredin community and reduce impacts of increasing temperatures.</p> <p>P9 - Noted.</p> <p>P13 - Planning area H is retained as Rural residential, however Planning area M is retained for Light industry/commercial uses.</p> <p>Strategy Part 2</p> <p>P27 - Noted. These were the current documents at the time of writing.</p> <p>P31 - There will always be a transition area between rural and urban development. Existing provisions already control times, periods and distances for spraying, burn-offs and other standards to minimise potential conflicts.</p>	<p>1. That the submission be noted.</p> <p>2. That the submitter be advised that his submission is appreciated and that certain aspects of the points raised will be pursued in future developments and planning documents.</p>

Peter Zenni

From: Jim Mackintosh <jim.mackintosh@dwer.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 13 January 2025 2:02 PM
To: Peter Zenni
Subject: RE: Shire of Merredin - Planning and Development Act 2005 - Amendment Available for Inspection - Local Planning Scheme 6 - Omnibus Amendment 8

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Dear Peter Zenni,

Thank you for the above referral. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has considered the above proposal and has no objections and no further comments.

Regards

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OMNIBUS SUBMISSION 2

Peter Zenni

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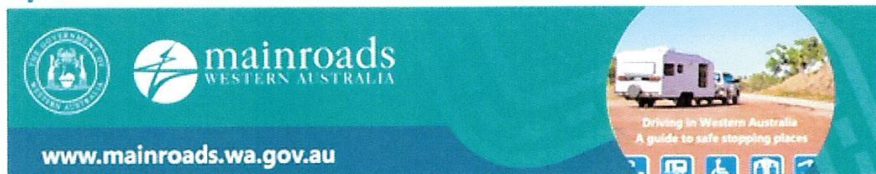
Hi Craig

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 - Omnibus Amendment No 8.

Main Roads Wheatbelt Region have reviewed the proposed Omnibus Amendment No 8 and have no issues with the proposed amendment and therefore offer no comments.

Kind Regards

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Main Roads acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures, and to Elders both past and present.

17/01/24

Craig Watts
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**RE: Local planning scheme No 6 – Omnibus Amendment No 8
Pursuant to r.38 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
notice.**

Rachel Knowles and Adrian Cahill of 65 Merredin-Nungarin Rd, Merredin WA 6415 would like to formally submit a complaint to the above amendment.

We moved to our property to enjoy country life, we have animals and chose this location as we can enjoy the quiet and peace of the country and also be close to town, an industrial area on Goldfields Rd will destroy all of this and all that we have built. We do not approve the location on Goldfields Rd becoming an industrial area. In fact, we were hoping we could one day buy that paddock and farm it ourselves.

Our concerns are as follows:

- Disturbance of our peace.
Losing the tranquility that we currently have out there, our little piece of paradise that we have worked very hard for and on would be ruined.
- Disturbance to our animals.
Our animals are important to us and we don't want our animals to be disturbed or become unsettled due to noise & traffic.
- A general eye sore going from farmland to industrial.
Currently we look across our paddock and all we see is paddocks, we are in the country where we want to be looking at what we moved here to see, an industrial area will change that dramatically.
- Increased noise from industry/trucks etc
Obviously noise pollution would be a factor and would affect our peace as well as our animals, it could potentially frighten them.
- Pollution.
Depending what is planned for the area polluting is a huge factor seeing as we are farming so close our crops that support our animal feed and we want the best possible crops for our animals, also pollution that might affect our animals.
- The value of our property and the risk for further expansion into our property.
As mentioned we have worked very hard our property, a lot of time and money and heart has gone into our property, I believe that the value of our property will drop dramatically having an industrial area so close. We also want to continue farming and want to grow within our space, it would be awful to have our land changed into something that would affect us greatly as I know it is currently affecting other members in this town.
- Traffic & more than usual amounts of people being around our property.

This could also lead to higher chances of theft or trespassing, at the moment we are out of town and having an industrial area so close will bring more traffic as well as more people into the area, as we are out of town and there is no problem with people and that is another reason why we brought where we did. To have the quiet country lifestyle.

- Increased road damage from heavy vehicles
Our roads are already fairly damaged and we already have quite a bit of truck traffic during harvest, increased use will cause increased damage and repairs are far & few between there would also be risk of more accidents.
- Increased risk to your aged parents travelling
We have family including our aged parents & aunts & uncles that come from Nungarin & from Perth and they visit quite frequently, increased traffic and an industrial area could cause an increased risk to them when travelling to town not only due to road condition and increased traffic but also we all know how impatient truck drivers and other drivers can be.

It is not a matter of stopping progress or not wanting the town to grow, it is a matter of our lifestyle and uprooting and moving out here to be able to enjoy this lifestyle and the risk of it being taken away breaks our hearts. I believe the town can grow elsewhere.

We believe there would be other places to be able to expand into or develop, there are also a lot of places that are already industrial that are as far as I know vacant, and a lot that look to have been abandoned.

I know there are a few people unhappy with this change and I hope you take into consideration the homes you would be ruining as well as the dreams and livelihoods that would be ruined. Life isn't always about the big guy winning or always getting what they want, our life and future count too, I hope you don't take that away from people.

Merredin should be a place people want to live for its beauty, the farms, the peace of being out of the city and to enjoy country living, not a concrete industrial jungle, nobody wants to live in that.

Yours sincerely,



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Department of **Health**

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Dear Mr Watts

**REQUEST FOR COMMENT – SHIRE OF MERREDIN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME
NO.6 OMNIBUS AMENDMENT NO. 8**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2024, requesting comment from the Department of Health (DoH) on the above proposal.

The DoH provides the following comment:

1. Waste Water

DoH has no objection to the Omnibus Amendment subject to ensuring the treatment and disposal of the wastewater generated on a site complies with the following:

- a) The requirement to connect to deep sewerage by a licensed service provider as per the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911*
- b) Where deep sewerage is not available, is not economically viable and is outside of the scope of the Health Act, onsite wastewater treatment is required in accordance with the *Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974*
- c) The Government Sewerage Policy 2019, which requires minimum setback distances from environmentally sensitive areas such as winter creeks and lakes. A 'site and soil evaluation' (SSE) is to be undertaken during the wettest time of the year (mid-July/August) by a qualified consultant as per AS/NZS 1547:2012 to ensure the land application area is located and sized appropriately

2. Drinking Water

All drinking water provided on site must meet the health-related requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011.

3. Chemical Hazards

Since many of the proposed amendments relate to rezoning of land, DoH recommends that in each of these cases the land is assessed in case any past activities have resulted in site contamination that may put new users at risk. Those activities may

include the use of agricultural chemicals or the poorly managed demolition of asbestos-containing buildings.

4. Separation Distances and Sensitive Land Use

It is noted that agricultural land is proposed to be rezoned for general industrial use as indicated in Figure 21 – Lot 601-602 Goldfields Rd is within the 500m buffer for the wastewater treatment plant. DoH recommends that any future structure plans and/or development applications relating to food businesses or including caretakers dwellings are referred to DoH for further comment.

The future developments for Light and General Industrial land use should consider appropriate separation distances in accordance with the EPA Environmental Assessment Guideline (EAG) 3 'Guidance for the Assessment of Environmental Factors No. 3 – Separation Distances between Industrial and Sensitive Land Uses'. A copy may be downloaded from:

https://www.epa.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/Policies_and_Guidance/GS3-Separation-distances-270605.pdf

Given the broad scope of changes to the Scheme, DoH recommends that future structure plans, subdivisions and development applications be submitted for specific comment as needed.

Should you have any queries or require further information please contact Rachael Donovan on 9222 2000 or eh.eSubmissions@health.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Dr Michael Lindsay
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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23 January 2025



Department of Energy, Mines,
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Dear Craig Watts

**SHIRE OF MERREDIN - COMPLEX AMENDMENT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION -
MERREDIN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO 6 - OMNIBUS AMENDMENT NO 8**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2024 inviting comment on the complex amendment to Local Planning Scheme (LPS) No 6 – Omnibus Amendment No 8..

The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) has determined that this proposal raises no significant issues with respect to mineral and petroleum resources, geothermal energy, and basic raw materials.

- Only amendments 3a) i, ii, iii impact any tenements (granted E 70/5467 held by Bullamine Magnetite Pty Ltd). However, the amendments are negligible and should not significantly impact any exploration activity.

DEMIRS provides information on geology and mineral deposits in various [publications](#), State wide spatial datasets that can be downloaded free of charge from the [Data and Software Centre](#) or viewed interactively using [GeoView](#). Maps can be produced directly by using this software, or by downloading the digital data for use in GIS software.

DEMIRS lodges no objections to the above LPS amendment.

Yours sincerely

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24 January 2025



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Dear Sir

SHIRE OF MERREDIN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 6, AMENDMENT NO. 8

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2024 regarding the proposed Scheme Amendment No.8 to Local Planning Scheme No.6, which was referred to the Heritage Council under the provisions of Section 79 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

The proposed Scheme Amendment has been considered for its potential impact on heritage places within the scheme area and the following advice is given:

1. There are no State Registered Heritage Places affected by Local Planning Scheme No.6, Amendment No.8.
2. We note that P13495 North Merredin Primary School, which is on the Shire's Heritage List is affected by the amendment which proposes rezoning of a portion of the site to R80 to allow 4 storey residential development. The Shire may wish to consider introducing development controls to ensure the future development is sympathetic to the heritage place.
3. There are no objections to the proposed Amendment No.8 from a historic heritage perspective.

We hope that these comments are of value in the development of the proposed Scheme Amendment.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Katie Davies at katie.davies@dplh.wa.gov.au or on 6552 4638.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheree Morrison'.

Sheree Morrison
A/Director
Historic Heritage Conservation

7 February 2025

Peter Zenni

From: HCWA Referrals <HCWAReferrals@dplh.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 13 January 2025 11:17 AM
To: Peter Zenni
Subject: P52128 Local Planning Scheme No.6 - Amendment No.8 - Shire of Merredin

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your letter.

A Heritage Officer will be in contact with you regarding this referral.

Please be advised that heritage advice is generally provided within 42 days. However, there may be a delay in our response due to our current workload.

If you wish to contact Heritage Services regarding this matter, please reply to this email and quote our referral number P52128.

Kind regards,

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DFES Ref: D37609

Dear Peter,

I refer to your email dated 19 December 2024 in relation to the referral of Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 - Omnibus Amendment No 8 for various lots within the Shire of Merredin.

It is unclear from the documentation provided if the Shire of Merredin (Shire) has applied *State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* (SPP 3.7) to this proposal.

Given the Local Planning Scheme amendment seeks to rezone and intensify lots within various locations, the amendment provides an opportune mechanism for the coordination of bushfire risk to ensure that it does not result in the introduction or intensification of development or land use in an area that has or will, on completion, have an extreme BHL and/or BAL-40 or BAL-FZ.

SPP 3.7 seeks to reduce vulnerability to bushfire through the identification and consideration of bushfire risks in decision-making at all stages of the planning and development process.

A Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) is required to accompany strategic planning proposals designated on the Map of Bushfire Prone Areas as Area 2 that has or will have a bushfire hazard level above low (refer to policy measure 7.1 of SPP 3.7). A BMP should include an assessment of the broader landscape, identification of any environmental, biodiversity or conservation values on the subject site, identification of the bushfire hazard issues arising from the relevant assessment and a clear demonstration that compliance with the bushfire protection criteria contained within the Guidelines, is or can be achieved.

The BMP should be prepared as early as possible in the planning process and progressively refined or reviewed as the level of detail increases. The level of detail provided within a BMP should be commensurate with the applicable planning stage and scale of the proposal or application.

Should you apply SPP 3.7 then, we request the relevant information pursuant to this policy be forwarded to DFES to allow us to review and provide comment prior to the (Shire) endorsement of the Scheme Amendment.

Land Use Planning staff are available to discuss planning proposals and provide general bushfire advice at any stage of the planning process. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below, should you require clarification of any of the matters raised.

Kind regards

Sasha De Brito
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SUBMISSION TO:

**SHIRE OF MERREDIN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 6 – AMENDMENT No 8
(Omnibus Amendment)**

Submitter's Name Paul Bashall
Adrees of Property Affected Not applicable

SUBMISSION

The existing Scheme provides for several areas zoned General Industry, in addition, the Scheme Amendment (Omnibus) seeks to zone more land for General Industry. This proposal is fully supported to ensure that the industrial land supply can cater for new workplaces without the time-consuming process of another Scheme Amendment when the existing demand out-strips the supply.

However, the introduction of standard provisions and definitions for Short Stay Residential Accommodation (STRA) provides for a Road house use class to be a 'P' use in both a Light Industry zone and General Industry zone.

The Model Scheme Text (MST) of the Regulations definition says –

***road house** means premises that has direct access to a State road other than a freeway and which provides the services or facilities provided by a freeway service centre and may provide any of the following facilities or services —*

- (a) a full range of automotive repair services;*
- (b) wrecking, panel beating and spray painting services;*
- (c) transport depot facilities;*
- (d) short-term accommodation for guests;*
- (e) facilities for being a muster point in response to accidents, natural disasters and other emergencies;*

Light Industry zone

This use class is not considered acceptable in the Light Industry zone - and should be a 'X' (not permitted) use. This is to ensure that the many potential components of a Road house will not be allowed; including wrecking, panel beating and spray painting as these can create unreasonable impacts.

An 'X' use will mean that there is no appeal right to a Council decision to refuse the Development Approval application for a Road house. If a proposal was for a 'road house' without the impacting components, it could be defined as a service station and therefore allowable in most non-residential zones.

Allowing a Road house (in particular short-term accommodation for guests) in a Light Industry zone is inconsistent with the definition of a light industry use class. The Model Scheme Text (MST) of the Regulations defines **industry – light** as -

industry – light means premises used for an industry where impacts on the amenity of the area in which the premises is located can be mitigated, avoided or managed;

The old definition, now superseded by the MST, was considered more descriptive, used to say;

“light industry” means an industry –

(a) in which the processes carried on, the machinery used, and the goods and commodities carried to and from the premises will not cause any injury to or prejudicially affect the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil or otherwise; and

(b) the establishment of which will not or the conduct of which does not impose an undue load on any existing or projected service for the supply or provision of water, gas, electricity, sewerage facilities, or any other like service;

General Industry zone

The Scheme Amendment proposes that a Road house is also permitted as a right (a ‘P’ use) in the General Industry zone.

Residential uses (like short-term accommodation for guests) are considered ‘sensitive uses’ and should not be permitted in a General Industry zone.

The EPA defines types of sensitive uses as follows –

Types of sensitive land uses

Land uses considered to be potentially sensitive to emissions from industry and infrastructure include residential developments, hospitals, hotels, motels, hostels, caravan parks, schools, nursing homes, child care facilities, shopping centres, playgrounds, and some public buildings. Some commercial, institutional and industrial land uses which require high levels of amenity or are sensitive to particular emissions may also be considered “sensitive land uses”. Examples include some retail outlets, offices and training centres, and some types of storage and manufacturing facilities.

Sensitive uses are not considered appropriate in a General Industry zone because;

- The potential impact from legitimate general industrial activities would create undue stress on the local government administration attempting to require amenity impacting industries to reduce their impact.

- The presence of sensitive uses in a General Industry zone will reduce the attraction and opportunity for genuine industries to establish. The MST definition of industry does not mention impacts from these activities.

The MST definition of Industry is –

industry means premises used for the manufacture, dismantling, processing, assembly, treating, testing, servicing, maintenance or repairing of goods, products, articles, materials or substances and includes facilities on the premises for any of the following purposes —

- (a) the storage of goods;
- (b) the work of administration or accounting;
- (c) the selling of goods by wholesale or retail;
- (d) the provision of amenities for employees;
- (e) incidental purposes;

CONCLUSION

The permissibility of a Road house in –

- a Light Industry zone should be changed from a 'P' use to a 'X' use; and
- a General Industry zone should be changed from a 'P' use to an 'X' use, as more clearly shown in red in the Table extract below.

USE CLASSES	ZONES									
	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING
TOURIST AND ENTERTAINMENT USES										
Hosted short-term rental accommodation	P	P	P	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
Tourist and visitor accommodation	X	D	D	D	X	X	D	D	D	D
Unhosted short-term rental accommodation	D	D	D	X	X	X	D	D	D	D
COMMERCE										
Road house	X	X	A	A	X	X	A	X	X	D

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Your reference: Omnibus
amendment No. 8
Our reference: LUP 2066
Enquiries: Grant Stainer

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Date: 13 February 2025

Dear Mr Watts,

Planning and Development Act 2005 – Complex amendment available for inspection – Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 – Omnibus amendment No. 8

Thank you for inviting the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to comment on the above proposal.

DPIRD's response to each of the 40 aspects of the proposal is outlined below.

- **Reclassifying Lots 157 (VCL) Station Street, and Lot 21, Lots 24-28, Lots 72, 75, 76, 158, and portions of Lot 800 Main Street, and Lots 47-49, Lot 50, Lots 159, 160, and 109-110 Plimpton Street, and Lot 157 Station Street, Burracoppin, from 'Parks and recreation' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.**
- **Rezoning Lots 22, 23, 71, and portion of Lot 800 Main Street, Burracoppin, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.**
- **Changing the density code for all existing Townsite zoned lots in Burracoppin from 'R10/20' to 'R10'.**

DPIRD does not object to these proposals.

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- **Rezoning Lots 108-115, 136-140 and Lot 156 Cunningham Street, Nangeenan, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with an 'R10' density code.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

In relation to all the Nangeenan changes, it is suggested that the Shire of Merredin may wish to directly consult the Nangeenan Progress Association (Julie Townrow) to see if they have any comments on the proposal.

- **Adding an 'R10' density code to Lot 155 (No.29) Marley Close (Main Street), Nangeenan.**
- **Rezoning Lot 24 Avon Street and Lots 9 and 10 Railway Street, Nukarni, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with an R10 density code.**

DPIRD does not object to these proposals.

- **Rezoning Lot 377 and portion of Lot 1 Kitchener Road, Merredin, from 'Residential' to 'Special Use' (for Place of Worship) and deleting the R10/30 density code accordingly and amend Schedule Four by updating Special Use No.12 to add the lots above.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

Nevertheless, the Shire of Merredin may wish to consider that any future need to revert to the original zoning would require another scheme amendment.

- **Reclassifying Lot 461 Throssell Road, Merredin, from 'Public purposes – Kindergarten' to 'Residential' with an R-Code of 'R10/30'.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

- **Rezoning Lots 11-13 Lukin Street and Lot 20 Goldfields Road, Merredin, from 'General farming' to 'Special Residential'.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal. Clearing of native vegetation should be avoided.

- **Reclassifying Lots 14 and 15 Lukin Street, and Lots 16-17 Goldfields Road, Merredin, from 'Special use – Tourist development' to 'Parks and Recreation' reserve and rezone Lot 18 & 19 Goldfields Road from 'Special use -Tourist Development' to 'Special Residential'.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal. Clearing of native vegetation should be avoided.

- **Reclassifying Crown Reserve 29700 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin, from 'Public Purposes – Public use' to 'Special use' for tourist and visitor accommodation and amending Schedule Four – Special Use Zones as per the table in the amendment document.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

It is recommended that this proposal be advertised separately and more prominently to directly obtain community feedback, as there are likely to be a variety of opinions on this.

This reserve is one of the larger areas of remnant vegetation in the district, and it is recommended that the Shire of Merredin directly seeks feedback from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). DBCA has a local Merredin office.

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Conditions should be placed on any proposal to prevent any clearing of native vegetation.

- **Rezoning Lots 4, 5 and 20261 Merredin-Naremben Road, Merredin, from 'Special use – Airstrip' and 'General agriculture' to 'Special use' for Airstrip Mixed uses.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

- **Amending Schedule Four – Special Use No 7 as per the table in the amendment document.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal, but has some concerns about the mixed-use designation (mainly the industrial uses).

The Merredin Airstrip is critical infrastructure for Merredin, particularly in relation to supporting the needs of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). It is important to avoid compromising RFDS activities.

There is also remnant native vegetation surrounding the airfield that is worth retaining that provides a buffer to surrounding uses.

Any development would also need to consider the nearby Merredin Pet Cemetery, as impacts to that could result in negative community sentiment.

- **Amending clause 5.6 SCA 5 Merredin Airstrip.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

DPIRD suggests that the wording for 5.6.4 Development Requirements be modified to "In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and *will include* environmental advice received."

DPIRD does not object to the following proposals.

- a. Amending the boundary of SCA 5 on the Scheme map.
- b. Reclassifying Lot 26740 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin, from 'Public purposes – Public use' to 'Special use' for a Concrete batching plant.
- c. Amending Schedule Four – Special Use No.6 as per the table in the amendment document.
- d. Adding a new Special Control area to 5.1.1 'SCA7 - Concrete batching plant'.
- e. Adding a new clause 5.8 in Part Five – Special Control Areas.

- **Deleting the Development Area shown on the Scheme Map in the area surrounded by Farrar Parade, Third Avenue, Second Avenue, Marino Street and Fifth Avenue, Merredin.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal. Nevertheless, there is no harm in keeping it either, particularly as it is already cleared and therefore no further clearing would occur as part of development.

- **Deleting clause 4.9 Development Areas and inserting a new replacement clause.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

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- **Reclassifying portion Lot 501 Bates, Duff and Coronation Streets, Merredin, from 'Public purposes – Civic and cultural' to 'Residential' with an R-Code of 'R80', and 'Parks and recreation'.**

DPIRD considers that both portions should be reclassified as "Parks and recreation".

The CEACA development on the western portion of the street block resulted in the loss of most of the pre-existing native vegetation (large established trees).

DPIRD does not want to see this repeated with the eastern portion of the street block.

The CEACA development also resulted in the destruction, without prior notice, of the DPIRD groundwater monitoring bores MDTC10D and MDTC10S. DPIRD remains very disappointed about this. This destruction of groundwater monitoring bores could be deemed an offence under Section 21(5)(b) of the *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945*.

- **Rezoning of Lots 503 and 601 Goldfields Road, Lot 504 Gabo Avenue, Lot 602 Gamenya Avenue, and the northern portions of Lots 82 Adamson Road, Merredin, from 'General farming' to 'General industry'.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

Nevertheless, this would remove agricultural land from production.

It is noted that there have recently been two large metal silos built on Lot 504.

Lot 602 is used mainly for cropping, but at times has had livestock on it. Lot 503 has mostly been used by small landholders for horses and ponies. Lot 601 is mostly used for cropping.

The Lots surround the Merredin Plantation, which is an area of native vegetation that was planted in 1991 to address the spread of salinity in the area.

Any development would need to ensure that there is no impact on the Merredin Plantation, and to be mindful of the local surface and groundwater hydrology to avoid impacts from, or spread of, salinity. Any development proposal would need to be assessed very carefully to make sure that no adverse impacts occur.

The eastern end of Lot 601 is also frequented by the Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos as a food source (mainly eating weed seeds), and the removal of this food source may impact the population of Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos which are already under pressure from competition with corellas.

There are several DPIRD groundwater monitoring bores present in the area as outlined in Figure 1 below. These bores must not be damaged or destroyed. DPIRD must retain access to the bores to enable monitoring as required.



Figure 1: Location of DPIRD groundwater monitoring bores near the proposed rezoning. (Source: Bob Paul, DPIRD Water Science team)

- **Rezoning of the southern portion of Lot 82 Adamson Road, Merredin, from 'General farming' to 'Light industry'.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

Nevertheless, this would remove agricultural land from production.

- **Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a Convenience Store from an 'A' use in the Residential zone to an 'X' use in the Residential zone.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

- **Replace tourism related provisions as listed in the amendment document.**

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

Nevertheless, council may wish to specifically seek feedback on this proposal directly from the community given the housing pressures in Merredin.

DPIRD does not object to the remaining proposals listed below.

- Amending Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions by deleting the first paragraph and inserting a new definition.
- In Schedule One, 'Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions' delete the definitions for: cabin, chalet, holiday accommodation, short term accommodation, and tourist development.
- In 'Schedule Two - Additional Uses', at Additional Use No.2, replace all references to the term 'tourist development' with 'tourist and visitor accommodation'.
- Amend clause 4.7 – Site and Development Requirements by inserting an additional provision.
- Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a 'Grouped dwelling' from an 'X' use in the 'Town centre' zone to an 'A' use in the 'Town centre' zone.

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- Adding a new clause 4.7.7 Renewable energy facility to provide requirements for development approval applications.
- Deleting the definition for 'Wind farm or wind energy facility' in Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions and replacing the definition with a new definition for a 'Renewable energy facility'.
- Deleting the use class 'Wind farm or wind energy facility' from Table One – Zoning Table and adding a new Use class 'Renewable energy facility' in the 'Other uses' group with the permissibility in each zone as per the table in the amendment document.
- Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 and inserting replacement clauses.
- Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 and inserting replacement clauses.
- Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.4.4 and 5.4.5 and inserting replacement clauses.
- Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.5.4 and 5.5.5 and inserting replacement clauses.
- Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.7.4 and 5.7.5 and inserting replacement clauses.
- Amend the scheme maps accordingly and undertake any other administrative edits, formatting changes and renumbering as a result of the above set of changes.

For more information, please contact Grant Stainer at grantley.stainer@dpird.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Merredin Shire Councillors,

**RE: Local planning scheme No 6 – Omnibus Amendment No 8
Pursuant to r.38 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)
Regulations 2015 notice.**

I am writing to you not only as a landowner but as someone who has a deep personal and emotional connection to this town. I grew up here, and it is the place I want to continue investing in—not just for my business, but for my future family as well. That's why I was incredibly disheartened to learn about the proposed zoning amendment for my property at 602 Gamenya Avenue. The potential shift from farmland to industrial zoning would have a significant and detrimental impact on both my business and my future in this community.

When I chose this location to establish Lamina Farm, I did so with careful consideration, ensuring it aligned with the existing farmland zoning. Over the years, I have invested substantial time, effort, and financial resources into making my vision a reality. This proposed rezoning feels like a major setback - one that threatens to derail everything I have worked so hard to build. My business depends on the land remaining consistent with its current zoning, and any disruption would not only hinder my progress but also jeopardise the future plans I have put in place.

Beyond the personal and financial impact, I am deeply concerned about the broader consequences this zoning change would have on the local community. The land is not easily accessible from the highway, meaning industrial traffic would likely be routed through residential streets, increasing congestion, wear and tear on local roads, and safety risks for families who live in the area. The quiet, community-focused nature of this town is what makes it so special, and I worry that this change would disrupt the area, negatively affecting both residents and other local businesses.

Additionally, noise pollution is a major concern. With residential properties in close proximity, industrial activity would create ongoing disturbances for nearby families, diminishing their quality of life. Furthermore, the infrastructure costs required for industrial development in this area would be significant. Due to the nearby railway line, I have been quoted over \$200,000 just to provide adequate power and water for industrial use—an enormous financial burden for a small business like mine. While I have plans for off-grid developments to support my business, the rezoning would still result in significantly higher land rates, adding yet another strain on my ability to operate and grow.

This town has always been my home, and I want to continue contributing to its growth and community spirit. However, this proposed zoning change threatens not only my livelihood but also the fabric of the neighborhood and the well-being of those who call it home. I

respectfully urge the council to reconsider this decision and to engage in discussions that allow for a solution that supports both local businesses like mine and the wider community.

I appreciate your time and consideration, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Swarts
Owner, Lamina Farm



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Your Ref: A9208
Our Ref: D25/0202456
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Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Merredin

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Attention: Peter Zenni
Executive Manager Development

Dear Sir / Madam

Proposed complex omnibus amendment – Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6, Amendment No. 8

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2024 providing the Department of Education (the Department) with the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Shire of Merredin's Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (Amendment).

The Department notes that the proposed Amendment would result in residential growth in the locality through the rezoning of land for residential use and introduction of several 'Development Areas' to facilitate residential development. As per the intent of Western Australian Planning Commission's Operational Policy 2.4 – Planning for School Sites (OP 2.4), it is imperative to balance the residential growth and resultant student population with public school provision in a locality.

Currently, Merredin College which caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 is operating within the student accommodation capacity. It is anticipated that the residential growth would not have significant impact on the student enrolment demand of the locality in the short to medium term. Notwithstanding this, the Department will continue to monitor the student enrolment demand as residential development progresses in the future in the locality.

In view of the above, the Department has no in principle objection to the proposed Amendment. The Department welcomes the opportunity to work with the Shire during the preparation of future structure plans to ensure that the public education needs is adequately met in line with the OP 2.4.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Sharnie Stuart, Senior Consultant – Land Planning, on (08) 9264 4046 or by email at sharnie.stuart@education.wa.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Turnbull'.

Matt Turnbull
Manager Land and Planning

21 February 2025

From: Andrina Prnich <andrina.prnich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 24 February 2025 9:34 AM
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Cc: Admin Officer <admin@merredin.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Omnibus Amendment no. 8 (f) Amending Schedule 4) - Special Use No. 7

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Dear Peter,

Public Comment - Omnibus Amendment no. 8 (f) Amending Schedule 4) - Special Use No. 7

We are the owners of 750 Merredin Naremben Rd, Merredin.

We support the proposed amendment in principle however we do have some concerns about how the amendment will impact the current rural amenity of our property.

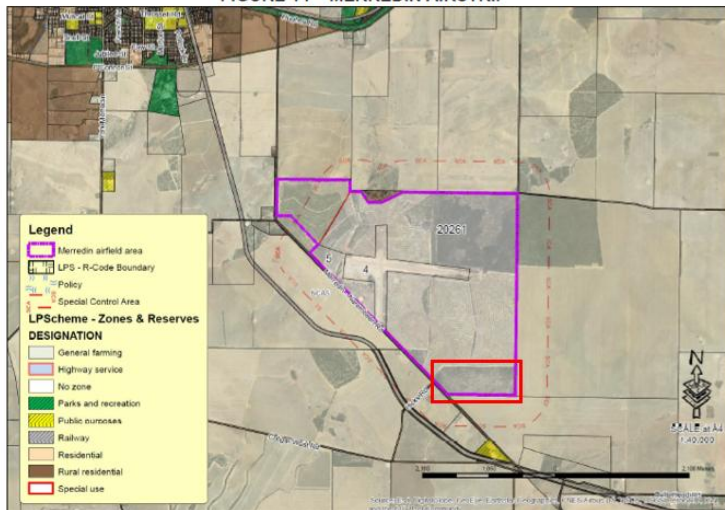
The amendment will encourage a built-up Light Industrial / Commercial area and/or Educational Facility which will introduce more traffic, noise associated with light industry and likely, light spill - changing the current rural amenity that we currently enjoy.

Depending on the road layout and vehicle entry points of future development plans, additional traffic generated will have noise impacts as well as impacts on our general privacy and security. The subject site is located on a hill, and as such, we have particular concerns about the noise associated with an increase in trucks slowing to enter the property / future light industrial estate.

We wish to request that due consideration is given to additional measures to protect the rural lifestyle of ours and our neighbours properties.

There is currently a significant portion of bushland to the south of the airstrip (outlined in solid red line in aerial below).

FIGURE 14 – MERREDIN AIRSTRIP



Source: Landgate, ESRI, DPLH, Planwest

This bushland currently provides a fair amount of protection to our properties from on the ground noise, fumes and any light emissions caused by the existing air strip.

We understand that our property currently sits within a special control area buffer and that any development within this area must comply with relevant EPA guidelines for emissions such as light, noise and odour. From our observation, these guidelines can often be minimal in their protection for residential amenity.

To our knowledge, our property (and our adjoining neighbours directly northwest of us) are the only two residential homes, within close proximity of the subject site, that will be directly affected by this amendment.

We request that Council considers the inclusion of control measures around the buffer area as conditions to this amendment.

Given that the proposed amendment includes the aforementioned bushland, we strongly request that, as part of these measures, a condition of the amendment (and any future local development plan) includes the preservation of this bushland so that:

- a) privacy and security can continue to be maintained
- b) emissions including sound, light and fumes/odour can be limited.

We also request that conditions are applied around any future changes to the road network or vehicle entry points to the property/future light industrial estate, to ensure that these are kept to the northwest side of the property where there will be less impact on existing residences.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to seeing a favourable outcome for all parties.

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Date: 24 February 2025

Dear Craig

Thank you for inviting the residents of Merredin to comment on the Shire of Merredin's:

- Local Planning Scheme No 6, Amendment No 8
- Local Planning Strategy, Part 1, Strategy
- Local Planning Strategy, Part 2, Background Information and Analysis

I have reviewed the proposed changes to the Local Planning Scheme and the reasons for the change are well explained.

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Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX 1: Comments to Shire of Merredin, Local Planning Scheme No 6, Amendment No 8

Page 43: Amendment 8 - proposed rezoning.

This amendment and rezoning carries a fire risk, being this close to the reserve. During the 60s and 70s there were a series of fires that devastated the area. These were crown fires, where ground-based fire breaks were ineffectual.

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Attention: Mr Peter Zenni – Executive Manager Development Services

Shire of Merredin Amendment No. 8 - Omnibus Amendment

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 December inviting comments on the Shire's proposed Omnibus scheme amendment.

The various map and text amendments are noted. The modifications appear to be mostly minor or administrative in nature. The following comments address some minor issues arising from some of the amendment proposals:

Proposal 3d) Maiolo/Lukin Street – further development on the vacant lots in this area will require the landowners to extend water mains along Maiolo Way and Goldfields Road and apply for new water meters to each lots/dwelling.

Proposal 3f) – If further mixed-use development near the airport requires water services, the existing 58mm diameter farmlands main that currently services the airport may need to be upgraded.

Proposal 3i) – CEACA site – development of the site expansion area as a separate lot will require a sewer main to be extended to the lot boundary.

Proposal 3j) i & ii - industrial development across these sites will require water planning to be undertaken to determine how this development can be serviced from the town's water network, and to identify if any offsite water mains need to be upgraded.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amendments. If you have any queries or require further clarification on any of the above issues, please contact me on Tel. 9420-3165.

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MERREDIN SHIRE DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY 2024

Submission to Craig Watts CEO Merredin Shire

Andrew Roy Butler, 3 McGinniss Way, Merredin

19 February 2025

Note: I am currently President of the Merredin Branch of the Wildflower Society, but the following submission contains entirely my own views.

I have read both Parts 1 and 2 of this Draft LP Strategy. The documents are very comprehensive and provide interesting, useful information.

Comments:

Part 1

Figure 7 Planning Area A – Cohn Street

It seems odd that the area is designated Cohn Street when the area shown is bordered mainly by Cummings St, Dobson Ave and Allbeury St.

On about half of this area there is residual native vegetation in fair condition, including trees. It also has some dumped rubbish including wire, and an expanding area of noxious cactus and assorted weeds, especially wild oats.

In order of priority for clearing for subdivision, I hope this area A has a low ranking among all the possible housing subdivision sites. For other areas that are already cleared there would be no need to decide what native vegetation should or could be retained. Though it's not pristine bush, this Area A is a pleasant area used by local people for walking, cycling and dog exercise. If it is cleared, I hope the subdivision will be designed sensitively, rather than simply drawing a N-S, E-W grid. Subdivision should retain as much of the native vegetation as possible, even though that will mean fewer lots.

Under 8.0 REFERENCES AND RESOURCE MATERIAL. Two references are given that relate to the local environment, both from the Merredin Land Conservation District Committee and both over 21 years old. They may still be generally current and relevant, but in parts possibly not.

In Part 1, Issues and Opportunities, Section 3.3 Environment, the most recent lists of native plants in the region should be consulted when planting or

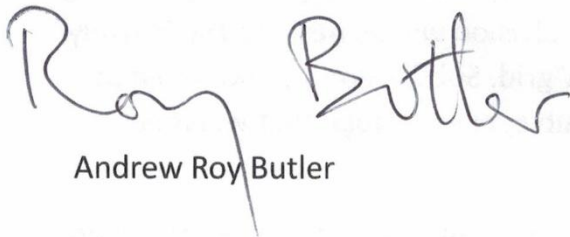
regeneration is proposed. The comprehensive list of plants along Merredin's Flora Road, Scott Road, as identified by Branch member Heather Adamson, is one good resource. Florabase <https://florabase.dbca.wa.gov.au/> and Atlas of Living Australia <https://www.ala.org.au/> are two useful databases. Also, people knowledgeable about the ecology, including the botany of this area should be consulted when restoration or new plantings are proposed.

Ideally, in my view, the Shire should again employ a Natural Resource Manager/Environmental Officer (or similar title).

Part 2

In Part 2 under 4.3 Economy and Employment, 4.3.4 Rural, some alternative agricultural industries are mentioned such as sandalwood, eucalyptus oil from oil mallees and brushwood. All have been tried around here and found commercially not viable, as have many other agricultural alternatives (pecans, jujubes, grapes, garlic, olives, and more). However, there must still be possible alternatives especially with more efficient water harvesting and water use. Hydroponics, possibly using now obsolete buildings (wheat bins?) to both collect water and grow selected plants, or indoor fish/crustacean farming, are more recent possibilities.

Also, in this section it is stated that: *The most significant emerging landuse suitable for the rural areas is the renewable energy facility sector.* Here a sentence or two should be inserted acknowledging that two-tiered production under solar panels and wind turbines is currently practised: Broad scale cropping occurs under wind turbines, and sheep, poultry or horticulture can thrive under solar panels (if planned for when the panels are erected). Solar farms especially seem to present a range of possible co-enterprises.



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Attached List:

Vegetation Survey Scott Road 28-09-22 pdf

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Your reference: Draft Local
Planning Strategy 2024
Our reference: LUP 2067
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Date: 20 February 2025

Dear Mr Watts,

Draft Local Planning Strategy 2024

Thank you for inviting the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to comment on the Draft Local Planning Strategy 2024.

Central to the shire's strategy is a focus on the perceived population growth in the shire despite the actual long term reduction in population. The strategy acknowledges that the population is getting older with fewer younger people and an ageing workforce. The strategy states that the population growth will come from new industries, but does not give much detail about these new industries, although there is some information about the renewable energy industry, which DPIRD supports.

To bring in younger workers, there would need to be a strong TAFE facility to provide a supply of apprentices, alongside a strong education and health sector. These facilities and employment would then lead to the formation of young families and help generate the demand for other young professionals to move to Merredin. There already is a TAFE facility in Merredin, so it would be a matter of expanding the courses that are available and targeting them to local requirements.

Over a long-term period, it is possible that all the proposed new residential land will be developed, boosting the housing stock of Merredin, and growing the local economy. However, in the short to medium term, with 'slight population growth anticipated in the next 15 years', the proposed new residential land will leave large tracks of land vacant, underutilised, and offering no benefit to the local community. In step with the 'Action -

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Support revegetation and landscaping programs as required' (p7), there could be benefits in identifying areas that are likely to be developed last and revegetating them with local trees species. A stand of Merrit trees, which could be removed when the land is required for residential development, would be a tourist attraction given the association with the name of the town.

It is noted that the shire wants to reduce maintenance costs of parkland by establishing housing instead, but this should not be done at the expense of public open space. The reduction of native vegetation is also inconsistent with the strategy's statement about caring for the environment.

The take up rate of new blocks would probably be slow, leaving bare land sitting there for lengthy periods of time. As an example, the McGuinness Way subdivision was developed many years ago. Although many of the blocks have now been occupied, this took a very long time, and there are still some vacant blocks in that development.

DPIRD provide specific comments relating to the Local Planning Strategy (proposed development areas) in Attachment 1.

For more information, please contact Grant Stainer at grantley.stainer@dpird.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment 1 - Local Planning Strategy (proposed development areas)

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Cohn Street

The Cohn Street plan would require the clearing of a large area of native vegetation. This area is also in demand by existing nearby residents as public open space as well as being a diagonal short cut for people walking between south-west Dobson Avenue and northern Allbeury Street. The Merredin Wildflower Society should be directly consulted about this proposal. DPIRD does not support the clearing of the remaining native vegetation.

Davies Street

This patch of native vegetation should be protected. It noted that the shire does not currently plan to clear it, but affirmative measures need to be in place to protect it.

Fifth Avenue

No objection. This area is already largely cleared and would be the most suitable area in the strategy for developing residential blocks.

French Avenue

This public open space is located in a centralised area of the southern part of Merredin and provides public open space to the surrounding area. Native vegetation should not be cleared.

Golf course

This area on the corner of Bates Street and Golf Road has an area of bushland on the Golf Road section that should be retained. The bushland also provides a visual privacy buffer between the houses on Golf Road and the Merredin Recreation and Community Leisure Centre (MRCLC).

Jellicoe Street

This area is similar to the French Avenue park, albeit with less native vegetation. It provides valuable public open space.

Kitchener Road

This area would be mostly suitable for rezoning as housing, but the remaining native vegetation should not be cleared.

O'Connor Road

It is noted that there are no changes proposed. This should be kept as rural residential.

Telfer Avenue north and south

This is the land that the Merredin Men's Shed uses for their annual crop. Developing this land as residential would displace them and remove their main income source. It would also remove agricultural land from production. Nevertheless, this would be a suitable location to expand housing, as it would not result in any further clearing of native vegetation.

Third Avenue

No objection. This area is already largely cleared and would be suitable for development, being mindful of the few remaining trees there.

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Whitfield Way

No objection.

Abattoir Road

No objection, but would recommend the planting of native vegetation as a visual and noise barrier to the Great Eastern Highway. There are some existing trees in the road reserve that help provide a barrier to the highway, but these are not very dense, and many of the trees have recently suffered storm damage.

North-west Merredin industrial (surrounding the Merredin Plantation)

DPIRD does not object to the proposal.

Nevertheless, this would remove agricultural land from production.

It is noted that there have recently been two large metal silos built on Lot 504.

Lot 602 is used mainly for cropping, but at times has had livestock on it. Lot 503 has mostly been used by small landholders for horses and ponies. Lot 601 is mostly used for cropping.

The Lots surround the Merredin Plantation, which is an area of native vegetation that was planted in 1991 to address the spread of salinity in the area.

Any development would need to ensure that there is no impact on the Merredin Plantation, and to be mindful of the local surface and groundwater hydrology to avoid impacts from, or spread of, salinity. Any development proposal would need to be assessed very carefully to make sure that no adverse impacts occur.

The eastern end of Lot 601 is also frequented by the Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos as a food source (mainly eating weed seeds), and the removal of this food source may impact the population of Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos which are already under pressure from competition with corellas.

There are several DPIRD groundwater monitoring bores present in the area as outlined in Figure 1 below. These bores must not be damaged or destroyed. DPIRD must retain access to the bores to enable monitoring as required.

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Date: 24 February 2025

Dear Craig

Thank you for inviting the residents of Merredin to comment on the Shire of Merredin's:

- Local Planning Scheme No 6, Amendment No 8
- Local Planning Strategy, Part 1, Strategy
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APPENDIX 2: Comments to Shire of Merredin, Local Planning Strategy, Part 1, Strategy

Page 4: *A desire for alternative lifestyle opportunities such as rural lifestyle blocks.*

Small landholders and stocking rates can be an issue in some circumstances. If the smaller rural blocks (prior to getting livestock) were required to have livestock management plans, this would provide the Shire with a mechanism to minimize this issue.

Page 5: *Direct rural residential development away from productive agriculture land towards the townsite, existing fragmented land and/or unproductive land.*

Where would 'existing fragmented land and/or unproductive land' place Rural Residential development in the Shire? Suggest mapping this concept to determine if it is appropriate for the Shire of Merredin or will it cause issues for the Shire (i.e. land use conflict).

Page 6: *To conserve, protect and improve the natural environment, arrest damage caused by land clearing and development, and safeguard the human living environment from natural disaster.*

If the area of bitumen in Merredin is viewed as part of the development of Merredin, it is large and has the effect of turning the town into a heat sink in summer, when compared to surrounding rural areas. Could a 'Planning Direction' and 'Actions' be considered improve the livability of the town in summer?

Page 7: *Support revegetation and landscaping programs as required.*

The Shire could be proactive in revegetation and has control of large areas of cleared land. As Merredin summers are relatively warm, increasing the level of vegetation could have a cooling effect. If the Shire was to select areas for block plantings i.e. Merrit trees, salmon gums, it could both create tourist features (educate on local species) and improve the ambient temperature within the town.

Page 9: *Assist proponents in site selection for permanent workers camp sites.*

The area east of Farrar Parade could be a potential site for a permanent workers camp.

4.1 Rural Residential Areas

The Strategy includes eight areas marked as RR that are currently zoned for Rural Residential in the Scheme or have been identified in the previous Strategy (2007) for rural residential development. These areas may not need to be included on the Strategy Map as Planning Areas because the Scheme already requires further planning before the Council would be prepared to support subdivision in each area. ...

*The northern portion of the existing Rural Residential zoned area (**Area H**) was designated as such due to the nature of the landform. It is considered that larger lots would be better able to cater for the rock outcrops over the area. Therefore, this area will remain as rural residential zoned land.*

This is an ambiguous section, almost like notes by the author.

Comments:

- In response to this comment, there needs to be maps in the document showing where these 'Rural Residential' areas are.
- As the areas are shown on page 22, a reference in this section to the map would be beneficial to the reader
- The use of 'Area H' and 'Area M', which relate to the '4.2 Residential Areas', does not bring clarity to this section

APPENDIX 3: Comments to Shire of Merredin, Local Planning Strategy, Part 2, Background Information and Analysis

Page 27 Table 8 and Figure 4 show the DPLH projected population estimates.

These are based on the DPLH *WA Tomorrow Population Report No. 11*¹ of state population forecast published in 2018-19. This report has been superseded by the *WA Tomorrow Population Report No. 12*².

As the "Strategy – background" is in a draft phase, this section could be rewritten to reflect the updated population estimates.

Page 31 *The only adjoining land use is broad acre farming – wheat cropping. Potential for conflict limited to short periods of activity i.e. sowing and harvesting.*

The potential period of conflict will extend beyond the two activities listed. Conflict can come from both parties (the primary producer and the RR area). Thus, spraying of insects / weeds / fungicides can occur outside the sowing and harvesting periods. Other activities could include burn-off periods, livestock activities, spreading fertilizers / lime. Basically, farmers are active more than the sowing and harvesting period. The flipside could include the increased risk of stock attacks by dogs from RR area.

¹ <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/wa-tomorrow-past-population-forecasts>

² <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-planning-lands-and-heritage/western-australia-tomorrow-12-population-forecasts>



SHIRE OF MERREDIN LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 6

AMENDMENT No 8

OMNIBUS AMENDMENT

Various amendments resulting from the Report of Review
prepared as part of a Scheme review.

November 2024

COMPLEX AMENDMENT

This Amendment has been determined to be a Complex Amendment according to the definition of the terms used in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (Regulations).

The Regulations introduce a track-based approach to local planning scheme amendments that enables amendments to be classified as either a basic, standard or complex amendment.

This amendment as defined in Regulation 34, and can be summarised as follows:

complex amendment means any of the following amendments to a local planning scheme -

- (a) an amendment that is not consistent with a local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission;
- (b) an amendment that is not addressed by any local planning strategy;
- (c) an amendment relating to development that is of a scale, or will have an impact, that is significant relative to development in the locality;

The classification of a complex amendment requires the consultation requirements and timeframes in which the amendment must be dealt with in the Regulations. The Regulations impose timeframes on both the local government and Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for processing of the amendment, as outlined in the table below:

Scheme Amendment type	Advertising	Local government consideration period (post advertising)	WAPC timeframe to make recommendation to Minister
Complex	60 days	90 days post end date of submission period	90 days

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005

RESOLUTION DECIDING TO AMEND A LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME

Shire of Merredin

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 6

AMENDMENT No 8

The Merredin Shire Council under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon it in that behalf by the Planning and Development Act 2005, hereby amends the above Local Planning Scheme by:

- a)i Reclassifying Lots 157 (VCL) Station Street, and Lot 21, Lots 24-28, Lots 72, 75, 76, 158, and portions of Lot 800 Main Street, and Lots 47-49, Lot 50, Lots 159, 160, and 109-110 Plimpton Street, and Lot 157 Station Street, **Burracoppin**, from 'Parks and recreation' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.
- a)ii Rezoning Lots 22, 23, 71, and portion of Lot 800 Main Street, **Burracoppin**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.
- a)iii Changing the density code for all existing Townsite zoned lots in **Burracoppin** from 'R10/20' to 'R10'.
- a)iv Rezoning Lots 108-115, 136-140 and Lot 156 Cunningham Street, **Nangeenan**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with an 'R10' density code.
- a)v Adding an 'R10' density code to Lot 155 (No.29) Marley Close (Main Street), **Nangeenan**.
- a)vi Rezoning Lot 24 Avon Street and Lots 9 and 10 Railway Street, **Nukarni**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with an R10 density code.
- b) Rezoning Lot 377 and portion of Lot 1 Kitchener Road, **Merredin**, from 'Residential' to 'Special Use' (for Place of Worship) and deleting the R10/30 density code accordingly and amend Schedule Four by updating Special Use No.12 to add the lots above.
- c) Reclassifying Lot 461 Throssell Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public purposes – Kindergarten' to 'Residential' with an R-Code of 'R10/30'.
- d)i Rezoning Lots 11-13 Lukin Street and Lot 20 Goldfields Road, **Merredin**, from 'General farming' to 'Special Residential'.
- d)ii Reclassifying Lots 14 and 15 Lukin Street, and Lots 16-17 Goldfields Road, **Merredin**, from 'Special use – Tourist development' to 'Parks and Recreation' reserve and rezone Lot 18 & 19 Goldfields Road from 'Special use -Tourist Development' to 'Special Residential'.
- e) Reclassifying Crown Reserve 29700 Chandler-Merredin Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public Purposes – Public use' to 'Special use' for tourist and visitor accommodation and amending Schedule Four – Special Use Zones. as follows;

No	Description of land	Special use	Conditions	Map label
5	Reserve 29700 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin	Tourist development and visitor accommodation Educational establishment	Development to be consistent with the relevant Local Planning Policy and an adopted Local Development Plan	SU5-T

f)i Rezoning Lots 4, 5 and 20261 Merredin-Narembeen Road, **Merredin**, from 'Special use – Airstrip' and 'General agriculture' to 'Special use' for Airstrip Mixed uses.

f)ii Amending Schedule Four – Special Use No 7 as follows;

No	Description of land	Special use	Conditions	Map label
7	Lots 4, 5, and 20261 Merredin-Narembeen Road, South Merredin	Airstrip Commercial and light industrial uses Educational facility Student Accommodation	Development to be consistent with the relevant Local Planning Policy and an adopted Local Development Plan	SU7-AMU

f)iii Amending clause 5.6 SCA 5 Merredin Airstrip as follows;

‘5.6 SCA 5- MERREDIN AIRSTRIP

5.6.1 Purpose

The purpose of Special Control Area 5 is to provide guidance for land use and development within the area shown on the Scheme Maps as SCA 5.

5.6.2 Objectives

The objectives for the SCA 5 are to:

- a) ensure compatibility of uses within SCA5 and address potential for land use conflicts.
- b) ensure that operations within SCA5 do not conflict with the operation of the airstrip.

5.6.3 Application Requirements

Despite any other provision of the Scheme, development approval is required for all use and development including a single house.

5.6.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.6.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.'

- f)iv Amending the boundary of SCA 5 on the Scheme map.
- g)j Reclassifying Lot 26740 Chandler-Merredin Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public purposes – Public use' to 'Special use' for a Concrete batching plant.
- g)ii Amending Schedule Four – Special Use No.6 as follows;

No	Description of land	Special use	Conditions	Map label
6	Lot 26740 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin	Concrete batching plant	Development to be consistent with the relevant Local Planning Policy and an adopted Local Development Plan	SU6-CBP

- g)iii Adding a new Special Control area to 5.1.1 'SCA7 - Concrete batching plant'.
- g)iv Adding a new clause 5.8 in Part Five – Special Control Areas as follows.

'5.8 SCA7- CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT

5.8.1 Purpose

The purpose of Special Control Area 7 is to provide guidance for land use and development within the area shown on the Scheme Maps as SCA 7.

5.8.2 Objectives

The objectives for the SCA 7 are to:

- a) ensure that uses and development of land within 500 metres of the concretebatching plant are not detrimentally impacted by the plant operations.

5.8.3 Application Requirements

Despite any other provision of the Scheme development approval is required for alluse and development including a single house.

5.8.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined bythe local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.8.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protectionagency for advice.

- h)j Deleting the Development Area shown on the Scheme Map in the area surrounded by Farrar Parade, Third Avenue, Second Avenue, Marino Street and Fifth Avenue,

Merredin.

- h)ii Deleting clause 4.9 Development Areas and inserting the following:

‘4.9 DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Subdivision and development of land included in a Development Area, as shown on the Scheme Map, may be subject to the preparation of a Structure plan or a Local Development Plan for the area in accordance with Part 4 or Part 6 of the deemed provisions.’

- i) Reclassifying portion Lot 501 Bates, Duff and Coronation Streets, **Merredin**, from ‘Public purposes – Civic and cultural’ to ‘Residential’ with an R-Code of ‘R80’, and ‘Parks and recreation’.
- j) Rezoning of Lots 503 and 601 Goldfields Road, Lot 504 Gabo Avenue, Lot 602 Gamenya Avenue, and the northern portions of Lots 82 Adamson Road, Merredin, from ‘General farming’ to ‘General industry’.
- j)ii Rezoning of the southern portion of Lot 82 Adamson Road, **Merredin**, from ‘General farming’ to ‘Light industry’.
- k) Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a Convenience Store from an ‘A’ use in the Residential zone to an ‘X’ use in the Residential zone.
- l) Replace tourism related provisions as follows:
 - i) In Table One – Zoning Table, delete use classes and permissibilities for bed and breakfast, holiday accommodation and motel.
 - ii) In Table One – Zoning Table, add to the remaining tourist/entertaining uses and commerce uses, the following use classes and permissibility’s:

ZONES										
USE CLASSES	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING
TOURIST AND ENTERTAINMENT USES										
Hosted short-term rental accommodation	P	P	P	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
Tourist and visitor accommodation	X	D	D	D	X	X	D	D	D	D
Unhosted short-term rental accommodation	D	D	D	X	X	X	D	D	D	D
COMMERCE										
Road house	X	X	A	A	P	P	A	X	X	D

- iii. Amending Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions by deleting the first paragraph and inserting the following:

‘Unless listed below the words and expressions used in the Scheme have the same meaning as the general definitions and land use definitions contained in Schedule 1 (Model provisions) or Schedule 2 (Deemed provisions) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

Where a definition is listed below and there is a conflict of interpretation of words the meaning of the word or term, the definition listed below shall prevail, unless the word or expression applies to residential development (Clause 1.7 refers).’

- iv. In Schedule One, ‘Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions’ delete the definitions for:

- cabin
- chalet
- holiday accommodation
- short term accommodation, and
- tourist development.

- v. In ‘Schedule Two - Additional Uses’, at Additional Use No.2, replace all references to the term ‘tourist development’ with ‘tourist and visitor accommodation’.

- vi. Amend clause 4.7 – Site and Development Requirements by inserting an additional provision as below:

‘4.7.6 Tourist and visitor accommodation

Development of tourist and visitor accommodation in the special residential, rural residential and general farming zones shall only take the form of chalets or cabins.’

- m) Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a ‘Grouped dwelling’ from an ‘X’ use in the ‘Town centre’ zone to an ‘A’ use in the ‘Town centre’ zone.

- n) Adding a new clause 4.7.7 Renewable energy facility to provide requirements for development approval applications, as follows:

4.7.7 Renewable energy facility

In considering an application for development approval of a Renewable Energy Facility in the General farming zone, the local government will have due regard to, among others, the following matters:

- scale of operation and connection to the electricity grid network,
- environmental assessments of the type, location and significance of flora, fauna and water resources,
- potential for other environmental impacts,
- assessment of cultural and visual landscape impact,

- integration with prevailing agricultural land uses,
- bushfire mitigation, and
- post closure measures for site remediation and rehabilitation.’

n)ii Deleting the definition for ‘Wind farm or wind energy facility’ in Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions and replacing the definition with a new definition for a ‘Renewable energy facility’ as follows.

‘Renewable energy facility means premises used to generate energy from a renewable energy source and includes any building or other structure used in, or relating to, the generation of energy by a renewable resource. It does not include renewable energy electricity generation where the energy produced principally supplies a domestic and/or business premises and any on selling to the grid is secondary.’

n)iii Deleting the use class ‘Wind farm or wind energy facility’ from Table One – Zoning Table and adding a new Use class ‘Renewable energy facility’ in the ‘Other uses’ group with the following permissibility in each zone as follows:

	ZONES									
USE CLASSES	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING
OTHER USES										
Renewable energy facility	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X	X	A

o)i Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

5.2.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.2.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

o)ii Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

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In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.3.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

- o)iii Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.4.4 and 5.4.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

5.4.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.4.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

- o)iv Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.5.4 and 5.5.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

5.5.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.5.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

- o)v Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.7.4 and 5.7.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

5.7.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.7.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

- p) Amend the scheme maps accordingly and undertake any other administrative edits, formatting changes and renumbering as a result of the above set of changes.

Dated this day of20...

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Chief Executive Officer

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Date

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PART OF AGENDA.

MINISTER FOR PLANNING

PROPOSAL TO AMEND A SCHEME

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| 1. | LOCAL AUTHORITY: | Shire of Merredin |
| 2. | DESCRIPTION OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME: | Local Planning Scheme No. 6 |
| 3. | TYPE OF SCHEME: | District Zoning Scheme |
| 4. | SERIAL NUMBER OF AMENDMENT: | Amendment No. 8 |
| 5. | PROPOSAL | To amend various parts of the Scheme consistent with the outcomes of a report of review considered broadly satisfactory by the WA Planning Commission for the preparation of an omnibus amendment. |

REPORT BY: Shire of Merredin

1 INTRODUCTION

The Shire of Merredin seeks the WA Planning Commission’s support and the Hon. Minister’s approval to a Scheme Amendment that seeks to amend several parts of the scheme in an omnibus amendment consistent with the Report of Review considered by the WA Planning Commission in May 2022.

2 BACKGROUND

The Shire of Merredin Scheme No 6 was gazetted on 24 June 2011. The Scheme is consistent with the Model Scheme Text as outlined in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (Regulations).

The Scheme was reviewed in 2022 with the Report of Review approved by the local government. The Report of Review prepared under r67 of the Regulations and considered by the WA Planning Commission as being broadly satisfactory in its existing form but should be amended by an omnibus amendment pursuant to r47 of the Regulations.

The Deemed provisions ¹of the Regulations apply to every local government Scheme in the State. The implications refer to a diverse range of Scheme functions including designation and processing of Structure Plans, definitions, amendment types, heritage provisions, strategy and local planning policy preparation and processes, Local Development Plans (LDP), Development Approval (DA) applications and determinations, DA exemptions, bushfire provisions, reserve and zone designations and formats amongst other matters.

The following parts will deal with each component of this omnibus amendment. The first proposals (items 3a to 3k) relate to the Scheme mapping, followed by text changes.

¹ Deemed provisions of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*

3 AMENDMENT COMPONENTS

3a)i Burracoppin Townsite

The Burracoppin Townsite is a small town located about 20 kilometres east of Merredin on Great Eastern Highway. Although the townsite boundary includes over 300 hectares, the development is sparse. The centre of the town includes less than 30 lots facing the railway reserve (and the Great Eastern Highway). The existing Scheme shows these lots as 'Townsite' zone to provide a degree of flexibility in activities in lieu of zoning specific lots for specific other uses.

All these lots are about 1,000m² (or quarter of an acre) and currently have an R10/20 density code that provides for one house per 1,000m² (R10) where there is no deep sewerage. As there is no deep sewerage there is little opportunity to achieve an R20 density.

There are several lots on Main Street and Plimpton Street that are either 'Parks and recreation' or 'General farming'. The Council is keen to reclassify these properties to 'Townsite' zone to pre-empt any land releases or development proposals that would encourage further development of the townsite. This part of the Amendment will

- a)i Reclassifying Lots 157 (VCL) Station Street, and Lot 21, Lots 24-28, Lots 72, 75, 76, 158, and portions of Lot 800 Main Street, and Lots 47-49, Lot 50, Lots 159, 160, and 109-110 Plimpton Street, and Lot 157 Station Street, **Burracoppin**, from 'Parks and recreation' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.
- a)ii Rezoning Lots 22, 23, 71, and portion of Lot 800 Main Street, **Burracoppin**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.
- a)iii Changing the density code for all existing Townsite zoned lots in **Burracoppin** from 'R10/20' to 'R10'.

Figure 1 provides an aerial photograph of the smaller lots in the Townsite.

FIGURE 1 – BURRACOPPIN TOWNSITE LOTS



Source: Landgate, ESRI, Planwest

Figure 2 provides an extract from the existing scheme mapping.

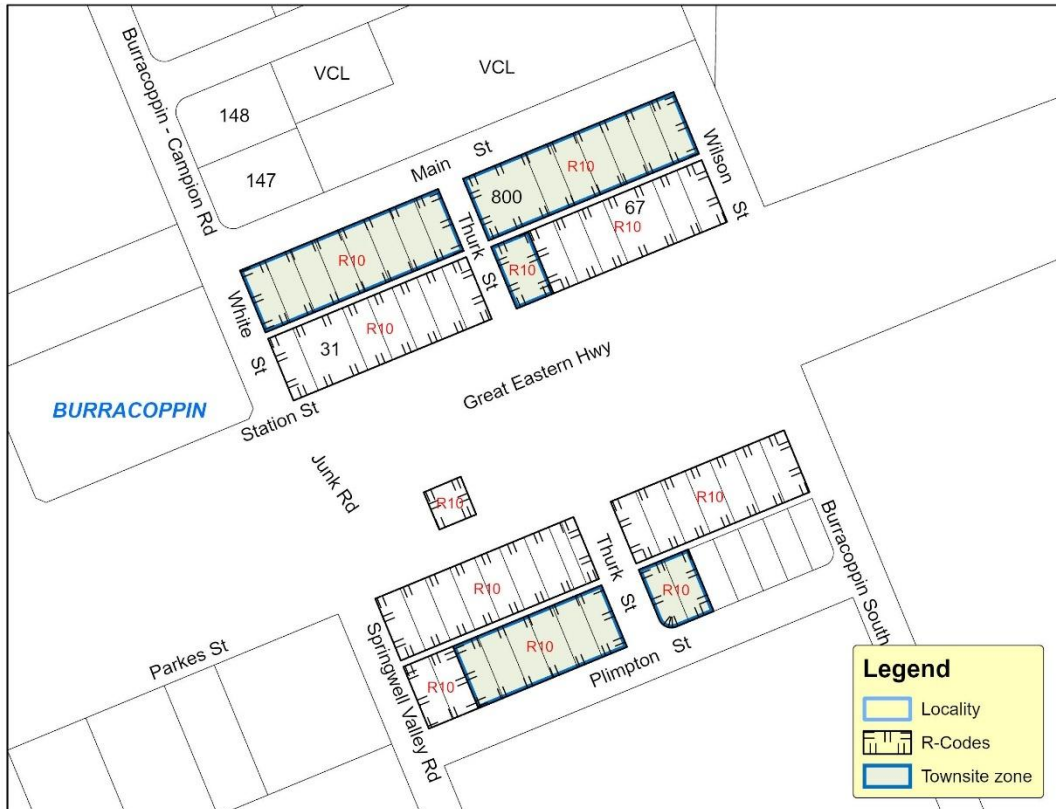
FIGURE 2 – BURRACOPPIN TOWNSITE LOTS



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

Figure 3 shows the proposed amendment.

FIGURE 3 – BURRACOPPIN AMENDMENT



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3a)iv Nangeenan Townsite

The Nangeenan Townsite is a small town located about 11 kilometres west of Merredin townsite on Great Eastern Highway. Although the townsite boundary includes nearly 280 hectares, the development is mostly farming and parklands. The smaller 'urban' lots provide for a variety of uses as shown in. **Figure 4.**

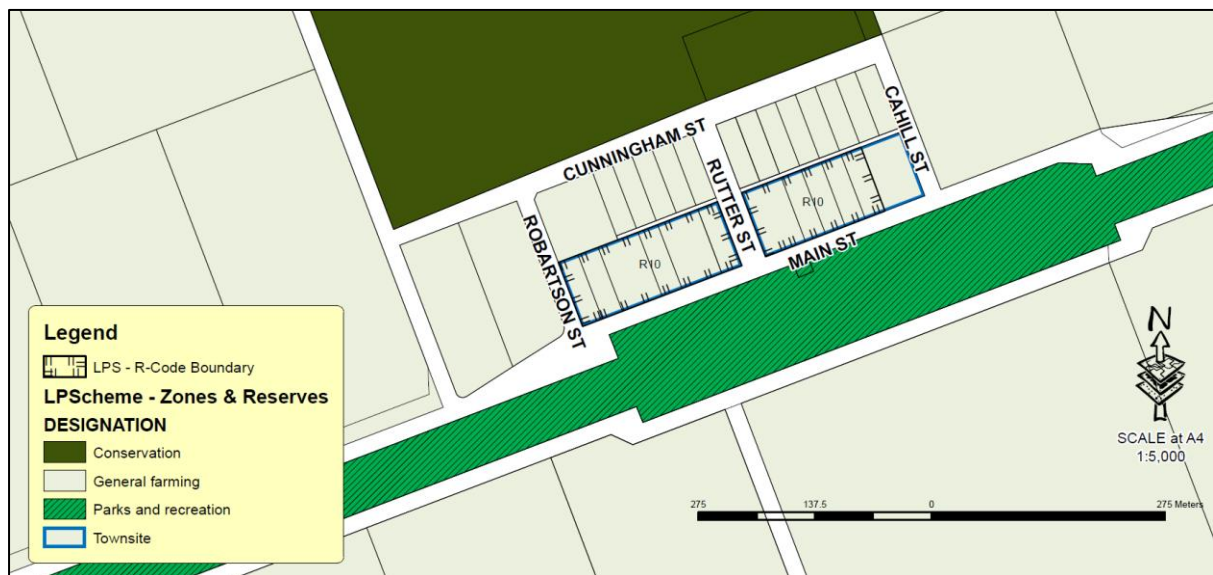
FIGURE 4 – NANGEENAN TOWNSITE LOTS



Source: Landgate, ESRI, Planwest

Much of the town is Crown reserves and is classified as 'Conservation' in the Scheme as can be seen from the Scheme extract in **Figure 5.**

FIGURE 5 – NANGEENAN TOWNSITE SCHEME EXTRACT



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

.All the land fronting Main Street are zoned 'Townsite' whilst the other small lots are currently zoned 'General farming'.

This Amendment part, not unlike Burracoppin, will rezone several lots in Cunningham Street from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' zone with an R10 density code. In addition, Lot 155 on the corner of Cahill and Main Street, although currently zoned 'Townsite', has no R-Code. This Amendment part will allocate an R10 density code to this lot. **Figure 6** shows the proposed amendment.

FIGURE 6 – NANGEENAN TOWNSITE SCHEME EXTRACT



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3a)vi Nukarni Townsite

Nukarni townsite is located about 20 kilometres north of Merredin townsite on the Goomalling-Merredin Road. **Figure 7** provides an aerial photograph of the smaller lots of the townsite, and **Figure 8** an extract from the Scheme.

FIGURE 7 – NUKARNI TOWNSITE LOTS



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

FIGURE 8 – NUKARNI TOWNSITE SCHEME EXTRACT



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

The townsite occupies about 140 hectares and is mostly vegetated with minimal development. There are only 3 lots (south of Main Street) that are currently zoned 'General farming'. The smaller 'urban sized lots' north of Main Street are either Vacant Crown Land (VCL) or Crown reserves.

This Amendment part will rezone the 3 lots south of Main Street, from 'General Farming' to Townsite with an R10 density code (see **Figure 9**).

FIGURE 9 – NUKARNI TOWNSITE AMENDMENT



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3b) Kitchener Street Church

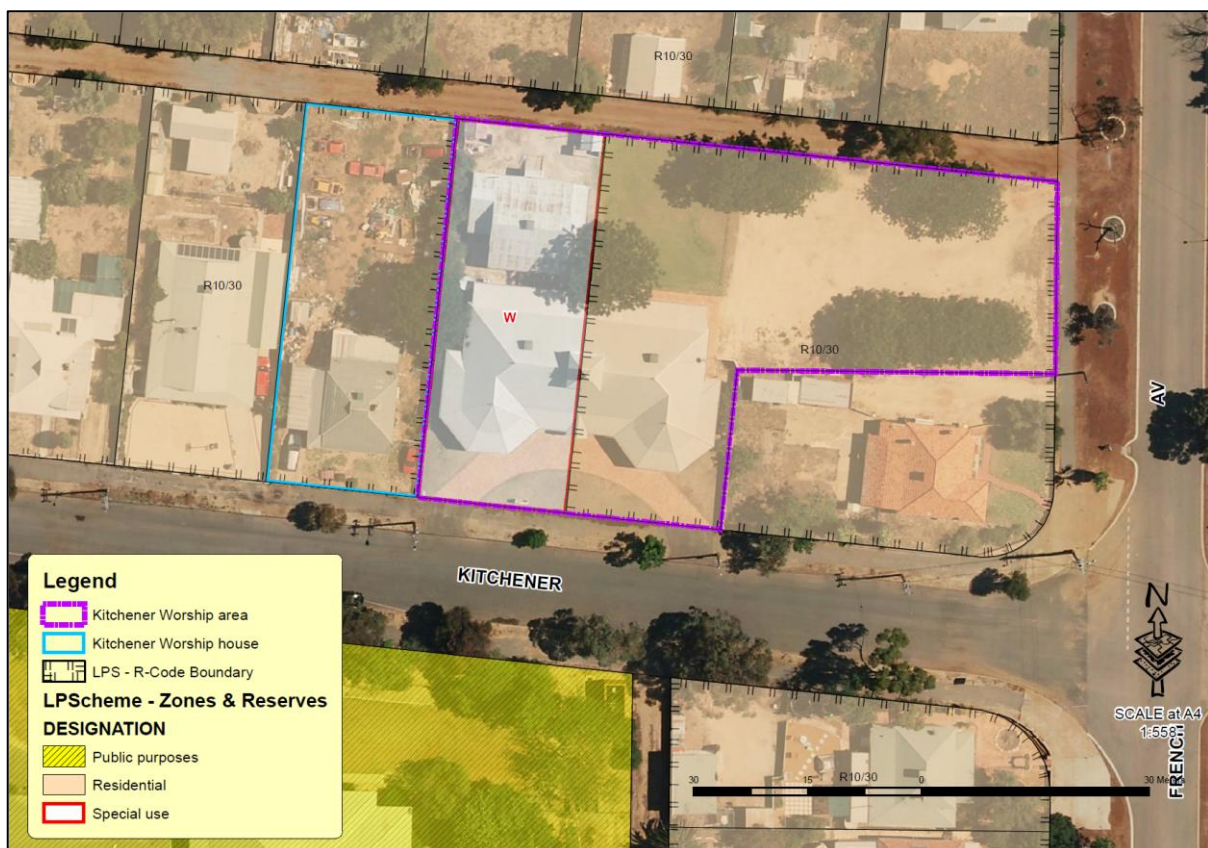
The Seventh-Day Adventist Church located on Kitchener Street has two road frontages.

Figure 10 below shows an aerial photograph of the site showing how the church building on Kitchener Street straddles a zoning boundary. The zoning on Lot 1 (purple boundary) has, on the west part, a 'Special Use – Place of Worship' zoning and on the east side a 'Residential' zone.

The Church has advised that it also owns Lot 377 (HN 48) to the west of the church building (blue boundary), however the house shown in **Figure 10** is now demolished. The Church is keen to also include this property in the 'Special use – worship' zone. It is therefore proposed that the whole of Lot 1 and Lot 377 are both zoned for church purposes.

The resolution would need to delete the R-Code over the Residential zone as follows. Rezoning of Lot 377 and portion of Lot 1 Kitchener Road, **Merredin**, from 'Residential' to 'Special Use - Place of Worship' and deleting the R10/30 density code accordingly.

FIGURE 10 – KITCHENER ROAD CHURCH



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3c) Throssell St Kindergarten

The existing kindergarten in Throssell Road is no longer operational and is to be redeveloped for residential uses. **Figure 11** shows the existing development on the 1,731m² lot. With an R30 density the site has a potential yield of at least 5 grouped dwellings.

This component of the amendment will rezone of Lot 461 Throssell Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public purposes – Kindergarten' to 'Residential' with an R-Code of 'R10/30'.

FIGURE 11 - THROSSELL ROAD KINDERGARTEN



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3d) Maiolo/Lukin Street

There are 4 lots in the area of Maiolo Way and Lukin Street (shown in **Figure 12**) that are currently zoned 'General farming'. These 4 lots are all just over 4,000m² each and are clearly not capable of being used for general farming. The 'General farming' zone permits up to 3 dwelling under certain circumstances, however this is based on lots being over 40 hectares in area. It is more appropriate that these 4 lots should be included in the 'Special residential' zone as is the land located immediately to the north and northwest.

The land immediately east of these lots is currently zoned 'Special use – Tourist development'. The land is included in Crown Reserve 22645 which is a C class reserve with a current use as 'Parklands'. The reserve was created in 1947 and appears to have had no action from then. The DPLH is the responsible authority, but there is no vesting order.

There is no known reason for these properties to remain for tourist uses, however, if the lots were ever to be released from their Crown land designation, they would be best used for 'Special residential'.

Figure 12 below shows the location of these 6 lots with the existing zoning of the abutting land to the north already zoned as 'Special residential'.

The amendment will rezone;

d)i Lot 20 corner of Maiolo Way and Goldfields Road, and Lots 11-13 Lukin Street, **Merredin**, from 'General farming' to 'Special Residential', and

- d)ii** Reclassifying Lots 14 and 15 Lukin Street, and Lots 16 17 Goldfields Road, **Merredin**, from ‘Special use – Tourist development’ to ‘Parks and Recreation’ reserve and rezone Lot 18 & 19 Goldfields Road from ‘Special use -Tourist Development’ to ‘Special Residential’.

FIGURE 12 – MAIOLO WAY/LUKIN STREET LOTS



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3e) Hunts Dam Reserve for Njaki Njaki

The Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Corporation currently occupies the Reserve 29700 known as Hunts Dam Reserve and conducts Aboriginal cultural tours for visitors to learn about Aboriginal history and culture. These tours include;

- traditional Aboriginal food sources including native bush tucker,
- the Aboriginal Dreamtime (the Dreamtime are Aboriginal stories and legends of how their land was created),
- artifacts and tools used by Njaki Njaki Aboriginal people.

The tours also include visits to sites of significance to the Njaki Njaki Aboriginal people with a local Traditional Owner Aboriginal tour guide.

The group is keen to further develop the site in response to increased interest in the tours. Currently the site is classified as ‘Public purposes – Public utility’ in the Scheme which makes it difficult for the Council to determine appropriate uses for the site.

This proposal seeks to reclassify the site from ‘Public purposes – Public utility’ to ‘Special use – Tourist development’. Associated with this amendment will be a change to Schedule Four –

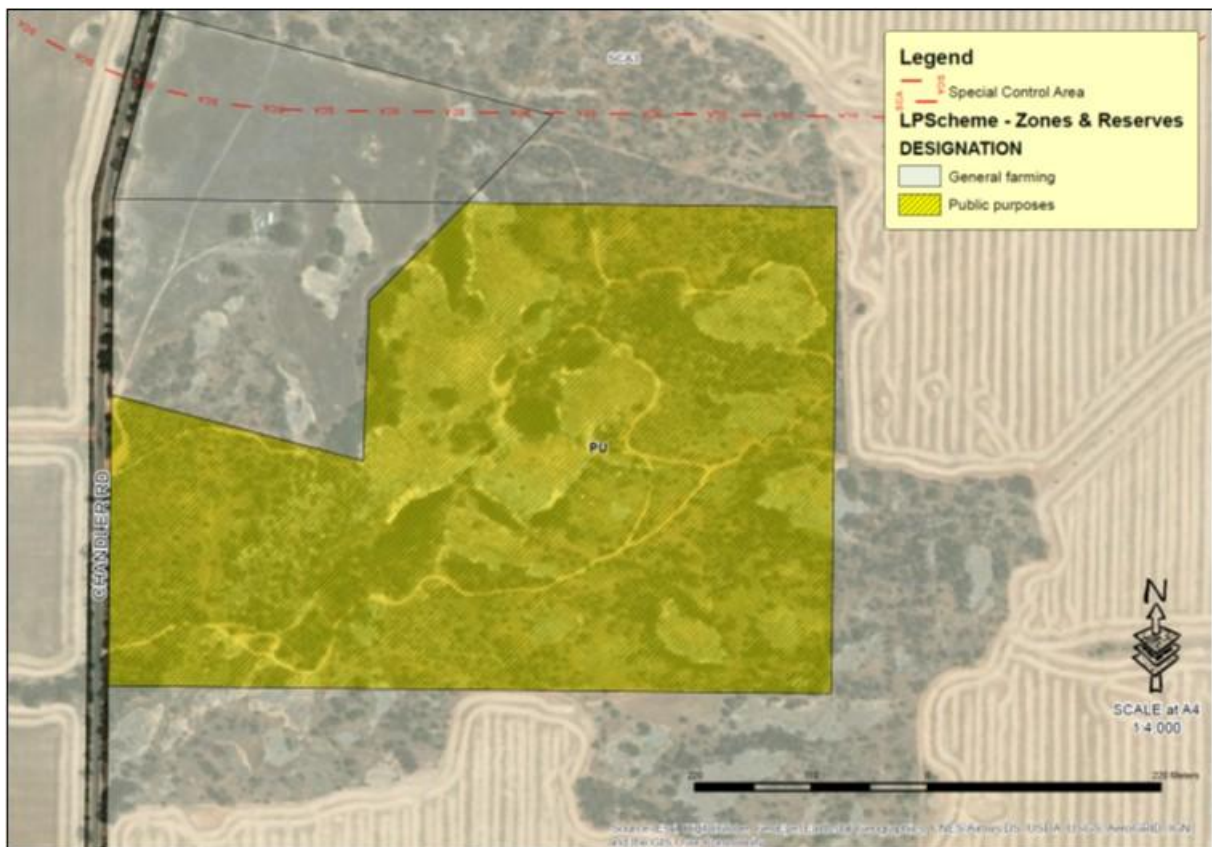
Special Use Zones. This Schedule outlines the special use/s and the conditions attached to those uses or development.

Reserve 29700 is nearly 26 hectares, is a C Class Reserve for Public Recreation and has been vested in the Shire of Merredin since 1983. The responsible agency is DPLH.

The Scheme designation is a separate issue to the Management Order (MO) of the Reserve and therefore can be advanced ahead of any MO changes.

Figure 13 provides an aerial photograph of the site with the existing Scheme overlaid. The SCA (Special Control Area) in the Figure relates to a rubbish tip located about 580 metres north of the subject land.

FIGURE 13 – NJAKI NJAKI RESERVE



Source: Landgate, ESRI, DPLH, Planwest

The proposed Amendment will also add the subject land into Schedule Four (special Uses) with a condition that requires a Local Development Plan (LDP) to be prepared as a basis for the local government to determine a DA. This requirement will also assist the applicant in its forward planning initiatives, and includes tourist development, visitor accommodation and educational establishment.

The Council may consider the preparation of a Local Planning Policy (LPP) to guide the applicants, and local government, in the types of activities and uses that are considered appropriate for the whole site.

The Council, at its August meeting, considered the matter around the right of public access to the Reserve should the Council relinquish control of the MO.

Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours (NNACT) has advised that should its proposal to gain management over the land proceed public access would not be possible for several reasons. These include:

1. the proposed layout of the site and facilities over the whole Reserve area;
2. the responsibility for public liability and insurance costs for members of the public who may be on the Reserve but not as part of the NNACT activities; and
3. the duty of care requirements on NNACT for the security and welfare of the participants in NNACT's activities on site.

On 21 November 2017 the Council resolved that, subject to Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours submitting a Business Plan and Feasibility Study for the conduct of its tourism venture to the satisfaction of Council, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage be advised Council supports the relinquishment of the Management Order for Reserve 29700 to enable a 5 year performance based lease being agreed between the State and Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours for the conduct of its tourism venture.

At a Council meeting in March 2021 the Council supported the relinquishment of the Management Order for Reserve 29700 to enable a 5-year performance-based lease being agreed between the State and Njaki Njaki Aboriginal.

This support was subject to Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours submitting a Business Plan and Feasibility Study for the conduct of its tourism venture to the satisfaction of Council, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

3f) Merredin airfield

The Merredin airfield is located about 4 kilometres southeast of the townsite. The runways and other infrastructure occupy an area of 72 hectares, whilst the surrounding area, not all of which is Special use – Airstrip, measures 776 hectares. The Special use currently requires the preparation of an Outline Development Plan (ODP) – a term that now equates to a Structure Plan (SP).

The Deemed provisions requirements for SPs is comprehensive, including format, content, scope and procedures. All SPs need to be approved by the WA Planning Commission.

The Special use zone occupies 757 hectares and is buffered by a Special Control Area (SCA) of 500 metres around the Special Use site. The SCA is applied to protect the airstrip operations from sensitive uses being located too close to the airstrip and thus restricting the airstrip activities.

The airstrip is currently used by the RFDS (Royal Flying Doctor Service) and police operations, however the new owners are exploring the opportunity to use the site for other activities including industrial uses and a flying school.

The land is currently serviced with adequate power and water services that can service a variety of mixed uses.

This Amendment is threefold, the first is to change the extent of the Special use zone. Currently the zone includes Lot 4 (the runway), most of Lot 20261 (an area around the runway) and Lot 5 (a lot abutting the Merredin-Narembeen Road). This proposal seeks to include the whole of Lot 20261 (as well as Lots 4 and 5). **Figure 14** shows these Lot numbers.

