



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held in Council Chambers

54 Johnson Street, Bruce Rock

Thursday 20 August 2026

SHIRE OF BRUCE ROCK

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1. Declaration of Opening

Cr Ram Rajagopalan welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 4.15 pm.

2. Record of Attendance

Shire President	Cr R Rajagopalan
Councillors	Cr A Buegge
	Cr KP Foss
	Cr PK Hodgkiss
	Cr S Strange
	Cr J Verhoogt
Acting Chief Executive Officer	Ms M Haythornthwaite
Executive Manager Corporate Services	Mr M Darby
Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Mrs V Ward
Senior Administration Officer	Ms T Darby-Gethin

Apologies

Chief Executive Officer	Mr M Furr
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Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

Deputy Shire President	Cr AR Crooks
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3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following disclosures of **Financial (Both Direct and Indirect)** interest were made at the Council meeting.

Date	Name	Item No	Reason
20 August 2026	Cr Foss	10.3.2 – Monthly Financial Reports July 2026	Will be receiving the new rural rubbish collection.

In accordance with section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following disclosures of **Closely Associated Person and Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting.

Date	Name	Item No	Reason

In accordance with sections 5.60B and 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following disclosures of **Proximity** interest were made at the Council meeting.

Date	Name	Item No	Reason

4. Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice

Nil

5. Public Question Time

Nil

6. Petitions/Deputations/Presentations/Submissions

Nil

7. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

The Shire President wished everyone well for the growing season ahead and extended his best wishes to all local farmers and the wider community for a successful season.

9. Confirmation of Minutes

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.01

Moved: Cr Strange

Seconded: Cr Foss

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 July 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

10. Matters for Decision

10.1 Executive Manager Technical Services

There are no reports requiring a Council decision for the current month.

10.2 Deputy Chief Executive Officer

There are no reports requiring a Council decision for the current month.

10.3 Executive Manager Corporate Services

10.3.1 Schedule of Accounts Paid – July 2026

File Reference	1.0053
Disclosure of Interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interest that requires disclosure.
Applicant	Nil
Previous Item Numbers	Nil
Date	12 August 2026
Author	Mike Darby – Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Mark Furr – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	
1. Schedule of Accounts Paid – July 2026	

Summary

Council is requested to note the payments as presented in the Schedule of Accounts Paid for July 2026.

Background

Pursuant to Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.8 (2)(b), where expenditure has been incurred by a local government, it is to be reported to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Senior Finance Officer, Finance Officer (Creditors).

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.8 (2)(b) and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, clause 13 relates.

Policy Implications

The Council's Policy Manual contains no policies that relate and nor are there any proposed.

Financial Implications

All expenditure has been approved via adoption of the 2026/27 Annual Budget, Annual Budget Review, or resulting from a Council resolution.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	4.0 Governance Priorities
Strategy:	4.1 Our organisation is well positioned and has capacity for the future.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Failure to present a detailed listing of payments in the prescribed form would result in non-compliance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, clause 13, which may result in a qualified audit.	Rare (1)	Minor (2)	Low (1-4)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives: occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of two (2) has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating of 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

The Schedule of Accounts Paid for July 2026 is presented to Council for notation.

Below is a summary of activity:

<i>As at 31 July 2026</i>		
Payment Type	\$	%
Municipal Account Cheque	\$26,699.79	3.40%
Municipal Account EFT (incl. Payroll)	\$702,161.69	89.48%
Total Trust Account EFT	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Trust Account Cheque	\$0.00	0.00%
Direct Debits	\$52,369.46	6.67%
Credit Cards	\$2,647.71	0.34%
Fuel Cards	\$869.79	0.11%
Total Payments	\$805,939.76	100.00%

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.02

Moved: Cr Verhoogt

Seconded: Cr Hodgkiss

That with respect to the Schedule of Accounts Paid for July 2026, Council note the Report as presented.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