The second component of this part is to change the Special use to a mixed-use designation allowing a range of uses that the Council considers are best located away from the townsite

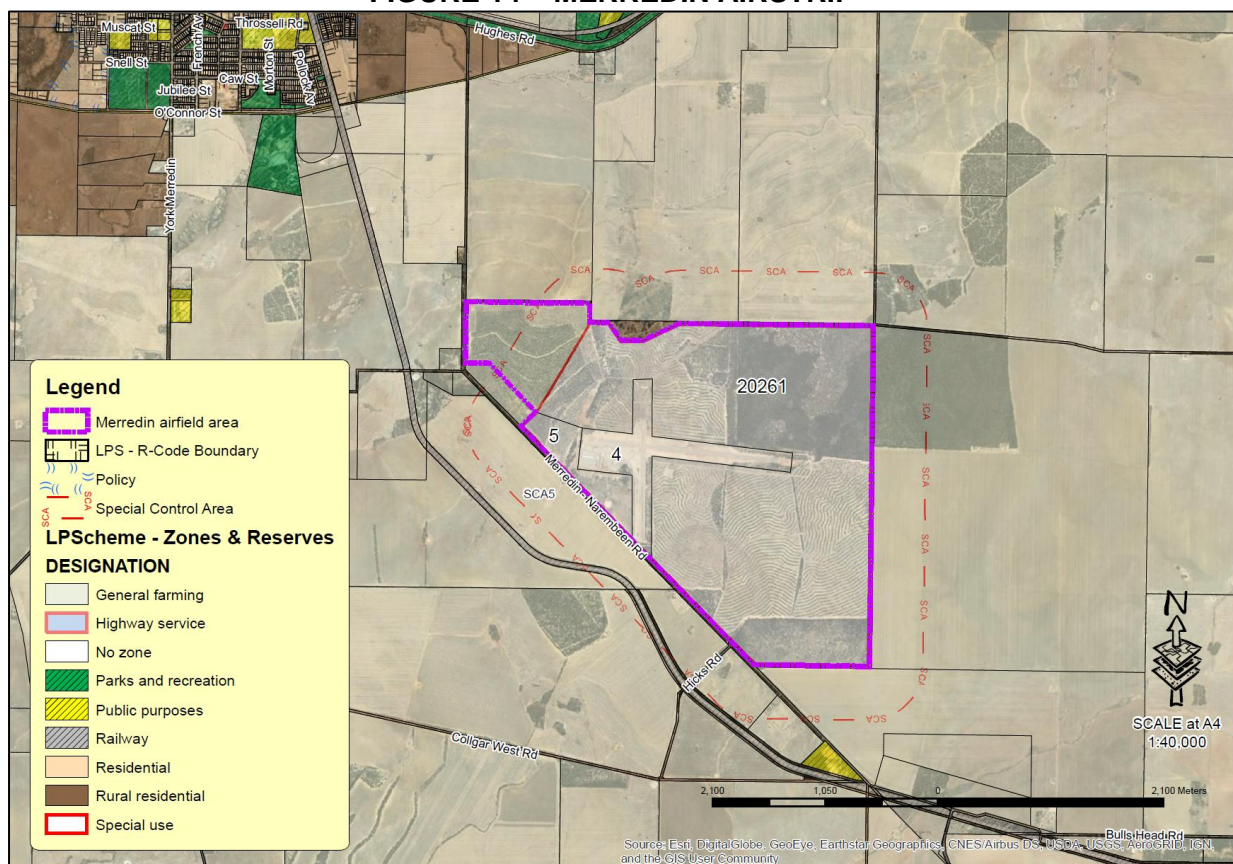
due to their potential impact on sensitive uses. Where a proposed mixed-use has the potential to create an impact on neighbouring properties, environmental advice will be sought from the appropriate agencies.

The third component of this part is to amend the extent of the 500 metre SCA from the whole of Lots 20262, 4 and 5.

In addition, the requirement for any development to require the preparation of a Structure Plan is considered onerous. Where no subdivision is required, the imposition of an LDP is considered adequate for the Council to consider a DA. The LDP will need to include the protection of any remnant vegetation identified within the LDP area. Special uses include airstrip, commercial and light industrial uses, educational facility & student accommodation.

Figure 14 provides a plan of the area showing the zoning over the aerial photograph.

FIGURE 14 – MERREDIN AIRSTRIP



Source: Landgate, ESRI, DPLH, Planwest

3g) Concrete batching plant

Readymix, now called Holcim, operates a concrete batching plant on Lot 26740 Chandler Road about 1 kilometre north of Merredin townsite boundary. The site measures 7.8 hectares and is classified in the Scheme as a local scheme reserve for 'Public purposes – Public uses'.

The designation is currently misleading as the property is no longer a Crown Reserve. Because the operation is ongoing, any DA on, or near, the property may require the Council to assess the potential impact on surrounding sensitive uses.

On 28 February 2023, following a request from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, the Merredin Council advised the Department that it has no objection to the proposed five (5) year lease being issued to Holcim Australia Pty Ltd for the operation of a concrete

batching plant on Lot 26470 (on Deposited Plan 158701) Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin, subject to ongoing compliance with relevant provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.”

This Amendment will reclassify the subject land from a Public purposes reserve to a ‘Special use – Concrete batching plant’ site. In addition, this Amendment part will insert a new Special Control Area (SCA) that may be referred to the EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) if the Council considers it necessary. The SCA will ensure that any development on other properties within the SCA will be made aware of the operations on the site.

The SCA will be 500m from the lot boundary. Any additional development or change of use on the property will require the Council’s Development Approval – at which time the Council may seek the views of the EPA.

Figure 15 provides an aerial photograph of the site with the 500m buffer shown in blue.

FIGURE 15 – CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT



Source: Landgate, ESRI, DPLH, Planwest

3h) Development Areas

The Scheme designates 5 areas as ‘Development areas’. Clause 4.9 of the Scheme text states that ‘*Subdivision and development of land included in a Development Area, as shown on the Scheme Map, shall be subject to the preparation of a Structure plan for the area in accordance with Part 4 of the deemed provisions*’.

Generally, these areas remain largely undeveloped and have been included in this 'Development area' designation to ensure that the subdivision and development is carried out in a proper and orderly manner.

This Amendment part will be firstly to change the wording of clause 4.9 to delete the reference to need a Structure Plan (SP) for development. It is considered unnecessary to require a SP for any development, whereas it is considered appropriate for any subdivision proposals.

The second part of this Amendment part will delete one of the Development areas.

The Development Area located on the southeast of **Figure 17** is already subdivided and does not need to be subject of these provisions. Most of the lots are all based on a 1,000m², however only the lots fronting Farrar Parade (and the railway), and two other lots, are developed. These other 2 lots are serviced with gravel roads.

This area was originally designated as a Development Area because most of the land (shown pink) was designated as Vacant Crown Land (VCL) and it was considered there may be an opportunity to redesign the area to achieve a density closer to the R30 density code that is permitted with deep sewerage. A re-subdivision of the area may have also provided the opportunity for the provision of comprehensive services for each new lot.

Figure 17 provides a map showing the location of these 5 areas – all located around Merredin townsite.

FIGURE 17 – DEVELOPMENT AREAS



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

However, in 2023 only about 40% of the undeveloped lots are still VCL. The Council has decided that there is little value in including these lots in a 'Development area'.

Figure 18 shows an enlargement of the ‘Development area’ to be deleted. This Amendment part only affects the Scheme mapping.

FIGURE 18 – DEVELOPMENT AREA TO BE DELETED



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

3i) CEACA Site - Duff, Bates, Coronation Streets, Merredin

The CEACA site (Central East Aged Care Alliance) in Merredin provides facilities for aged care over the area previously used as a school site. **Figure 19** below shows the existing development on the western part of the street block. This development provides for 27 aged persons’ accommodation with community facilities. The eastern part of the street block is currently used for a dog park to the southeast, with the northeast area currently unused.

CEACA has indicated that it requires more land to provide for additional aged care housing. The location is ideal as the community facilities are already existing.

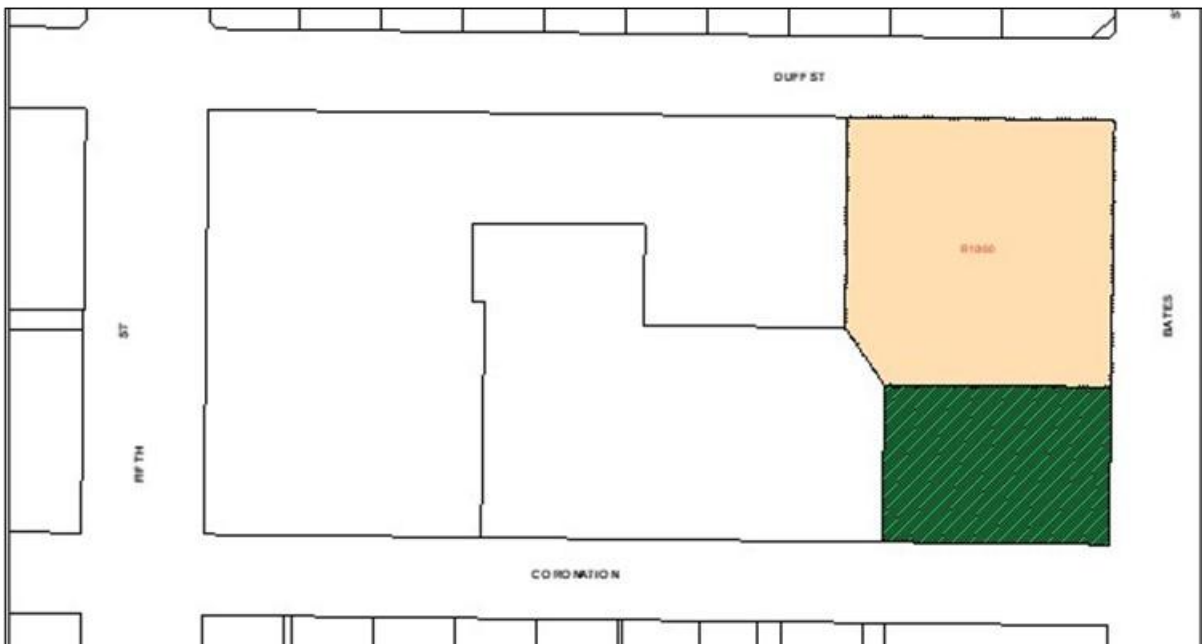
This Amendment part will classify the dog park area (2,185m²) as ‘Parks and recreation’ with the northeast portion to be rezoned for ‘Residential’. The higher density of R80 provides CEACA with more flexibility for the additional housing on this 4,300m² site. **Figure 20** shows these areas.

FIGURE 19 – CEACA SITE, MERREDIN



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

FIGURE 20 – CEACA SITE PROPOSAL



Source: Landgate, Planwest

3)ji Industrial expansion areas

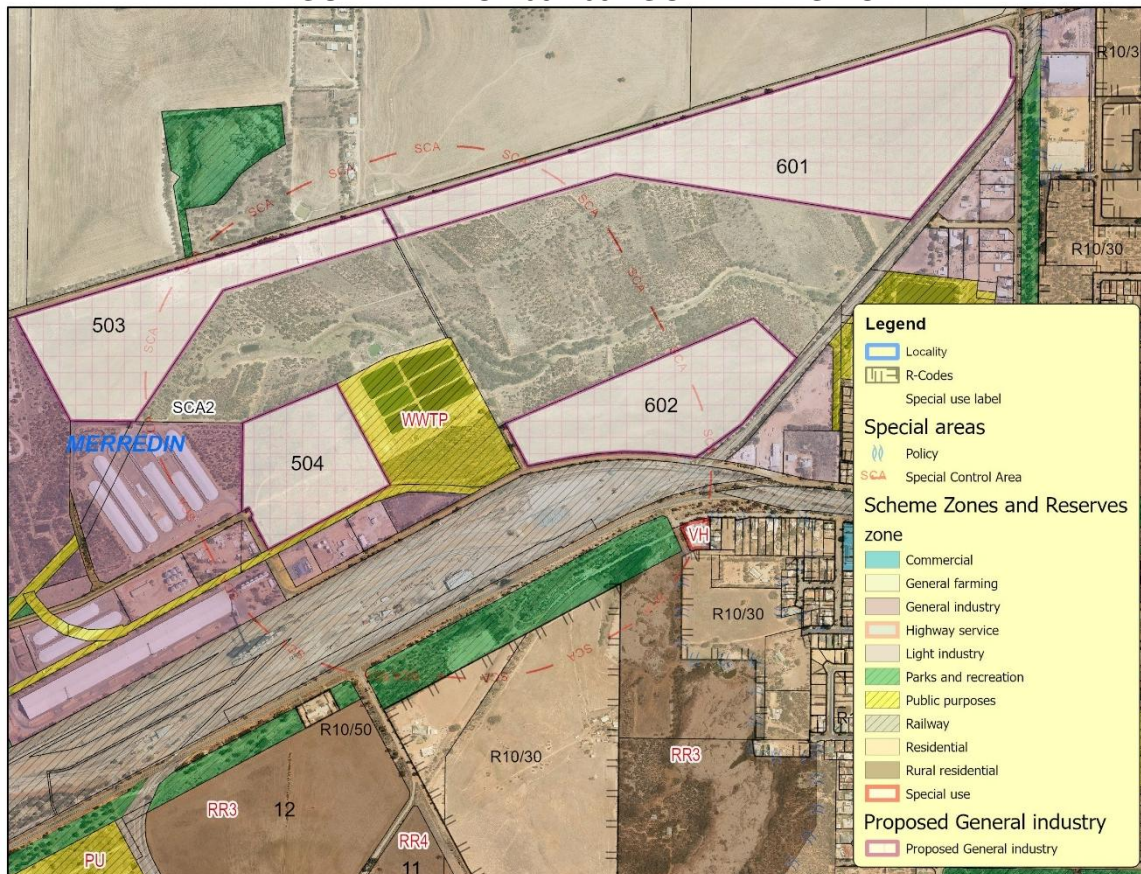
Merredin is experiencing an increased demand for industrial land. The town's central location in the Wheatbelt and its transport and access benefits have seen a take-up of available industrial properties.

To ensure an adequate supply of industrial lots, the Council has identified two locations that it considers suitable for industrial activities.

The **first area** is in the western part of the townsite including Lots 503 and 601 Goldfields Road, Lot 504 Gabo Avenue, Lot 602 Gamenya Avenue, and the northern portions of Lots 82 Adamson Road, Merredin. Part of the sites are affected by the 500-metre buffer from the town’s sewerage treatment works. The land is currently used for agricultural purposes and abuts an area used for agricultural research for crop and vegetation growth.

The total area of these lots is about 77 hectares and is mostly surrounded by uses that are unlikely to be affected by any industrial activities. To the north is farming land, to the east is industrial uses including the drainage ponds, to the west is the sewerage settlement ponds. **Figure 21** shows an aerial photograph of the site and the existing surrounding zones.

FIGURE 21 – LOT 601-602 GOLDFIELDS ROAD



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

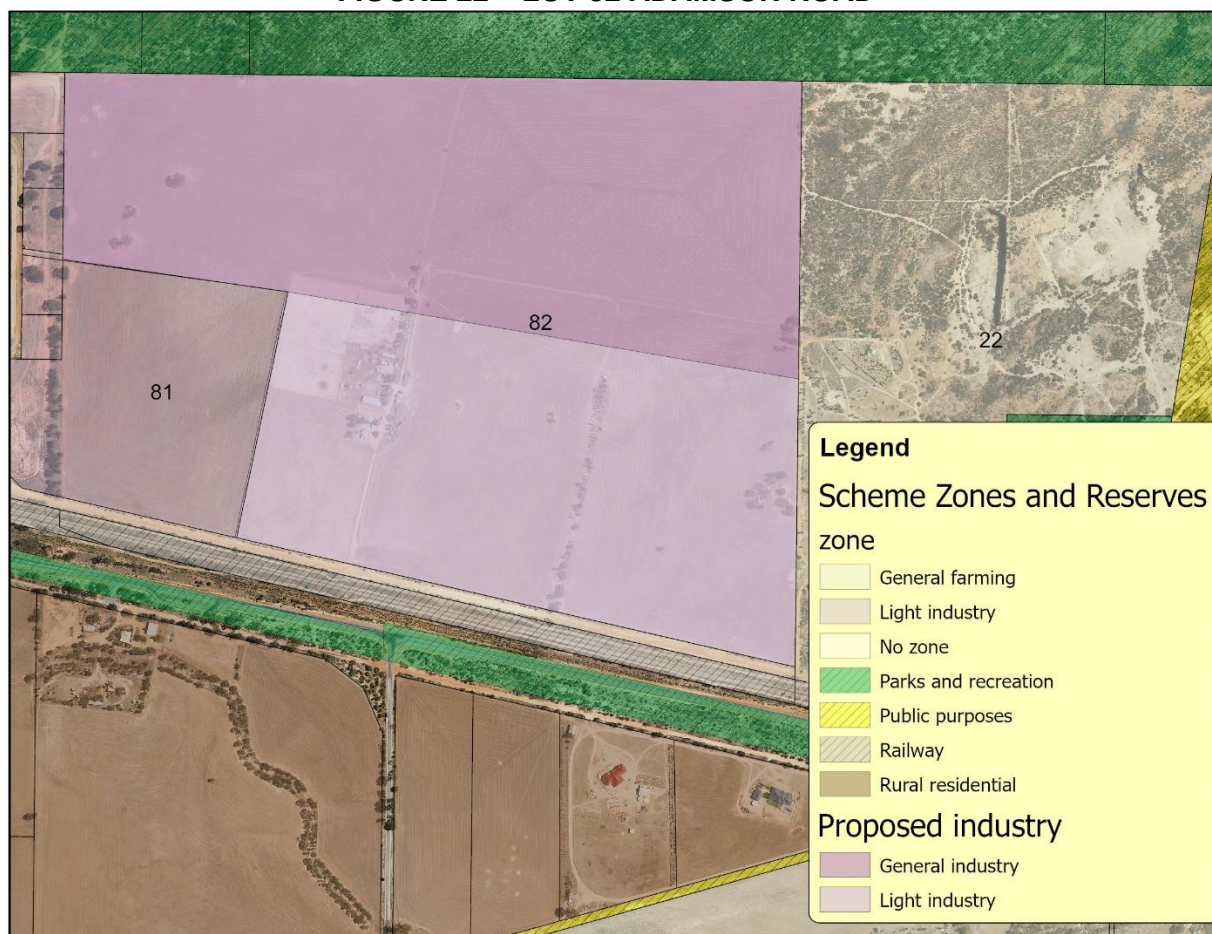
3j)ii The **second area** shown in **Figure 22** includes land to the east of the of the main light industrial area in Merredin. The land is north of Adamson Road and south of a large recreation reserve. This area measures about 138 hectares with Lot 82 currently cleared of vegetation with a dwelling and sheds near Lot 81 that has recently been rezoned for Light industry.

The whole area slopes from east down to the west with a difference of about 30 metres in 1.8 kilometres from east to west. This constitutes a slope of around 1 vertical metre in 60 horizontal metres.

Concurrently with the land being rezoned to Light and General industry, it is proposed that the area be included in the Local Planning Strategy as being an ‘Industrial Investigation Area’.

The southern part of this land is proposed to be zoned ‘Light industry’ as it is closer to potential sensitive uses south of the highway (zoned ‘Rural residential’).

FIGURE 22 – LOT 82 ADAMSON ROAD



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

Due to the absence of sensitive uses in the northern part of these properties, it is proposed that the area may be better suited for General industry that allows a broader range of industries, including light industries.

The previous components of this Omnibus Amendment involve Scheme mapping changes and the following amendment parts only require Scheme text changes.

3k) Convenience store in Residential zone

The existing Scheme allows a convenience store to be permitted in a residential area. The current permissibility would require advertising; however, the Council is keen to restrict these types of uses to the appropriately zoned areas. This change would better encourage the consolidation of commercial uses in the town centre and discourage other pressures to allow retail type uses in living areas.

The proposal would amend Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a Convenience Store from an 'A' use in the Residential zone to an 'X' use in the Residential zone.

3I) Tourism related uses

The Council is receiving an increase in demand for a variety of tourist related developments consistent with a state-wide interest in domestic tourism. In response to this demand the WA Planning Commission has recently adopted provisions for defining and providing for several short-term rental accommodation types. The documents have the advantage of being prepared in the knowledge of state-wide demands and are considered appropriate to adopt as local scheme definitions.

The **first and second** components of this part will update Table 1 – Zoning Table by deleting superseded use classes and adding the new use classes with the appropriate permissibilities as follows:

- i) In Table One – Zoning Table, delete use classes and permissibilities for bed and breakfast, holiday accommodation and motel.
- ii) In Table One – Zoning Table, add to the remaining tourist/entertaining uses and commerce uses, the following use classes and permissibility's:

USE CLASSES	ZONES									
	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING
TOURIST AND ENTERTAINMENT USES										
Hosted short-term rental accommodation	P	P	P	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
Tourist and visitor accommodation	X	D	D	D	X	X	D	D	D	D
Unhosted short-term rental accommodation	D	D	D	X	X	X	D	D	D	D
COMMERCE										
Road house	X	X	A	A	P	P	A	X	X	D

The **third** component of this part will more clearly update the preamble of Schedule One - – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions by deleting the first paragraph and inserting the following:

'Unless listed below the words and expressions used in the Scheme have the same meaning as the general definitions and land use definitions contained in Schedule 1 (Model provisions) or Schedule 2 (Deemed provisions) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Where a definition is listed below and there is a conflict of interpretation of words the meaning of the word or term, the definition listed below shall prevail, unless the word or expression applies to residential development (Clause 1.7 refers).'

The **fourth** component of this part seeks to update Schedule One, 'Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions' by deleting the definitions for cabin, chalet, holiday accommodation, short term accommodation, and tourist development. These definitions are now included in either the Deemed provisions or the Model provisions.

The **fifth** component of this part will replace all references to the term 'tourist development' with 'tourist and visitor accommodation' in 'Schedule Two - Additional Uses', at Additional Use No.2.

The sixth component will amend clause 4.7 – Site and Development Requirements by inserting an additional provision as below:

'4.7.6 Tourist and visitor accommodation

Development of tourist and visitor accommodation in the special residential, rural residential and general farming zones shall only take the form of chalets or cabins.'

3m) Town Centre residential

Currently the scheme does not allow residential development in the Town Centre zone other than multiple dwellings. A **Multiple dwelling** is defined as;

A dwelling in a group of more than one dwelling on a lot where any part of the plot ratio area of a dwelling is vertically above any part of the plot ratio area of any other but:

- does not include a grouped dwelling; and
- includes any dwellings above the ground floor in a mixed-use development.

Other residential development includes a Single house and a Grouped dwelling.

A **single house** is a dwelling standing wholly on its own green title or survey strata lot, together with any easement over adjoining land for support of a wall or for access or services and excludes dwellings on titles with areas held in common property.

A **grouped dwelling** that is one of a group of two or more dwellings on the same lot such that no dwelling is placed wholly or partly vertically above or below another, except where special conditions of landscape or topography dictate otherwise and includes a dwelling on a survey strata with common property.

An objective of the Town centre zone is 'To provide for residential uses only where the residential uses are combined with a commercial use, e.g. hotel, or where the residential uses occupy a floor level where it is impracticable or inappropriate to establish a shop or office.'

This means that residential development can be supported in the town centre where it is above or behind the commercial/office development. It is critical that the commercial type activities occupy the street frontage at ground level. As the Scheme stands, the residential development can only be multiple dwellings (ie one above another). However, there maybe the opportunity to have single storey housing at ground level – provided it does not occupy the street frontage.

It is still considered inappropriate to have a single house in the Town centre zone – unless it is a caretakers dwelling.

A **caretaker's dwelling** means a dwelling on the same site as a building, operation or plant used for industry, and occupied by a supervisor of that building, operation or plant.

The objective of retaining the street frontage for commercial/office use still applies to a caretaker's dwelling.

This amendment will modify Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a Caretaker’s dwelling and a Grouped dwelling from an ‘X’ use in the Town Centre zone to an ‘A’ use in the Town Centre zone.

3n)j Renewable energy facility

Renewable energy is a use that is becoming increasingly relevant and needs to be better defined and controlled than currently provided in the Scheme. The existing Scheme only defines a wind energy facility rather than an energy facility. This Amendment part will deal with three components of the Scheme.

The **first** will add a new clause 4.7.6 Renewable energy facility to provide requirements for development approval applications.

4.7.6 Renewable energy facility

In considering an application for development approval of a Renewable Energy Facility in the General farming zone, the local government will have due regard to, among others, the following matters:

- scale of operation and connection to the electricity grid network,
- environmental assessments of the type, location and significance of flora, fauna and water resources,
- potential for other environmental impacts,
- assessment of cultural and visual landscape impact,
- integration with prevailing agricultural land uses,
- bushfire mitigation, and
- post closure measures for site remediation and rehabilitation.’

3n)ii The **second** will delete the definition for ‘Wind farm or wind energy facility’ in Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions and replacing the definition with a new definition to for a ‘Renewable energy facility’ as follows.

‘Renewable energy facility means premises used to generate energy from a renewable energy source and includes any building or other structure used in, or relating to, the generation of energy by a renewable resource. It does not include renewable energy electricity generation where the energy produced principally supplies a domestic and/or business premises and any on selling to the grid is secondary.’

3n)iii The **third** component will delete the use class ‘Wind farm or wind energy facility’ from Table One – Zoning Table and adding a new Use class by inserting ‘Renewable energy facility’ in the ‘Other uses’ group with the following permissibility in each zone as follows.

	ZONES										
USE CLASSES	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING	
OTHER USES											
Renewable energy facility	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X	X	A	

3o) Special Control Areas (SCA)

The SCAs in Part 5 of the Scheme outline the six special controls required for development approval in each area. The subclauses headed 'Development Requirements' and 'Referral of Applications', currently require any application to be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Since the inclusion of these provisions, the EPA has indicated that it does not need to see such applications.

This part of the amendment seeks to provide the local government the option of basing its determination on environmental advice with the option of referring the proposals to the EPA where it considers necessary.

The new clauses will read as follows.

Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by

deleting various clauses for each SCA (where not already amended by other parts of the Omnibus amendment, and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

3p) Amending Scheme Maps Accordingly

This part will amend the scheme maps accordingly and undertake any other administrative edits, formatting changes and renumbering as a result of the above set of changes.

8 CONCLUSION

The components of this Amendment are responses to the items that have been raised in the Report of Review approved by the WA Planning Commission.

The Amendment has been referred to the Environment Protection Authority for comment.

Because of the variety of these components, the Council considers that the amendment will be advertised in accordance with the complex amendment requirements.



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





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Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

-  General farming
-  Light industry
-  Parks and recreation
-  Public purposes
-  Townsite
-  R-Codes



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**SCHEME AMENDMENT
MAP - PART Ai**



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- R-Codes
- Townsite zone



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART Aii**



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Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

-  Conservation
-  General farming
-  Parks and recreation
-  Townsite
-  R-Codes



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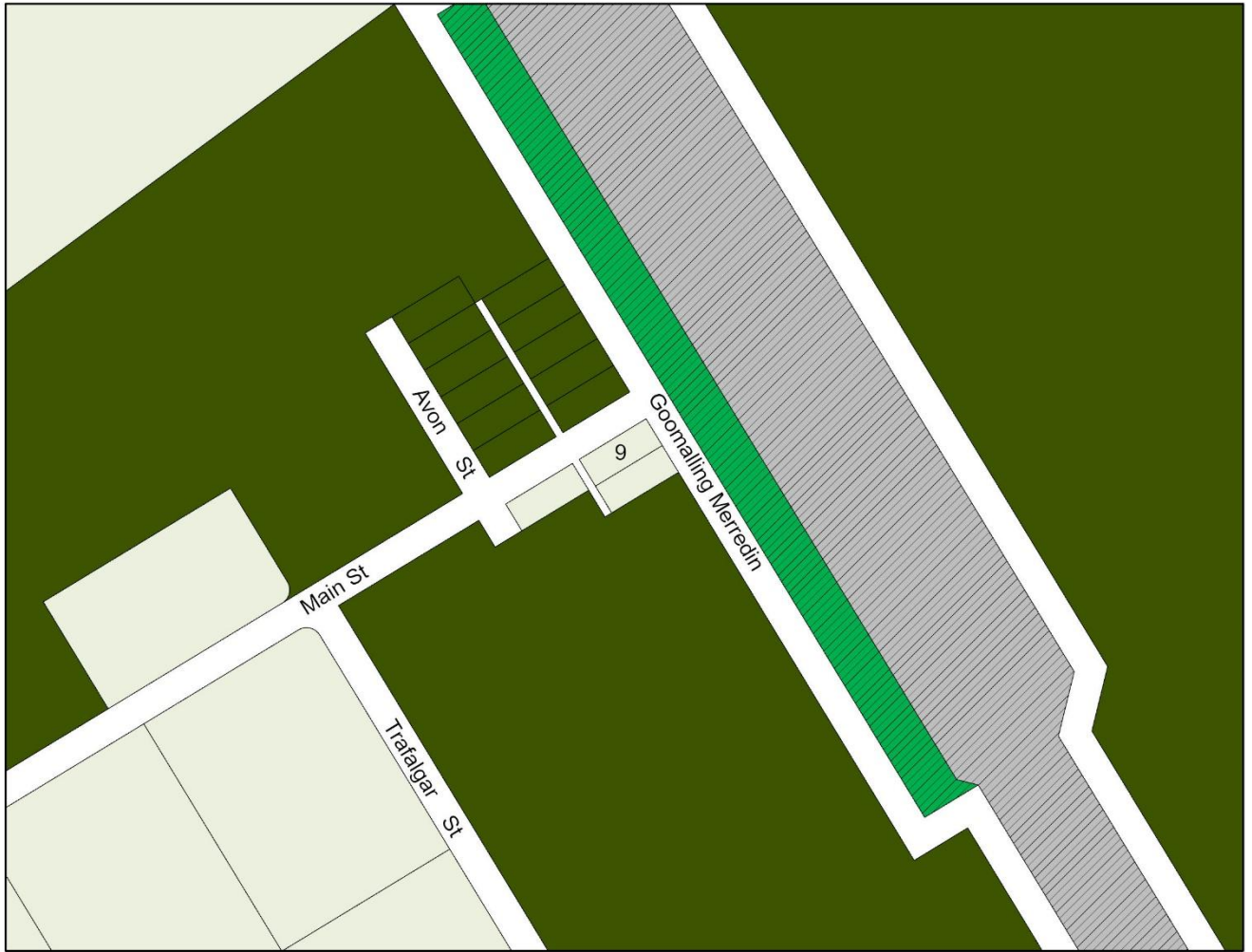
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	R-Codes
	Townsite zone



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART Aiii**



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Scheme Zones and Reserves	
zone	
Conservation	
General farming	
Parks and recreation	
Railway	



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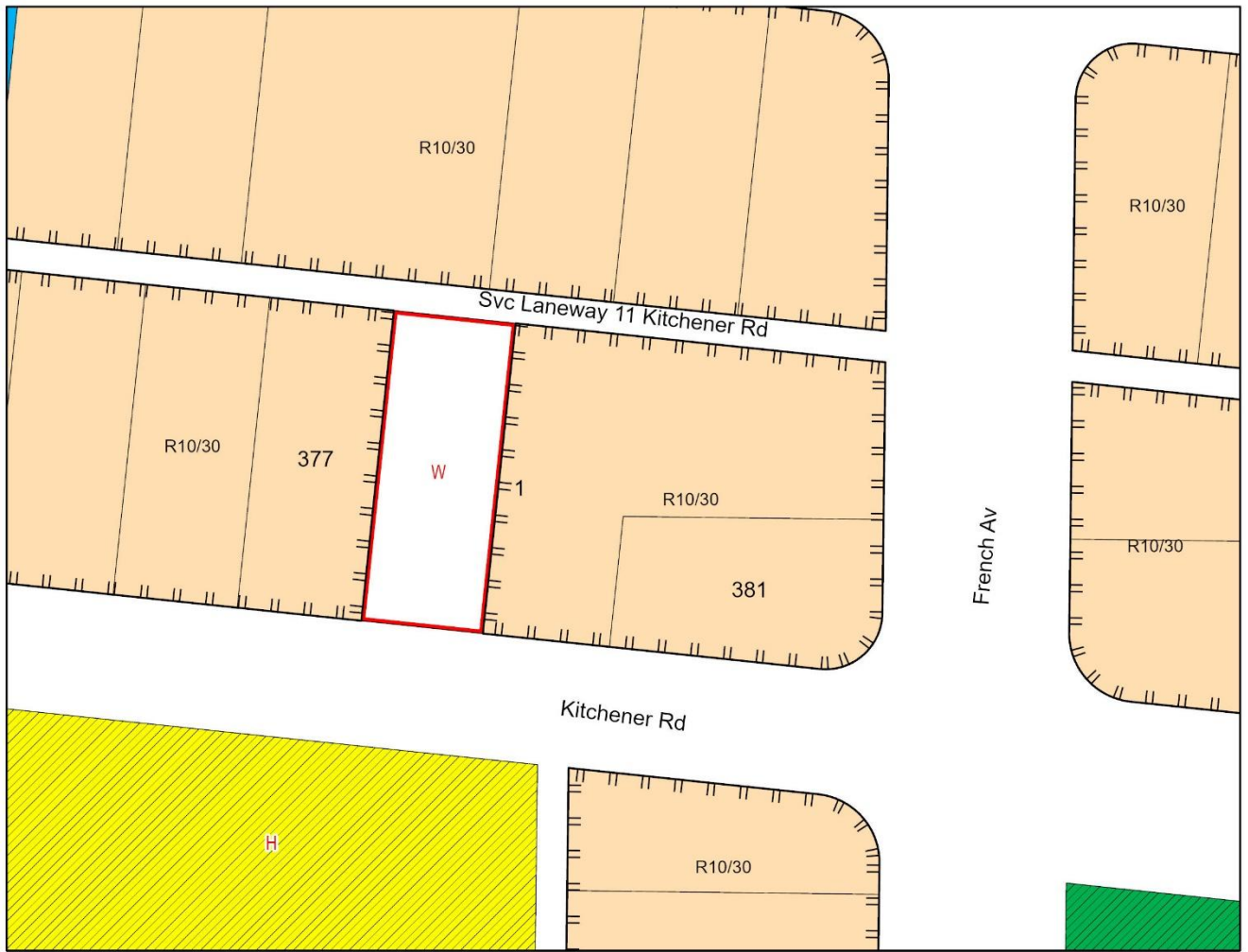


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Legend

-  R-Codes
-  Townsite zone



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART B**









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Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

-  Commercial
-  Parks and recreation
-  Public purposes
-  Residential
-  Special use
-  R-Codes



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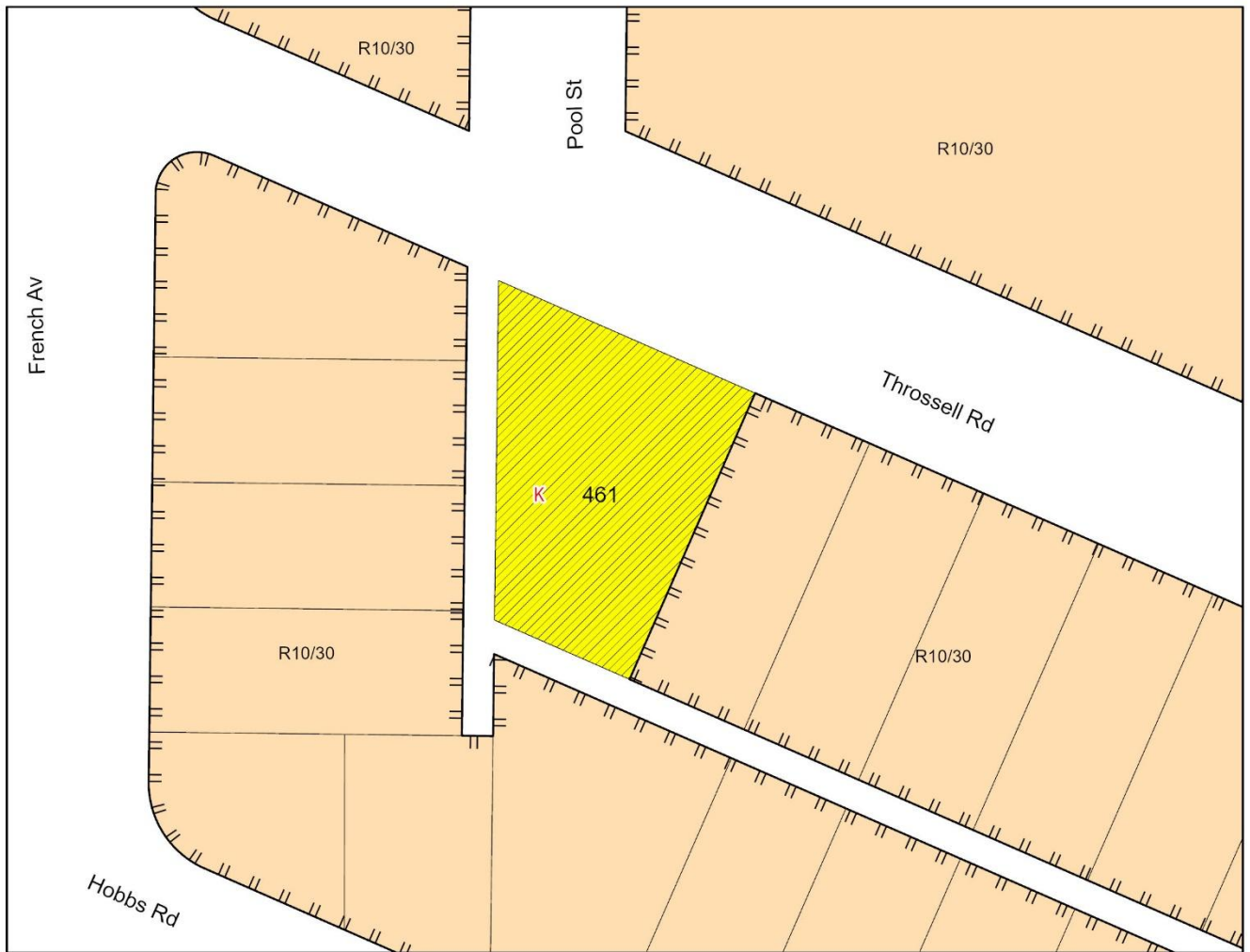


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Legend

-  R Code to be deleted
-  Special use: Worship



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART C**



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Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

- Public purposes
- Residential
- R-Codes



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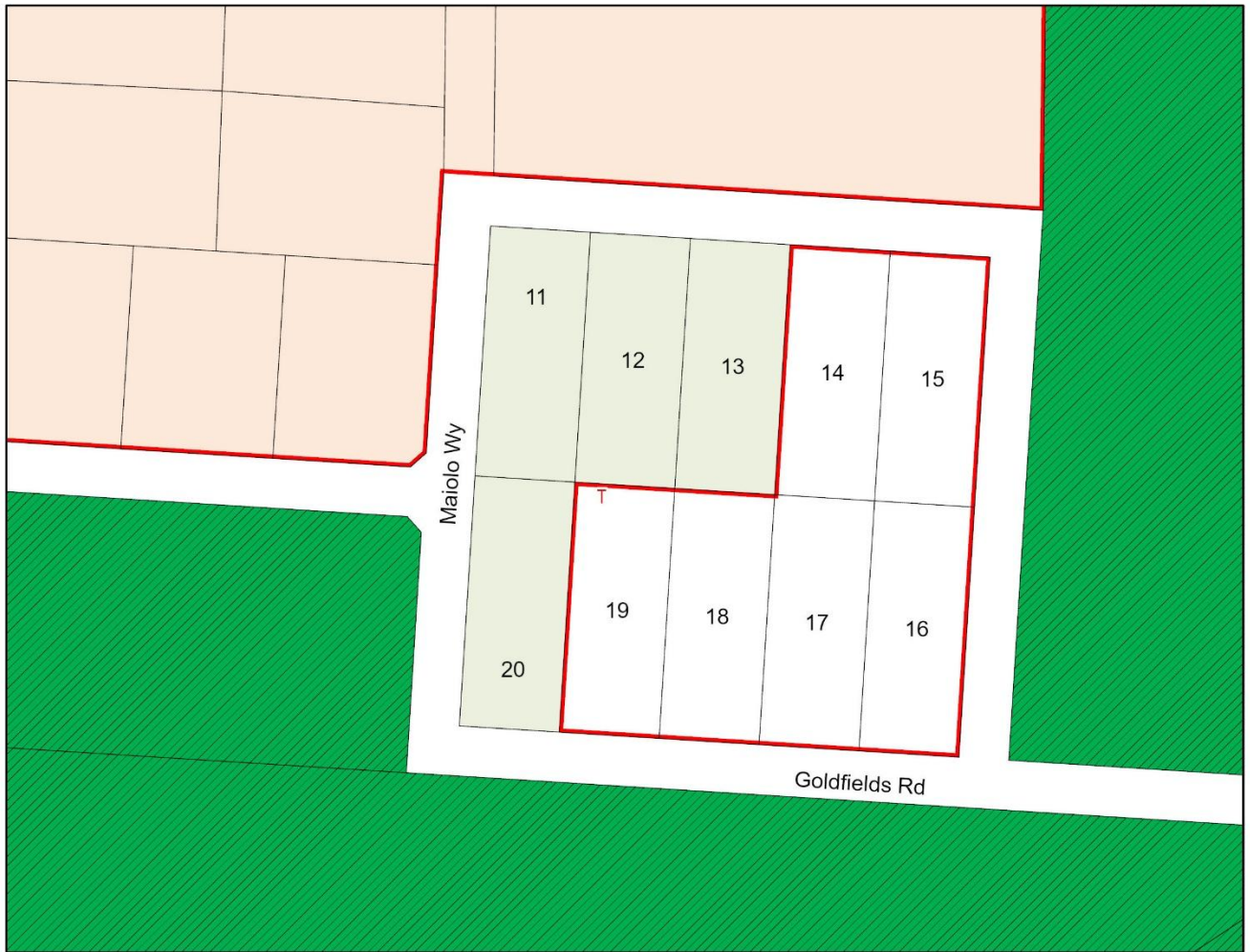
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MAP - PART C**



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	R Code
	Residential



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART D**



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Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

-  General farming
-  Parks and recreation
-  Special residential
-  Special use



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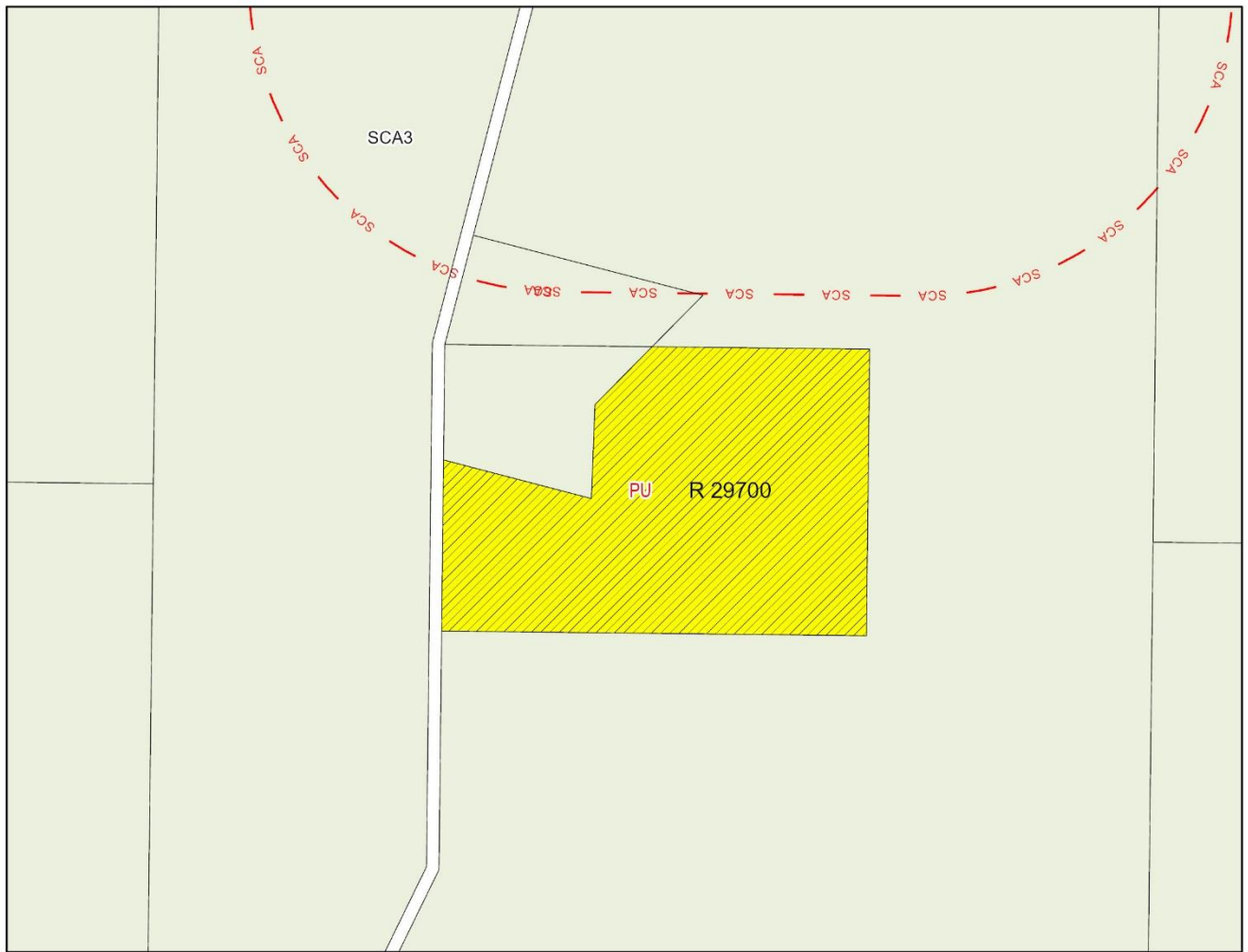
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	Parks and recreation
	Special Residential



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART E**



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Legend

Special areas

SCA Special Control Area

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

General farming

Public purposes



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MAP - PART E**

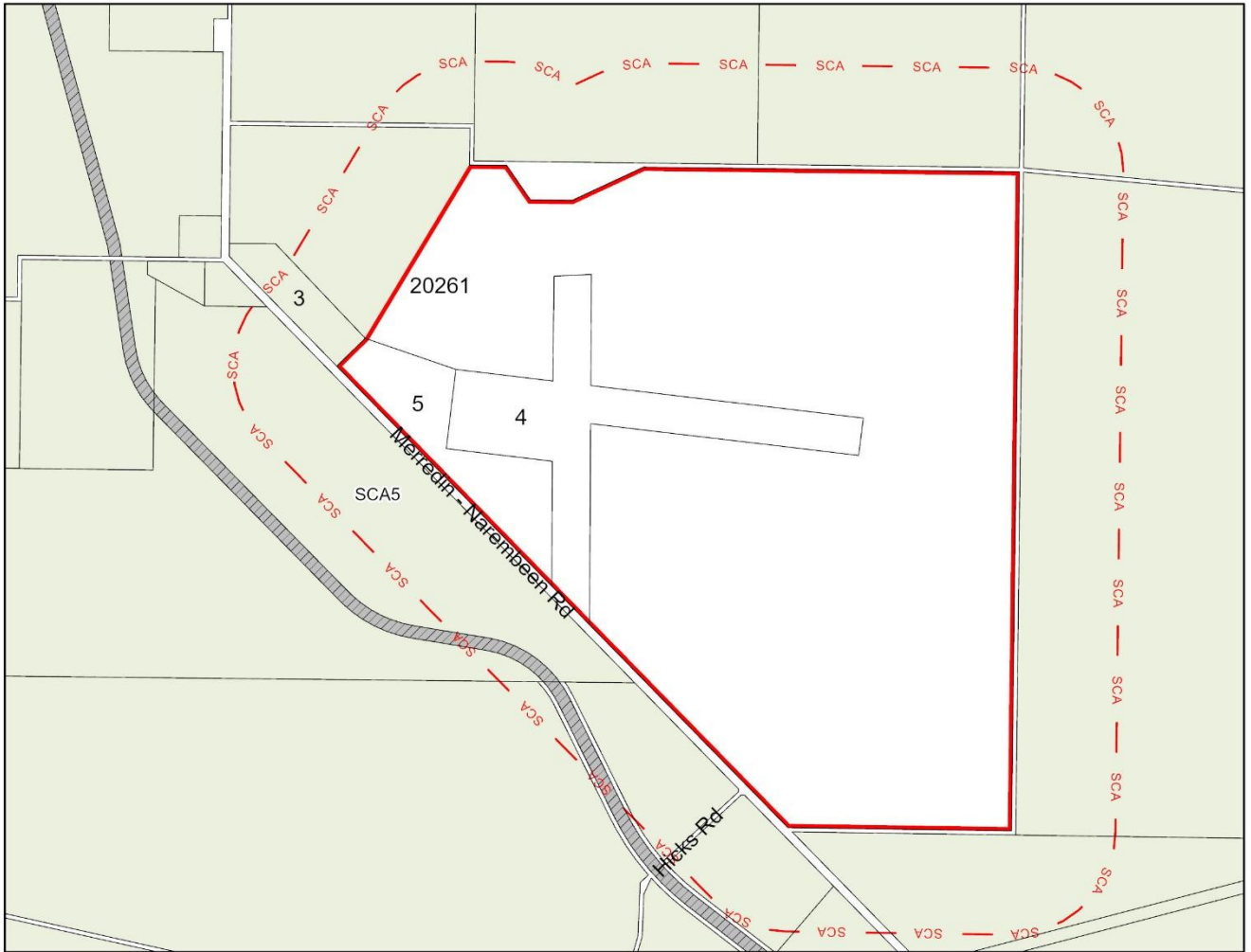


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 Special use: Tourist development



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MAP - PART F**



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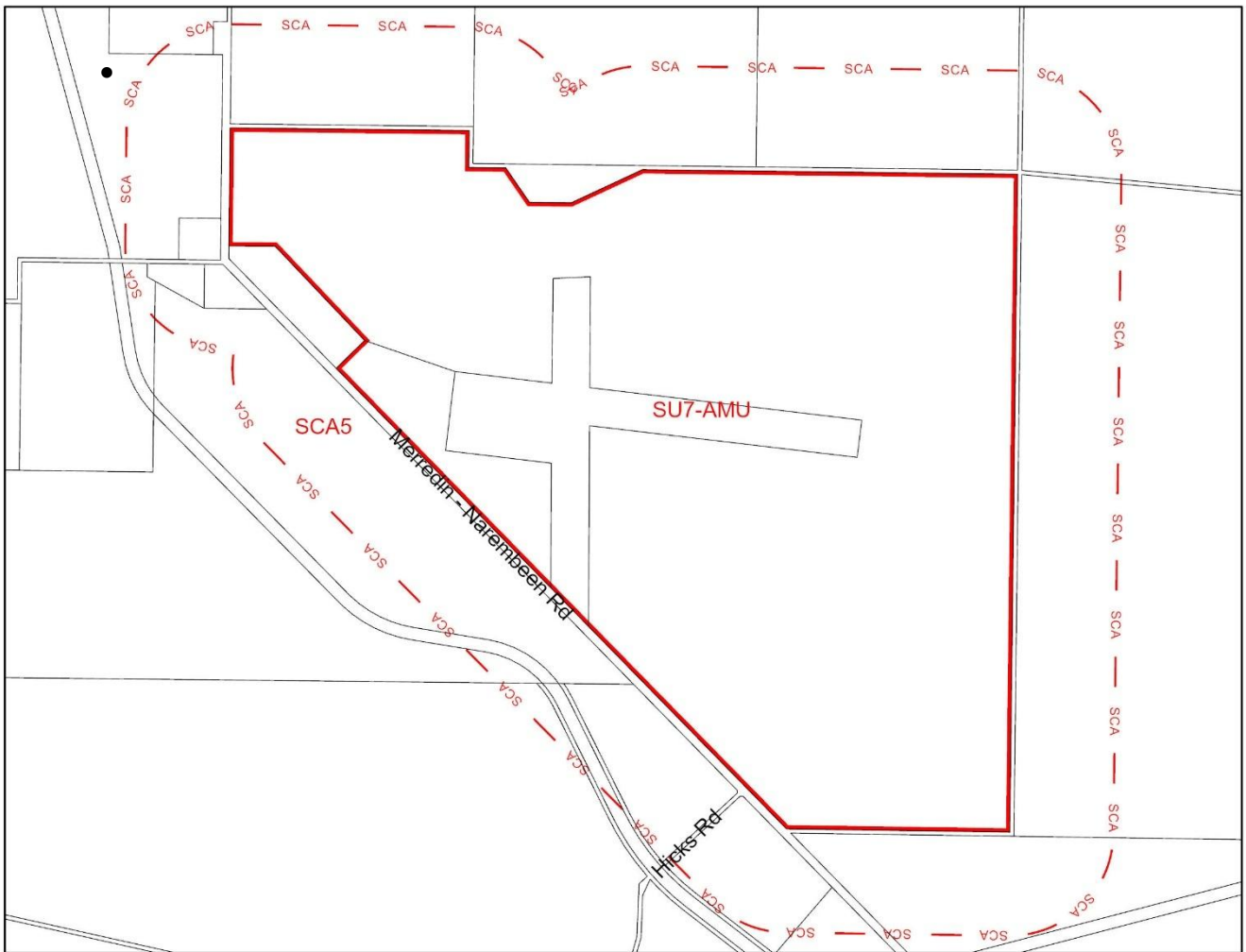
Special areas

SCA Special Control Area

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

- General farming
- Railway
- Special use



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**SCHEME AMENDMENT
MAP - PART F**





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-  Special Control Area No 5
-  Special use: Airfield mixed use



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART G**





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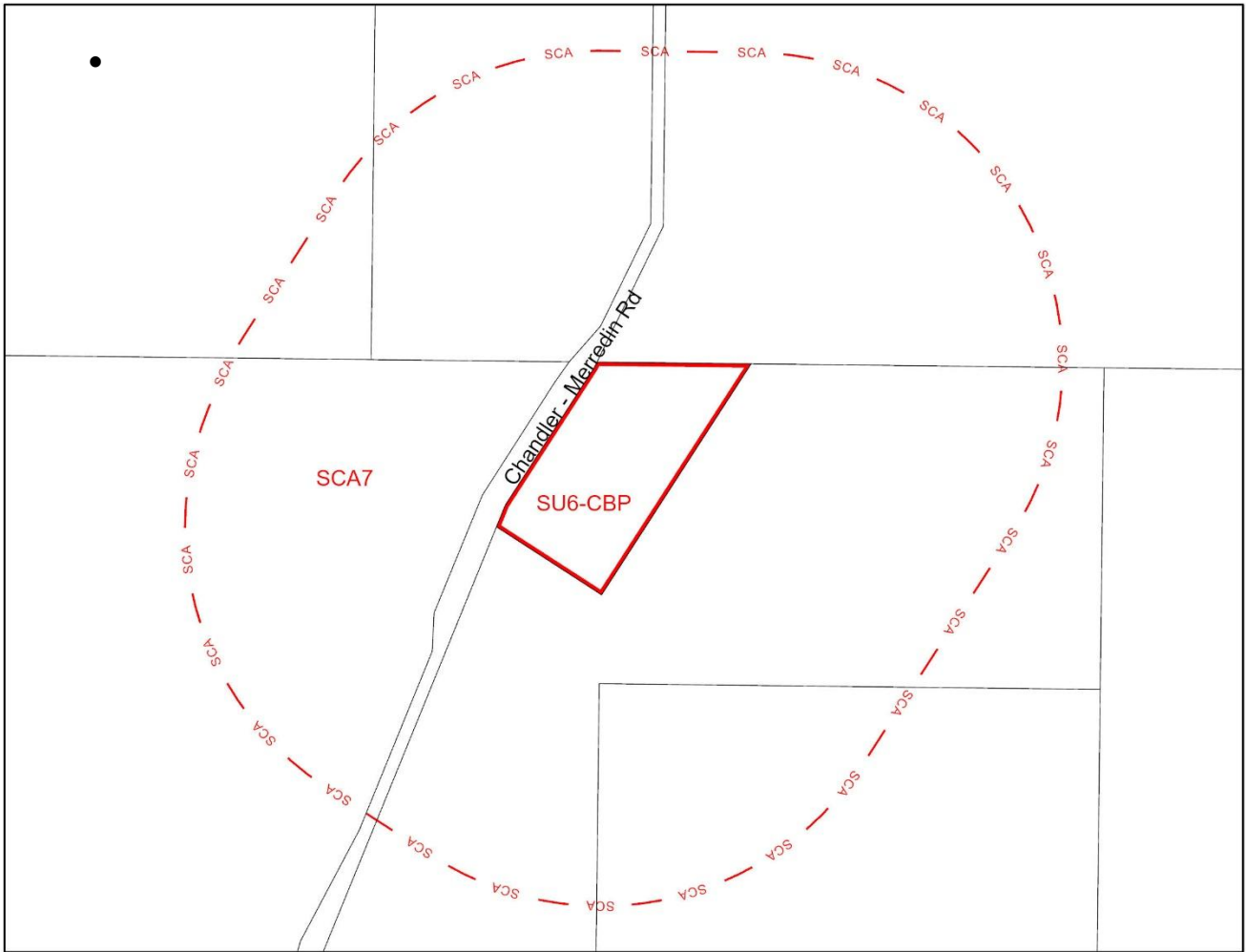


Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

-  General farming
-  Public purposes



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**SCHEME AMENDMENT
MAP - PART G**



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Legend

- Special use: Concrete batching plant
- Special Control Area No 7



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MAP - PART H**



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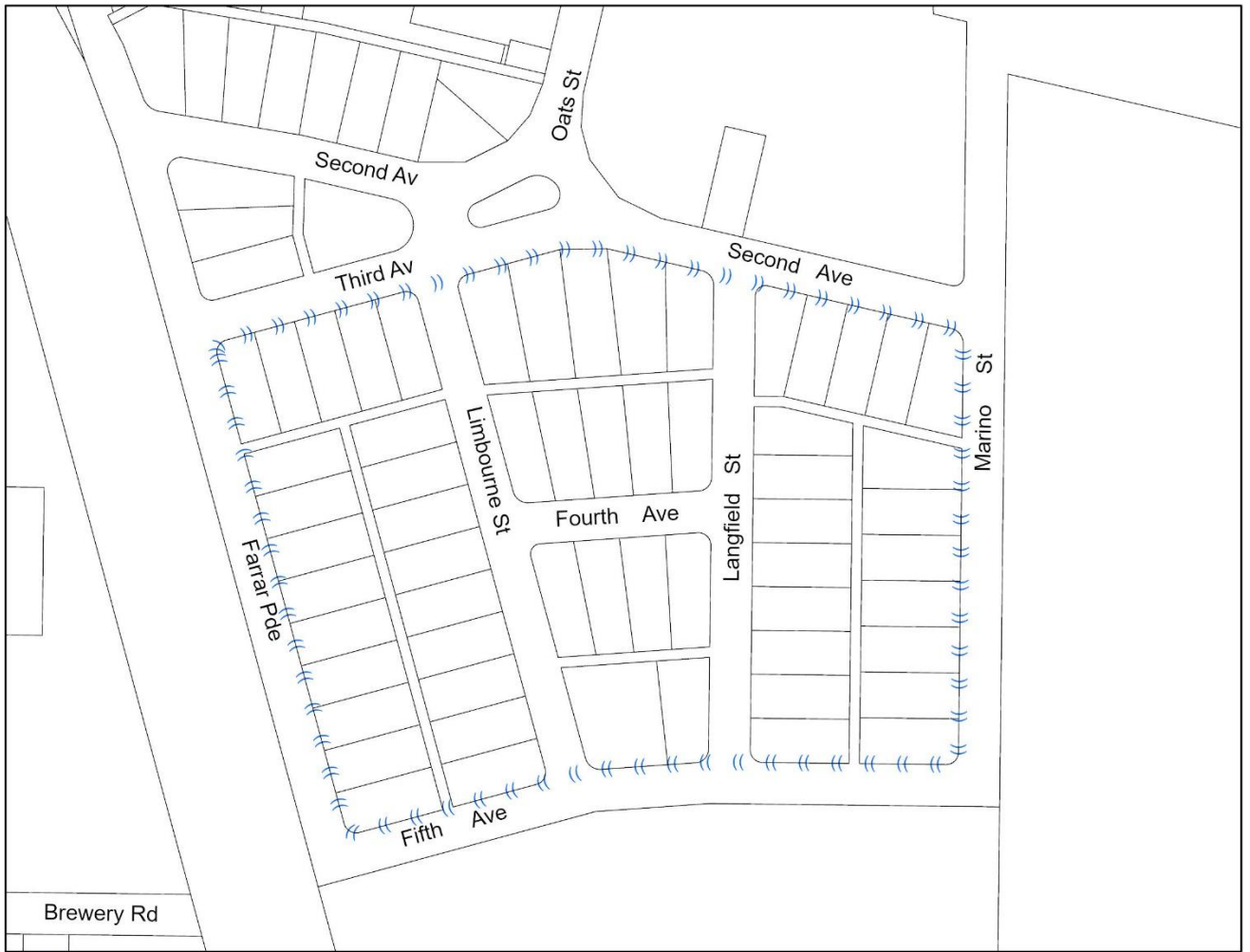
Special areas

Policy

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

- Highway service
- Parks and recreation
- Public purposes
- Railway
- Residential
- Rural residential
- R-Codes



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**SCHEME AMENDMENT
MAP - PART H**



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Legend	
	Development area deleted



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART I**



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Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

- Commercial
- Parks and recreation
- Public purposes
- Residential
- Special use
- Town centre
- R-Codes



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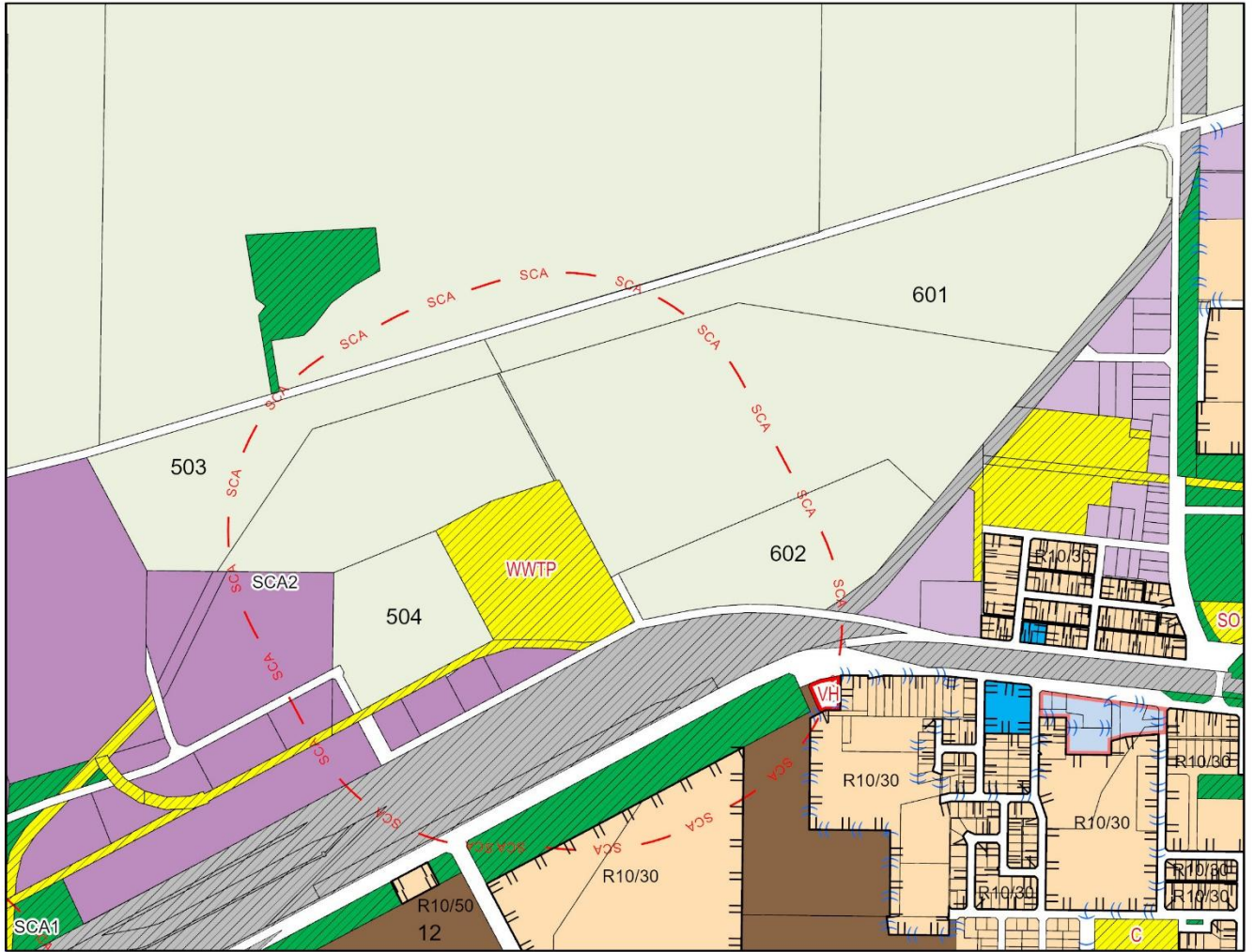
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MAP - PART I**



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Legend	
	R-Code
zone	
	Parks and recreation
	Residential



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART Ji**



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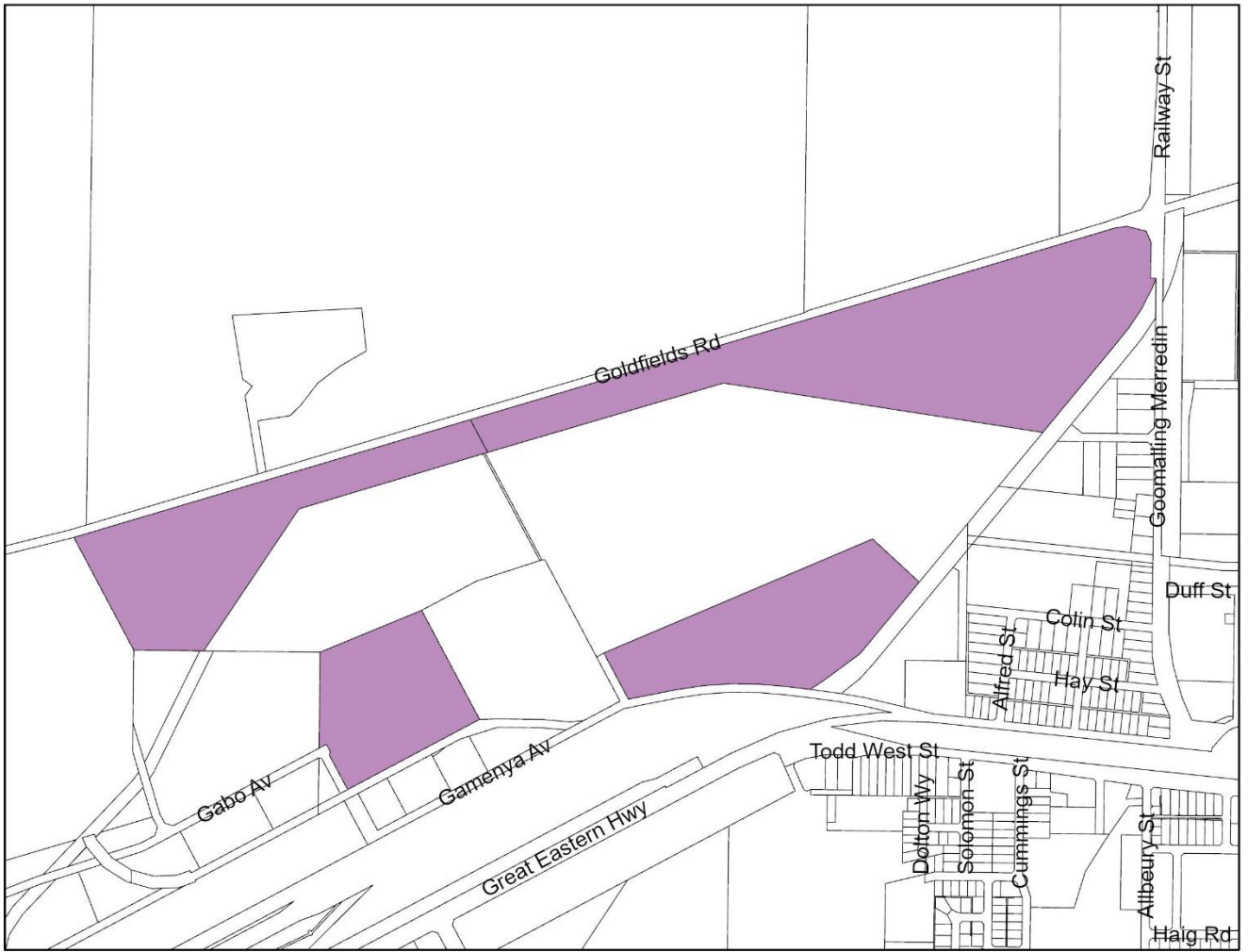
Special areas

- Policy
- Special Control Area (SCA)

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

- Commercial
- General farming
- General industry
- Highway service
- Light industry
- Parks and recreation
- Public purposes
- Railway
- Residential
- Rural residential
- Special use
- R-Codes



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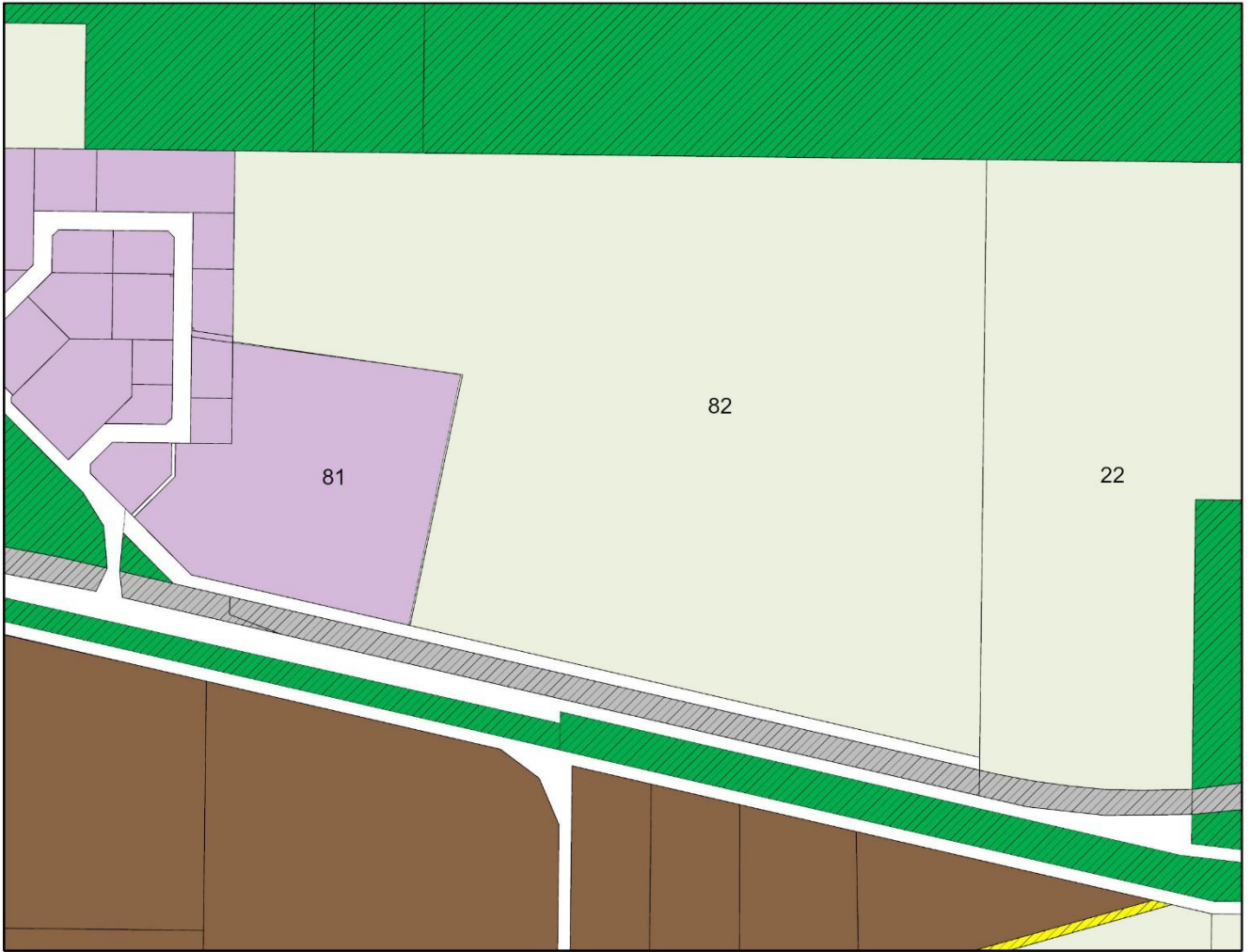
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MAP - PART Ji**



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Legend	
	General industry



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**EXISTING SCHEME
MAP - PART Jii**



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Legend

Scheme Zones and Reserves

zone

-  General farming
-  Light industry
-  No zone
-  Parks and recreation
-  Public purposes
-  Railway
-  Rural residential



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**SCHEME AMENDMENT
MAP - PART Jii**



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Legend	
	General industry
	Light industry

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005

RESOLUTION DECIDING TO AMEND A LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME

Shire of Merredin

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 6

AMENDMENT No 8

The Merredin Shire Council under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon it in that behalf by the Planning and Development Act 2005, hereby amends the above Local Planning Scheme by:

- a)i Reclassifying Lots 157 (VCL) Station Street, and Lot 21, Lots 24-28, Lots 72, 75, 76, 158, and portions of Lot 800 Main Street, and Lots 47-49, Lot 50, Lots 159, 160, and 109-110 Plimpton Street, and Lot 157 Station Street, **Burracoppin**, from 'Parks and recreation' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.
- a)ii Rezoning Lots 22, 23, 71, and portion of Lot 800 Main Street, **Burracoppin**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' zone with an 'R10' density code.
- a)iii Changing the density code for all existing Townsite zoned lots in **Burracoppin** from 'R10/20' to 'R10'.
- a)iv Rezoning Lots 108-115, 136-140 and Lot 156 Cunningham Street, **Nangeenan**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with an 'R10' density code.
- a)v Adding an 'R10' density code to Lot 155 (No.29) Marley Close (Main Street), **Nangeenan**.
- a)vi Rezoning Lot 24 Avon Street and Lots 9 and 10 Railway Street, **Nukarni**, from 'General farming' to 'Townsite' with an R10 density code.
- d) Rezoning Lot 377 and portion of Lot 1 Kitchener Road, **Merredin**, from 'Residential' to 'Special Use' (for Place of Worship) and deleting the R10/30 density code accordingly and amend Schedule Four by updating Special Use No.12 to add the lots above.
- e) Reclassifying Lot 461 Throssell Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public purposes – Kindergarten' to 'Residential' with an R-Code of 'R10/30'.
- d)i Rezoning Lots 11-13 Lukin Street and Lot 20 Goldfields Road, **Merredin**, from 'General farming' to 'Special Residential'.
- d)ii Reclassifying Lots 14 and 15 Lukin Street, and Lots 16-17 Goldfields Road, **Merredin**, from 'Special use – Tourist development' to 'Parks and Recreation' reserve and rezone Lot 18 & 19 Goldfields Road from 'Special use -Tourist Development' to 'Special Residential'.
- e) Reclassifying Crown Reserve 29700 Chandler-Merredin Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public Purposes – Public use' to 'Special use' for tourist and visitor accommodation and amending Schedule Four – Special Use Zones. as follows;

No	Description of land	Special use	Conditions	Map label
5	Reserve 29700 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin	Tourist development and visitor accommodation Educational establishment	Development to be consistent with the relevant Local Planning Policy and an adopted Local Development Plan	SU5-T

f)i Rezoning Lots 4, 5 and 20261 Merredin-Narembeen Road, **Merredin**, from 'Special use – Airstrip' and 'General agriculture' to 'Special use' for Airstrip Mixed uses.

f)ii Amending Schedule Four – Special Use No 7 as follows;

No	Description of land	Special use	Conditions	Map label
7	Lots 4, 5, and 20261 Merredin-Narembeen Road, South Merredin	Airstrip Commercial and light industrial uses Educational facility Student Accommodation	Development to be consistent with the relevant Local Planning Policy and an adopted Local Development Plan	SU7-AMU

f)iii Amending clause 5.6 SCA 5 Merredin Airstrip as follows;

‘5.6 SCA 5- MERREDIN AIRSTRIP

5.6.1 Purpose

The purpose of Special Control Area 5 is to provide guidance for land use and development within the area shown on the Scheme Maps as SCA 5.

5.6.2 Objectives

The objectives for the SCA 5 are to:

- a) ensure compatibility of uses within SCA5 and address potential for land use conflicts.
- b) ensure that operations within SCA5 do not conflict with the operation of the airstrip.

5.6.3 Application Requirements

Despite any other provision of the Scheme, development approval is required for all use and development including a single house.

5.6.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.6.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.'

- f)iv Amending the boundary of SCA 5 on the Scheme map.
- g)j Reclassifying Lot 26740 Chandler-Merredin Road, **Merredin**, from 'Public purposes – Public use' to 'Special use' for a Concrete batching plant.
- g)ii Amending Schedule Four – Special Use No.6 as follows;

No	Description of land	Special use	Conditions	Map label
6	Lot 26740 Chandler-Merredin Road, Merredin	Concrete batching plant	Development to be consistent with the relevant Local Planning Policy and an adopted Local Development Plan	SU6-CBP

- g)iii Adding a new Special Control area to 5.1.1 'SCA7 - Concrete batching plant'.
- g)iv Adding a new clause 5.8 in Part Five – Special Control Areas as follows.

'5.8 SCA7- CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT

5.8.1 Purpose

The purpose of Special Control Area 7 is to provide guidance for land use and development within the area shown on the Scheme Maps as SCA 7.

5.8.2 Objectives

The objectives for the SCA 7 are to:

- a) ensure that uses and development of land within 500 metres of the concretebatching plant are not detrimentally impacted by the plant operations.

5.8.3 Application Requirements

Despite any other provision of the Scheme development approval is required for alluse and development including a single house.

5.8.4 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined bythe local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.8.5 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protectionagency for advice.

- h)j Deleting the Development Area shown on the Scheme Map in the area surrounded by Farrar Parade, Third Avenue, Second Avenue, Marino Street and Fifth Avenue,

Merredin.

- h)ii Deleting clause 4.9 Development Areas and inserting the following:

‘4.9 DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Subdivision and development of land included in a Development Area, as shown on the Scheme Map, may be subject to the preparation of a Structure plan or a Local Development Plan for the area in accordance with Part 4 or Part 6 of the deemed provisions.’

- ii) Reclassifying portion Lot 501 Bates, Duff and Coronation Streets, **Merredin**, from ‘Public purposes – Civic and cultural’ to ‘Residential’ with an R-Code of ‘R80’, and ‘Parks and recreation’.
- k) Rezoning of Lots 503 and 601 Goldfields Road, Lot 504 Gabo Avenue, Lot 602 Gamenya Avenue, and the northern portions of Lots 82 Adamson Road, Merredin, from ‘General farming’ to ‘General industry’.
- j)ii Rezoning of the southern portion of Lot 82 Adamson Road, **Merredin**, from ‘General farming’ to ‘Light industry’.
- k) Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a Convenience Store from an ‘A’ use in the Residential zone to an ‘X’ use in the Residential zone.
- l) Replace tourism related provisions as follows:
 - i) In Table One – Zoning Table, delete use classes and permissibilities for bed and breakfast, holiday accommodation and motel.
 - ii) In Table One – Zoning Table, add to the remaining tourist/entertaining uses and commerce uses, the following use classes and permissibility’s:

ZONES										
USE CLASSES	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING
TOURIST AND ENTERTAINMENT USES										
Hosted short-term rental accommodation	P	P	P	X	X	X	P	P	P	P
Tourist and visitor accommodation	X	D	D	D	X	X	D	D	D	D
Unhosted short-term rental accommodation	D	D	D	X	X	X	D	D	D	D
COMMERCE										
Road house	X	X	A	A	P	P	A	X	X	D

- iii. Amending Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions by deleting the first paragraph and inserting the following:

‘Unless listed below the words and expressions used in the Scheme have the same meaning as the general definitions and land use definitions contained in Schedule 1 (Model provisions) or Schedule 2 (Deemed provisions) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

Where a definition is listed below and there is a conflict of interpretation of words the meaning of the word or term, the definition listed below shall prevail, unless the word or expression applies to residential development (Clause 1.7 refers).’

- iv. In Schedule One, ‘Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions’ delete the definitions for:

- cabin
- chalet
- holiday accommodation
- short term accommodation, and
- tourist development.

- v. In ‘Schedule Two - Additional Uses’, at Additional Use No.2, replace all references to the term ‘tourist development’ with ‘tourist and visitor accommodation’.

- vi. Amend clause 4.7 – Site and Development Requirements by inserting an additional provision as below:

‘4.7.6 Tourist and visitor accommodation

Development of tourist and visitor accommodation in the special residential, rural residential and general farming zones shall only take the form of chalets or cabins.’

- m) Amending Table One – Zoning Table by amending the permissibility of a ‘Grouped dwelling’ from an ‘X’ use in the ‘Town centre’ zone to an ‘A’ use in the ‘Town centre’ zone.

- o) Adding a new clause 4.7.7 Renewable energy facility to provide requirements for development approval applications, as follows:

4.7.7 Renewable energy facility

In considering an application for development approval of a Renewable Energy Facility in the General farming zone, the local government will have due regard to, among others, the following matters:

- scale of operation and connection to the electricity grid network,
- environmental assessments of the type, location and significance of flora, fauna and water resources,
- potential for other environmental impacts,
- assessment of cultural and visual landscape impact,

- integration with prevailing agricultural land uses,
- bushfire mitigation, and
- post closure measures for site remediation and rehabilitation.’

n)ii Deleting the definition for ‘Wind farm or wind energy facility’ in Schedule One – Dictionary of Defined Words and Expressions and replacing the definition with a new definition for a ‘Renewable energy facility’ as follows.

‘Renewable energy facility means premises used to generate energy from a renewable energy source and includes any building or other structure used in, or relating to, the generation of energy by a renewable resource. It does not include renewable energy electricity generation where the energy produced principally supplies a domestic and/or business premises and any on selling to the grid is secondary.’

n)iii Deleting the use class ‘Wind farm or wind energy facility’ from Table One – Zoning Table and adding a new Use class ‘Renewable energy facility’ in the ‘Other uses’ group with the following permissibility in each zone as follows:

	ZONES										
USE CLASSES	RESIDENTIAL	TOWN CENTRE	COMMERCIAL	HIGHWAY SERVICE	LIGHT INDUSTRY	GENERAL INDUSTRY	TOWNSITE	SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL	RURAL	RESIDENTIAL	GENERAL FARMING
OTHER USES											
Renewable energy facility	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	X	X	X	A

o)i Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

5.2.6 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.2.7 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

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5.5.6 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.5.7 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

- o)v Amending the text of Part Five – Special Control Areas by deleting clauses 5.7.4 and 5.7.5 and inserting replacement clauses as follows.

5.7.6 Development Requirements

In addition to other provisions of the Scheme, all development shall be determined by the local government and may be based on environmental advice received.

5.7.7 Referral of Applications

Development approval applications may be referred to the environmental protection agency for advice.

- p) Amend the scheme maps accordingly and undertake any other administrative edits, formatting changes and renumbering as a result of the above set of changes.

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Shire of Merredin

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No. 6

AMENDMENT No. 8

ADOPTION

This Complex Amendment was adopted by resolution of the Council of the Shire of Merredin at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the day of2023.

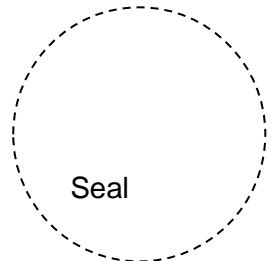
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FINAL APPROVAL

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SHIRE PRESIDENT Date



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Date

RECOMMENDED/SUBMITTED FOR FINAL APPROVAL

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Delegated under S. 16 of PD Act 2005 Date

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MINISTER FOR PLANNING Date



Planning and Development Act 2005

COMPLEX AMENDMENT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No 6 – OMNIBUS AMENDMENT No 8

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Merredin has prepared the above-mentioned Omnibus amendment in regard to land located in the Shire of Merredin

The amending documents and plans setting out and explaining the Omnibus amendment have been deposited at the corner of King & Barrack Streets, **Merredin** WA 6415 and will be open for inspection during office hours up to and including **[END DATE]**.

The Omnibus amendment can also be viewed on the Shire of Merredin website at www.merredin.wa.gov.au

Submissions on the Omnibus amendment can be lodged in writing and are to include the Amendment name and number, the property affected, details of the submission and lodged with the undersigned on or before **[END DATE]**.

Please note: The Omnibus amendment is being advertised to seek public comment on the proposals. The advertising of the Omnibus amendment does not indicate any formal support of the proposal by the Shire of Merredin or the Western Australian Planning Commission.

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(Chief Executive Officer)

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Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy

PART 1 **Strategy**

November 2024

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Chief Executive Officer

ENDORSEMENT OF THE LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY

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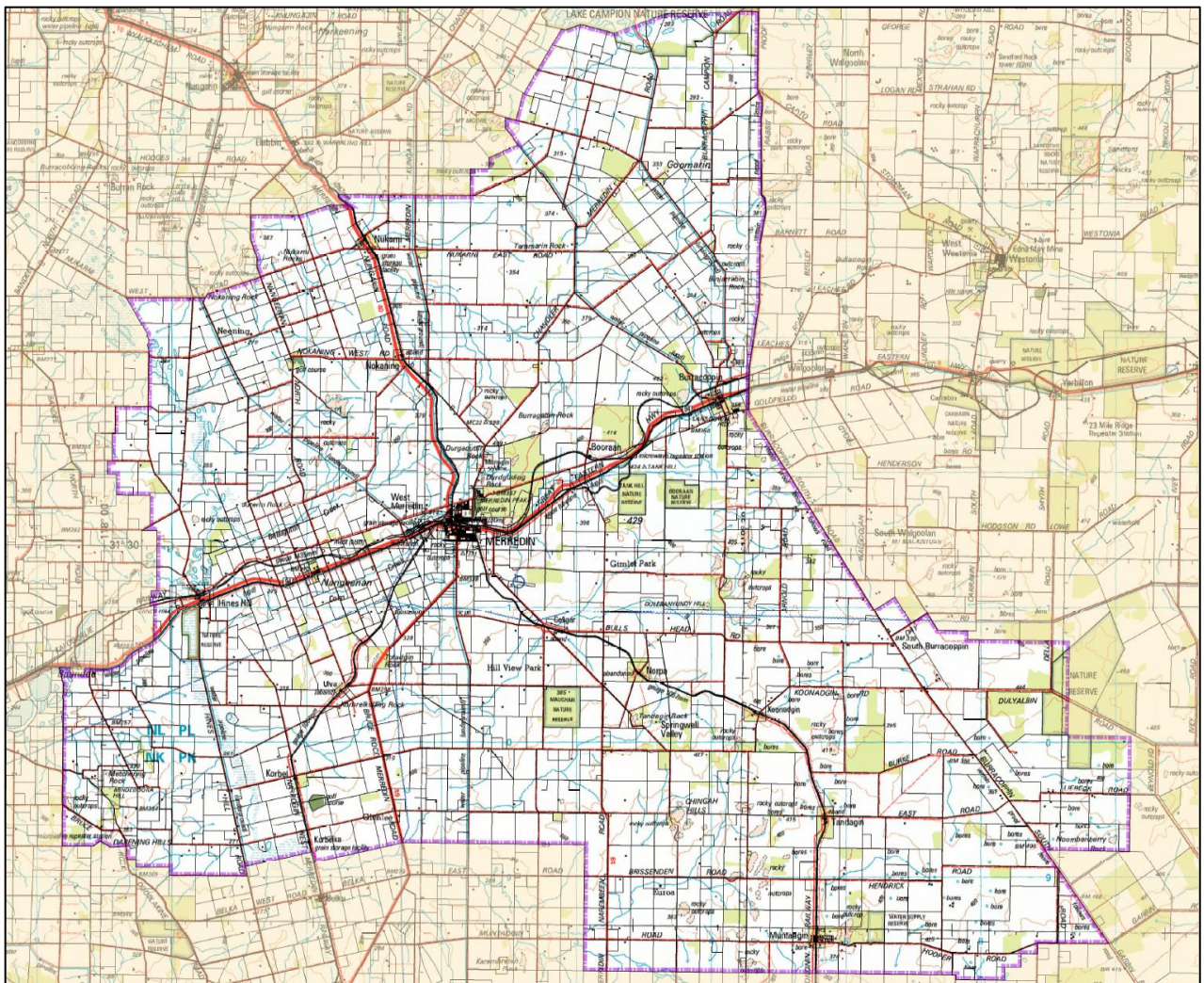
1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy comprises:

- Part 1 – Strategy and
- Part 2 – Background Information and Analysis

The local planning strategy applies to the area shown in **Figure 1** on the following page. The Strategy maps for the District and Townsite are shown in **Figure 4** (Page 20), with an enlargement of the Merredin Townsite Strategy area **Figure 5** (on Page 21).

FIGURE 1 - LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY AREA



Source: Planwest, Landgate

This local planning strategy comes into operation on the day on which it is endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and revokes the Shire's preceding local planning strategy, endorsed by the WAPC on 14 August 2007.

As required by Regulation 11 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, the purpose of the local planning strategy is to:

- a) set out the long-term planning directions for the local government
- b) apply any State or regional planning policy that is relevant to the local planning strategy and
- c) provide the rationale for any zoning or classification of land under the local planning scheme.

The local planning strategy forms the strategic basis for the preparation, implementation and review of the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (the Scheme).

The Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 has been amended on several occasions to ensure that it is a contemporary document that meets the needs of the local community. The Shire of Merredin has prepared an update on several components of the Strategy which will allow for the future strategic growth of the Merredin townsite for another 10-15 years. The Strategy will also designate land considered suitable to satisfy the current and future need for industrial development.

Merredin is a regional hub servicing the needs of surrounding communities and is strategically located along main transport arteries such as the Great Eastern Highway as well as the main railway line linking Perth and the Eastern States.

2.0 VISION

The vision of the local planning strategy outlines the 15-year vision for how land use change and development will occur within the Shire of Merredin. The vision has regard to the Shire's strategic community plan (<https://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/strategic-community-plan/37>), but recognises that any community aspirations for future land use change and development is balanced with the requirements of planning legislation and policy. The local planning strategy will provide for the expression of how broader State planning requirements can be applied and ultimately implemented at a local level.

The vision of the local planning strategy is:

'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.'

To achieve this vision, Council is committed to a number of strategic directions linked to the outcome areas of: our community, natural environment, built environment, economic growth, and strong leadership.

The Shire of Merredin has a vision for Merredin as a vibrant regional centre offering a comprehensive range of regional services, which improve the quality of life for the people within the Shire and central wheatbelt. This vision includes a central role for the Council in:

- Alignment with priorities identified as part of the recently reviewed Shire of Merredin Strategic Community Plan.
- Water and energy advocacy.
- Digital connectivity.
- Facilitating regional cooperation.
- Infrastructure development, land assembly and transport logistics.
- promoting the strategic importance of Western Australian agricultural and associated industries.
- positioning Merredin to meet world market requirements for clean, green production
- developing and marketing the town to be one of the major regional centres in WA
- developing Merredin as a town with the physical and commercial infrastructure to support growth and agriculture, private enterprise and population.
- providing pro-active leadership in environmental and land care issues particularly the question of salinity.
- supporting rural areas in their economic development.
- encouraging community involvement.
- creating a young and vibrant family community.

The following part summarises the issues, planning directions and actions for each issue.

3.0 ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

3.1 Overview

Consistent with the State Planning Framework, planning issues of relevance to the Shire are presented under the following themes:

- Economy and employment
- Environment
- Population and housing
- Industry, Infrastructure and Settlement Pattern
- Other matters

Based on the forgoing analysis of available data on population and housing the following key issues are identified.

- Slight population growth anticipated in the next 15 years.
- An anticipated ageing in the population with fewer younger people, an older workforce population and an increasing number of retirees.
- New population growth linked to the establishment of new businesses.
- A desire for alternative lifestyle opportunities such as rural lifestyle blocks.
- Sufficient residential land to accommodate future population growth.
- Existing demand is for new blocks, as opposed to infill development of existing residential areas; associated development costs for new blocks are problematic and possibly prohibitive.
- Ability to take advantage of existing service infrastructure i.e., roads, sewer, water, electricity in vacant residential land within the existing townsites for future residential development.
- The predominance of the single house as the existing and preferred housing form in the Merredin Shire.
- Residential development (subdivision) at the urban fringe providing for estates with new housing themes and stimulating construction industry.
- Additional medium density areas to provide for aged people accommodation and compact dwellings suitable for single workers and other small household groups.
- Aging State government housing stock for government workers and social housing.
- The need to promote energy efficiency and water conservation in the design and development of housing in the Shire to assist with managing the impacts of climate change.

TABLE 1 - ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

3.2 Economy and Employment

Issue/Opportunity	Planning Direction	Action
Promote Merredin as a centre of regional economic and social development in the Wheatbelt Region.	3.2.1 Accommodate tourist related development within suitably zoned areas.	a) Designate Reserve 29700 as 'Potential Tourist' zone.
	3.2.2 Acknowledge and support new businesses that have the potential for significant contribution to Merredin's economy.	a) Change the existing Special use zone of the Merredin airfield site to a designation that would allow for a strategic mixed-use park
	3.2.3 Promote the Merredin town centre as the focus of commercial and social activity	a) Promote all commercial development including retail and office, and key social services including civic and cultural uses to establish in the Merredin town centre.
	3.2.4 Identify suitable land for industrial use capable of development as planned estates, which minimise land use conflict and environmental impacts.	a) Designate land in the northwest sector of the townsite south of Goldfields Road as potential general industry. b) Designate land in the eastern sector of the townsite as potential light and general industry.
Protect productive agricultural land and encourage opportunities for new and innovative agricultural industries	3.2.5 Ensure that the use and development of rural land is compatible with agricultural activity. Support plantations ie, mallee oil, sandalwood trees and, in appropriate areas as a means of developing environmentally sustainable alternative agriculture industry. Direct rural residential development away from productive agriculture land towards the townsite, existing fragmented land and/or unproductive land.	a) Continue to liaise with DPIRD and DPLH on the suitability of specific agricultural activities in the General farming zone.

	Promote diversification of the rural economy and encourage proposals that conserve soil, water, and native vegetation and reduce salinity potential.	
Provide for basic raw materials extraction subject to environmental, landuse and visual compatibility and rehabilitation.	3.2.6 Ensure that proposals for extractive industries do not adversely impact the environment, adjoining landuse and visual amenity.	a) Classify extractive industries as a discretionary use in the General farming zone of the Scheme and include provisions requiring the preparation of environmental management plans for proposals.
To promote Merredin as a centre of excellence for renewable energy projects	3.2.7 To allow for a variety of renewable energy Renewable energy facilities providing they do not adversely impact the environment, adjoining landuse and visual amenity.	a) Allow renewable energy facility as a discretionary use in the General farming zone of the Scheme and include provisions requiring the preparation of relevant impact statements/plans.
Protect the General Farming area from incompatible and deleterious uses.	3.2.8 Prevent incompatible and deleterious uses such as waste disposal from establishing in the General Farming area.	a) Classify used tyre disposal of any kind a prohibited use in the General Farming area.

3.3 Environment

Issue/Opportunity	Planning Direction	Actions
To conserve, protect and improve the natural environment, arrest damage caused by land clearing and development, and safeguard the human living environment from natural disaster.	3.3.1 Protect land identified for conservation of flora and fauna, water resource protection and, landscape and recreation.	<p>a) Designate land reserved for conservation, water catchment and parks and recreation accordingly in the Scheme.</p> <p>b) Develop water strategy and action plan.</p> <p>c) In collaboration with WEROC, develop a waste management plan.</p>
	3.3.2 Identify Crown and other government land with conservation, water catchment or parks and recreation potential.	a) In consultation with DPLH and DBCA assess all unallocated Crown land and unvested reserves for potential conservation, water catchment or parks and recreation designation.

	3.3.3 Continue initiatives aimed at researching and addressing salinity.	a) Seek additional funding to continue initiatives to investigate and address salinity. Provide for a special use zone for land used for the evaporation ponds and desalination project in the new scheme.
	3.3.4 Maintain existing strategies aimed at mitigating potential flooding of the Merredin townsite.	a) Prioritise required flood mitigation works and budget accordingly. b) Negotiate directly with landowners to secure sites of native vegetation via potential land swaps or reservation of bushland via subdivision and structure planning.
	3.3.5 Promote revegetation of degraded land.	a) Support revegetation and landscaping programs as required.
	3.3.6 Support initiatives to reduce salinity levels.	a) Provide provisions/policies in the scheme that support land-uses that manage salinity issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infrastructure to desalinate water and lower groundwater. • landuse that utilises saline water. • landuse that reduces the water table i.e., fodder crops and oil mallees. b) Require new land-uses to incorporate measures to attenuate salinity where appropriate i.e. revegetation of creek lines. c) Discourage landuse that will increase soil degeneration i.e., erosion and salinity to unacceptable levels.

3.4 Population and Housing

Issue/Opportunity	Planning Direction	Actions
<p>Promote Merredin townsite as the preferred residential location in the Wheatbelt region offering a high standard of residential amenity and varied lifestyle opportunities.</p>	<p>3.4.1 Provide for a variety of housing types like aged persons dwellings, villas and town houses in the townsite.</p>	<p>a) Apply the R10/30 Code to the existing residential areas. b) Apply higher densities to areas of the Scheme where considered as being appropriate</p>
	<p>3.4.2 Direct aged persons and nursing home developments to the R80 – medium density zone near the town centre.</p>	<p>a) Designate a portion of land bounded by Duff Street, Fifth Street, Coronation Street, and Bates Street to R 80 code in the Scheme.</p>
	<p>3.4.4 Encourage infill development within established residential areas as a means of providing economical residential development sites.</p>	<p>a) Liaise with government agencies that have surplus residential land and encourage disposal to private interests while also encouraging construction of new houses for government workers.</p>
	<p>3.4.5 Discourage uses that are detrimental to residential amenity locating in residential areas.</p>	<p>a) Include appropriate provisions in the Scheme to prevent incompatible uses in residential areas.</p>
	<p>3.4.6 Identify further land with residential potential in the townsite and protect from incompatible use.</p>	<p>a) Designate suitable land in the townsite for potential residential use.</p>
	<p>3.4.7 The Council is supportive of higher densities, especially in Merredin, however any such proposal would need to be assessed in light of its impact, location and essential services.</p>	<p>a) Convey the Council’s willingness to support higher densities in Merredin where considered appropriate.</p>
<p>To provide a range of residential development opportunities in Merredin.</p>	<p>3.4.8 To change ‘Residential’ zones in other townsites to ‘Townsite’ zone.</p>	<p>a) Rezone residential sized lots in other townsites to ‘Townsite’ zone with an R10 density code.</p>

To provide for more flexibility of landuses in other townsites.	3.4.9 To continue to monitor and encourage consolidation of aged persons' facilities.	a) Increase densities on aged persons' accommodation sites.
To provide a range of commercial accommodation opportunities in Merredin.	3.4.10 To inform proponents of the need to provide workers' accommodation where it has minimal impact on other living areas.	<p>a) Assist proponents with site selection and site requirements and constructively receive development proposals for workers' accommodation.</p> <p>b) Advise proponents of the need to remove all parts of construction camps, and remediate the land, once the construction is complete.</p> <p>c) Assist proponents in site selection for permanent workers camp sites.</p> <p>a) Support rural farm worker accommodation where alternative locations are not considered suitable.</p>

3.5 Industry, Infrastructure and Settlement Pattern

Issue/Opportunity	Planning Directions	Actions
Promote Merredin townsite as a regional centre offering a high level of community services and infrastructure with new settlement opportunities.	<p>3.5.1 Actively promote Merredin as a centre for the provision of Government services to the community.</p> <p>Acknowledge the contribution of existing service infrastructure by suitable designation in the new Scheme.</p> <p>Liaise with DevelopmentWA in regard to future land developments.</p>	<p>a) Establish and maintain links with State and Federal Government Agencies with offices located in Merredin and encourage continuation and expansion of service provision. Facilitate the development of community services where possible.</p> <p>b) Designate land used by Government Agencies for service provision to public purpose reservation and liaise with DPLH and the relevant Government agency for appropriate vesting, where land is inappropriately vested in the Shire of Merredin.</p> <p>c) Negotiate with DevelopmentWA for the provision and release of serviced light industrial land within the Merredin townsite.</p> <p>d) Continue to liaise with MRWA and CBH on transport strategies to</p>

		minimise heavy vehicle traffic impacts in the town centre and incorporate where required the ultimate transport strategy into the new Scheme.
To promote Merredin as a centre of excellence for renewable energy projects	3.5.2 To allow for a variety of renewable energy facilities providing they do not adversely impact the environment, adjoining landuse and visual amenity.	a) Allow renewable energy facility as a discretionary use in the General farming zone of the Scheme and include provisions requiring the preparation of environmental management plans for proposals.
To provide for strategic industrial operations that do not comfortably fit within the urban fabric of Merredin.	3.5.3 The Council will consider the creation of a strategic industrial area to satisfy longer term demands – not necessarily part of the Merredin townsite – that has minimal impact on surrounding uses, is close to essential services, accommodation and transport.	a) Support a study to examine the demand and supply of industrial land, the feasibility and potential funding sources to establish a strategic industrial estate near Merredin.
To ensure that Merredin provides for a range of health, education and policing services and their respective development needs.	3.5.4 The Council will be receptive to any new initiative that will build on Merredin’s classification as a sub-regional centre.	a) Continue to be proactive with service providers in their site selection initiatives.
To encourage development of rural-residential land.	3.5.5 Consider new areas for rural-residential development where multiple ownership may be avoided to simplify development.	a) Designate potential rural residential areas in the south sector of the townsite. Consider rezoning proposals under the new scheme subject to the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure planning and revegetation proposals to accompany rezoning proposals. • provision of safe and effective road access • provision of essential services of water and power, a detailed land capability and suitability assessment being undertaken, and the land having a fair to very

		<p>high capability for Rural Residential development.</p> <p>b) Discourage the subdivision of viable agricultural land and/or intensification of land holdings in the rural area, with the exception of homestead lots where justified in accordance with the Commission's Policy DC3.4.</p> <p>c) Direct population settlement towards the Merredin townsite.</p>
Promote Merredin as a source of opportunities for renewable energy facilities.	3.5.6 The Council will support initiatives to develop renewable energy projects subject to their impact and viability.	a) Ensure that the Local Planning Scheme provides for renewable energy facilities without undue impact on surrounding owners and occupiers.
Recognise Hines Hill, Nangeenan, Burracoppin and Muntadgin townsites as the secondary level of settlements with the Shire.	<p>3.5.7 Maintain a variety of compatible land use and development including settlement, community and commercial services and highway and rural industry within the core areas of the Hines Hill, Nangeenan, Burracoppin and Muntadgin townsites.</p> <p>Recognise the existing freight depot in the Nangeenan townsite.</p>	a) Designate the core areas of the Hines Hill, Nangeenan, Burracoppin and Muntadgin town sites for mixed-use development by designating a Townsite zone.

3.6 Other Matters

Issue/Opportunity	Planning Direction	Actions
To promote Merredin as the sub-regional centre for regional facilities and continue to cooperate in regional matters and forums.	3.6.1 The Council is keen to assist in the search for regional sites responding to any request to establish new regional venues or facilities.	a) Cooperate in regional forums to cement Merredin as the most suitable location for regional facilities.
Promote Merredin as a centre for best practice in communications.	3.6.2 The Council will support the development of improved digital connectivity as part of its ambition to host major events and facilities requiring top-of-the-range technology.	a) Continue to participate in communication forums offering suitable sites to potential providers.
To promote Merredin as a centre for tourism.	3.6.3 The Council supports the promotion of the region’s tourism assets and the preparation of digital and hardcopy information for tourist activities, natural assets and Aboriginal cultural sites – including suggested travel routes and itineraries.	a) The preparation of free district and town maps presenting local assets and locations to promote local attractions and businesses.
To provide a variety of tourist accommodation types.	3.6.4 To keep updated with new definitions of tourist accommodation types and the planning implications of each category.	a) Update the Scheme to ensure that new definitions and permissibilities provide the Council with a degree of discretion.
To encourage and assist embryonic enterprises in Merredin.	3.6.5 Hosting of embryonic enterprises is considered a valuable long-term initiative for operators and the local government.	a) The Council is prepared to examine the potential to provide, foster and sponsor start-up businesses in Merredin.
To facilitate the repurposing of Merredin airfield.	3.6.6 To provide the Council with discretion to consider mixed-use development on the Merredin airfield site.	a) Designate the Merredin airfield site as a ‘Special use -mixed-use’ zone.

4.0 PLANNING AREAS

4.1 Rural Residential Areas

The Strategy includes eight areas marked as RR that are currently zoned for Rural Residential in the Scheme or have been identified in the previous Strategy (2007) for rural residential development. These areas may not need to be included on the Strategy Map as Planning Areas because the Scheme already requires further planning before the Council would be prepared to support subdivision in each area.

The areas are separated by their independence of design as they are not dependant on the design of any other rural residential area.

The northern portion of the existing Rural Residential zoned area (**Area H**) was designated as such due to the nature of the landform. It is considered that larger lots would be better able to cater for the rock outcrops over the area. Therefore, this area will remain as rural residential zoned land.

The western portion of land north of Abattoir Road (**Area M**) is surplus to requirements for its current rural residential zoning. Given its proximity to the Western Power and Water Corporation infrastructure, it is better designated as Future light industry/service commercial. The area will also be close to Great Eastern Highway for easy access to the regional transport network.

In summary, the eight Rural residential areas measure nearly 697 hectares and are summarised below.

TABLE 2 - RURAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS

RR	Rural Residential Area	Area (ha)
RR1	Hughes Rd East	22.4
RR2	Hughes Rd West	71.9
RR3	O'Connor Rd/pipeline/rail South East	28.2
RR4	O'Connor Rd/pipeline/rail South West	16.1
RR5	York-Merredin Rd East	127.6
RR6	York-Merredin Rd West	318.1
RR7	Goomalling-Merredin Road West	77.8
RR8	North of Abattoir Road	34.7
TOTAL		696.9

4.2 Residential Areas

There are several areas that are zoned Residential in the scheme but have no indication of how they may be subdivided and/or developed in the future. These areas have therefore been included in Planning Areas to ensure that the design is consistent with the existing development in the surrounding area, road access and other relevant servicing factors that may differ between areas. These areas are shown on the Townsite Strategy Map.

TABLE 3 - RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Planning Area	Residential Area	Area (ha)
A	Cohn Street	7.0
B	Davies Street	12.0
C	Fifth Ave	14.9
D	French Ave	0.7
E	Golf Courset	3.4
F	Jellico Street	0.5
G	Kitchener Road	5.2
H	O'Connor Street	76.2
I	Telfer Ave North	13.0
J	Telfer Ave South	6.0
K	Third Ave	7.9
L	Whitfield Way	11.6
M	North of Abattoir Road	34.7
TOTAL		193.10

Area A – Cohn Street is an area in the midst of an existing residential environment. The Council has previously had a subdivision plan prepared that yields over 80 residential lots, however land ownership and development details are yet to be finalised.

Area B – Davies Street area includes about 12 hectares of Residential and Parks and Recreation designation. There are several lots in this area that have yet to be developed due to the landform challenges for development. No plans have been prepared for this area; however ultimate designations need to be established. The existing parks and recreation area will remain due to landform constraints.

Area C – Fifth Ave is an area of nearly 15 hectares of undeveloped land south of the Third Avenue Landgate subdivision. The area appears to have a race track as an interim use as the land is already zoned Residential with an R10/30 density code. No plans have been prepared for this area.

Area D – French Ave is a small triangle of land located between Hobbs and Hart Streets and remains undeveloped. The land is designated as Parks and Recreation in the Scheme. The Council has previously had a subdivision plan prepared that yields 10 residential lots and about 900m² public open space, however land ownership and development details are yet to be finalised. The Council intends to rationalise the number of recreation and public open space areas to limit overall maintenance requirements. However the area is to remain for recreational use until suitable alternatives are identified and tenure arrangements reflect intended uses.

Area E – Golf Course is an area on the north west corner of the golf course land (corner of Bates and Golf Road). The total area is about area 3.4 hectares that is already zoned Residential with a R10/50 density in the Scheme. The Council has previously had a subdivision plan prepared that yields 24 residential lots in a first stage development that already provides road frontage on Golf and Bates Roads. The second stage requires roads and other services but has the potential to yield another 26 lots without impacting the existing infrastructure.

Area F – Jellico Street is a triangular piece of land that measures only about 0.5 hectares and remains undeveloped and underused between Cunningham Street and French Avenue.

The land is designated as Parks and Recreation in the Scheme. The Council is keen to establish fewer, but better, recreation/POS areas to limit overall maintenance requirements. However, the area is to remain for recreational use until suitable alternatives are identified and tenure arrangements reflect intended uses.

Area G – Kitchener Road is an area of about 5.2 hectares that contains the existing swimming pool and childcare facility. The street block has previously been considered as underutilised. The whole street block bounded by Throssell Road, Woolgar Ave, Pool Street and Kitchener Road is already zoned Residential with a R10/30 density in the Scheme.

As a result, the Council has previously had a subdivision plan prepared that yields 62 residential lots whilst retaining the pool and childcare areas of more than a hectare. Land ownership and development details are yet to be finalised.

Area H – O’Connor Road is a large area of 110.9 hectares that includes an area that is currently zoned for Rural residential in the Scheme. No plans have been prepared for this area.

Area I – Telfer Ave North is an area 13 hectares that is already zoned Residential with a R10/30 density in the Scheme. No plans have been prepared for this area.

Area J – Telfer Ave South is an area of about 6 hectares bounded by McDonald, Golf and Telfer Streets. The area is already zoned Residential with a R10/30 density in the Scheme. The Council has previously had a subdivision plan prepared that yields 71 residential lots, however land ownership and development details are yet to be finalised.

Area K – Third Ave is an area of nearly 8 hectares that was created by Landgate (or its predecessor). The area has been subdivided and several houses have been built, however, it appears that there were no internal roads or other services provided when the subdivision occurred. This has the potential to create pressures for the servicing agencies (including Council) to provide some services where rates are being paid.

The area needs some resolution between the servicing agencies and Landgate to ensure that more lots are not released until the necessary services can be provided.

Area L – Whitfield Way is an area that is currently zoned Special residential with an R2 density code in the Scheme. The area has mostly been subdivided into 5,000m² lots, but a lot on the north east corner (11.5 ha) remains unsubdivided.

In the future the Regulations will not provide for a Special Residential zone. In its place will be a Residential zone with an R2 density code. This will mean that the special provisions in the Scheme will be unnecessary as the R-Codes (Residential Design Codes) will control development requirements.

4.3 Light and General Industry

Merredin is experiencing an increased demand for industrial land. The town's central location in the Wheatbelt and its transport and access benefits have seen a take-up of available industrial properties.

To ensure an adequate supply of industrial lots, the Council has identified four locations that it considers suitable for additional industrial activities. Three of these four areas are designated as 'Future Industrial Areas' in this Strategy. The fourth area is shown as 'Industrial Investigation Area'.

The first area (Area M) is located North of Abattoir Road (Lots 12 and 13) Abattoir Road has an area of 34.7 hectares that is considered surplus to requirements for its current rural residential zoning and better suited to future light industrial/commercial uses, given its proximity to the Western Power and Water Corporation infrastructure. The area will also be close to Great Eastern Highway for easy access to the regional transport network. This area is identified in the current 2007 Strategy and is to be continued within this Strategy.

Figure 2 shows to extent of this Planning Area.

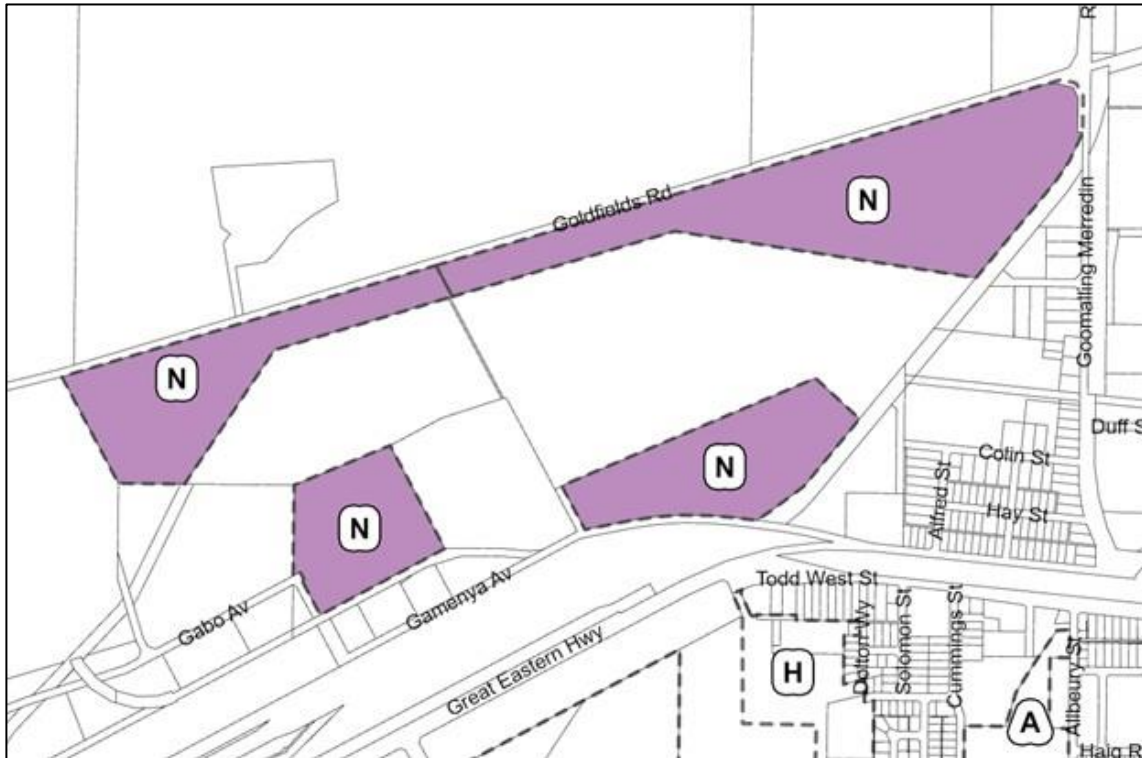
FIGURE 2 - LOTS 12 AND 13 ABATTOIR ROAD



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

The **second area (area N)** is in the western part of the townsite including Lots 503 and 601 and Lots 504 and 602 located between Goldfields Road and Gamenya Avenue. **Figure 3** shows the proposed areas.

FIGURE 3 - LOTS 601, 503 GOLDFIELDS ROAD and 602, 504 GAMENYA AVE



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

Part of the site is affected by the 500-metre buffer from the town's sewerage treatment works. The land is currently used for agricultural purposes and abuts an area used for agricultural research

The northern lots (Lots 503 and 601) are 17.6 ha and 34.4 ha and surrounded by uses that are unlikely to be affected by any industrial activities. To the north is farming land, to the east are industrial uses including the drainage ponds, to the west is the sewerage settlement ponds and other industrial land. The southern lots (Lots 504 and 602) are 10.5 ha and nearly 15 hectares and have similar surrounding activities. The land between the north and south areas has been planted with vegetation to reduce the water table in the town to prevent higher salinity levels that have previously affected the town. This project is not affected by this part of the proposed new industrial area.

The **third area (area O)** shown in **Figure 4** includes land to the east of the of the main light industrial area in Merredin. The land is north of Adamson Road and south of a large recreation reserve. This area measures about 86 hectares with Lot 82 currently cleared of vegetation with a dwelling and sheds near Lot 81 that has recently been rezoned for Light industry.

The whole area slopes from east down to the west with a difference of about 30 metres in 1.8 kilometres from east to west. This constitutes a slope of around 1 vertical metre in 60 horizontal metres.

The southern part of this land is proposed to be zoned 'Light industry' as it is closer to potential sensitive uses south of the highway (zoned 'Rural residential').

FIGURE 4 - LOT 82 ADAMSON ROAD, MERREDIN



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

Due to the absence of sensitive uses in the northern part of these properties, it is proposed that the area may be better suited for General industry that allows a broader range of industries, including light industries.

Although these proposed industrial areas may provide a supply for the demand for industrial land in the immediate future, it is acknowledged that the Strategy should note that a strategic industrial area, probably near but outside the Merredin townsite, should be further examined.

The fourth site, marked an 'Industrial Investigation Area', is located on the north side of Goldfields Road outside the townsite. This is a longer term designation that requires further in-depth analysis to ensure its suitability in terms of impact, prevailing winds, soil types,, access and services.

4.4 Strategic Industrial Estate

The Shire is generally experiencing an increase in demand for industrial land. The zoned land in the Scheme within the Merredin townsite and those areas designated in the Strategy, are being taken up by enterprises requiring a centralised location to service the growing demands of the Wheatbelt's regional activities.

The Merredin Council is currently seeking expressions of interest to conduct a study to establish the viability of creating a new strategic industrial area that will satisfy these perceived demands. This study will include an assessment of supply and demand for such industrial uses in the region, options for suitable locations, grant availabilities, and an implementation program and timetable.

The new estate will ensure that the larger scale industries that are area-hungry do not occupy land within the townsite at the expense of the smaller industries that would otherwise be located in the town.

The Council is also keen to host a new strategic industrial area to reduce the risk of larger significant industries locating elsewhere in the region because of the shortage of their specific requirements.

The Council envisages that a new strategic industrial estate will provide land central to the wheatbelt for larger regional activities that may otherwise be lost to the Perth region. The new estate may provide extensive areas for activities that may better deal with potential impacts, or lack of space.

It is anticipated that the benefits of the increased workforce in the region will gravitate to Merredin bringing the collateral advantages of families and building the community.

The domino effect of increased local expenditure will not only profit local operations but achieve certain tipping points to justify a range of more specialised human services to benefit the growing community.

5.0 STRATEGY MAPS

The two following Strategy Maps (townsite and district) identify new planning directions in terms of land use designation. A key element of the Strategy Maps is the designation of most land within the townsite boundary for land use other than rural in acknowledgement of the community's aspirations for townsite growth and allowance for alternative lifestyle and business opportunities.

Some of the recommended land use planning designations are those proposed to be entered into the Scheme's Omnibus Amendment for the Shire of Merredin. They reflect appropriate changes to the zoning and reservation regime of the Scheme based on the following general planning principles:

- change to acknowledge appropriate continuation of existing land use, ie light industry for the aircraft hangar site
- change to acknowledge current and future management of land, ie conservation for land under the management of government agencies.
- change to allow for more appropriate land use and development on land as discussed in the Strategy, i.e., highway service for existing tourist zones
- change to allow for new land use and development as discussed in the Strategy, ie rural residential areas.

The recommended changes are also based on there being no identified significant physical or legal constraints and where appropriate service availability.

Potential land use designations are those that may be considered for the land use at a future point in time via the town planning scheme amendment process but subject to justification and consideration of (but not limited to) the following:

- demand and supply the land use
- landowner negotiation
- town planning or other investigation
- service / infrastructure availability
- structure planning.

Specific requirements are identified for each area with a potential land use designation.

The Strategy Maps are provided for the townsite and the Shire of Merredin as a whole. The focus of the Strategic Plan is predominantly on the Merredin townsite. It is anticipated that any minor land use designation changes for the smaller townsites will be dealt with under the preparation of the new Scheme.


Legend

-  Townsite Boundary
-  Future urban
-  Future urban intensification
-  Future rural residential
-  Activity centre - Specialised
-  Activity centre - District
-  Activity centre - Local
-  Existing urban footprint
-  Future industrial
-  Existing industrial
-  Future light ind/ service comm
-  Future tourism
-  Rural
-  Regional parks and recreation
-  Existing environ conservation
-  Public purposes
-  Civic and cultural
-  Railway
-  Special use
-  Industrial Investigation Area
-  Special Control Area

**FIGURE 5 - DISTRICT
STRATEGY MAP**

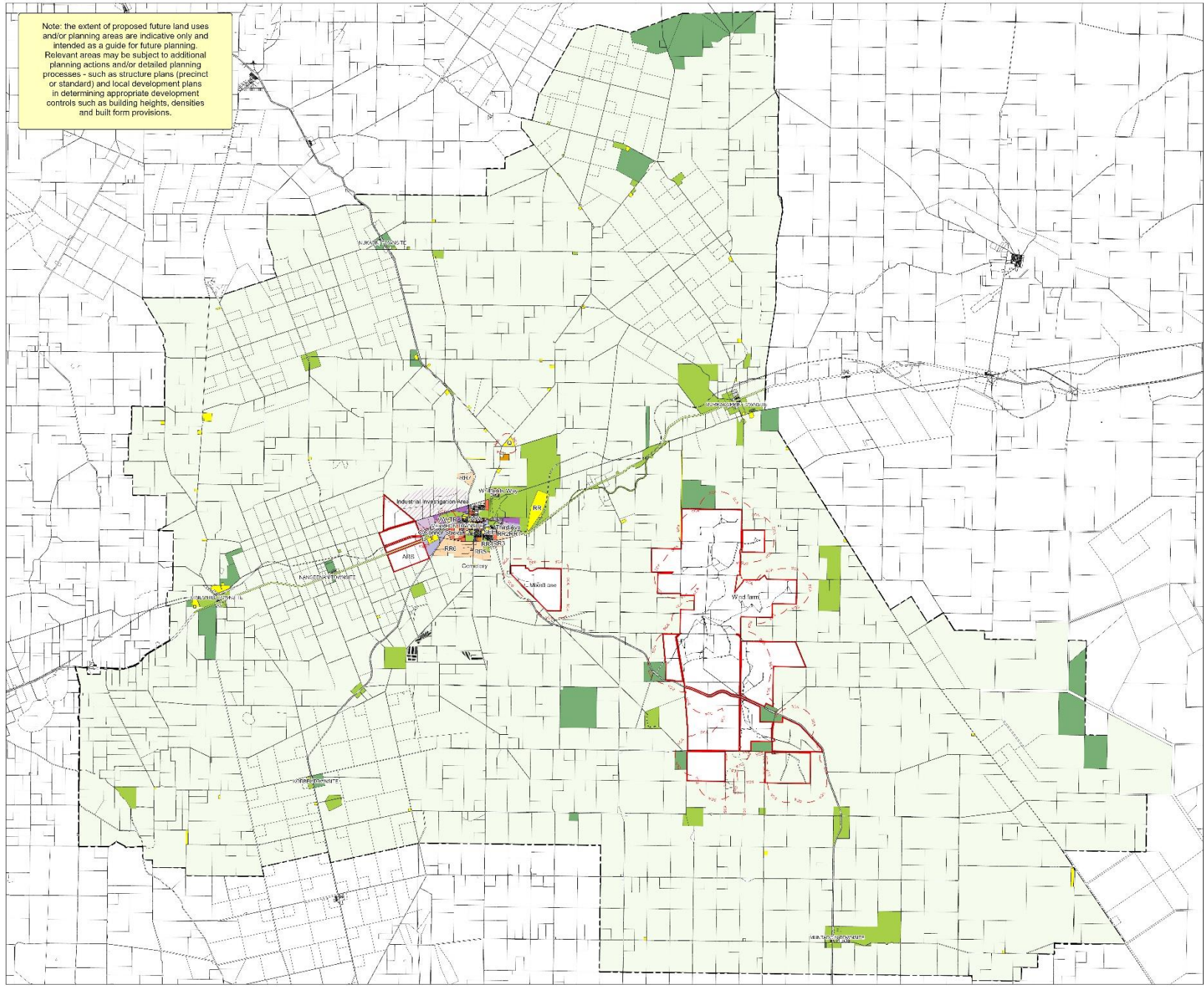
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Projection: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50

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Note: the extent of proposed future land uses and/or planning areas are indicative only and intended as a guide for future planning. Relevant areas may be subject to additional planning actions and/or detailed planning processes - such as structure plans (precinct or standard) and local development plans in determining appropriate development controls such as building heights, densities and built form provisions.



**LOCAL PLANNING
STRATEGY 2024
TOWNSITE MAP**

Legend

-  Shire of Merredin
-  Townsite Boundary
-  Future urban
-  Future urban intensification
-  Future rural residential
-  Activity centre - Specialised
-  Activity centre - District
-  Activity centre - Local
-  Existing urban footprint
-  Future industrial
-  Existing industrial
-  Future light ind/ service comm
-  Future tourism
-  Rural
-  Regional parks and recreation
-  Public purposes
-  Civic and cultural
-  Railway
-  Special use
-  Industrial Investigation Area
-  Planning Area Boundary
-  Special Control Area
-  Main Drain
-  Other regional road
-  Primary regional road
-  Railway

**FIGURE 6 - TOWNSITE
STRATEGY MAP**

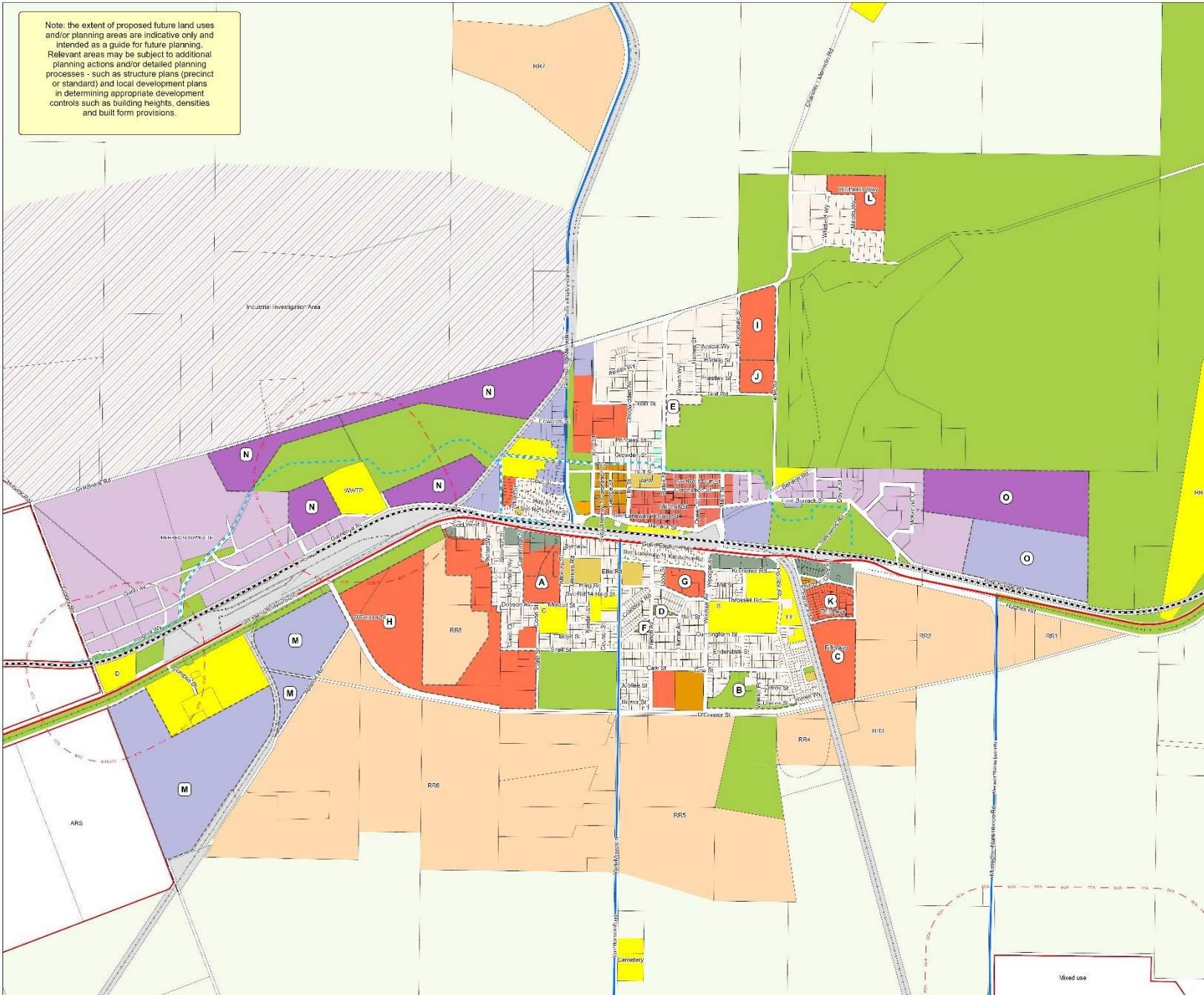
- (A)** Index to Planning areas
- A Cohn Street
 - B Davies Street
 - C Fifth Ave
 - D French Ave
 - E Golf Course
 - F Jellico Street
 - G Kitchener Road
 - H O'Connor Street
 - I Telfer Ave North
 - J Telfer Ave South
 - K Third Ave
 - L Whitfield Way
 - M Abattoir Rd Industrial
 - N NW Merredin Industrial
 - O Adamson Rd Industrial

Source: Landgate (Cadastre)
Projection: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50

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6.0 PLANNING AREA MAPS

The following maps include preliminary designs for the residential Planning Areas as outlined in Part 4.2. These provide an indicative potential for residential lots and development.

FIGURE 7 - PLANNING AREA A - COHN STREET

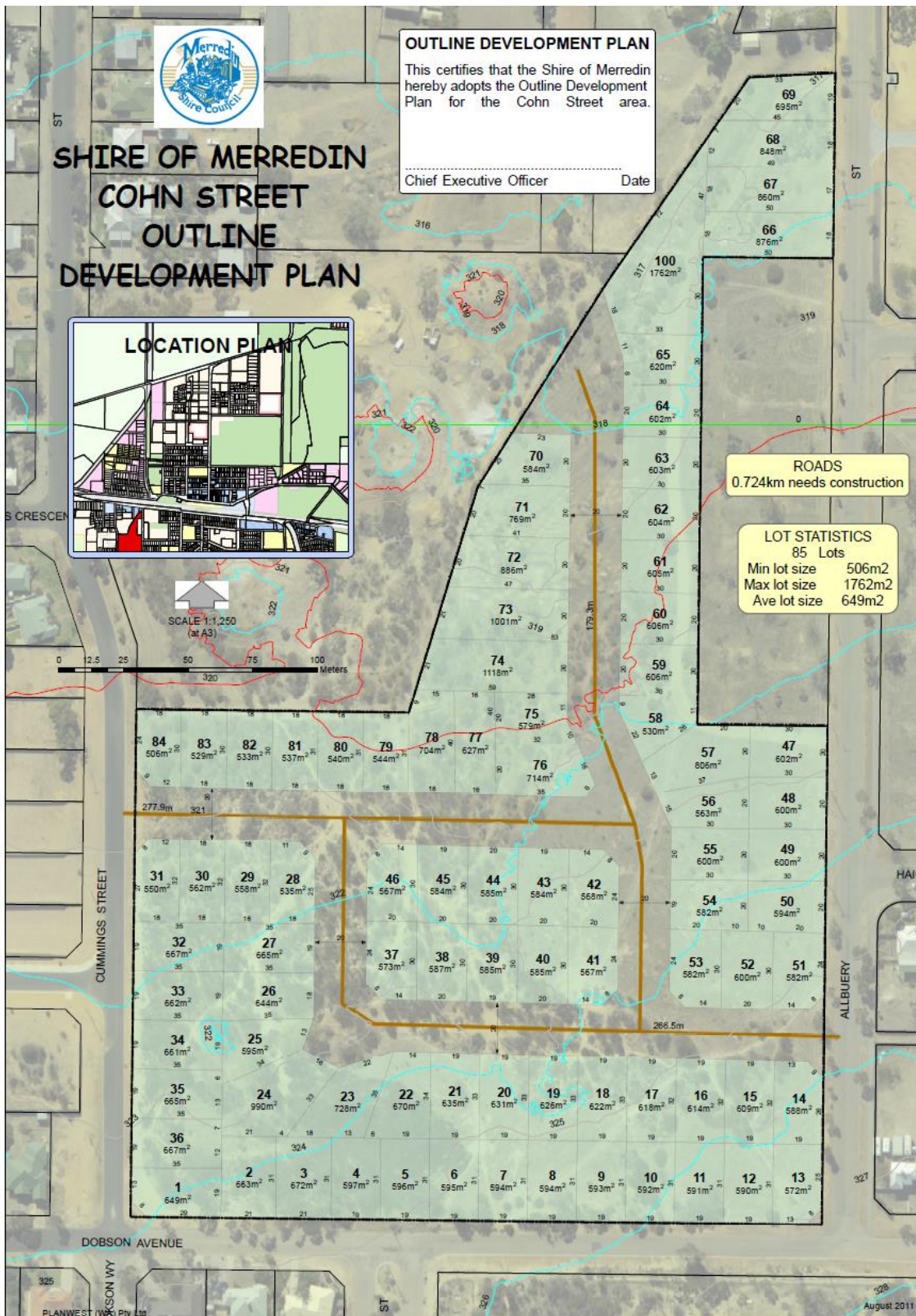


FIGURE 8 - PLANNING AREA D - FRENCH AVE

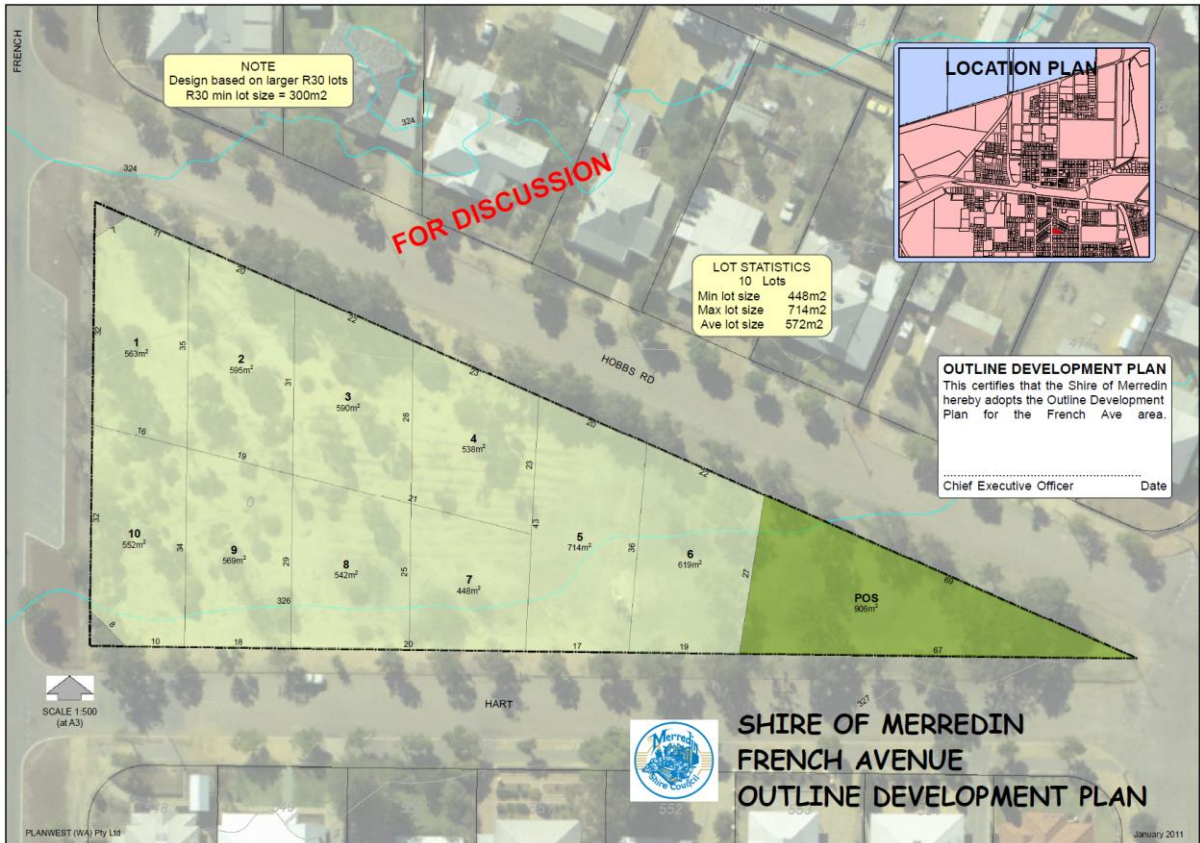


FIGURE 9 - PLANNING AREA E - GOLF COURSE



FIGURE 10 - PLANNING AREA G - KITCHENER ROAD



FIGURE 11 - PLANNING AREA J - TELFER AVE SOUTH



7.0 IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING AND REVIEW

7.1 Implementation Monitoring and Review

The dynamic nature of planning and development in the Shire of Merredin requires that the Strategy be subject to monitoring and review. The information gaps and further research needs identified in the Strategy should be pursued. Further, the Strategy will need to be reviewed in the light of changes to State Government policy, local priorities and visions.

Further monitoring and review will also focus on the success or otherwise of achieving the aims of the Strategy and how well they have facilitated orderly and proper planning in the Shire of Merredin.

It is recommended that the Strategy be reviewed every 10-15 years to coincide with the Shire of Merredin's local planning scheme review.

In order to implement the Strategy, the following procedures are put forward concurrent with the processing of the Omnibus Amendment to the Scheme:

1. Forward the Strategy to the Western Australian Planning Commission for certification in accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.
2. Endorse the Strategy for a 6 weeks public comment period to allow the community, industry groups and governmental agencies to make comment.
3. In light of comments received review the Strategy and modify accordingly.
4. Adopt the Strategy as the principle strategic planning instrument to guide landuse and development.
5. Submit a copy of the Strategy to the Western Australian Planning Commission for its endorsement.
6. Incorporate selected landuses, zoning, reservation and other provisions identified in the Strategy into the revised Shire of Merredin local-planning scheme.
7. Carry out required investigations or preparation of plans on a needs basis prior to development and subdivision.
8. Review the Strategy on a needs basis, or every 10-15 years.

The above procedures should ensure that the Strategy remains relevant to the Shire, the community, and business interests, and facilitates orderly and proper planning.

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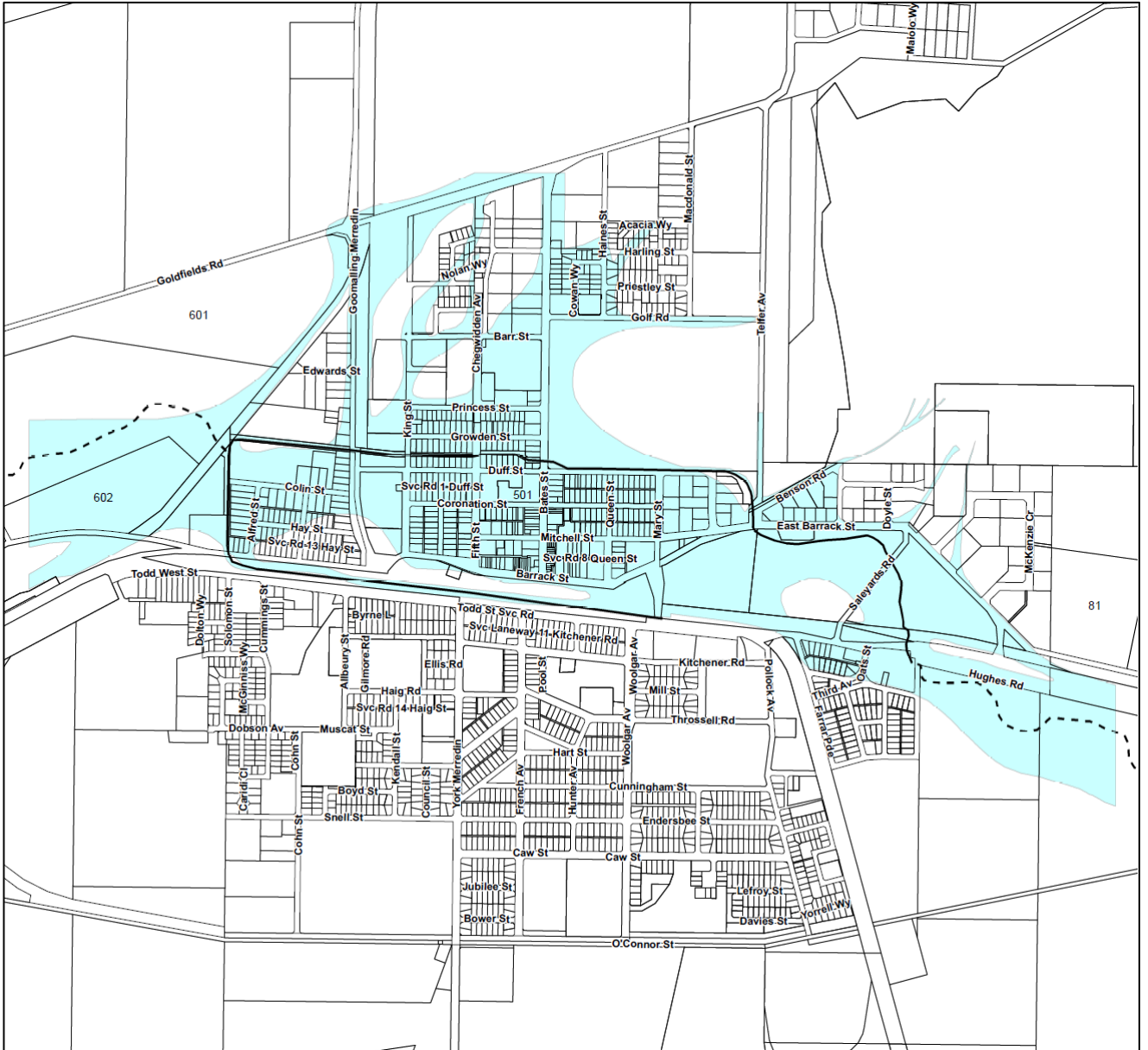
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FIGURE 12 - 1979 FLOODING EXTENT

Areas Susceptible To Flooding Extent of February 1979 Floods



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APPENDIX 1 Areas Susceptible to Flooding Extent of February 1979 Floods

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Part 2 is to provide the rationale and evidence base for Part 1. It provides the relevant background information and analysis which supports the planning directions and actions outlined within Part 1 of the local planning strategy. This part provides a summary of the relevant State, regional and local planning contexts and their implications for the local planning strategy.

A local government profile is also included that provides a presentation and analysis of information relating to the demographic profile of the Shire and the key planning issues and opportunities influencing future development and land use of the Shire.

2.0 STATE AND REGIONAL PLANNING CONTEXT

The Shire of Merredin Local Planning Strategy (Strategy) was endorsed by the WA Planning Commission on the 27 December 2007. The purpose of a Strategy is to set out the long-term planning direction for the municipality, apply State and regional planning policies and provide a rationale for zoning and other provisions of the statutory Local Planning Scheme.

It is intended that a strategy will establish the future direction of growth and development of the municipality for a period of 10 to 15 years and be a dynamic tool providing not only the rationale but the framework for decision making at both the local and State Government level. A strategy provides the relevant background and guidance for decision-making in relation to subdivision, development and zoning matters under the Local Planning Scheme.

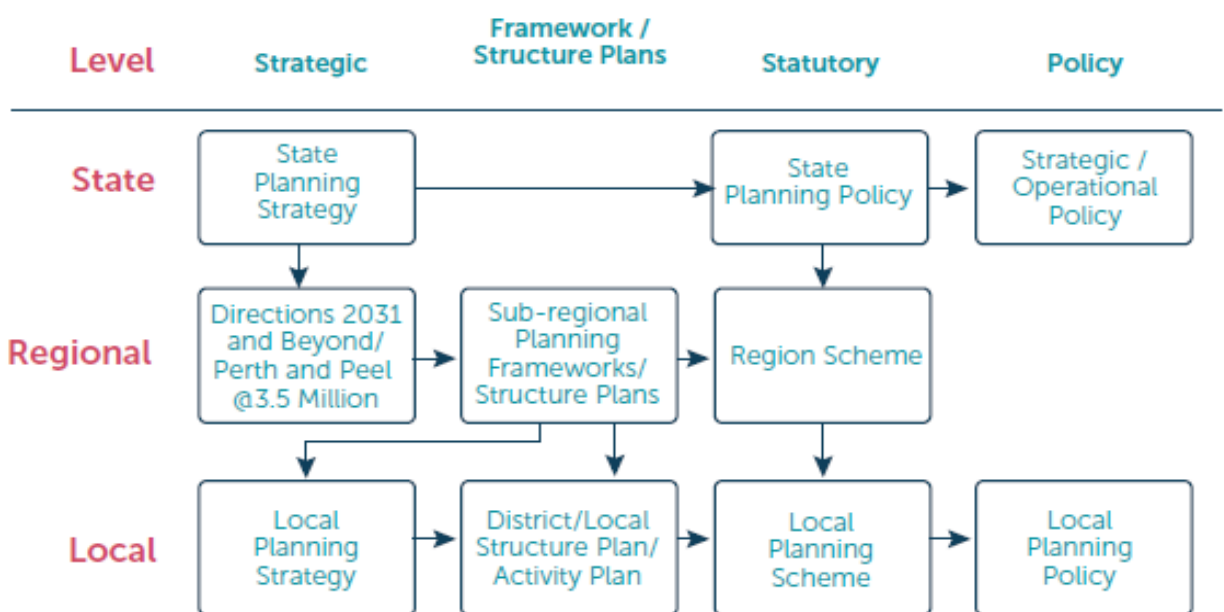
To facilitate this role, a strategy includes a description of the key characteristics of the municipality, its regional context and the major planning issues affecting it. It sets out opportunities and constraints for land use and development; identifies the aims of the municipality providing an explanation of the strategic land use direction of the Council; provides strategic policy statements in relation to key issues; and details policy proposals for particular areas or specific issues and includes an outline of how the strategy will be implemented.

Merredin is a regional hub servicing the needs of surrounding communities and is strategically located along main transport arteries such as the Great Eastern Highway as well as the main railway line linking Perth and the Eastern States.

An important role of the Strategy is interpreting State and regional planning policy within the local government context and relating those specific State and regional plans and/or policies which are relevant to the municipal area to which the Strategy applies.

The relationship of this Strategy to the State and regional context is shown in the diagram below.

FIGURE 1 - STRATEGY IN CONTEXT



Source: DPLH

The Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 has been amended on several occasions to ensure that it is a contemporary document that meets the needs of the local community. The Shire of Merredin has prepared an update on several components of the Strategy which will allow for the future strategic growth of the Merredin townsite for another 10-15 years. The Strategy will also designate land considered suitable to satisfy the current and future need for industrial development.

2.1 State Planning Strategy 2050

The State Planning Strategy provides the strategic context and basis for the coordination and integration of land use planning and development across Western Australia, regional and local levels. It contemplates a future in which high standards of living, improved public health and an excellent quality of life are enjoyed by present and future generations of Western Australians.

The State Planning Strategy proposes that diversity, liveability, connectedness and collaboration must be central to achieving the vision of sustained growth and prosperity, and establishes principles, strategic goals and directions to ensure the development of the State progresses towards this vision.

Strategies applicable to the Wheatbelt Region, and therefore the Shire of Merredin, under the state-wide principles are as follows.

1. Economic development, including the resources economy, education, training and knowledge transfer, tourism, agriculture and food, remote settlements, land availability.
2. Physical infrastructure, including movement of people, resources and information, water, energy, waste, telecommunications.,
3. Social infrastructure including spaces and places, affordable living, health and wellbeing.
4. Environment.
5. Security.

In summary, the Wheatbelt Region, as identified under the State Planning Strategy, contains a range of general principles and strategies providing a context within which the Strategy for the Shire of Merredin must relate.

The State Planning Framework brings together State and Regional Policy Strategies and Guidelines within a central framework providing a context for decision making in relation to land use and development across the State.

No strategies, plans or policies are identified within the State Planning Framework which specifically apply to the Shire of Merredin, however, there are a number of State Planning Policies and other Commission policies which may apply across the State, and which are relevant to the Shire. The Wheatbelt Planning Strategy was prepared in 2015, however this Strategy is yet to be finalised.

2.2 State Planning Policies

The following Table provides a summary of State Planning Policies.

TABLE 1 - STATE PLANNING POLICIES

State Planning Policy (SPP)	Policy Overview	Strategy Implications and Responses
<p>SPP 1.0</p> <p>State Planning Framework</p> <p>(Nov 2017)</p>	<p>SPP 1.0 restates and expands on the key principles of the State Planning Strategy in planning for sustainable land use and development. It brings together existing State and regional policies, strategies and guidelines within a central State Planning Framework, which provides a context for decision-making on land use and development in Western Australia.</p> <p>The Framework informs the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), local government and others involved in the planning process on State level planning policy which is to be taken into consideration, and given effect to, in order to ensure integrated decision-making across all spheres of planning.</p> <p>The framework identifies relevant policies and strategies used by the WAPC in making decisions and may be amended from time to time. The framework is the overarching SPP.</p> <p>Additional SPPs set out the WAPC's policy position in relation to aspects of the State Planning Strategy principles.</p>	<p>Noted – the local planning strategy has given due regard to the principles and objectives of SPP 1.0.</p>
<p>SPP 2.0</p> <p>Environment and Natural Resources</p> <p>(Jun 2003)</p>	<p>SPP 2.0 is a broad sector policy and provides guidance for the protection, management, conservation and enhancement of the natural environment. The policy promotes responsible planning by integrating environmental and natural resource management with broader land use planning and decision-making.</p> <p>SPP 2.0 outlines general measures for matters such as water, air quality, soil and land quality, biodiversity, agricultural land and rangelands, basic</p>	<p>SPP 2.0 will influence land use planning within proximity to waterways and other areas of key environmental value.</p> <p>The Strategy incorporates protection over the key environmental areas within the Merredin and Burracoppin townsites, as well as, broadly throughout the Shire.</p>

	raw materials, marine resources, landscapes and energy efficiency. These general measures should be considered in conjunction with environmentally-based, issue-specific state planning policies which supplement SPP 2.0.	However, the Strategy also acknowledges that in some circumstances, a balance will be required to facilitate development and growth.
SPP 2.4 Basic Raw Materials (Jul 2021)	<p>SPP 2.4 recognises basic raw materials as a finite resource and promotes the importance of its extraction in support of regional development and agriculture within Western Australia. Its primary purpose is to facilitate the responsible extraction of basic raw materials while ensuring that any extraction minimises and mitigates detrimental impacts on the community and environment.</p> <p>SPP 2.4 supports land use conflict being addressed as early as possible in the planning process. Principal considerations for decision-makers include considering the suitability or otherwise of basic raw material extraction on planning and environmental grounds; ensuring broad compatibility between land uses and avoiding development of sensitive land uses within separation distances.</p>	<p>This policy will particularly influence land use planning for areas within the Shire as there are a number of extractive industries within the Shire.</p> <p>The planning framework will need to demonstrate a balance between landowners, existing stone extraction and potential future development.</p>
SPP 2.5 Rural Planning (Dec 2016)	<p>SPP 2.5 applies to rural land and land uses as well as land that may be impacted by rural land uses. SPP 2.5 seeks to protect and preserve Western Australia's rural land assets due to the importance of their economic, natural resource, food production, environmental and landscape values. SPP 2.5 includes policy measures aimed at protecting rural land while encouraging a diversity of compatible rural land uses.⁷⁸</p>	<p>This policy will need to be given due regard in developing the Shire's planning framework to manage land uses and development of the Shire's rural land. The framework will need to balance traditional rural land uses with creating opportunities for diversification of agricultural and other activities such as tourism.</p> <p>A basic principle of SPP 2.5 is the designation of rural land as either Priority Agriculture or General Agriculture. Designation of land as Priority Agriculture places a clear emphasis on the primacy of agriculture in</p>

		<p>those areas above other proposed uses.</p> <p>While the General Agricultural area is still an area of agricultural and rural use, there may be increased flexibility for other uses.</p> <p>In order to promote growth and potential in-fill of existing Rural Residential zoned areas, the Strategy seeks to clarify the position of the Shire in considering the circumstances where it would support in-fill subdivision.</p> <p>In addition, SPP 2.5 sets out the guiding objectives for DCP 3.4 which provides for the creation of homestead lots. It is the Shire's position that this opportunity should be extended to rural properties within the Shire and this is reflected in the Strategy.</p> <p>Similarly, whilst SPP 2.5 and DCP 3.4 outline a general presumption against the subdivision of rural land, the Shire considers there is merit to low-density rural strata development with shared facilities.</p> <p>Refer to Part 2, section 2.4 Operational Policies (DCP 3.4) and section 3.4 Local Planning Policies for further information regarding the proposed variation.</p>
<p>SPP 2.7</p> <p>Public Drinking Water Source</p> <p>(Jun 2003)</p>	<p>The purpose of SPP 2.7 is to inform decision makers of those aspects of state planning policy concerning the protection of Public Drinking Water Supply Areas throughout the state.</p> <p>It is intended that this be implemented through the preparation of strategic</p>	<p>This policy will influence land use and development within the Shire, particularly given the presence of protected groundwater areas P1, P2 and P3.</p>

	plans, regional and local planning schemes, conservation and management strategies, and other relevant plans or guidelines, as well as through decision-making on subdivision and development applications.	Consultation with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation will be required for a number of proposals in these areas to ensure adequate protection of water sources.
Draft SPP 2.9 Planning for Water (Aug 2021)	<p>SPP 2.9 provides guidance in the planning, protection and management of surface and groundwater catchments, including consideration of availability of water and waterways management, wetlands, waterways, and estuaries and their buffers, and implementation of total water cycle management principles in the land use planning system.</p> <p>The policy recognises that planning should contribute to the protection and management of water resources through implementation of policy measures that identify significant water resources, prevent the degradation of water quality and wetland vegetation, promote restoration and environmental repair and avoid incompatible land uses.</p>	Land use and development proposals will be influenced by this policy and demonstrated throughout the planning framework to ensure appropriate ongoing protection and management of the Shire's water sources.
SPP 3.0 Urban Growth and Settlement (May 2006)	<p>SPP 3.0 is a broad sector policy that sets out the principles and considerations which apply to planning for urban growth and settlement in Western Australia. The purpose of the policy is to facilitate sustainable patterns of urban growth and settlement by setting out the requirements of sustainable settlements and communities and the broad policy for accommodating growth and change.</p> <p>SPP 3.0 outlines general measures to create sustainable communities, plan liveable neighbourhoods, coordinate services and infrastructure, manage rural-residential growth and plan for Aboriginal communities. These general measures should be considered in conjunction with issue-specific urban growth and settlement state planning polices which supplement SPP 3.0.</p>	<p>This policy reinforces the need to focus urban growth in areas where feasible to make optimal use of existing infrastructure and services.</p> <p>As the provision of essential services is limited in the Shire, creative solutions and options will need to be encouraged throughout the planning framework to ensure sustainable development and to facilitate continued growth of the Shire.</p> <p>The policy promotes urban consolidation, an efficient use of land and it recognises the important role of rural residential development in providing lifestyle choice and the potential to revitalise</p>

		rural communities. There is also a need for rural residential development to be appropriately located and appropriately managed.
<p>SPP 3.4</p> <p>Natural Hazards and Disasters</p> <p>(Apr 2006)</p>	<p>SPP 3.4 encourages local governments to adopt a systemic approach to the consideration of natural hazards and disasters. The objectives of this policy are to include planning for natural disasters as a fundamental element in the preparation of planning documents, and through these planning documents, minimise the adverse impacts of natural disasters on communities, the economy and the environment.</p> <p>SPP 3.4 sets out considerations for decision makers in relation to hazards including flood, bushfire, landslides, earthquakes, cyclones and storm surges. Consideration of these hazards should be undertaken in conjunction with issue-specific state planning policies which supplement SPP 3.4.</p>	<p>This policy is applicable, particularly in the context of bushfire risk throughout the Shire.</p> <p>The framework will need to consider the impact of bushfire and other hazards in the context of a rural environment whilst balancing the environmental values.</p>
<p>SPP 3.5</p> <p>Historic Heritage Conservation</p> <p>(May 2007)</p>	<p>SPP 3.5 sets out the principles of sound and responsible planning for the conservation and protection of Western Australia's historic heritage. The policy seeks to conserve places and areas of historic heritage significance and to ensure development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places and areas.</p> <p>SPP 3.5 primarily relates to historic cultural heritage noting that Aboriginal heritage and natural heritage are protected by other legislative instruments. Historic cultural heritage includes heritage areas, buildings and structures, historic cemeteries and gardens, manmade landscapes and historic or archaeological sites with or without built features.</p> <p>The policy contains development control principles and considerations for decision-makers for proposed development within a heritage place and/or heritage area. The policy also states that care should be taken by</p>	<p>There are a number of significant heritage places within the Shire that contribute to the profiles of each community.</p> <p>The planning framework will need to reflect this policy by providing further guidance for development assessment and control of places with significant heritage values in the Shire, to support their conservation for future generations.</p> <p>This will be highly relevant in the review of the Shire's Heritage List and review of relevant development provisions.</p>

	<p>decision-makers to minimise the extent to which land use zoning and other planning controls conflict with, or undermine, heritage conservation objectives.</p>	
<p>Draft SPP 3.6 Infrastructure Contributions (Apr 2021)</p>	<p>Draft SPP 3.6 sets out the principles and requirements that apply to both development and community infrastructure in new and established areas. Its primary purpose is to promote the efficient and effective provision of public infrastructure to meet the demands arising from population growth and development. The policy is intended to apply across all development settings, including urban, industrial and greenfield growth areas and regional towns.</p> <p>Implementation of this policy is primarily through local planning schemes, improvement schemes or structure plans as well as subdivision and development proposals. In determining the suitability for infrastructure contributions, decision-makers are required to consider six underlying principles, including need / nexus, transparency, equity, certainty, consistency, and accountability.</p> <p>SPP 3.6 is supplemented by the Infrastructure Contribution Implementation Guidelines (the Guidelines) that provide additional information regarding the preparation and operation of development contribution plans (DCPs) in areas where coordinated development of infrastructure and cost-sharing is required.</p> <p>The Guidelines recognise that the DCP must have a strategic basis and be linked to the local planning strategy and strategic infrastructure plan and program which identify the infrastructure and facilities required over the life of the DCP (generally up to 10 years for new greenfield development, or longer for the delivery of citywide Community Infrastructure),</p>	<p>The Shire has not previously identified Development Contribution Areas within the Scheme area.</p> <p>Development Contribution Areas and Plans may need to be a consideration for future areas of potential growth, to facilitate the appropriate upgrade of shared infrastructure such as roads and reticulated sewer.</p>

	and the cost and revenue sources for the provision of the infrastructure.	
<p>SPP 3.7</p> <p>Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas</p> <p>(Dec 2015)</p>	<p>SPP 3.7 provides a framework in which to implement effective, risk-based land use planning and development outcomes to preserve life and reduce the impact of bushfire on property and infrastructure. The policy emphasises the need to identify and consider bushfire risks in decision-making at all stages of the planning and development process whilst achieving an appropriate balance between bushfire risk management measures, biodiversity conservation and environmental protection.</p> <p>The policy applies to all land which has been designated as bushfire prone by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner as well as areas that may not have yet been designated as bushfire prone but are proposed to be developed in a way that introduces a bushfire hazard.</p> <p>SPP 3.7 should be read in conjunction with the Deemed Provisions for local planning schemes contained in the P&D (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (Schedule 2), Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire in Prone Areas and Australian Standard 3959: Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas.</p>	<p>This policy has a significant impact on land use and development proposals within the Shire given the prolific presence of bushland and associated bushfire prone areas.</p> <p>The planning framework will need to demonstrate a balance between planning for bushfire risk and facilitating development within the Shire.</p>
<p>SPP 4.1</p> <p>Industrial Interface</p> <p>(Jul 2022)</p>	<p>Draft SPP 4.1 guides planning decisions with the aim of protecting the long-term future operation of industry and infrastructure facilities, by avoiding encroachment from sensitive land uses and potential land use conflicts. The policy encourages the use of statutory buffers; facilitating industrial land uses with offsite impacts within specific zones and compatible interface between strategic/general industry zones and sensitive zones.</p> <p>Draft SPP 4.1 supports land use conflict being addressed as early as possible in the planning process. It is also expected</p>	<p>Expansion areas are identified west and east of the Merredin townsite which will further consider the policy at future planning stages.</p>

	<p>that land use conflict will be subsequently considered at each stage of the planning framework, increasing in detail at each level.</p> <p>The policy recognises the overlap of various environmental, health and safety regulations and guidelines and outlines considerations for decision-makers in this regard.</p>	
<p>SPP 5.2 Telecommunications Infrastructure (Sep 2015)</p>	<p>SPP 5.2 recognises telecommunications infrastructure as an essential service and aims to balance the need for this infrastructure and the community interest in protecting the visual character of local areas. The policy aims to provide clear guidance pertaining to the siting, location and design of telecommunications infrastructure and sets out specific exemptions for where the policy requirements do not apply.</p> <p>Decision-makers should ensure that telecommunications infrastructure services are located where it will facilitate continuous network coverage and/or improved telecommunications services to the community whilst not comprising environmental, cultural heritage, social and visual landscape values.</p>	<p>This policy will inform the future consideration of infrastructure proposals.</p> <p>Telecommunications infrastructure as a specific land use will be provided in the Zoning Table.</p>
<p>SPP 5.4 Road and Rail Noise (Sep 2019)</p>	<p>SPP 5.4 provides guidance for the performance-based approach for managing and mitigating transport noise associated with road and rail operations.</p> <p>This policy applies where noise sensitive land uses are located within a specified distance of a transport corridor, new or major road or rail upgrades are proposed, or where works propose an increase in rail capacity resulting in increased noise. The policy also sets out specific exemptions for where the policy requirements do not apply.</p> <p>SPP 5.4 supports noise impacts being addressed as early as possible in the planning process for the purpose of</p>	<p>Development adjacent or in close proximity to the rail network and major traffic routes will need to be appropriately sited and designed to minimise noise impacts.</p> <p>Consultation with, and direction from, the Public Transport Authority and/or relevant provider (i.e. Arc Infrastructure) will need to be considered for development proposals in close proximity to the rail corridor(s).</p>

	<p>avoiding land use conflict and achieving better land use planning outcomes. Considerations for decision-makers include ensuring that the community is protected from unreasonable levels of transport noise, whilst also ensuring the future operations of transport corridors.</p> <p>SPP 5.2 is supplemented by the Road and Rail Noise Guidelines.</p>	
<p>SPP 7.0 Design of the Built Environment (May 2019)</p>	<p>SPP 7.0 is a broad sector policy relevant to all local governments. The policy sets out the objectives, measures, principles and processes which apply to the design and assessment of built environment proposals through the planning system. It is intended to</p> <p>apply to activity precinct plans, structure plans, local development plans, subdivision, development and public works.</p> <p>The policy contains ten design principles which set out specific considerations for decision-makers when evaluating proposals. These include context and character, landscape quality, built form and scale, functionality and build quality, sustainability, amenity, legibility, safety, community and aesthetics. The policy also encourages early and on-going discussion of design quality matters and the use of design review.</p> <p>These principles should be considered in conjunction with the range of supporting State Planning Policies that provide design quality guidance for specific types of planning and development proposals.</p>	<p>The planning framework considers the design principles of the SPP which will underpin the Shire's approach to the design of built form. These will be integrated into the new Scheme and relevant planning policies.</p>
<p>SPP 7.2 Precinct Design (Feb 2021)</p>	<p>SPP 7.2 provides guidance for precinct planning with the intent of achieving quality planning and design outcomes for precincts within Western Australia. The policy recognises that there is a need to plan for a broader range of precinct-based contexts and conditions to achieve a balance between greenfield and infill development.</p>	<p>The Shire's townsites are generally not fully developed albeit in a rural context. Any changes to the local planning framework to implement State policy direction, such as development involving higher density residential development may require</p>

	<p>Objectives of the policy include ensuring that precinct planning and design processes deliver high-quality built environment outcomes that provide social, economic and environmental benefit to those who use them.</p> <p>Precinct types include activity centres, station precincts, urban corridors, residential infill and heritage precincts. These areas are recognised as requiring a high-level of planning and design focus in accordance with a series of precinct outcome considerations as outlined in the policy. The policy also encourages the use of design review.</p>	<p>the establishment of a precinct plan.</p>
<p>SPP 7.3</p> <p>Residential Design Codes Volumes 1 and 2</p> <p>(May 2019)</p>	<p>SPP 7.3 – Residential Design Codes (Volumes 1 and 2) provides the basis for the control of residential development throughout Western Australia for single houses, grouped dwellings and multiple dwellings. The purpose of the policy is to address emerging design trends, promote sustainability, improve clarity and highlight assessment pathways to facilitate better outcomes for residents. They are also used for the assessment of residential subdivision proposals.</p> <p>The policy outlines various objectives for residential development, planning governance and development processes and sets out information and consultation requirements for development proposals. The policy also makes provision for aspects of specified design elements to be varied through the local planning framework.</p> <p>SPP 7.3 - Residential Design Codes (Volumes 1 and 2) should be read in conjunction with the supporting Guidelines.</p>	<p>The R-Codes currently apply to all residential areas across the Shire. The planning framework considers the implications of the provisions of R-Codes when other applicable legislative requirements may apply (i.e. where no sewer infrastructure is required / available, the Government Sewerage Policy applies to minimum lot sizes).</p> <p>Several variations to the development provisions of the R-Codes need to be considered in the context of a rural environment where community needs may differ from a city environment, such as outbuilding sizes.</p>

2.3 Regional Planning Context

The WAPC prepares various regional planning instruments to guide land use and development at the regional and sub-regional level, including:

- Regional and Sub-regional planning strategies and structure plans
- Regional Planning Schemes

Regional planning instruments considered to be specifically relevant to the Shire are outlined and described in Table 2.