Schedule of Accounts Paid July 2026						
Serial No	Chq/EFT	Date	Name	Description	Amount	Legend
Municipal Account Cheques						
1	66	01/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS 2026-2027	\$15,091.40	
2	67	10/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AT SHIRE PROPERTIES	\$180.72	
3	68	13/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AT SHIRE PROPERTY	\$111.45	
4	69	16/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AT SHIRE PROPERTIES	\$1,392.36	
5	70	21/07/2026	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USAGE AT SHIRE PROPERTIES	\$9,923.86	
Total Cheques					\$26,699.79	
Municipal Account EFTs (incl. Payroll)						
6		01/07/2026	PAYROLL DIRECT DEBIT OF NET PAYS	PAYROLL FNE 01/07/2026	\$89,302.41	
7	EFT25980	02/07/2026	SHIRE OF BRUCE ROCK	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$491.50	
8	EFT25981	02/07/2026	BURGESS RAWSON PTY LTD	INDUSTRIAL RENT AND MANAGEMENT FEES	\$425.74	
9	EFT25982	02/07/2026	CRISP WIRELESS PTY LTD	ANNUAL INTERNET SUBSCRIPTIONS 2026-2027	\$14,765.60	
10	EFT25983	02/07/2026	IT VISION SOFTWARE PTY LTD (TRADING AS READYTECH)	ANNUAL LICENCE FOR READYTECH SOFTWARE 2026-2027	\$68,083.81	
11	EFT25984	02/07/2026	J A GIMBEL PAINTING	PAINTING WORKS AT MED CENTRE	\$19,580.00	
12	EFT25985	02/07/2026	SNALLOW PTY LTD T/A WALLIS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	ADMIN IT SUPPORT	\$1,477.51	
13	EFT25986	01/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT (DOT CLEARING)	DOT CLEARING 29/06/2026 (EOM TRANSACTION)	\$7,811.00	R
14	EFT25987	02/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT (DOT CLEARING)	DOT CLEARING 30/06/2026 (EOM TRANSACTION)	\$434.85	R
15	EFT25989	10/07/2026	AMPAC DEBT RECOVERY (WA) Pty Ltd	RATES DEBT RECOVERY ACTION	\$721.60	R
16	EFT25990	10/07/2026	AUSTRALIA POST	POSTAL CHARGES FOR JUNE 2026	\$55.44	
17	EFT25991	10/07/2026	AVON WASTE	KERBSIDE WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS & BULK RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 2026	\$13,298.53	
18	EFT25992	10/07/2026	BOB WADDELL & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	FINANCIAL CONSULTING	\$1,276.00	
19	EFT25993	10/07/2026	BOC LIMITED	GAS BOTTLE RENTAL	\$76.77	
20	EFT25994	10/07/2026	BOOEASY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	ONLINE CARAVAN PARK BOOKING JUNE 2026	\$220.00	
21	EFT25995	10/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK LPO	STATIONERY SUPPLIES FOR SHIRE OFFICE AND MED CENTRE	\$210.35	
22	EFT25996	10/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - SHARED SERVICES	GOVERNMENT GAZETTAL ADVERTISEMENTS	\$1,049.19	
23	EFT25997	10/07/2026	ELEC TECH DIESEL SERVICES PTY LTD	REPAIRS TO BK1047	\$473.64	
24	EFT25998	10/07/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES	FUEL FOR JUNE 2026	\$1,016.41	
25	EFT25999	10/07/2026	HADDEO INFRASTRUCTURE AGRICULTURE PTY LTD T/A HARRIYANDLE FAMILY TRUST	EXECUTIVE SERVICES FOR WORKS DEPARTMENT JUNE 2026	\$3,300.00	
26	EFT26000	10/07/2026	LANDGATE- VALUATION	RURAL UV GENERAL REVALUATION FOR 2025-2026	\$7,980.57	
27	EFT26001	10/07/2026	LUKERATIVE PLUMBING, GAS & MAINTENANCE	GENERAL REPAIR WORKS AT VARIOUS SHIRE PROPERTIES	\$4,064.50	
28	EFT26002	10/07/2026	MAHJAE PTY LTD T/A WHITNEY CONSULTING	FINAL PAYMENT FOR GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AND CBA FOR COMMUNITY PRECINCT	\$16,498.90	
29	EFT26003	10/07/2026	MERREDIN GLAZING SERVICE	RE-GLAZE WINDOW AND DOOR AT SHIRE PROPERTY	\$2,326.50	PR
30	EFT26004	10/07/2026	MERREDIN TELEPHONE SERVICES	SECURITY MONITORING OF SHIRE OFFICE JUNE 2026	\$35.20	
31	EFT26005	10/07/2026	RAMESH RAJAGOPALAN	ELECTED MEMBERS FEES AND EXPENSES CLAIM	\$686.44	
32	EFT26006	10/07/2026	REGAL VENTURES PTY LTD T/A FOODWORKS BRUCE ROCK SUPERMARKET & HARDWARE	VARIOUS PURCHASES FOR JUNE 2026	\$920.60	
33	EFT26007	10/07/2026	SMITH EARTHMOVING	MAINTENANCE GRADING OF VARIOUS ROADS	\$23,595.00	
34	EFT26008	10/07/2026	STEPHEN ARTHUR STRANGE	ELECTED MEMBERS FEES AND EXPENSES CLAIM	\$3,166.16	
35	EFT26009	10/07/2026	SYNERGY	ELECTRICITY USAGE AT SHIRE PROPERTIES	\$538.67	
36	EFT26010	10/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	FREIGHT CHARGES	\$113.43	
37	EFT26011	10/07/2026	TOCOJEP PTY LTD T/A T-QUIP	WORKSHOP CONSUMABLES	\$44.50	
38	EFT26012	10/07/2026	WA AGRISTORE PTY LTD	MATERIALS FOR SHIRE PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE	\$175.23	
39	EFT26013	10/07/2026	WA DISTRIBUTORS PTY LTD T/AS ALLWAYS FOODS	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$989.70	
40	EFT26014	10/07/2026	WESTRAC PTY LTD	PARTS FOR BK727	\$327.05	
41	EFT26015	10/07/2026	WHEATBELT EQUIPMENT	PARTS FOR BK6556	\$932.17	
42	EFT26016	07/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES (VI BAL OF REV EOM)	DOTMI VEHICLE INSPECTION BALANCE OF REVENUE JUNE 2026 (EOM TRANSACTION)	\$212.30	R
43	EFT26017	13/07/2026	BRANDWORK AUSTRALIA	STAFF UNIFORMS	\$839.20	
44	EFT26018	13/07/2026	CONWAY HIGHBURY PTY LTD	CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE REVIEW OF LOCAL LAWS PROJECT	\$1,936.00	
45	EFT26019	13/07/2026	DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY	BSL FOR JUNE 2026	\$5,359.04	
46	EFT26020	13/07/2026	TELSTRA	HARVEST BAN SMS SERVICE	\$40.21	
47	EFT26021	13/07/2026	WESTERN DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY	MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR MED CENTRE	\$543.92	
48	EFT26022	14/07/2026	BOB WADDELL & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	FINANCIAL CONSULTING	\$2,112.00	
49		15/07/2026	PAYROLL DIRECT DEBIT OF NET PAYS	PAYROLL FNE 15/07/2026	\$93,298.68	
50	EFT26023	16/07/2026	COLPET BROWNLEY	MANAGEMENT OF LANDFILL SITE FOR FNE 15/07/2026	\$2,063.20	
51	EFT26024	16/07/2026	COMBINED PEST CONTROL WA P/L	RODENT BAIT FOR SHIRE PROPERTIES	\$198.00	
52	EFT26025	16/07/2026	CORPCLOUD PTY LTD	MED CENTRE IT SUPPORT	\$630.08	
53	EFT26026	16/07/2026	COTSWOLD FARMS	MAINTENANCE GRADING OF VARIOUS ROADS	\$12,171.50	
54	EFT26027	16/07/2026	HEALTH COMMUNICATION NETWORK LIMITED T/AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR	PRACSOFT SUBSCRIPTION 2026-2027	\$1,518.00	
55	EFT26028	16/07/2026	LIBERTY OIL RURAL PTY LTD	GREASE CARTRIDGES	\$173.13	
56	EFT26029	16/07/2026	RAMM SOFTWARE PTY LTD	THINKPROJECT ANNUAL LICENSE FEE 2026-2027	\$11,992.47	
57	EFT26030	16/07/2026	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA - WHEATBELT WA	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR GRANTGURU PORTAL 2026-2027	\$550.00	
58	EFT26031	16/07/2026	SHIRE OF KELLERBERRIN	HIRE OF STREET SWEEPER FOR JUNE 2026	\$2,960.00	
59	EFT26032	16/07/2026	SUPAGAS PTY LTD	BULK LPG FOR SHIRE PROPERTY	\$1,402.78	PR
60	EFT26033	16/07/2026	WA CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES JULY 2026	\$411.13	
61	EFT26034	16/07/2026	WHEATBELT BUSINESS NETWORK	WBN GOLD MEMBERSHIP 2026-2027	\$360.00	
62	EFT26035	16/07/2026	SHIRE OF BRUCE ROCK	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$491.50	
63	EFT26036	01/07/2026	CHG-MERIDIAN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	GYM EQUIPMENT RENTAL 01/07/2026 TO 30/09/2026	\$1,304.39	
64	EFT26037	21/07/2026	APRA T/AS ONE MUSIC	SUBSCRIPTION FOR MUSIC SERVICES 2026-2027	\$402.37	
65	EFT26038	21/07/2026	ARROW BRONZE	PLAQUE FOR NICHE WALL	\$821.95	R
66	EFT26039	21/07/2026	AUSTRALIA'S GOLDEN OUTBACK	GOLD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2026/27	\$495.00	
67	EFT26040	21/07/2026	BP MEDICAL	MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR MED CENTRE	\$190.08	
68	EFT26041	21/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK DISTRICT CLUB	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE 2026-2027	\$50.00	
69	EFT26042	21/07/2026	BUNNINGS MIDLAND W/H	MATERIALS FOR VARIOUS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$321.20	
70	EFT26043	21/07/2026	BURGESS RAWSON PTY LTD	INDUSTRIAL RENT AND MANAGEMENT FEES	\$486.32	
71	EFT26044	21/07/2026	ELDERS BRUCE ROCK	GAS BOTTLE REPLACEMENT	\$220.00	
72	EFT26045	21/07/2026	FILTERS PLUS WA	PARTS FOR BK011	\$428.56	
73	EFT26046	21/07/2026	GOGO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD T/A GOGO MEDIA	ON-HOLD MESSAGING SERVICE FOR MED CENTRE	\$414.00	
74	EFT26047	21/07/2026	HEALTH COMMUNICATION NETWORK LIMITED T/AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR	CLINICAL STANDARD SUBSCRIPTION 2026-2027	\$2,886.40	