Table 2: Regional planning instrument overview and local planning strategy implications and responses

TABLE 2 - REGIONAL PLANNING RELATIONSHIPS

Regional Planning Instrument	Regional Planning Instrument Overview	Local Planning Strategy Implications and Responses

2.4 Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads – Roads 2040

The Wheatbelt Regional Transport Strategies was first released in 2001, with these strategies continued to be reviewed and further developed to meet specific demands and industry requirement within the Region. The latest iteration of *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads (Roads 2040)* was released in 2022 and amended in 2023.

Roads 2040 is a live document which allow amendments from Regional Roads Groups. An overall review will take place approximately every five years.

The Wheatbelt's economy is based on agriculture, with cropping being the most dominant industry in the Region. Other major agricultural commodities include livestock (disposal) and wool. A strong retail and wholesale trade industry services the agricultural sector.

The region's manufacturing sector is largely based on supplying and servicing the agricultural sector and in processing local produce.

The mining sector plays an important role in the Wheatbelt's economy with key commodities being heavy mineral sands, gold, iron ore and nickel. A range of commercial activities occurs across the Region, and some are concentrating in the centre Merredin.

The tourism industry makes a notable contribution to the Wheatbelt's economy with a growing number of domestic and international visitors to the Region. Commercial timber production in the Wheatbelt Region is of a relatively small scale and is concentrated mainly in logging hardwood plantations.

Merredin has the economic advantage of being close to the Perth Metropolitan Area, the State's largest market, with strong rail and road connections.

The Indian Pacific Railway Line passes through Merredin, with 2 to 3 train services per day for passengers travelling from to Perth.

The Great Eastern HWY is the major road connecting Merredin to Perth, with key upgrades and improvements completed on this important highway east and west of Merredin, these include:

- 193 km of shoulder sealing between Northam and Walgoolan, and 15 km between Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie.
- New westbound overtaking lane between Carrabin and Bodallin.
- Intersection improvements at Carrabin Siding and Westonia Road.
- Road re-alignment on the approach to Carrabin.

2.5 State Planning Policy No 4.1 (SPP 4.1.1) – State Industrial Buffer Policy

The Commission’s SPP 4.1.1 was adopted in July 2022 and the principal objectives are:

The objectives of this policy are to:

- a) Ensure the impacts of industrial land uses are considered at all stages of the planning process.
- b) Adequately separate industrial land uses and any resulting off-site impacts and/or safety risks from incompatible land uses to:
 - protect industrial areas to improve long-term operational certainty
 - avoid, mitigate or manage potential impacts on the health and amenity of people and the environment
 - promote co-location of like uses to minimise the impact area.
- c) Plan the land use transition between industrial land uses/infrastructure facilities and sensitive land uses by providing compatible zones, reserves and land uses.

There are several uses within Merredin including the sewerage treatment plant, the airport and the Cooperative Bulk Handling railway depot that require the implementation of buffer zones. At present these uses are some distance from sensitive development i.e. residential, but their identification within the Strategic Plan is imperative to guide future land use planning decisions.

2.6 Heritage

2.6.1 State Heritage

The following eleven places in Merredin are on the State Register of Heritage Place:

- Cummins Theatre,
- Merredin Fire Station Complex,
- Merredin Post Office Group,
- Merredin Railway Station Group,
- Merredin State Farm Managers House (FMR),
- Road Board Office,
- Railway Housing Precinct,
- Agricultural Bank (FMR),
- Railway Dam,
- 2/1 Australian Hospital, and
- Merredin Railway Water Tank.

Under the Heritage Act 2018, any changes or works that may affect a registered place of significance are required to be referred to the Heritage Council for advice.

2.6.2 Indigenous Heritage

The following site is on the Register of Aboriginal sites:

TABLE 3 - ABORIGINAL SITES

Site ID.	Site Name	Location Approximate
5605	Talgomine Rock	Between Merredin and Burracoppin

All registered sites and items of Aboriginal heritage, whether registered or not, are protected under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1970. Proposals that may affect Aboriginal sites are required to be referred to the Department of Indigenous Affairs WA.

A portion of the Shire of Merredin is captured by one of the Indigenous Land Use Agreements that have been implemented by the state government. The intention of these is to provide specific portions of land for use by the Aboriginal community in exchange for the clearing of Native Title in other areas.

2.6.3 Shire of Merredin Heritage Survey

In June 2022, the Shire of Merredin Council adopted the Shire of Merredin Heritage Survey which identified 99 places of having some form of cultural and historical significance. This work was consolidated and finalised via the adoption in August 2023 of the Shire of Merredin Heritage List which now offers protection via development approval requirements to 67 places within the Shire of Merredin municipal district.

2.7 Wheatbelt Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework – Dec 2015

A Regional Strategic Planning document for the Wheatbelt Region was released in December 2015. The Framework is a regional strategic planning document that provides an overview of regional planning issues and a basis for ongoing planning and development.

Part A of the document provides for Regional Strategic Planning, whilst Part B provides for Regional Infrastructure Planning.

In its decision-making, the Western Australian Planning Commission will aim to focus growth in and around established centres that provide a high level of amenity and employment opportunities by facilitating growth in the sub-regional centres.

Merredin is classified as a main urban centre and a sub-regional centre.

The document acknowledges that the Wheatbelt offers an abundant source of renewable energy. The climatic and geographic conditions of the Wheatbelt are conducive to alternative energy generation such as wind, solar, geothermal and biomass generation. Renewable energy offers the capacity to reduce reliance on centrally distributed energy. A number of wind farms already exist, for example the Collgar Wind Farm near Merredin (the largest single stage windfarm in the southern hemisphere), as well as several solar farms. There is a current JDAP application for a battery energy storage system which is consistent with the Shire’s objective of becoming a centre of excellence for renewable energy.

The document also acknowledges the part that Merredin plays in providing;

- the Merredin District hospital,
- Merredin Residential College,
- Merredin College K-12 school and Trade Training Centre
- Managed Environment facilities to provide essential infrastructure and support for field research projects directed at identifying adaptive traits and management strategies for improved productivity of field crops growing in water limited environments (DPIRD).
- Delivery of a range of supported learning opportunities to outlying smaller schools from large, strategic centres such as Merredin.

3.0 LOCAL PLANNING CONTEXT

3.1 Strategic Community Plan

The Strategic Community Plan is a long-term planning document that sets out the community's vision and aspirations for the future, and the key strategies the community will need to focus on to achieve these aspirations. It is part of the fulfilment of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework. All Local Governments in Western Australia are required to implement IPR which enables robust decision-making.

The Strategic Community Plan will be reviewed every 2 years and will be used to:

- Guide Council decision-making and priority setting.
- Engage local residents and ratepayers, local businesses, community groups, and other local stakeholders that contribute to the future of our community.
- Inform decision-making with respect to other partners and agencies, including the State Government and other Local Governments in our region.
- Provide a clear avenue to pursue funding and grant opportunities by showing how projects align with the vision and strategic direction outlined in this Plan.
- Inform future partners of our key priorities, and the ways in which we seek to grow and develop.
- Provide a framework for monitoring progress against the community's vision and aspirations.

The Shire of Merredin has adopted as part of its Strategic Community Plan for 2020 – 2030, six key theme areas setting strategic direction designed to achieve the municipal vision. These being:

- Theme 1: Community and Culture
- Theme 2: Economy and Growth
- Theme 3: Environment and Sustainability
- Theme 4: Communication and Leadership
- Theme 5: Places and Spaces
- Theme 6: Transport and Networks

Objectives for each of the key theme areas are identified as follows;

TABLE 4 - KEY STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN OBJECTIVES

1.1	Events, Arts and Culture
1.1.1	A community that is engaged in a variety of inclusive events, arts and other cultural activities which enrich their community experience and increase their sense of belonging
1.1.2	The Cummins Theatre is an accessible and inclusive cultural space, serving the needs of Merredin and other surrounding wheatbelt towns
1.2	Community Sports & Infrastructure
1.2.1	Sporting clubs are thriving in membership and volunteers, with an appropriate standard of facilities and other support services
1.3	Community Safety

1.3.1	The Shire, Local Emergency Services and wider community working together to prevent bushfires and other emergencies as well as being well placed to respond and recover in such events
1.3.2	Collaboration between the Shire and WA Police to improve safety and surveillance through the continued improvement of CCTV in the town and across all Shire facilities
1.4	Community Development
1.4.1	Activities and programs that assist in youth development and leadership are developed or promoted
1.4.2	An improved sense of belonging for our Njaki Njaki Noongar and wider Aboriginal community
1.4.3	Merredin is rich with thriving community organisations and clubs who are working together with the Shire to increase the profile of arts and culture in Merredin
1.4.4	Merredin is an age friendly community where seniors are respected and supported to actively participate in community life
1.5	Environmental Health
1.5.1	The Shire of Merredin provides a proactive Environmental Health service which is integral to monitoring food safety in commercial premises and ensuring buildings meet accessibility and safety standards
1.6	Merredin Regional Library
1.6.1	The Merredin Regional Library continues to provide learning, social and cultural opportunities
2.1	Economic Development
2.1.1	Merredin is well known by those not local to the area, as a great place to live, work and visit
2.1.2	The Shire of Merredin is a place of choice for business investment and for new residents settling to enjoy a balance lifestyle and employment opportunities
2.1.3	Job and training opportunities are available in Merredin to community members who are entering the workforce
2.2	Tourism
2.2.1	Visitors to the Shire are well serviced and accommodated, with opportunities that leverage our historic, cultural environmental and natural assets
2.2.2	The Shire works closely with businesses and other community groups to actively support and develop visitor growth
2.2.3	Leveraging on our local strengths, our tourism-based economy is resilient and adaptable to change
2.3	CBD
2.3.1	The Merredin town centre is strengthened as a regional centre, serving the needs of the Merredin community and surrounding catchment
2.3.2	The Merredin town centre is contemporary and adaptable to the emerging retail and industrial trends, continuing to attract business and investment opportunities
2.3.3	Merredin has suitably located and sized land for various industrial opportunities that serve the productive needs within the Shire

3.1	Environmental Management
3.1.1	The Shire of Merredin observes a number of sustainable water and energy harvesting, conservation and usage practices
3.1.2	The Shire of Merredin's fleet is dominated by vehicles fueled by renewable or alternate fuels
3.2	Waste Management
3.2.1	Reduced waste through increased recycling, re-use and reduction education and practices
3.3	Environmental Planning
3.3.1	Land use planning respects our natural assets and ensures limited impact on climate change
3.3.2	Natural assets are protected and conserved
4.1	Community Engagement
4.1.1	The Shire regularly engages with its community and, in return, communicates the information gathered in a clear and transparent manner
4.1.2	The Council works closely with the community to successfully achieve projects or outcomes that delivery the community's vision for Merredin
4.1.3	The Shire has a strong working relationship with the Njaki Njaki Noongar Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal community members
4.2	Decision Making
4.2.1	Council is equipped with appropriate technology, allowing for better public accessibility to the Council Chambers
4.2.2	The Shire is progressive while exercising responsible stewardship of its built, natural and financial resources
4.2.3	The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice
4.3	Advocacy
4.3.1	The Shire is implementing its Public Health Plan and strongly advocates to other decision makers and the wider community for a healthier environment
4.3.2	The Shire continues to advocate for infrastructure and services which meet the need of its business and residential community
4.4	Communications
4.4.1	The Shire is continuously working to maintain efficient communication, providing open, transparent and factual information, through a variety of channels
4.5	Customer Service
4.5.1	The Shire is continually working to improve its customer service
4.5.2	Shire is an employer of choice within the region, offering its team with a positive and productive workplace culture
4.5.3	The Shire works to continually improve its systems and processes to improve internal capacity and capability
4.6	Regional Collaboration

4.6.1	The Shire is proactive in seeking out regional collaboration and partnership opportunities which seek to benefit the Shire of Merredin and the wider eastern wheatbelt region
4.7	Integrated Planning and Reporting
4.7.1	The Shire is committed to ongoing consultation to ensure that the reporting associated with the State's Integrated Planning Framework is in line with the community's vision for the town and its surrounds
5.1	Streetscapes
5.1.1	The Merredin CBD has been significantly upgraded and is well maintained and representative of the regional status that it holds
5.1.2	The streetscapes within Merredin's urban areas have well kept, tidy and safe streets, verges and footpaths
5.2	Parks and Gardens
5.2.1	Parks within the Shire are maintained to a high standard, with adequate facilities for community members of all ages and abilities
5.2.2	The Shire of Merredin's Public Cemetery is well planned for, attractive and respectful
5.3	Facilities
5.3.1	The Shires heritage assets are maintained and protected for future generations
5.3.2	The Shire is continually improving its asset management practices
5.4	Town Planning & Building Control
5.4.1	Community members are educated and empowered to ensure their privately owned heritage sites are maintained and protected for future generations
5.4.2	The Shire has a current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth
6.1	Roads & Footpaths
6.1.1	The Shire's road system, footpaths and cycle trails are well maintained and safe
6.2	Drainage
6.2.1	Stormwater drainage is well managed and capable of handling storm events at an appropriate standard
6.3	Verge Maintenance
6.3.1	Verges are attractive and well maintained
6.4	Merredin Airport
6.4.1	The airport is acknowledged as an important strategic asset to the region

The themes were not challenged by the community during the engagement. They provide a sound framework and logical structure upon which to construct the plan. The following priorities in each theme are key drivers of the plan.

TABLE 5 - PLAN PRIORITIES

Community and Culture	Economy and Growth	Environment and Sustainability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of cultural life: infrastructure and spaces; activation; and celebration of Njaki Njaki Noongar culture. • Development of sport and recreation: infrastructure and participation. • Community safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly articulate Merredin’s identity and value proposition. • Tourism product development, including cultural tourism. • Strengthening the economy through local business development. • Building on Merredin’s strengths to expand the economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address climate change • Ensure continuous potable and non-potable water supply. • Advocacy for drylands farming support. • Developing a more efficient and sustainable waste management service. • The Shire leading by example.
Communication and Leadership	Places and Spaces	Transport and Networks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective mechanisms for community representation in key decision-making. • The Shire has a strong working relationship with the Njaki Njaki Noongar Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal community members. • Maximising the value of Shire assets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalise the Merredin Central Business District. • Improve public open space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving local roads • Improving stormwater management.

3.2 Previous Local Planning Strategy

The original Strategy was prepared in 2007 and endorsed by the WA Planning Commission on 14th August 2007. This strategy largely only mapped the Merredin townsite area.

3.3 Local Planning Scheme

The existing Scheme was gazetted on 24th June 2011 and has been the subject of several amendments.

Of particular relevance was Amendment No 7 that updated the Scheme to comply with the deemed provisions of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*.

3.4 Other Planning Schemes

There are no other planning schemes in the Shire.

3.5 Local Planning Policies

A Local planning policy (LPP) can be prepared by Shire in accordance with Division 2 of Schedule 2 of the Regulations in respect of a particular class or classes of matters specified in the LPP; and may apply to the whole Scheme area or part of the Scheme area.

An overview of the Shire's LPPs and implications for the local planning strategy are provided in the following Table.

TABLE 6 - LOCAL PLANNING POLICIES (LPP)

Name of LPP	Date of Adoption	Purpose of LPP	Strategy Implications
No 1 – Moveable Buildings		To control the use of second-hand and other structures, especially in the townsite areas	Nil
No 2 – Subdivision for Homestead Lots		To guide proponents on the Council's position for the creation of 'Homestead lots'.	Nil
No 3 - Carparking		A clarification of Scheme parking requirements.	Nil
No 4 – Landscaping		A clarification of Scheme landscaping requirements.	Nil
No 5 – DA Delegation		To clarify where selected staff may have delegated authority to determine DAs	Nil
No 6 – Planning Approval for Single Houses		Clarification of the need for Single houses' to lodge a DA.	Nil
No 7 – Cash-in-lieu		Cases where cash-in-lieu of open space requirements.	Nil

3.6 Structure Plans

There are no Structure Plans within the Shire.

3.7 Local Development Plans

There are no Local Development Plans within the Shire.

3.8 Other Relevant Strategies, Plans and Policies

The Shire of Merredin maintains an Executive and Legislative Policy Manual, which contains a wide variety of policies related to all aspects of the Municipal Government within the Shire. A range of these policies are related to town planning matters; however, these do not address strategic issues as much as particular items of land use control related to statutory items.

The Council also maintains a Register of Delegations for Council staff to make straightforward determinations.

4.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFILE

The Shire of Merredin is centrally located within the eastern wheatbelt, 260kms east of Perth and 298kms west of Kalgoorlie. It is bordered to the north by the Shire of Nungarin, to the east by the Shires of Westonia and Yilgarn, to the south by the Shires of Narembeen and Bruce Rock and to the west by the Shire of Kellerberrin.

The Merredin townsite is approximately located in the geographic centre of the Shire and represents the main regional service centre for the eastern wheatbelt. The majority of the Shire has been developed for agricultural production. The landform generally consists of gently undulating topography interspersed with granite outcrops and remnant bushland areas.

The Shire comprises the seven townsites of Merredin, Burracoppin, Hines Hill, Nangeenan, Muntadgin, Nukarni and Korbel, and 12 localities including Goomarin, Nukarni, Burracoppin, Nokaning, Merredin, Hines Hill, Nangeenan, South Burracoppin, Norpa, Korbel, Tandegin and Muntadgin.

The Merredin townsite is the Shire's only major urban centre and dominates the settlement pattern with the majority of the residents residing in the town. The historic town sites of Burracoppin, Hines Hill, Nangeenan, Muntadgin, Korbel and Nukarni form the second level of settlement within the Shire. These town sites reflect the original 'opening up' of the region for agricultural development but have now been superseded by the dominance of the Merredin townsite.

Burracoppin and Muntadgin have recreation centres supported by Shire grants. Both townsites have kerb-side rubbish collection services. Hines Hill has several residential dwellings. Nangeenan has 6 houses, which are used as a depot by a freight company. The Nangeenan community hall is in the process of being renovated to re-energise community use. Nukarni and Korbel are now little more than railway sidings with limited residential and associated uses remaining.

Hines Hill and Nangeenan are located along Great Eastern Highway to the west of Merredin, and Burracoppin on the Highway to the east. Nukarni is located near the northern boundary of the Shire. Korbel is located in the southwest and Muntadgin in the southeast. The remaining settlement reflects individual farming properties across the Shire.

The characteristics of the Shire are considered under the four headings of Population and Housing, Settlement and Infrastructure, Economy, and the Environment. Each category is examined in terms of a profile of the Shire relevant to that category followed by discussion of the issues impacting upon the Shire related to that category.

4.1 Population and Housing

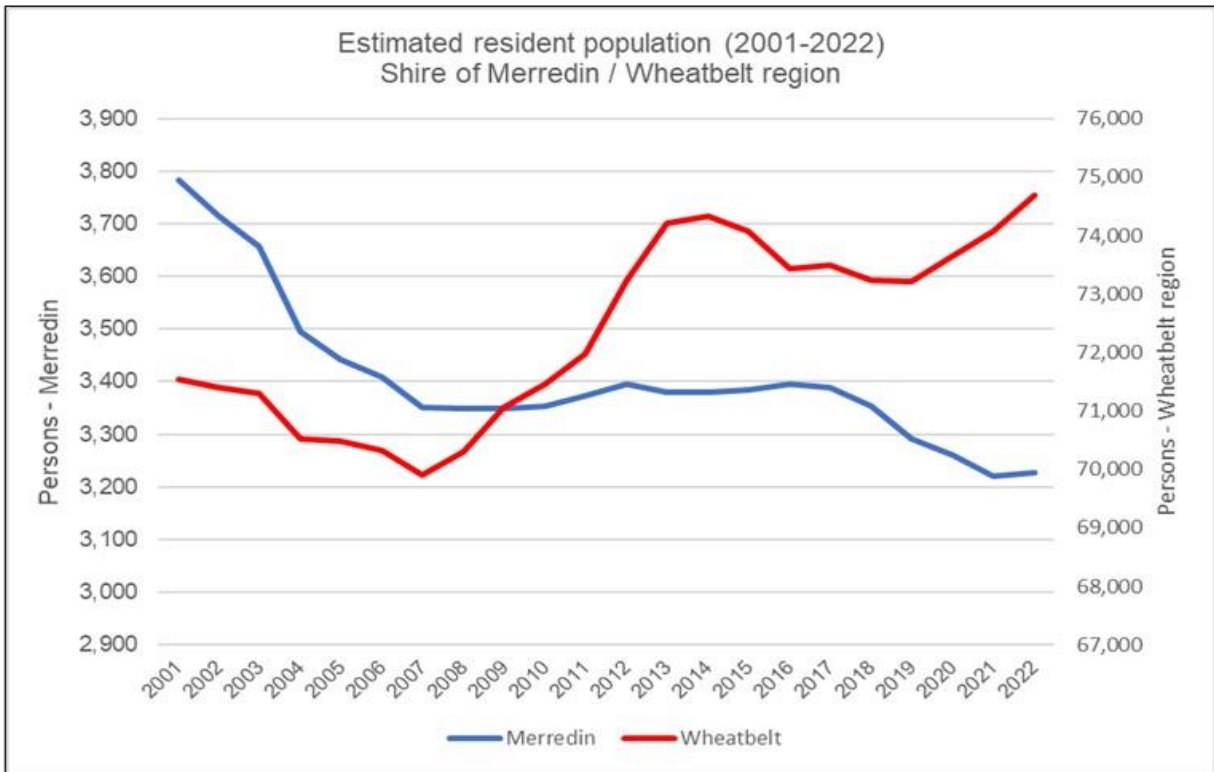
4.1.1 Population

Population growth and decline in the Shire of Merredin is linked to agricultural prosperity, technological advances in production and transport, a decline in services and a general trend in population drift to major urban centres such as capital cities.

Growing agricultural prosperity saw a steady rise in the Shire of Merredin's population to a peak of 5,297 at the 1966 Census. During the 1970s the estimated resident population (ERP) fluctuated between 4,693 at the 1971 Census to 4,900 at the 1976 Census. The current

estimate is 3,228 (ABS, 2022). The Shire of Merredin’s population has been in steady decline since the 1976 Census. **Figure 1** shows the movement of the ERP from 2001 to 2022 of both the Wheatbelt region and the Shire.

FIGURE 2 - ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION



Source: DPLH, ABS 2021 Census

Censuses indicate that population decline was due to loss in industries of agriculture, electricity, gas and water services, transport and storage and retail and wholesale.

Since the 1976 Census the Merredin Townsite has retained its relative importance as the primary location of the residential population comprising of 78% of the Shire’s population as counted in the 2021 Census.

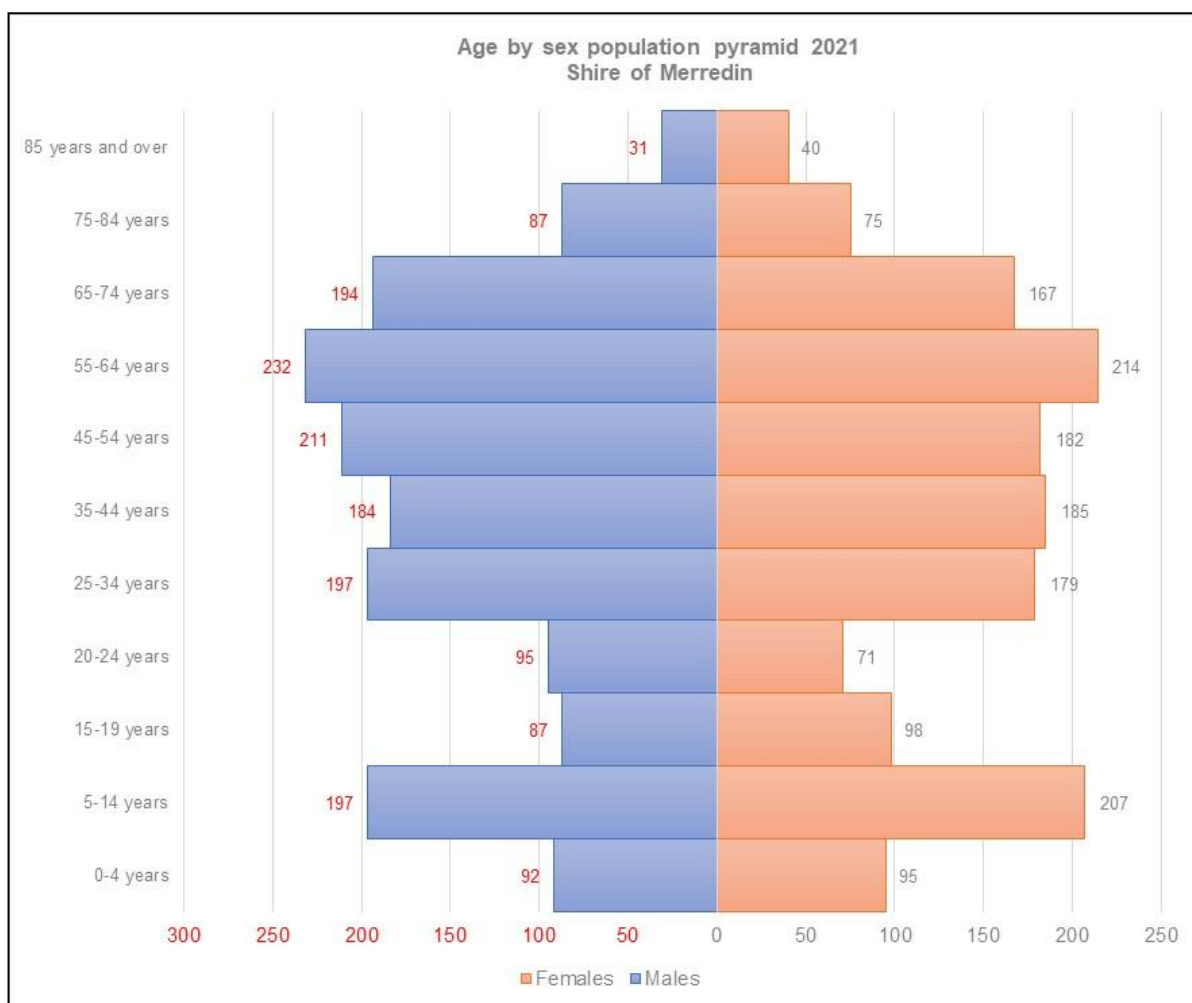
Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) population projections (Table 7) for the Shire of Merredin indicate a turnaround from decline to modest growth in the next 15 years. The Merredin townsite is expected to retain its relative importance as the primary residential location in the Shire.

TABLE 7 - POPULATION

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2022
Merredin	3,783	3,408	3,374	3,395	3,221	3,228
Wheatbelt	71,534	70,319	71,984	73,423	74,070	74,685
Regional WA	450,913	473,669	519,842	536,715	557,635	563,408
Western Australia	1,906,274	2,050,581	2,353,409	2,555,978	2,749,864	2,787,883

Source: DPLH, ABS 2021 Census

FIGURE 3 - POPULATION PYRAMID



Source: DPLH, ABS 2021 Census

In terms of household composition, the 2021 Census data indicates the predominance of two-parent with children family group, which comprised 38.4% of the residential population. The next largest family group comprised a couple-family with no children at 45.7% and one-parent family households comprising 14.5% of the residential population. The remaining groups comprise couple families living with other related persons or unrelated individuals living in family households.

Figure 3 provides an age pyramid profile from the 2021 Census.

DPLH projections indicate that the age profile of Shire’s population will undergo change until the year 2031. The predominant trend is for an ageing population. There is a projected decline in the proportion of young people in the 0-14 years age group (non-working age) from 19.6% in 2016, to 18.7% in 2021. An increase in the proportion of people 65 and over (retirement age) from 15.6% in 2016 to an estimated 19% in 2021. There is also a trend for the general ageing of the workforce population.

The Council, in recognition of this growth, is keen to support development that provides for appropriate housing for the elderly. This has been facilitated by Shire support for the CEACA (Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance) development in Merredin which consists of 27 dwelling units. The Council has, as part of the review of the Scheme, is seeking to rezone land adjacent to the existing facility to allow for future demand.

Table 8 and **Figure 4** show the DPLH projected population estimates.

New population growth is likely to be derived from the establishment of new industries and potentially the development of lifestyle opportunities.

The Shire has, and will, experience short term growth associated with the construction of large-scale project – for example the Merredin solar farm.

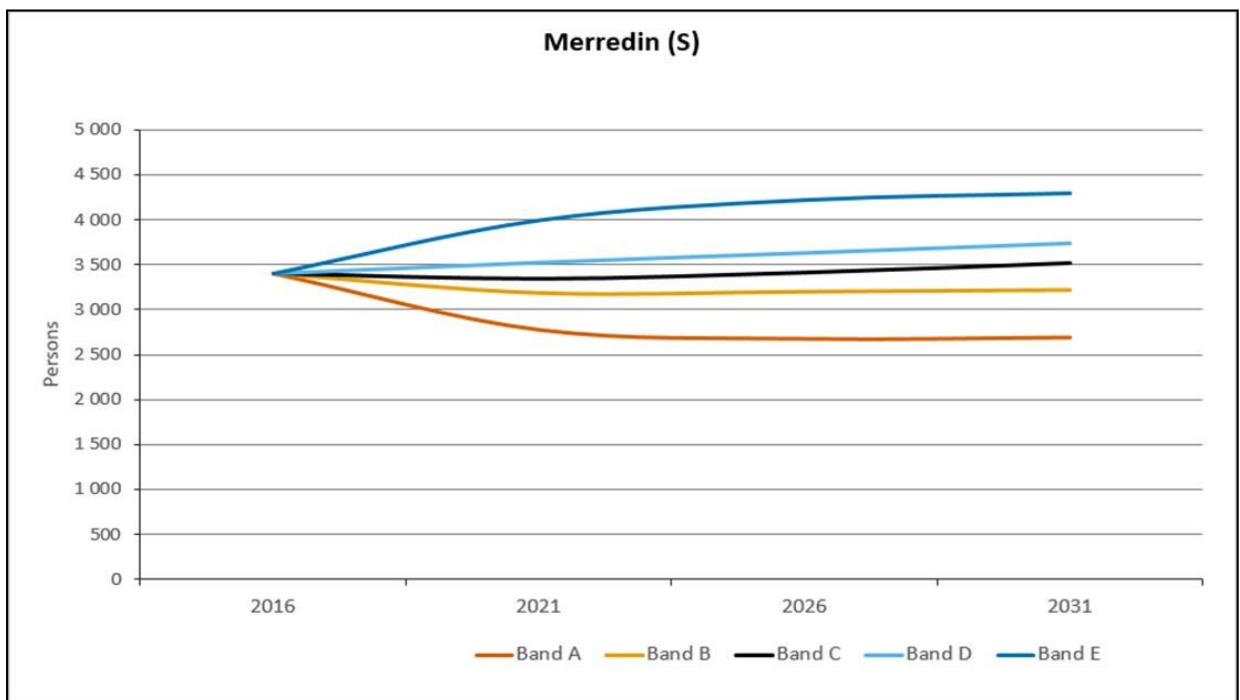
Another potential area for growth may be associated with the Merredin airport site. The Council is supporting a Scheme amendment that would allow the development of a strategic mixed-use park.

TABLE 8 - POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Year	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E
2021	-4.01%	-1.36%	-0.33%	0.70%	3.25%
2026	-2.38%	-0.63%	0.03%	0.64%	2.17%
2031	-1.56%	-0.38%	0.21%	0.62%	1.56%

Source: DPLH, ABS 2021 Census

FIGURE 4 - POPULATION PROJECTIONS



Source: DPLH, ABS 2021 Census

4.1.2 Housing

The current housing stock of the Merredin townsite is a mix of dwelling types from various eras including cottages from the early 1900s, fibro clad housing from the 1950s and 1960s and more contemporary brick houses built from the late 1960s to the present day.

In the 2021 Census 94.9% of all dwellings in the Shire were single houses with the remainder comprising of apartments, semi-detached housing and other similar housing forms. 46% of

the single houses had 3 bedrooms and 33.1% with 4 or more bedrooms. The 2021 Census indicated a total of 1,422 dwellings within the Shire.

35.2% of dwellings in Merredin are owned outright, compared to 29.2% in the State and 31% in Australia. The occupancy rate in 2021 of 2.2 people per household is less than both the State (2.5pph) and Australia (2.6pph).

In Merredin Townsite there are approximately 208 vacant residential blocks within existing residential areas of Scheme No 6. in the Merredin townsite. However, 57 of these are Crown land lots located in the southeast portion of the town may not have been provided with services such as power and water supply. Infill development on vacant land should be encouraged to utilise existing services and infrastructure.

Notwithstanding the existence of vacant blocks within established residential areas, residential subdivisions have occurred at small urban fronts to provide small estate style developments with a contemporary housing theme. Notable examples include the housing development in the southeast sector of the Merredin townsite that was for students of the China Southern West Australian Flying College and, Caridi Close subdivision and Whitfield Way land releases.

A strong demand for new residential blocks and quality rental dwellings still exists in the Merredin town. All residential development, whether infill or frontal, should be encouraged to provide housing choices and promote construction activity.

The development of various unallocated Crown land parcels (UCL) within the Merredin townsite should also be encouraged for residential development.

Notwithstanding the amount of vacant residential land, two additional areas for potential residential are identified.

The first is located in the northeast sector of the town site between Telfer Avenue and MacDonald Street. The second is in the southeast sector of the town site just east of the Merredin to Muntadgin railway line. Although these sites are unlikely to be required for residential development in the medium to long term, a potential residential designation is considered appropriate as the sites are close to existing residential areas and service infrastructure. A potential residential designation will protect the land from uses that are incompatible with adjoining residential development.

Existing subdivision layouts at the fringe of residential areas should be reviewed with a view to rationalising the road networks and provide for larger blocks to promote the increased take-up of residential land.

Development Scheme (No 2 and 5) were gazetted in 1970 and 1971 at a time when the Shire and the town site were experiencing population growth and there was a need for the Shire to co-ordinate and facilitate the orderly development of residential areas. However, due to population decline since the mid-1970s, development of these Schemes stalled. Only minimal subdivision and housing development has occurred along existing constructed roads.

Under these Schemes, the Shire is required to provide major infrastructure works and levy landowners for contributions via subdivision approval. These development Schemes have now been revoked.

Current planning practice is for major infrastructure works to be the responsibility of developers/landowners with local government only requiring contributions for items under its jurisdiction, i.e., public open space and drainage, and developers/landowners providing for the bulk of service infrastructure, i.e., roads and utilities.

Dwelling construction has slowed down significantly also due to pressures on the building and construction industry that have been exacerbated by government stimulus.

Table 9 shows the number of dwellings constructed over the last 2 decades. The charts show there were very few dwellings completed within the town, the majority of dwellings constructed were either on rural properties or aged persons accommodation in Merredin townsite.

Dwelling construction has slowed down significantly also due to pressures on the building and construction industry that have been exacerbated by government stimulus. Whilst there may be demand from locals wanting to build the market led investment is limited due to the costs of land development, cost of building and limited capital gain.

TABLE 9 - DWELLING CONSTRUCTION

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
PRELIMINARY APPROVALS												
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural residential-Special res	12	4	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	25
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Industrial	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	5
Rural	5	8	2	5	0	2	4	1	2	0	2	31
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	17	12	2	6	0	6	4	6	3	2	4	62

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
FINAL APPROVALS												
Residential	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rural residential-Special res	0	0	12	0	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	22
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Rural	0	3	7	0	4	0	6	0	6	0	0	26
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTA:	2	3	19	0	8	0	6	4	9	0	2	53

Source: DPLH, ABS 2021 Census

The aging of the population indicates a potential increasing demand for aged person's development in the Merredin townsite. Given the relative abundance of vacant land within the Merredin townsite, especially within the medium density zone and the ability of such developments to be provided for with standard residential zonings, no specific sites need be identified.

Current planning practice in many local governments is to adopt the R10/30 Code as the base or minimum residential density for the predominately single residential areas. It is noted that reticulated sewerage is available to most areas in the Merredin townsite and that all densities greater than R10 development would require connection.

With the aging of the population and the need to provide compact dwellings for small household types i.e., single workers, it is considered appropriate to allocate additional areas in the townsite for medium density. Land around the Merredin town centre is afforded a higher density to promote the better use of existing infrastructure with proximity to all the existing services and amenities.

The existing medium density zoning regime provides for development at R30 and R50 Code depending on the type / class of residential development. Generally, the R30 density applies to group dwellings, single houses and aged persons dwellings, whilst R50 applies to aged persons village developments, which is effectively a form of density bonus for such developments, and perhaps multiple dwellings where they can occur in the commercial areas of Merredin.

The proviso for density in the town centre is that it can only occur where it does not occupy an area best suited for commercial development – for example, on the street front.

Table 10 provides a breakdown of areas within the Shire for various zones and the R-Code designations in the townsites.

TABLE 10 - LAND USE AREAS

Zone	Ha
Commercial/Business	32.59
Industrial	233.44
Infrastructure/Public Uses	2646.94
No Zone	2.97
Other Residential	3.82
Recreation/Conservation	2193.52
Residential	365.40
Rural	19260.10
Rural Living	625.60
R-Code	Ha
R10/30	279.4029
R10/50	45.14117

Source: DPLH,

4.1.3 Issues

Based on the forgoing analysis of available data on population and housing the following key issues are identified.

- Slight population growth anticipated in the next 15 years.
- An anticipated ageing in the population with fewer younger people, an older workforce population and an increasing number of retirees.
- New population growth linked to the establishment of new businesses.
- A desire for alternative lifestyle opportunities such as rural lifestyle blocks.
- Sufficient residential land to accommodate future population growth.
- Existing demand is for new blocks, as opposed to infill development of existing residential areas; associated development costs for new blocks are problematic and possibly prohibitive.
- Ability to take advantage of existing service infrastructure i.e., roads, sewer, water, electricity in vacant residential land within the existing townsites for future residential development.
- The predominance of the single house as the existing and preferred housing form in the Merredin Shire.

- Residential development (subdivision) at the urban fringe providing for estates with new housing themes and stimulating construction industry.
- Additional medium density areas to provide for aged people accommodation and compact dwellings suitable for single workers and other small household groups.
- Aging State government housing stock for government workers and social housing.
- The need to promote energy efficiency and water conservation in the design and development of housing in the Shire to assist with managing the impacts of climate change.

4.2 Settlement and Infrastructure

4.2.1 Settlement

As previously noted, the settlement pattern within the Shire of Merredin is dominated by the Merredin townsite, which accommodates the majority of the residential population and urban development. It is supplemented by historic outlying town sites (a number of which are in significant decline) and individual farming properties.

Areas north and south of the Merredin townsite were identified as being potentially suitable for rural residential. In accordance with the requirements of SPP No 3 Part 5.6 Managing Rural Residential Growth, and more specifically the criteria specified in Appendix 2 of SPP No 2.5 for identification of Rural Settlements, the areas north and south of the town site are assessed in **Tables 11 and 12** for their suitability for rural residential development.

TABLE 11 - SPP No 3 CONSIDERATIONS FOR RURAL GROWTH

SPP No. 3 considerations for Rural Residential Growth	Rural Residential Area (north) Merredin to Nungarin Road (RR7)	Rural Residential Area (south) Merredin to Bruce Rock Road (RR1-6)
Potential conflict with other land use and rural resources such as water catchments and basic raw materials	The only adjoining land use is broad acre farming – wheat cropping. Potential for conflict limited to short periods of activity i.e. sowing and harvesting.	The only adjoining land use is broad acre farming – wheat cropping. Potential for conflict limited to short periods of activity i.e. sowing and harvesting.
Potential conflict with conservation areas and outstanding landscapes	The area is not identified by local or state government as having conservation or landscape value.	The area is not identified by local or state government as having conservation or landscape value.
Economical provision of services	Water and power services are available within the Merredin to Nungarin Road.	Water and power services are available within the Merredin to Bruce Rock Road.
Potential to limit urban growth potential i.e. fragmentation of landholdings	More than sufficient vacant Rural Residential zoned land is available with the Merredin townsite, and future growth areas identified.	More than sufficient vacant Rural Residential zoned land is available with the Merredin townsite, and future growth areas identified.

TABLE 12 - SPP No 2.5 CRITERIA FOR RURAL SETTLEMENTS

SPP No. 2.5 Criteria for Rural Settlements	Rural Residential Area (north) Merredin to Nungarin Road (RR7)	Rural Residential Area (south) Merredin to Bruce Rock Road (RR1-6)
1. Protection of Priority Agriculture zones and agricultural areas of state or regional significance.	The land is not within a Priority Agricultural Zone.	The land is not within a priority agricultural area. The area comprises historic fragmented land parcels with little potential for broad acre farming on their own.
2. Identification of settlement patterns and settlement hierarchy – Settlement Strategy	The rural residential settlement area provides for lots of a minimum 2 hectares in a location close to the Merredin Town site for access to community & commercial services. There are few lots in this area range in the Shire, which comprise mostly broad acre agriculture lots and residential lots in the Merredin townsite. Community aspirations are for lots in this range to provide for alternative lifestyle.	The rural residential settlement area provides for lots of a minimum 2 hectares in a location close to the Merredin townsite for access to services. There are few lots in this area range in the Shire, which comprises mostly broad acre agricultural lots and residential lots in the Merredin townsite. Community aspirations are for lots in this range to provide for alternative lifestyle.
3. Maintaining urban growth potential	There is sufficient urban land within the Merredin townsite to accommodate current population growth rates to the year 2052. A northern growth corridor for the Merredin townsite could still occur if required.	There is sufficient urban land with the Merredin townsite to accommodate current population growth rates to the year 2052. A northern urban growth corridor for the Merredin townsite could still occur if required in the future.
4. Proximity to towns and service centres	The rural residential settlement is within 1 km to the Merredin townsite where commercial and community services and employment opportunities are available.	The rural residential settlement is within 1 km of the Merredin townsite where commercial and community services and employment opportunity are available.
5. Service provision	Water and power service are located in the Merredin to Nungarin Road.	Water and power service are located in the Merredin to Bruce Rock Road.
6. Road access	The rural residential settlement area fronts the Merredin to Nungarin Road, a primary road in the Shire.	The rural residential area fronts the Merredin to Bruce Rock Road, a primary road in the Shire.

SPP No. 2.5 Criteria for Rural Settlements	Rural Residential Area (north) Merredin to Nungarin Road (RR7)	Rural Residential Area (south) Merredin to Bruce Rock Road (RR1-6)
7. Landscape and conservation qualities	The rural residential settlement area is on slightly elevated land to the north of the Merredin Town site. There is some potential for views to the Merredin townsite and major granite outcrop feature to the east. A portion comprises remnant vegetation (Acacia shrub land: Mallee) with granite outcropping which should be retained.	The landscape quality of the land is best described as flat broad acre farming land with minimal natural vegetation cover.
8. Fire risk assessment and management	The rural residential settlement area is predominately cleared farming land with native vegetation around the granite outcrop area. Standard local government bushfire requirements, ie boundary fire breaks and low fuel zones around buildings, should apply to development. Reticulated mains water is available for fire fighting.	The land is almost completely cleared. Standard local government bushfire management practices, ie boundary fire breaks and low fuel zones around buildings should apply to development. Reticulated mains water is available for fire fighting.
9. Natural resources	The area has not been identified with natural resource potential.	The area has not been identified with natural resource potential.
10. Environment	The eastern portion of the rural residential area comprises mature vegetation with granite outcropping. Development to be located to avoid clearing. A small creek line on the western portion to be revegetated via subdivision.	The land is almost completely cleared. Opportunity exists to revegetate the land through the subdivision process.
11. On-site effluent disposal	The requirement for ATU's will be assessed at building stage.	The requirement for ATU's will be assessed at building stage.
12. Demand and supply of rural residential and rural smallholdings lots	The Whitfield Way subdivision (5,000m ² lots) in the existing stables zone of Scheme No. 1 attracted significant public interest and all the lots on offer were sold readily.	The Whitfield Way subdivision (5,000m ² lots) in the existing stables zone of Scheme No. 1 attracted significant public interest and all the lots on offer were sold readily.
13. Specific purpose rural residential and rural smallholdings areas	The rural residential settlement area is to provide for hobby farming activity that is compatible residential amenity.	The rural residential settlement area is to provide for hobby farming activity that is compatible with residential amenity.

SPP No. 2.5 Criteria for Rural Settlements	Rural Residential Area (north) Merredin to Nungarin Road (RR7)	Rural Residential Area (south) Merredin to Bruce Rock Road (RR1-6)
14. Land capability assessment	The geology of the locality is characterised by sandy soils with occasional granite outcropping. The granite outcropping in the western portion makes the land unsuitable for broad acre agriculture. The underlying geology does not present an impediment to road and dwelling construction for rural residential development. A detailed site investigation will be required at subdivision stage.	The geology of the locality is characterised by sandy soils with occasional granite outcropping which is not an impediment to road and dwelling construction. A detailed site investigation will be required at subdivision stage.

Rezoning of additional rural residential areas will only be supported by the Council where a proven demand can be demonstrated; the land is subject to a detailed land capability and suitability assessment with the land having a fair to very high capability of sustaining the development; and that the criteria outlined in SPP 2.5 can be satisfied. Additionally, structure planning, proposals for revegetation, safe and effective road access and provision of essential service (water and power) may also be requirements for rezoning proposals of potential rural residential areas.

The Shire of Merredin remains open to subdivision or intensification of land holdings in the rural areas, however when assessing such proposals shall have regard to:

- The WA Planning Commission’s policy on subdivision of rural land;
- a decline in the population in the rural area with a trend towards bigger farms for economies of scale;
- retention of viable parcels of land for broad acre farming and other rural activities
- existing services within the general farming area;
- demonstrated demand for smaller rural lot development within the rural area; and
- availability of adequate residential and existing rural residential land in and near the Merredin townsite to accommodate persons seeking to locate or relocate in the Shire on non-farming properties.

Allowance should also be made for homestead lots in accordance with the criteria of Commission’s **Policy DC 3.4 Subdivision of Rural Land**, to allow for residents in the rural areas to carry on living in the homestead dwelling in their retirement. Each proposal for a homestead lots should be judged on its merits, but proposals in close proximity to essential community and commercial services may be considered more favourably but subject to other considerations.

4.2.2 Infrastructure

The Merredin townsite’s important role as a regional centre reinforces its dominance within the Shire in terms of the provision of services to the residential community. Most outlying townsites, which historically provided important commercial and community services to their surrounding localities, no longer do so. Only Muntadgin, Burracoppin and Hines Hill provide facilities other than a limited number of residential properties. These generally involve some form of general store and licensed premises. Traditional district halls also exist to provide a

focus for community activity. Beyond these minor services however, the majority of commercial, government, education and health services are all provided within the Town of Merredin.

A number of State and Federal Government Agencies maintain an office presence within Merredin. The following is a list of the relevant agencies -

- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of Communities (including Housing)
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- WA Country Health Service
- Water Corporation
- Police Department
- Centrelink (service operated by Merredin Community Resource Centre),
- Wheatbelt Development Commission,
- Western Power,

Educational facilities include two primary schools, one secondary school to senior high school level including the Merredin Residential College for boarding students from other regions of the Wheatbelt, and a campus of the C Y O'Connor TAFE.

Extensive health and aged care facilities are also provided, including:

- Merredin District Hospital,
- Merredin Medical Centre,
- KARIS Medical Centre
- Physiotherapy, Dentistry and Chiropractic services,
- Royal Flying Doctor Service,
- St John's Ambulance and State Emergency Service,
- Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
- Merrittville Retirement Village,
- Berringa Frail Age Lodge,
- Merredin Senior Centre
- NDIS service providers
- Central East Accommodation and Care Alliance (CEACA).

4.2.2.1 Western Power: Electricity

A 132 KV overhead power-line feeds two transformer substations at Merredin, supplying electricity to the townsite and surrounding areas. The sub-stations located south of the Great Eastern Highway, opposite the Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH) Depot, provides electricity via 66 KV overhead powerlines. Electricity supply infrastructure has been installed at the light industrial subdivisions of McKenzie Crescent and Doyle Street, Merredin

Merredin Energy, Collgar Windfarm, Merredin Solar Farm and other future suppliers have potential for upgrades to add in to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS).

4.2.2.2 Sewerage

The Merredin townsite has a reticulated sewerage system servicing the majority of the existing residential and commercial areas. Industrial areas are generally unsewered.

The Water Corporation has no infill sewerage program for the Merredin townsite. Expansions to the infrastructure network will be on a needs basis and developer driven.

The Department of Health have been advised of the need to for sewer installation to the north west sector of the Merredin town residential area.

The wastewater treatment plant located west of the Merredin townsite is designed to treat a nominal value of 750m³ of wastewater per day. During 2021/2022, the average mean discharge of the plant was 415.4m³ per day. Current plant and pump station capacity is considered sufficient to accommodate townsite growth within the existing confines with no plans or requirement for future upgrading.

A major upgrade of the sewerage treatment ponds was completed in 2006, with some additional works aimed at improving holding capacity taking place in 2019.

4.2.2.3 Water Supply

The Mundaring Weir via the main conduit provides water to the Merredin townsite and surrounding land. Recently, a new water pumping station was constructed south of the old number 4 pumping station. The existing Scheme is currently functioning within its capacity, with no future plans to upgrade the existing infrastructure. In 2022 the Water corporation completed the construction of an above ground water storage tank and decommissioned the water storage dam.

Limitations of water pressure in areas flagged for industrial land development, requiring businesses to comply with fire suppression requirements.

4.2.2.4 Telecommunication

The Perth to Kalgoorlie telecommunications link services the Merredin townsite and surrounding areas. Three major communication sites provide telecommunication services to the Shire. The telephone exchange located on Barrack Street, and the communication tower in the town centre houses equipment for fixed and mobile customer services, and is the base for operations staff. Tank Hill communications site located to the east of the Merredin townsite is part of the Perth to Kalgoorlie telecommunications link as is the Baandee R/T communications site which is located to the south west of Merredin townsite.

The Shire of Merredin has in recent times approved several transmission towers for CRISP Wireless to improve internet connectivity in the outlying areas.

The Shire has also approved the installation of several INMARSAT Telecommunications dishes as well as the Telstra Earth Station consisting of 5 Telecommunication dishes.

Broadband internet access is available in Merredin via NBN node to premises connection.

Upgrades to 5G network have also taken place within the Merredin townsite.

4.2.2.5 Transport and Major Roads

The regional road network is dominated by Great Eastern Highway, which traverses the Shire from west to east. This is the main road route from Perth on the west coast through to the east coast of Australia and is straddled to both the north and south by the Town of Merredin. The historic town sites of Hines Hill and Nangeenan also abut the Highway to the west of Merredin and Burracoppin to the east. Other major roads within the Shire are the Merredin to Trayning Road to the North, the Merredin to Bruce Rock Road to the south and Merredin to Kondinin Road to the southeast. Other major transport infrastructure within the Shire comprises the standard gauge inter-continental railway from Perth to the east coast.

The dispersed settlement patterns of the Wheatbelt region of WA, requires an extensive transport network to adequately service the area. Merredin Shire is connected by a mixture of sealed all weather access roads and dry weather only unsealed network. The key routes are represented by the Great Eastern Highway which traverses the shire from east to west. The shire is connected to the north and beyond via the Merredin Nungarin Rd, and to the south via the Merredin – Bruce Rock.

An increased investment in the road network has taken place since the closure of the tier three railway. Merredin – Narembeen Road is one of the main Grain Freight Routes from the south to the Merredin CBH receival point and transport route through to Perth and Fremantle Port for stock and freight. The road caters for increasing volume of heavy vehicles and lighter tourist traffic, creating a potential safety problem. Major upgrade and improvements carried out on this route, which included pavement strengthening, sealing widening, and line marking.

Other Major routes within the shire of Merredin includes:

Hines Hill North Rd

This route connects the town of Hines Hill on Great Eastern Highway, to Nungarin, with key functions include freight, heavy haulage of agricultural products, is a school bus route, tourism, and general access via Great Eastern Highway to Perth. This road is also a main tourist route to the historic Mangowine Homestead

Chandler – Merredin Rd

This road is the main route that connects the north east regions of Nungarin, Mukinbudin & Westonia to Merredin Townsite, as well as to the Merredin CBH receival point.

Shire of Merredin undertake routine maintenance upgrade of its existing road network as its important to maintain current and future transport needs of the Wheatbelt Region.

The Merredin airfield located 7kms southeast of the town provides a unique opportunity to be a major contributor to the Shire's economy.

Given its relative importance both economic and symbolic as a new source industry a revised designation to special site is considered appropriate. Further, in acknowledgement of the potential for impacts is already considered with an existing nominal buffer zone or Special Control Area (SCA).

The Merredin Airfield currently subject of a 'Special Use - Airfield' zone under the existing scheme with a 500m buffer area (SCA). The potential of this site to house commercial and industrial development of regional significance highlights the need for this site to be rezoned to a less restrictive zoning that would allow for this type of development.

4.2.2.6 Education facilities

The Merredin townsite has a K-12 independent school, Merredin College, one of five in the State, one private catholic primary school, St Marys, and the Merredin Residential College catering for Year 7 to 12 students from surrounding districts attending Merredin College. A Trade Training Facility, the John Rutherford Centre, is co-located with the College and provides training to certificate level for students.

Merredin residents have access to tertiary education facilities with a Central Regional TAFE site near the Merredin College, and one of four Lumen Regional University Centre hubs located at the North Merredin Primary School Site.

4.2.2.7 Desalination

As the impacts of climate change become increasingly pronounced in the region, the Shire has actively investigated options to improve water usage and explore the repurposing of brackish bore water in Merredin.

This water is required to be abstracted from bores located throughout Merredin townsite to manage the water table and associated salt damage to infrastructure. The brackish bore water is currently not used for any purpose given its salinity and is discharged into evaporation basins. As this brackish bore water is required to be taken from around Merredin townsite to prevent damage caused by salinity, the installation of a desalination unit allows more effective and efficient management of groundwater within the Merredin townsite. With the introduction of the desalination system into the irrigation network and access via a standpipe, an increase of 36,500kL a year of water is incorporated to the towns overall water supply. This both ensures that the existing shallow water tables are managed effectively while also taking advantage of an otherwise unused water source. Having an additional strategically located standpipe gives the community a better option to draw their water from when required. This in turn will decrease the amount of scheme water used for construction, fire mitigation and off-farm usages drawn from other standpipes in the area.

The inclusion of desalinated brackish bore water would mean the Shire has access to four water sources, including: treated brackish bore water, treated wastewater, captured stormwater, and mains scheme water offering security and flexibility in Merredin's irrigation network, fire mitigation strategies, construction works, as well as ensuring an off-farm water source is available to the community given the increased number of available water sources.

4.2.3 Observations

Based on the available information in respect to settlement and infrastructure the following issues are identified.

- Merredin townsite is the dominant focus of settlement within the Shire contains most of the residential and commercial development and community services.
- Merredin plays a sub-regional centre role, servicing the broader central east sub-region.
- Townsites of Muntadgin, Burracoppin and Hines Hill provide a limited number of commercial and community services for the day-to-day requirements of the local community.
- Existing services of water, sewer, electricity and telecommunications are adequate, however future increases in demand may require major infrastructure expansion. Note water pressure is low in the existing McKenzie Crescent industrial area, adding significant development costs for businesses constructing sheds over 500m².
- Strong intra-regional road links to other settlements within the Wheatbelt region and inter-regional road links to other regions.
- A need to adequately maintain and upgrade strategic inter and intra-regional links in conjunction with MRWA.
- A need to resolve traffic issues associated with heavy haulage vehicle traffic conflicting with local traffic within the Merredin townsite and impacting on residential amenity and safety.

- A need to provide for alternative rural lifestyle use within and near the Merredin townsite and ensure such development is carried out within a structure plan framework that considers landscape, amenity and revegetation matters.
- A need to provide a mix of accommodation for a range of workers, from short term placements, executive appointments and service industry workers. Consideration of how zoning can be flexible to accommodate temporary worker accommodation may be required should resource projects commence in the region.
- A need to acknowledge the importance of new and unique service industry in the Shire and the potential of the Merredin airfield site to house commercial and industrial development of regional significance highlighting the need for this site to be rezoned to a less restrictive zoning that would allow for this type of development.
- Expansion of industrial land in the Shire to accommodate economic growth including new industry development such as renewable energy, mining and continuing productive capacity of agriculture in the region.
- Consideration of the impacts of climate change on energy and water efficiency in design of housing and new developments.
- Consideration of the impact of hotter and drier weather on the community, including urban landscaping, including increasing tree cover to reduce vulnerability of residents and infrastructure.

4.3 Economy and Employment

4.3.1 General

The Shire of Merredin's economy is diverse compared to adjacent local government areas, reflecting its regional centre status. The majority of land in Merredin is used for broadacre grains and livestock production. The Shire had an economic output of \$587M in 2022, with agriculture (\$90M); electricity, gas, water and waste services (\$80M); wholesale trade (\$55M) and transport, postal and warehousing (\$50M) the most significant contributors to economic output (REMPPLAN 2022). Tourism output was valued at \$11M in 2022. There was a small, yet growing mining contribution of \$10.7M in 2022 (from \$4M in 2018).

The Shire's Gross Regional Product was \$309M in 2022 (see **Table 13**).

The Shire has a strong small business sector, with 325 businesses recorded in 2022. Most are non-employing (168) or with 1-4 employees (111), with a number employing 5-19 (39) and over 20 employees (7). Almost half of businesses have turnovers of \$200K to \$2M (153), with 8 having turnover of \$10M or more.

TABLE 13 – WHEATBELT ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Economic Output	Merredin	Wheatbelt
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	\$98.255 M	\$3,925.673 M
Mining	\$10.677 M	\$3,889.957 M
Construction	\$33.161 M	\$1,165.320 M
Manufacturing	\$22.854 M	\$1,047.381 M
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	\$46.542 M	\$950.028 M
Public Administration & Safety	\$28.582 M	\$694.573 M
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	\$48.847 M	\$517.574 M
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	\$85.148 M	\$508.994 M
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$34.532 M	\$492.385 M
Education & Training	\$28.283 M	\$438.283 M
Wholesale Trade	\$55.119 M	\$426.632 M
Retail Trade	\$23.477 M	\$329.617 M
Financial & Insurance Services	\$11.487 M	\$243.210 M
Accommodation & Food Services	\$12.315 M	\$228.648 M
Other Services	\$17.281 M	\$208.390 M
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	\$8.837 M	\$176.263 M
Administrative & Support Services	\$3.645 M	\$95.355 M
Information Media & Telecommunications	\$15.545 M	\$66.662 M
Arts & Recreation Services	\$2.413 M	\$33.811 M

Source: Department of Commerce and Trade and DPIRD, REMPLAN 2022.

4.3.2 Agricultural Production

In support of this significant agricultural activity, a range of agricultural services including merchandising, agronomy advice, machinery sales and repairs, harvest spraying and contracting are provided from Merredin. Further, business services supporting these activities including, banking, accountancy and marketing advice are also located within the town.

The Merredin townsite also acts as a regional service centre for commercial and retail needs servicing a wider district with a hinterland of 18,000 people.

The largest employers are within agriculture (15%), health care and social assistance (14%), education and training (11%), retail trade (10%), wholesale trade (9%) and the transport industry (8%). This is reflective of the region's sub-regional role as a commercial and government services hub. Notably, median weekly incomes have increased from \$943 in 2006 to \$1380 in 2021.

Table 14 compares these two survey dates showing that the growing numbers in 'Technicians and Trade Workers' in 2021 contrasting from the number of 'Managers' and 'Professionals' in 2016.

An understanding of the local economy make-up and trends from a workforce perspective, is derived from a comparison of the 2021 Census on workforce by industry type.

In 2021 57.3% of the Shire's population were involved in the workforce. The distribution of occupations has rearranged its order from 2016 to 2012 Census.

TABLE 14 - OCCUPATION OF WORKFORCE

Shire of Merredin 2021 Census, ABS

Occupation, top responses <i>Employed people aged 15 years and over</i>	Merredin	%	Western Australia	%	Australia	%
Technicians and Trades Workers	186	17.6	199,379	15.3	1,554,313	12.9
Machinery Operators and Drivers	139	13.2	100,392	7.7	755,863	6.3
Community and Personal Service Workers	130	12.3	154,341	11.8	1,382,205	11.5
Professionals	128	12.1	287,009	22.0	2,886,921	24.0
Managers	124	11.7	160,687	12.3	1,645,769	13.7
Clerical and Administrative Workers	119	11.3	157,610	12.1	1,525,311	12.7
Labourers	113	10.7	122,961	9.4	1,086,120	9.0
Sales Workers	93	8.8	101,670	7.8	986,433	8.2

Shire of Merredin 2016 Census, ABS

Occupation <i>Employed people aged 15 years and over</i>	Merredin (S)	%	Western Australia	%	Australia	%
Managers	270	18.0	139,350	12.0	1,390,047	13.0
Technicians and Trades Workers	239	16.0	187,396	16.2	1,447,414	13.5
Machinery Operators and Drivers	191	12.8	86,392	7.5	670,106	6.3
Professionals	187	12.5	237,230	20.5	2,370,966	22.2
Clerical and Administrative Workers	169	11.3	150,408	13.0	1,449,681	13.6
Labourers	154	10.3	112,599	9.7	1,011,520	9.5
Community and Personal Service Workers	134	9.0	122,889	10.6	1,157,003	10.8
Sales Workers	133	8.9	102,337	8.8	1,000,955	9.4

Source: ABS Census 2016 and 2021

In 2021 the major employment categories within the Shire were Technical and Trade Workers (17.6%), Machinery Operators and Drivers (13.2%), Community and Personal Services (12.3%) and Professionals (12.1%) and Managers (11.7%).

Whilst the decline in the latter of these categories is the result several factors including a declining population in general, a change in the way professional and manager services are delivered (like drive-in drive-out workers), and the change in agriculture, transport and storage categories are most likely the result of improvements in technology, production and transport and economics of scale. The improved capability of businesses to service industries such as mining and agriculture may also be influencing the increased number of technical roles. There is a rise in community and personal services roles, reflective of the improved infrastructure that is supporting the older population to age in place, and the establishment of new businesses stimulated by the advent of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Alternative models of service delivery in the region may see a continual rise in the number of these workers.

Climate change will have an impact on agricultural production, and may influence the agricultural workforce, employment and prosperity of the population generally. Notwithstanding the changeable climate, the unemployment rate for Merredin is consistently lower than the State and Australian proportions.

4.3.3 Town Centre

The Merredin Town Centre is the hub of commercial and social activity for the Shire and also provides a regional service centre function.

The Town Centre is well defined by Fifth Street to the West, Queen Street to the east, Barrack Street to the south and Coronation Street to the north. There is a mix of contemporary and historic buildings the latter of which are suitably designated in the Shire of Merredin Heritage Survey and Heritage List.

Landuse and development within the Tourist zone includes service stations, roadhouses, motels, caravan parks, a fast-food outlet and restaurants. Under Scheme No.6 the town centre is designed to target a mix of shops, offices, civic and cultural and public purpose land for amenities and services. Maintaining a degree of flexibility in the composition of the town centre allows the area to service a variety of activities that will service the needs of a growing and diverse community.

The vacancy rate of premises in the town centre will vary with the economy and most likely reflect the economic state of Perth (and other capitals) vacancy rates.

4.3.4 Rural

In support of Merredin's agricultural production is the vast Rural zone which represents the overwhelming majority of Merredin's land area. Given the importance of agriculture to Merredin's economy, rural land should be protected from proposals that might compromise agricultural viability such as ad-hoc subdivision and incompatible use or development.

Nonetheless, new or innovative agricultural industries should be encouraged and where bona fide proposals have specific land requirements, support for subdivision or re-subdivision maybe contemplated subject to adequate justification.

Currently, scant information is available on agricultural land capability that could be a guide to Council decision making an agricultural land use and consideration of new agricultural industries. It is understood that DPIRD is compiling information on agricultural land in Merredin. When such information is available it should be used to derive further strategies and actions for the rural economy.

In respect to new rural industry, the Mallee Oil Industry was identified as a potential new farming activity. Oil Mallee trees integrate well by complimenting existing farming systems, help to reduce water logging and other environmental limitations, offers a diversified income base to other income, provide huge carbon credit potential and employment opportunities.

Brushwood and sandalwood plantations would have similar economic and environmental benefits, although sandalwood plantations are a more long-term rural investment proposition for producers requiring about 25 years of growth before harvest.

The economic feasibility of developing these alternative agricultural industries is yet to be established, nevertheless, the Shire should actively encourage the establishment of alternative agricultural industries.

The most significant emerging landuse suitable for the rural areas is the renewable energy facility sector. This landuse means premises used to generate energy from a renewable energy source predominantly and includes any building or other structure used in, or relating to, the generation of energy by a renewable resource. The definition does not include renewable

energy electricity generation where the energy produced principally supplies a domestic and/or business premises and any on selling to the grid is secondary.

There is also mining exploration occurring in the Shire and in the surrounding sub-region, on areas used for broadacre farming. The demand for critical minerals to support economic decarbonisation may see some of this activity translate to mining operations in years to come. The Shire should be actively monitoring this activity.

Whilst the use of rural land will reduce the amount of rural produce, it will more than compensate in the land's productivity. The Shire is keen to encourage renewable energy producers, whether it is for wind, solar or any other proven energy source.

The Shire should be prepared to maximise the outcomes of any potential development for the long-term benefit of the community.

Another issue relevant to rural land, was the desire for rural residential development. Clearly, such development should be accommodated close to the Merredin townsite to take advantage of services. The issue of rural lifestyle is dealt with in more detail under the Infrastructure and Settlement Pattern section.

4.3.5 Light and General Industry

Merredin is experiencing an increased demand for industrial land. The town's central location in the Wheatbelt and its transport and access benefits have seen a take-up of available industrial properties.

To ensure an adequate supply of industrial lots, the Council has identified three locations that it considers suitable for additional industrial activities. Two of these three areas are designated as 'Future Industrial Areas' in this Strategy. The third area is shown as 'Industrial Investigation Area'.

The **first area** is in the western part of the townsite including Lots 503 and 601 and Lots 504 and 602 located between Goldfields Road and Gamenya Avenue. Part of the site is affected by the 500-metre buffer from the town's sewerage treatment works. The land is currently used for agricultural purposes and abuts an area used for agricultural research.

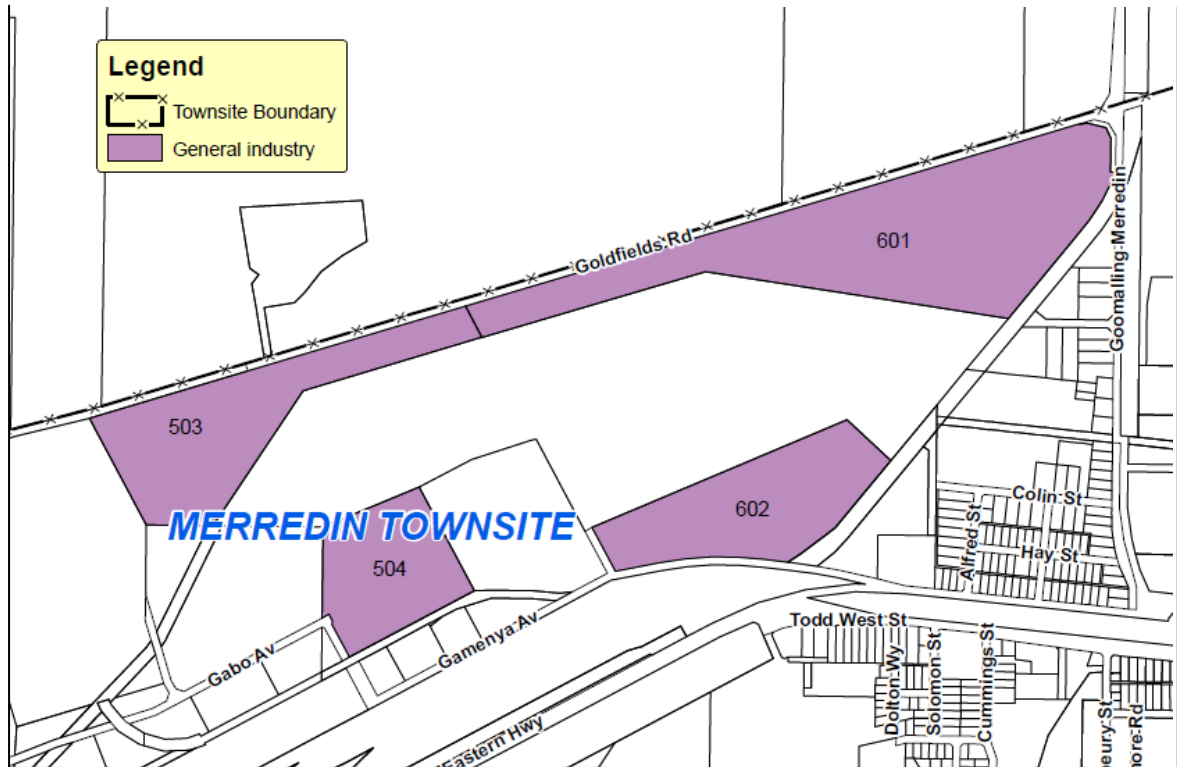
The northern lots (Lots 503 and 601) are 17.6 ha and 34.4 ha and surrounded by uses that are unlikely to be affected by any industrial activities. To the north is farming land, to the east are industrial uses including the drainage ponds, to the west is the sewerage settlement ponds and other industrial land. **Figure 4** shows these proposed areas.

The southern lots (Lots 504 and 602) are 10.5 ha and nearly 15 hectares and have similar surrounding activities. The land between the north and south areas has been planted with vegetation to reduce the water table in the town to prevent higher salinity levels that have previously affected the town. This project is not affected by this part of the proposed new industrial area.

The **second area** shown in **Figure 5** includes land to the east of the of the main light industrial area in Merredin. The land is north of Adamson Road and south of a large recreation reserve. This area measures about 138 hectares with Lot 82 currently cleared of vegetation with a dwelling and sheds near Lot 81 that has recently been rezoned for Light industry.

The whole area slopes from east down to the west with a difference of about 30 metres in 1.8 kilometres from east to west. This constitutes a slope of around 1 vertical metre in 60 horizontal metres.

FIGURE 5 - LOTS 601, 503 GOLDFIELDS RD and 602, 504 GAMENYA AVE



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

FIGURE 6 - LOTS 22 and 82 ADAMSON ROAD, MERREDIN



Source: Landgate, DPLH, Planwest

The southern part of this land is proposed to be zoned 'Light industry' as it is closer to potential sensitive uses south of the highway (zoned 'Rural residential').

Due to the absence of sensitive uses in the northern part of these properties, it is proposed that the area may be better suited for General industry that allows a broader range of industries, including light industries.

Although these proposed industrial areas may provide a supply for the demand for industrial land in the immediate future, it is acknowledged that the Strategy should note that a strategic industrial area, probably near but outside the Merredin townsite, should be further examined.

The third site, marked an 'Industrial Investigation Area', is located on the north side of Goldfields Road outside the townsite. This is a longer term designation that requires further in-depth analysis to ensure its suitability in terms of impact, prevailing winds, soil types,, access and services.

4.3.6 Strategic Industrial Estate

The Shire is generally experiencing an increase in demand for industrial land. The zoned land in the Scheme within the Merredin townsite and those areas designated in the Strategy, are being taken up by enterprises requiring a centralised location to service the regional growing demands of the Wheatbelt's activities.

The Merredin Council is currently considering the cost/benefit of commissioning a study to establish the viability of creating a new strategic industrial area that will satisfy these perceived demands. This study will include an assessment of supply and demand for such industrial uses in the region, options for suitable locations, grant availabilities, and an implementation program and timetable.

The new estate will ensure that the larger scale industries that are area-hungry do not occupy land within the townsite at the expense of the smaller industries that would otherwise be located in the town.

The Council is also keen host a new strategic industrial area to reduce the risk of larger significant industries locating elsewhere in the region because of the shortage of their specific requirements.

The Council envisages that a new strategic industrial estate will provide land central to the wheatbelt for larger regional activities that may otherwise be lost to the Perth region. The new estate may provide extensive areas for activities that may better deal with potential impacts, or lack of space.

It is anticipated that the benefits of the increased workforce in the region will gravitate to Merredin bringing the collateral advantages of families and building the community.

The domino effect of increased local expenditure will not only profit local operations but achieve certain tipping points to justify a range of more specialised human services to service the growing community.

4.3.7 Tourism

An area with growing potential to form an important contribution to the local economy is tourism. Within the Shire there are a range of significant existing or potential tourist attractions including the old Railway Station Museum, the Merredin Military Museum, Cummins Theatre,

Merredin Peak, the Railway Dam, 1893 Water Tower, wildflower tours, Njaki Njaki Cultural Tours, the Golden Pipeline project and the CBH grain storage facility. Other than these man-made features, the district has a variety of natural assets that are of interest to tourists.

It is estimated some 800,000 vehicles passed through Merredin along Great Eastern Highway every year, 71.2% being cars and the remainder trucks (Source: MRWA 2020-21). In addition, regular train, bus and tour services link the Shire with the remainder of the State and points beyond. Existing accommodation includes four motels, one hotel and a caravan park with chalets, and a number of bed and breakfast options, including a number of short-term rentals.

Tourist accommodation is permitted in various zones and local reserves of the Scheme to encourage sensitive application of the policy and flexibility in the location of such accommodation.

In order that the status of tourism in the Shire can be properly assessed it is planned to conduct a survey of tourist accommodation by location, capacity, quality, and adequacy to determine where and how much additional accommodation should be encouraged and supported.

The policy objectives for planning for tourism are to:

- Provide a strategic approach to the sustainable development and management of tourism land uses by ensuring decision-making is guided by a local planning strategy which reflects the demand for local and regional tourism.
- Identify opportunities and protect locations, tourism precincts and sites (existing and potential) where demand for future tourism land use and development have been identified. The character, landscape, visual amenity, economic, social, cultural and environmental values of natural and/or built features that may have future tourism potential should be protected; any negative impacts minimised; and, where possible, values enhanced.
- Plan appropriate infrastructure and services necessary to support tourism development and ensure new and expanded tourism development has secure access to services/infrastructure.
- Recognise that the commercial sustainability of tourism may require flexibility in product mix, site design and risk mitigation approaches. Promote the colocation of complementary and compatible tourism land uses to create identifiable tourism precincts that benefit tourism amenity.
- Ensure land use impacts between tourism activities and other land uses (including residential areas) are appropriately managed.

In November 2024 the WA Planning Commission released a Position Statement - Planning for Tourism. The intent of the policy is to facilitate acceptable development of new and evolving tourism opportunities, provide a high-level of amenity in tourism areas and deliver quality land use planning outcomes.

This Position Statement also incorporates new and amended definitions for various types of tourism land use types. A copy of these new provisions and definitions can be accessed through the DPLH web site using the following link.

<https://www.planning.wa.gov.au/planning-reform/short-term-rental-accommodation-planning-reforms>

These definitions will be incorporated into the Scheme.

4.3.8 Issues

Based on the foregoing assessment of economic and employment data the following key issues are identified.

- Merredin's economy is primarily based on agriculture with the townsite performing a regional centre function with supporting services in retail, commerce, industry and community services.
- A high proportion of the population participating in the workforce with unemployment consistently below the state average.
- Dominant employment categories are Managers, Technicians and Trades Workers, Machinery Operators and Drivers, and Professionals.
- A rising importance in manufacturing and business-related services, banking finance, consultancy as employment generators and a need to accommodate future expansion of these activities.
- Insufficient light industrial and showroom land to accommodate future demand but a need to identify future potential sites in case demand outstrips supply.
- A need to retain the town centre as the focus for retail and commercial activity in light of population decline.
- A need to provide Council with more flexibility in considering land use and development proposals within the town centre.
- A need to redefine the role of land set aside for tourist type activity to more accurately reflect appropriate development and user groups of the development.
- A need to acknowledge that future growth of the economy will be derived from the establishment of new industry and business, and the need to encourage such redevelopment of sites like the old abattoir site and the Merredin airfield.

4.4 Environment

4.4.1 Geology

The Shire is underlain by the very ancient granite and greenstone rocks of the Achaean age that comprise part of Yilgarn Block. These ancient rocks are largely covered by laterite (gravel), clay and sand and locally by salt lakes deposits containing gypsum'.

4.4.2 Native Vegetation

Eighty nine percent of land within the Shire has been cleared for agriculture leaving only isolated pockets of native vegetation spread throughout the Shire.

Some native vegetation sites are areas spared from clearing due to their geological or topographical unsuitability for agriculture, ie, areas around granite outcrops and salt lakes or areas with steep or rocky terrain. Other native vegetation sites owe their existence to their early reservation or enduring crown land status. There are three native vegetation sites located at the southern urban fringe of the Merredin townsite. These are suitably protected under Scheme No 1 via the recreation reserve, although some degradation has occurred due to clearing and access tracks.

Native vegetation sites are scarce and thus their protection should be a high priority, especially Reserve 23739 recognised as Tamma Parkland.

Commission Policy DC 3.4 Rural Subdivision, allows for the creation of conservation lots in the wheatbelt agricultural policy area. Given the scarcity of nature vegetation in the Shire

of Merredin, proposals for conservation lots should be supported by the Council but with due regard being given to the criteria of **Policy DC 3.4** with each proposal determined on its merits.

There are some relatively large native vegetation sites that provide both functional and aesthetic value within the Merredin townsite. The largest is located in the northeast sector of the townsite and encompasses land reserved for recreation and includes a major granite outcrop, which is a significant landscape feature for the Merredin townsite. The adjacent golf course also includes some significant stands of native vegetation as does the former railway marshalling yards (R10359) just to the south.

There is a relatively large native vegetation site, which includes a granite outcrop in the southwest sector urban fringe. This site is in private ownership and portion is zoned in Scheme No.6 for residential development. This area is to be retained under current zoning and any future subdivision is to be guided by WAPC policy. Negotiations between the Shire and the landowner should be entered into with a view to retaining as much native vegetation as possible via a structure planning process for the area. This should be reflected in the Strategic Plan with a suitable strategy and action.

The Shire has carried out revegetation in conjunction with Department of Agriculture and Food in the western portion of the townsite north of the CBH grain silos and between the townsite's sewerage treatment facility and the north bound railway spur line. These revegetation programs are part of the Department of Agriculture and Food investigations into salinity prevention and lowering the water table. The site north of the CBH grain silos is on General Industrial land and as such there is a need to reconcile this zone with the current use.

A designation for parks and recreation reserve is considered suitable for this land with a similar sized area identified in the locality for General Industrial zone to compensate.

It is noted that under the previous Scheme No 1, the conservation of native vegetation was implemented via the use of the singular recreation reservation. This generally encompassed: land reserved for conservation of flora and fauna under the management of DBCA/DPaW; land reserved for water catchment under the management of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; land reserved for gravel, landscape protection and recreation under the management of the Shire; and unvested reserves and Crown land.

The use of the singular recreation reservation, whilst offering the advantage of simplicity does not adequately reflect the status of the above-described tenures. Further, since Scheme No 1, additional land has been identified under these tenures indicating a need for a refinement of the classification into categories such as Parks and Recreation, Conservation and Water Catchment and an update in the new scheme.

The future designation of Crown land and unvested reserves is more problematic. Whilst some land of these tenures, especially land within the townsite, are well suited to a recreation reservation, other sites beyond the townsite would need assessment prior to designation. Until this assessment is carried out the land should remain with the rural zone unless already identified under Scheme No.6 for Recreation or a different zone or reserve.

In April 2005 the Shire of Merredin supported the Department of Environment and Conservation's (formerly CALM) placement of a Nature Conservation Covenant on Avon Locations 19108, 19110 and 19111 for the protection of native flora and fauna therein.

4.4.3 Natural Resource Management

Priority natural management areas are hydrological processes, biodiversity, soil, pest and weed control. Strategies and actions are provided to address the specific management areas, and these relate to catchment areas and assets of the Shire of Merredin, which have been categorised into land, water, infrastructure and biodiversity.

4.4.4 Salinity

Salinity is a major environmental issue. As noted, clearing for agriculture has left the Shire with only 11% of its original vegetation and as a result ground water levels fluctuate seasonally.

Not only does rising groundwater and resultant salinity have an impact on agriculture land but also impacts on housing and infrastructure, i.e., road, rail & public buildings. It is estimated that major impacts will occur in about 25 years if measures are not taken.

Key initiatives current being undertaken in the townsite to address salinity include the following.

- Pumping of groundwater from 6 bores in the town centre to evaporation ponds and storage tanks (adjacent to CBH) in the western sector of the townsite.
- The establishment of a desalination plant to recover water.
- A tree-planting programme along the main drain also in the western sector of the townsite.

The evaporation ponds and desalination plant is on land reserved in Scheme No.6 for Public purposes. In acknowledgement of the unique activity a special use designation is considered appropriate with a strategy and action for continuation of initiatives to address townsite salinity.

4.4.5 Flooding

Flooding and drainage within the townsite is an issue. The Merredin townsite is within a shallow valley with high ground to the northeast and southern side of the Merredin townsite forming a water shed off which runoff becomes channelled through the lower parts of the townsite, especially the northern portion of the townsite.

A report of 1979 by the then Public Works Department recommended the following to address the flooding.

- A 1.5 metre levee bank along the Goldfields Road between MacDonald Street and Railway Avenue.
- Routing an additional drain through the northern portion of the townsite with a suggested route within the standard gauge railway reserve extending into the discontinued Nungarin Railway Reserve before joining up with the existing drain to the west of the townsite.
- Postponement of urban development with the northern portion of the townsite susceptible to flooding until major flood irrigation works have been complete.
- Upgrading of the existing main drain in the centre of the townsite.

These recommendations remain valid and should continue to form part of the Shire's flood mitigation program and be reflected in appropriate strategies and actions.

4.4.6 Contamination

The Contaminated Sites Act 2003 came into operation on 1 December 2006 conveying responsibility to the Shire of Merredin to advise the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation

and Attractions (DBCA) of any known or suspected contaminated sites under its control within the district. Subsequent assessment of such sites will determine the classification imposed by the DWER and will determine future usage of such sites. Certain contaminated sites may require to be identified within town planning documentation and restrictions placed on the future usage and development thereon.

4.4.7 Issues

On the basis of available information in respect to environmental matters the following key issues are identified.

- A need to protect townsite native vegetation by way of an appropriate vesting with the Shire of Merredin or where occurring on private land via direct negotiation with the land owner or via the structure planning process.
- A need to refine the classification of sites with native vegetation in accordance with their vesting and management orders to more accurately reflect native vegetation sites intended purpose.
- A need to identify and report contaminated sites to the DWER and implement management plans where required.
- A need for environmental assessment of unvested reserves and unallocated Crown land within the Shire to establish potential to protect native vegetation on such sites. This should be undertaken in consultation with Department of Land Information and DWER.
- A need to continue initiatives to address townsite salinity and seek funding from the State Salinity Council.
- The need for an appropriate designated use for land being used for salinity research by Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and it's vesting in that authority.
- A need to support the initiatives of the NRMPS and the MTSMS.
- A need to carry forward flood mitigation recommendations for the townsite.

4.5 Land Supply

4.5.1 Residential

There are several types of residential development, each of which should have an appropriate supply available in various locations.

The **types** include single and grouped dwellings, higher density developments, aged persons accommodation, commercial accommodation, tourist accommodation and workforce accommodation.

The **locations** include townsites, rural areas and specifically designated areas.

The vacant land for single and grouped dwellings is adequately catered for in the zoned land of Merredin Townsite and the other townsites. Density is reliant of effluent disposal such that most townsite areas, other than Merredin, are not connected to a suitable sewerage system. Merredin allows for greater density in and around the commercial centre, however demand would need to be demonstrated before such an investment is committed.

Merredin caters for an expansion of aged accommodation as part of the Omnibus Scheme amendment, however future needs will need to be the subject of a separate study to assess forecast demand, suitable land, private interest and government assistance.

Aged accommodation is not considered appropriate in other townsites because of the lack of suitable support services and the need to centralise these facilities.

Commercial and workforce accommodation are problematic to cater for in a Scheme. Commercial accommodation would require a separate study based on demand, location and support facilities and services.

Likewise, workforce accommodation will be dependent on the location of the workplace, land ownership, land availability, availability of services and other infrastructure. Often these areas need to be separated from regular residential areas due to the likelihood of irregular working hours and the potential to impact existing residential areas.

The existing zoned areas for Highway Service, Commercial and Town Centre are considered adequate to satisfy shorter term demands for commercial accommodation, however workers' accommodation will need to be assessed on demand.

4.5.2 Industrial

Industrial development can be catered for in three groups. These include light industry, general industry and strategic industry. Industrial development is a term that is used for where future industrial development is planned but needs further investigations regarding services and site suitability.

There is a shortage of all these categories in Merredin, however the Omnibus Scheme Amendment looks to partly satisfy this deficiency by expanding the existing light industrial area on Adamson Road on the eastern end of the town.

The northern portion of the land on Adamson Road is proposed to be zoned General Industry as it provides a better buffer from the Rural residential area south of the railway/highway. Additional land to the west part of Merredin on Goldfields Road and Gamenya Avenue will provide for general industrial uses without interrupting the plantation designed to reduce groundwater levels in the townsite.

It is possible that even these areas may not be adequate in the longer term as Merredin is designated as a sub-regional centre and is likely to become a major hub in the Wheatbelt Region. To this end the Council is keen to investigate the potential to establish a strategic industrial area near the Merredin townsite, with access to major transport routes and essential services with minimal impact on other nearby activities.

A potential site could include a closer investigation of the Merredin airfield site that, on the face of it, possesses many of the features required.

4.5.3 Commercial

The provision of land for commercial, office and shops is considered adequate in the current land allocations in Merredin. Commercial accommodation could be high rise in the existing Town Centre, Commercial and Highway Service zones. Motels, because of their reliance on motor vehicles should be restricted to the Highway Service and Commercial zones.

4.5.4 Services

The provision of land for services and facilities is considered adequate for the immediate future. A revised assessment will be necessary if there is a new funding program or a demonstrated demand for a major facility whether it is for health, education or policing.

4.6 Water and renewable energy advocacy

Merredin is keen to become the region's centre of excellence for renewable energy through building on its existing infrastructure and performance and will support appropriate new initiatives in energy production and storage.

Merredin is uniquely placed to also to be a leader in dryland water management, and should work with the view to reducing its reliance on scheme derived potable water for non-potable water uses, including irrigation of parks and gardens, and commercial or industrial use.

4.7 Digital connectivity

In line with Merredin's ambition to become a centre for digital connectivity, the Council will endeavour to facilitate and provide for, where appropriate, new infrastructure and facilities that will cement the district as a leader in digital connectivity.

4.8 Facilitating regional cooperation

The Council will participate and interact with regional agencies and service providers to ensure that Merredin maintains its cooperation with regional organisations commensurate with its status as a sub-regional centre.

Where possible, the Council will offer to host meetings, consultations and gatherings to display its capacity and willingness to become a regional facilitator.

4.9 Tourism

The Council encourages the establishment of a wide range of tourist attractions and accommodation options in the region. Tourist attractions are to include natural, manmade and cultural places of interest in Merredin and around the shire. Accommodation options include town-based facilities of varying scales, and rural-based venues based on locations of tourist sites.

4.10 Infrastructure development, land assembly and transport logistics

The Council is aware of the servicing issues around the provision of essential services in Merredin. In particular is the provision of adequate water supplies to service the development of new industrial lots.

The Council encourages the respective service agencies to coordinate their provision of planned essential services to reflect the town's future growth pattern as demonstrated through this strategy and the Council's local planning scheme.

The Council will assist, where possible, in the assembly of land for larger development proposals with the end view of supporting such development.

The Merredin airstrip provides a unique opportunity to host a variety of activities as the site is protected with a 500-metre buffer and is not close to any sensitive uses.

The site is extensive and has the capacity for activities that would normally require separation from urban areas.

5.0 REFERENCES AND RESOURCE MATERIAL

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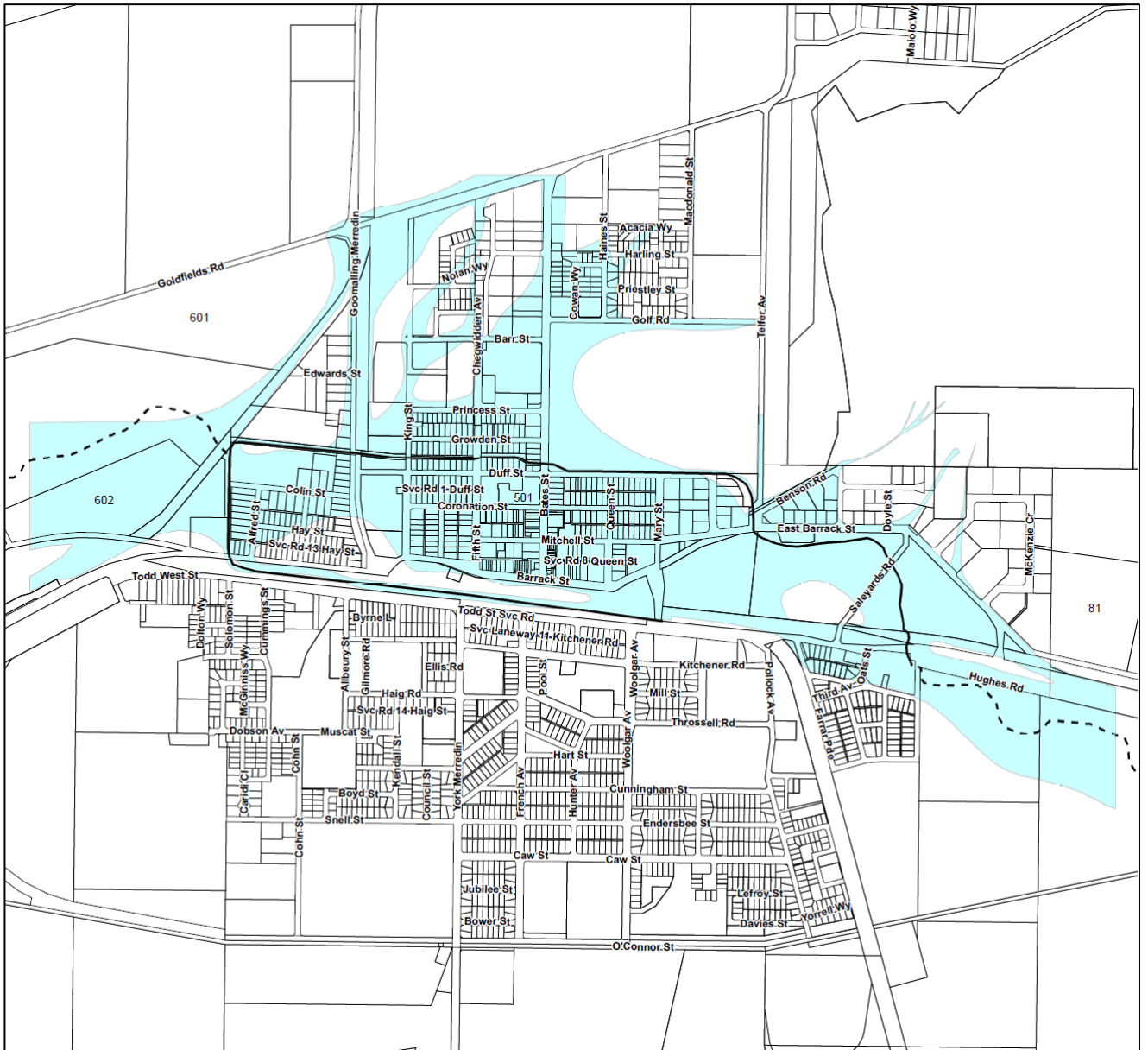
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APPENDIX 1 - Areas Susceptible To Flooding Extent of February 1979 Floods



12.4 Proposed Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law 2025

<h3>Development Services</h3> 	
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
File Reference:	LE/08/2025
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 12.4A - Proposed Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law 2025

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider adopting a local law to reflect changes in other legislation and to increase modified penalties currently in place as part of the Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2002

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 February 2025, Council resolved to adopt a draft Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law (CMRef 83544). In accordance with statutory requirements, the proposed local law was subsequently advertised for public comment and a copy sent to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

Comment

The proposed amendment local law reflects changes in other legislation and increases modified penalties currently in place as part of the Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2002.

There were no comments from the public or DLGSC following the advertising of the proposed Amendment local law which published for public comment on 28 February 2025. The Shire of Merredin (the Shire) may now 'make' the Amendment Local Law which will come into effect 14 days after publication in the Government Gazette.

Policy Implications

Compliance with Shire of Merredin Policy 3.13 – Use of Common Seal.

Statutory Implications

The proposed Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law will reflect changes in other legislation and increase modified penalties currently in place as part of the Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2002.

Strategic Implications

Ø Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2.3 The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice.
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

Ø Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	4.4.1 The Shire is continuously working to maintain efficient communication, providing open, transparent and factual information, through a variety of channels

Sustainability Implications

Ø Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

The proposed Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law will reflect changes in other legislation and increase modified penalties currently in place as part of the Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2002.

The proposed Parking Amendment Local Law has been subject to public advertising and will receive further consideration by the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. Accordingly, the risks associated with this proposal are considered Low (3) based on the likelihood of Rare (1) and consequence Moderate (3) of an adverse event associated with the proposal taking place.

Financial Implications

There are costs associated with the drafting of the amendment local law, advertising for comments, and eventual publication in the Government Gazette. An allocation of funds for the completion of the local law review project forms part of the Shire's 2024/25 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr McKenzie

Seconded: Cr Van Der Merwe

That Council:

1. **MAKES** the Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law 2025 as shown in Attachment 12.4A;
2. **AUTHORISES** the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to affix the Shire of Merredin Common Seal to the Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law 2025;
3. **PUBLISHES** the local law in the Government Gazette;
4. **SENDS** a copy to the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries;
5. **GIVES** local public notice in accordance with s3.12(6) of the Local Government Act 1995, after Gazettal;
 - a) Stating the title of the local law;
 - b) Summarizing the purpose and effect of the local law and specifying the day on which it comes into operation;
 - c) Advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or obtained from the Shire offices;
6. **SENDS** a copy of the local law and a duly completed explanatory memorandum signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to the Western Australian Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
7. **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to take any other action necessary to progress the gazettal of the Amendment Local Law.

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CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of Merredin
Parking Amendment Local Law 2025

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995*, and all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Merredin resolved on 27 May 2025 to make the following local law:

1. Citation

This local law is cited as the *Shire of Merredin Parking Amendment Local Law 2025*.

2. Principal local law

The *Shire of Merredin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law* published in the *Government Gazette* on 7 October 2002 is referred to as the principal local law.

3. Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

4. Principal local law amended

The principal local law is amended as follows:

(a) In clause 1.3(1):

- i. The definition of ‘ACROD’ is deleted;
- ii. The following definition is added in the appropriate place in alphabetical order:
Disability parking permit has the meaning given to it by the *Local Government (Parking for People with Disabilities) Regulations 2014*;

(b) In clause 2.3(3)(a) replace ‘an ACROD sticker’ with ‘a disability parking permit’;

(c) In clause 2.3(3)(b) replace ‘ACROD sticker’ with ‘disability parking permit’;

(d) In clause 3.1(2)(a)(i) replace ‘an ACROD sticker’ with ‘a disability parking permit’;

(e) In clause 3.1(2)(a)(ii) replace ‘ACROD sticker’ with ‘disability parking permit’;

(f) Clause 6.15 is deleted and replaced with ‘Stopping by persons in parking stalls set aside for people with disabilities is dealt with by the *Local Government (Parking for People with Disabilities) Regulations 2014*’;

(g) Clause 8.1(3) of the principal local law is deleted and replaced with the following:

- (3) Any person who commits an offence under this Local Law shall be liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

(h) The Second Schedule of the principal local law is replaced with the following:

‘Schedule 2
Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law
Prescribed Offences

Item No.	Clause No.	Nature of Offence	Modified Penalty (\$)
1	2.2	Failure to park wholly within parking stall	100
2	2.2(4)	Failure to park wholly within parking area	100
3	2.3(1)(a)	Causing obstruction in parking station	150
4	2.3(1)(b)	Parking contrary to sign in a parking station	100
5	2.3(1)(c)	Parking contrary to directions of an authorised person	100
6	2.3(1)(d)	Parking or attempting to park a vehicle in a parking stall occupied by another vehicle	100
7	3.1(1)(a)	Parking wrong class of vehicle	100
8	3.1(1)(b)	Parking by persons of a different class	100
9	3.1(1)(c)	Parking during a prohibited period	100
10	3.1(3)(a)	Parking in a no parking area	100
11	3.1(3)(b)	Parking contrary to signs or limitations	100
12	3.1(3)(c)	Parking vehicle in a motorcycle only area	100
13	3.1(4)	Parking motorcycle in stall not marked “M/C”	100
14	3.1(5)	Parking without permission in an area designated for “Authorised Vehicles Only”	100
15	3.2(1)(a)	Failure to park on the left of two-way carriageway	100
16	3.2(1)(b)	Failure to park on boundary of one-way carriageway	100

Item No.	Clause No.	Nature of Offence	Modified Penalty (\$)
17	3.2(1)(a) or 3.2(1)(b)	Parking against the flow of traffic	100
18	3.2(1)(c)	Parking when distance from farther boundary less than 3 metres	100
19	3.2(1)(d)	Parking closer than 1 metre to another vehicle	100
20	3.2(1)(e)	Cause obstruction	100
21	3.3(b)	Failure to park at approximate right angle	100
22	3.4(2)	Failure to park at an appropriate angle	100
23	3.5(2)(a) and 6.2	Double parking	100
24	3.5(2)(b)	Parking on or adjacent to a median strip	100
25	3.5(2)(c)	Denying access to private drive or right of way	100
26	3.5(2)(d)	Parking beside excavation or obstruction so as to obstruct traffic	100
27	3.5(2)(e)	Parking within 10m of a traffic island	100
28	3.5(2)(f)	Parking on a footpath/ pedestrian crossing	100
29	3.5(2)(g)	Parking contrary to continuous line markings	100
30	3.5(2)(h)	Parking on intersection	100
31	3.5(2)(i)	Parking within 1 metre of fire hydrant or fire plug	100
32	3.5(2)(j)	Parking within 3 metres of a public letter box	100
33	3.5(2)(k)	Parking within 10 metres of intersection	100
34	3.5(3)(a) or (b)	Parking within 10 metres of the departure side of a bus stop, children's crossing or pedestrian crossing	100
35	3.5(4)(a) or (b)	Parking within 20 metres of the departure side of a bus stop, children's crossing or pedestrian crossing	100
36	3.5(5)	Parking within 20 metres of the approach side or departure side of a railway level crossing	100
37	3.6	Parking contrary to direction of an authorised person	100
38	3.7(2)	Removing mark of an authorised person	100
39	3.8	Moving vehicle to avoid time limitation	100
40	3.9(a)	Parking in thoroughfare for purpose of sale	100
41	3.9(b)	Parking unlicensed vehicle in thoroughfare	100
42	3.9(c)	Parking trailer/ caravan on a thoroughfare	100
43	3.9(d)	Parking in a thoroughfare for purpose of repairs	100
44	3.9(e)	Parking in a thoroughfare for purpose of maintenance	100
45	3.10(1) or (2)	Parking on land that is not a parking facility without consent	100
46	3.10(3)	Parking on land not in accordance with consent	100
47	3.11	Driving or parking on reserve	100
48	3.13	Failure to display ticket in parking station or area set aside	100
49	4.1(1)	Stopping contrary to a 'no stopping' sign	150
50	4.1(2)	Parking contrary to a 'no parking' sign	150
51	4.1(3)	Stopping within continuous yellow lines	150
52	5.1	Stopping unlawfully in a loading zone	150
53	5.2	Stopping unlawfully in a taxi zone or bus zone	150
54	5.3	Stopping unlawfully in a mail zone	150
55	5.4	Stopping in a zone contrary to a sign	150
56	6.1	Stopping in a shared zone	150
57	6.3	Stopping near an obstruction	150
58	6.4	Stopping on a bridge or tunnel	150
59	6.5	Stopping on crests/curves etc	150
60	6.6	Stopping near a fire hydrant	150
61	6.7	Stopping near a bus stop	150
62	6.8	Stopping on a path, median strip or traffic island	150
63	6.9	Stopping on verge	150
64	6.10	Obstructing a path, median strip or traffic island	150
65	6.11	Stopping near letter box	100
66	6.12	Stopping heavy or long vehicles on carriageway	150
67	6.13	Stopping in bicycle parking area	100
68	6.14	Stopping in motorcycle parking area	100
69	7.6	Leaving vehicle so as to obstruct a public place	150
70		All other offences not specified	100

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Dated 27 May 2025

The Common Seal of the Shire of Merredin was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of –

.....
President

.....
Chief Executive Officer

12.5 Application for Development Approval – Provision of a Free-standing Cover over Historic Cart at the Merredin Railway Museum

<h3>Development Services</h3> 	
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6 <i>Building Act 2011</i>
File Reference:	A228
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 12.5A – Application for development approval and supporting documentation

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider approving the application for Development Approval (DA) for the erection of a free-standing cover to be placed over a historic cart at the Merredin Railway Museum located on Portion of Reserve 10359, Lot 1503 (No 45) Barrack Street, Merredin.

Background

The Shire of Merredin (the Shire) has received an application for development approval the erection of a freestanding cover to be placed over a historic cart at the Merredin Railway Museum.

Comment

The proposed development consists of the erection of a free-standing cover 3.130m wide x 5.50m long x 2.4m high free-standing cover to be placed over a historic cart at the Merredin Railway Museum.

The proposal is consistent with the current as well as longer-term use of the area.

Statutory – Planning Considerations

The Merredin Railway Museum is located on Portion of Reserve 10359, Lot 1503 (No 45) Barrack Street, Merredin is designated 'Railway Local Scheme Reserve' under the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6. (LPS).

Clause 2.4 of the LPS states that in determining an application for planning approval the local government is to have due regard to the ultimate purpose intended for the reserve and that

in the case of land reserved for the purposes of a public authority, the local government is to consult with that authority before determining an application for planning approval.

In this case the objectives of the Local Planning Scheme No. 6 relating to a Railway Local Reserve areas follows;

- To provide land and facilities for railway purposes and associated activities.
- To protect land from activities considered inappropriate to the successful continued operation of railway infrastructure.

The proposed development does not contravene the above objectives and complements the current as well as long-term use of the area.

The land in question is owned by the State of WA and is a reserve vested in the Public Transport Authority (PTA) with a Licensing agreement for the use of the land in place between the PTA and the Shire.

The Shire Administration has spoken with representatives of the PTA regarding the application and has received emailed confirmation that PTA has no objection to the proposed development subject to works relating to the installation not crossing the fence and infringing upon the rail corridor

The Merredin Railway Station Group (Incorporating the Railway Museum) is listed (Place Number 01577) on the State Heritage Council Register of premises with a high historical significance to the Western Australian Community.

As such any proposed development automatically triggers mandatory development approval provisions under the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6 and requires referral of the proposed development to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) for consideration of potential Heritage related impacts.

Accordingly, the application for development approval was referred to DPLH (State Heritage) officer for consideration.

DPLH, have provided the following advice;

The proposal, in accordance with the plans submitted, is supported subject to the following condition:

- 1. The steel structure is to be independent and not to be fixed to the significant fabric of the cart dock sleeper retaining walls. A minimum setback of 50mm from the retaining walls is to be maintained.*

The Shire Administration has discussed the above condition with representatives from the Merredin Railway Museum and has been advised that the above condition will be met as part of the building works associated with the erection of the free-standing cover on site.

Statutory – Building Considerations

Building work including the placement or erection of a building or incidental structure on land is subject to building permit requirements. An application for a building permit must be submitted to the Shire and be approved before any building work can commence on site.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Compliance with the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6.

Compliance with the *Building Act 2011*.

Strategic Implications

Ø Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Service Area Objective:	5.4 Town Planning & Building Control 5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

Ø Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	5.4 Town Planning & Building Control 5.4.2 The Shire has current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth

Sustainability Implications

Ø Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

The proposed development will not result in an adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding area and has received conditional support from DPLH (State Heritage) Officer, accordingly, the risks associated with this proposal are considered Low (3) based on the likelihood of Rare (1) and consequence of Moderate (3) of adverse events associated with the proposed development taking place.

Financial Implications

Development approval application fees have been paid.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Billing

Seconded: Cr O'Neill

That Council GRANTS development approval for the erection of a free-standing cover to be placed over a historic cart at the Merredin Railway Museum located on Portion of Reserve 10359, Lot 1503 (No 45) Barrack Street, as outlined in Attachment 12.5A, subject to compliance with requirements outlined in the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage correspondence dated 29 April 2025 as shown in Attachment 12.5A.

ADVICE NOTES

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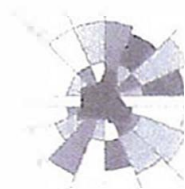
- 1. The applicant is advised that if the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term "substantially commenced" has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time.*
- 2. The applicant is advised that granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit and that an application for relevant building permit must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any building work can commence on site.*
- 3. The applicant is advised that if an applicant or owner is aggrieved by this determination, there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be made within 28 days of the determination.*

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

Application for development approval



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

Owner details		
Name: <i>Shire of Merredin on behalf of the Public Transport Authority for the Merredin Museum and Historical Society.</i>		
ABN (if applicable): <i>465 297 792 84</i>		
Address: <i>45 BAWICK ST (LOT 1503)</i>		
<i>MERREDIN WA</i>		Postcode: <i>6415</i>
Phone: Work:	Fax:	Email: <i>[REDACTED]</i>
Home:		
Mobile: <i>[REDACTED]</i>		
Contact person for correspondence : <i>Jane Paton</i>		
Signature: <i>[REDACTED]</i>		Date: <i>24/3/2025</i>
Signature: <i>[REDACTED]</i>		Date: <i>25/03/2025</i>
<i>The signature of the owner(s) is required on all applications. This application will not proceed without that signature. For the purposes of signing this application an owner includes the persons referred to in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Schedule 2 clause 62 (2).</i>		
Applicant details (if different from owner)		
Name:		
Address:		
		Postcode:
Phone: Work:	Fax:	Email:
Home:		
Mobile:		
Contact person for correspondence :		
The information and plans provided with this application may be made available by the local government for public viewing in connection with the application. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Signature:	Date:
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Property details		
Lot No: 1503	House/Street No: 45	Location No:
Diagram or Plan No:	Certificate of Title Vol. No:	Folio:
Title encumbrances (e.g. easements, restrictive covenants): Heritage Listed		
Street Name: Barrack St	Suburb: Merredin	
Nearest street intersection:		

Proposed development	
Nature of Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Works <input type="checkbox"/> Use <input type="checkbox"/> Works and use
Is an exemption from development claimed for part of the development?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, is the exemption for	<input type="checkbox"/> Works <input type="checkbox"/> Use
Description of proposed works and/or land use: Erection of car shelter	
Description of exemption claimed (if relevant):	
Nature of any existing buildings and/or land use: Railway Museum (PTA land)	
Approximate cost of proposed development: \$5000.00	
Estimated time of completion: 12 months (or sooner)	

OFFICE USE ONLY

NATSPEC SPECIFICATION

**Project name: Proposed
Carport**

**Specification address: Part of #45, Lot
1503 Barrack Street MERREDIN W.A.
6415 (Merredin Railway Museum)**

**To be read in conjunction with plans
showing job number 24031.**

Revision	Date	Approved by
1	18 th of February 2025	Wayne Bill

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0131B PRELIMINARIES

1 GENERAL

Occupied premises

General:

- Allow occupants to continue in secure possession and occupancy of the premises for the required period.
- Make available safe access for occupants.
- Arrange work to minimise nuisance to occupants and for their safety.

1.1 COMPLETION OF THE WORKS

Final cleaning

General: Before the date for practical completion, clean debris from the site, roofs, gutters, downpipes and drainage systems. Remove waste and surplus materials.

0171B GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS

Consistency

General: For each material or product use the same manufacturer or source and provide consistent type, size, quality and appearance.

1.2 OFF-SITE DISPOSAL

Removal of material

General: Dispose of building waste material off site to the requirements of the relevant authorities.

0221 SITE PREPARATION

1.1 EXISTING SERVICES

General

Requirement: Before commencing earthworks, locate and mark existing underground services in the areas which will be affected by the earthworks operations including clearing, excavating and trenching.

Utility services: Contact DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG to identify location of underground utility services pipes and cables.

Excavation: Do not machine excavate within 1 m of existing underground services.

Existing service lines: If required, divert services detected during excavation to new routes, clear of the building, and reconnect to the network utility operator's requirements.

0274B CONCRETE

1.1 STANDARDS

Concrete

Footing & slab construction: To AS 2870]

1.2 AGGREGATE

Characteristics

Standards: AS 2758.1.

1.3 CONCRETE MIX

Standard

Concrete mix and supply: To AS 3600

0344B STEEL – COATINGS

1 GENERAL

1.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

General

Requirement: Provide anti – rust paint to all welds. Bitumen paint to steel columns where in contact with the ground. All as per plans.

0421 ROOF SHEETING

1.1 COMPONENTS

Fasteners

Finish: Prefinished exposed fasteners with an oven baked polymer coating to match the roof materials.

1.2 SHEET METAL ROOF

As per plans.

1.3 ROOF PLUMBING

General

Standard: To AS/NZS 3500.3. (As per plans)

Requirement: Provide the flashings, cappings, gutters and downpipes necessary to complete the roof system.

1.4 STORAGE AND HANDLING

Sheet metal roofing

Storage: Store metal roofing materials away from uncured concrete and masonry, on a level base. Do not store materials in contact with other materials which may cause staining, denting or other surface damage.

Handling: Handle roofing materials as follows:

- Use gloves when handling precoated metal roofing material.
- Use soft soled shoes when fixing or working on roofs.
- Protect edges and surfaces from damage. Do not drag sheets across each other or over other materials.

1.5 INSTALLATION

Protection

General: Keep the roofing and rainwater system free of debris and loose material during construction, and leave them clean and unobstructed on completion.

Roof sheet Installation

- At gutters: Project sheets 50 mm into gutters.

Swarf: Remove swarf and other debris as soon as it is deposited.

Downpipes

General: Prefabricate downpipes to the required section and shape where possible. Connect heads to gutter outlets and, if applicable, connect feet to rainwater drains.

Downpipe support: Provide supports and fixings for downpipes.

1.6 COMPLETION

Cleaning

Remove: Excess debris, metal swarf, solder, sealants and unused materials.

Roof plumbing: Clean out spoutings, gutters and rainwater pipes after completion of roof installation.

0902 ELECTRICAL INSTALL

1.1 STANDARDS

General

Electrical services: To AS/NZS 3000, by a licensed electrician.

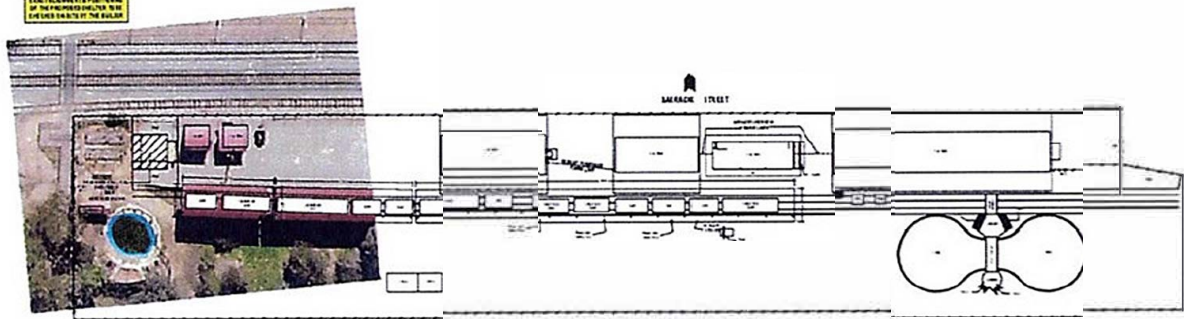
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NOTE:
REFER TO LAMING & DEPOSITED PLAN 20227 FOR MORE DETAIL DETAILS

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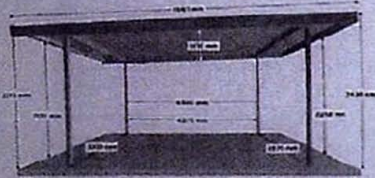
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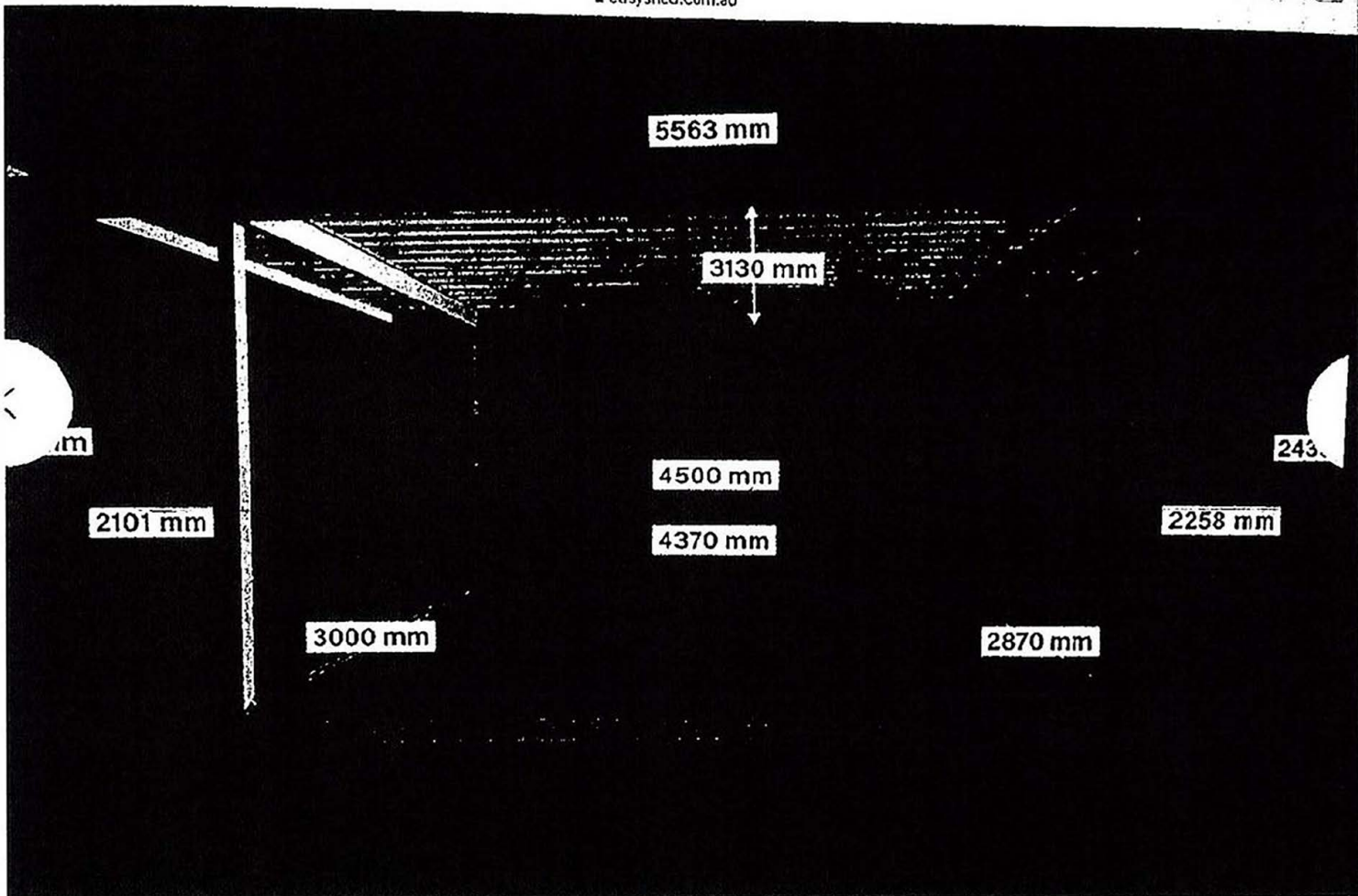
CARPORT DIMENSIONS

Carport Height	2.40m
Front Column Height	2.25m
Rear Column Height	2.10m
Internal Width	3.00m
External Width	3.13m
Roof Length	5.50m
Carport Depth	5.50m

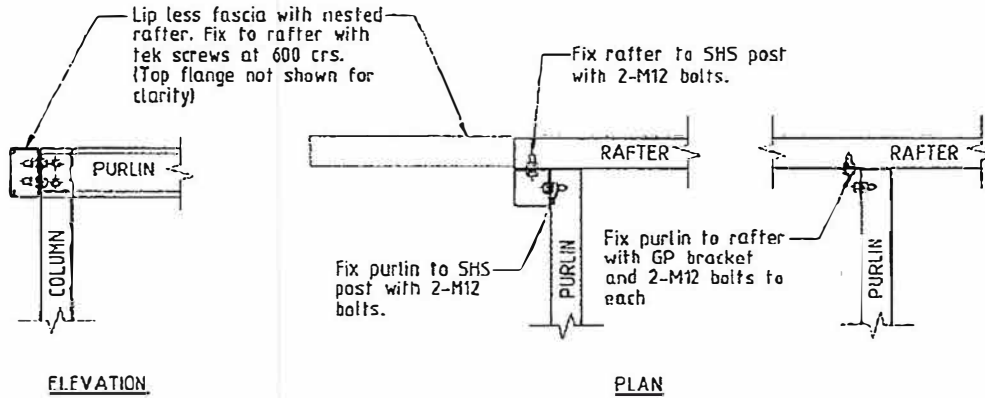
CARPORT DETAILS

Assembly	Self Assembly
Fixing	In Ground and On Slab
Wind Rating	N2 Rated
Material	High strength 0.47mm thick Easydad roof sheeting, heavy duty SHS Posts
Downpipe	Included



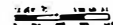


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COLUMN, RAFTER & PURLIN CONNECTIONS

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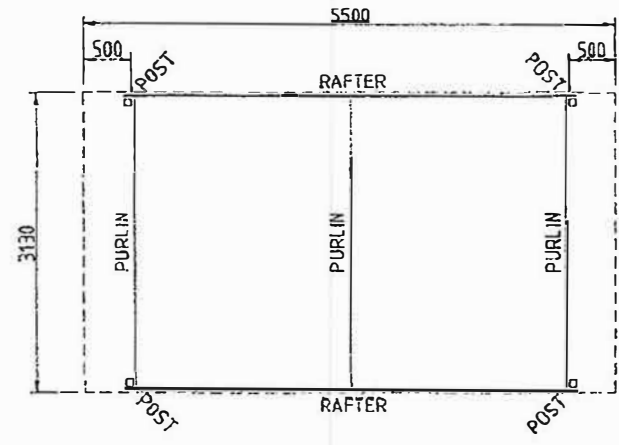
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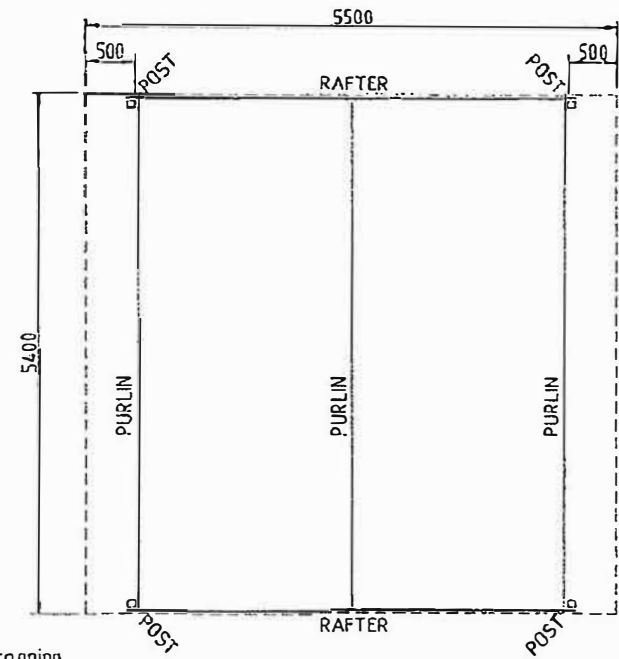
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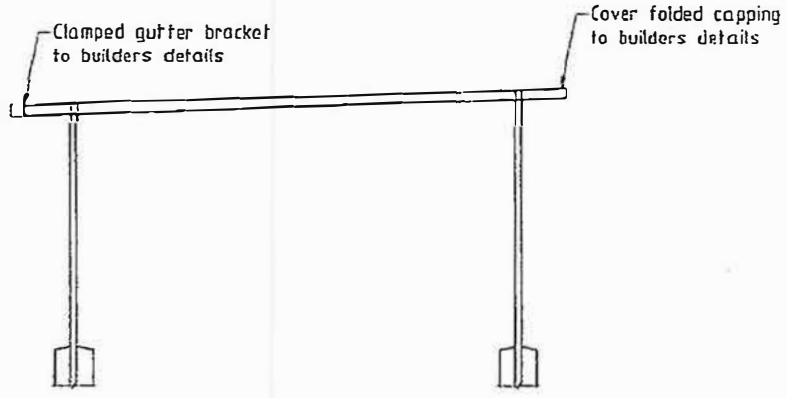
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DOUBLE CARPORT - PLAN
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SIDE ELEVATION
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SINGLE CARPORT:	
WIND CLASSIFICATION:	N2
ROOF PITCH:	2°
HEIGHT:	2400mm
RAFTERS:	C15012
COLUMNS:	65x30 SHS
PURLINS:	C10010
BASE PLATE THICKNESS:	8 mm

DOUBLE CARPORT:	
WIND CLASSIFICATION:	N2
ROOF PITCH:	2°
HEIGHT:	2400mm
RAFTERS:	C15015
COLUMNS:	65x30 SHS
PURLINS:	C15010
BASE PLATE THICKNESS:	8 mm



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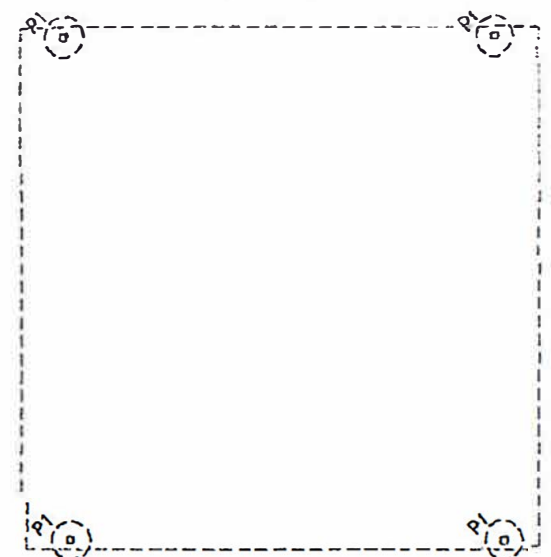
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NOTES:

1. This drawing shall be read in conjunction with the Architectural Drawings, the Engineering Specification ISO0006-N2/0 & the drawings ISO0006-N2/1 & ISO0006-N2/2.
2. The builder must ensure that ponding of water under and adjacent the building cannot occur before or after completion of all landscaping and top dressing of surrounds.

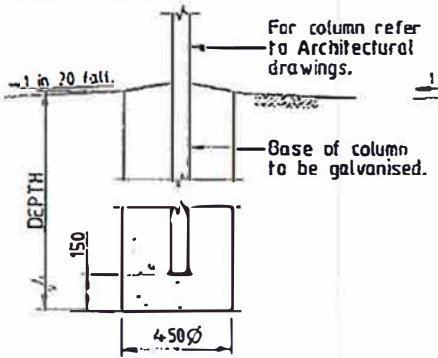


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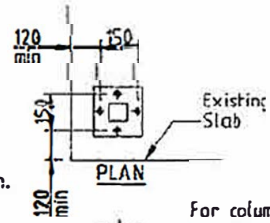


DOUBLE CARPORT - FOOTING PLAN
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NOTE:- Duragal columns have been known to rust quickly at the footing interface level - special etch prime & epoxy treatment is needed or use galvanised SHS/RHS. Galvanise to min. 450g/sqm. coated thickness.

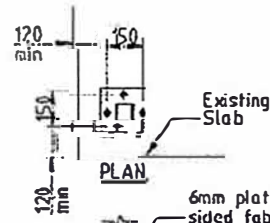


POST/COLUMN FOOTING (P1)
(Option 1)
Scale 'B'



For column refer to Architectural drawings.
4-M12 galv. Powers blue tip screw anchor fixed to existing concrete slab with a hot dip galvanized base plate. Min 60 mm embedment. Refer to Drawing No. ISO0006-02 for base plate thickness.

POST/COLUMN HOLD DOWN (P1)
(Option 2)
Scale 'B'



6mm plate three sided fabricated spigot fixed with 2-M12 bolts. Thread length is post size + 20mm.
4-M12 galv. Powers blue tip screw anchor fixed to existing concrete slab with a hot dip galvanized base plate. Min 60 mm embedment. Refer to Drawing No. ISO0006-02 for base plate thickness.

POST/COLUMN HOLD DOWN (P1)
(Option 3)
Scale 'B'

SINGLE CARPORT:
P1 FOOTINGS:
OPTION 1 - 450 mm dia x 400 deep concrete pier footings with cast-in post.
OPTION 2 - Existing concrete slab footings as per detail.
OPTION 3 - Existing concrete slab footings as per detail.

DOUBLE CARPORT:
P1 FOOTINGS:
OPTION 1 - 450 mm dia x 400 deep concrete pier footings with cast-in post.
OPTION 2 - Existing concrete slab footings as per detail.
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FOOTINGS PLAN & DETAILS

ENGINEERING SPECIFICATION

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GENERAL

Engineering drawings are to be read in conjunction with the architectural drawings, other consultants drawings and specification.

All work to be done in accordance with AS2876 U.N.O.

For your maximum protection, footing trenches and prepared slabs should be inspected by the Engineer before pouring concrete.

All footings are to be placed into firm, natural, undisturbed ground unless otherwise approved. The builder is to check for soft spots that may exist under footings and contact the engineer if in doubt to the foundation quality. All vegetation and soft soil beneath slabs and footings are to be removed before construction of footing commences. In the circumstance where trees beneath or close to the building pad are to be removed, they shall be removed wholly (including the main roots). Holes that are created due to removal of vegetation should be filled with soil matching the composition of the existing surrounding soil. If in doubt about the requirements for backfilling excavations resulting from removal of soft spots or tree stumps, contact the engineer.

Fill beneath slabs is to be granular of minimum CBR 10 and compacted in layers of 150mm maximum to a minimum of 98% maximum dry density ratio (based on standard compaction) for cohesive soils, and to a minimum density index of 70% for cohesion less soils. It is the builder's responsibility to test the compaction to ensure compliance. For deep fill, testing should be carried out at least every 300mm of depth. All earth work to be in accordance with AS3798-2007.

CONCRETE

Minimum strength Footings N20 MPa, Internal Slabs N25 MPa, Exposed Slabs N32 MPa. Maximum slump to be 80mm, max. 20mm aggregate. All concrete is to be mechanically vibrated and cured by an approved method for a minimum of 3 days. We recommend curing of slabs with ULTRA-CURE liquid membrane forming curing compound.

Where reinforcement has been cut to provide for services, an equivalent amount of trimming reinforcement is to be placed each side of the service. Provide 2-N16 bars 2000mm long to u/s of mesh adjacent re-entrant corners.

Reinforcement Splice lengths: N12 - 500mm
N16 - 800mm

Fabric laps are to be a minimum of one grid overlap.
Trench Mesh - 500mm splice.

Where dowels are required in joints they are to be parallel and aligned perpendicular to the joint.

Concrete NOT to be poured in temperatures below 5°C OR above 35°C.

No construction joints shall be placed unless approved by the engineer.

SERVICES

The following are important, especially for sites classified as M, H, E or P.

Avoid services beneath slabs wherever possible. Where services are placed beneath slabs:

- Provide 40mm of flexible sealant / lagging between pipes and penetrated concrete.
- Provide a flexible joint each side of the concrete and another within 500mm upstream and downstream, creating a short length of pipe each side of the short pipe through the concrete.

Services shall NOT penetrate footings.

Service trench inverts are to slope away from the footings and be backfilled and compacted with soil from the site. For example, in clay sites excavations should only be backfilled with compacted clay. Porous material such as sand, gravel or 'crusher dust' should not be used. All service trenches parallel to footings to be located at least 1500mm away from the footing.

Provide tolerance for vertical movements in vertical pipes entering the ground, e.g. slip joints.

Surface drainage shall NOT be located within 1.5m of building.

STORMWATER - SURFACE GRADES

The ground adjacent to the building is to be graded at 1:20 away from the building for 1000mm and then at 1:200 to an outlet. Downpipes and top outlets should be provided with a concrete splash pad to avoid ponding and excessive wetting of the soil. Air-conditioning condensate outlets, toilet overflow pipes and hot water system pressure relief outlets are also potential drip producing sources that must be watched.

LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE

Trees must be kept well away from the building. Recommended minimum distance of at least the height of a mature tree and 1.5 times this for a group of trees. The builder should instruct the owner of his/her responsibility for maintenance of the area around the building in accordance with CSIRO sheet No. 18-91, especially with respect to surface water, trees and plumbing leaks.

STEELWORK

1. Steel Grade:- S.H.S. members - Grade 350 minimum. Plate - Grade 250.

2. Bolts are to be galvannead, grade A307, high strength bolts made snug tight. Holding down bolts to concrete are to be galvannead grade 4.6/5. mild steel bolts made snug tight, unless noted otherwise. Maximum hole clearances: 2 mm of steel to steel connections and 4 mm on steel to concrete connections. Where holes have been 'blown' or enlarged to facilitate connections, the connections are to be welded to attain the same strength by the weld. All such holes must be brought to the attention of the Engineer. Cold formed sections are not to be welded.

3. Where possible cleats are to have their thickness normal to the direction of deflection and their width parallel to the loading or shall be stiffened to prevent fatigue. Cleats or stiffeners with bolts are to be as follows unless noted otherwise: Cleats minimum 75 mm wide.

Bolt	Cleat thickness
grade 4.6 bolts	8 mm
16 dia grade 8.8	8 mm
20 dia grade 8.8	10 mm
24 dia grade 8.8	12 mm
30 dia grade 8.8	16 mm

4. All exposed steel work to be galvannead or treated. Refer to NCC Table 3.4.4.7 "Protective Treatments for Steelwork." Extract.

5. Purlins are designed using Struik Industries design capacity tables. Lysaght capacity tables are very similar but use of this product must be approved by the Engineer. No other brand of purlin or associated products are to be supplied without Engineering certification. This certification must be approved by the Engineer. Purlin bolts, bracing and other accessories are to be as recommended by the manufacturer and installed in accordance with their recommendations. Cold formed sections are to have coating class Z150 for non-aggressive environments and coating class Z450 for aggressive environments. The buffer flange and turned up lip of the purlins are not designed to carry loads of any kind. All attachments must be to the web of the member.

6. Tubular members to be galvannead shall be adequately vented.

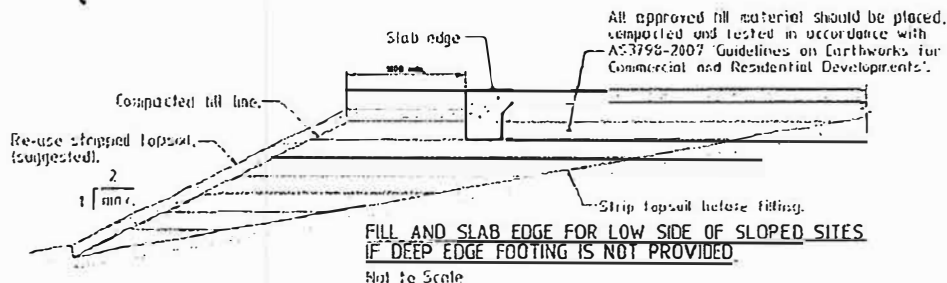
7. Coating damaged during transport and erection shall be made good.

8. All details, gauge lines, edge distances and clearances etc. where not specifically shown on the drawings shall be in accordance with Australian Steel Institute design capacity tables for structural steel and standard sized structural details for steel.

9. All fabricated structural steelwork specified for this project must comply with Australian Standard AS/NZS 5131 Structural Steelwork - Fabrication and Erection. Construction category is nominated as 2.0 for this project under AS/NZS 5131.

All structural steelwork must be fabricated by fabricators certified under the ASI National Structural Steelwork Compliance Scheme (NSSCS) (see www.structuredesign.com.au) operated by Steelwork Compliance Australia (SCA) for the Construction Category (as defined in the project specification).

All tenderer's (fabricator's) must have documented current evidence of having fulfilled "Stage 1" of the SCA certification process, including a gap analysis of the necessary actions to meet the required Construction Category. The successful fabricator(s) must submit documentary evidence of current full certification to the relevant Construction Category before work commences on the project. The certification must be maintained for the duration of the project.



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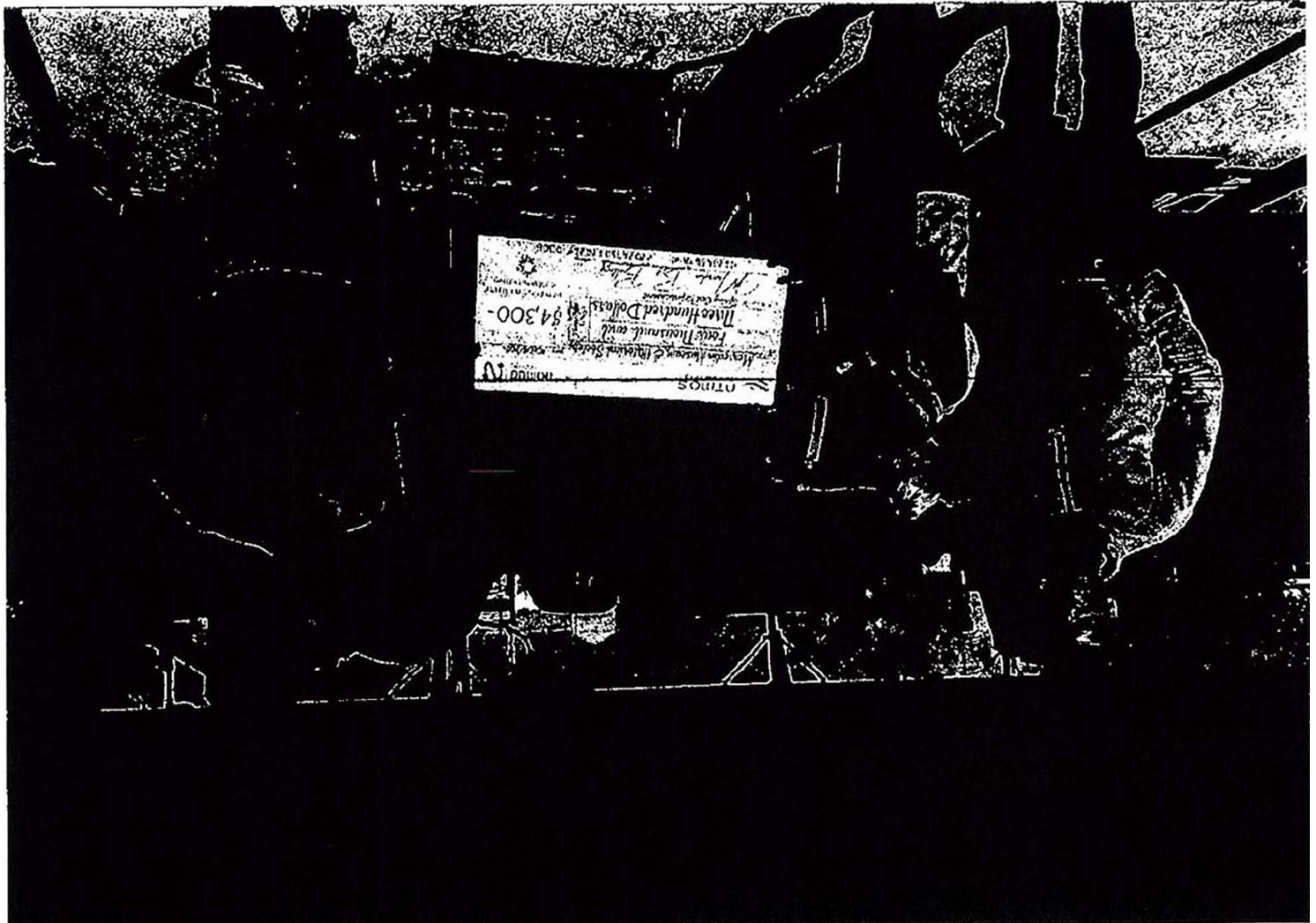


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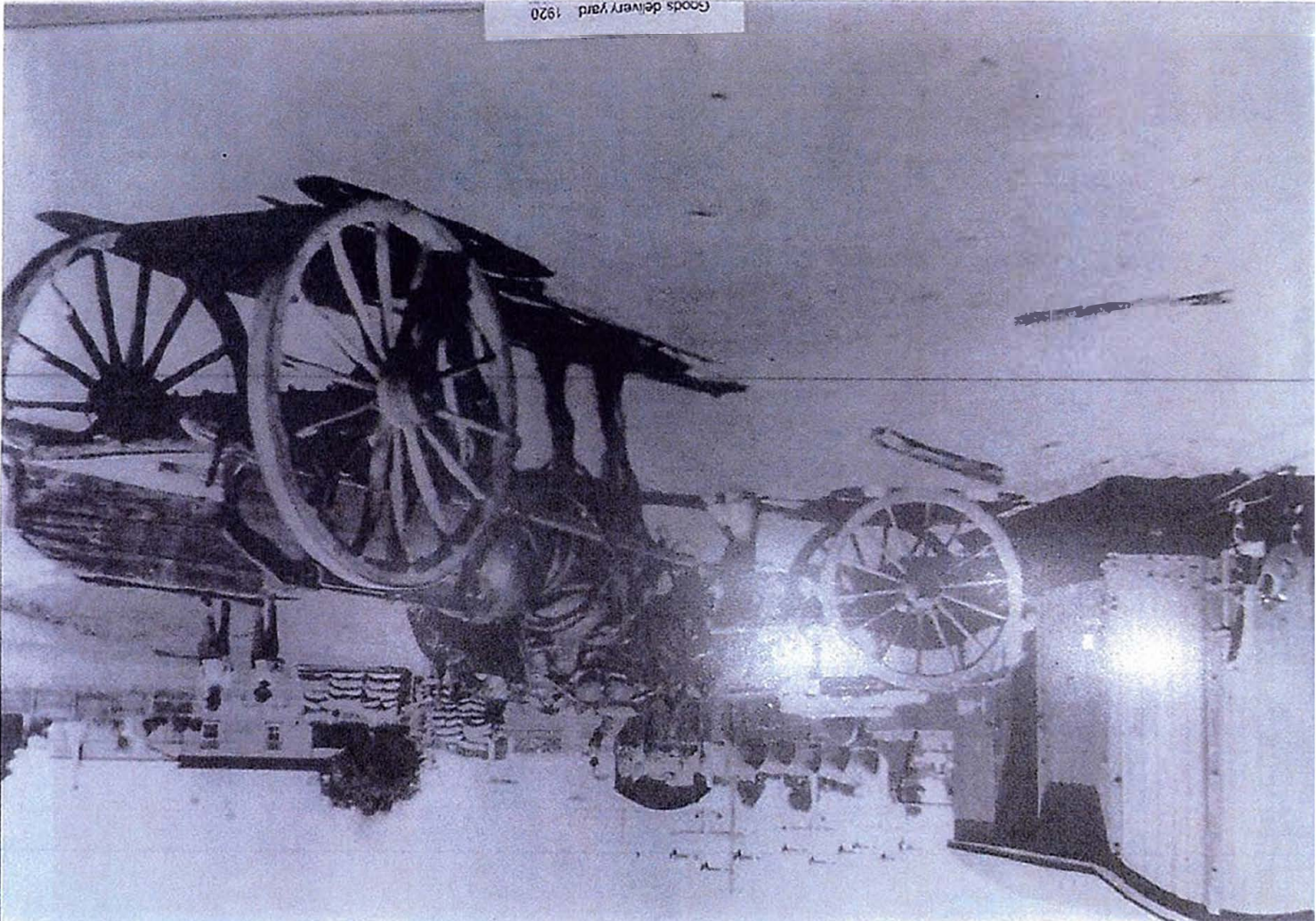
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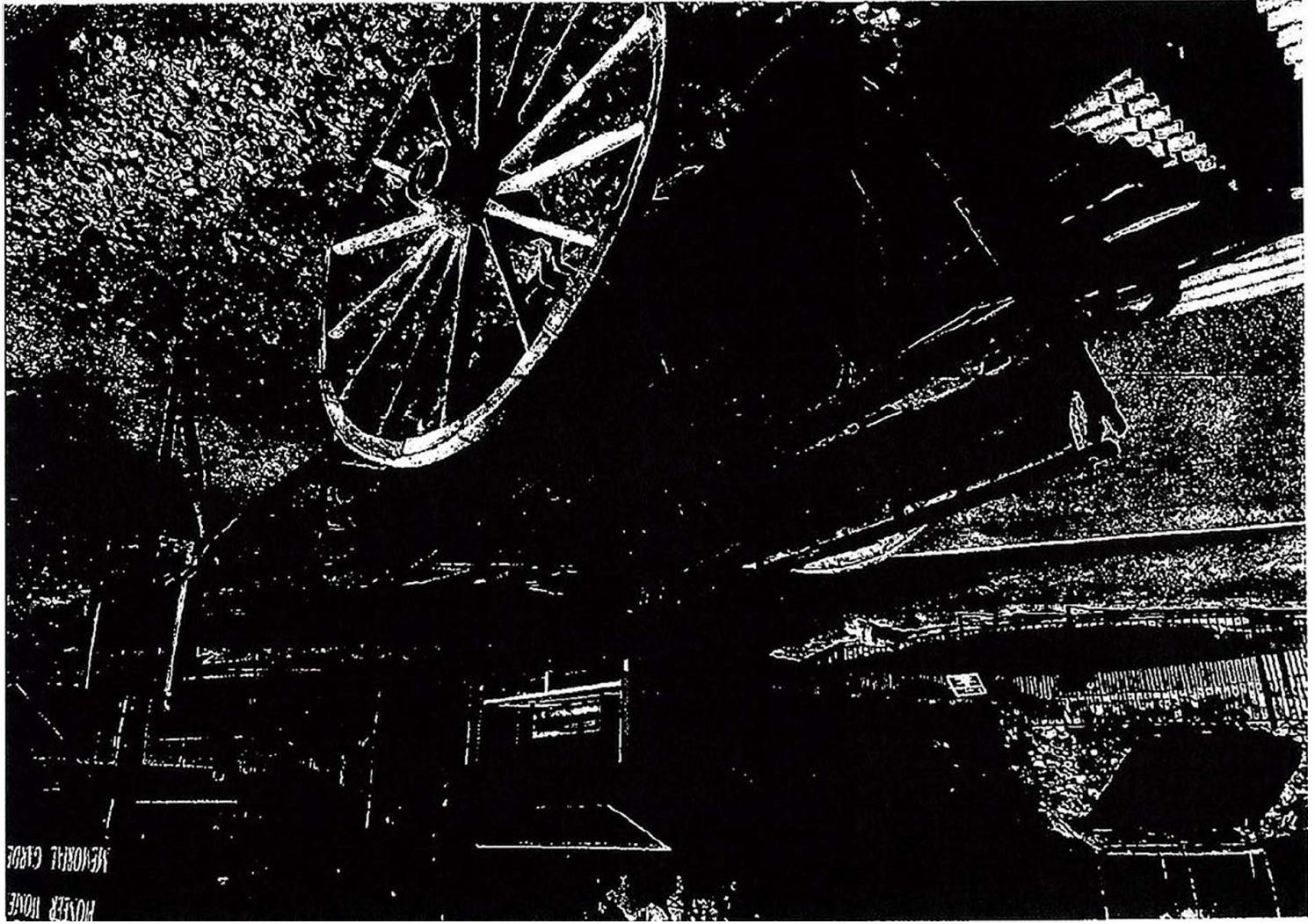
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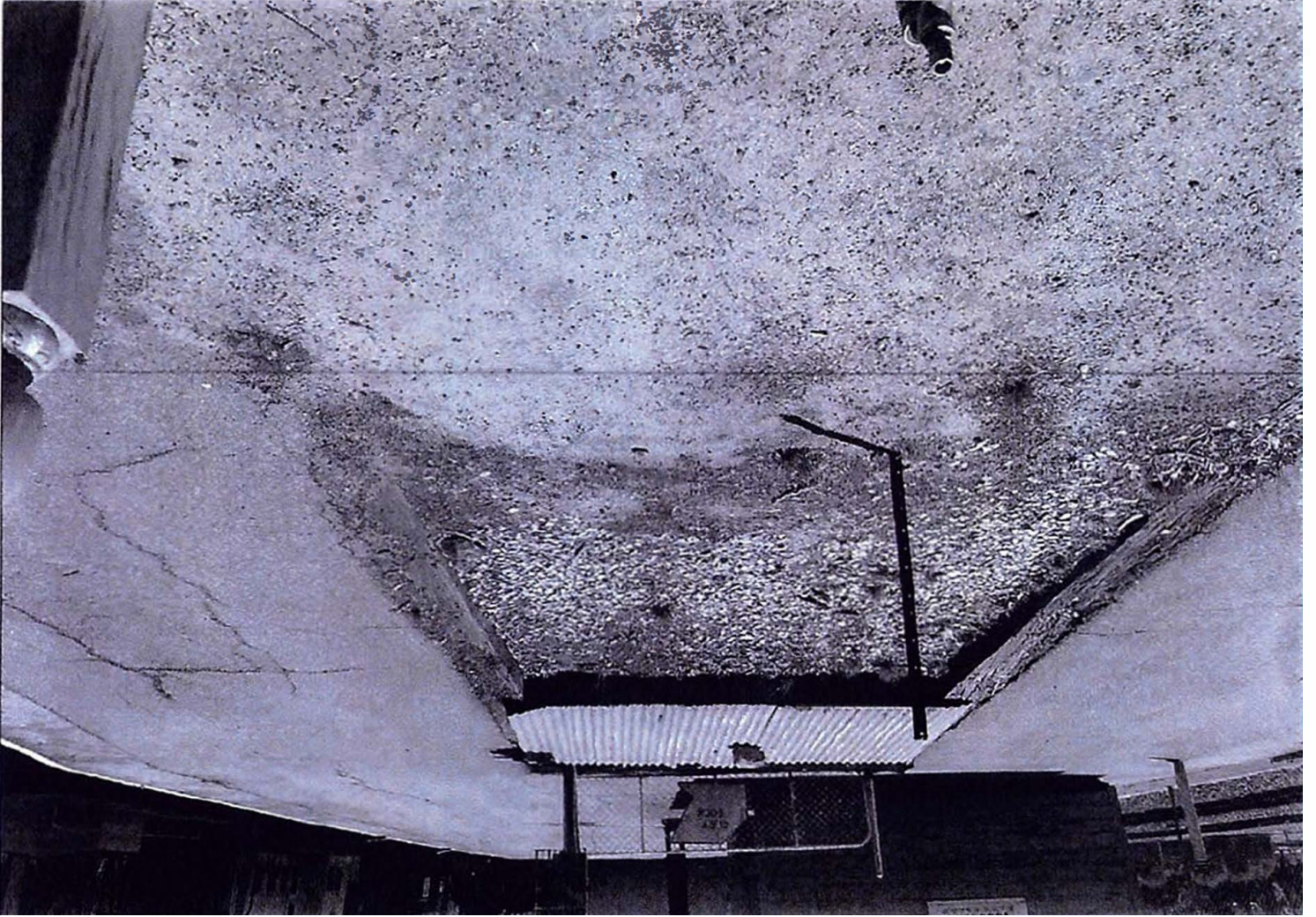
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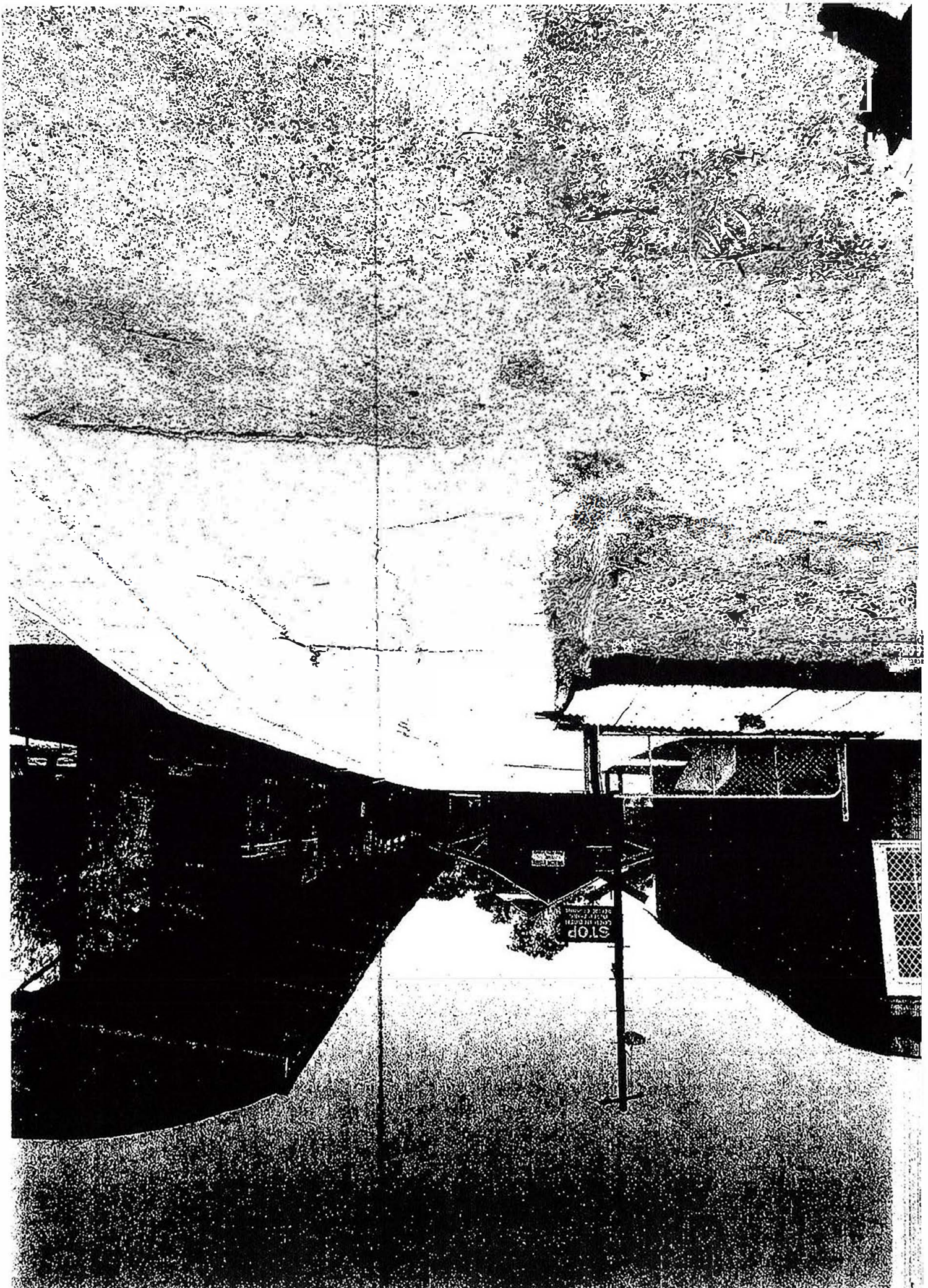


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Our ref: P1577-52341
Enquiries: Chloë Parkinson (08) 6552 4028

Chief Executive Officer
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Attention: Peter Zenni

Dear Sir

MERREDIN RAILWAY STATION GROUP

Thank you for referring the below proposal to the Heritage Council under the provisions of Section 73 of the *Heritage Act 2018*.

Place Number	P1577
Place Name	Merredin Railway Station Group
Street Address	Great Eastern Highway, Merredin
Referral date	27 March 2025
Proposal Description	Installation of 'Cart' port

We received the following information:

Development Application Document including natspec specification, photo and drawings of proposed shelter, historical images of cart and dock.(20 pages)24.03.2025

The proposal has been considered in the context of the identified cultural heritage significance of *Merredin Railway Station Group*, and the following advice is given under delegated authority from the Heritage Council:

Findings

- *Merredin Railway Station Group* has cultural heritage significance as a landmark in the Merredin town. It is dominant in the vista along Great Eastern Highway and from the main commercial centre on the north side of the railway line. It is integral within the centre of town and contributes to the townscape and character of Merredin.
- The proposal is for an open steel shelter to protect the historical cart. The cart will sit within the remnants of the 'cart' dock located at the end of the railway platform
- The platform and railway operational items located on it, including the cart dock, are of considerable significance.
- The posts of the shelter will need footings. The proposal is to contain the posts within the cart dock, as opposed to fixing them into the bitumen platform due to the platform sloping either side of the dock. The posts will need to be installed independent of the cart dock sleeper framing.



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- The shelter will be visually intrusive however it will allow for the cart to be displayed within the cart dock, this will add to the story of the railway station.
- Removing some of the infill that has occurred to the cart dock could be considered. This would return it to the ground level it was originally.
- The proposal will have a minor adverse impact on the cultural heritage significance of *Merredin Railway Station Group*.

Advice

The proposal, in accordance with the plans submitted, is supported subject to the following condition:

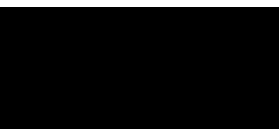
1. The steel structure is to be independent and not to be fixed to the significant fabric of the cart dock sleeper retaining walls. A minimum setback of 50mm from the retaining walls is to be maintained.

Please note that this advice considers State heritage matters only and does not replace the need for consideration of local heritage matters and Local Planning Polices.

Please be reminded that you are required under r.42(3) of the *Heritage Regulations 2019* to provide us with a copy of the Council determination within 10 days after making the decision.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Chloë Parkinson at chloe.parkinson@dplh.wa.gov.au or on 6552 4028.

Yours faithfully



Sheree Morrison
Assistant Manager
Historic Heritage Conservation

29 April 2025


cc: Jane Patroni 

13. Officer's Reports – Engineering Services

Nil

14. Officer’s Reports – Corporate and Community Services

14.1 Statement of Financial Activity – April 2025

<h2>Corporate Services</h2> 	
Responsible Officer:	Leah Boehme, EMCS
Author:	As Above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 14.1A – Statement of Financial Activity Attachment 14.1B – Detailed Statements Attachment 14.1C – Capital Works Progress Attachment 14.1D – Investment Report

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

For Council to receive the Statements of Financial Activity and Investment Report for the month of April 2025, and be advised of associated financial matters, including consideration of proposed budget amendments.

Background

The Statement of Financial Activity, Detailed Statements, Capital Works Progress and Investment Report are attached for Council’s information.

Comment

Statement of Financial Activity

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires the Shire to prepare a monthly statement of financial activity for consideration by Council within 2 months after the end of the month of the report. These reports are included at Attachments 14.1A to D inclusive.

Budget Amendments

The Strategy and Community team is currently in the process of programming a series of theatre shows for the 2025/26 financial year. Securing these performances requires upfront payment of deposits at the time of booking to confirm dates and artist.

To proceed with the necessary bookings, we are requesting additional funding from the accounts below be allocated to new jobs for the relevant shows. This funding will support the payment of deposits related to the upfront costs associated with the shows.

New job codes will be created specifically for this purpose, and the allocation details are outlined in the table below.

GL/Job	Description	Current Budget	Variation Amount	Revised Budget
CTG06	Technical Maintenance	\$19,000	(\$4,500)	\$14,500
CTG04	Marketing and Promotion	\$3,500	(\$2,000)	\$1,500
CTG07	Equipment Purchases	\$3,000	(\$1,000)	\$2,000
New Job	Robbie Williams in Concert	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
New Job	Moment by Moment	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
New Job	Wildflowers	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500

Furthermore, the Shire has been approached by the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils (WEROC) and the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) to auspice funding between the two entities to support payment for land feasibility studies within the WEROC region. Due to time sensitivities to make payment, WDC has suggested that Shire auspice the funds as it is already a WDC Creditor. Amended income and expenditure accounts are shown below.

GL/Job	Description	Current Budget	Variation Amount	Revised Budget
2040251	OTH GOV - Consultancy - Strategic	\$378,000	\$5000	\$383,000
3040235	Oth GOV – Other Income	(\$14,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$19,000)

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

As outlined in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Authorisation of expenditure - the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6 Division 4 s6.8 (1) requires the local government not to incur expenditure from its Municipal Fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure:

(b) Is authorised in advance by resolution*

“Additional purpose” means a purpose for which no expenditure estimate is included in the local government’s annual budget.

*requires an absolute majority of Council.

Strategic Implications

∅ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2.2 The Shire is progressive while exercising responsible stewardship of its built, natural and financial resources
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

∅ Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	4.2 Decision Making

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Compliance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and to also give Council some direction regarding its management of finance over an extended period of time.

Risk Implications

The Statement of Financial Activity is presented monthly and provides a retrospective picture of the activities at the Shire. Contained within the report is information pertaining to the financial cost and delivery of strategic initiatives and key projects.

To mitigate the risk of budget over-runs or non-delivery of projects, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has implemented internal control measures such as regular Council and management reporting and a quarterly process to monitor financial performance against budget estimates.

Materiality reporting thresholds have been established at 10% or \$10,000 whichever is greater, for operating and capital, to alert management prior to there being irreversible impacts.

It should also be noted that there is an inherent level of risk of misrepresentation of the financials through either human error or potential fraud.

The establishment of control measures through a series of efficient systems, policies and procedures, which fall under the responsibility of the CEO as laid out in the *Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996* regulation 5, seek to mitigate the possibility of this occurring.

These controls are set in place to provide daily, weekly, and monthly checks to ensure that the integrity of the data provided is reasonably assured.

There is a compliance risk associated with this Item as the Shire would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* if this Item was not presented to Council. The risk rating is considered to be Low (4), which is determined by a likelihood of Unlikely (2) and a consequence of Minor (2). This risk will be eliminated by the adoption of the Officer's Recommendation.

Financial Implications

The adoption of the Statements of Financial Activity is retrospective. Accordingly, the financial implications associated with adopting this are nil.

In regard to the proposed budget amendments, the suggested amendments only move expenditure within operational accounts related to Cummins Theatre. There is no change to the total expenditure and therefor there is no effect on the bottom line.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Billing

Seconded: Cr McKenzie

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the Statements of Financial Activity and Investment Report for the period ending 30 April 2025 in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996; and
2. APPROVES amendments to the Shire of Merredin 2024/25 Annual Budget as per the following table, pursuant to section 6.8(1(b)) of the Local Government Act 1995:

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GL/Job	Description	Current Budget	Variation Amount	Revised Budget
CTG06	Technical Maintenance	\$19,000	(\$4,500)	\$14,500
CTG04	Marketing and Promotion	\$3,500	(\$2,000)	\$1,500
CTG07	Equipment Purchases	\$3,000	(\$1,000)	\$2,000
New Job	Robbie Williams in Concert	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
New Job	Moment by Moment	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
New Job	Wildflowers	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
2040251	OTH GOV - Consultancy - Strategic	\$378,000	\$5000	\$383,000
3040235	Oth GOV – Other Income	(\$14,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$19,000)

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

SHIRE OF MERREDIN

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 30 April 2025

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF MERREDIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Note	Amended Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b) \$	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b) %	Var
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Revenue from operating activities						
General rates	5,566,400	4,638,670	5,569,852	931,182	20.07%	▲
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,232,750	994,600	1,023,111	28,511	2.87%	▲
Fees and charges	1,125,050	937,660	1,075,891	138,231	14.74%	▲
Interest revenue	436,000	363,320	388,116	24,796	6.82%	▲
Other revenue	354,410	297,340	290,591	(6,749)	(2.27%)	▼
Profit on asset disposals	240,000	166,670	182,475	15,805	9.48%	▲
	8,954,610	7,398,260	8,530,036	1,131,776	15.30%	
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs	(4,733,505)	(4,104,360)	(3,634,246)	470,114	11.45%	▲
Materials and contracts	(3,914,845)	(3,516,389)	(2,542,289)	974,100	27.70%	▲
Utility charges	(524,800)	(437,290)	(454,463)	(17,173)	(3.93%)	▼
Depreciation	(5,343,050)	(4,451,694)	(4,503,391)	(51,697)	(1.16%)	▼
Finance costs	(82,090)	(68,410)	(77,984)	(9,574)	(14.00%)	▼
Insurance	(279,700)	(233,490)	(261,000)	(27,510)	(11.78%)	▼
Other expenditure	(315,850)	(221,337)	(163,983)	57,354	25.91%	▲
Loss on asset disposals	(34,150)	(28,460)	(25,346)	3,114	10.94%	▲
	(15,227,990)	(13,061,430)	(11,662,702)	1,398,728	10.71%	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	5,137,200	4,313,484	4,346,262	32,778	0.76%	
Amount attributable to operating activities	(1,136,180)	(1,349,686)	1,213,596	2,563,282	189.92%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	8,063,600	6,564,170	4,103,881	(2,460,289)	(37.48%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets	486,450	482,450	477,890	(4,560)	(0.95%)	▼
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	38,700	38,676	38,676	0	0.00%	
	8,588,750	7,085,296	4,620,447	(2,464,849)	(34.79%)	
Outflows from investing activities						
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(1,384,950)	(1,066,285)	(750,292)	315,993	29.63%	▲
Payments for construction of infrastructure	(10,042,000)	(8,488,740)	(4,883,900)	3,604,840	42.47%	▲
	(11,426,950)	(9,555,025)	(5,634,192)	3,920,833	41.03%	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(2,838,200)	(2,469,729)	(1,013,745)	1,455,984	58.95%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from financing activities						
Transfer from reserves	495,880	0	7,024	7,024	0.00%	
	495,880	0	7,024	7,024	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities						
Repayment of borrowings	(225,000)	(224,231)	(224,231)	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	(839,000)	0	(215,225)	(215,225)	0.00%	
	(1,064,000)	(224,231)	(439,456)	(215,225)	(95.98%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities	(568,120)	(224,231)	(432,432)	(208,201)	(92.85%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT						
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	4,544,073	4,544,073	4,929,961	385,888	8.49%	
Amount attributable to operating activities	(1,136,180)	(1,349,686)	1,213,596	2,563,282	189.92%	▲
Amount attributable to investing activities	(2,838,200)	(2,469,729)	(1,013,745)	1,455,984	58.95%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities	(568,120)	(224,231)	(432,432)	(208,201)	(92.85%)	▼
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	1,573	500,427	4,697,381	4,196,954	838.67%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

- ▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data outside the adopted materiality threshold.
 - ▲ Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.
 - ▼ Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.
- Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

SHIRE OF MERREDIN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Actual 30 June 2024	Actual as at 30 April 2025
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	14,087,178	11,597,263
Trade and other receivables	1,048,467	959,819
Other financial assets	38,677	0
Inventories	19,816	12,733
Other assets	726,255	639,070
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	15,920,393	13,208,885
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	121,222	121,222
Other financial assets	296,735	296,735
Inventories	184,000	184,000
Property, plant and equipment	29,927,745	28,800,743
Infrastructure	212,071,799	214,016,607
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	242,601,501	243,419,307
TOTAL ASSETS	258,521,894	256,628,192
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	3,560,682	926,477
Other liabilities	591,316	583,216
Borrowings	224,230	(1)
Employee related provisions	516,573	516,573
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,892,801	2,026,265
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	1,645,759	1,645,758
Employee related provisions	69,271	69,271
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,715,030	1,715,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,607,831	3,741,294
NET ASSETS	251,914,063	252,886,898
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	60,189,670	60,953,592
Reserve accounts	6,669,075	6,877,275
Revaluation surplus	185,055,318	185,055,318
TOTAL EQUITY	251,914,063	252,886,185

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

SHIRE OF MERREDIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This prescribed financial report 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 financial report 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 which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supplementary information does not form part of the financial report.