75	EFT26048	21/07/2026	JTB - JAPANESE TRUCK & BUS SPARES	PARTS FOR BK103	\$133.10	
76	EFT26049	21/07/2026	LIVINGSTREAMS MEDICAL SERVICES PTY LTD T/A DR OLUMUYIWA JEDEDE	FITNESS FOR WORK ASSESSMENT	\$220.00	
77	EFT26050	21/07/2026	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS AUSTRALIA WA (LGMA)	SILVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBSCRIPTION 2026-2027	\$4,870.00	
78	EFT26051	21/07/2026	LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ANALYTICAL COMMITTEE (LHAAC)	ANNUAL ANALYTICAL SERVICES 2026-2027	\$541.76	
79	EFT26052	21/07/2026	NAPA	WORKSHOP CONSUMABLES AND PARTS FOR BK02, BK3, BK09, BK472 & BK727	\$1,555.55	
80	EFT26053	21/07/2026	NB HARDWARE & AG SUPPLIES	PARTS FOR CARAVAN PARK RETICULATION MAINTENANCE	\$189.90	
81	EFT26054	21/07/2026	OFFICEWORKS BUSINESS DIRECT	STATIONERY SUPPLIES AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$266.64	
82	EFT26055	21/07/2026	PORTER EQUIPMENT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PARTS FOR BK06	\$574.81	
83	EFT26056	21/07/2026	PUMPS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PARTS FOR SMALL PLANT	\$166.10	
84	EFT26057	21/07/2026	READYTECH USER GROUP WA INC	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 2026-2027	\$962.50	
85	EFT26058	21/07/2026	REDFISH TECHNOLOGIES PTY LTD	ANNUAL SUPPORT FOR AV SYSTEMS AT HALL & AMPHITHEATRE	\$5,899.21	
86	EFT26059	21/07/2026	ROYAL WA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC	ANNUAL INSTITUTION MEMBERSHIP 2026-2027	\$110.00	
87	EFT26060	21/07/2026	SAFEMASTER SAFETY PRODUCTS PTY LTD	ANNUAL RE-CERTIFICATION OF HEIGHT SAFETY SYSTEM FOR SUPERMARKET	\$2,238.50	
88	EFT26061	21/07/2026	SNALLOW PTY LTD T/A WALLIS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	ADMIN IT SUPPORT - MANAGED CYBERSECURITY, SYNERGY SOFT LGA ACCOUNTING & INFRASTRUCTURE BACKUP SUPPORT	\$9,352.84	
89	EFT26062	21/07/2026	SYNERGY	ELECTRICITY USAGE AT SHIRE PROPERTY	\$415.45	
90	EFT26063	21/07/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	FREIGHT CHARGES	\$390.83	
91	EFT26064	21/07/2026	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES	\$1,610.17	
92	EFT26065	21/07/2026	TWO DOGS MITRE 10	PAINTING SUPPLIES FOR SHIRE PROPERTY	\$898.45	
93	EFT26066	21/07/2026	WA AGRISTORE PTY LTD	MATERIALS FOR SHIRE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$73.37	
94	EFT26067	22/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	BAS FOR JUNE 2026	\$35,368.00	
95	EFT26068	23/07/2026	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TREASURY CORPORATION	GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE FEES	\$8,165.11	
96		29/07/2026	PAYROLL DIRECT DEBIT OF NET PAYS	PAYROLL FNE 29/07/2026	\$97,943.81	
97	EFT26069	30/07/2026	BRADLEY STACK	REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES (POLICE CHECK APPLICATION)	\$95.50	
98	EFT26070	30/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK CAFE - LOVE THAT FOOD	REFRESHMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETING	\$36.00	
99	EFT26071	30/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK HOCKEY CLUB	REFUND OVERCHARGED HALL BOOKING FEE	\$20.00	
100	EFT26072	30/07/2026	CENTRAL EAST AGED CARE ALLIANCE (INC) (CEACA)	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION LEVY 2026/27	\$16,500.00	
101	EFT26073	30/07/2026	CHIPPY CHAD AND CO CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD	MATERIALS FOR GUTTERING AND PIPE WORK AT DEPOT	\$48,870.80	G
102	EFT26074	30/07/2026	CLINICARE PHARMACY BRUCE ROCK	SUPPLIES FOR MED CENTRE	\$14.95	
103	EFT26075	30/07/2026	COLPET BROWNLEY	MANAGEMENT OF LANDFILL SITE FOR FNE 29/07/2026	\$2,063.20	
104	EFT26076	30/07/2026	LIBERTY OIL RURAL PTY LTD	COMPRESSOR OIL FOR BK409	\$193.64	
105	EFT26077	30/07/2026	S & K DUFF HOLDINGS PTY LTD	STAFF TRAINING	\$4,494.00	
106	EFT26078	30/07/2026	SNALLOW PTY LTD T/A WALLIS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	ADMIN IT SUPPORT - MSA IT GOLD	\$7,184.41	
107	EFT26079	30/07/2026	THE BRUCE ROCK HOTEL	COUNCIL LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS	\$335.50	
108	EFT26080	30/07/2026	WHEATBELT EAST REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (WE-ROC)	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO WEROC 2026-27	\$13,200.00	
109	EFT26081	30/07/2026	SHIRE OF BRUCE ROCK	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$811.50	
110	EFT26083	27/07/2026	COMMONWEALTH BANK CORPORATE CHARGE CARDS	CREDIT CARD FOR JULY 2026	\$2,647.71	
Total EFTs					\$702,161.69	
Direct Debits						
111	DD11484.1	01/07/2026	AWARE SUPER PTY LTD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$6,264.41	
112	DD11484.2	01/07/2026	CATHOLIC SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$327.22	
113	DD11484.3	01/07/2026	CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING UNIONS SUPERANNUATION FUND (CBUS)	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$229.94	
114	DD11484.4	01/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,703.11	
115	DD11484.5	01/07/2026	PANORAMA SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,440.94	
116	DD11484.6	01/07/2026	HOST PLUS SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,673.72	
117	DD11484.7	01/07/2026	MACQUARIE SUPER MANAGER II	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$725.69	
118	DD11484.8	01/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$712.01	
119	DD11484.9	01/07/2026	MERCER SUPER TRUST	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$332.42	
120	DD11525.1	15/07/2026	AWARE SUPER PTY LTD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$6,384.35	
121	DD11525.2	15/07/2026	CATHOLIC SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$321.58	
122	DD11525.3	15/07/2026	CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING UNIONS SUPERANNUATION FUND (CBUS)	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$332.65	
123	DD11525.4	15/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,809.08	
124	DD11525.5	15/07/2026	PANORAMA SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,453.68	
125	DD11525.6	15/07/2026	HOST PLUS SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,700.32	
126	DD11525.7	15/07/2026	MACQUARIE SUPER MANAGER II	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$839.75	
127	DD11525.8	15/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$706.69	
128	DD11525.9	15/07/2026	MERCER SUPER TRUST	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$332.42	
129	DD11554.1	29/07/2026	AWARE SUPER PTY LTD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$6,970.07	
130	DD11554.2	29/07/2026	CATHOLIC SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$359.68	
131	DD11554.3	29/07/2026	CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING UNIONS SUPERANNUATION FUND (CBUS)	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$352.70	
132	DD11554.4	29/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5,044.73	
133	DD11554.5	29/07/2026	PANORAMA SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,495.55	
134	DD11554.6	29/07/2026	HOST PLUS SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,758.84	
135	DD11554.7	29/07/2026	MACQUARIE SUPER MANAGER II	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$893.25	
136	DD11554.8	29/07/2026	PRIME SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$732.06	
137	DD11554.9	29/07/2026	MERCER SUPER TRUST	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$339.26	
138	DD11484.10	01/07/2026	HESTA	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$27.74	
139	DD11484.11	01/07/2026	MLC MASTERKEY-PERSONAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$213.79	
140	DD11525.10	15/07/2026	HESTA	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$38.13	
141	DD11525.11	15/07/2026	MLC MASTERKEY-PERSONAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$460.91	
142	DD11554.10	29/07/2026	HESTA	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$11.37	
143	DD11554.11	29/07/2026	MLC MASTERKEY-PERSONAL SUPER	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$381.40	
Total Direct Debits					\$52,369.46	