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.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 30 April 2025

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.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2024-25 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

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 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
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Measurement of employee benefits

SHIRE OF MERREDIN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION

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

Note	Amended	Actual	Actual
	Budget Opening 1 July 2024	as at 30 June 2024	as at 30 April 2025
	\$	\$	\$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	14,087,178	14,087,178	11,597,263
Trade and other receivables	1,048,467	1,048,467	959,819
Other financial assets	38,677	38,677	0
Inventories	19,816	19,816	12,733
Other assets	726,255	726,255	639,070
	<u>15,920,393</u>	<u>15,920,393</u>	<u>13,208,885</u>
Less: current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(3,560,682)	(3,560,682)	(926,477)
Other liabilities	(591,316)	(591,316)	(583,216)
Borrowings	(224,230)	(224,230)	1
Employee related provisions	(516,573)	(516,573)	(516,573)
	<u>(4,892,801)</u>	<u>(4,892,801)</u>	<u>(2,026,265)</u>
Net current assets	11,027,592	11,027,592	11,182,620
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	2(b) (6,097,631)	(6,097,631)	(6,488,888)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)	4,929,961	4,929,961	4,693,732

(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	(6,669,075)	(6,669,075)	(6,877,276)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	(38,677)	(38,677)	0
- Current portion of borrowings	224,230	224,230	(1)
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve	385,891	385,891	388,389
Total adjustments to net current assets	2(a) (6,097,631)	(6,097,631)	(6,488,888)

Amended	YTD	YTD
Budget	Budget	Actual
Estimates	Estimates	Actual
30 June 2025	30 April 2025	30 April 2025
\$	\$	\$

(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	(240,000)	(166,670)	(182,475)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	34,150	28,460	25,346
Add: Depreciation	5,343,050	4,451,694	4,503,391
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	5,137,200	4,313,484	4,346,262

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

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

FM Reg 34 (2)(b) **3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES**

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.
The material variance adopted by Council for the 2024-25 year is \$10,000 and 10.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
General rates	931,182	20.07%	▲
Rates is trending with a higher variance due to timing only. Budget allocated evenly throughout the year in finance system, though income is generally based around repayment dates.		Timing	
Fees and charges	138,231	14.74%	▲
Year to date Fees and Charges is higher than year to date budget due to a large amount of these funds being paid early in the financial year, but being allocated evenly throughout the year in the finance system.		Timing	
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	470,114	11.45%	▲
Year to date expenditure is lower than year to date budget due to position vacancies and current staffing levels.		Timing	
Materials and contracts	974,100	27.70%	▲
Year to date expenditure is lower than year to date budget due to timing issues with invoice received and some major funding yet to be expended. This includes funds for the Recreation Master Plan.		Timing	
Insurance	(27,510)	(11.78%)	▼
Year to date expenditure is higher than year to date budget due to timing issue. Budget allocated evenly throughout the year in finance system, though expenditure is charged to accounts in a lump sum part way through the year.		Timing	
Other expenditure	57,354	25.91%	▲
Year to date expenditure is lower than year to date budget due to timing issues with some invoices not yet received.		Timing	
Inflows from investing activities			
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(2,460,289)	(37.48%)	▼
Variance due to delay in receiving grant funding. Budgets spread evenly across the year in finance system, however funds only available to claim when milestones met or project completed. The majority of this related to Crooks Rd grant funding.		Timing	
Payments for property, plant and equipment	315,993	29.63%	▲
Variance due to budgets allocated evenly throughout the year in finance system.		Timing	
Payments for construction of infrastructure	3,604,840	42.47%	▲
Variance predominantly due to capital works being completed earlier in the financial year, but being budgeted evenly across the financial year in the finance system.		Timing	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	4,196,954	838.67%	▲

SHIRE OF MERREDIN
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BASIS OF PREPARATION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supplementary information is presented for information purposes. The information does not comply with the disclosure requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

**SHIRE OF MERREDIN
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Amended Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$4.54 M	\$4.54 M	\$4.93 M	\$0.39 M
Closing	\$0.00 M	\$0.50 M	\$4.70 M	\$4.20 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents			Payables			Receivables		
	\$11.60 M	% of total		\$0.93 M	% Outstanding		\$0.09 M	% Collected
Unrestricted Cash	\$4.72 M	40.7%	Trade Payables	\$0.28 M		Rates Receivable	\$0.87 M	85.9%
Restricted Cash	\$6.88 M	59.3%	0 to 30 Days		102.1%	Trade Receivable	\$0.09 M	% Outstanding
			Over 30 Days		(2.1%)	Over 30 Days		(112.9%)
			Over 90 Days		0.0%	Over 90 Days		(143.9%)

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets

Refer to 9 - Payables

Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Amended Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.14 M)	(\$1.35 M)	\$1.21 M	\$2.56 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Rates Revenue			Grants and Contributions			Fees and Charges		
YTD Actual	\$5.57 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$1.02 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$1.08 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$4.64 M	20.1%	YTD Budget	\$0.99 M	2.9%	YTD Budget	\$0.94 M	14.7%

Refer to 12 - Grants and Contributions

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Amended Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$2.84 M)	(\$2.47 M)	(\$1.01 M)	\$1.46 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Proceeds on sale			Asset Acquisition			Capital Grants		
YTD Actual	\$0.48 M	%	YTD Actual	\$4.88 M	% Spent	YTD Actual	\$4.10 M	% Received
Amended Budget	\$0.49 M	(1.8%)	Amended Budget	\$10.04 M	(51.4%)	Amended Budget	\$8.06 M	(49.1%)

Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Amended Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$0.57 M)	(\$0.22 M)	(\$0.43 M)	(\$0.21 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Borrowings		Reserves	
Principal repayments	(\$0.22 M)	Reserves balance	\$6.88 M
Interest expense	(\$0.08 M)	Net Movement	\$0.21 M
Principal due	\$1.65 M		

Refer to 10 - Borrowings

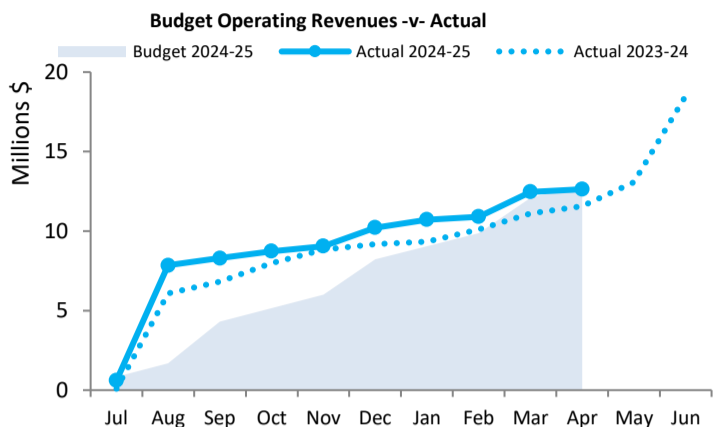
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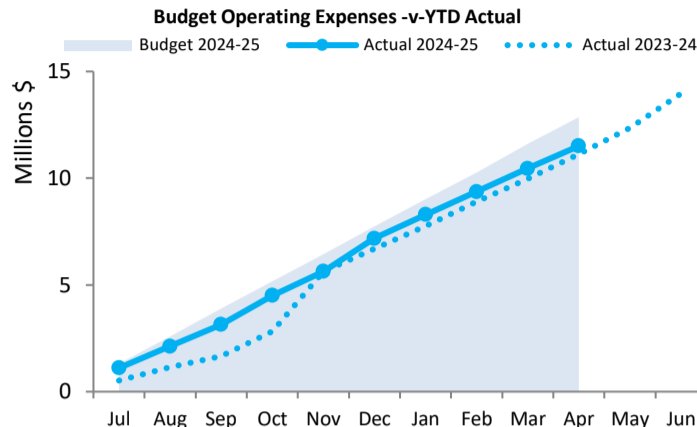
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OPERATING ACTIVITIES

OPERATING REVENUE

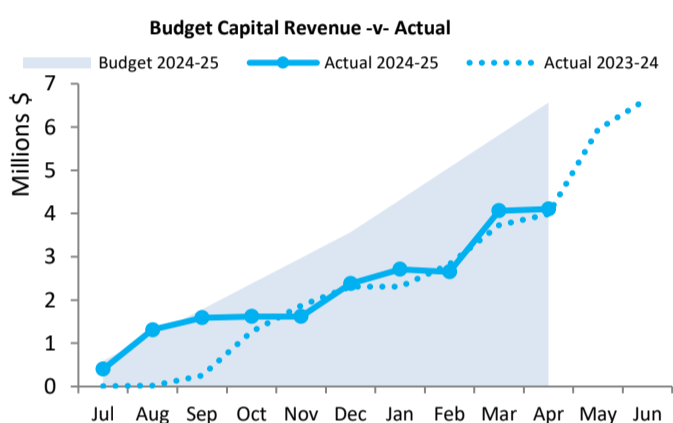


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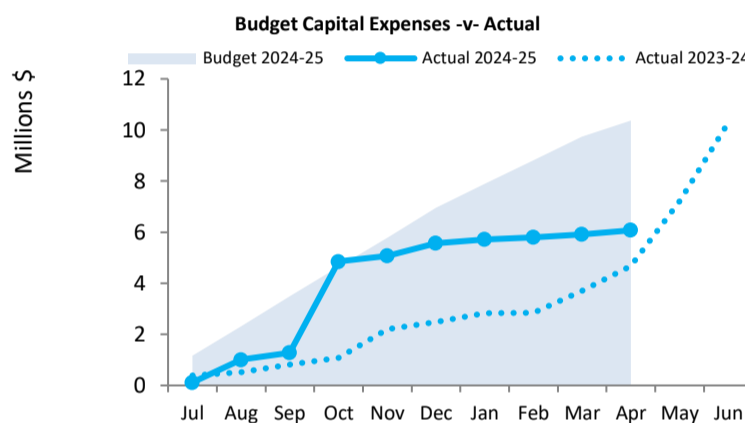


INVESTING ACTIVITIES

CAPITAL REVENUE

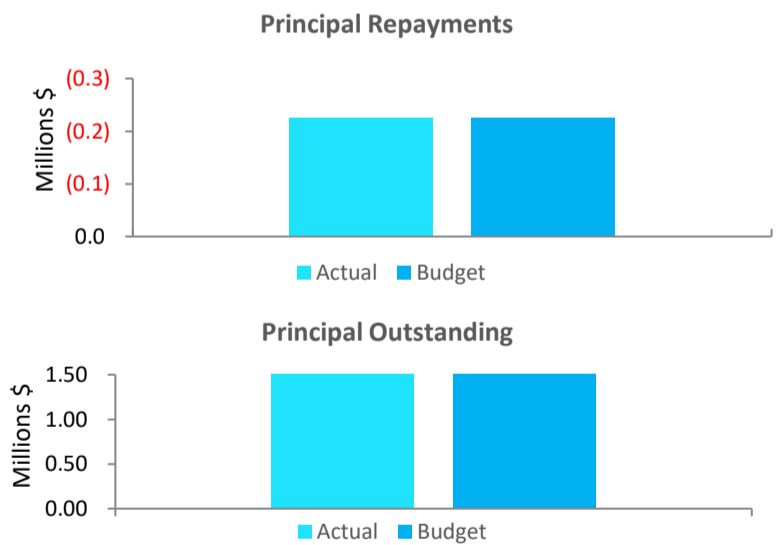


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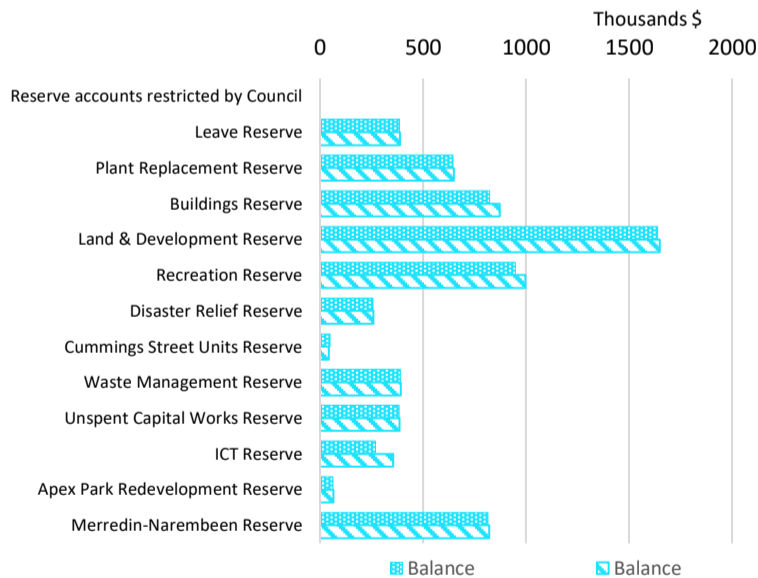


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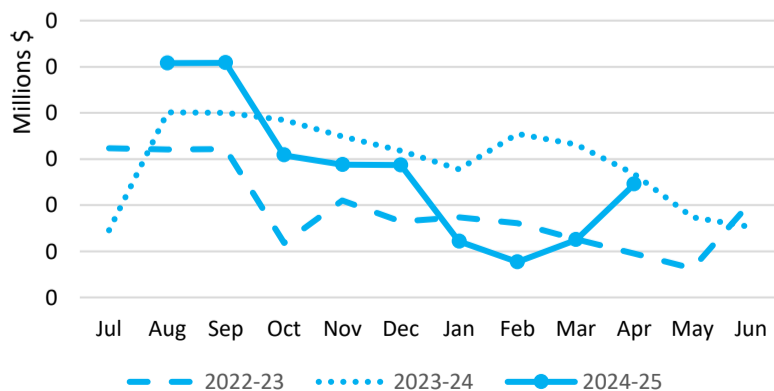
BORROWINGS



RESERVES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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

3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Reserve Accounts \$	Total \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	
Municipal Bank Account		3,249,968		3,249,968					
Petty Cash - Admin		950		950					
Float - MRCLC		300		300					
Municipal Investment Account		1,468,771		1,468,771					
Reserve Bank Account		0	6,877,275	6,877,275					
Trust Cash at Bank		0	0	0	9,595				
Total		4,719,988	6,877,275	11,597,264	9,595				
Comprising									
Cash and cash equivalents		4,719,988	6,877,275	11,597,264	9,595				
		4,719,988	6,877,275	11,597,264	9,595				

KEY INFORMATION

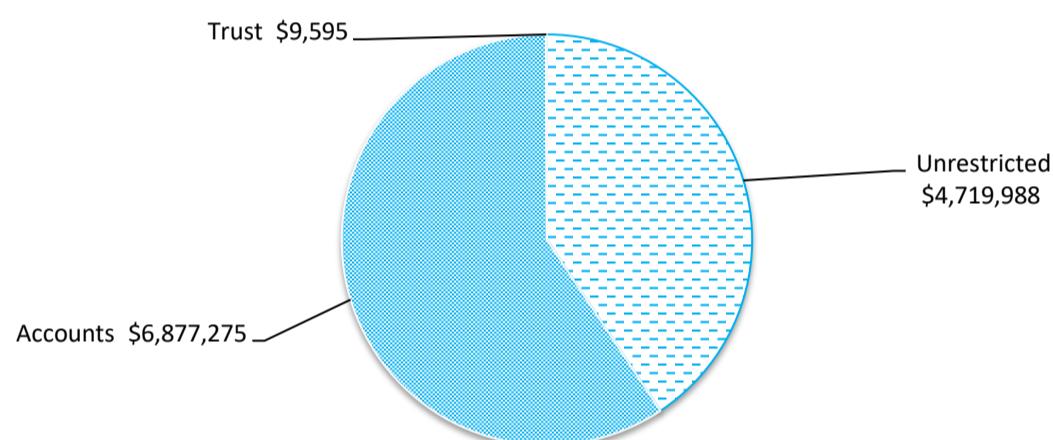
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

The local government 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.

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 8 - Other assets.



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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve account name	Amended Budget				Actual			
	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reserve accounts restricted by Council								
Leave Reserve	385,891	2,500	0	388,391	385,891	2,498	0	388,389
Plant Replacement Reserve	645,713	3,900	0	649,613	645,713	3,904	0	649,617
Buildings Reserve	823,385	104,710	(36,000)	892,095	823,385	48,536	0	871,921
Land & Development Reserve	1,638,173	10,600	0	1,648,773	1,638,173	10,603	0	1,648,776
Recreation Reserve	948,352	139,730	(250,000)	838,082	948,352	48,556	0	996,908
Disaster Relief Reserve	257,405	1,600	0	259,005	257,405	1,666	0	259,071
Cummings Street Units Reserve	48,036	1,360	(7,000)	42,396	48,036	1,434	(7,024)	42,446
Waste Management Reserve	389,985	2,500	0	392,485	389,985	2,524	0	392,509
Unspent Capital Works Reserve	383,660	2,400	0	386,060	383,660	2,483	0	386,143
ICT Reserve	268,810	224,500	0	493,310	268,810	86,575	0	355,385
Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve	63,802	1,200	(64,980)	22	63,802	1,179	0	64,981
Merredin-Narembeen Reserve	815,863	344,000	(137,900)	1,021,963	815,863	5,266	0	821,129
	6,669,075	839,000	(495,880)	7,012,195	6,669,075	215,225	(7,024)	6,877,276

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions		Amended		YTD Actual	YTD Variance
		Budget	YTD Budget		
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings - non-specialised	514	17,000	14,170	16,640	2,470
Buildings - specialised	512	583,250	386,565	118,274	(268,291)
Furniture and equipment	520	25,000	20,830	23,800	2,970
Plant and equipment	530	759,700	644,720	591,578	(53,142)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		1,384,950	1,066,285	750,292	(315,993)
Infrastructure - Roads	540	6,565,200	5,434,870	2,257,398	(3,177,472)
Infrastructure - Footpaths	560	102,000	85,000	28,900	(56,100)
Infrastructure - Parks & Gardens	570	2,943,900	2,694,770	2,524,145	(170,625)
Infrastructure - Other	590	430,900	274,100	73,457	(200,643)
Acquisition of infrastructure		10,042,000	8,488,740	4,883,900	(3,604,840)
Total of PPE and Infrastructure.		11,426,950	9,555,025	5,634,192	(3,920,833)
Total capital acquisitions		11,426,950	9,555,025	5,634,192	(3,920,833)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:					
Capital grants and contributions		8,063,600	6,564,170	4,103,881	(2,460,289)
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)		486,450	482,450	477,890	(4,560)
Reserve accounts					
Buildings Reserve		(36,000)		0	0
Recreation Reserve		(250,000)		0	0
Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve		(64,980)		0	0
Merredin-Narembeen Reserve		(137,900)		0	0
Contribution - operations		3,372,780	2,508,405	1,023,111	(1,485,294)
Capital funding total		11,426,950	9,555,025	5,611,906	(3,943,119)

KEY INFORMATION

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

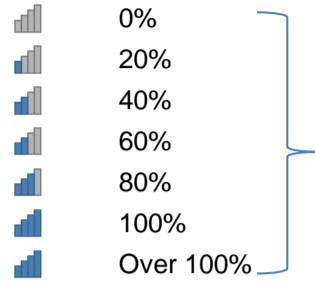
In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

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.

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED) - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators

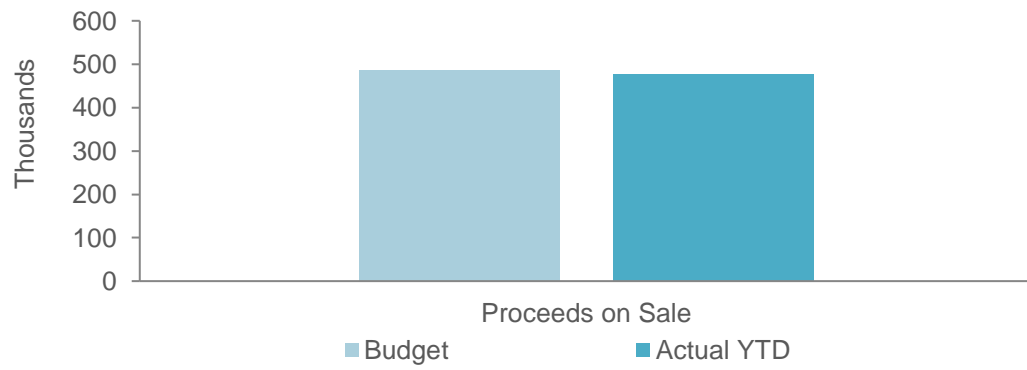


Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

	Account Description	Amended		YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
		Budget	YTD Budget		
		\$	\$	\$	\$
4050390	OLOPS - Plant & Equipment Other (Capital)	100,000	83,330	28,327.26	(55,002.74)
4090210	BC042 OTH HOUSE - Building (Capital)	17,000	14,170	16,640.00	2,470.00
4100110	LC041 Merredin Landfill - Tip Shop	9,200	7,670	-	(7,670.00)
4100130	LC022 SAN - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	39,500	39,500	39,499.96	-
4100130	LC023 Merredin Landfill - Stand alone CCTV	0	0	9,185.00	9,185.00
4100180	SAN - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	0	50,000	-	(50,000.00)
4110110	BC005 Old Administration Building - Building (Capital)	10,000	8,330	6,418.19	(1,911.81)
4110110	BC006 Women's Rest Centre Building - Building (Capital)	7,000	5,830	5,672.73	(157.27)
4110110	BC015 Burracoppin Hall Building (Capital)	15,000	12,500	8,854.99	(3,645.01)
4110110	BC020 Swimming Pool (Capital)	35,000	29,170	-	(29,170.00)
4100310	BC085 REC - Other Rec Facilities Building (Capital)	556,000	463,330	-	(463,330.00)
4110320	REC - Other Rec Facilities Plant & Equipment (Capital)	15,000	12,500	-	(12,500.00)
4110370	PC001 REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	0	0	416.12	416.12
4110370	PC001A REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	369,100	369,100	370,557.84	1,457.84
4110370	PC001C REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	201,700	201,700	200,351.76	(1,348.24)
4110370	PC001D REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	130,000	108,330	120,570.60	12,240.60
4110370	PC036 REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	30,400	25,330	1,200.00	(24,130.00)
4110370	PC007A REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	248,100	248,100	248,071.09	(28.91)
4110370	PC007B REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	580,300	580,300	575,632.52	(4,667.48)
4110370	PC007C REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	767,800	639,830	687,256.33	47,426.33
4110370	PC041 Water Tower Reimbursements	0	0	153,757.55	153,757.55
4110370	PC041A Water Tower Refurbishments - PTA	523,550	436,290	142,547.08	(293,742.92)
4110370	PC041B Water Tower Refurbishments - WDC	42,950	35,790	-	(35,790.00)
4110370	PC041C Water Tower Refurbishments - SoM	50,000	50,000	23,784.09	(26,215.91)
4110510	BC004 LIBRARY - Library Building (Capital)	55,000	45,830	50,422.55	4,592.55
4110610	HC041 HERITAGE - Building (Capital)	33,750	28,130	32,205.64	4,075.64
4110710	BC002 OTH CUL - Building (Capital)	116,500	97,080	-	(97,080.00)
4120110	ROADC - Building (Capital)	10,000	5,830	-	(5,830.00)
4120141	RC127 Bailey Road (Capital)	0	0	400.00	400.00
4120141	RC239A Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)	223,200	185,990	153,188.49	(32,801.51)
4120141	RC239B Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)	294,300	245,240	189,059.44	(56,180.56)
4120141	RC239C Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)	12,600	10,500	10,888.27	388.27
4120141	RC239D Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital) 11.90 - 15.35	335,500	279,580	333,836.94	54,256.94
4120141	RC239F Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital) 16.81 - 18.41	63,500	52,930	43,423.78	(9,506.22)
4120141	RC239H Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital) 18.41 - 18.70	334,100	278,430	223,871.89	(54,558.11)
4120141	RC239I Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital) 19.54 - 19.80	24,600	20,500	24,577.21	4,077.21
4120141	RC239J Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital) 19.54 - 19.80	315,300	262,760	248,958.76	(13,801.24)
4120143	RC019 Goomarin - Nukarni Rd	100,000	83,330	-	(83,330.00)
4120144	R2R090 Goldfield Road	0	0	-	-
4120144	RRG090 Goldfield Road	130,000	108,340	66,906.91	(41,433.09)
4120144	RC090 Goldfield Road	40,000	33,340	-	(33,340.00)
4120144	R2R140 Urban Roads - Reseal - Coronation St (R2R)	0	15,600	15,600.00	-
4120144	R2R147 Urban Roads - Reseal - Pollack Ave (R2R)	52,250	43,540	52,248.00	8,708.00
4120144	R2R153 Urban Roads - Reseal - Throssell St (R2R)	32,950	27,460	32,966.00	5,506.00
4120144	R2R164 Urban Roads - Reseal - Jubilee St (R2R)	9,950	8,290	9,952.00	1,662.00
4120144	R2R180 Urban Roads - Reseal - Aspland St (R2R)	13,500	11,250	13,497.40	2,247.40
4120144	R2R212 Urban Roads - Reseal - Yorell Way (R2R)	43,100	35,920	43,104.60	7,184.60
4120145	R2R002 Hines Hill (R2R)	85,000	61,670	50,000.00	(11,670.00)
4120145	R2R004 Brissenden Rd (R2R)	530,000	398,330	430,000.00	31,670.00
4120146	R2R007 Korbelkulling Rd (R2R)	166,750	138,960	166,784.85	27,824.85
4120149	RRG001 RRG Chandler-Merredin - Resurfacing	216,900	180,750	-	(180,750.00)
4120149	RRG072 Crooks Road (RRG)	585,600	488,000	84,792.40	(403,207.60)
4120150	HVS072 Crooks Road (RRG)	2,703,600	2,253,000	63,341.52	(2,189,658.48)
4120168	KC147 Pollock Ave - Kerbing Capital	40,000	33,330	-	(33,330.00)
4120168	KC153 Throssell Rd - Kerbing Capital	40,000	33,330	-	(33,330.00)
4120168	KC164 Jubilee St - Kerbing Capital	38,400	32,000	-	(32,000.00)
4120170	FC135B Barrack Street South Side - Footpath Capital	0	0	28,900.00	28,900.00
4120170	FC154 Mary St - Footpath Capital	35,200	29,330	-	(29,330.00)
4120170	FC159 Allbeury St - Footpath Capital	21,600	18,000	-	(18,000.00)
4120170	FC223 Cummings Cres - Footpath Capital	19,200	16,000	-	(16,000.00)
4120170	PC000 Pram Crossings - Footpath	26,000	21,670	-	(21,670.00)
4120190	PP172 Replace Private Power Poles - Colin Street	15,000	12,500	-	(12,500.00)
4120790	WC002 WATER - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	39,900	33,250	39,877.96	6,627.96
4120790	WC003 MRWN - Upgrade	106,000	88,350	33,578.65	(54,771.35)
4120330	PLANT - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	596,000	496,670	514,565.66	17,895.66
4140210	ADMIN - Building (Capital)	15,000	71,670	14,700.00	(56,970.00)
4140231	ADMIN - Furniture & equipment (Capital)	25,000	20,830	23,800.00	2,970.00
		11,427,850	9,841,110	5,634,192	-4,206,918

6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

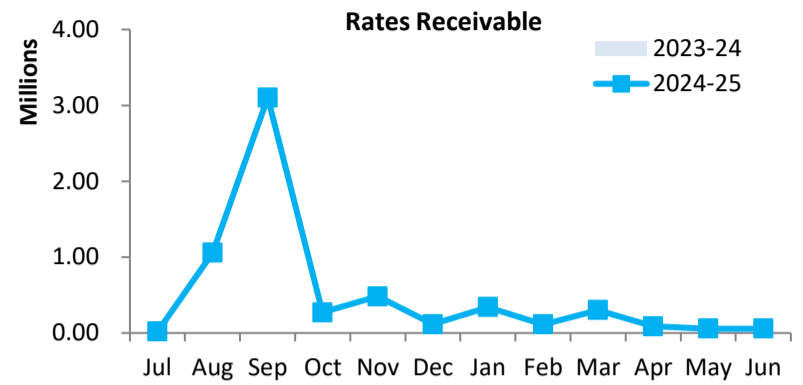
Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book		Profit	(Loss)	Net Book		Profit	(Loss)
		Value	Proceeds			Value	Proceeds		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Buildings									
	Sale of Lot 502 Gabo	235,000	325,000	125,000	0	200,000	325,000	125,000	0
	Sale of Lots 18 & 19 Wattle Street - Hines Hill	0	0	0	(10,807)	15,000	4,738	0	(10,807)
	Sale of 38 Cunningham Street - Nangeenan 44 Jackson Way	0	0	0	(12,693)	15,000	2,698	0	(12,663)
			0	40,000	0	0	0	0	0
Plant and equipment									
493	2018 Nissan Navara D23 King Cab 4x2 (Ranger)	0	14,950	14,950	0	0	13,636	13,636	0
343	Roller - 2011 BOMAG BW25RH ROAD ROLLER Disposal (OVER DUE)	0	40,000	40,000	0	0	17,500	17,500	0
150	Tandem Axle Fuel Trailer - 1TQZ598	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	0	0
44	2022 Toyota Prado - OMD	43,190	58,000	14,810	0	39,859	56,591	16,732	0
174	2022 Toyota Hilux SR-5 4x4 Dual Cab (MP)	40,760	42,000	1,240	0	37,389	39,318	1,929	0
278	805 Squirrel Self Propelled Elevating Platform MRCLC Commercial Kitchen Hot Top and Deep Fryer	9,700	1,000	0	(8,700)	9,367	17,045	7,678	0
		3,450	1,500	0	(1,950)	3,239	1,364	0	(1,875)
		332,100	486,450	240,000	(34,150)	319,854	477,890	182,475	(25,345)



7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 June 2024	30 Apr 2025
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous year		602,485
Levied this year		5,569,852
Less - collections to date	602,485	(5,304,500)
Net rates collectable	602,485	867,837
% Collected	0.0%	85.9%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	(3,020)	287,240	32,005	9,305	(192,085)	133,445
Percentage	(2.3%)	215.2%	24.0%	7.0%	(143.9%)	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						133,445
Other receivables						29,095
Other receivables - Provisions for Doubtful Debts						(70,558)
Total receivables general outstanding						91,982

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

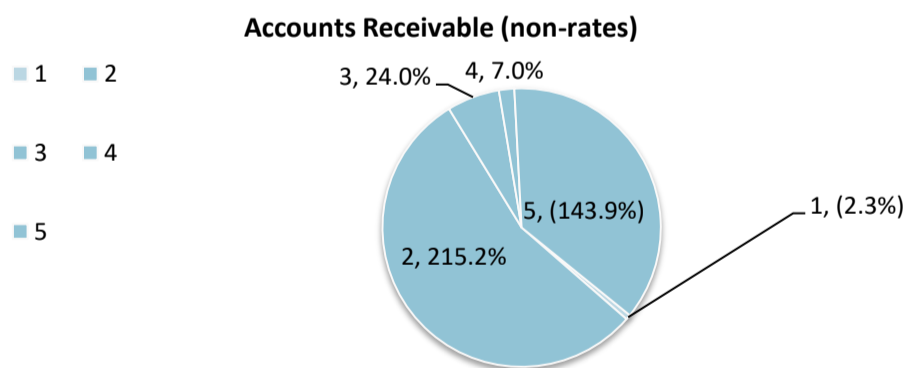
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectable amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

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.



8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Other current assets	Opening Balance 1 July 2024	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 30 April 2025
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other financial assets at amortised cost				
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	38,677		(38,677)	0
Inventory				
Fuel	19,816	0	(7,083)	12,733
Other assets				
Prepayments	40,831		(35,206)	5,625
Accrued income	54,318		(51,979)	2,339
Contract assets	631,106		0	631,106
Total other current assets	784,748	0	(132,945)	651,803
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)				

KEY INFORMATION

Other 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.

Inventory

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.

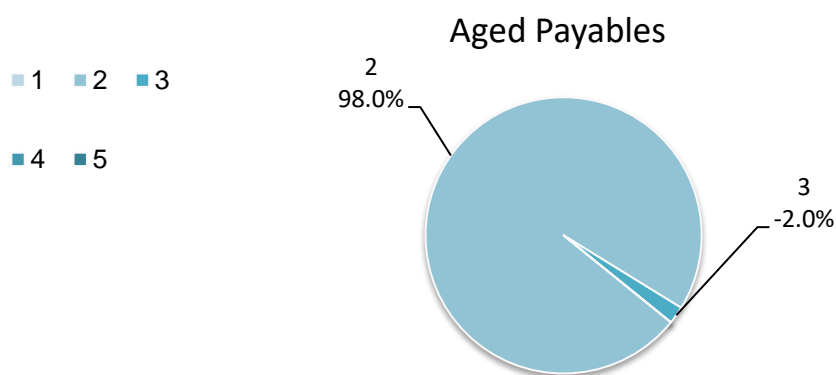
9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	245,248	(5,123)	0	0	240,125
Percentage	0.0%	102.1%	-2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						282,497
Other payables						31,456
Accrued Expenses						(5,130)
Income in Advance						189,050
Payroll Creditors						119,147
PAYG						74
Other Expenses						309,473
Total payables general outstanding						926,477

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the period 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.



BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings Particulars	Loan No.	New Loans			Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
		1 July 2024	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
CEACA Contributions	217	200,067			(64,616)	(65,300)	135,451	134,767	(5,797)	(4,780)
CBD Development	219	1,480,000			(120,939)	(121,000)	1,359,061	1,359,000	(63,276)	(68,400)
		1,680,067	0	0	(185,555)	(186,300)	1,494,512	1,493,767	(69,073)	(73,180)
Self supporting loans										
Education and welfare										
Merritville	215	189,922			(38,676)	(38,700)	151,246	151,222	(8,910)	(8,910)
		189,922	0	0	(38,676)	(38,700)	151,246	151,222	(8,910)	(8,910)
Total		1,869,989	0	0	(224,231)	(225,000)	1,645,758	1,644,989	(77,983)	(82,090)
Current borrowings		224,231					0			
Non-current borrowings		1,645,758					1,645,758			
		1,869,989					1,645,758			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

KEY INFORMATION

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.

11 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2024	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 30 April 2025
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current liabilities						
Other liabilities						
Contract liabilities		591,316	0	0	0	583,316
Capital grant/contributions liabilities		0	0	0	(8,000)	0
Bonds And Deposits Held In Muni		0	0	0	(100)	(100)
Total other liabilities		591,316	0	0	(8,100)	583,216
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		317,150	0	0	0	317,150
Provision for long service leave		199,423	0	0	0	199,423
Total Provisions		516,573	0	0	0	516,573
Total other current liabilities		1,107,889	0	0	(8,100)	1,099,789

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note 12 and 13

KEY INFORMATION

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 Related Provisions

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 calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits 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.

Contract liabilities

An entity's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the entity has received consideration (or the amount is due) from the customer.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Grants to acquire or construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications be constructed to be controlled by the Shire are recognised as a liability until such time as the Shire satisfies its obligations under the agreement.

12 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue					YTD Revenue Actual
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability	Liability	Current Liability	Amended Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Variations	Expected	
	1 July 2024		(As revenue)	30 Apr 2025	30 Apr 2025						
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies											
Operating grants and subsidies											
General purpose funding											
GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - General				0		296,900	222,675			0	222,689
GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - Roads				0		100,100	78,883			0	75,057
Law, order, public safety											
ESL BFB - Operating Grant				0		62,500	56,080			0	78,304
ESL SES - Operating Grant				0		15,500	13,920			0	21,299
Education and welfare											
SENIORS - Reimbursements				0		10,800	9,000			0	8,910
WELFARE - Community Development Grants				0		9,050	7,542			0	8,045
Community Development Events				0		650	542			0	
Anzac Day - Grant Funding Income				0		2,500	2,083			0	0
Australia Day - Grant Funding				0		2,000	2,000			0	0
Christmas / Gala Night - Grant Funding				0		2,850	2,375			0	0
International Food Festival - Grant Funding Income				0		2,500	2,083			0	0
Housing											
OTH HOUSE - Rental Reimbursements				0		0	0			0	2,640
Recreation and culture											
Library - Other Grants				0		600	500			0	594
Transport											
ROADM - Street Lighting Subsidy				0		22,000	18,330			0	0
ROADM - Road Contribution Income				0		339,000	286,500			0	339,089
ROADM - Direct Road Grant (MRWA)				0		315,200	266,670			0	236,235
Economic services											
TOURISM - Central Wheatbelt Map				0		5,000	4,167			0	4,211
TOURISM - Other Income Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion				0		25,500	21,250			0	26,038
Other property and services											
PWO - Other Reimbursements				0		100	0			0	0
SAL - Reimbursement - Parental Leave				0		0	0			0	0
POC - Fuel Tax Credits Grant Scheme				0		20,000	0			0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	1,232,750	994,600	0	0	0	1,023,111
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	1,232,750	994,600	0	0	0	1,023,111

13 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities				Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue						
	Liability 1 July 2024	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 30 Apr 2025	Current Liability 30 Apr 2025	Amended Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Budget Variations	Expected	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies											
Non-operating grants and subsidies											
Law, order, public safety											
ESL BFB - Capital Grant	0			0		15,800	13,170			0	0
ESL SES - Capital Grant	0			0		6,100	5,080			0	0
Recreation and culture											
REC - Contributions & Donations	0			0		50,000	41,670			0	0
REC - Grants - Lotterywest	0			0		337,600	281,330			0	1,186,991
REC - Grants - LRCI	89,253			89,253		558,200	465,170			0	631,106
REC - Grants - BBRF	0			0		562,700	468,920			0	1,078,440
REC - Other Capital Contributions	0			0		574,100	478,420			0	0
Audience Development	47,521			47,521		0	0			0	0
Heritage Grant	8,000		(8,000)	0		0	0			0	0
Transport											
ROADC - Regional Road Group Grants (MRWA)	182,690			182,690		730,200	608,500			0	250,864
ROADC - Roads to Recovery Grant	0			0		933,000	622,000			0	798,554
ROADC - Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network	224,057			224,057		1,462,800	1,219,000			0	83,318
ROADC - Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program	0			0		2,674,600	2,228,830			0	0
ROADC - TRANSWA Footpath Funding	0			0		28,900	24,080			0	0
WATER - CWSP Grant 1	0			0		39,600	33,000			0	39,608
WATER - CWSP Grant 2	39,795			39,795		90,000	75,000			0	35,000
TOTALS	591,316	0	(8,000)	583,316	0	8,063,600	6,564,170	0	0	0	4,103,881

**SHIRE OF MERREDIN
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

14 TRUST FUND

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:

Description	Opening Balance 1 July 2024	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 30 April 2025
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transfer from Shire of Westonia	0	7,272	0	7,272
Local Government Subs FY22.23	0	1,100	0	1,100
LGMA Branch Subsidy	0	1,100	0	1,100
Interest Earned	0	122	0	122
	0	9,595	0	9,595

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15 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Budget adoption						11,465
GL2100300 REC - Employee Costs	83439	Operating expenses			(20,000)	(8,535)
GL2110351 - REC - Sporting & Community Group Contributions	43439	Operating expenses		20,000		11,465
VARIOUS - Budget Review 1					(42,622)	(31,157)
GL3030210 - GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - General		Operating revenue			(196,842)	(227,999)
GL3030211 - GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - Roads		Operating revenue		196,842		(31,157)
GL3100135 - SAN - Other Income		Operating revenue		50,000		18,843
PC041C - Water Tower - SoM		Operating expenses			(50,000)	(31,157)
2110401 - REC - Liquidity Loan - Interest		Operating expenses		80,000		48,843
96373601 - ICT Reserve		Capital expenses			(80,000)	(31,157)
4030381 - INVEST - Interest - Employee Reserve		Capital expenses		8,600		(22,557)
4030383 - INVEST - Interest - Plant Replacement Reserve		Capital expenses		12,340		(10,217)
4030385 - INVEST - Interest - Land & Development Reserve		Capital expenses		36,200		25,983
4030387 - INVEST - Interest - Declared Disaster Reserve		Capital expenses		5,680		31,663
4030390 - INVEST - Interest - Waste Management Reserve		Capital expenses		8,620		40,283
4030391 - INVEST - Interest - Unspent Grants Reserve		Capital expenses		8,640		48,923
4030394 - INVEST - Interest - Apex Park Reserve		Capital expenses		7,000		55,923
4030395 - INVEST - Interest - Road Construction Reserve		Capital expenses		17,920		73,843
4030389 - INVEST - Interest - Cummings Street Units Reserve		Capital expenses				73,843
4030384 - INVEST - Interest - Building Reserve		Capital expenses			(12,350)	61,493
4030386 - INVEST - Interest - ICT Reserve		Capital expenses			(78,060)	(16,567)
4030393 - INVEST - Interest - Recreation Development Reserve		Capital expenses			(16,030)	(32,597)
GL3030210 - GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - General	83567	Operating revenue		296,900		264,303
GL3030211 - GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	83567	Operating revenue		100,100		364,403
3120111-ROADC-Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital revenue			(60,000)	304,403
3120120-ROADC-TRANSWA Footpath Funding	83567	Capital revenue		28,900		333,303
2110288-SWIM AREAS-Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,800		335,103
3110300-REC-Contributions & Donations	83567	Capital revenue		50,000		385,103
3110511-LIBRARY-Other Grants	83567	Operating revenue			(200)	384,903
3120201-ROADM-Road Contribution Income	83567	Operating revenue		259,000		643,903
3130235-Tourism-Other Income Relating to Tourism	83567	Operating revenue		25,500		669,403
2050192-FIRE-Depreciation-Land & Building	83567	Non cash item			(1,900)	667,503
2050192-FIRE-Depreciation-Plant & Equipment	83567	Non cash item			(62,300)	605,203
3080711-WELFARE-Community Development Grants	83567	Operating revenue		8,400		613,603
2050588-ESL BFB-Utilities, Rates & Taxes	83567	Operating expenses		150		613,753
2090288-OTH HOUSE-Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		614,753
2110188-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,200		615,953
2110288-SWIM AREAS - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,900		617,853
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses		14,920		632,773
2110387-REC - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		633,773
2110689-HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,000)	632,773
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	630,773
2110200-SWIM AREAS - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		631,773
2110203-SWIM AREAS - Uniforms	83567	Operating expenses			(1,400)	630,373
2110300-REC - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		3,200		633,573
2140300-PWO - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		634,573
2140307-PWO - Protective Clothing	83567	Operating expenses			(300)	634,273
2140330-PWO - WHS and Toolbox Meetings	83567	Operating expenses		2,000		636,273
2140387-PWO - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(100)	636,173
2050187-FIRE - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses		2,500		638,673
2070400-HEALTH - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	636,673
209289-OTH HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(400)	636,273
2090389-COM HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,100)	635,173
2100117-SAN - General Tip Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(600)	634,573
2100788-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations	83567	Operating expenses		13,800		648,373
2100789-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(16,000)	632,373
2110188-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(50)	632,323
2110189-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(2,650)	629,673
2110200-SWIM AREAS - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		27,900		657,573
2110289-SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(300)	657,273
2110300-REC - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		139,750		797,023
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(52,200)	744,823
2110366-REC - Town Oval Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(24,000)	720,823
2110389-REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		3,800		724,623
2110689-HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		750		725,373
2110787-OTH CUL - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(1,100)	724,273
2120211-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Built Up Areas	83567	Operating expenses		26,000		750,273
2120213-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Gravel Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses		10,000		760,273
2120214-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Formed Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses		65,000		825,273
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		2,450		827,723
2130289-TOURISM - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(2,600)	825,123
2140200-ADMIN - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		51,600		876,723
2140330-PWO - WHS and Toolbox Meetings	83567	Operating expenses		8,000		884,723
2100788-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations	83567	Operating expenses		2,300		887,023
2100789-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,900)	885,123
2110300-REC - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		16,950		902,073
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses		600		902,673
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		700		903,373
2140300-PWO - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		23,100		926,473
2050200-ANIMAL - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses			(50)	926,423
2110200-SWIM AREAS - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		2,700		929,123
2110300-REC - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses			(11,000)	918,123
2140300-PWO - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		15,050		933,173
2030118-RATES - Rates Write Off	83567	Operating expenses			(10,000)	923,173

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Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
2040117-MEMBERS - Committee Member Payments	83567	Operating expenses			(500)	922,673
2050187-FIRE - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses		1,200		923,873
2050507-ESL BFB - Clothing & Accessories	83567	Operating expenses			(1,900)	921,973
2050565-ESL BFB - Maintenance Plant & Equipment	83567	Operating expenses		1,600		923,573
2050589-ESL BFB - Maintenance Land & Buildings	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		924,573
2050665-ESL SES - Maintenance Plant & Equipment	83567	Operating expenses			(1,300)	923,273
2080290-OTHER ED - Donations to Community Groups	83567	Operating expenses		4,600		927,873
2110251-SWIM AREAS - Kiosk Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(5,500)	922,373
2110288-SWIM AREAS - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	920,373
2110351-REC - Sporting & Community Group Contributions	83567	Operating expenses			(27,000)	893,373
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(300)	893,073
2140282-ADMIN - Bad Debts Expense	83567	Operating expenses		200		893,273
2140283-ADMIN - Doubtful Debts Expense	83567	Operating expenses			(200)	893,073
2140505-SAL - Salary Sacrifice	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	891,073
2140506-SAL - Parental Leave Payment (Government)	83567	Operating expenses			(500)	890,573
3110320-REC - Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue			(2,000)	888,573
3050240-ANIMAL - Fines and Penalties	83567	Operating revenue			(200)	888,373
3070420-HEALTH - Health Regulatory Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue		400		888,773
3030120-RATES - Instalment Admin Fee Received	83567	Operating revenue		700		889,473
3030121-RATES - Account Enquiry Charges	83567	Operating revenue			(400)	889,073
3040220-OTH GOV - Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue		200		889,273
3040235-OTH GOV - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		12,200		901,473
3050221-ANIMAL - Animal Registration Fees	83567	Operating revenue		100		901,573
3070420-HEALTH - Health Regulatory Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue			(1,350)	900,223
3070420-HEALTH - Health Regulatory Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue		450		900,673
3070421-HEALTH - Health Regulatory Licenses	83567	Operating revenue			(500)	900,173
3090201-OTH HOUSE - Shire Housing Rental Reimbursements	83567	Operating revenue		4,200		904,373
3090301-COM HOUSE - Cummings Rental Reimbursements	83567	Operating revenue		7,400		911,773
3100100-SAN - Contributions & Donations	83567	Operating revenue		4,200		915,973
3100120-SAN - Domestic Refuse Collection Charges	83567	Operating revenue		12,400		928,373
3100125-SAN - Domestic Recycling Service	83567	Operating revenue		6,000		934,373
3100135-SAN - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		3,200		937,573
3100135-SAN - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		18,500		956,073
3100620-PLAN - Planning Application Fees	83567	Operating revenue		15,000		971,073
3100720-COM AMEN - Cemetery Fees (Burial)	83567	Operating revenue			(7,000)	964,073
3110121-HALLS - Local Hall Hire	83567	Operating revenue		5,000		969,073
3110220-SWIM AREAS - Admissions	83567	Operating revenue			(3,000)	966,073
3110221-SWIM AREAS - Kiosk Income	83567	Operating revenue		12,000		978,073
3110324-REC - Grandstand Bar	83567	Operating revenue			(36,700)	941,373
3110325-REC - Grandstand Restaurant	83567	Operating revenue			(51,750)	889,623
3110326-REC - Canteen	83567	Operating revenue		3,600		893,223
3110330-REC - Aquatic Hire	83567	Operating revenue		4,000		897,223
3110331-REC - Program Income	83567	Operating revenue		50		897,273
3110332-REC - FACILITY HIRE	83567	Operating revenue		300		897,573
3110335-REC - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		10,200		907,773
3110720-OTH CUL - Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue		4,100		911,873
3130201-TOURISM - Reimbursements	83567	Operating revenue		6,000		917,873
3130235-TOURISM - Other Income Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion	83567	Operating revenue		350		918,223
3130320-BUILD - Fees & Charges (Licences)	83567	Operating revenue			(1,500)	916,723
3130335-BUILD - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue			(300)	916,423
3130821-OTH ECON - Standpipe Income	83567	Operating revenue			(3,000)	913,423
3140120-PRIVATE - Private Works Income	83567	Operating revenue		36,000		949,423
2090288-OTH HOUSE - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(150)	949,273
2090289-OTH HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(100)	949,173
3030130-RATES - Rates Levied - Synergy	83567	Operating revenue		4,097		953,270
3030140-RATES - Ex-Gratia Rates (CBH, etc.)	83567	Operating revenue		550		953,820
2050130-FIRE - Insurance Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		150		953,970
2050530-ESL BFB - Insurance Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(200)	953,770
2050630-ESL SES - Insurances	83567	Operating expenses			(450)	953,320
2090288-OTH HOUSE - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		700		954,020
2100788-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations	83567	Operating expenses		100		954,120
2110188-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		955,120
2110288-SWIM AREAS - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		800		955,920
2110330-REC - Insurance Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		8,000		963,920
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses		200		964,120
2130287-TOURISM - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		1,100		965,220
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,380		966,600
2140417-POC - Insurance Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		4,000		970,600
3030245-GEN PUR - Interest Earned - Reserve Funds	83567	Operating revenue		50,000		1,020,600
3030246-GEN PUR - Interest Earned - Municipal Funds	83567	Operating revenue		50,000		1,070,600
2110370-REC - Loan Interest Repayments	83567	Operating expenses			(5,124)	1,065,476
2110401-REC - Liquidity Loan - Interest.	83567	Operating revenue		80,000		1,145,476
3030120-RATES - Instalment Admin Fee Received	83567	Operating revenue		40,000		1,185,476
3030145-RATES - Penalty Interest Received	83567	Operating revenue			(4,000)	1,181,476
2050187-FIRE - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses		3,700		1,185,176
2080714-WELFARE - Community Services	83567	Operating expenses		100		1,185,276
2090289-OTH HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(500)	1,184,776
2090389-COM HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,000)	1,183,776
2100117-SAN - General Tip Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(700)	1,183,076
2100788-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(500)	1,182,576
2110188-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(50)	1,182,526
2110189-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(3,650)	1,178,876
2110289-SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(250)	1,178,626
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(59,360)	1,119,266
2110366-REC - Town Oval Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(29,500)	1,089,766

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Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
2110389-REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		4,870		1,094,636
2210689-HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		750		1,095,386
2110787-OTH CUL - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(1,100)	1,094,286
2120211-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Built Up Areas	83567	Operating expenses		37,200		1,131,486
2120214-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Formed Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses		87,000		1,218,486
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(400)	1,218,086
2130289-TOURISM - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(3,250)	1,214,836
2140393-PWO - LESS Allocated to Works (PWO's)	83567	Operating expenses			(70,150)	1,144,686
2120391-PLANT - Loss on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item			(1,950)	1,142,736
2140291-ADMIN - Loss on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item			(23,500)	1,119,236
2030114-RATES - Debt Collection Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		20,000		1,139,236
2040109-MEMBERS - Members Travel and Accommodation	83567	Operating expenses		5,000		1,144,236
2040186-MEMBERS - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		1,145,236
2040287-OTH GOV - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(200)	1,145,036
2050187-FIRE - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses			(100)	1,144,936
2050200-ANIMAL - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		450		1,145,386
2050212-ANIMAL - Animal Destruction	83567	Operating expenses		100		1,145,486
2050287-ANIMAL - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses		740		1,146,226
2050289-ANIMAL - Animal Pound Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(100)	1,146,126
2050586-ESL BFB - Plant & Equipment < \$1,200 per item	83567	Operating expenses			(5,950)	1,140,176
2050587-ESL BFB - Other Goods and Services	83567	Operating expenses		980		1,141,156
2050588-ESL BFB - Utilities, Rates & Taxes	83567	Operating expenses			(600)	1,140,556
2050669-ESL SES - Plant & Equipment \$1,200 to \$5,000 per item	83567	Operating expenses		300		1,140,856
2050686-ESL SES - Plant & Equipment < \$1,200 per item	83567	Operating expenses		1,550		1,142,406
2050687-ESL SES - Other Goods and Services	83567	Operating expenses		1,300		1,143,706
2070413-HEALTH - Control Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		700		1,144,406
2070553-PEST - Pest Control Programs	83567	Operating expenses			(400)	1,144,006
2080712-WELFARE - Youth Events and Programs	83567	Operating expenses		1,800		1,145,806
2080714-WELFARE - Community Services	83567	Operating expenses			(2,250)	1,143,556
2090288-OTH HOUSE - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(200)	1,143,356
2090289-OTH HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		2,600		1,145,956
2090389-COM HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		1,700		1,147,656
2100113-SAN - Waste Recycling	83567	Operating expenses			(3,000)	1,144,656
2100587-ENVIRON - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		175		1,144,831
2100711-COM AMEN - Cemetery Burials	83567	Operating expenses		1,200		1,146,031
2100788-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,200		1,147,231
2100789-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		3,000		1,150,231
2110188-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(1,200)	1,149,031
2110189-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,880)	1,147,151
2110288-SWIM AREAS - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(8,000)	1,139,151
2110289-SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		5,000		1,144,151
2110316-REC - Postage and Freight	83567	Operating expenses		5,000		1,149,151
2110350-REC - Grandstand Bar Stock	83567	Operating expenses		70,000		1,219,151
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(27,940)	1,191,211
2110366-REC - Town Oval Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(8,630)	1,182,581
2110389-REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		3,730		1,186,311
2110743-OTH CUL - Other Festival Events	83567	Operating expenses		6,010		1,192,321
2110787-OTH CUL - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	1,190,321
2120211-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Built Up Areas	83567	Operating expenses		2,800		1,193,121
2120213-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Gravel Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses			(1,000)	1,192,121
2120235-ROADM - Traffic Signs/Equipment (Safety)	83567	Operating expenses		5,000		1,197,121
2120266-ROADM - Drainage Maintenance Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses			(4,000)	1,193,121
2120286-ROADM - Workshop/Depot Expensed Equipment	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	1,191,121
2130240-TOURISM - Public Relations & Area Promotion	83567	Operating expenses		1,800		1,192,921
2130287-TOURISM - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(900)	1,192,021
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		3,500		1,195,521
2140287-ADMIN - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(5,000)	1,190,521
2140300-PWO - Employee Costs	83567	Operating expenses		8,500		1,199,021
2140307-PWO - Protective Clothing	83567	Operating expenses			(4,200)	1,194,821
2140315-PWO - Printing and Stationery	83567	Operating expenses		500		1,195,321
2140386-PWO - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	1,193,321
2140387-PWO - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		1,600		1,194,921
2140400-POC - Internal Plant Repairs - Wages & O/Head	83567	Operating expenses		2,500		1,197,421
2140411-POC - External Parts & Repairs	83567	Operating expenses			(20,000)	1,177,421
2140412-POC - Fuels and Oils	83567	Operating expenses		45,000		1,222,421
2140413-POC - Tyres and Tubes	83567	Operating expenses			(4,400)	1,218,021
2140418-POC - Expendable Tools / Consumables	83567	Operating expenses		2,000		1,220,021
4090210- OTH HOUSE - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		8,000		1,228,021
4100130- SAN - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		500		1,228,521
4100180- SAN - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		50,000		1,278,521
4100310-SEW - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		556,000		1,834,521
4110110-HALLS - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(7,000)	1,827,521
4100210-SWIM AREAS - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		10,000		1,837,521
4110370-REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(270,600)	1,566,921
4110390-REC - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(270,000)	1,296,921
4110510-LIBRARY - Library Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(14,000)	1,282,921
4110610-HERITAGE - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(11,250)	1,271,671
4110710-OTH CUL - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(38,000)	1,233,671
4120110-ROADC - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(3,000)	1,230,671
4120141-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Council Funded	83567	Capital expenses		1,133,750		2,364,421
4120142-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Council Funded	83567	Capital expenses		7,460		2,371,881
4120143-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Formed - Council Funded	83567	Capital expenses		31,120		2,403,001
4120144-ROADC - Roads Built Up Area - Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital expenses		168,440		2,571,441
4120145-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital expenses		495,840		3,067,281
4120146-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital expenses		182,040		3,249,321

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			Adjustment	Cash	Available Cash	Budget Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
4120149-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Regional Road Group	83567	Capital expenses		305,140		3,554,461
4120150-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Regional Road Group	83567	Capital expenses		57,990		3,612,451
4120168-ROADC - Kerbing (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(13,400)	3,599,051
4120170-ROADC - Footpaths and Cycleways (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		14,000		3,613,051
4120190-ROADC - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		30,000		3,643,051
4120790-WATER - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		80,350		3,723,401
4140210-ADMIN - Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses		71,000		3,794,401
3110610-HERITAGE - Grants	83567	Operating revenue			(20,000)	3,774,401
3030122-RATES - Reimbursement of Debt Collection Costs	83567	Operating revenue			(20,000)	3,754,401
3040235-OTH GOV - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue			(13,200)	3,741,201
3050135-FIRE - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		2,400		3,743,601
3080710-WELFARE - Youth Grants	83567	Operating revenue		2,500		3,746,101
3080711-WELFARE - Community Development Grants	83567	Operating revenue		650		3,746,751
3080711-WELFARE - Community Development Grants	83567	Operating revenue		9,450		3,756,201
3100135-SAN - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		300		3,756,501
3100535-ENVIRON - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		10		3,756,511
3110335-REC - Other Income	83567	Operating revenue		1,500		3,758,011
3110511-LIBRARY - Other Grants	83567	Operating revenue		600		3,758,611
3110720-OTH CUL - Fees & Charges	83567	Operating revenue		4,900		3,763,511
3120220-ROADM - Sale of Scrap	83567	Operating revenue		49,100		3,812,611
3130235-TOURISM - Other Income Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion	83567	Operating revenue		53,000		3,865,611
3140410-POC - Fuel Tax Credits Grant Scheme	83567	Operating revenue			(23,000)	3,842,611
3140502-SAL - Reimbursement - Parental Leave	83567	Operating revenue		500		3,843,111
3140503-SAL - Reimbursement - Salary Sacrifice	83567	Operating revenue		2,000		3,845,111
3140735-UNCLASS - Unclassified Income	83567	Operating revenue		1,250		3,846,361
3140736-UNCLASS - Insurance Income	83567	Operating revenue		50,000		3,896,361
2050187-FIRE - Other Expenditure	83567	Non cash item		3,651		3,900,012
2050287-ANIMAL - Other Expenditure	83567	Non cash item		160		3,900,172
2050565-ESL BFB - Maintenance Plant & Equipment	83567	Non cash item			(2,600)	3,897,572
2050566-ESL BFB - Maintenance Vehicles/Trailers/Boats	83567	Non cash item			(25,000)	3,872,572
2050666-ESL SES - Maintenance Vehicles/Trailers/Boats	83567	Non cash item			(1,000)	3,871,572
2080714-WELFARE - Community Services	83567	Non cash item		225		3,871,797
2100117-SAN - General Tip Maintenance	83567	Non cash item			(725)	3,871,072
2100587-ENVIRON - Other Expenses	83567	Non cash item		375		3,871,447
2100711-COM AMEN - Cemetery Burials	83567	Non cash item		2,750		3,874,197
2110189-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Maintenance	83567	Non cash item		75		3,874,272
2110289-SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance	83567	Non cash item		140		3,874,412
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Non cash item		113,540		3,987,952
2110366-REC - Town Oval Maintenance/Operations	83567	Non cash item		31,780		4,019,732
2110389-REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Maintenance	83567	Non cash item		3,000		4,022,732
2120211-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Built Up Areas	83567	Non cash item		83,000		4,105,732
2120214-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Formed Outside BUA	83567	Non cash item			(27,500)	4,078,232
2130289-TOURISM - Building Maintenance	83567	Non cash item		450		4,078,682
2140210-ADMIN - Motor Vehicle Expenses	83567	Non cash item			(16,500)	4,062,182
2140310-PWO - Motor Vehicle Expenses	83567	Non cash item			(10,000)	4,052,182
2140400-POC - Internal Plant Repairs - Wages & O/Head	83567	Non cash item			(200)	4,051,982
4120141-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Council Funded	83567	Non cash item			(93,870)	3,958,112
4120142-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Council Funded	83567	Non cash item			(3,200)	3,954,912
4120143-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Formed - Council Funded	83567	Non cash item			(15,700)	3,939,212
4120144-ROADC - Roads Built Up Area - Roads to Recovery	83567	Non cash item		12,000		3,951,212
4120145-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Roads to Recovery	83567	Non cash item			(25,600)	3,925,612
4120146-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Roads to Recovery	83567	Non cash item		6,400		3,932,012
4120149-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Regional Road Group	83567	Non cash item			(32,300)	3,899,712
4120150-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Regional Road Group	83567	Non cash item			(5,150)	3,894,562
4120170-ROADC - Footpaths and Cycleways (Capital)	83567	Non cash item			(2,700)	3,891,862
3090290-OTH HOUSE - Profit on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item		40,000		3,931,862
3140290-ADMIN - Profit on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item		35,000		3,966,862
5090250-OTH HOUSE - Proceeds on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item		250,000		4,216,862
5090251-OTH HOUSE - Realisation on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item			(250,000)	3,966,862
5120350-PLANT - Proceeds on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item		1,500		3,968,362
5120351-PLANT - Realisation on Disposal of Assets	83567	Non cash item			(1,500)	3,966,862
3130201-TOURISM - Reimbursements	83567	Operating revenue			(6,000)	3,960,862
3140410-POC - Fuel Tax Credits Grant Scheme	83567	Operating revenue		20,000		3,980,862
2030112-RATES - Valuation Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		2,000		3,982,862
2030211-GEN PUR - Bank Fees & Charges	83567	Operating expenses		300		3,983,162
2040104-MEMBERS - Training & Development	83567	Operating expenses		10,000		3,993,162
2040109-MEMBERS - Members Travel and Accommodation	83567	Operating expenses		4,000		3,997,162
2040116-MEMBERS - Election Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		5,000		4,002,162
2040141-MEMBERS - Subscriptions & Publications	83567	Operating expenses			(3,000)	3,999,162
2040251-OTH GOV - Consultancy - Strategic	83567	Operating expenses		36,206		4,035,368
2040265-OTH GOV - Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(2,800)	4,032,568
2050187-FIRE - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses			(15,000)	4,017,568
2050287-ANIMAL - Other Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses			(400)	4,017,168
2050289-ANIMAL - Animal Pound Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		200		4,017,368
2050687-ESL SES - Other Goods and Services	83567	Operating expenses			(900)	4,016,468
2050688-ESL SES - Utilities, Rates & Taxes	83567	Operating expenses		500		4,016,968
2070485-HEALTH - Legal Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(3,000)	4,013,968
2070553-PEST - Pest Control Programs	83567	Operating expenses		6,600		4,020,568
2080712-WELFARE - Youth Events and Programs	83567	Operating expenses			(1,600)	4,018,968
2080714-WELFARE - Community Services	83567	Operating expenses			(4,575)	4,014,393
2090288-OTH HOUSE - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(850)	4,013,543
2090289-OTH HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		19,925		4,033,468
2090389-COM HOUSE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(6,950)	4,026,518
2100111-SAN - Waste Collection	83567	Operating expenses			(1,200)	4,025,318
2100117-SAN - General Tip Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(19,275)	4,006,043

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			\$	\$	\$	\$
2100187-SAN - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(2,500)	4,003,543
2100188-SAN - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		4,004,543
2100652-PLAN - Consultants	83567	Operating expenses			(10,000)	3,994,543
2100685-PLAN - Legal Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(2,500)	3,992,043
2100687-PLAN - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(3,000)	3,989,043
2100711-COM AMEN - Cemetery Burials	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		3,990,043
2100788-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(2,000)	3,988,043
2100789-COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(7,100)	3,980,943
2110187-HALLS - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses		500		3,981,443
2110189-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,720)	3,979,723
2110288-SWIM AREAS - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		14,000		3,993,723
2110289-SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(14,590)	3,979,133
2110356-REC - MRCLC - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,000)	3,978,133
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses		7,040		3,985,173
2110366-REC - Town Oval Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses		16,200		4,001,373
2110380-REC - CBD Redevelopment - Operational Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses			(1,000)	4,000,373
2110389-REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(10,000)	3,990,373
2110589-LIBRARY - Library Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		1,400		3,991,773
2110689-HERITAGE - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		1,000		3,992,773
2110743-OTH CUL - Other Festival Events	83567	Operating expenses			(480)	3,992,293
2110787-OTH CUL - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(700)	3,991,593
2110789-OTH CUL - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses		5,000		3,996,593
2120211-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Built Up Areas	83567	Operating expenses			(126,000)	3,870,593
2120213-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Gravel Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses			(9,000)	3,861,593
2120214-ROADM - Road Maintenance - Formed Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses			(52,000)	3,809,593
2120266-ROADM - Drainage Maintenance Outside BUA	83567	Operating expenses		2,000		3,811,593
2120287-ROADM - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(500)	3,811,093
2120289-ROADM - Depot Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(2,600)	3,808,493
2130240-TOURISM - Public Relations & Area Promotion	83567	Operating expenses		4,800		3,813,293
2130287-TOURISM - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(3,900)	3,809,393
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses		6,220		3,815,613
2130289-TOURISM - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(1,200)	3,814,413
2140187-PRIVATE - Other Expenses	83567	Operating expenses			(36,000)	3,778,413
2140252-ADMIN - Consultants	83567	Operating expenses			(6,600)	3,771,813
2140304-PWO - Training & Development	83567	Operating expenses		10,000		3,781,813
2140311-PWO - Consultancy	83567	Operating expenses		3,000		3,784,813
2140315-PWO - Printing and Stationery	83567	Operating expenses		500		3,785,313
2140330-PWO - WHS and Toolbox Meetings	83567	Operating expenses		4,500		3,789,813
2140341-PWO - Subscriptions & Memberships	83567	Operating expenses		9,000		3,798,813
2140400-POC - Internal Plant Repairs - Wages & O/Head	83567	Operating expenses		2,100		3,800,913
2140411-POC - External Parts & Repairs	83567	Operating expenses			(31,000)	3,769,913
2140761-UNCLASS - Insurance Expenditure	83567	Operating expenses			(35,000)	3,734,913
4110310-REC - Other Rec Facilities Building (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(296,000)	3,438,913
4120141-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Council Funded	83567	Capital expenses			(1,083,500)	2,355,413
4120144-ROADC - Roads Built Up Area - Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital expenses			(167,350)	2,188,063
4120145-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital expenses			(480,000)	1,708,063
4120146-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Roads to Recovery	83567	Capital expenses			(166,750)	1,541,313
4120149-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Regional Road Group	83567	Capital expenses			(252,100)	1,289,213
4120150-ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Regional Road Group	83567	Capital expenses			(65,950)	1,223,263
4120790-WATER - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	83567	Capital expenses			(44,550)	1,178,713
4030381 - INVEST - Interest - Employee Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		8,400		1,187,113
4030383 - INVEST - Interest - Plant Replacement Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		11,840		1,198,953
4030384-INVEST - Transfer to Building Reserve	83567	Capital expenses			(74,230)	1,124,723
4030385 - INVEST - Interest - Land & Development Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		35,680		1,160,403
4030386-INVEST - Transfer to ICT Reserve	83567	Capital expenses			(216,900)	943,503
4030387 - INVEST - Interest - Declared Disaster Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		5,680		949,183
4030390 - INVEST - Interest - Waste Management Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		8,520		957,703
4030391 - INVEST - Interest - Unspent Grants Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		8,440		966,143
4030393-INVEST - Transfer to Recreation Facilities Reserve	83567	Capital expenses			(112,930)	853,213
4030394 - INVEST - Interest - Apex Park Reserve	83567	Capital expenses		7,600		860,813
4030395 - INVEST - Interest - Road Construction Reserve	83567	Capital expenses			(241,100)	619,713
4030397- INVEST - Transfer to Housing Reserve	83567	Capital revenue			(100,000)	519,713
5030384-INVEST - Transfer from Building Reserve	83567	Capital revenue			(107,800)	411,913
5030389-INVEST - Transfer from Cummings Street Units Reserve	83567	Capital revenue		37,024		448,937
5030393-INVEST - Transfer from Recreation Facilities Reserve	83567	Capital revenue			(250,000)	198,937
5030394-INVEST - Transfer from Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve	83567	Capital revenue			(13,720)	185,217
5030395-INVEST - Transfer from Merredin/Narambeen Road Reserves	83567	Capital revenue		23,450		208,667
2090288-OTH HOUSE - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(4,200)	204,467
2110188-HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations	83567	Operating expenses		650		205,117
2110288-SWIM AREAS - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(22,100)	183,017
2110289-SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance	83567	Operating expenses			(600)	182,417
2110365-REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(17,550)	164,867
2130288-TOURISM - Building Operations	83567	Operating expenses			(3,000)	161,867
				6,725,455	(6,575,053)	150,402

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Prog	SP	Type	COA	Job	Description	Budget					Variance (%)
						Original Budget	Amendments	Current Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	
03	0301	2	2030112		RATES - Valuation Expenses	\$15,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$10,830.00	\$713.95	-93.41%
03	0301	2	2030114		RATES - Debt Collection Expenses	\$60,000.00	-\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$33,330.00	\$7,387.10	-77.84%
03	0301	2	2030118		RATES - Rates Write Off	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$27.00	-99.87%
03	0301	2	2030185		RATES - Legal Expenses (not recoverable)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
03	0301	2	2030199		RATES - Administration Allocated	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00	\$43,330.00	\$36,163.03	-16.54%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$180,000.00	-\$12,000.00	\$168,000.00	\$109,990.00	\$44,291.08	
03	0301	3	3030120		RATES - Instalment Admin Fee Received	-\$34,000.00	-\$4,700.00	-\$38,700.00	-\$32,250.00	-\$38,841.09	20.44%
03	0301	3	3030121		RATES - Account Enquiry Charges	-\$500.00	\$400.00	-\$100.00	-\$80.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
03	0301	3	3030122		RATES - Reimbursement of Debt Collection Costs	-\$60,000.00	\$20,000.00	-\$40,000.00	-\$33,330.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
03	0301	3	3030130		RATES - Rates Levied - Synergy	-\$5,478,753.00	-\$4,097.00	-\$5,482,850.00	-\$4,569,040.00	-\$5,486,278.34	20.08%
03	0301	3	3030140		RATES - Ex-Gratia Rates (CBH, etc.)	-\$83,000.00	-\$550.00	-\$83,550.00	-\$69,630.00	-\$83,573.49	20.03%
03	0301	3	3030145		RATES - Penalty Interest Received	-\$35,000.00	\$4,000.00	-\$31,000.00	-\$25,830.00	-\$38,061.22	47.35%
03	0301	3	3030147		RATES - Pensioner Deferred Interest Received	-\$4,000.00	\$0.00	-\$4,000.00	-\$3,330.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Operating Income Total						-\$5,695,253.00	\$15,053.00	-\$5,680,200.00	-\$4,733,490.00	-\$5,646,754.14	
Rates Total						-\$5,515,253.00	\$3,053.00	-\$5,512,200.00	-\$4,623,500.00	-\$5,602,463.06	
03	0302	2	2030211		GEN PUR - Bank Fees & Charges	\$500.00	-\$300.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$30.30	-82.18%
03	0302	2	2030214		GEN PUR - Rounding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	
Operating Expenditure Total						\$500.00	-\$300.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$30.35	
03	0302	3	3030210		GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - General	\$0.00	-\$296,900.00	-\$296,900.00	-\$222,675.00	-\$222,688.50	0.01%
03	0302	3	3030211		GEN PUR - Financial Assistance Grant - Roads	\$0.00	-\$100,100.00	-\$100,100.00	-\$75,075.00	-\$75,057.00	-0.02%
03	0302	3	3030220		GEN PUR - Charges - Photocopying / Faxing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2.91	
03	0302	3	3030245		GEN PUR - Interest Earned - Reserve Funds	-\$200,000.00	-\$50,000.00	-\$250,000.00	-\$208,330.00	-\$215,224.62	3.31%
03	0302	3	3030246		GEN PUR - Interest Earned - Municipal Funds	-\$80,000.00	-\$50,000.00	-\$130,000.00	-\$108,330.00	-\$113,734.17	4.99%
03	0302	3	3030291		Gain on FV Valuation of Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Income Total						-\$280,000.00	-\$497,000.00	-\$777,000.00	-\$614,410.00	-\$626,707.20	
Other General Purpose Funding Total						-\$279,500.00	-\$497,300.00	-\$776,800.00	-\$614,240.00	-\$626,676.85	
03	0303	4	4030381		INVEST - Transfer to Employee Entitlement Reserve	\$10,900.00	-\$8,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,499.00	\$2,497.66	-0.05%
03	0303	4	4030383		INVEST - Transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve	\$15,740.00	-\$11,840.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,904.43	0.11%
03	0303	4	4030384		INVEST - Transfer to Building Reserve	\$30,480.00	\$74,230.00	\$104,710.00	\$87,260.00	\$48,536.35	-44.38%
03	0303	4	4030385		INVEST - Transfer to Land and Development Reserve	\$46,280.00	-\$35,680.00	\$10,600.00	\$10,599.00	\$10,603.00	0.04%
03	0303	4	4030386		INVEST - Transfer to ICT Reserve	\$7,600.00	\$216,900.00	\$224,500.00	\$187,080.00	\$86,574.77	-53.72%
03	0303	4	4030387		INVEST - Transfer to Disaster Relief Fund Reserve	\$7,280.00	-\$5,680.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,599.00	\$1,666.04	4.19%
03	0303	4	4030389		INVEST - Transfer to Cummings Street Units Reserve	\$1,360.00	\$0.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,433.95	26.90%
03	0303	4	4030390		INVEST - Transfer to Waste Management Reserve	\$11,020.00	-\$8,520.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,499.00	\$2,524.16	1.01%
03	0303	4	4030391		INVEST - Transfer to Unspent Grants Reserve	\$10,840.00	-\$8,440.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,483.22	3.47%
03	0303	4	4030393		INVEST - Transfer to Recreation Facilities Reserve	\$26,800.00	\$112,930.00	\$139,730.00	\$116,440.00	\$48,555.66	-58.30%
03	0303	4	4030394		INVEST - Transfer to Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve	\$8,800.00	-\$7,600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,179.30	-1.73%
03	0303	4	4030395		INVEST - Transfer to Merredin-Naremben Road	\$102,900.00	\$241,100.00	\$344,000.00	\$286,670.00	\$5,266.08	-98.16%
Capital Expenditure Total						\$280,000.00	\$559,000.00	\$839,000.00	\$703,276.00	\$215,224.62	

03	0303	5	5030383	INVEST - Transfer from Plant Replacement Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
03	0303	5	5030384	INVEST - Transfer from Building Reserve	-\$107,800.00	\$107,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
03	0303	5	5030386	INVEST - Transfer from ICT Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
03	0303	5	5030389	INVEST - Transfer from Cummings Street Units Reserve	\$0.00	-\$37,024.00	-\$37,024.00	-\$24,684.00	-\$7,024.00	-71.54%
03	0303	5	5030390	INVEST - Transfer from Waste Management Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
03	0303	5	5030394	INVEST - Transfer from Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve	-\$78,700.00	\$13,720.00	-\$64,980.00	-\$21,660.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
03	0303	5	5030395	INVEST - Transfer from Merredin/Narambeen Road Reser	-\$114,450.00	-\$23,450.00	-\$137,900.00	-\$45,967.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Capital Income Total					-\$300,950.00	\$61,046.00	-\$239,904.00	-\$92,311.00	-\$7,024.00	
Reserve Transfers Total					-\$20,950.00	\$620,046.00	\$599,096.00	\$610,965.00	\$208,200.62	
General Purpose Funding Total					-\$5,815,703.00	\$125,799.00	-\$5,689,904.00	-\$4,626,775.00	-\$6,020,939.29	
04	0401	2	2040104	MEMBERS - Training & Development	\$25,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$4,149.14	-66.81%
04	0401	2	2040109	MEMBERS - Members Travel and Accommodation	\$15,000.00	-\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
04	0401	2	2040111	MEMBERS - Mayors/Presidents Allowance	\$14,200.00	\$0.00	\$14,200.00	\$10,650.00	\$9,869.72	-7.33%
04	0401	2	2040112	MEMBERS - Deputy Mayors/Presidents Allowance	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,651.25	-1.81%
04	0401	2	2040113	MEMBERS - Members Sitting Fees	\$68,000.00	\$0.00	\$68,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$50,970.00	-0.06%
04	0401	2	2040114	MEMBERS - Communications Allowance	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,588.40	-23.63%
04	0401	2	2040116	MEMBERS - Election Expenses	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
04	0401	2	2040129	MEMBERS - Donations to Community Groups	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
04	0401	2	2040141	MEMBERS - Subscriptions & Publications	\$65,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$68,000.00	\$56,660.00	\$67,182.42	18.57%
04	0401	2	2040186	MEMBERS - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$7,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
04	0401	2	2040187	MEMBERS - Other Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,330.00	\$941.10	-71.74%
04	0401	2	2040188	MEMBERS - Chambers Operating Expenses	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$670.00	\$13.63	-97.97%
04	0401	2	2040189	MEMBERS - Chambers Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
04	0401	2	2040190	MEMBERS - Minute Binding/Record keeping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Expenditure Total					\$211,100.00	-\$22,000.00	\$189,100.00	\$150,420.00	\$137,365.66	
Members Of Council Total					\$211,100.00	-\$22,000.00	\$189,100.00	\$150,420.00	\$137,365.66	
04	0402	2	2040211	OTH GOV - Civic Functions, Refreshments & Receptions	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$13,340.00	\$10,636.18	-20.27%
04	0402	2	2040215	OTH GOV - Printing and Stationery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
04	0402	2	2040223	OTH GOV - LGIS Risk Expenditure	\$15,800.00	\$0.00	\$15,800.00	\$13,170.00	\$7,886.00	-40.12%
04	0402	2	2040251	OTH GOV - Consultancy - Strategic	\$414,206.00	-\$36,206.00	\$378,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$50,823.36	-83.87%
04	0402	2	2040265	OTH GOV - Maintenance/Operations	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	0.00%
04	0402	2	2040286	OTH GOV - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
04	0402	2	2040287	OTH GOV - Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$132.00	\$27.27	-79.34%
04	0402	2	2040299	OTH GOV - Administration Allocated	\$312,000.00	\$0.00	\$312,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$216,978.22	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$766,006.00	-\$33,206.00	\$732,800.00	\$611,112.00	\$289,151.03	
04	0402	3	3040220	OTH GOV - Fees & Charges	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00	-\$182.09	-8.96%
04	0402	3	3040235	OTH GOV - Other Income	-\$15,000.00	\$1,000.00	-\$14,000.00	-\$11,670.00	-\$13,769.90	17.99%
Operating Income Total					-\$15,000.00	\$800.00	-\$14,200.00	-\$11,870.00	-\$13,951.99	
Other Governance Total					\$766,006.00	-\$33,406.00	\$732,600.00	\$610,912.00	\$275,199.04	
Governance Total					\$977,106.00	-\$55,406.00	\$921,700.00	\$761,332.00	\$412,564.70	
05	0501	2	2050102	FIRE - Honorarium	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
05	0501	2	2050120	FIRE - Communication Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$238.08	-43.31%