Credit Cards						
144		26/06/2026	OPENAI	CHAT GPT PRO FOR OFFICER	\$31.97	
145		26/06/2026	COMM BANK	INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTION FEE	\$0.80	
146		01/07/2026	COMM BANK	ANNUAL CARD FEES	\$24.00	
147		01/07/2026	COMM BANK	ANNUAL CARD FEES	\$24.00	
148		06/07/2026	AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOV	NETWORKING EVENT REGISTRATION FOR COUNCILLOR	\$109.00	
149		09/07/2026	OFFICEWORKS BUSINESS DIRECT	BACKUP PRINTER AND TONER	\$1,308.00	
150		10/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK CAFÉ	MEETING REFRESHMENTS	\$36.17	
151		14/07/2026	HEALTHENGINE	HEALTH ENGINE APP, SMS RECALLS, AND NEW PATIENTS	\$176.00	
152		15/07/2026	VIBE HOTEL SUBIACO	ACCOMMODATION FOR STAFF TRAINING	\$355.00	
153		15/07/2026	SEEK AU	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT	\$478.50	
154		17/07/2026	OPENAI	CHAT GPT PRO FOR OFFICER	\$77.00	
155		17/07/2026	OPENAI	CHAT GPT PRO FOR OFFICER	\$27.27	
Total Credit Card Payments					\$2,647.71	
Fuel Cards						
Card One						
156		14/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK OPT	UNLEADED FOR DOCTOR'S CAR	\$62.15	
157		17/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK OPT	UNLEADED FOR DOCTOR'S CAR	\$78.96	
158		20/07/2026	BP ARMADALE	UNLEADED FOR DOCTOR'S CAR	\$40.16	
159		20/07/2026	BP ARMADALE	BP PLUS FEE	\$0.38	
Card One Total					\$181.65	
Card Five						
160		06/07/2026	BP BALDIVIS	UNLEADED FOR BK2	\$99.75	
161		06/07/2026	BP BALDIVIS	BP PLUS FEE	\$0.38	
162		15/07/2026	BP QUAIRADING	UNLEADED FOR BK2	\$50.34	
163		15/07/2026	BP QUAIRADING	BP PLUS FEE	\$0.38	
164		19/07/2026	BP ASCOT	UNLEADED FOR BK2	\$85.30	
165		19/07/2026	BP ASCOT	BP PLUS FEE	\$0.38	
166		26/07/2026	BP THE LAKES	UNLEADED FOR BK2	\$105.62	
167		26/07/2026	BP THE LAKES	BP PLUS FEE	\$0.38	
Card Five Total					\$342.53	
Card Four C						
168		29/07/2026	BRUCE ROCK OPT	BULK UNLEADED FOR DEPOT	\$345.61	
Card Four Total					\$345.61	
Total Fuel Card Payments					\$869.79	
				Total Municipal Account Cheque Payments	\$26,699.79	3.40%
				Total Municipal Account EFT Payments (incl. Payroll)	\$702,161.69	89.48%
				Total Trust Account EFT Payments	\$0.00	0.00%
				Total Trust Account Cheque Payments	\$0.00	0.00%
				Direct Debits	\$52,369.46	6.67%
				Credit Cards	\$2,647.71	0.34%
				Fuel Cards	\$869.79	0.11%
				Total	\$784,748.44	100.00%
Legend						
R	Recoverable					
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		Total	\$784,748.44	100.00%

4.18pm - Cr Foss declared a financial interest and left the room.

10.3.2 Monthly Financial Reports – July 2026

File Reference	12.8.1
Disclosure of Interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interest that requires disclosure.
Applicant	Nil
Previous Item Numbers	Nil
Date	12 August 2026
Author	Mike Darby - Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Mark Furr - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments 1. Monthly Financial Report for July 2026 2. Capital Projects Tracker for July 2026	

Summary

In accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations (1996), the Shire of Bruce Rock is to prepare a monthly Statement of Financial Activity for notation by Council.

Background

Nil

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Chief Executive Officer and Bob Waddell of Bob Waddell and Associates (Consultant).

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 relates.

Policy Implications

The Council's Policy Manual contains no policies that relate and nor are there any proposed.

Financial Implications

All expenditure has been approved via adoption of the 2026/27 Annual Budget.

Council is requested to review the July 2026 Monthly Financial Reports, noting that Council is advised of the following matters:

- The overall financial position for July 2026 currently stands at \$2,805,425 in surplus. This figure is predominantly influenced by the receipt of advanced payment of Federal Assistance Grants totalling approximately 80% of the total Grants for the financial year 2026/27;
- The current amount of \$18,611 for 90+ day debts include 13 outstanding amounts which are being actively followed up.

- A total of 168 transactions to the value of \$784,748 including 138 Electronic Fund Transfers and Direct Debits were paid in July 2026, of which the vast majority were paid within 30 days.
- Capital projects – Year to date, so far purchase orders have been issued for all or part of three (3) 2026/27 capital projects, with planning underway for a number of other projects.
- Employee costs for July have a positive variance of \$8,961. The Shire has incurred year to date outsourced service delivery costs of \$6,797. These costs are associated with finance, ranger services, landfill contractor, environmental health, town planning and building services. These services are outsourced arrangements rather than charged directly via employee salary and wage costs. The total year to date cost, combining employee and outsourced services is \$319,966 resulting in a positive variance of \$2,164 year to date.

Introduction of New Fee and Charge

A new fee and charge for Rural Rubbish Collection is proposed at a cost of \$1,500 per year, this charge would apply to rural property owners requesting emptying of a 240 litre mobile garbage bin (MGB) on a weekly basis. All requests would be subject to Avon Waste route approval, and it is proposed that the wording for the fee and charge would be 'Rural Rubbish Collection – Subject to Avon Waste Route Approval' with the charging on a per year basis, noting a pro-rata charge would apply for 2026/27 should Council approve the adoption of this new fee and charge.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	4.0 Governance Priorities
Strategy:	4.1 Our organisation is well positioned and has capacity for the future.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Failure to monitor the Shire's ongoing financial performance would increase the risk of a negative impact on the Shire's Financial position. As the monthly report is a legislative requirement, non-compliance may result in a qualified audit.	Rare (1)	Moderate (3)	Low (1-4)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives; occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of three (3) has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating over 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

The July 2026 Monthly Financial Report is presented for review.

Voting Requirements

Part 1 Simple Majority
Part 2 Absolute Majority

The Executive Manager Corporate Services also noted that consultation had occurred with Avon Waste and the ratepayers concerned.

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.03 - PART 1 OF 2

Moved: Cr Strange

Seconded: Cr Hodgkiss

That with respect to the Monthly Financial Report for July 2026, Council note the Reports as presented.

CARRIED 5/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

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OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION20260820.04 - PART 2 OF 2

Moved: Cr Strange

Seconded: Cr Hodgkiss

That with respect to the new fee and charge for rural rubbish collection (subject to Avon Waste route approval), Council approve the fee and charge as follow:

- 1. Adopts a new charge for Rural Rubbish Collection – Subject to Avon Waste Route Approval at a cost of \$1,500 per year, with pro-rata charges applying for part year, to take effect after the mandatory advertising period is complete;**
- 2. Give public notice of 14 days of the intent to impose the new fee and charge under section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.**

**CARRIED 5/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

4.24pm - Cr Foss re-entered the meeting.



SHIRE OF BRUCE ROCK

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026**

BY NATURE

	Ref	Adopted	Amended	Amended YTD	YTD	Variance	Variance	Var.
	Note	Annual Budget	Annual Budget	Budget	Actual	\$	%	
		(a)	(d)	(c)	(b)	(c) - (b)	((c) - (b))/(b)	▲▼
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES								
Revenue from operating activities								
Rates		2,186,221	2,186,221	0	0	0	0.00%	
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions		1,218,786	1,218,786	11,940	12,494	554	4.64%	
Fees and charges		1,184,335	1,184,335	74,268	79,736	5,468	7.36%	
Interest earnings		132,613	132,613	9,672	4,812	(4,860)	(50.25%)	
Other revenue		162,254	162,254	5,867	2,610	(3,257)	(55.51%)	
Profit on disposal of assets		44,102	44,102	0	0	0	0.00%	
		4,928,311	4,928,311	101,747	99,653	(2,094)	(2.06%)	
Expenditure from operating activities								
Employee costs		(3,099,701)	(3,099,701)	(321,927)	(312,966)	8,961	2.78%	
Materials and contracts		(2,581,124)	(2,581,124)	(375,232)	(245,169)	130,063	34.66%	▲
Utility charges		(332,720)	(332,720)	(26,421)	(13,695)	12,726	48.17%	▲
Depreciation on non-current assets		(6,361,646)	(6,361,646)	(530,118)	0	530,118	100.00%	▲
Interest expenses		(122,838)	(122,838)	(8,150)	(8,165)	(15)	(0.19%)	
Insurance expenses		(271,985)	(271,985)	(132,255)	0	132,255	100.00%	▲
Other expenditure		(231,085)	(231,085)	(4,998)	(3,758)	1,240	24.81%	
Loss on disposal of assets		(35,570)	(35,570)	(404)	0	404	100.00%	
		(13,036,670)	(13,036,670)	(1,399,505)	(583,753)	815,752	(58.29%)	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		6,359,376	6,359,376	536,784	0	(536,784)	(100.00%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		(1,748,983)	(1,748,983)	(760,974)	(484,100)	276,874	(36.38%)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from investing activities								
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions		6,377,799	6,377,799	1,875	0	(1,875)	(100.00%)	
Proceeds from disposal of assets		259,500	259,500	0	0	0	0.00%	
		6,637,299	6,637,299	1,875	0	(1,875)	(100.00%)	
Outflows from investing activities								
Payments for inventories, property, plant and equipment and infrastructure		(7,906,830)	(7,906,830)	0	(44,428)	(44,428)	0.00%	▼
		(7,906,830)	(7,906,830)	0	(44,428)	(44,428)	0.00%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,269,531)	(1,269,531)	1,875	(44,428)	(46,303)	(2469.49%)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Inflows from financing activities								
Proceeds from new debentures	11	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves		335,326	335,326	0	0	0	0.00%	
		335,326	335,326	0	0			
Outflows from financing activities								
Repayment of borrowings		(134,028)	(134,028)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities		(6,531)	(6,531)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves		(341,139)	(341,139)	0	0	0	0.00%	
		(481,698)	(481,698)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to financing activities		(146,372)	(146,372)	0	0	0	0.00%	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT								
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		3,164,885	3,164,885	3,164,885	3,333,953	169,068	5.34%	
Amount attributable to operating activities		(1,748,983)	(1,748,983)	(760,974)	(484,100)	276,874	(36.38%)	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,269,531)	(1,269,531)	1,875	(44,428)	(46,303)	(2469.49%)	▼
Amount attributable to financing activities		(146,372)	(146,372)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year		(1)	(1)	2,405,786	2,805,425	399,639	16.61%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

▲▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.
Refer to the Explanation of Variances Note for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

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

EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date Actual materially.
The material variance adopted by Council for the 2026-27 year is \$5,000 or 10.0% whichever is the greater.