05	0501	2	2050130	FIRE - Insurance Expenses	\$1,650.00	-\$150.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
05	0501	2	2050165	FIRE - Maintenance/Operations	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$745.01	-40.40%
05	0501	2	2050185	FIRE - Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
05	0501	2	2050187	FIRE - Other Expenditure						
05	0501	2	2050187	W0081 Fire Breaks	\$9,735.00	\$6,015.00	\$15,750.00	\$13,130.00	\$15,117.36	15.14%
05	0501	2	2050187	W0082 Fire Fightings	\$7,966.00	-\$1,966.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,297.75	-34.05%
05	0501	2	2050189	FIRE - Building Maintenance						
05	0501	2	2050189	BM070 Bush Fire Sheds Hines Hill - Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
05	0501	2	2050189	BM071 Bush Fire Sheds Muntadgin - Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
05	0501	2	2050192	FIRE - Depreciation	\$11,200.00	\$64,200.00	\$75,400.00	\$62,830.00	\$62,104.35	-1.15%
05	0501	2	2050199	FIRE - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,670.00	\$72,326.07	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$140,051.00	\$68,099.00	\$208,150.00	\$173,970.00	\$156,828.62	
05	0501	3	3050135	FIRE - Other Income	-\$4,000.00	-\$2,400.00	-\$6,400.00	-\$5,330.00	-\$6,713.13	25.95%
Operating Income Total					-\$4,000.00	-\$2,400.00	-\$6,400.00	-\$5,330.00	-\$6,713.13	
Fire Prevention Total					\$134,051.00	\$65,699.00	\$199,750.00	\$166,720.00	\$150,115.49	
05	0502	2	2050200	ANIMAL - Employee Costs	\$1,000.00	-\$400.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$33.45	-93.31%
05	0502	2	2050210	ANIMAL - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
05	0502	2	2050212	ANIMAL - Animal Destruction	\$600.00	-\$100.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
05	0502	2	2050216	ANIMAL - Contract Ranger Services	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$105,165.50	5.17%
05	0502	2	2050220	ANIMAL - Communication Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$307.14	-26.87%
05	0502	2	2050285	ANIMAL - Legal Expenses	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$169.71	-66.06%
05	0502	2	2050286	ANIMAL - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$551.17	-33.59%
05	0502	2	2050287	ANIMAL - Other Expenditure	\$2,200.00	-\$500.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,410.00	\$687.51	-51.24%
05	0502	2	2050288	ANIMAL - Animal Pound Operations	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,284.40	2.75%
05	0502	2	2050289	ANIMAL - Animal Pound Maintenance	\$600.00	-\$100.00	\$500.00	\$410.00	\$53.05	-87.06%
05	0502	2	2050292	ANIMAL - Depreciation	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,580.00	\$2,557.34	-0.88%
05	0502	2	2050299	ANIMAL - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,670.00	\$72,326.07	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$235,100.00	-\$1,100.00	\$234,000.00	\$194,990.00	\$183,135.34	
05	0502	3	3050220	ANIMAL - Pound Fees	-\$1,600.00	\$0.00	-\$1,600.00	-\$1,330.00	-\$1,510.88	13.60%
05	0502	3	3050221	ANIMAL - Animal Registration Fees	-\$5,000.00	-\$100.00	-\$5,100.00	-\$4,250.00	-\$6,077.50	43.00%
05	0502	3	3050234	ANIMAL - Other Fees & Charges	-\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$80.00	-\$62.90	-21.38%
05	0502	3	3050240	ANIMAL - Fines and Penalties	-\$1,500.00	\$200.00	-\$1,300.00	-\$1,080.00	-\$1,202.60	11.35%
Operating Income Total					-\$8,200.00	\$100.00	-\$8,100.00	-\$6,740.00	-\$8,853.88	
Animal Control Total					\$226,900.00	-\$1,000.00	\$225,900.00	\$188,250.00	\$174,281.46	
05	0503	2	2050300	OLOPS - Employee Costs	\$54,050.00	\$0.00	\$54,050.00	\$45,050.00	\$41,913.90	-6.96%
05	0503	2	2050311	OLOPS - CCTV Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	\$1,155.00	-72.30%
05	0503	2	2050330	OLOPS - Insurance Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
05	0503	2	2050352	OLOPS - Consultants	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
05	0503	2	2050392	OLOPS - Depreciation	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$4,500.00	\$7,060.44	56.90%
05	0503	2	2050399	OLOPS - Administration Allocated	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00	\$43,330.00	\$36,163.03	-16.54%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$121,450.00	\$0.00	\$121,450.00	\$101,220.00	\$86,292.37	
05	0503	3	3050310	OLOPS - Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Operating Income Total				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Law, Order & Public Safety Total				\$121,450.00	\$0.00	\$121,450.00	\$101,220.00	\$86,292.37		
05	0505	2	2050507	ESL BFB - Clothing & Accessories	\$10,000.00	\$1,900.00	\$11,900.00	\$9,920.00	\$10,959.74	10.48%
05	0505	2	2050530	ESL BFB - Insurance Expenses	\$26,000.00	\$200.00	\$26,200.00	\$21,830.00	\$26,196.36	20.00%
05	0505	2	2050565	ESL BFB - Maintenance Plant & Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,056.96	22.28%
05	0505	2	2050566	ESL BFB - Maintenance Vehicles/Trailers/Boats	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$33,330.00	\$36,531.74	9.61%
05	0505	2	2050569	ESL BFB - Plant & Equipment \$1,200 to \$5,000 per item	\$15,800.00	\$0.00	\$15,800.00	\$13,170.00	\$16,483.00	25.16%
05	0505	2	2050586	ESL BFB - Plant & Equipment < \$1,200 per item	\$2,750.00	\$5,950.00	\$8,700.00	\$7,250.00	\$8,669.92	19.59%
05	0505	2	2050587	ESL BFB - Other Goods and Services	\$2,000.00	-\$980.00	\$1,020.00	\$850.00	\$1,016.62	19.60%
05	0505	2	2050588	ESL BFB - Utilities, Rates & Taxes	\$2,750.00	\$450.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,670.00	\$2,661.76	-0.31%
05	0505	2	2050589	ESL BFB - Maintenance Land & Buildings	\$2,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$733.42	-11.64%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$78,300.00	\$32,520.00	\$110,820.00	\$92,350.00	\$106,309.52		
05	0505	3	3050502	ESL BFB - Admin Fee/Commissions	-\$4,000.00	\$0.00	-\$4,000.00	-\$3,330.00	-\$4,000.00	20.12%
05	0505	3	3050510	ESL BFB - Operating Grant	-\$62,500.00	\$0.00	-\$62,500.00	-\$52,080.00	-\$78,304.00	50.35%
05	0505	3	3050515	ESL BFB - Capital Grant	-\$15,800.00	\$0.00	-\$15,800.00	-\$13,170.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Operating Income Total				-\$82,300.00	\$0.00	-\$82,300.00	-\$68,580.00	-\$82,304.00		
05	0505	4	4050530	ESL BFB - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Emergency Services Levy - Bush Fire Brigade Total				-\$4,000.00	\$32,520.00	\$28,520.00	\$23,770.00	\$24,005.52		
05	0506	2	2050630	ESL SES - Insurances	\$1,100.00	\$450.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,519.29	17.77%
05	0506	2	2050665	ESL SES - Maintenance Plant & Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,245.95	-18.33%
05	0506	2	2050666	ESL SES - Maintenance Vehicles/Trailers/Boats	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,920.00	\$3,776.01	29.32%
05	0506	2	2050669	ESL SES - Plant & Equipment \$1,200 to \$5,000 per item	\$6,100.00	-\$300.00	\$5,800.00	\$4,830.00	\$5,798.51	20.05%
05	0506	2	2050686	ESL SES - Plant & Equipment < \$1,200 per item	\$4,000.00	-\$1,550.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,040.00	\$4,037.27	97.91%
05	0506	2	2050687	ESL SES - Other Goods and Services	\$2,700.00	-\$400.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,920.00	\$1,685.37	-12.22%
05	0506	2	2050688	ESL SES - Utilities, Rates & Taxes	\$3,200.00	-\$500.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,865.05	-17.11%
05	0506	2	2050689	ESL SES - Maintenance Land & Buildings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Expenditure Total				\$21,600.00	\$0.00	\$21,600.00	\$18,000.00	\$20,927.45		
05	0506	3	3050610	ESL SES - Operating Grant	-\$15,500.00	\$0.00	-\$15,500.00	-\$12,920.00	-\$21,299.00	64.85%
05	0506	3	3050615	ESL SES - Capital Grant	-\$6,100.00	\$0.00	-\$6,100.00	-\$5,080.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Operating Income Total				-\$21,600.00	\$0.00	-\$21,600.00	-\$18,000.00	-\$21,299.00		
05	0506	4	4050630	ESL SES Plant & Equip (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Emergency Services Levy - State Emergency Service Total				-\$21,600.00	\$0.00	-\$21,600.00	-\$18,000.00	-\$371.55		
Law, Order & Public Safety Total				\$458,801.00	\$97,219.00	\$583,720.00	\$486,960.00	\$434,323.29		
07	0704	2	2070400	HEALTH - Employee Costs	\$141,750.00	\$2,000.00	\$143,750.00	\$119,790.00	\$123,974.08	3.49%
07	0704	2	2070410	HEALTH - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$13,330.00	\$9,839.13	-26.19%
07	0704	2	2070412	HEALTH - Analytical Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,198.24	-4.14%
07	0704	2	2070413	HEALTH - Control Expenses	\$5,000.00	-\$700.00	\$4,300.00	\$3,580.00	\$614.28	-82.84%
07	0704	2	2070485	HEALTH - Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	\$1,752.00	-57.99%
07	0704	2	2070487	HEALTH - Other Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$86.00	-89.64%
07	0704	2	2070492	HEALTH - Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

07	0704	2	2070499	HEALTH - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,670.00	\$72,326.07	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$271,250.00	\$4,300.00	\$275,550.00	\$229,620.00	\$209,789.80	
07	0704	3	3070420	HEALTH - Health Regulatory Fees & Charges	-\$2,000.00	\$500.00	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,250.00	-\$1,145.46	-8.36%
07	0704	3	3070421	HEALTH - Health Regulatory Licenses	-\$9,000.00	\$500.00	-\$8,500.00	-\$7,080.00	-\$7,749.00	9.45%
07	0704	3	3070422	HEALTH - Health Officer Services Charged Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Income Total					-\$11,000.00	\$1,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$8,330.00	-\$8,894.46	
Preventative Services - Inspection/Admin Total					\$260,250.00	\$5,300.00	\$265,550.00	\$221,290.00	\$200,895.34	
07	0705	2	2070553	PEST - Pest Control Programs	\$13,000.00	-\$6,200.00	\$6,800.00	\$5,660.00	\$1,050.00	-81.45%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$13,000.00	-\$6,200.00	\$6,800.00	\$5,660.00	\$1,050.00	
Preventative Services - Pest Control Total					\$13,000.00	-\$6,200.00	\$6,800.00	\$5,660.00	\$1,050.00	
07	0706	2	2070687	PREV OTH - Other Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$120.00	-71.43%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$120.00	
Preventative Services - Other Total					\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$120.00	
Health Total					\$262,750.00	\$100.00	\$262,850.00	\$219,040.00	\$201,945.34	
08	0802	2	2080253	OTHER ED - Scholarships and Awards						
08	0802	2	2080253 W0120	Eric Hind Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$1,000.00	20.48%
08	0802	2	2080253 W0121	Art Aquisition Award	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$1,000.00	20.48%
08	0802	2	2080287	OTHER ED - Other Expenses						
08	0802	2	2080287 W0263	REED	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	20.00%
08	0802	2	2080287 W0264	Merredin Chaplain (Merredin College)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
08	0802	2	2080290	OTHER ED - Donations to Community Groups	\$40,000.00	-\$4,600.00	\$35,400.00	\$29,500.00	\$9,142.58	-69.01%
08	0802	2	2080291	OTHER ED - Loss on Disposal of Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
08	0802	2	2080292	OTHER ED - Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Expenditure Total					\$51,000.00	-\$4,600.00	\$46,400.00	\$38,660.00	\$20,142.58	
08	0802	4	4080210	OTHER ED - Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Education Total					\$51,000.00	-\$4,600.00	\$46,400.00	\$38,660.00	\$20,142.58	
08	0804	2	2080470	SENIORS - Loan Interest Repayments					\$15,992.51	
08	0804	2	2080470 LI215	Interest Loan 215	\$8,910.00	\$0.00	\$8,910.00	\$7,430.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0804	2	2080470 LI217	Interest Loan 217	\$4,780.00	\$0.00	\$4,780.00	\$3,980.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0804	2	2080492	SENIORS - Depreciation	\$32,900.00	\$0.00	\$32,900.00	\$27,420.00	\$27,413.04	-0.03%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$46,590.00	\$0.00	\$46,590.00	\$38,830.00	\$43,405.55	
08	0804	3	3080401	SENIORS - Reimbursements	-\$10,800.00	\$0.00	-\$10,800.00	-\$9,000.00	-\$8,910.34	-1.00%
Operating Income Total					-\$10,800.00	\$0.00	-\$10,800.00	-\$9,000.00	-\$8,910.34	
08	0804	4	4080482	SENIORS - Loan Principal Repayments					\$103,291.91	
08	0804	4	4080482 LP215	Principal Loan 215	\$38,700.00	\$0.00	\$38,700.00	\$32,250.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0804	4	4080482 LP217	Principal Loan 217	\$65,300.00	\$0.00	\$65,300.00	\$54,420.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Capital Expenditure Total					\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,670.00	\$103,291.91	
08	0804	5	5080458	SENIORS - Self Supporting Loan Principal Received	-\$38,700.00	\$0.00	-\$38,700.00	-\$38,700.00	-\$38,676.40	-0.06%
Capital Income Total					-\$38,700.00	\$0.00	-\$38,700.00	-\$38,700.00	-\$38,676.40	
Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens Centres Total					\$101,090.00	\$0.00	\$101,090.00	\$77,800.00	\$99,110.72	
08	0807	2	2080712	WELFARE - Youth Events and Programs						

08	0807	2	2080712	W0140	Merredin Youth Activities	\$1,800.00	-\$200.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,600.00	20.30%
08	0807	2	2080712	W0147	Naidoc Week	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0807	2	2080712	W0147A	Naidoc Week - Grant Funded	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0807	2	2080714		WELFARE - Community Services						
08	0807	2	2080714	CD101	Community Development Events	\$8,700.00	\$0.00	\$8,700.00	\$7,250.00	\$4,507.14	-37.83%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD103	Anzac Day	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,750.00	\$533.30	-69.53%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD103A	Anzac Day - Grant Funded	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,777.21	-14.56%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD104	Australia Day	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD104A	Australia Day - Grant Funded	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,499.00	\$7,878.53	-17.06%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD106	Christmas / Gala Night	\$23,900.00	-\$7,500.00	\$16,400.00	\$13,670.00	\$23,504.96	71.95%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD106A	Christmas / Gala Night - Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD109	Cd Equipment Replacement	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$28.14	-96.61%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD116	International Food Festival	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$2,248.90	-45.94%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD116A	International Food Festival - Grant Funded	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,439.90	17.30%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD123	Early Years Program	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$168.94	-59.78%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD126	Remembrance Day & Long Tan Day	\$1,600.00	-\$500.00	\$1,100.00	\$920.00	\$963.63	4.74%
08	0807	2	2080714	CD136	Merredin Show	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$49.63	-97.03%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$61,600.00	\$6,300.00	\$67,900.00	\$58,989.00	\$45,700.28	
08	0807	3	3080710		WELFARE - Youth Grants						
08	0807	3	3080710	CYI147	Naidoc Week	\$0.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	0.00%
08	0807	3	3080711		WELFARE - Community Development Grants						
08	0807	3	3080711	CDI101	Community Development Events	\$0.00	-\$2,100.00	-\$2,100.00	-\$1,770.00	-\$2,454.54	38.67%
08	0807	3	3080711	CDI103	Anzac Day - Grant Funding	-\$2,500.00	\$0.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,090.00	-\$2,500.00	19.62%
08	0807	3	3080711	CDI104	Australia Day - Grant Funding	-\$3,000.00	-\$7,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	0.00%
08	0807	3	3080711	CDI106	Christmas / Gala Night - Grant Funding	-\$2,500.00	-\$9,400.00	-\$11,900.00	-\$9,930.00	-\$11,868.18	19.52%
08	0807	3	3080711	CDI116	International Food Festival - Grant Funding	-\$2,500.00	\$0.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,090.00	-\$2,500.00	19.62%
Operating Income Total						-\$10,500.00	-\$21,000.00	-\$31,500.00	-\$28,380.00	-\$31,822.72	
Other Welfare Total						\$51,100.00	-\$14,700.00	\$36,400.00	\$30,609.00	\$13,877.56	
Education & Welfare Total						\$203,190.00	-\$19,300.00	\$183,890.00	\$147,069.00	\$133,130.86	
09	0902	2	2090288		OTH HOUSE - Building Operations						
09	0902	2	2090288	BO030	House 16 Dobson Way - Building Operations	\$6,950.00	\$0.00	\$6,950.00	\$5,790.00	\$5,862.19	1.25%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO031	House 5 Dobson Way - Building Operations	\$4,850.00	\$0.00	\$4,850.00	\$4,050.00	\$2,876.20	-28.98%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO032	House 9 Cummings Crescent - Building Operations	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,380.00	\$3,832.44	-12.50%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO033	House 13 Cummings Crescent - Building Operations	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,380.00	\$3,467.87	-20.82%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO034	House 17 Cummings Crescent - Building Operations	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$4,329.52	4.08%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO035	House 4 Cohn Street - Building Operations	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,380.00	\$4,595.85	4.93%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO036	House 10 Cohn Street - Building Operations	\$3,550.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.00	\$2,960.00	\$2,789.61	-5.76%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO037	House 69A Coronation Street - Building Operations	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,240.00	\$1,835.31	-18.07%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO038	House 69B Coronation Street - Building Operations	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,240.00	\$1,878.79	-16.13%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO039	House 15A Carrington Way - Building Operations	\$4,600.00	-\$700.00	\$3,900.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,158.29	-2.82%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO040	House 15B Carrington Way - Building Operations	\$3,900.00	\$700.00	\$4,600.00	\$3,830.00	\$4,735.71	23.65%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO041	House 7 King Street - Building Operations	\$5,900.00	-\$550.00	\$5,350.00	\$4,470.00	\$4,430.99	-0.87%

09	0902	2	2090288	BO042	House 44 Jackson Way - Building Operations	\$2,450.00	-\$100.00	\$2,350.00	\$1,960.00	\$2,185.83	11.52%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO043	House 51 French Street - Building Operations	\$2,450.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,040.00	\$1,737.68	-14.82%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO044	House 56 Kitchener Road - Building Operations	\$4,850.00	\$400.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,380.00	\$4,812.28	9.87%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO050	Cummings Unit # 1 - Building Operations	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,335.26	33.53%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO051	Cummings Unit # 2 - Building Operations	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,335.26	33.53%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO052	Cummings Unit # 3 - Building Operations	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$1,062.94	28.07%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO053	Cummings Unit # 4 - Building Operations	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,701.67	19.84%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO054	Cummings Unit # 5 - Building Operations	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,337.26	33.73%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO055	Cummings Units Common Area - Building Operations	\$2,750.00	-\$600.00	\$2,150.00	\$1,790.00	\$2,051.90	14.63%
09	0902	2	2090288	BO056	Other Housing Expenses	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$740.04	-1.33%
09	0902	2	2090289		OTH HOUSE - Building Maintenance						
09	0902	2	2090289	BM030	House 16 Dobson Way - Building Maintenance	\$6,425.00	\$3,675.00	\$10,100.00	\$8,420.00	\$6,317.05	-24.98%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM031	House 5 Dobson Way - Building Maintenance	\$5,225.00	-\$400.00	\$4,825.00	\$4,010.00	\$2,668.80	-33.45%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM032	House 9 Cummings Crescent - Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$2,307.98	-44.52%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM033	House 13 Cummings Crescent - Building Maintenance	\$3,250.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,710.00	\$2,167.59	-20.02%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM034	House 17 Cummings Crescent - Building Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$630.20	-74.79%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM035	House 4 Cohn Street - Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$3,173.07	-23.72%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM036	House 10 Cohn Street - Building Maintenance	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,420.00	\$1,024.09	-81.11%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM037	House 69A Coronation Street - Building Maintenance	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.00	\$6,500.00	\$559.60	-91.39%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM038	House 69B Coronation Street - Building Maintenance	\$12,500.00	-\$4,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$7,080.00	\$3,197.00	-54.84%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM039	House 15A Carrington Way - Building Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$292.51	-85.94%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM040	House 15B Carrington Way - Building Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$292.52	-85.94%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM041	House 7 King Street - Building Maintenance	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$4,500.00	\$534.80	-88.12%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM042	House 44 Jackson Way - Building Maintenance	\$8,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,437.58	-42.50%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM043	House 51 French Street - Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,660.00	\$580.91	-65.01%
09	0902	2	2090289	BM044	House 56 Kitchener Road - Building Maintenance	\$14,750.00	-\$3,000.00	\$11,750.00	\$9,800.00	\$2,168.60	-77.87%
09	0902	2	2090289	W0245	Housing Maintenance	\$20,000.00	-\$10,800.00	\$9,200.00	\$7,660.00	\$250.00	-96.74%
09	0902	2	2090292		OTH HOUSE - Depreciation	\$167,300.00	\$0.00	\$167,300.00	\$139,341.00	\$139,987.35	0.46%
09	0902	2	2090299		OTH HOUSE - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,891.00	\$72,326.07	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$454,050.00	-\$17,825.00	\$436,225.00	\$363,772.00	\$302,008.61	
09	0902	3	3090201		OTH HOUSE - Shire Housing Rental Reimbursements	-\$37,800.00	-\$4,200.00	-\$42,000.00	-\$35,000.00	-\$40,377.14	15.36%
09	0902	3	3090235		OTH HOUSE - Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Income Total						-\$37,800.00	-\$4,200.00	-\$42,000.00	-\$35,000.00	-\$40,377.14	
09	0902	4	4090210		OTH HOUSE - Building (Capital)						
09	0902	4	4090210	BC030	House 16 Dobson Way - Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
09	0902	4	4090210	BC032	House 9 Cummings Crescent - Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
09	0902	4	4090210	BC033	House 13 Cummings Crescent - Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
09	0902	4	4090210	BC036	House 10 Cohn Street - Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
09	0902	4	4090210	BC035	House 4 Cohn Street - Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
09	0902	4	4090210	BC042	House 44 Jackson Way - Building (Capital)	\$25,000.00	-\$8,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$14,170.00	\$16,640.00	
09	0902	4	4090211	BC048	OTH HOUSING - Land (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total						\$25,000.00	-\$8,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$14,170.00	\$16,640.00	

Other Housing Total				\$441,250.00	-\$30,025.00	\$411,225.00	\$342,942.00	\$278,271.47		
09	0903	2	2090389	COM HOUSE - Building Maintenance						
09	0903	2	2090389 BM050	Cummings Unit # 1 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$241.00	-42.62%
09	0903	2	2090389 BM051	Cummings Unit # 2 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,492.17	5.08%
09	0903	2	2090389 BM052	Cummings Unit # 3 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,192.00	-4.64%
09	0903	2	2090389 BM053	Cummings Unit # 4 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	-\$800.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$65.00	-61.76%
09	0903	2	2090389 BM054	Cummings Unit # 5 - Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,523.25	-12.96%
09	0903	2	2090389 BM055	Cummings Units Common Area - Building Maintenance	\$4,150.00	\$6,350.00	\$10,500.00	\$8,770.00	\$9,329.14	6.38%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$9,150.00	\$7,350.00	\$16,500.00	\$13,780.00	\$13,842.56		
09	0903	3	3090301	COM HOUSE - Cummings Rental Reimbursements	-\$8,600.00	-\$7,400.00	-\$16,000.00	-\$13,330.00	-\$16,689.57	25.20%
Operating Income Total				-\$8,600.00	-\$7,400.00	-\$16,000.00	-\$13,330.00	-\$16,689.57		
Community Housing Total				\$550.00	-\$50.00	\$500.00	\$450.00	-\$2,847.01		
Housing Total				\$441,800.00	-\$30,075.00	\$411,725.00	\$343,392.00	\$275,424.46		
10	1001	2	2100111	SAN - Waste Collection	\$405,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$406,200.00	\$338,500.00	\$327,339.47	-3.30%
10	1001	2	2100113	SAN - Waste Recycling	\$125,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$128,000.00	\$106,670.00	\$97,141.58	-8.93%
10	1001	2	2100117	SAN - General Tip Maintenance						
10	1001	2	2100117 W0075	Merredin Landfill Site	\$596,200.00	\$20,000.00	\$616,200.00	\$513,490.00	\$462,406.29	-9.95%
10	1001	2	2100117 W0076	Muntagin Landfill Site	\$3,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$3,590.00	\$2,769.22	-22.86%
10	1001	2	2100187	SAN - Other Expenses	\$28,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$30,500.00	\$25,420.00	\$26,778.40	5.34%
10	1001	2	2100188	SAN - Building Operations	\$5,700.00	-\$1,000.00	\$4,700.00	\$3,920.00	\$1,817.27	-53.64%
10	1001	2	2100192	SAN - Depreciation	\$40,600.00	\$0.00	\$40,600.00	\$33,814.00	\$37,905.29	12.10%
10	1001	2	2100199	SAN - Administration Allocated	\$156,000.00	\$0.00	\$156,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$108,489.10	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$1,359,500.00	\$27,000.00	\$1,386,500.00	\$1,155,404.00	\$1,064,646.62		
10	1001	3	3100100	SAN - Contributions & Donations	-\$97,500.00	-\$4,200.00	-\$101,700.00	-\$84,750.00	-\$101,750.20	20.06%
10	1001	3	3100110	SAN - Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10	1001	3	3100120	SAN - Domestic Refuse Collection Charges	-\$350,800.00	-\$12,400.00	-\$363,200.00	-\$302,670.00	-\$363,329.90	20.04%
10	1001	3	3100125	SAN - Domestic Recycling Service	-\$123,800.00	-\$6,000.00	-\$129,800.00	-\$108,170.00	-\$129,868.15	20.06%
10	1001	3	3100135	SAN - Other Income	-\$38,000.00	-\$22,000.00	-\$60,000.00	-\$50,000.00	-\$59,209.33	18.42%
Operating Income Total				-\$610,100.00	-\$44,600.00	-\$654,700.00	-\$545,590.00	-\$654,157.58		
10	1001	4	4100110	SAN - Building (Capital)						
10	1001	4	4100110 LC041	Merredin Landfill - Tip Shop	\$9,200.00	\$0.00	\$9,200.00	\$7,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
10	1001	4	4100130 LC002	E-Waste Recycling & Re-Use Facility	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10	1001	4	4100130 LC022	E-Waste Recycling & Re-Use Facility	\$40,000.00	-\$500.00	\$39,500.00	\$32,920.00	\$39,499.96	19.99%
10	1001	4	4100130 LC023	E-Waste Recycling & Re-Use Facility	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,185.00	
Capital Expenditure Total				\$9,200.00	\$0.00	\$48,700.00	\$40,590.00	\$48,684.96	-\$1.00	
Sanitation - General Total				\$758,600.00	-\$17,600.00	\$741,000.00	\$617,484.00	\$449,989.00		
10	1003	4	4100310	SEW - Building (Capital)	\$556,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total				\$556,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sewerage - General Total				\$268,600.00	-\$22,300.00	\$246,300.00	\$205,234.00	\$459,174.00		
10	1004	2	2100411	STORM - Stormwater Drainage Maintenance	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$49,990.00	\$4,695.67	-90.61%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$49,990.00	\$4,695.67		
Urban Stormwater Drainage Total				\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$49,990.00	\$4,695.67		

10	1005	2	2100550	ENVIRON - Contract Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10	1005	2	2100587	ENVIRON - Other Expenses						
10	1005	2	2100587	W0101 Ep General	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,990.00	\$1,306.34	-56.31%
10	1005	2	2100587	W0109 Ep Promoting Electric Vehicles Viability	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$330.00	\$176.75	-46.44%
10	1005	2	2100587	W0115 Ep Skeleton Weed	\$1,600.00	-\$550.00	\$1,050.00	\$880.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
10	1005	2	2100592	Ep Skeleton Weed	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$670.00	\$671.14	0.17%
10	1005	2	2100599	ENVIRON - Administration Allocated	\$78,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$54,244.54	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$84,400.00	-\$550.00	\$83,850.00	\$69,870.00	\$56,398.77	
10	1005	3	3100510	ENVIRON - Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10	1005	3	3100535	ENVIRON - Other Income	\$0.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$11.06	10.60%
Operating Income Total					\$0.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$11.06	
10	1005	4	4100590	ENVIRON - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total					\$0.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.11
Protection Of The Environment Total					\$84,400.00	-\$560.00	\$83,840.00	\$69,860.00	\$56,387.71	
10	1006	2	2100600	PLAN - Employee Costs	\$32,200.00	\$0.00	\$32,200.00	\$26,840.00	\$28,158.86	4.91%
10	1006	2	2100610	PLAN - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	\$3,279.71	-21.35%
10	1006	2	2100652	PLAN - Consultants	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$29,170.00	\$19,965.00	-31.56%
10	1006	2	2100687	PLAN - Other Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,670.00	\$1,896.22	-71.57%
10	1006	2	2100699	PLAN - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,891.00	\$72,326.07	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$171,200.00	\$13,000.00	\$184,200.00	\$153,741.00	\$125,625.86	
10	1006	3	3100620	PLAN - Planning Application Fees	-\$20,000.00	-\$15,000.00	-\$35,000.00	-\$29,170.00	-\$26,095.18	-10.54%
10	1006	3	3100635	PLAN - Other Income	-\$600.00	\$0.00	-\$600.00	-\$500.00	-\$608.00	21.60%
Operating Income Total					-\$20,600.00	-\$15,000.00	-\$35,600.00	-\$29,670.00	-\$26,703.18	
Town Planning & Regional Development Total					\$150,600.00	-\$2,000.00	\$148,600.00	\$124,071.00	\$98,922.68	
10	1007	2	2100711	COM AMEN - Cemetery Burials	\$17,000.00	-\$4,950.00	\$12,050.00	\$10,040.00	\$4,703.04	-53.16%
10	1007	2	2100788	COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Operations						
10	1007	2	2100788	BO060 Public Cons Barrack Street - Building Operations	\$17,050.00	-\$4,650.00	\$12,400.00	\$10,330.00	\$12,870.88	24.60%
10	1007	2	2100788	BO061 Public Cons Apex Park - Building Operations	\$17,050.00	-\$10,250.00	\$6,800.00	\$5,670.00	\$11,117.57	96.08%
10	1007	2	2100789	COM AMEN - Public Conveniences Maintenance						
10	1007	2	2100789	BM060 Public Cons Barrack Street - Building Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$26,670.00	\$27,105.04	1.63%
10	1007	2	2100789	BM061 Public Cons Apex Park - Building Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,330.00	\$6,507.00	-21.88%
10	1007	2	2100792	COM AMEN - Depreciation	\$27,500.00	\$0.00	\$27,500.00	\$22,906.00	\$19,287.88	-15.80%
10	1007	2	2100799	COM AMEN - Administration Allocated	\$78,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	\$65,170.00	\$54,244.54	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$176,600.00	\$2,150.00	\$178,750.00	\$149,116.00	\$135,835.95	
10	1007	3	3100720	COM AMEN - Cemetery Fees (Burial)	-\$13,000.00	\$7,000.00	-\$6,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$9,269.58	85.39%
10	1007	3	3100721	COM AMEN - Cemetery Fees (Niche Wall & Rose Garden)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10	1007	3	3100722	COM AMEN - Cemetery Fees (Monuments)	-\$400.00	\$0.00	-\$400.00	-\$330.00	-\$210.33	-36.26%
Operating Income Total					-\$13,400.00	\$7,000.00	-\$6,400.00	-\$5,330.00	-\$9,479.91	
10	1007	4	4100770	COM AMEN - Infrastructure Parks & Ovals (Capital)						
10	1007	4	4100770	CC001 Merredin Cemetery Fencing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Community Amenities Total					\$163,200.00	\$9,150.00	\$172,350.00	\$143,786.00	\$126,356.04	

Community Amenities Total				\$1,812,800.00	-\$11,510.00	\$1,245,290.00	\$1,038,111.00	\$745,536.10		
11	1101	2	2110187	HALLS - Other Expenses						
11	1101	2	2110187 W0100	Art Collection Mtce	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1101	2	2110188	HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Operations						
11	1101	2	2110188 BO005	Old Administration Building - Building Operations	\$5,800.00	-\$100.00	\$5,700.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,520.11	16.21%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO006	Womens Rest Centre - Building Operations	\$900.00	-\$100.00	\$800.00	\$670.00	\$791.05	18.07%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO007	Old Town Hall - Building Operations	\$2,700.00	-\$200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,380.86	14.46%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO008	Army Cadets Building - Building Operations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$827.28	-0.33%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO009	Senior Citizens Centres - Building Operations	\$3,150.00	-\$150.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,697.42	7.90%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO011	One Night Shelter - Building Operations	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$414.76	-1.25%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO012	Fine Arts Society (Old Lib Building) - Building Operations	\$1,550.00	-\$200.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,324.55	17.22%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO013	Throssel Street (Playgroup) - Building Operations	\$600.00	-\$500.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO083	Nmpc Room 9 Community Room, (Old School Library) - Bu	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO084	Nmps Playgroup - Building Operations	\$950.00	-\$100.00	\$850.00	\$700.00	\$650.00	-7.14%
11	1101	2	2110188 BO085	Lutheran Church	\$600.00	-\$200.00	\$400.00	\$330.00	\$296.35	-10.20%
11	1101	2	2110189	HALLS - Town Halls and Public Bldg Maintenance						
11	1101	2	2110189 BM005	Old Administration Building - Building Maintenance	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,840.00	\$4,773.79	-69.86%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM006	Womens Rest Centre - Building Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,660.00	\$284.02	-82.89%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM007	Old Town Hall - Building Maintenance	\$10,700.00	\$0.00	\$10,700.00	\$8,920.00	\$1,262.71	-85.84%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM008	Army Cadets Building - Building Maintenance	\$2,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$840.00	\$507.44	-39.59%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM009	Senior Citizens Centres - Building Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$777.84	-84.44%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM010	Muntadgin Hall - Building Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,670.00	\$2,464.51	-63.05%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM011	One Night Shelter - Building Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$750.77	-69.97%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM012	Fine Arts Society (Old Lib Building) - Building Maintenance	\$8,800.00	-\$4,775.00	\$4,025.00	\$3,360.00	\$1,098.11	-67.32%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM015	Burracoppin Hall - Building Maintenance	\$8,000.00	-\$2,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$4,500.00	\$593.27	-86.82%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM079	Nmps Redevelopment - Building Maintenance	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM080	Nmpc Room 6 Archives - Building Maintenance	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM081	Nmps Room 7 Meeting Room - Building Maintenance	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM082	Nmps Room 8 Wildflower Society Room - Building Mainte	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM083	Nmps Room 9 Community Room, (Old School Library) - Bu	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM084	Nmps Playgroup - Building Maintenance	\$2,300.00	\$8,200.00	\$10,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$6,547.66	-25.17%
11	1101	2	2110189 BM085	Nmps Common Areas	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,040.00	\$358.11	-65.57%
11	1101	2	2110190	HALLS - Asbestos management Plan Implementation	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	2	2110192	HALLS - Depreciation	\$84,700.00	\$0.00	\$84,700.00	\$70,548.00	\$70,524.49	-0.03%
11	1101	2	2110199	HALLS - Administration Allocated	\$78,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	\$65,170.00	\$54,244.54	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$245,950.00	\$8,275.00	\$254,225.00	\$212,018.00	\$159,089.64	
11	1101	3	3110110	HALLS - Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1101	3	3110121	HALLS - Local Hall Hire	-\$4,500.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$9,500.00	-\$7,920.00	-\$9,422.39	18.97%
11	1101	3	3110122	HALLS - Lease/Rental Income	-\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00	-\$420.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1101	3	3110135	HALLS - Other Income	-\$17,000.00	\$0.00	-\$17,000.00	-\$14,170.00	-\$18,468.42	30.33%
Operating Income Total					-\$22,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$27,000.00	-\$22,510.00	-\$27,890.81	
11	1101	4	4110110	HALLS - Building (Capital)						

11	1101	4	4110110	BC005	Old Administration Building - Building (Capital)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,330.00	\$6,418.19	-22.95%
11	1101	4	4110110	BC006	Womens Rest Centre - Building (Capital)	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,830.00	\$5,672.73	-2.70%
11	1101	4	4110110	BC015	Burracoppin Hall - Building Capital	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$8,854.99	-29.16%
Capital Expenditure Total						\$25,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$26,660.00	\$20,945.91	
Public Halls And Civic Centres Total						\$233,950.00	\$3,275.00	\$237,225.00	\$197,838.00	\$137,617.02	
11	1102	2	2110200		SWIM AREAS - Employee Costs	\$194,700.00	-\$31,600.00	\$163,100.00	\$135,920.00	\$73,564.16	-45.88%
11	1102	2	2110201		SWIM AREAS - Unrecognised Staff Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1102	2	2110203		SWIM AREAS - Uniforms	\$400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$531.26	-64.58%
11	1102	2	2110204		SWIM AREAS - Training & Conferences	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1102	2	2110251		SWIM AREAS - Kiosk Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$12,920.00	\$13,813.04	-100.00%
11	1102	2	2110288	BO020	Swimming Pool - Building Operations	\$54,800.00	\$13,600.00	\$68,400.00	\$57,000.00	\$69,232.19	21.46%
11	1102	2	2110289		SWIM AREAS - Building Maintenance						
11	1102	2	2110289	BM020	Swimming Pool - Building Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$10,600.00	\$30,600.00	\$25,510.00	\$29,386.99	15.20%
11	1102	2	2110292		SWIM AREAS - Depreciation	\$26,950.00	\$0.00	\$26,950.00	\$22,460.00	\$22,455.91	-0.02%
11	1102	2	2110299		SWIM AREAS - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,670.00	\$72,326.07	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$412,850.00	-\$500.00	\$412,350.00	\$343,650.00	\$281,309.62	
11	1102	3	3110220		SWIM AREAS - Admissions	-\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$27,000.00	-\$22,500.00	-\$27,734.63	23.27%
11	1102	3	3110221		SWIM AREAS - Kiosk Income	-\$10,000.00	-\$12,000.00	-\$22,000.00	-\$18,330.00	-\$21,541.27	17.52%
Operating Income Total						-\$40,000.00	-\$9,000.00	-\$49,000.00	-\$40,830.00	-\$49,275.90	
11	1102	4	4110210		SWIM AREAS - Building (Capital)						
11	1102	4	4110210	BC020	Swimming Pool - Building (Capital)	\$45,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$29,170.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Capital Expenditure Total						\$45,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$29,170.00	\$0.00	-\$1.00
Swimming Areas And Beaches Total						\$417,850.00	-\$19,500.00	\$398,350.00	\$331,990.00	\$232,033.72	
11	1103	2	2110300		REC - Employee Costs	\$616,300.00	-\$148,900.00	\$467,400.00	\$389,500.00	\$230,062.39	-40.93%
11	1103	2	2110303		REC - Uniforms	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,920.00	\$1,170.09	-59.93%
11	1103	2	2110304		REC - Training & Conferences	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$836.36	-66.55%
11	1103	2	2110315		REC - Printing and Stationery	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	\$4,534.32	8.74%
11	1103	2	2110316		REC - Postage and Freight	\$15,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,340.00	\$847.32	-89.84%
11	1103	2	2110330		REC - Insurance Expenses	\$60,000.00	-\$8,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$43,330.00	\$51,934.56	19.86%
11	1103	2	2110340		REC - Advertising and Promotion	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,670.00	\$5,663.97	-66.02%
11	1103	2	2110350		REC - Grandstand Bar Stock	\$100,000.00	-\$70,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$29,098.92	16.40%
11	1103	2	2110351		REC - Sporting & Community Group Contributions	\$0.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$24,245.00	34.69%
11	1103	2	2110352		REC - Management Contract MRCLC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	2	2110353		REC - MRCLC	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,830.00	\$9,904.33	-52.45%
11	1103	2	2110355		REC - MRCLC - Building Operations	\$67,500.00	\$0.00	\$67,500.00	\$56,250.00	\$47,854.49	-14.93%
11	1103	2	2110356		REC - MRCLC - Building Maintenance	\$41,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$42,500.00	\$35,420.00	\$31,569.04	-10.87%
11	1103	2	2110365		REC - Parks & Gardens Maintenance/Operations						
11	1103	2	2110365	W0001	Apex Park	\$86,000.00	-\$21,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$54,170.00	\$41,171.67	-24.00%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0002	Roy Little Park	\$91,100.00	\$9,400.00	\$100,500.00	\$83,750.00	\$81,254.26	-2.98%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0003	Great Eastern Highway Gardens	\$68,500.00	\$17,300.00	\$85,800.00	\$71,490.00	\$60,082.05	-15.96%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0004	Lenihan Park	\$9,200.00	\$300.00	\$9,500.00	\$7,920.00	\$5,673.05	-28.37%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0005	Upper French Ave Park	\$10,400.00	\$9,500.00	\$19,900.00	\$16,590.00	\$15,767.56	-4.96%

11	1103	2	2110365	W0006	Mary Street Park	\$5,050.00	\$3,800.00	\$8,850.00	\$7,380.00	\$5,636.50	-23.62%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0007	Barrack Street Park	\$77,900.00	\$29,650.00	\$107,550.00	\$89,630.00	\$96,812.02	8.01%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0008	Railway Dam	\$4,200.00	-\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$433.54	-74.04%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0009	Merritville Gardens	\$350.00	\$650.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$511.76	-38.34%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0010	Memorial Park Gardens	\$18,900.00	-\$5,100.00	\$13,800.00	\$11,510.00	\$10,140.30	-11.90%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0011	Fifth Street Gardens	\$2,650.00	-\$900.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,381.76	-5.36%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0012	Lower French Avenue Gardens	\$10,900.00	\$7,100.00	\$18,000.00	\$15,010.00	\$14,035.62	-6.49%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0013	Admin Centre Gardens	\$54,400.00	-\$14,500.00	\$39,900.00	\$33,240.00	\$29,507.40	-11.23%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0014	Old Administration Buildings Gardens	\$7,700.00	\$300.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,660.00	\$5,876.63	-11.76%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0015	Library Gardens	\$5,900.00	\$9,450.00	\$15,350.00	\$12,780.00	\$10,265.50	-19.68%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0016	Gamenya Avenue Gardens	\$2,350.00	\$900.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,710.00	\$1,924.32	-28.99%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0017	Burracoppin Townsite	\$37,500.00	-\$9,100.00	\$28,400.00	\$23,670.00	\$21,456.29	-9.35%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0018	Muntagin Townsite	\$2,350.00	\$750.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,590.00	\$2,118.26	-18.21%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0019	Hines Hill Townsite	\$2,350.00	-\$650.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,420.00	\$764.13	-46.19%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0020	South Avenue Gardens	\$11,650.00	-\$3,550.00	\$8,100.00	\$6,750.00	\$5,049.42	-25.19%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0021	Railway Oval	\$1,500.00	-\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$820.00	\$438.84	-46.48%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0022	Bates Street Carpark Gardens	\$2,200.00	\$5,550.00	\$7,750.00	\$6,460.00	\$5,249.88	-18.73%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0023	Pioneer Park Gardens	\$31,000.00	-\$16,150.00	\$14,850.00	\$12,390.00	\$15,656.97	26.37%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0024	Railway Museum Gardens	\$6,050.00	\$2,600.00	\$8,650.00	\$7,210.00	\$5,750.93	-20.24%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0025	Merredin Peak	\$9,550.00	-\$4,050.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,580.00	\$2,602.01	-43.19%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0026	Dog Park	\$13,950.00	\$5,800.00	\$19,750.00	\$16,470.00	\$13,511.18	-17.96%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0030	Independent Water Supply	\$69,200.00	\$12,500.00	\$81,700.00	\$68,080.00	\$78,486.03	15.29%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0031	Swimming Pool Gardens	\$6,550.00	\$7,700.00	\$14,250.00	\$11,870.00	\$9,526.23	-19.75%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0032	Pioneer Cemetery Gardens	\$10,150.00	\$850.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,160.00	\$6,848.72	-25.23%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0033	Cemetery Gardens	\$89,550.00	-\$23,350.00	\$66,200.00	\$55,160.00	\$52,468.72	-4.88%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0034	Parks & Gardens Minor Tools	\$6,500.00	-\$500.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,579.58	-8.41%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0035	Other Parks & Gardens	\$4,800.00	-\$1,500.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,750.00	\$1,629.54	-40.74%
11	1103	2	2110365	W0036	Bates Street (Adjacent To Dog Park)	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,157.18	-4.37%
11	1103	2	2110366		REC - Town Oval Maintenance/Operations						
11	1103	2	2110366	W0027	Merredin Rec Centre Oval	\$95,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$77,510.00	\$57,827.04	-25.39%
11	1103	2	2110366	W0028	Merredin Rec Centre Oval	\$50,700.00	\$10,100.00	\$60,800.00	\$50,670.00	\$47,010.10	-7.22%
11	1103	2	2110366	W0029	Merredin Rec Others	\$64,950.00	\$6,050.00	\$71,000.00	\$59,170.00	\$55,744.61	-5.79%
11	1103	2	2110370		REC - Loan Interest Repayments	\$63,276.00	\$5,124.00	\$68,400.00	\$57,000.00	\$68,327.84	19.87%
11	1103	2	2110380		REC - CBD Redevelopment - Operational Expenditure	\$8,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,348.06	-2.03%
11	1103	2	2110387		REC - Other Expenses						
11	1103	2	2110387	W0160	Operating Expenses	\$19,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$18,085.22	20.57%
11	1103	2	2110387	W0170	Equipment Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	2	2110388	W0090	Merredin Recreation Centre Outside Contract	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,265.65	
11	1103	2	2110389		REC - Other Rec Facilities Building Maintenance	\$19,900.00	-\$5,400.00	\$14,500.00	\$12,090.00	\$10,150.51	-16.04%
11	1103	2	2110392		REC - Depreciation	\$951,000.00	\$0.00	\$951,000.00	\$792,061.00	\$810,985.37	2.39%
11	1103	2	2110399		REC - Administration Allocated	\$156,000.00	\$0.00	\$156,000.00	\$130,339.00	\$108,489.10	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$3,146,426.00	-\$168,976.00	\$2,977,450.00	\$2,476,660.00	\$2,230,722.14	

11	1103	3	3110310	REC - Grants	-\$337,600.00	\$0.00	-\$337,600.00	-\$281,330.00	-\$1,186,991.00	321.92%
11	1103	3	3110313	REC - Grants - LRCI	-\$558,200.00	\$0.00	-\$558,200.00	-\$465,170.00	-\$631,106.00	35.67%
11	1103	3	3110314	REC - Grants - BBRF	-\$562,700.00	\$0.00	-\$562,700.00	-\$468,920.00	-\$1,078,440.00	129.98%
11	1103	3	3110315	REC - Other Capital Contributions	-\$574,100.00	\$0.00	-\$574,100.00	-\$478,420.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1103	3	3110323	REC - Annual Sporting Group Hire	-\$39,700.00	\$0.00	-\$39,700.00	-\$33,080.00	-\$10,731.82	-67.56%
11	1103	3	3110324	REC - Grandstand Bar	-\$80,000.00	\$36,700.00	-\$43,300.00	-\$36,080.00	-\$43,930.56	21.76%
11	1103	3	3110325	REC - Grandstand Restaurant	-\$52,000.00	\$51,750.00	-\$250.00	-\$210.00	-\$237.27	12.99%
11	1103	3	3110326	REC - Canteen	-\$19,000.00	-\$3,600.00	-\$19,600.00	-\$16,330.00	-\$19,636.27	20.25%
11	1103	3	3110330	REC - Aquatic Hire	-\$2,000.00	-\$4,000.00	-\$6,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$6,732.99	34.66%
11	1103	3	3110331	REC - Program Income	\$0.00	-\$50.00	-\$50.00	-\$40.00	-\$336.45	741.13%
11	1103	3	3110332	REC - FACILITY HIRE	\$0.00	-\$300.00	-\$300.00	-\$250.00	-\$333.26	33.30%
11	1103	3	3110335	REC - Other Income	-\$4,800.00	-\$11,700.00	-\$16,500.00	-\$13,750.00	-\$13,939.25	1.38%
Operating Income Total					-\$2,227,100.00	\$68,800.00	-\$2,158,300.00	-\$1,798,580.00	-\$2,992,414.87	
11	1103	4	4110310	REC - Other Rec Facilities Building (Capital)	\$0.00	\$296,000.00	\$296,000.00	\$98,667.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1103	4	4110320	REC - Other Rec Facilites Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1103	4	4110330	REC - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)						
11	1103	4	4110370	PC001 Apex Park Revitalisation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$416.12	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC001A Apex Park Revitalisation - Lotterywest	\$369,100.00	\$0.00	\$369,100.00	\$369,100.00	\$370,557.84	0.39%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC001B Apex Park Revitalisation - Lrci P3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC001C Apex Park Revitalisation - Lrci P4A	\$201,700.00	\$0.00	\$201,700.00	\$201,700.00	\$200,351.76	-0.67%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC001D Apex Park Revitalisation - Som	\$86,600.00	\$43,400.00	\$130,000.00	\$108,330.00	\$120,570.60	11.30%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC001E Apex Park Revitalisation - Lrci P1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC007 Cbd Redevelopment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC007A Town Centre - Lrci P4B	\$248,100.00	\$0.00	\$248,100.00	\$248,100.00	\$248,071.09	-0.01%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC007B Town Centre - Bbrf	\$580,300.00	\$0.00	\$580,300.00	\$580,300.00	\$575,632.52	-0.80%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC007C Town Centre - Som	\$611,000.00	\$156,800.00	\$767,800.00	\$639,830.00	\$687,256.33	7.41%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC017 Burracoppin Townsite	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC030 Independent Water Supply	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC036 Cbd Redevelopment - Visitor Centre Relocation	\$10,000.00	\$20,400.00	\$30,400.00	\$25,330.00	\$1,200.00	-95.26%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC037 Cbd - Municipal Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC041 Water Tower Refurbishments	\$566,500.00	-\$566,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$153,757.55	
11	1103	4	4110370	PC041A Water Tower - Pta	\$0.00	\$523,550.00	\$523,550.00	\$436,290.00	\$142,547.08	-67.33%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC041C Water Tower - Som	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$23,784.09	-52.43%
11	1103	4	4110370	PC043 Replace Softfall - Mrclc Playground	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1103	4	4110380	REC - Loan Principal Repayments	\$121,000.00	\$0.00	\$121,000.00	\$100,830.00	\$120,939.13	19.94%
Capital Expenditure Total					\$2,809,300.00	\$523,650.00	\$3,332,950.00	\$2,870,977.00	\$2,645,084.11	
11	1103	5	5110355	REC - New Loan Borrowings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Income Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Recreation And Sport Total					\$3,728,626.00	\$423,474.00	\$4,152,100.00	\$3,549,057.00	\$1,883,391.38	
11	1104	2	2110465	TV RADIO - Re-Broadcasting Maintenance/Operations	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$167.24	-1.62%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$167.24	

TV and Radio Re-Broadcasting Total				\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$167.24	
11	1105 2	2110500	LIBRARY - Employee Costs	\$183,000.00	\$0.00	\$183,000.00	\$152,500.00	\$131,450.65	-13.80%
11	1105 2	2110512	LIBRARY - Book Purchases	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,572.72	-24.39%
11	1105 2	2110513	LIBRARY - Lost Books	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1105 2	2110514	LIBRARY - Local History	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,397.22	-32.83%
11	1105 2	2110521	LIBRARY - Information Technology	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,160.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1105 2	2110586	LIBRARY - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1105 2	2110587	LIBRARY - Other Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,340.00	\$5,028.38	-39.71%
11	1105 2	2110588	LIBRARY - Library Building Operations						
11	1105 2	2110588 BO004	North Merredin Library - Building Operations	\$17,400.00	\$0.00	\$17,400.00	\$14,500.00	\$15,414.35	6.31%
11	1105 2	2110589	LIBRARY - Library Building Maintenance						
11	1105 2	2110589 BM004	North Merredin Library - Building Maintenance	\$7,900.00	-\$1,400.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,410.00	\$3,937.17	-27.22%
11	1105 2	2110592	LIBRARY - Depreciation	\$97,800.00	\$0.00	\$97,800.00	\$81,456.00	\$68,050.90	-16.46%
11	1105 2	2110599	LIBRARY - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,891.00	\$72,326.07	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$440,600.00	-\$1,400.00	\$439,200.00	\$366,167.00	\$299,177.46	
11	1105 3	3110510		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1105 3	3110511	LIBRARY - Other Grants	-\$200.00	-\$400.00	-\$600.00	-\$500.00	-\$593.76	18.75%
11	1105 3	3110520	LIBRARY - Fees & Charges	-\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-\$830.00	-\$994.69	19.84%
Operating Income Total				-\$1,200.00	-\$400.00	-\$1,600.00	-\$1,330.00	-\$1,588.45	
11	1105 4	4110510	LIBRARY - Library Building (Capital)						
11	1105 4	4110510 BC004	North Merredin Library - Building (Capital)	\$41,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$45,830.00	\$50,422.55	10.02%
11	1105 4	4110530	LIBRARY - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total				\$41,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$45,830.00	\$50,422.55	
Libraries Total				\$480,400.00	\$12,200.00	\$492,600.00	\$410,667.00	\$348,011.56	
11	1106 2	2110689	HERITAGE - Building Maintenance						
11	1106 2	2110689 W0040	Military Museum Building Mtce	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,170.00	\$2,018.29	-36.33%
11	1106 2	2110689 W0046	Heritage Plaques	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1106 2	2110689 W0048	Railway Museum Building Mtce	\$8,100.00	-\$500.00	\$7,600.00	\$6,330.00	\$6,103.98	-3.57%
11	1106 2	2110689 W0049	Insurance	\$7,350.00	\$0.00	\$7,350.00	\$6,130.00	\$6,486.19	5.81%
11	1106 2	2110689 W0050	Heritage Trail Maintenance	\$3,400.00	-\$1,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,010.00	\$1,400.96	-30.30%
11	1106 2	2110699	HERITAGE - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,891.00	\$72,326.07	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$126,650.00	-\$1,500.00	\$125,150.00	\$104,531.00	\$88,335.49	
11	1106 4	4110610	HERITAGE - Building (Capital)						
11	1106 4	4110610 HC041	Railway Museum - Precinct	\$22,500.00	\$11,250.00	\$33,750.00	\$28,130.00	\$32,205.64	14.49%
Capital Expenditure Total				\$22,500.00	\$11,250.00	\$33,750.00	\$28,130.00	\$32,205.64	
Heritage Total				\$149,150.00	\$9,750.00	\$158,900.00	\$132,661.00	\$120,541.13	
11	1107 2	2110700	OTH CUL - Employee Costs	\$195,650.00	\$0.00	\$195,650.00	\$163,040.00	\$147,806.20	-9.34%
11	1107 2	2110712	OTH CUL - ANZAC Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 2	2110743	OTH CUL - Other Festival Events						
11	1107 2	2110743 CT011	Comedy Gold (Annual Show)	\$4,960.00	-\$3,360.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,600.00	20.30%
11	1107 2	2110743 CT035	Celtic Illusion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 2	2110743 CT078	Morning Melodies	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$4,330.00	\$5,672.71	31.01%

11	1107 2	2110743	CT147	Waltzing The Willara	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,625.00	-25.00%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT148	Emma Donovan	\$3,500.00	-\$1,650.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,875.00	21.75%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT149	Bruce - The Last Great Hunt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 2	2110743	CT150	The Magical Weedy Seadragon	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$197.45	16.15%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT151	Shannon Noll - That'S What I'M Talking About	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 2	2110743	CT154	Space Music	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,920.00	\$3,500.00	19.86%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT155	Bogan Shakespeare - Romeo & Juliet	\$3,500.00	-\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT159	Vivaldi'S Four Seasons	\$3,500.00	-\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT160	You Are A Doughnut	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00	\$2,875.00	-50.00%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT163	Our Rock & Roll Journey	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,535.00	1.00%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT164	The Lighthouse Girl Saga	\$0.00	\$3,080.00	\$3,080.00	\$2,570.00	\$3,053.09	18.80%
11	1107 2	2110743	CT178	Other Shows	\$10,000.00	-\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1107 2	2110744		OTH CUL - In the House						
11	1107 2	2110745		OTH CUL - Community & Culture Planning	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1107 2	2110765		OTH CUL - Theatre Operations	\$4,950.00	\$0.00	\$4,950.00	\$4,130.00	\$2,049.50	-50.38%
11	1107 2	2110786		OTH CUL - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,330.00	\$3,774.72	13.35%
11	1107 2	2110787		OTH CUL - Other Expenses						
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG01	General Operating Costs	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,410.00	\$4,048.72	-25.16%
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG03	Licenses And Memberships	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$830.77	-50.25%
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG04	Marketing & Promotion	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,920.00	\$530.02	-81.85%
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG06	Technical Maintenance	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,840.00	\$12,538.18	-20.84%
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG07	Equipment Purchases	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,291.50	-48.34%
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG08	Building Cleaning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG09	Gardens Maintenance	\$2,350.00	\$2,900.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,390.00	\$3,947.34	-10.08%
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG11	External Hire Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 2	2110787	CTG13	Kitchener St Residency Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,057.98	1.16%
11	1107 2	2110788		OTH CUL - Building Operations						
11	1107 2	2110788	BO002	Cummin Theatre - Building Operations	\$47,650.00	\$0.00	\$47,650.00	\$39,710.00	\$29,035.83	-26.88%
11	1107 2	2110789		OTH CUL - Building Maintenance						
11	1107 2	2110789	BM002	Cummin Theatre - Building Maintenance	\$47,300.00	-\$5,000.00	\$42,300.00	\$35,240.00	\$21,345.65	-39.43%
11	1107 2	2110792		OTH CUL - Depreciation	\$258,200.00	\$0.00	\$258,200.00	\$215,164.00	\$191,105.00	-11.18%
11	1107 2	2110799		OTH CUL - Administration Allocated	\$78,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	\$65,170.00	\$54,244.54	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$723,810.00	-\$1,630.00	\$722,180.00	\$604,294.00	\$511,539.20	
11	1107 3	3110710		OTH CUL - Grants - Theatre Shows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 3	3110711		OTH CUL - Other Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107 3	3110720		OTH CUL - Fees & Charges						
11	1107 3	3110720	CTGI01	Theatre Hire	-\$16,000.00	\$0.00	-\$16,000.00	-\$13,340.00	-\$14,945.65	12.04%
11	1107 3	3110720	CTGI02	Mou Rep Club	-\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,260.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1107 3	3110720	CTGI04	Ticket Sales	-\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00	-\$430.00	-\$505.74	17.61%
11	1107 3	3110720	CTGI05	Ticket Sales Rep Club	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	25.00%
11	1107 3	3110720	CTGI06	Inhouse Events	-\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$90.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1107 3	3110720	CTGI07	Equipment Hire	-\$800.00	-\$800.00	-\$1,600.00	-\$1,340.00	-\$1,761.81	31.48%

11	1107	3	3110720	CTGI11	Bar Sales	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$100.00	-\$90.00	-\$61.82	-31.31%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTGI14	Technical & Foh Staff	-\$2,500.00	\$700.00	-\$1,800.00	-\$1,510.00	-\$1,767.28	17.04%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI011	Comedy Gold 2022	-\$2,500.00	\$2,400.00	-\$100.00	-\$90.00	-\$95.46	6.07%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI035	Celtic Illusion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI158	Dreams Of A Lonely Planet	-\$3,000.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00	-\$2,510.00	-\$40.91	-98.37%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI159	Vivaldi'S Four Seasons	-\$2,000.00	\$1,100.00	-\$900.00	-\$900.00	-\$923.85	2.65%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI078	Morning Melodies	-\$1,200.00	-\$400.00	-\$1,600.00	-\$1,340.00	-\$2,180.62	62.73%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI155	Bogan Shakespeare - Romeo & Juliet	-\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00	-\$1,250.00	-\$1,050.00	-\$1,268.19	20.78%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI157	The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Experience	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI163	Our Rock & Roll Journey	\$0.00	-\$800.00	-\$800.00	-\$680.00	-\$782.69	15.10%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI164	The Lighthouse Girl Saga	\$0.00	-\$1,400.00	-\$1,400.00	-\$1,180.00	-\$1,377.12	16.71%
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI165	Dorothy The Dinosaur Spectacular Show	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$77.28	
11	1107	3	3110720	CTI167	Pete Murray	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$154.36	
Operating Income Total						-\$32,600.00	\$2,000.00	-\$30,600.00	-\$25,770.00	-\$25,892.78	
11	1107	4	4110710		OTH CUL - Building (Capital)						
11	1107	4	4110710	BC002	Cummin Theatre - Building (Capital)	\$78,500.00	\$38,000.00	\$116,500.00	\$97,080.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
11	1107	4	4110730		OTH CUL - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total						\$78,500.00	\$38,000.00	\$116,500.00	\$97,080.00	\$0.00	
Other Culture Total						\$769,710.00	\$38,370.00	\$808,080.00	\$675,604.00	\$485,646.42	
Recreation & Culture Total						\$5,794,886.00	\$474,569.00	\$6,269,455.00	\$5,316,317.00	\$3,221,936.19	
12	1201	3	3120110		ROADC - Regional Road Group Grants (MRWA)	-\$730,200.00	\$0.00	-\$730,200.00	-\$608,500.00	-\$250,864.00	-58.77%
12	1201	3	3120111		ROADC - Roads to Recovery Grant	-\$993,000.00	\$60,000.00	-\$933,000.00	-\$622,000.00	-\$798,554.00	28.38%
12	1201	3	3120118		ROADC - Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN)	-\$1,462,800.00	\$0.00	-\$1,462,800.00	-\$1,219,000.00	-\$83,318.00	-93.17%
Operating Income Total						-\$3,186,000.00	\$60,000.00	-\$3,126,000.00	-\$2,449,500.00	-\$1,132,736.00	
12	1201	4	4120110		ROADC - Building (Capital)	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,330.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12	1201	4	4120140		ROADC - Roads Built Up Area - Council Funded						
12	1201	4	4120140	RC135	Barrack Street (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120140	RC401	Line Marking Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120140	RC402	Signage Replacement Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120141		ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Council Funded						
12	1201	4	4120141	RC127	Bailey Road (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239	Merredin-Naremben Road (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239A	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 7.94 - 8.70	\$223,200.00	\$0.00	\$223,200.00	\$185,990.00	\$153,188.49	-17.64%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239B	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 8.70 - 9.32	\$294,300.00	\$0.00	\$294,300.00	\$245,240.00	\$189,059.44	-22.91%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239C	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 9.18 - 9.18	\$12,600.00	\$0.00	\$12,600.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,888.27	3.70%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239D	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 11.90 - 15.35	\$335,500.00	\$0.00	\$335,500.00	\$279,580.00	\$333,836.94	19.41%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239E	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 15.35 - 16.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239F	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 16.81 - 18.41	\$63,500.00	\$0.00	\$63,500.00	\$52,930.00	\$43,423.78	-17.96%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239G	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 18.41 - 18.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239H	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 18.70 - 19.54	\$334,100.00	\$0.00	\$334,100.00	\$278,430.00	\$223,871.89	-19.59%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239I	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 19.54 - 19.80	\$22,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$24,600.00	\$20,500.00	\$24,577.21	19.89%
12	1201	4	4120141	RC239J	Merredin-Narambeen Road (Capital) 19.80 - 21.20	\$315,300.00	\$0.00	\$315,300.00	\$262,760.00	\$248,958.76	-5.25%

12	1201	4	4120142	RC090	Goldfields Road (Capital)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$33,340.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12	1201	4	4120144		ROADC - Roads Built Up Area - Roads to Recovery						
12	1201	4	4120144	R2R140	Coronation Street (R2R)	\$0.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	0.00%
12	1201	4	4120144	R2R147	Pollock Avenue (R2R)	\$90,000.00	-\$37,750.00	\$52,250.00	\$43,540.00	\$52,248.00	20.00%
12	1201	4	4120144	R2R153	Throssell Road (R2R)	\$40,000.00	-\$7,050.00	\$32,950.00	\$27,460.00	\$32,966.00	20.05%
12	1201	4	4120144	R2R164	Jubilee Street (R2R)	\$12,000.00	-\$2,050.00	\$9,950.00	\$8,290.00	\$9,952.00	20.05%
12	1201	4	4120144	R2R180	Aspland Street (R2R)	\$16,000.00	-\$2,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$11,250.00	\$13,497.40	19.98%
12	1201	4	4120144	R2R212	Yorrell Way (R2R)	\$55,000.00	-\$11,900.00	\$43,100.00	\$35,920.00	\$43,104.60	20.00%
12	1201	4	4120145		ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Roads to Recovery						
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R001	Chandler Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$112,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R002	Hines Hill Road (R2R)	\$70,000.00	-\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$41,670.00	\$50,000.00	19.99%
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R003	Bullshead Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R004	Brissenden Road (R2R)	\$500,000.00	-\$70,000.00	\$430,000.00	\$358,330.00	\$430,000.00	20.00%
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R012	Nokaning West Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R013	Nukarni East Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R014	R2R Nukarni West Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R017	Fewster Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R063	R2R Korbelka Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120145	R2R072	Crooks Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120146		ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Roads to Recovery						
12	1201	4	4120146	R2R007	Korbrelkulling Road (R2R)	\$210,000.00	-\$43,250.00	\$166,750.00	\$138,960.00	\$166,784.85	20.02%
12	1201	4	4120146	R2R090	Goldfields Road (R2R)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120149		ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Sealed - Regional Road Group						
12	1201	4	4120149	HVS072	Crooks Road (Hvspp)	\$2,703,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,703,600.00	\$2,253,000.00	\$63,341.52	-97.19%
12	1201	4	4120149	RRG001	Chandler Road (Rrg)	\$216,900.00	\$0.00	\$216,900.00	\$180,750.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12	1201	4	4120149	RRG003	Bullshead Road (Rrg)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120149	RRG072	Crooks Road (Rrg)	\$585,600.00	\$0.00	\$585,600.00	\$488,000.00	\$84,792.40	-82.62%
12	1201	4	4120149	RRG239	Merredin-Narambeen Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120150		ROADC - Roads Outside BUA - Gravel - Regional Road Group						
12	1201	4	4120150	RRG090	Goldfields Road (Rrg)	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	\$108,340.00	\$66,906.91	-38.24%
12	1201	4	4120165		ROADC - Drainage Built Up Area (Capital)						
12	1201	4	4120165	DC000	Drainage Replacement (Budgeting Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120170		ROADC - Footpaths and Cycleways (Capital)						
12	1201	4	4120170	FC000	Footpath Construction General (Budgeting Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120170	FC135B	Barrack Street South Side - Footpath Capital	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,900.00	
12	1201	4	4120170	FC153	Throssell Road - Footpath	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120170	FCW002	Roy Little Park - Footpath	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1201	4	4120170	PC000	Pram Crossings - Footpath	\$24,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$21,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12	1201	4	4120190		ROADC - Infrastructure Other (Capital)						
12	1201	4	4120190	PP172	Replace Private Power Poles - Colin Street	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Capital Expenditure Total						\$6,315,800.00	-\$36,500.00	\$6,279,300.00	\$5,235,380.00	\$2,286,298.46	
Construction - Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depots Total						\$3,090,800.00	\$21,500.00	\$3,112,300.00	\$2,751,710.00	\$1,153,562.46	

12	1202	2	2120211	ROADM - Road Maintenance - Built Up Areas					
12	1202	2	2120211 FM000	Footpath Maintenance General (Budgeting Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$938.97
12	1202	2	2120211 FM135	Barrack Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,760.45
12	1202	2	2120211 FM137	Mitchell Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,471.22
12	1202	2	2120211 FM142	French Avenue - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,993.18
12	1202	2	2120211 FM145	King Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$388.03
12	1202	2	2120211 FM146	George Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,342.75
12	1202	2	2120211 FM147	Pollock Avenue - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,045.45
12	1202	2	2120211 FM150	Kitchener Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$545.45
12	1202	2	2120211 FM153	Throssell Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,981.20
12	1202	2	2120211 FM156	Hart Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$944.71
12	1202	2	2120211 FM157	Haig Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,328.95
12	1202	2	2120211 FM161	Jellicoe Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,045.45
12	1202	2	2120211 FM171	Hay Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$515.76
12	1202	2	2120211 FM172	Colin Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,471.21
12	1202	2	2120211 FM192	Solomon Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.77
12	1202	2	2120211 FM193	Cohn Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,734.55
12	1202	2	2120211 FM196	Boyd Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120211 FM197	Jackson Way - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.39
12	1202	2	2120211 FM198	Princess Street - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120211 FM225	Abattoir Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120211 FM277	South Avenue - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120211 RM102	Insignia Way - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,583.07
12	1202	2	2120211 RM104	Insignia Way - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,347.56
12	1202	2	2120211 RM113	Dobson Way - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.54
12	1202	2	2120211 RM133	Parkes Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,608.60
12	1202	2	2120211 RM135	Barrack Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,751.94
12	1202	2	2120211 RM136	Bates Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,176.91
12	1202	2	2120211 RM137	Mitchell Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,258.29
12	1202	2	2120211 RM138	Fifth Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,562.80
12	1202	2	2120211 RM139	Queen Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.54
12	1202	2	2120211 RM140	Coronation Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,102.60
12	1202	2	2120211 RM141	Duff Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,920.02
12	1202	2	2120211 RM142	French Avenue - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,710.04
12	1202	2	2120211 RM144	Woolgar Avenue - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,674.29
12	1202	2	2120211 RM145	King Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$274.70
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12	1202	2	2120211 RM148	Caw Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,115.43
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12	1202	2	2120211 RM150	Kitchener Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,527.40
12	1202	2	2120211 RM151	Growden Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137.54

12	1202	2	2120211	RM152	Cunningham Street - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$979.62
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12	1202	2	2120211	RM240	Second Avenue - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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12	1202	2	2120211	RM251	Cohn St Service Rd - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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12	1202	2	2120211	RM257	Whittleton St - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120211	RM261	Service Road 1 Duff St - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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12	1202	2	2120211	RM265	Lewis Way - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$248.29
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12	1202	2	2120211	RM275	Gerbert Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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12	1202	2	2120211	RM293	Maiolo Way - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.52
12	1202	2	2120212		ROADM - Road Maintenance - Sealed Outside BUA					
12	1202	2	2120212	RM000	Roadm - Rd Maint - Sealed Outside (Budget Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120212	FM247	Barrack St Spur - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,913.79
12	1202	2	2120212	RM001	Chandler Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$226,792.11
12	1202	2	2120212	RM002	Hines Hill Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.50
12	1202	2	2120212	RM003	Bullshead Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,443.79
12	1202	2	2120212	RM004	Brissenden Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,682.02
12	1202	2	2120212	RM005	Burracoppin-Campion Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,573.82
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12	1202	2	2120212	RM017	Fewster Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$699.58
12	1202	2	2120212	RM043	Wogarl-Muntadgin Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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12	1202	2	2120212	RM072	Crooks Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120212	RM126	Smith Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$862.91
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12	1202	2	2120212	RM239	Merredin-Naremben Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,438.13
12	1202	2	2120212	RM247	Barrack St Spur - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$206.31
12	1202	2	2120212	RM259	Nukarni Bin Rd - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213		ROADM - Road Maintenance - Gravel Outside BUA					
12	1202	2	2120213	FM026	Endersbee Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,471.21
12	1202	2	2120213	RM007	Korbrelkulling Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,518.13
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12	1202	2	2120213	RM018	Muntadgin Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$699.84
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12	1202	2	2120213	RM042	Dunlop Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,180.56
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12	1202	2	2120213	RM047	Barr Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,769.16
12	1202	2	2120213	RM057	Johnston Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,102.10
12	1202	2	2120213	RM061	Depot Dam Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.25
12	1202	2	2120213	RM065	Coupar Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,113.33
12	1202	2	2120213	RM068	Collgar West Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213	RM069	Armstrong Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213	RM089	Belka East Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,436.10
12	1202	2	2120213	RM090	Goldfields Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,996.99
12	1202	2	2120213	RM092	Dunwell Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213	RM095	Coulahan Rd - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,403.06
12	1202	2	2120213	RM098	Liebeck Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,546.77
12	1202	2	2120213	RM106	Bennett Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,865.63
12	1202	2	2120213	RM124	Hicks Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213	RM208	Spur Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213	RM237	Duffy Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.71

12	1202	2	2120213	RM246	Ellery Rd - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120213	RM901	Roadm - Rd Maint - Gravel Outside (Budget Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120214		ROADM - Road Maintenance - Formed Outside BUA					
12	1202	2	2120213	FM103	Dobson Road - Footpath Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,954.55
12	1202	2	2120214	RM014	Nukarni West Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,466.29
12	1202	2	2120214	RM019	Neening Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,375.05
12	1202	2	2120214	RM020	Pustkuchen Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,214.05
12	1202	2	2120214	RM021	Hines Hill-Korbel Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,311.02
12	1202	2	2120214	RM022	Neening Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,041.99
12	1202	2	2120214	RM024	Old Muntadgin Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,159.18
12	1202	2	2120214	RM025	Goodier Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,565.12
12	1202	2	2120214	RM027	Spring Well Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,960.69
12	1202	2	2120214	RM029	Nokaning East Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120214	RM030	Pustkuchen Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120214	RM032	Downsborough Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,657.81
12	1202	2	2120214	RM033	Booran South Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,281.13
12	1202	2	2120214	RM035	Hubeck Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,823.33
12	1202	2	2120214	RM036	Korbel East Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,137.76
12	1202	2	2120214	RM038	Hardman Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$699.91
12	1202	2	2120214	RM039	Tandegin West Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	1202	2	2120214	RM040	Tandegin East Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,098.19
12	1202	2	2120214	RM041	Caughey Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,041.86
12	1202	2	2120214	RM044	Koonadgin Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$912.77
12	1202	2	2120214	RM046	Currie Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,305.79
12	1202	2	2120214	RM048	Burracoppin North West Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,512.29
12	1202	2	2120214	RM049	Flockart Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,626.62
12	1202	2	2120214	RM050	Last Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,653.25
12	1202	2	2120214	RM051	Hart Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,571.03
12	1202	2	2120214	RM053	Osborne Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,725.12
12	1202	2	2120214	RM055	Teasdale Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,456.13
12	1202	2	2120214	RM058	Growden Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,447.50
12	1202	2	2120214	RM059	Willis Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,167.14
12	1202	2	2120214	RM060	Briant Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$871.58
12	1202	2	2120214	RM062	Talgomine Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,806.12
12	1202	2	2120214	RM063	Korbelka Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,567.12
12	1202	2	2120214	RM064	Mcgellin Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,632.01
12	1202	2	2120214	RM066	Crees Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,102.14
12	1202	2	2120214	RM067	Ogden Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,066.63
12	1202	2	2120214	RM073	Fourteen Mile Gate Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,948.50
12	1202	2	2120214	RM074	Ten Mile Gate Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,052.66
12	1202	2	2120214	RM075	Arnold Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,049.92

12	1202	2	2120214	RM076	Scott Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM077	Peel Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,012.24	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM078	Feineler Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,104.75	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM079	Roberts Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,177.36	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM080	Old Nukarni Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$662.56	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM081	Burke Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,968.36	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM082	Woodward Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,252.12	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM083	Hendrick Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,065.14	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM084	Booran North Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,271.42	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM085	Barnes Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,219.69	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM086	Cahill Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,403.06	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM087	Fitzpatrick Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,305.30	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM088	Snell Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,392.53	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM091	Bassula Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,048.56	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM093	Norpa Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM094	Hines Hill Siding Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM096	Ulva Siding Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,403.10	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM099	Legge Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM100	Day Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,006.16	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM101	Bignell Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM103	Dobson Raod - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$687.81	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM105	Fisher East Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM108	Perkins Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,676.62	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM109	Junk Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$699.92	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM110	Allsop Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM111	Thynet Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM115	Tuppen Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$699.58	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM116	Koonadgin Sourth Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM119	Pontifex Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,403.10	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM121	Gigney Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM122	Hodgkiss Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,263.32	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM123	Clarke Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,687.92	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM209	Della Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.28	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM210	Pink Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM211	Clement Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,317.59	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM236	Newport Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM242	Unknown Rd - Munty - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM243	Adamson Road - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM252	Goldfields Rd - West - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,210.04	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM258	Unknown Rd - Road Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120214	RM902	Roadm - Rd Maint - Formed Outside (Budget Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120232		ROADM - Crossover Council Contribution	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,680.00	\$0.00	-100.00%

12	1202	2	2120234	ROADM - Street Lighting	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$145,830.00	\$123,315.02	-15.44%
12	1202	2	2120235	Safety Equipment	\$25,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,660.00	\$1,112.87	-93.32%
12	1202	2	2120235 RS001	Safety Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120235 RS002	Portable Traffic Lights	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120235 RS003	Road Counters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120265	ROADM - Drainage Maintenance Built Up Areas						
12	1202	2	2120265 DM000	Roadm - Drainage Maint Built Up Areas (Budget Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.90	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM135	Barrack Street - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$735.26	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM141	Duff Street - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,771.94	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM142	French Avenue - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,106.26	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM144	Woolgar Avenue - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,053.13	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM150	Kitchener Road - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$354.25	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM159	Allbeury Street - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,196.21	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM172	Colin Street - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM176	Allbeury Street - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,053.12	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM184	Cummings Street - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,053.13	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM192	Allenby Road - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,053.12	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM220	Acacia Way - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM244	East Barrack St - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,381.82	
12	1202	2	2120265 DM277	South Avenue - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,053.13	
12	1202	2	2120266 DM001	Chandler Road - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,411.00	
12	1202	2	2120266 DM009	Hines Hill North Road - Drainage Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1202	2	2120286	ROADM - Workshop/Depot Expensed Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,330.00	\$745.20	-77.62%
12	1202	2	2120287	ROADM - Other Expenses	\$11,000.00	\$500.00	\$11,500.00	\$9,580.00	\$11,308.88	18.05%
12	1202	2	2120288	ROADM - Depot Building Operations	\$13,400.00	\$0.00	\$13,400.00	\$11,160.00	\$10,703.03	-4.09%
12	1202	2	2120289	ROADM - Depot Building Maintenance	\$51,400.00	\$2,600.00	\$54,000.00	\$45,010.00	\$41,455.14	-7.90%
12	1202	2	2120292	ROADM - Depreciation	\$2,960,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,960,700.00	\$2,467,250.00	\$2,590,264.92	4.99%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$3,241,700.00	\$100.00	\$3,241,800.00	\$2,701,500.00	\$3,747,983.15	
12	1202	3	3120200	ROADM - Street Lighting Subsidy	-\$22,000.00	\$0.00	-\$22,000.00	-\$18,330.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
12	1202	3	3120201	ROADM - Road Contribution Income	-\$80,000.00	-\$259,000.00	-\$339,000.00	-\$282,500.00	-\$339,088.72	20.03%
12	1202	3	3120210	ROADM - Direct Road Grant (MRWA)	-\$315,200.00	\$0.00	-\$315,200.00	-\$262,670.00	-\$236,235.00	-10.06%
12	1202	3	3120220	ROADM - Sale of Scrap	\$0.00	-\$49,100.00	-\$49,100.00	-\$40,920.00	-\$49,109.90	20.01%
Operating Income Total					-\$417,200.00	-\$308,100.00	-\$725,300.00	-\$604,420.00	-\$624,433.62	
Maintenance - Streets, Roads, Bridges & Depots Total					\$2,824,500.00	-\$258,900.00	\$2,565,600.00	\$2,138,000.00	\$3,123,549.53	
12	1203	2	2120391	PLANT - Loss on Disposal of Assets	\$8,700.00	\$1,950.00	\$10,650.00	\$8,880.00	\$1,875.20	-78.88%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$8,700.00	\$1,950.00	\$10,650.00	\$8,880.00	\$1,875.20	
12	1203	3	3120390	PLANT - Profit on Disposal of Assets	-\$75,000.00	\$0.00	-\$75,000.00	-\$62,500.00	-\$57,475.28	-8.04%
12	1203	3	5120350	PLANT - Proceeds on Disposal of Assets	-\$159,950.00	-\$1,500.00	-\$161,450.00	-\$134,540.00	-\$145,454.54	8.11%
12	1203	3	5120351	PLANT - Realisation on Disposal of Assets	\$159,950.00	\$1,500.00	\$161,450.00	\$134,550.00	\$145,454.54	8.10%
Operating Income Total					-\$75,000.00	\$0.00	-\$75,000.00	-\$62,490.00	-\$57,475.28	
12	1203	4	4120330	PLANT - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$596,000.00	\$0.00	\$596,000.00	\$496,670.00	\$514,565.66	3.60%
Capital Expenditure Total					\$596,000.00	\$0.00	\$596,000.00	\$496,670.00	\$514,565.66	

Road Plant Purchases Total				\$529,700.00	\$1,950.00	\$531,650.00	\$443,060.00	\$458,965.58		
12	1205	2	2120500	LICENSING - Employee Costs	\$82,850.00	\$0.00	\$82,850.00	\$69,040.00	\$69,979.08	1.36%
12	1205	2	2120599	LICENSING - Administration Allocated	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$21,670.00	\$18,081.52	-16.56%
Operating Expenditure Total				\$108,850.00	\$0.00	\$108,850.00	\$90,710.00	\$88,060.60		
12	1205	3	3120502	LICENSING - Transport Licensing Commission	-\$76,000.00	\$0.00	-\$76,000.00	-\$63,330.00	-\$66,821.75	5.51%
Operating Income Total				-\$76,000.00	\$0.00	-\$76,000.00	-\$63,330.00	-\$66,821.75		
Traffic Control (Vehicle Licensing) Total				\$32,850.00	\$0.00	\$32,850.00	\$27,380.00	\$21,238.85		
12	1207	2	2120752	WATER - Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1207	2	2120800	WATER - Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Operating Expenditure Total				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12	1207	3	3120750	WATER - Community Water Supply Program - Grant 1	-\$39,600.00	\$0.00	-\$39,600.00	-\$33,000.00	-\$39,608.00	20.02%
12	1207	3	3120751	WATER - Community Water Supply Program - Grant 2.	-\$90,000.00	\$0.00	-\$90,000.00	-\$75,000.00	-\$35,000.00	-53.33%
Operating Income Total				-\$129,600.00	\$0.00	-\$129,600.00	-\$108,000.00	-\$74,608.00		
12	1207	4	4120790	WATER - Infrastructure Other (Capital)						
12	1207	4	4120790 WC002	Watersmart Farms - Desalination Project	\$30,650.00	\$9,250.00	\$39,900.00	\$33,250.00	\$39,877.96	19.93%
12	1207	4	4120790 WC003	MRWN Upgrade	\$106,000.00	\$0.00	\$106,000.00	\$88,350.00	\$33,578.65	-61.99%
Capital Expenditure Total				\$30,650.00	\$9,250.00	\$39,900.00	\$33,250.00	\$73,456.61		
Water Transport Facilities Total				\$7,050.00	\$9,250.00	\$16,300.00	\$13,600.00	-\$1,151.39		
Transport Total				\$6,417,900.00	-\$273,300.00	\$6,144,600.00	\$5,278,650.00	\$4,756,165.03		
13	1302	2	2130200	TOURISM - Employee Costs	\$203,050.00	\$0.00	\$203,050.00	\$169,210.00	\$180,843.93	6.88%
13	1302	2	2130240	TOURISM - Public Relations & Area Promotion						
13	1302	2	2130240 W0176	Postage & Freight	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	2	2130240 W0179	Merredin Marketing	\$1,000.00	-\$400.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$265.74	-46.85%
13	1302	2	2130240 W0180	Photograph Inventory	\$1,000.00	-\$400.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$180.00	-64.00%
13	1302	2	2130240 W0182	Strategic Marketing	\$8,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$9,200.00	\$7,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
13	1302	2	2130240 W0183	Website Design	\$7,000.00	-\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	2	2130287	TOURISM - Other Expenses						
13	1302	2	2130287 W0188	Phone, Postage & Freight	\$2,000.00	-\$100.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,580.00	\$852.30	-46.06%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0189	Office Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,607.43	-35.70%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0190	It Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,660.00	\$1,197.54	-27.86%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0191	Membership/Associations	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,330.00	\$2,239.99	-3.86%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0192	Minor Furniture & Equipment	\$1,500.00	-\$100.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,170.00	\$424.81	-63.69%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0195	Merchandise & Consignment	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	\$14,170.00	\$10,979.88	-22.51%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0199	Transwa	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$23,330.00	\$20,861.16	-10.58%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0209	Regional Marketing Initiatives & Advertising	\$3,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,194.00	19.83%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0210	Trade Shows	\$2,000.00	-\$200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$803.82	-46.41%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0211	Pioneer Pathways	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,500.00	-6.67%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0212	Eastern Wheatbelt Holiday Planner	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$29,170.00	\$17,871.17	-38.73%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0213	Central Wheatbelt Map	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,668.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0214	Training Opportunities	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$50.00	-97.01%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0216	Merredin Brochure	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,141.82	-77.16%
13	1302	2	2130287 W0219	Signage & Marketing Equipment	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,920.00	\$3,031.10	3.80%