Nature or type			Explanation of positive variances		Explanation of negative variances	
	Var. \$	Var. %	Timing	Permanent	Timing	Permanent
	\$	%				
Expenditure from operating activities						
Materials and contracts	130,063	34.66%	▲	Actual material and contract expenditure generally tracking behind budgeted expenditure.		
Utility charges	12,726	48.17%	▲	Utility expenditure behind budget phasing.		
Depreciation on non-current assets	530,118	100.00%	▲	No depreciation has been run for 2026/27. Depreciation will be run when the Shire accounts have been audited.		
Insurance expenses	132,255	100.00%	▲	Insurance premium expenditure behind budget phasing.		
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	(536,784)	(100.00%)	▼		No depreciation has been run for 2026/27. Depreciation will be run when the Shire accounts have been audited.	
Investing activities						
Payments for inventories, property, plant and equipment	(44,428)	0.00%	▼		Expenditure on capital projects is ahead of budget phasing.	
Surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year	399,639	16.61%	▲	Budget Phasing based on Monthly Distribution		

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

BY PROGRAM

	Note	Adopted Annual Budget (a) \$	Amended Annual Budget (d) \$	Amended YTD Budget (c) \$	YTD Actual (b) \$	Variance \$ (c) - (b)	Variance % ((c) - (b))/(b)	Var. ▲▼
OPERATING ACTIVITIES								
Revenue from operating activities								
Governance		59,490	59,490	4,478	4,234	(244)	(5.45%)	
General Purpose Funding - Rates		2,186,221	2,186,221	0	0	0	0.00%	
General Purpose Funding - Other		898,246	898,246	9,926	4,978	(4,949)	(49.85%)	
Law, Order and Public Safety		36,200	36,200	8,193	8,000	(193)	(2.36%)	
Health		86,986	86,986	1,740	2,082	342	19.66%	
Housing		258,325	258,325	20,916	19,550	(1,366)	(6.53%)	
Community Amenities		227,082	227,082	3,215	5,072	1,857	57.76%	
Recreation and Culture		93,692	93,692	4,788	5,206	418	8.73%	
Transport		534,578	534,578	13,916	17,872	3,956	28.43%	
Economic Services		351,335	351,335	25,650	27,826	2,176	8.48%	
Other Property and Services		185,444	185,444	8,722	4,156	(4,566)	(52.35%)	
		4,928,311	4,928,311	101,747	99,653	(2,094)	(2.06%)	
Expenditure from operating activities								
Governance		(614,432)	(614,432)	(158,609)	(48,340)	110,269	69.52%	▲
General Purpose Funding		(115,393)	(115,393)	(8,777)	(10,369)	(1,592)	(18.14%)	
Law, Order and Public Safety		(278,206)	(278,206)	(24,032)	(11,167)	12,865	53.53%	▲
Health		(412,338)	(412,338)	(46,804)	(49,253)	(2,449)	(5.23%)	
Education and Welfare		(163,548)	(163,548)	(16,225)	(2,934)	13,291	81.92%	▲
Housing		(459,559)	(459,559)	(44,579)	(36,248)	8,331	18.69%	▲
Community Amenities		(414,297)	(414,297)	(34,553)	(13,446)	21,107	61.09%	▲
Recreation and Culture		(2,511,734)	(2,511,734)	(215,404)	(70,819)	144,585	67.12%	▲
Transport		(6,522,619)	(6,522,619)	(628,564)	(167,129)	461,435	73.41%	▲
Economic Services		(1,464,059)	(1,464,059)	(128,442)	(106,704)	21,738	16.92%	▲
Other Property and Services		(80,485)	(80,485)	(93,516)	(67,346)	26,170	27.98%	▲
		(13,036,670)	(13,036,670)	(1,399,505)	(583,753)	815,752	58.29%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		6,359,376	6,359,376	536,784	0	(52,663)	23.69%	
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Amount attributable to investing activities		(1,269,531)	(1,269,531)	1,875	(44,428)	(46,303)	(2469.49%)	▼
Amount attributable to financing activities		(146,372)	(146,372)	0	0	0	0.00%	
Surplus or deficit at the end of the financial year		(1)	(1)	2,405,786	2,805,425	399,639	16.61%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold. Refer to Note 15 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.
The material variance adopted by Council for the 2022/23 year is \$10,000 and 10%.

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

SHIRE OF BRUCE ROCK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

	30 June 2026	31 July 2026
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,413,971	4,008,123
Trade and other receivables	381,634	158,543
Inventories	56,358	75,724
Contract assets	210,384	210,384
Other assets	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	5,062,348	4,452,774
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	9,087	9,087
Other financial assets	79,620	79,620
Property, plant and equipment	50,374,444	50,418,872
Infrastructure	167,171,339	167,171,339
Right-of-use assets	17,776	17,776
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	217,806,265	217,850,693
TOTAL ASSETS	222,868,613	222,303,467
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	238,413	157,367
Other liabilities	104,593	104,593
Lease liabilities	0	0
Borrowings	0	0
Employee related provisions	367,577	367,577
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	710,583	629,537
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	13,841	13,841
Borrowings	2,390,515	2,390,515
Employee related provisions	46,575	46,575
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,450,931	2,450,931
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,161,513	3,080,468
NET ASSETS	219,707,100	219,222,999
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	21,077,941	20,593,841
Reserve accounts	1,156,966	1,156,966
Revaluation surplus	197,472,192	197,472,192
TOTAL EQUITY	219,707,100	219,222,999

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

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying Regulations.

The *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying Regulations take precedence over Australian Accounting Standards where they are

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.

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.

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.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

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 making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The balances, transactions and disclosures impacted by accounting estimates are as follows:

- estimation of fair values of certain financial assets
- estimation of fair values of fixed assets shown at fair value
- impairment of financial assets

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

ROUNDING OFF FIGURES

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



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CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Restricted \$	Total Cash \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Cash on hand								
ASSET - Petty Cash & Floats	Cash and cash equivalents	700		700		N/A	NIL	On hand
At Call Deposits								
ASSET - Municipal Cash at Bank (CBA)	Cash and cash equivalents	47,526		47,526		CBA	3.75%	N/A
ASSET - Online Investment Account (CBA)	Cash and cash equivalents	2,791,472		2,791,472		CBA	3.90%	N/A
ASSET - Investment Account (CBA)	Cash and cash equivalents	24		24		CBA	3.75%	N/A
Trust Cash at Bank (CBA)	Cash and cash equivalents			11,433	11,433	CBA	0.00%	N/A
Term Deposits								
ASSET - General Reserve Account	Financial assets at amortised cost		608,037	608,037		CBA	5.20%	29/01/2027
ASSET - Transport Infrastructure Reserve Account	Financial assets at amortised cost		138,755	138,755		CBA	5.20%	29/01/2027
ASSET - Sporting Clubs Facility Replacement Reserve	Financial assets at amortised cost		410,174	410,174		CBA	5.27%	16/04/2027
Total		2,839,723	1,156,966	4,008,123	11,433			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		2,839,723	0	2,851,157	11,433			
Financial assets at amortised cost		0	1,156,966	1,156,966	0			
		2,839,723	1,156,966	4,008,123	11,433			

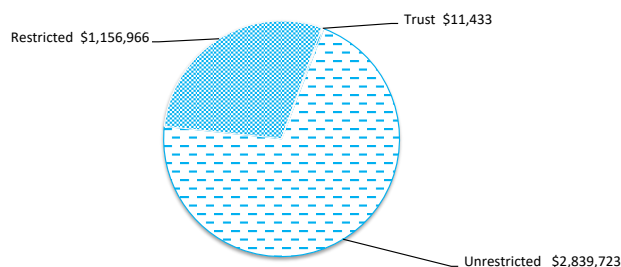
KEY INFORMATION

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:

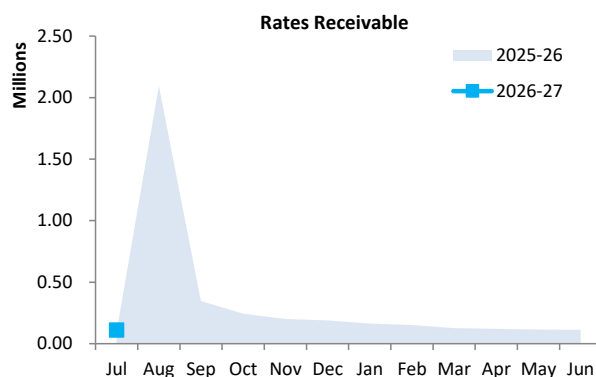
- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note.



RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable	30 Jun 2026	31 Jul 2026
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	96,895	112,517
Levied this year	2,235,415	0
Less - collections to date	(2,219,792)	(1,168)
Gross rates collectable	112,517	111,350
Allowance for impairment of rates/trade receivable	(28,558)	(28,558)
Net rates collectable	83,959	82,792
% Collected	95.2%	1%



Receivables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	(4,044)	32,497	10,573	2,159	18,611	59,795
Percentage	(6.8%)	54.3%	17.7%	3.6%	31.1%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry receivable						59,795
Allowance for impairment of rates/trade receivable						(28,558)
Total receivables general outstanding						60,956

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

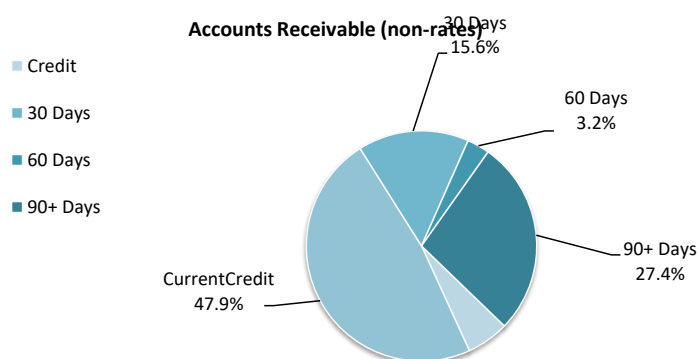
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

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.



NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

ADJUSTED NET CURRENT ASSETS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

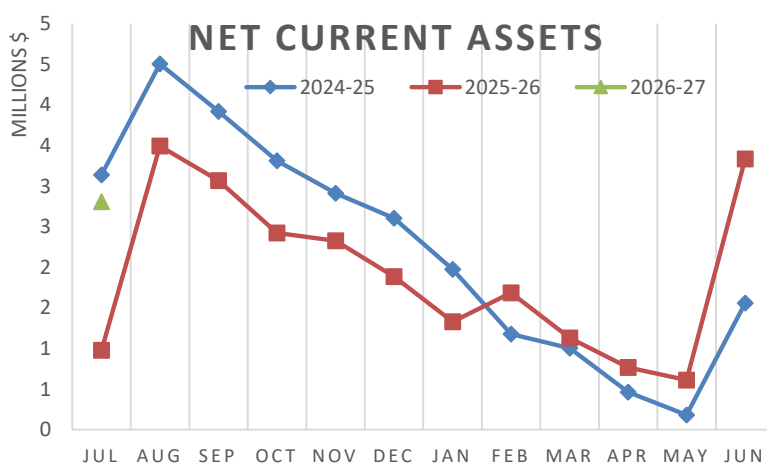
		Last Years Closing	This Time Last Year	Year to Date Actual
Adjusted Net Current Assets	Note	30/06/2026	31/07/2025	31/07/2026
		\$	\$	\$
Current Assets				
Cash Unrestricted		3,245,571	1,240,648	2,839,723
Cash Restricted - Reserves		1,156,966	1,088,025	1,156,966
Receivables - Rates		98,900	79,187	97,586
Receivables - Other		282,734	41,386	60,956
Other Assets Other Than Inventories		210,384	284,527	210,384
Inventories		56,358	68,749	75,724
		5,050,914	2,802,522	4,441,340
Less: Current Liabilities				
Payables		(226,399)	(185,291)	(145,354)
Contract and Capital Grant/Contribution Liabilities		(104,593)	(319,205)	(104,593)
Bonds & Deposits		(580)	(580)	(580)
Loan and Lease Liability		0	(106,886)	0
Provisions		(367,577)	(367,577)	(367,577)
		(699,149)	(979,540)	(618,104)
Less: Cash Reserves		(1,156,966)	(1,088,025)	(1,156,966)
Add Back: Component of Leave Liability not Required to be funded		139,155	133,631	139,155
Add Back: Loan and Lease Liability		0	106,886	0
Less : Loan Receivable - clubs/institutions		0	0	0
Less : Trust Transactions Within Muni		0	0	0
Net Current Funding Position		3,333,953	975,474	2,805,425

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

KEY INFORMATION

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



This Year YTD

Surplus(Deficit)

\$2.81 M

Last Year YTD

Surplus(Deficit)

\$.98 M

CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	321,911	321,911	0	44,428	44,428
Furniture and equipment	35,000	35,000	0	0	0
Plant and equipment	407,000	407,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - roads	2,880,964	2,880,964	0	0	0
Infrastructure - bridges	570,090	570,090	0	0	0
Infrastructure - footpaths	50,501	50,501	0	0	0
Infrastructure - airstrip	45,000	45,000	0	0	0
Infrastructure - other	3,496,364	3,496,364	0	0	0
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	7,906,830	7,906,830	0	44,428	44,428
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and contributions	6,377,799	6,377,799	1,875	0	(1,875)
Borrowings	0	0	0	0	0
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	259,500	259,500	0	0	0
Cash backed reserves					
Transport Infrastructure reserve	138,755	138,755	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	934,205	934,205	(1,875)	44,428	46,303
Capital funding total	7,906,830	7,906,830	0	44,428	44,428

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

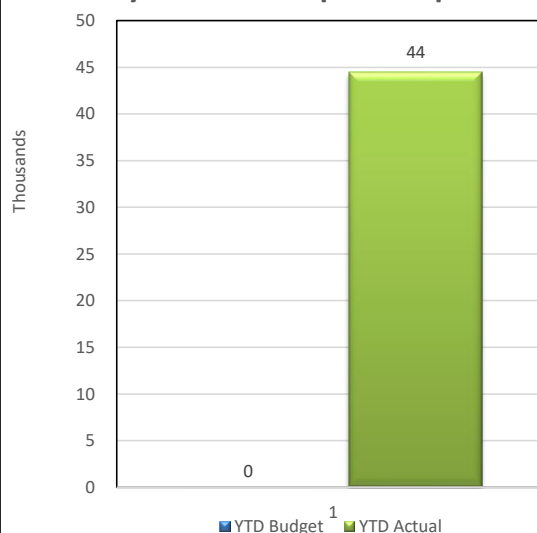
Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment is recognised at cost on acquisition in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A*. Where acquired at no cost the asset is initially recognise at fair value. Assets held at cost are depreciated and assessed for impairment annually.