13	1302	2	2130287	W0220	Hire Bike Mtce	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	2	2130288		TOURISM - Building Operations						
13	1302	2	2130288	BO003	Visitors Centre - Building Operations	\$23,300.00	-\$8,850.00	\$14,450.00	\$12,050.00	\$3,029.98	-74.85%
13	1302	2	2130289		TOURISM - Building Maintenance						
13	1302	2	2130289	BM003	Visitors Centre - Building Maintenance	\$4,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$11,200.00	\$9,330.00	\$6,670.32	-28.51%
13	1302	2	2130289	W0230	Buildings Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	2	2130292		TOURISM - Depreciation	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	\$14,580.00	\$14,911.15	2.27%
13	1302	2	2130293		TOUR - Visitors Centre Relocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	2	2130299		TOURISM - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,891.00	\$72,326.07	-16.76%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$481,750.00	-\$4,050.00	\$477,700.00	\$397,649.00	\$346,982.21	
13	1302	3	3130201		TOURISM - Reimbursements	-\$28,000.00	\$0.00	-\$28,000.00	-\$23,340.00	-\$25,521.64	9.35%
13	1302	3	3130235		TOURISM - Other Income Relating to Tourism & Area Promotion						
13	1302	3	3130235	W0250	Eastern Wheatbelt Holiday Planner	-\$35,000.00	\$0.00	-\$35,000.00	-\$29,180.00	-\$26,913.81	-7.77%
13	1302	3	3130235	W0251	Central Wheatbelt Map	-\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	3	3130235	W0252	Merredin Brochures	-\$6,000.00	\$0.00	-\$6,000.00	-\$5,010.00	-\$6,083.62	21.43%
13	1302	3	3130235	W0253	Regional Marketing Campaigns	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$320.46	
13	1302	3	3130235	W0256	Tourism Package Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1302	3	3130235	W0258	Regional Brochure Postage	\$0.00	-\$350.00	-\$350.00	-\$300.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
13	1302	3	3130235	W0270	Cwvc Annual Memberships	-\$16,900.00	-\$2,600.00	-\$19,500.00	-\$16,260.00	-\$19,424.59	19.46%
13	1302	3	3130235	W0271	Consignment Merchandise	-\$9,000.00	\$1,000.00	-\$8,000.00	-\$6,680.00	-\$6,914.93	3.52%
13	1302	3	3130235	W0273	Merchandise Income	-\$9,000.00	\$0.00	-\$9,000.00	-\$7,510.00	-\$9,086.45	20.99%
13	1302	3	3130235	W0274	All Other Vc Income	-\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-\$840.00	-\$984.28	17.18%
13	1302	3	3130835		OTHER ECON - Other Income	-\$400.00	\$0.00	-\$400.00	-\$330.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Operating Income Total						-\$109,300.00	\$2,050.00	-\$107,250.00	-\$89,450.00	-\$95,249.78	
Tourism And Area Promotion Total						\$372,450.00	-\$2,000.00	\$370,450.00	\$308,199.00	\$251,732.43	
13	1303	2	2130300		BUILD - Employee Costs	\$183,900.00	\$0.00	\$183,900.00	\$153,250.00	\$134,875.01	-11.99%
13	1303	2	2130310		BUILD - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,330.00	\$3,279.72	-1.51%
13	1303	2	2130350		BUILD - Contract Building Services	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,330.00	\$7,700.00	-7.56%
13	1303	2	2130387		BUILD - Other Expenses	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,580.00	\$307.14	-88.10%
13	1303	2	2130392		BUILD - Depreciation	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$18,330.00	\$18,331.56	0.01%
13	1303	2	2130399		BUILD - Administration Allocated	\$78,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$54,244.54	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total						\$301,000.00	\$0.00	\$301,000.00	\$250,820.00	\$218,737.97	
13	1303	3	3130302		BUILD - Commissions - BSL & CTF	-\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$170.00	-\$184.33	8.43%
13	1303	3	3130320		BUILD - Fees & Charges (Licences)	-\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	-\$13,500.00	-\$11,250.00	-\$10,472.88	-6.91%
13	1303	3	3130335		BUILD - Other Income	-\$500.00	\$300.00	-\$200.00	-\$170.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Operating Income Total						-\$15,700.00	\$1,800.00	-\$13,900.00	-\$11,590.00	-\$10,657.21	
Building Control Total						\$285,300.00	\$1,800.00	\$287,100.00	\$239,230.00	\$208,080.76	
13	1308	2	2130800		OTH ECON - Employee Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1308	2	2130810		OTH ECON - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	1308	2	2130820		OTH ECON - Communication Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$307.14	-26.87%
13	1308	2	2130865		OTH ECON - Standpipe Maintenance/Operations						
13	1308	2	2130865	W0262	Stand Pipes	\$50,400.00	\$0.00	\$50,400.00	\$42,000.00	\$46,385.93	10.44%

13	1308	2	2130887	OTH ECON - Other Expenditure							
13	1308	2	2130899	OTH ECON - Administration Allocated	\$104,000.00	\$0.00	\$104,000.00	\$86,670.00	\$72,326.07	-16.55%	
Operating Expenditure Total					\$154,900.00	\$0.00	\$154,900.00	\$129,090.00	\$119,019.14		
13	1308	3	3130821	OTH ECON - Standpipe Income	-\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$7,000.00	-\$5,830.00	-\$6,414.84	10.03%	
13	1308	3	3130835	CDI034 Events Trailer Hire	-\$400.00	\$0.00	-\$400.00	-\$340.00	-\$215.46	-36.63%	
Operating Income Total					-\$10,400.00	\$3,000.00	-\$7,400.00	-\$6,170.00	-\$6,630.30		
13	1308	4	4130890	OTH ECON - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Capital Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Economic Services Total					\$144,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$147,500.00	\$122,920.00	\$112,388.84		
Economic Services Total					\$802,250.00	\$2,800.00	\$805,050.00	\$670,349.00	\$572,202.03		
14	1401	2	2140187	PRIVATE - Other Expenses							
14	1401	2	2140187	PW000 Private Works General (Budgeting Only)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Operating Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,977.95		
14	1401	3	3140120	PRIVATE - Private Works Income	-\$12,000.00	-\$36,000.00	-\$48,000.00	-\$40,000.00	-\$55,021.32	37.55%	
Operating Income Total					-\$12,000.00	-\$36,000.00	-\$48,000.00	-\$40,000.00	-\$55,021.32		
Private Works Total					-\$12,000.00	-\$36,000.00	-\$48,000.00	-\$40,000.00	-\$51,043.37		
14	1402	2	2140200	ADMIN - Employee Costs	\$1,541,000.00	-\$51,600.00	\$1,489,400.00	\$1,241,170.00	\$1,160,835.62	-6.47%	
14	1402	2	2140203	ADMIN - Uniforms	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,670.00	\$2,731.49	-59.05%	
14	1402	2	2140204	ADMIN - Training & Development	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$54,170.00	\$25,746.71	-52.47%	
14	1402	2	2140206	ADMIN - Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT)	\$82,000.00	\$0.00	\$82,000.00	\$68,330.00	\$70,615.00	3.34%	
14	1402	2	2140210	ADMIN - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$42,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$58,500.00	\$48,750.00	\$55,205.44	13.24%	
14	1402	2	2140215	ADMIN - Printing and Stationery	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,000.00	\$19,170.00	\$15,443.88	-19.44%	
14	1402	2	2140216	ADMIN - Postage and Freight	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,670.00	\$6,904.34	3.51%	
14	1402	2	2140220	ADMIN - Communication Expenses	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	\$13,750.00	\$15,301.22	11.28%	
14	1402	2	2140221	ADMIN - Information Technology							
14	1402	2	2140221	W0060 Corporate Business System	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$77,000.00	\$64,170.00	\$71,173.66	10.91%	
14	1402	2	2140221	W0061 3Rd Party Mtce Agreements	\$92,000.00	\$0.00	\$92,000.00	\$76,670.00	\$80,875.00	5.48%	
14	1402	2	2140221	W0062 Other Computer Software Expenses	\$71,000.00	\$0.00	\$71,000.00	\$59,170.00	\$17,750.01	-70.00%	
14	1402	2	2140221	W0066 It Equipment	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$29,170.00	\$16,530.00	-43.33%	
14	1402	2	2140222	ADMIN - Security	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	
14	1402	2	2140223	ADMIN - Equipment and Furniture (Op)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$17.74	-99.65%	
14	1402	2	2140225	ADMIN - WHS	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$10,410.00	\$3,511.43	-66.27%	
14	1402	2	2140226	ADMIN - Office Equipment Mtce	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	
14	1402	2	2140230	ADMIN - Insurance Expenses (Other than Bldg and W/Con	\$108,400.00	\$0.00	\$108,400.00	\$90,330.00	\$78,441.00	-13.16%	
14	1402	2	2140240	ADMIN - Advertising and Promotion	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$11,670.00	\$11,021.68	-5.56%	
14	1402	2	2140242	ADMIN - Long Service Leave	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
14	1402	2	2140252	ADMIN - Consultants	\$78,400.00	\$6,600.00	\$85,000.00	\$70,830.00	\$12,434.00	-82.45%	
14	1402	2	2140265	ADMIN - Grounds Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,423.58		
14	1402	2	2140282	ADMIN - Bad Debts Expense	\$2,000.00	-\$200.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	
14	1402	2	2140283	ADMIN - Doubtful Debts Expense	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$170.00	\$133.64	-21.39%	
14	1402	2	2140284	ADMIN - Audit Fees	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$32,000.00	16.36%	
14	1402	2	2140285	ADMIN - Legal Expenses	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,670.00	\$11,042.47	-33.76%	

14	1402	2	2140286	ADMIN - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,830.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
14	1402	2	2140287	ADMIN - Other Expenses	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$29,160.00	\$21,729.86	-25.48%
14	1402	2	2140288	ADMIN - Building Operations						
14	1402	2	2140288	BO001 Administration Building - Building Operations	\$80,150.00	\$0.00	\$80,150.00	\$66,780.00	\$61,545.94	-7.84%
14	1402	2	2140289	ADMIN - Building Maintenance						
14	1402	2	2140289	BM001 Administration Building - Building Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,670.00	\$15,699.12	-5.82%
14	1402	2	2140291	ADMIN - Loss on Disposal of Assets	\$0.00	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00	\$19,580.00	\$23,470.34	19.87%
14	1402	2	2140292	ADMIN - Depreciation	\$124,000.00	\$0.00	\$124,000.00	\$103,324.00	\$86,796.59	-16.00%
14	1402	2	2140299	ADMIN - Administration Overheads Recovered	-\$2,599,950.00	\$0.00	-\$2,599,950.00	-\$2,166,640.00	-\$1,808,151.79	-16.55%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$16.00	\$93,227.97	
General Administration Overheads Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$16.00	\$93,227.97	
14	1403	2	2140300	PWO - Employee Costs	\$504,650.00	-\$47,650.00	\$457,000.00	\$380,830.00	\$402,075.35	5.58%
14	1403	2	2140301	PWO - Unrecognised Staff Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1403	2	2140303	PWO - Uniforms	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1403	2	2140304	PWO - Training & Development	\$73,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$52,500.00	\$22,890.11	-56.40%
14	1403	2	2140305	PWO - Recruitment	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$625.00	-62.57%
14	1403	2	2140307	PWO - Protective Clothing	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,420.00	\$4,470.71	-17.51%
14	1403	2	2140308	PWO - Other Employee Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1403	2	2140310	PWO - Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$45,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$45,830.00	\$55,296.95	20.66%
14	1403	2	2140311	PWO - Consultancy	\$30,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$2,686.00	-88.06%
14	1403	2	2140315	PWO - Printing and Stationery	\$2,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
14	1403	2	2140320	PWO - Communication Expenses	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,330.00	\$2,063.33	-11.45%
14	1403	2	2140323	PWO - Sick Pay	\$45,100.00	\$0.00	\$45,100.00	\$37,580.00	\$32,028.91	-14.77%
14	1403	2	2140324	PWO - Annual Leave	\$90,100.00	\$0.00	\$90,100.00	\$75,080.00	\$82,137.58	9.40%
14	1403	2	2140325	PWO - Public Holidays	\$45,100.00	\$0.00	\$45,100.00	\$37,580.00	\$26,055.71	-30.67%
14	1403	2	2140328	PWO - Supervision	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1403	2	2140330	PWO - WHS and Toolbox Meetings	\$36,000.00	-\$14,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$17,920.00	\$14,716.41	-17.88%
14	1403	2	2140341	PWO - Subscriptions & Memberships	\$20,000.00	-\$9,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,170.00	\$10,673.00	16.39%
14	1403	2	2140365	PWO - Maintenance/Operations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$830.00	\$486.26	-41.41%
14	1403	2	2140386	PWO - Expensed Minor Asset Purchases	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,233.33	-7.67%
14	1403	2	2140387	PWO - Other Expenses	\$6,500.00	-\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$2,766.79	-33.49%
14	1403	2	2140392	PWO - Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1403	2	2140393	PWO - LESS Allocated to Works (PWO's)	-\$1,331,450.00	\$70,150.00	-\$1,261,300.00	-\$1,051,090.00	-\$861,581.51	-18.03%
14	1403	2	2140399	PWO - Administration Allocated	\$416,200.00	\$0.00	\$416,200.00	\$347,735.00	\$289,304.39	-16.80%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$885.00	\$95,928.32	
14	1403	3	3140301	PWO - Other Reimbursements	-\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$80.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Operating Income Total					-\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	-\$80.00	\$0.00	
Public Works Overheads Total					-\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	\$805.00	\$95,928.32	
14	1404	2	2140400	POC - Internal Plant Repairs - Wages & O/Head	\$19,000.00	-\$4,400.00	\$14,600.00	\$12,180.00	\$4,888.76	-59.86%
14	1404	2	2140411	POC - External Parts & Repairs	\$210,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$261,000.00	\$217,500.00	\$260,003.78	19.54%
14	1404	2	2140412	POC - Fuels and Oils	\$215,000.00	-\$45,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$141,670.00	\$170,601.09	20.42%
14	1404	2	2140413	POC - Tyres and Tubes	\$20,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$24,400.00	\$20,330.00	\$18,523.21	-8.89%

14	1404	2	2140416	POC - Licences/Registrations	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,170.00	\$1,670.98	-81.78%
14	1404	2	2140417	POC - Insurance Expenses	\$32,000.00	-\$4,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$23,330.00	\$36,812.63	57.79%
14	1404	2	2140418	POC - Expendable Tools / Consumables	\$5,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,664.80	-33.41%
14	1404	2	2140492	POC - Depreciation	\$447,200.00	\$0.00	\$447,200.00	\$372,460.00	\$326,034.87	-12.46%
14	1404	2	2140494	POC - LESS Plant Operation Costs Allocated to Works	-\$959,200.00	\$0.00	-\$959,200.00	-\$799,340.00	-\$548,122.11	-31.43%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	\$272,078.01	
14	1404	3	3140410	POC - Fuel Tax Credits Grant Scheme	-\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$27,000.00	-\$22,500.00	-\$27,452.78	22.01%
Operating Income Total					-\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$27,000.00	-\$22,500.00	-\$27,452.78	
Plant Operating Costs Total					-\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$27,000.00	-\$22,700.00	\$244,625.23	
14	1405	2	2140500	SAL - Gross Salary and Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1405	2	2140501	SAL - LESS Salaries & Wages Allocated	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1405	2	2140503	SAL - Workers Compensation Expense	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$16,897.57	237.95%
14	1405	2	2140505	SAL - Salary Sacrifice	\$26,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$23,330.00	\$23,488.52	0.68%
14	1405	2	2140506	SAL - Parental Leave Payment (Government)	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$10,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$10,340.97	18.18%
Operating Expenditure Total					\$42,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$44,500.00	\$37,080.00	\$50,727.06	
14	1405	3	3140501	SAL - Reimbursement - Workers Compensation	-\$6,000.00	\$0.00	-\$6,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$406.68	-91.87%
14	1405	3	3140502	SAL - Reimbursement - Parental Leave	-\$10,000.00	-\$500.00	-\$10,500.00	-\$8,750.00	-\$7,333.01	-16.19%
14	1405	3	3140503	SAL - Reimbursement - Salary Sacrifice	-\$26,000.00	-\$2,000.00	-\$28,000.00	-\$23,330.00	-\$23,519.32	0.81%
Operating Income Total					-\$42,000.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$44,500.00	-\$37,080.00	-\$31,259.01	
Salaries And Wages Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,468.05	
14	1407	2	2140760	UNCLASS - Unclassified Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1407	2	2140760 W0238	Land And Building Operating Ceaca	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1407	2	2140761	UNCLASS - Insurance Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,169.76	
Operating Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,169.76	
14	1407	3	3140735	UNCLASS - Unclassified Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,250.00	
14	1407	3	3140736	UNCLASS - Insurance Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$24,630.30	
Operating Income Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$25,880.30	
14	1407	4	4140710	UNCLASS - Buildings (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
14	1407	4	4140710 W0242	Purchase Of Land	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Unclassified Total					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$19,710.54	
Other Property & Services Total					-\$42,100.00	-\$33,000.00	-\$75,100.00	-\$61,911.00	\$382,495.66	
Grand Total					\$11,404,680.00	\$278,896.00	\$11,127,576.00	\$9,626,134.00	\$5,114,904.37	

Prog	Programme Description	SP	Sub-Programme Description	Type	Type Description	COA	Job	Description	Current Budget	YTD Actual	< 10%	11% to 20%	21% to 30%	31% to 40%	41% to 50%	51% to 60%	61% to 70%	71% to 80%	81% to 90%	91% to 100%	> 101%	
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030381		INVEST - Transfer to Employee Entitlement Reserve	\$2,500.00	\$2,497.66										99.91%		
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030383		INVEST - Transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve	\$3,900.00	\$3,904.43												
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030384		INVEST - Transfer to Building Reserve	\$104,710.00	\$48,536.35					46.35%							
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030385		INVEST - Transfer to Land and Development Reserve	\$10,600.00	\$10,603.00												
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030386		INVEST - Transfer to ICT Reserve	\$224,500.00	\$86,574.77				38.56%								
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030387		INVEST - Transfer to Disaster Relief Fund Reserve	\$1,600.00	\$1,666.04												104.13%
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030389		INVEST - Transfer to Cummings Street Units Reserve	\$1,360.00	\$1,433.95												105.44%
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030390		INVEST - Transfer to Waste Management Reserve	\$2,500.00	\$2,524.16												
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030391		INVEST - Transfer to Unspent Grants Reserve	\$2,400.00	\$2,483.22												103.47%
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030393		INVEST - Transfer to Recreation Facilities Reserve	\$139,730.00	\$48,555.66				34.75%								
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030394		INVEST - Transfer to Apex Park Redevelopment Reserve	\$1,200.00	\$1,179.300										98.28%		
03	General Purpose Funding	0303	Reserve Transfers	4	Capital Expenditure	4030395		INVEST - Transfer to Merredin-Naremben Road	\$344,000.00	\$5,266.080	1.53%											
04	Governance	0401	Members of Council	4	Capital Expenditure	4040130		MEMBERS - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00												
05	Law Order and Public Safety	0505	ESL BFB - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	4	Capital Expenditure	4050390		OLOPS - Plant & Equipment Other (Capital)	\$100,000.00	\$28,327.26												
08	Education & Welfare	0804	Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4080482		SENIORS - Loan Principal Repayments		\$103,291.91												
08	Education & Welfare	0804	Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4080482	LP215	Principal Loan 215	\$38,700.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
08	Education & Welfare	0804	Aged & Disabled - Senior Citizens Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4080482	LP217	Principal Loan 217	\$65,300.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
09	Housing	0902	Other Housing	4	Capital Expenditure	4090210		OTH HOUSE - Building (Capital)														
09	Housing	0902	Other Housing	4	Capital Expenditure	4090210	BC042	House 44 Jackson Way - Building (Capital)	\$17,000.00	\$16,640.00										97.88%		
10	Community Amenities	1001	Sanitation - General	4	Capital Expenditure	4100130		SAN - Plant & Equipment (Capital)														
10	Community Amenities	1001	Sanitation - General	4	Capital Expenditure	4100130	LC022	Merredin Landfill - Solar System	\$39,500.00	\$48,684.96												123.25%
10	Community Amenities	1001	Sanitation - General	4	Capital Expenditure	4100110																
10	Community Amenities	1001	Sanitation - General	4	Capital Expenditure	4100110	LC041	Merredin Landfill - Tip Shop	\$9,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
10	Community Amenities	1001	Sanitation - General	4	Capital Expenditure	4100180		SAN - Infrastructure Other (Capital)	\$0.00													
10	Community Amenities	1005	Protection of the Environment	4	Capital Expenditure	4100310		SEW - Building (Capital)														
10	Community Amenities	1005	Protection of the Environment	4	Capital Expenditure	4100590		ENVIRON - Infrastructure Other (Capital)														
10	Community Amenities	1005	Protection of the Environment	4	Capital Expenditure	4100590	EC001	EV Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1101	Public Halls And Civic Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4110110		HALLS - Building (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1101	Public Halls And Civic Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4110110	BC005	Old Administration Building - Building (Capital)	\$10,000.00	\$6,418.19							64.18%					
11	Recreation & Culture	1101	Public Halls And Civic Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4110110	BC006	Women's Rest Centre Building - Building (Capital)	\$7,000.00	\$5,672.73										81.04%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1101	Public Halls And Civic Centres	4	Capital Expenditure	4110110	BC015	Burracoppin Hall - Building (Capital)	\$15,000.00	\$8,854.99							59.03%					
11	Recreation & Culture	1102	Swimming Areas And Beaches	4	Capital Expenditure	4110290		SWIM AREAS - Infrastructure Other (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1102	Swimming Areas And Beaches	4	Capital Expenditure	4110210		SWIM AREAS - Building (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1102	Swimming Areas And Beaches	4	Capital Expenditure	4110290	BC020	Swimming Pool (Capital)	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
11	Recreation & Culture	1102	Swimming Areas And Beaches	4	Capital Expenditure	4110230		SWIM AREAS - Plant & Equipment (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110310		REC - Other Rec Facilities Building (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110310	BC085	MRCLC - Building (Capital)	\$556,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110320		REC - Other Rec Facilities Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370		REC - Infrastructure Parks & Gardens (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC001	Apex Park Revitalisation	\$0.00	\$416.12												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC001A	Apex Park Revitalisation - Lotterywest	\$369,100.00	\$370,557.84												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC001B	Apex Park Revitalisation - Lrci P3	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC001C	Apex Park Revitalisation - Lrci P4A	\$201,700.00	\$200,351.76										99.33%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC001D	Apex Park Revitalisation - Som	\$130,000.00	\$120,570.60										92.75%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC001E	Apex Park Revitalisation - Lrci P1	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC007	Cbd Redevelopment	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC007A	Town Centre - Lrci P4B	\$248,100.00	\$248,071.09										99.99%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC007B	Town Centre - Lrci P4B	\$580,300.00	\$575,632.52										99.20%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC007C	Town Centre - Lrci P4B	\$767,800.00	\$687,256.33									89.51%			
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC017	Burracoppin Townsite	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC030	Independent Water Supply	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC036	Cbd Redevelopment - Visitor Centre Relocation	\$30,400.00	\$1,200.00	3.95%											
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC037	Cbd - Municipal Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC041	Water Tower Refurbishments	\$0.00	\$153,757.55												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC041A	Water Tower - Pta	\$523,550.00	\$142,547.08				27.23%								
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC041B	Water Tower - Wdc	\$42,950.00	\$0.00	0.00%											
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC041C	Water Tower - Som	\$50,000.00	\$23,784.09				47.57%								
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC042	Playground Shades	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110370	PC043	Replace Softfall - MRCLC Playground	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1103	Other Recreation And Sport	4	Capital Expenditure	4110380		REC - Loan Principal Repayments	\$121,000.00	\$120,939.13										99.95%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1105	Libraries	4	Capital Expenditure	4110510		LIBRARY - Library Building (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1105	Libraries	4	Capital Expenditure	4110510	BC004	North Merredin Library - Building (Capital)	\$55,000.00	\$50,422.55										91.68%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1105	Libraries	4	Capital Expenditure	4110530		LIBRARY - Plant & Equipment (Capital)	\$0.00	\$0.00												
11	Recreation & Culture	1106	Heritage	4	Capital Expenditure	4110610		HERITAGE - Building (Capital)														
11	Recreation & Culture	1106	Heritage	4	Capital Expenditure	4110610	HC041	Railway Museum - Precinct	\$33,750.00	\$32,205.64										95.42%		
11	Recreation & Culture	1107	Other Culture	4	Capital Expenditure																	

Shire of Merredin Monthly Investment Report

For the period ending: 30th April 2025

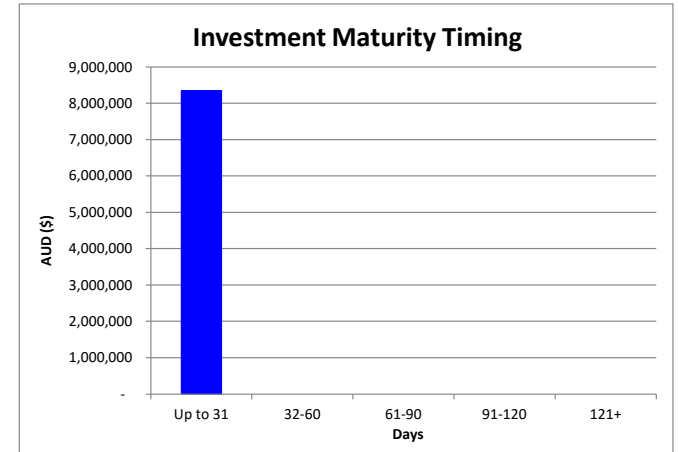
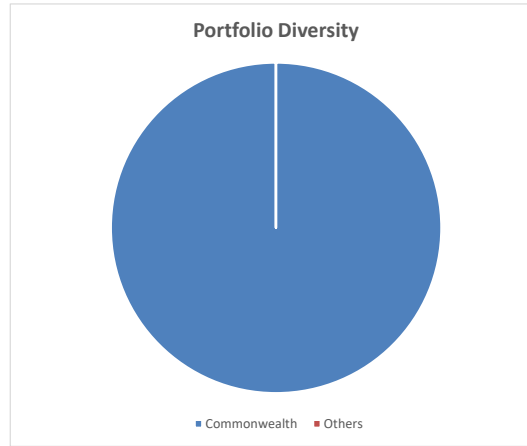
Compliance

The Investments outlined below have been undertaken in accordance with the Council adopted Policy


Deposit Ref	Deposit Date	Institution	Term (Days)	Maturity Date	Invested Interest rates	Expected Interest	Amount Invested (Days)					Total
							Up to 31	32-60	61-90	91-120	121+	
General Municipal												
Comm On Call	30/04/2025	Commonwealth	0	At Call	0.25%	-	1,468,771					1,468,771
												-
							Subtotal	1,468,771	-	-	-	1,468,771
Cash Backed Reserves												
Reserves	30/04/2025	Commonwealth		At Call	3.75%	-	6,877,275					6,877,275
							Subtotal	6,877,275	-	-	-	6,877,275
							Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-
							Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-
							Total Funds Invested	8,346,046	-	-	-	8,346,046

Interest on Investments		
Annual Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
130,000	108,330	113,734
250,000	208,330	215,225
0	0	0
380,000	316,660	328,959

Deposit Ref	Deposit Date	Term (Days)	Invested Interest rates	Maturity Date	Amount Invested	Percentage of Portfolio
Commonwealth						
Comm On Call	30/04/2025	0	0.25%	At Call	1,468,771	
Reserves	30/04/2025	0	3.75%	At Call	6,877,275	
					Subtotal	8,346,046 100.00%
Others						
					Subtotal	- 0.00%
Others						
					Subtotal	- 0.00%
					Subtotal	- 0.00%
					Total Funds Invested	8,346,046 100.00%



14.2 List of Accounts Paid – April 2025

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Corporate Services</h2> 	
Responsible Officer:	Leah Boehme, EMCS
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 14.2A - Payments Listing April 2025

Purpose of Report

- Executive Decision
 Legislative Requirement

For Council to receive the schedule of accounts paid for the month of April 2025.

Background

The attached list of accounts paid during the month of April 2025, under Delegated Authority, is provided for Council’s information and endorsement.

Comment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

As outlined in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Strategic Implications

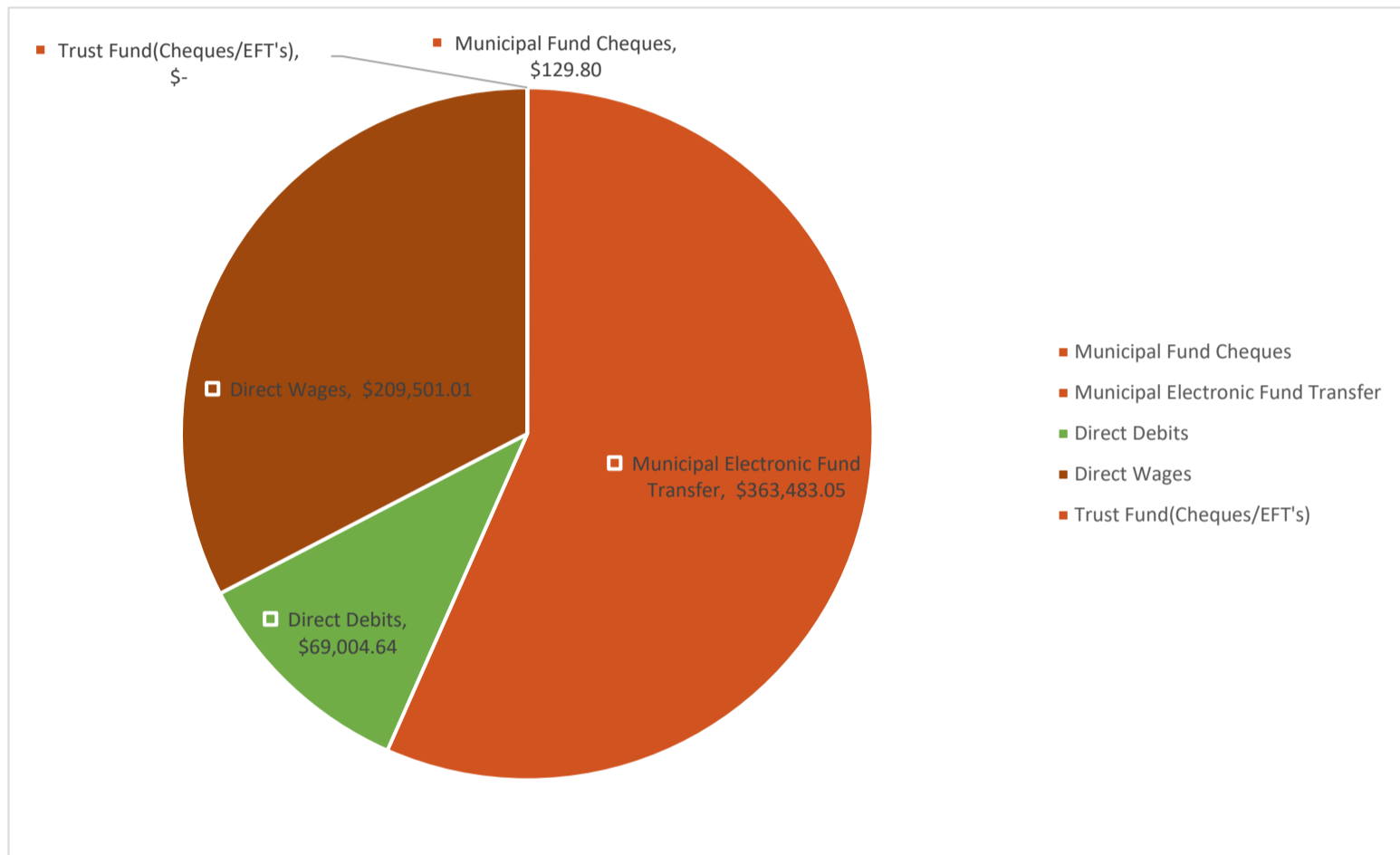
∅ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: 4. Communication and Leadership



SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
1/04/2025 to 30/04/2025

Account	Cheque No's	Total	
Municipal Fund Cheques	25536	-\$	129.80
Municipal Electronic Fund Transfer	EFT29001 - EFT29100	-\$	363,483.05
Direct Debits	DD14162.1 - DD14170.1	-\$	69,004.64
Direct Wages	PPE 19/3 - PPE 29/4/2025	-\$	209,501.01
Trust Fund(Cheques/EFT's)	NIL	\$	-
TOTAL		-\$	642,118.50



LIST OF ACCOUNTS PAID & SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE APRIL 2025

Municipal Cheque Payments					
Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	
25536	10/04/2025	ELGAS LTD	Gas Bottle service charge	-\$	129.80
Cheque Payments Total				-\$	129.80
Municipal Electronic Funds Transfer					
EFT29001	03/04/2025	THE AUSTRALIAN WORKERS UNION	Payroll Deductions/Contributions	-\$	84.00
EFT29002	03/04/2025	AUSTRALIAN SERVICES UNION	Payroll Deductions/Contributions	-\$	106.00
EFT29003	03/04/2025	SALARY PACKAGING AUSTRALIA	Salary sacrifice for employees	-\$	1,085.02
EFT29004	10/04/2025	AUSTRALIA POST	Postage charges	-\$	557.16
EFT29005	10/04/2025	AVON WASTE	Waste collection charges	-\$	20,279.73
EFT29006	10/04/2025	AXFORD PLUMBING & GAS PTY LTD	fix apex park fountain	-\$	154.00
EFT29007	10/04/2025	GRACE MARIA ALVARO	CWVC Consignment March	-\$	25.00
EFT29008	10/04/2025	RON BATEMAN & CO	priming fluid solvent cement qu104401	-\$	31.25
EFT29009	10/04/2025	BCITF - BUILDING AND	BCITF March	-\$	231.75
EFT29010	10/04/2025	BARTLETT MECHANICAL PTY LTD	Quarterly testing/servicing of SES emergency generator	-\$	297.00
EFT29011	10/04/2025	BUILDING AND ENERGY,	BSL March	-\$	449.50
EFT29012	10/04/2025	BRUNO'S MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS	15,000km Service - Isuzu MUX OMD	-\$	705.55
EFT29013	10/04/2025	BOC LIMITED	Oxygen Acetylene & Dept gases	-\$	46.64
EFT29014	10/04/2025	BEILBY DOWNING TEAL PTY LTD	Recruitment of Executive Manager Engineering Services	-\$	4,180.00
EFT29015	10/04/2025	COPIER SUPPORT	CWVC Copier charges	-\$	284.31
EFT29016	10/04/2025	CIVIC BOWLING CLUB	Financial Support as per Lease Arrangement Civic	-\$	25,000.00
EFT29017	10/04/2025	CENTRAL WHEATBELT	As per RFQ01 - Relocation, compaction and coverage of	-\$	11,583.00
EFT29018	10/04/2025	CORSIGN WA	road signs	-\$	827.20
EFT29019	10/04/2025	CENTRAL REGIONAL TAFE	Staff Training	-\$	1,317.77
EFT29020	10/04/2025	DUNNING'S DIRECT NORTHAM	small plant Fuel card charges	-\$	249.44
EFT29021	10/04/2025	DANI'S DOMESTIC CLEANING	Cleaning Kitchener Street	-\$	980.00
EFT29022	10/04/2025	DIMENSIONS CAFE	BFAC AGM catering for Thursday, 20th March	-\$	247.50
EFT29023	10/04/2025	MINUPAMA EKANAYAKE	Harmony Week Performers Saturday, 22 March 2025	-\$	2,200.00
EFT29024	10/04/2025	EASTERN HILLS CHAINSAWS &	Sniper repairs	-\$	853.00
EFT29025	10/04/2025	FUEL DISTRIBUTORS OF WESTERN	12 cartons of ep2 grease cartridges	-\$	781.10
EFT29026	10/04/2025	JOE GOEDHART	For repairs to fascia & eaves at 5 Dobson Way	-\$	300.00
EFT29027	10/04/2025	GEARING WHEATBELT SERVICES	Provision of public toilet cleaning	-\$	440.00
EFT29028	10/04/2025	GO MAD	Lolly Jar Show Booth	-\$	9.00
EFT29029	10/04/2025	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES -	SES & BFB Fuel charges	-\$	120.57

EFT29030	10/04/2025	JASON SIGN MAKERS	Custom Rural Road Number Plate 150mm high rural	-\$	60.26
EFT29031	10/04/2025	JH COMPUTER SERVICES WA PTY	Monthly Contracted Costs & IT purchases	-\$	46,590.30
EFT29032	10/04/2025	KARIS MEDICAL GROUP	Staff medicals	-\$	824.00
EFT29033	10/04/2025	LOCAL PEST CONTROL	Inspection of Pool and MRCLC	-\$	280.50
EFT29034	10/04/2025	LUNA WEDDING AND EVENT	Tablecloths for CT	-\$	125.73
EFT29035	10/04/2025	MERREDIN NEXTRA NEWSAGENCY	MRCLC & Admin stationery	-\$	326.28
EFT29036	10/04/2025	MERREDIN FREIGHTLINES	Freight of 1 IBC of chlorine and hose connector	-\$	148.17
EFT29037	10/04/2025	MCLEODS BARRISTERS &	Preparation of lease documentation between Shire of	-\$	1,495.26
EFT29038	10/04/2025	METROCOUNT	2 100m rolls of tube 1 stainless steel case	-\$	1,578.50
EFT29039	10/04/2025	ROBYN MCCARTHY	Cat Trap Bond Refund	-\$	100.00
EFT29040	10/04/2025	MERREDIN RURAL SUPPLIES	bottled water for administration	-\$	133.00
EFT29041	10/04/2025	ANITA METCALF	CWVC Consignment March	-\$	70.00
EFT29042	10/04/2025	MARBLE BAY HOLDINGS T/AS B&S	200 supply of Take 5 Books	-\$	429.00
EFT29043	10/04/2025	MERREDIN TELEPHONE SERVICES	Merredin Telephone Services	-\$	9,826.54
EFT29044	10/04/2025	MERREDIN SUPA IGA	SOM Sundry Consumables	-\$	263.12
EFT29045	10/04/2025	NATALIE MURRAY-FORTH	Harmony Week Performance	-\$	120.00
EFT29046	10/04/2025	MOVAT PTY LTD ATF MOVAT TRUST	Merredin SES monthly subscription	-\$	25.00
EFT29047	10/04/2025	MOERK WATER SOLUTIONS ASIA-	Qu0020. Antiscalant chemical	-\$	489.50
EFT29048	10/04/2025	NIKS PLUMBING AND GAS	Emergency Repairs to water service leak on main line to	-\$	363.00
EFT29049	10/04/2025	NATALIE BLOM	CWVC CONSIGNMENT MARCH	-\$	3.00
EFT29050	10/04/2025	ONE WILD SEED	CWVC CONSIGNMENT MARCH	-\$	12.00
EFT29051	10/04/2025	PLANWEST	Provision of Planning Services to the Shire of Merredin	-\$	4,658.50
EFT29052	10/04/2025	TWO DOGS HOME HARDWARE	Consumables inc chamois, truck wash, batteries, fuel	-\$	5,664.53
EFT29053	10/04/2025	ROSS'S DIESEL SERVICE	1 40000 service extras of diagnose and repair electrical	-\$	7,931.99
EFT29054	10/04/2025	SHERRIN RENTALS PTY LTD	ROLLER PIERCING THE HYDRAULIC TANK REPAIR	-\$	12,582.61
EFT29055	10/04/2025	SHIRE OF WESTONIA	CWVC CONSIGNMENT MARCH	-\$	45.00
EFT29056	10/04/2025	SYNERGY	Electricity charges	-\$	37,394.04
EFT29057	10/04/2025	SHRED-X PTY LTD	Pick up of 2 confidential waste bins including fuel levy	-\$	187.56
EFT29058	10/04/2025	D SAYERS MECHANICAL	500 hour service shimms replaced on blade and circle	-\$	7,803.84
EFT29059	10/04/2025	JESSIE SPRING	CWVC Consignment March	-\$	16.00
EFT29060	10/04/2025	TELSTRA	SES telephone charges	-\$	114.98
EFT29061	10/04/2025	PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY	TransWA Fares	-\$	1,186.14
EFT29062	10/04/2025	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	Freight charges	-\$	2,218.82
EFT29063	10/04/2025	VANGUARD PRINT	March distribution & storage of EWVG	-\$	164.60

EFT29064	10/04/2025 WATER CORPORATION	water charges	-\$	1,169.74
EFT29065	10/04/2025 FRANK WEBER	Anzac Day – Catering	-\$	103.50
EFT29066	10/04/2025 WA CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	Provision of Ranger Services FY 24/25	-\$	6,165.50
EFT29067	10/04/2025 WHEATBELT UNIFORMS SIGNS &	New information signage Town Centre and Public Toilets	-\$	3,481.25
EFT29068	10/04/2025 WA DISTRIBUTORS PTY LTD T/A	6 X Boxes of Toilet Rolls + 15 X Table Top Foam	-\$	1,582.55
EFT29069	10/04/2025 MERREDIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE	Various advertising	-\$	280.00
EFT29070	17/04/2025 AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	BAS March 2025	-\$	58,999.00
EFT29071	17/04/2025 THE AUSTRALIAN WORKERS UNION	Payroll Deductions/Contributions	-\$	84.00
EFT29072	17/04/2025 AUSTRALIAN SERVICES UNION	Payroll Deductions/Contributions	-\$	132.50
EFT29073	17/04/2025 WORLDWIDE EAST PERTH	DL Window Face Envelopes with Postage Pai	-\$	1,495.00
EFT29074	17/04/2025 COMBINED TYRES PTY LTD	Two new tyres REGO 1GVI784 PTRK03	-\$	528.00
EFT29075	17/04/2025 KARI LIANN BROOKS RATIMA	Rates refund for assessment A981 89 CUNNINGHAM	-\$	400.75
EFT29076	17/04/2025 DUNTEC PTY LTD	QN:1350 - Fuel Trailer Tandem Axle 1500 liter	-\$	28,482.30
EFT29077	17/04/2025 DUNNING'S DIRECT NORTHAM	Small plant fuel purchase	-\$	129.36
EFT29078	17/04/2025 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CT Bond Refund	-\$	100.00
EFT29079	17/04/2025 MARGARET FLOCKHART	Cat trap Refund	-\$	100.00
EFT29080	17/04/2025 HERSEY'S SAFETY	BRUSHCUTTER CORD POST HOLE SHOVELS	-\$	839.30
EFT29081	17/04/2025 KARIS MEDICAL GROUP	Pre-Employment Medicals	-\$	539.00
EFT29082	17/04/2025 LIBERTY OIL RURAL PTY LTD	10,000 L diesel at \$1.7056	-\$	16,203.20
EFT29083	17/04/2025 LARRIKIN HOUSE PTY LTD	30 YF Titles	-\$	900.00
EFT29084	17/04/2025 MERREDIN NEXTRA NEWSAGENCY	A4 business cards holder for CEO	-\$	36.75
EFT29085	17/04/2025 MCLEODS BARRISTERS &	Lease 54052, Merredin Regional Community & Leisure	-\$	3,463.04
EFT29086	17/04/2025 MERREDIN RURAL SUPPLIES	bottled water for administration centre	-\$	48.00
EFT29087	17/04/2025 MERREDIN SUPA IGA	Various SOM Sundry Consumables	-\$	443.50
EFT29088	17/04/2025 MERREDIN HARVEST FRESH FOOD	100 x hot dogs buns for CBD opening QUOTE#33	-\$	76.91
EFT29089	17/04/2025 TWO DOGS HOME HARDWARE	Various Supplies SOM	-\$	401.65
EFT29090	17/04/2025 SHERRIN RENTALS PTY LTD	Hire of 15T padded drum roller	-\$	2,123.00
EFT29091	17/04/2025 SYNERGY	Electricity charges	-\$	2,098.47
EFT29092	17/04/2025 SEEK LIMITED	Seek advert for Executive Assistant	-\$	335.50
EFT29093	17/04/2025 SHEREE LOUISA LOWE	Harmony Week Activity supplies	-\$	59.90
EFT29094	17/04/2025 SALARY PACKAGING AUSTRALIA	Salary sacrifice for employees	-\$	1,085.02
EFT29095	17/04/2025 D SAYERS MECHANICAL	750 service mirrors to be replaced lights fixed tranny to be	-\$	8,062.07
EFT29096	17/04/2025 PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY	Trans WA fares	-\$	519.12

EFT29097	17/04/2025	TOPLINE EARTHMOVING	Create bus stop on verge of road	-\$	660.00
EFT29098	17/04/2025	WATER CORPORATION	water charges	-\$	4,784.97
EFT29099	17/04/2025	WA NATURALLY PUBLICATIONS	Landscape 2025 calander payment of consignment	-\$	53.84
EFT29100	17/04/2025	WHEATBELT UNIFORMS SIGNS &	Qu0543 1x Combination board 1500x1200mm (50%	-\$	859.10
Direct Debits Total				-\$	363,483.05
Direct Debits Payments					
DD14162.1	04/04/2025	WA TREASURY CORP	Loan No. 215 Fixed Component - SSL	-\$	23,793.37
DD14163.1	22/04/2025	VONEX TELECOM	Various SOM Phone Accounts	-\$	594.79
DD14164.1	02/04/2025	NER FINANCE (EQUIPMENT RENTS)	Monthly Rental Charge for Admin Printer	-\$	515.19
DD14165.1	03/04/2025	BEAM SUPERANNUATION CLEARING	Superannuation Payment as per Pay Run # 90	-\$	21,463.55
DD14166.1	17/04/2025	BEAM SUPERANNUATION CLEARING	Superannuation Payment as per Pay Run # 91	-\$	21,274.45
DD14170.1	28/04/2025	COMMONWEALTH MASTERCARD	CORPORATE CHARGE CARD -		-\$279.80
<i>CORPORATE CHARGE CARD - CEO</i>					
	31/03/2025	Department of Biodiversity		\$	120.00
	5/04/2025	Two Dogs Hardware		\$	18.40
	5/04/2025	Two Dogs Hardware		\$	82.90
	11/04/2025	Merredin Supa IGA		\$	12.20
	11/04/2025	Dimensions Café		\$	16.00
	11/04/2025	Dimensions Café		\$	6.00
	12/04/2025	Spotlight		\$	21.00
	15/04/2025	Merredin Supa IGA		\$	3.30
			Total	\$	279.80
					-\$236.49
<i>CORPORATE CHARGE CARD - EMCS</i>					
	27/03/2025	Mailchimp		\$	71.63
	2/04/2025	Mailchimp		\$	19.87
	6/04/2025	Ventraip		\$	14.00
	8/04/2025	Adobe		\$	28.99
	22/04/2025	ASIC		\$	102.00
			Total	\$	236.49
					-\$847.00
<i>CORPORATE CHARGE CARD - SCEM</i>					
	27/03/2025	RSLWA		\$	764.95
	28/03/2025	Two Dogs Hardware		\$	45.60
	9/04/2025	The Tongue Scraper		\$	21.90
	9/04/2025	GoDaddy		\$	23.95
	14/04/2025	Go Mad		\$	12.50
	18/04/2025	The Tongue Scraper		-\$	21.90
			Total	\$	847.00
Direct Debits Total				-\$	69,004.64
Direct Staff Wages					
	02/04/2025	Staff Wages	PPE 19/3 - 1/4/2025	-\$	105,881.33
	16/04/2025	Staff Wages	PPE 2/4 - 29/4/2025	-\$	103,619.68
Direct Staff Wages Total				-\$	209,501.01
Trust Fund Cheques/EFTs					
		NIL		\$	-
Trust Fund Chqs/EFTs Total				\$	-

14.3 Differential Rating Strategy 2025/26

<h2>Corporate Services</h2> 	
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Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 14.3A – Statement of Objects and Reasons for Differential Rating in 2025/26 Attachment 14.3B – 2025/26 Rates % Increase Comparison

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

For Council to decide the percentage rates yield increase for adoption in 2025/26 and to approve advertising of the proposed differential and minimum rates for the 2025/26 financial year and invite community feedback on those proposed.

Background

Process of setting differential and minimum rates:

Local Governments are empowered to impose differential general rates subject to compliance with Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Differential rating provides Council with flexibility in the level of rates being raised from specifically identified properties or groups of properties within the community. It is common for Councils to base differential rating for properties on Town Planning Scheme zonings, however other criteria such as land use may be used.

Once a budget deficiency has been determined, and after taking into consideration the objectives of the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan, a rating strategy and proposed differential general rates in the dollar can be determined. Rates should not be increased by a fixed amount without due consideration of the deficiency. Unless Ministerial approval is given, the amount expected to be raised through all types of local government rates must be within 90% to 110% of the deficiency of the budget (s6.34). This acts to limit the amount that may be raised by rates, but only in proportion to the expenditure requirement determined by the local government, and not in the manner of a set cap on the maximum level of income which can be raised through rates.

Council is required to give local public notice prior to imposing any differential general rates, or any minimum payment applying to a differential rate category for a minimum of 21 days. Council does, however, have the discretion to vary the rate in the dollar and minimum rate during its budget deliberations without having to re-advertise the changes.

Before local public notice is given, proposed rates should be determined by Council, along with the objects and reasons, providing justification for each differential general rate or minimum payment. It is important that these provide sufficient supporting information to electors and ratepayers, or local governments may be asked to re-advertise by the Minister for Local Government (the Minister).

Differential rating does not currently apply to properties utilising Gross Rental Valuations.

In considering the differential rating, Council must consider the necessary increase to the rates yield that will be required for the 2025/26 financial year.

Considerations:

The following matters are for Council to consider when determining an appropriate rate increase for the Shire of Merredin (the Shire) in the 2025/26 financial year.

Economic Climate

The changing economic climate and Consumer Price Index (CPI) rises have had a significant impact, contributing to rising costs for services, materials and supply chain disruptions. Though this has steadied across 2024/25, increased costs have remained.

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 had assumed a minimum annual rate increase of 3% per annum, consisting of 2% CPI and 1% for service changes over time.

Unfortunately, the assumed CPI increases of 2% per annum, was a significant underestimation of the actual annual CPI impact that was felt by the organisation.

Council's decision to increase the Shire's rates yield for 2023/24 by 9% and 2024/25 by 5% has pulled back a portion of this deficit, however higher costs are still having an effect on the Shire's ability to provide services.

Policy levers which have been applied by Council and the Administration to manage CPI and the zero COVID rates increase in the last few budget years, have included small reductions in service levels, delay of non-essential capital renewals, and draw down on reserves. This continued in the 2024/25 financial year.

It is currently predicted that the upcoming CPI (March 2025 to March 2026) will be 2.75%, however this may change pending global factors around trade.

Landgate Revaluations

In the 2024/25 financial year, Landgate completed UV revaluations only. The most significant change relating to Rural Unimproved General Valuations which have seen an overall average change for the Shire of 19.77%. This relates to broadacre agricultural properties.

Rate in the Dollar (RID) Calculations

With the significant increases to Rural UV valuations, it has been necessary to significantly decrease the RID for this rating category to ensure ratepayers did not feel the full effect of these changes. This also meant that a blanket RID increase was unable to occur, due to this method causing the Shire to have a top RID that is more than double the lowest RID, which is not permitted without Ministerial approval. Section 6.33 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* outlines "In imposing a differential general rate a local government is not to, without

the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.”

To ensure the Shire remains compliant, the UV2 - Urban Rural and UV3 – UV Mining RIDs will need to decrease further, which would mean that the total yield would decrease by between \$10,000 and \$12,500, depending on the percentage total rates yield selected by Council. This equates to roughly a 0.6% decrease to the total rates yield, so a 6% increase would actually provide the Shire with around a 5.4% increase to total rates yield. To counter this, it is proposed that minimum rates be increased by 3% (rounded to the nearest \$10) as per the below table:

Rate Category	Current minimum	Proposed minimum	Increase to revenue
GRV	\$940	\$960	\$3620
UV 1 – Rural	\$1160	\$1190	\$3780
UV 2 – Urban Rural Residential	\$1160	\$1190	\$1080
UV 4 – Special Use Power Generation	\$1160	\$1190	\$60
UV 5 – Special Use Airport	\$1160	\$1190	\$0
UV 3 – Mining Tenement	\$200	\$200	\$0
		Total increase:	\$8540

Recreation Services

The operation of the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre (MRCLC) remains an important consideration in relation to the development of the 2025/26 Annual Budget, and therefore the rates yield increase required, with the cost of capital works to be undertaken expected to increase further in the 2025/26 financial year.

It has also been raised that some significant capital works may be necessary at the Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool during the 2025/26 financial year and beyond.

Currently, the Recreation Facilities Reserve has a balance of \$996,907.72. It would not be advisable to pull all required funds from the reserve, due to the majority of the Shire’s reserves being accessed in the past few years, with no significant funds being reinvested, however a portion of the required funds may need to be drawn down to ensure the budget can be balanced, without imposing another large increase on rate payers.

Loan Repayment – CBD Redevelopment

The CBD upgrade project, which is currently in progress has been partly funded with a loan from WA Treasury Corporation (WATC). This was to meet the original Building Better Regions Funds requirements for the Shire to meet at least 50% of the total project costs, matching the federal grant funding of \$2,139,309.

In early 2024, the loan was drawn down with the total loan amount accessed of \$1,480,000, with the annual repayments totalling \$180,200 (split into two repayments of \$90,100 each). These commenced in the 2024/25 financial year and will be budgeted again for the 2025/26 financial year.

The value of these repayments equates to an estimated ~3.5% increase to the total rates yield each year.

Salaries and Wages

Though the wage case has not yet been released for the coming year, it is predicted that this will be around the CPI rate, which was 2.4% for the period March 2024 to March 2024. The SAT determination of a 3% increase for CEOs and Councillors would also indicate a figure in this area for wage increases. Staff wages are the largest average expenditure for the Shire annually, so an increase such as above will require a substantial financial commitment in the budget. Based on 2024/25 budget, a 3% increase would equate to around \$165,000, a further ~3.1% increase to total rates yield.

Safety and Security Improvement Project

Master Lock System Replacement Project – this has been commenced in 2024/25 with locks being updated at the MRCLC and Cummins Theatre. It is hoped that locks at the Shire Depot and Landfill Site will also be updated prior to 30 June 2025. Next year we will look to change the lock system on the North Merredin Precinct and Administration Building, which will likely cost around \$25,000.

CCTV Upgrade Project – this has also been commenced in 2024/25, with the Town Centre and Apex Park areas installed in the first round. The Visitor Centre, Shire Depot, Administration Building and Cummins Theatre are all currently in progress and hoped to be completed prior to 30 June 2025. Next year we hope to move this project forward by installing cameras at the Merredin Library and improving the current cameras at the MRCLC. We will then look to replace the facilities still captured by our old system. It is likely that we will need \$40,000 each year for the following three years (minimum) to complete this project.

Conclusion

As a result of the above, the Administration consider a minimum ~6% increase to total yield as the base required to help partly offset CPI increases and predicted expenditure above that experienced in 2024/25, which will increase the rates yield by a figure of \$315,237.64.

This does not account for any decreases to income that Council may experience or increases to current organisation service levels.

Table of Rates:

The current 2024/25 Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1,160.00	0.013325
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,160.00	0.026650
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.025875
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1,160.00	0.025800
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,160.00	0.023971

The Administration has provided, as part of this agenda item below, a number of options for Council to consider in relation to the percentage yield increase that they may choose to apply for the 2025/26 financial year.

It should be noted, to meet the considerations described above, the following total yield increases would be required:

- Minimal CPI offset - 2.4%

- Recreation services works - estimated 7% (\$250,000 for court resurfacing and \$110,000 for pool/ slide)
- Salaries and wages - estimated 3.1%

Total: 12.5%

Based on the above, a 12.5% minimum rate yield increase would be required to meet these considerations without reducing current services or delaying other required capital works. This also assumes that untied financial assistance grants received by the organisation are likely to increase somewhat, to assist in meeting rising service costs.

Should Council choose to adopt a lesser yield increase than the above, this will result in reductions of either service levels across the organisation, or a reduction in capital expenditure (with the exception of committed projects).

It should be noted that reduction in capital is something that has already been implemented over a number of previous financial years, and the remaining capital works have focused on strategically aligned projects, such as grant funded roads and other capital projects (and co-funding where required). This results in less opportunities to delay capital as a policy option than in previous years.

As a result, the most likely opportunity to balance the budget depending on the chosen rates yield would be with reduction across services, varying based on the percentage chosen. This would be dealt with during budget development.

The Administration has stepped out the implications for each of the modelled options, to allow Council to make informed choices about maintaining, or reducing service levels across the organisation.

Options for Consideration of Council:

Option One: 3% increase to total rates yield

Should Council choose to apply a 3% increase to the total rates yield, this would result in an increase of \$151,971.48 from the 2024/25 rates yield.

This revenue would cover the majority of the salary and wage increase predicted for staff in line with the wage case. Choosing this option does not account for the anticipated capital expenditure that will be required across the organisation or the effects to expenditure of CPI. A reduction to services across the organisation would likely be required. This figure does not take into account any increase to current service levels across the organisation, or any reduction in income that Council may propose.

The Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) for a 3% yield increase is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1.190.00	0.011470
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1.190.00	0.022940
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.022285
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1.190.00	0.022280
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1.190.00	0.020505

Option Two: 4% increase to total rates yield

Should Council choose to apply a 4% increase to the total rates yield, this would result in an increase of \$205,967.63 from the 2024/25 rates yield.

This revenue would cover the salary and wage increase predicted for staff in line with the wage case and a portion of the CPI increase expected. Choosing this option does not account for the anticipated capital expenditure that will be required across the organisation or the rest of the effects to expenditure of CPI. A reduction to services across the organisation would likely be required. This figure does not take into account any increase to current service levels across the organisation, or any reduction in income that Council may propose.

The Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) for a 4% yield increase is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1,190.00	0.011585
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,190.00	0.023170
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.023000
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1,190.00	0.022500
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190.00	0.020505

Option Three: 5% increase to total rates yield

Should Council choose to apply a 5% increase to the total rates yield, this would result in an increase of \$260,596.30 from the 2024/25 rates yield.

This revenue would cover the salary and wage increase predicted for staff in line with the wage case and a larger portion of the CPI increase expected. Choosing this option does not account for the anticipated capital expenditure that will be required across the organisation or the rest of the effects to expenditure of CPI. A reduction to services across the organisation would likely be required. This figure does not take into account any increase to current service levels across the organisation, or any reduction in income that Council may propose.

The Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) for a 5% yield increase is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1,190.00	0.011705
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,190.00	0.023410
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.023400
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1,190.00	0.022720
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190.00	0.020915

Option Four: 6% increase to total rates yield

Should Council choose to apply a 6% increase to the total rates yield, this would result in an increase of \$315,237.64 from the 2024/25 rates yield.

This revenue would cover the salary and wage increase predicted for staff in line with the wage case and the CPI increase expected. Choosing this option does not account for the anticipated capital expenditure that will be required across the organisation. A reduction to services across the organisation would likely be required. This figure does not take into account any increase to current service levels across the organisation, or any reduction in income that Council may propose.

The Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) for a 6% yield increase is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1,190.00	0.011825

UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,190.00	0.023650
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.023600
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1,190.00	0.022940
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190.00	0.021120

Option Five: 7% increase to total rates yield

Should Council choose to apply a 7% increase to the total rates yield, this would result in an increase of \$368,718.02 from the 2024/25 rates yield.

This revenue would cover the salary and wage increase predicted for staff in line with the wage case and the CPI increase expected. A small portion of the identified capital works at the recreation centre would also be covered. Choosing this option does not account for the remainder of the anticipated capital expenditure that will be required across the organisation. A reduction to services across the organisation would likely be required. This figure does not take into account any increase to current service levels across the organisation, or any reduction in income that Council may propose.

The Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) for a 7% yield increase is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1,190.00	0.011940
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,190.00	0.023880
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.023870
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1,190.00	0.023150
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190.00	0.021315

Option Six: 9% increase to total rates yield

Should Council choose to apply a 9% increase to the total rates yield, this would result in an increase of \$477,291.06 from the 2024/25 rates yield.

This revenue would cover the salary and wage increase predicted for staff in line with the wage case and the CPI increase expected. A larger portion of the identified capital works at the recreation centre would also be covered. Choosing this option does not account for the remainder of the anticipated capital expenditure that will be required across the organisation. A reduction to services across the organisation would likely be required. This figure does not take into account any increase to current service levels across the organisation, or any reduction in income that Council may propose.

The Table of Rates (Unimproved Valuations) for a 9% yield increase is set out below:

Unimproved Value	Minimum Rate	Rate in \$
UV1 – Rural	\$1,190.00	0.012176
UV2 – Urban Rural	\$1,190.00	0.024352
UV3 – Mining	\$200.00	0.024340
UV4 – Power Generation Gen	\$1,190.00	0.023585
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190.00	0.021705

These options are all presented for the consideration of Council.

Comment

Rateable properties in the Shire are rated on either GRV or Unimproved Value (UV).

Values are determined by the Valuer General's Office (VGO). Typically, properties within the town boundary are rated using GRV, which is based on an estimate of what the improved property will generate in rent in a year. GRV properties are revalued every three to five years, based on programs determined by the Valuer-General. A revaluation for the Shire occurred in August 2023.

Other properties in the Shire are rated using unimproved values, based on the capital value of the unimproved (bare) land. UV properties are revalued every year by the VGO. Whilst unimproved values are based on the capital value of the land, land prices are still linked to the land's capacity to generate annual revenue.

The Shire generates rate revenue by charging a rate-in-the-dollar (rates) against the valuations. The Shire's UV properties are rated as Rural, Urban Rural, Mining, Power Generation and Special Use Airstrip.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* allows for local governments to differentially rate properties.

Section 6.33 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* outlines "In imposing a differential general rate a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it."

As the highest UV sub-category rate is less than twice the lowest, Ministerial approval is not required.

Section 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

6.35. Minimum payment

(1) Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.

(2) A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.

(3) In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than —

(a) 50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or

(b) 50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.

(4) A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of —

(a) the number of separately rated properties in the district; or

(b) the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6),

unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.

(5) *If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.*

(6) *For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories –*

- (a) *to land rated on gross rental value; and*
- (b) *to land rated on unimproved value; and*
- (c) *to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.*

[Section 6.35 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 61.]

Section 53 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* sets the Prescribed amount in Relation to Minimums.

53. *Amount prescribed for minimum payment (Act s. 6.35(4))*

The amount prescribed for the purposes of section 6.35(4) is \$200.

	Strategic Implications
∅ Strategic Community Plan	

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2.2 The Shire is progressive while exercising responsible stewardship of its built, natural and financial resources 4.2.3 The Council is well informed in their decision-making, supported by a skilled administration team who are committed to providing timely, strategic information and advice
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

∅ Corporate Business Plan	
Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	Nil

	Sustainability Implications
∅ Strategic Resource Plan	

Nil

	Risk Implications
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There is a compliance risk associated with this Item as the Shire would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* if this Item was not presented to Council. The risk rating is considered to be Moderate (6),

which is determined by a likelihood of Unlikely (2) and a consequence of Moderate (3). This risk will be eliminated by the adoption of the Officer's Recommendation.

Financial Implications

Adopting a differential model will result in required rates revenue for the 2025/26 financial year.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Van Der Merwe **Seconded:** Cr Billing

83612 That Council suspend Standing Orders at 4:15pm.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr O'Neill **Seconded:** Cr Anderson

83613 That Council resume Standing Orders at 4:21pm.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Van Der Merwe

Seconded: Cr Manning

That Council;

1. **ADOPT** for draft budget purposes, Option five as stated in the Item, as the differential rate in the dollar and minimum payments for Unimproved Value rated properties for the Shire of Merredin, subject to finalisation of the draft 2025/26 Annual Budget and the establishment of the funding shortfall required from imposition of rates on Gross Rental Value rated properties;
- 83614 2. **ADVERTISE** its intention to levy differential rates on Unimproved Value properties for the 2025/26 Budget, and advise the public of the availability of the Shire of Merredin's 2025/26 Differential Rating Objects and Reasons (updated to suit the option selected by Council), in accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995; and
3. **NOTES** any public submissions received in response to Item 2 above, will be presented to Council for consideration prior to adoption of the 2025/26 Rates.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil



STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND REASONS FOR PROPOSED DIFFERENTIAL RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

The Shire of Merredin (the Shire) provides services to a diverse region consisting of residential, commercial, industrial and rural properties. Council has adopted a differential rating approach for the 2025/26 financial year, to ensure that rate revenue is collected on an equitable basis.

The following are the proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments for the Shire for the 2025/26 financial year, to be effective from 1 July 2025.

Rate Category	Rate in the Dollar (expressed as cents in the \$)	Minimum Payment
GRV	0.115990	\$960
UV1 – Rural	0.011825	\$1,190
UV2 – Urban Rural	0.023650	\$1,190
UV3 – Mining	0.023600	\$200
UV4 – Special Use Power Generation	0.022940	\$1,190
UV5 – Special Use Airstrip	0.021120	\$1,190

What are Rates?

Rates are a tax levied on all rateable properties within the boundaries of the Shire in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The overall objective of the proposed rates for 2025/26 is to provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs and the current and future capital requirements of the Shire, after considering all other forms of revenue.

The formulation of a rating system is about achieving a means by which the Council can raise sufficient revenue to pay for the services it provides. Throughout Australia, the basis of using property valuations has been found to be the most appropriate means of achieving rating equity; however, the achievement of a wholly equitable rating system for all properties, in all areas, is a difficult task if it is based on the property valuations alone. For this reason, there is refinement options made available, such as differential rating, which the Shire has elected to use.

The Valuer General's Office (a state government agency) values all rateable land within Western Australia and those values are forwarded to each local government. Two types of valuations are applied for the calculation of rates:

- Gross Rental Value (GRV) - land used for non-rural purposes; and
- Unimproved Value (UV) - land used for rural purposes.

Valuations

Landgate is the statutory authority responsible for the valuation process in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* (LGA) and the *Valuation of Land Act 1978* (VLA). The VLA empowers the Valuer General (VG) to conduct general valuations based on the Gross Rental

Value (GRV) within WA at such times and frequency as he considers necessary and for Unimproved Value (UV) annually.

The date of the valuation is fixed by the VG. Values are determined relative to sales and rentals which are set at 1 August of the preceding year.

Unimproved Value (UV)

The definition of UV:

“the capital amount that an estate of fee simple in the land might reasonably be expected to realize upon sale, assuming that any improvements to the land had not been made”.

The VG determines unimproved values annually, with a valuation roll provided to local governments. The Shire has completed rates modelling including the revaluations received in effect from 1 July 2026.

Information on the VG’s Guide to Rating and Taxing values can be viewed by visiting their website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au.

Factors Affecting Valuations

Landgate – UV Revaluation Roll

The VLA empowers the VG to conduct general valuations on the GRV basis within WA at such times and frequency as he considers necessary and for UV annually.

Local Planning Scheme (LPS6)

LPS6 was gazetted by the Minister on 22 June 2011. The purposes of the Scheme are to:

- a) Set out the local government’s planning aims and intentions for the Scheme area;
- b) Set aside land for public purposes;
- c) Zone land within the Scheme area for the purposes defined in the Scheme;
- d) Control and guide land use and development;
- e) Set out procedures for the assessment and determination of planning applications;
- f) Make provisions for the administration and enforcement of the Scheme; and
- g) Address other matters set out in the first Schedule of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

LPS6 can be viewed by visiting the Shire’s website www.merredin.wa.gov.au.

Objections to Valuations

Under the VLA there are provisions for ratepayers to lodge an objection to the valuation with the Office of Landgate. The objection must be lodged within 60 days of the issue of the rate notice. It is important that any objection to a valuation should be on the grounds that the valuation is unjust or incorrect and not simply based on the quantum of rates payable.

Further information, brochures and objection forms are available from Landgate and can be viewed by visiting their website at www.landgate.wa.gov.au. We encourage ratepayers to telephone Landgate's Midland Office on (08) 9273 7373 to discuss their valuation concerns prior to lodging any formal objections.

Rating Yield Objective

In setting the rate in the dollar for each category, Council has taken into consideration the following factors:

- *Long Term Strategic Plan and Corporate Business Plan*

These strategic documents ensure the continued commitment to sound financial management and debt management programs. Council continues to benchmark its activities and programs to ensure competitiveness and value for money is being obtained for our residents and ratepayers.

- *Service Provision*

The services and service levels provided by the Shire to the community.

- *Growth of Rated Properties*

The number of UV rated properties in the Shire has remained static over the past decade.

Differential Rates

The Shire applies a differential rating system based on the zoning and land use of a property in accordance with State Planning Legislation and the Local Planning Scheme.

UV Tiered

Council supports the use of the tiered scale as providing the most equitable option of differential rating for rural properties.

UV1 – Rural

UV1 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. The Shire imposes a consistent minimum rate across the rating categories, excluding UV3 – Mining Tenement, ensuring all properties contribute an equitable rate amount to non-exclusive services.

The Rate in the Dollar for this category 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. These properties also have access to all other services and facilities provided by the Shire. The minimum rate recognizes that all ratepayers have an equal opportunity to enjoy the facilities and services provided by the Shire, regardless of the value of their property.

Rate in the dollar is 0.011825 (cents), with a minimum of \$1,190.00.

UV2 – Urban Rural Residential

UV2 differential rate applies to Urban Rural Residential properties as listed 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.

The Rate in the Dollar for this category is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties. These properties also have access to all other services and facilities provided by the Shire. The minimum rate recognises that all ratepayers have an equal opportunity to enjoy the facilities and services provided by the Shire, regardless of the value of their property.

Rate in the dollar is 0.023650 (cents), with a minimum of \$1,190.00.

UV3 – Mining Tenement

UV3 differential rate applies to mining tenements used for mining and exploration as listed only and are not related to the LPS6 Zoning Table. 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.

The Rate in the Dollar for this category is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties.

Rate in the dollar is 0.023600 (cents), with a minimum of \$200.

UV4 – Special Use Power Generation

UV4 differential rate applies to properties classified as Special Use Wind Farm as listed under the LPS6 Zoning Table and on which wind turbines have been constructed.

The differential rate also applies to properties classified land used Merredin Power as listed under the LPS6 Zoning Table, in addition to land use defined “Solar Farm” by the Shire in accordance with Section 6.33 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The object of the differential rate is to ensure an equitable spread of the costs associated with services provided to these properties.

The Rate in the Dollar for this category is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties.

Rate in the dollar is 0.022940 (cents), with a minimum \$1,190.00.

UV5 – Special Use Airstrip

UV5 differential rate applies to properties zoned Special Use Airstrip as listed 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.

The Rate in the Dollar for this category is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties.

Rate in the dollar is 0.021120 (cents), with a minimum \$1,190.00.

Summary

In arriving at the proposed rates in the dollar the Council has attempted to balance the need for revenue to fund essential services, facilities and infrastructure to the entire community with the impost on ratepayers.

Submissions, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Merredin, PO Box 42, Merredin WA 6415, by electors or ratepayers in respect of the proposed Differential Rates and Minimum Payments, may be lodged to Council by 4:00pm on Friday, 20 June 2025.

Ratepayers are welcome to contact the Shire Administration Corporate Services Department regarding the differential rating categories on 9041 1611 or by email admin@merredin.wa.gov.au.

Appendix 1 - Legislation

Local Government Act 1995

Financial Management **Part 6**

Rates and Service Charges **Division 6**

6.33. Differential general rates

- (1) A local government may impose differential general rates according to any, or a combination, of the following characteristics —
 - (a) the purpose for which the land is zoned, whether or not under a local planning scheme in force under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;
 - (b) a purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government;
 - (c) whether or not the land is vacant land; or
 - (d) any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.
- (2) Regulations may —
 - (a) specify the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is to use; or
 - (b) limit the characteristics under subsection (1) which a local government is permitted to use.
- (3) In imposing a differential general rate a local government is not to, without the approval of the Minister, impose a differential general rate which is more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed by it.
- (4) If during a financial year, the characteristics of any land which form the basis for the imposition of a differential general rate have changed, the local government is not to, on account of that change, amend the assessment of rates payable on that land in respect of that financial year but this subsection does not apply in any case where section 6.40(1)(a) applies.
- (5) A differential general rate that a local government purported to impose under this Act before the *Local Government Amendment Act 2009* section 39(1)(a) came into operation 1 is to be taken to have been as valid as if the amendment made by that paragraph had been made before the purported imposition of that rate.

[Section 6.33 amended by No. 38 of 2005 s. 15; No. 17 of 2009 s. 39.]

6.34. Limit on revenue or income from general rates

Unless the Minister otherwise approves, the amount shown in the annual budget as being the amount it is estimated will be yielded by the general rate is not to —

- (a) be more than 110% of the amount of the budget deficiency; or
- (b) be less than 90% of the amount of the budget deficiency.

6.35. Minimum payment

- (1) Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rate able land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.
- (2) A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but, subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.
- (3) In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than —
 - (a) 50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district; or
 - (b) 50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.
- (4) A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of —
 - (a) the number of separately rated properties in the district; or
 - (b) the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.
- (5) If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.
- (6) For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories —
 - (a) to land rated on gross rental value;
 - (b) to land rated on unimproved value; and
 - (c) to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.

[Section 6.35 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 61.]


6.36. Local government to give notice of certain rates

- (1) Before imposing any differential general rates or a minimum payment applying to a differential rate category under section 6.35(6)(c) a local government is to give local public notice of its intention to do so.
- (2) A local government is required to ensure that a notice referred to in subsection (1) is published in sufficient time to allow compliance with the requirements specified in this section and section 6.2(1).
- (3) A notice referred to in subsection (1) —
 - (a) may be published within the period of 2 months preceding the commencement of the financial year to which the proposed rates are to apply on the basis of the local government's estimate of the budget deficiency;
 - (b) is to contain —
 - (i) details of each rate or minimum payment the local government intends to impose;

- (ii) an invitation for submissions to be made by an elector or a ratepayer in respect of the proposed rate or minimum payment and any related matters within 21 days (or such longer period as is specified in the notice) of the notice; and
 - (iii) any further information in relation to the matters specified in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) which may be prescribed; and
- (c) is to advise electors and ratepayers of the time and place where a document describing the objects of, and reasons for, each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected.
- (4) The local government is required to consider any submissions received before imposing the proposed rate or minimum payment with or without modification.
- (5) Where a local government —
- (a) in an emergency, proposes to impose a supplementary general rate or specified area rate under section 6.32(3)(a); or
 - (b) proposes to modify the proposed rates or minimum payments after considering any submissions under subsection (4), it is not required to give local public notice of that proposed supplementary general rate, specified area rate, modified rate or minimum payment.

14.4 Annual Community Funding

Cr Anderson and Cr Billing declared an Impartiality Interest in this Item.

<h3>Community Services</h3> 	
Responsible Officer:	Codi Brindley-Mullen, EMS&C
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government 1995, S5.42 and S6.12(1)(c)</i>
File Reference:	25/26 Budget
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 14.4A – Evaluation Table (CONFIDENTIAL)

Purpose of Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider the annual community funding applications to be considered and incorporated into the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

Background

Council adopted Policy 3.19 - Community Funding at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 April 2023 (CMRef 83143), which coordinates Council's response to community requests for financial support. It also ensures that Shire of Merredin (the Shire) funding resources are allocated in a way that is transparent, compliant and equitable and that funded projects further the aims and objectives of the Shire and represent responsible use of public monies.

The aims of the Shire's Community Funding Program are:

1. To encourage the development of services, facilities and events that meet identified community needs;
2. To promote active participation of residents in community initiatives and the development of skills, knowledge and opportunities;
3. To provide assistance to the community to develop initiatives and services that support the Shire's objectives;
4. Link to the community vision and strategic goals listed in the Strategic Community Plan; and
5. To enhance the image of the Shire within the community.

Comment

The Shire advertised on Councils:

Website – 4 April 2025

Facebook – 24 April and 4 April 2025.

Email from MRCLC – 14 April and 28 April 2025

Email from MCC – 15 April

The following applications were received and are captured on in the evaluation table as per Attachment 14.4A:

Annual Grant

The Annual Grant is open once per year and is the Shire’s largest funding opportunity for community groups to apply for. The grant may consist of cash, in-kind contributions and/or waivers to organisations.

Administration Staff called for applications aimed at the Shire’s Annual Grants Program for 2025/26. The Grant is for projects seeking cash funding, in-kind contributions or fee waivers up to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).

Organisation	Project	Project Cost	Amount Requested \$	Recommended Support
Merredin CRC	Merredin Seniors Luncheon Australia Day Breakfast Jan 26 Volunteer Event	\$21,500	\$5,150– cash \$4,850 – in-kind	\$10,000
Merredin Show Inc	Merredin Show 2026	\$95,000	\$10,000 In-kind	\$10,000
Wheatbelt Agcare	Contribution towards Rural family Counselling	\$276,781	\$2,000 cash	\$2,000

Policy Implications

Policy – 3.19 Community Funding.

Statutory Implications

As outlined in the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Strategic Implications

∅ Strategic Community Plan	
Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.2 Decision Making The Shire is progressive while exercising responsible stewardship of its built, natural and financial resources 4.2.2 The Shire is progressive while exercising responsible stewardship of its built, natural and financial resources
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

∅ Corporate Business Plan

Theme: 4. Communication and Leadership

Priorities: Nil

Objectives: 4.2 Decision Making

Sustainability Implications

∅ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

If this allocation is not made into the allocated budget, it would mean that the Administration will receive these requests throughout the year. The risk rating is considered to be Moderate (6), which is determined by a likelihood of Unlikely (4) and a consequence of Moderate (3). This risk will be eliminated by the adoption of the Officer's Recommendation.

Financial Implications

Comprising of \$7,150 cash and \$14,850 in-kind therefore, a provision of \$22,000 cash and in-kind to be included in the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr O'Neill

Seconded: Cr McKenzie

That Council PROVIDE financial support to the following community projects, being a cash and in-kind, for the following amounts and under the following conditions:

1. Merredin Community Resource Centre;
 - a. provide support of \$10,000;
 - b. acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all promotional material;
 - c. provides details to the Shire of Merredin for each event six weeks prior to each event;
 - d. provides to the Shire of Merredin a report upon completion of the project;
2. Merredin Show Inc;
 - a. provide support of \$10,000;
 - b. acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all communication and media material;
 - c. provides to the Shire of Merredin a report upon completion of the event;
3. Wheatbelt Agcare Community Support Services Inc;
 - a. provide support of \$2,000;
 - b. acknowledges the support provided by the Shire of Merredin in all media material;
 - c. provides to the Shire of Merredin a report upon completion of the program;
4. ENDORSE an allocation of \$22,000 per financial year, in the draft Annual Budget for a term of three (3) years, commencing 2025/26 for the ongoing support of the community projects listed in this recommendation; and
5. NOTES a review of the proposed financial support will be conducted in March 2028 to determine the continued need.

83615

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

15. Officer’s Reports – Administration

15.1 Confirmation of Land Value

<h1>Administration</h1> 	
Responsible Officer:	Craig Watts, CEO
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 15.1A - Land Valuation (CONFIDENTIAL)

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

For Council to consider and confirm the land valuation for 108-110 Barrack Street, Merredin (Community Resource Centre and Women’s Rest Centre).

Background

The Shire of Merredin (the Shire) has determined to undertake negotiations to re-lease the property located at 108-110 Barrack Street to the Merredin Community Resource Centre Inc. (CRC). Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* details the disposal procedure to lease land, including the market value of the disposition. A valuation for the buildings was received in October 2024.

Comment

The Shire intends to lease the property at 108-110 Barrack Street, as the current lease with the Merredin CRC expires in June 2025. The process for leasing the property is described in Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which includes advertising the disposal of the property. As part of this advertising process, the land must be subject to a valuation within 6 months of the Council decision, or if the period is longer than 6 months, a declaration of Council is required to confirm that the valuation is a true indication of the value of the property.

A valuation was received by the Shire in October 2024, which confirmed the valuation of the CRC building as being \$23,100 and the Women’s Rest Centre as being \$10,400. In the months since these valuations were received, there has been very little movement in the market with

a number of retail tenancies in that are remaining vacant. As such, the Shire Administration believes that this valuation is still a true and correct rental market value. This valuation must be confirmed to enable the Shire Administration to commence the disposal process (via lease) of the CRC Building and Women’s Rest Centre. If Council does not confirm the valuation as being a correct reflection of the rental value, a new valuation will need to be sourced.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

The Shire is intending to dispose of land via a lease utilising the provisions of Section 3.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. This includes confirming the valuation of the property.

Strategic Implications

Ø Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Service Area Objective:	4.1.2 The Council works closely with the community to successfully achieve projects or outcomes that deliver the community’s vision for Merredin
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Nil

Ø Corporate Business Plan

Theme:	4. Communication and Leadership
Priorities:	Nil
Objectives:	4.2.2 The Council works closely with the community to successfully achieve projects or outcomes that deliver the community’s vision for Merredin

Sustainability Implications

Ø Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

There is a reputational risk associated with this Item as the Shire could be viewed as not taking steps to support the community and leaving a premises underutilised. The risk rating is considered to be Moderate (8), which is determined by a likelihood of Likely (4) and a consequence of Minor (2). This risk will be eliminated by the adoption of the Officer’s Recommendation.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the Officer’s Recommendation would see no financial cost to the Shire. If Council does not adopt the Officer’s Recommendation, a new valuation will need to be secured at additional, unbudgeted cost.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Manning **Seconded:** Cr Billing

83616 That Council **DECLARES** that it believes the valuation undertaken of 108-110 Barrack Street, Merredin, as shown in Attachment 15.1A, is a true indication of the value at the time of the proposed disposition.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

19.1 Lease of Reserve 17767 and Lot 1443 Merredin

Administration



Responsible Officer:	Craig Watts, CEO
Author:	As above
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 19.1A - Request from the Mens Shed

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Van Der Merwe **Seconded:** Cr Anderson

That Council;

- 1. APPROVE the lease of Reserve 17767 and Lot 1443 Merredin, to the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc. for a period of five years commencing at the end of February 2026 and expiring at the end of February 2031, at a cost of \$550 per year for the purposes of cropping and/or grazing with the costs of preparing and maintaining firebreaks during the fires season to be borne by the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc.;**
- 2. NOTE the inclusion in the agreement of an early termination with notice for any reason that the Shire of Merredin may determine;**
- 3. NOTE that the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc. be directed to ensure that the cropping/grazing be carried out in a manner that does not contaminate the land and ensures minimal inconvenience to residential neighbours; and**
- 4. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to sign and issue the lease to the Merredin Community Men's Shed Inc.**

83618

CARRIED 7/0


For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

19.2 CEO Annual Performance Review Process

CEO, Craig Watts declared a Financial Interest in this Item and left the Chambers at 4:29pm.

EMIS, B Wall, EMCS, L Boehme and EMDS, P Zenni left the Chambers at 4:29pm.

<h1>Administration</h1> 	
Responsible Officer:	Craig Watts, CEO
Author:	Meg Wyatt, EO
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Craig Watts, CEO – Financial Interest
Attachments:	Attachment 19.2A – Submission from Strategic Leadership Consulting Attachment 19.2B – Submission from Extra Mile Developments Pty Ltd
Voting Requirements	



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr McKenzie

Seconded: Cr Van Der Merwe

That Council:

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1. **NOTE** that the whole Council will form the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee; and
2. **APPOINTS** Extra Mile Developments Pty Ltd to conduct the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review for a maximum three year period.

CARRIED 7/0

For: Cr Crook, Cr Manning, Cr Anderson, Cr Billing, Cr McKenzie, Cr O'Neill, Cr Van Der Merwe

Against: Nil

CEO, C Watts, EMIS, B Wall, EMCS, L Boehme, and EMDS, P Zenni returned to the Chambers at 4:36pm.

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