Initial recognition and measurement between

mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

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

Payments for Capital Acquisitions



**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
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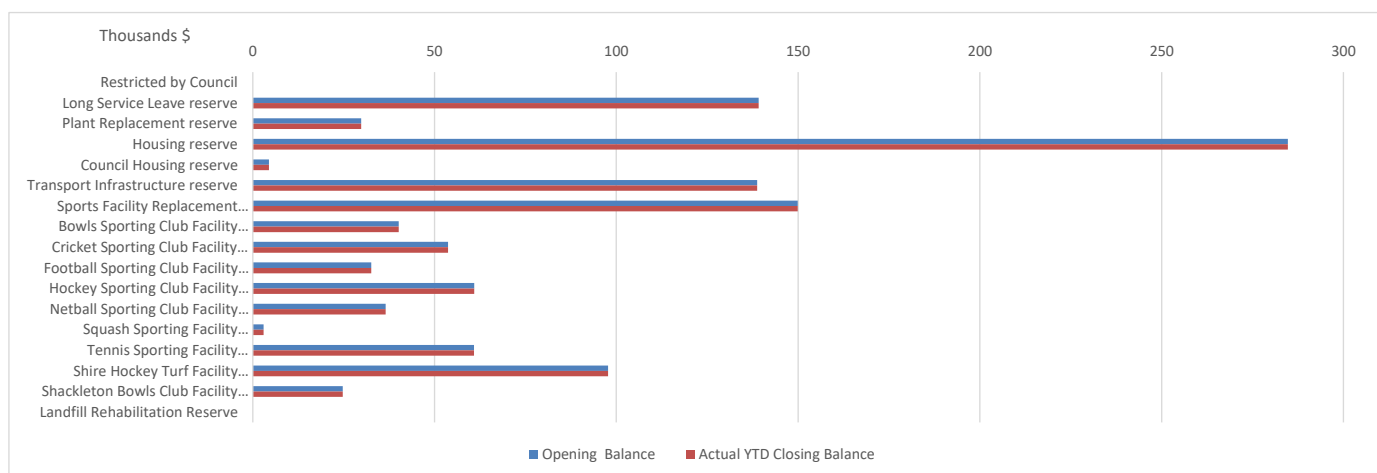
OPERATING ACTIVITIES

RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve accounts

Reserve name	Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Actual Interest Earned	Budget Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council									
Long Service Leave reserve	139,155	6,262	0	0	0	0	0	145,417	139,155
Plant Replacement reserve	29,799	1,341	0	219,499	0	(84,000)	0	166,639	29,799
Housing reserve	284,743	12,813	0	0	0	(92,571)	0	204,985	284,743
Council Housing reserve	4,426	199	0	0	0	0	0	4,625	4,426
Transport Infrastructure reserve	138,755	0	0	0	0	(138,755)	0	0	138,755
Sports Facility Replacement reserve	149,914	6,746	0	0	0	(20,000)	0	136,660	149,914
Bowls Sporting Club Facility Replacement reserve	40,145	2,088	0	6,000	0	0	0	48,233	40,145
Cricket Sporting Club Facility Replacement reserve	53,703	2,793	0	6,000	0	0	0	62,496	53,703
Football Sporting Club Facility Replacement reserve	32,567	1,693	0	6,000	0	0	0	40,260	32,567
Hockey Sporting Club Facility Replacement reserve	60,890	3,166	0	6,000	0	0	0	70,056	60,890
Netball Sporting Club Facility Replacement reserve	36,528	1,899	0	6,000	0	0	0	44,427	36,528
Squash Sporting Facility Replacement reserve	2,986	155	0	750	0	0	0	3,891	2,986
Tennis Sporting Facility Replacement reserve	60,878	3,166	0	6,000	0	0	0	70,044	60,878
Shire Hockey Turf Facility Replacement reserve	97,743	5,083	0	15,000	0	0	0	117,826	97,743
Shackleton Bowls Club Facility Replacement Reserve	24,734	1,286	0	11,200	0	0	0	37,220	24,734
Landfill Rehabilitation Reserve	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0
	1,156,966	48,690	0	292,449	0	(335,326)	0	1,152,779	1,156,966

KEY INFORMATION



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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

GL/JOB Code	Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
				\$	\$	\$	\$
	Budget adoption						0
	Difference between Adopted Budget and Annual Financial Statements		Opening Surplus(Deficit)			0	0
				0	0	0	0



2026/27 Capital Project Tracker

JULY 2026

Project	
Complete	
On Track	
Off Track	
In Trouble	

CAPITAL PROJECT NAME	JOB No.	SOURCE	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	DISPOSAL	GRANT FUNDING		CONTRIBUTIONS		RESERVES		LOAN		COUNCIL	MUNI FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	OUTSTANDING POs	ACTUAL EXPENSE	TOTAL COMITTED EXPENSE	VARIANCE	Status	Comment
					SALES PROCEEDS	Description	Amount	Description	Amount	Description	Amount										
Shire Administration Phone System	J04207	Muni	\$ 15,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000		Quotes being sought	
Digital Payroll System - Definitiv	J04215	Muni	\$ 20,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 33,711.00	\$ -	\$ 33,711.00	\$ 13,711		Project about to recommence	
Replacement Vehicle - CEO (BK 1)	J04202	Muni	\$ 71,000	\$ 55,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	Plant Replacement	\$ 16,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,000		Scheduled for December pending availability	
Generator for Bruce Rock Medical Centre	J07320	Grants	\$ 53,460	\$ -	DRF Grant #4	\$ 48,114	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 5,346	\$ 53,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,460		Subject to Grant	
Medical Centre Carpark	J07321	Muni	\$ 56,110	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 56,110	\$ 56,110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,110		Schedules for Q3	
Curlew Drive Land Development Stage 2	J10305	Muni	\$ 100,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000		Met with Development WA, Grant application to offset cost in progress	
Hockey Club Viewing Area - Path/Ramp	J11345	Muni	\$ 20,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	Hockey Club	\$ 5,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000		Hockey Club attempting to secure a builder, Shire works dependent on Hockey Club completing their construction works	
Bruce Rock Netball Club - Outdoor Court Resurfacing	J11357	Muni	\$ 20,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	Facility Replacement Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000		Budget amendment, greater contribution from Reserve required	
Aquatic Centre Waterside Resurfacing	J11450	Muni	\$ 42,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 38,000.00	\$ -	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 4,000		Scheduled for October	
Aquatic Centre Softfall Renewal	J11455	Muni	\$ 29,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,000		Scheduled for November	
Shackelton Bank Refurbishment	J11747	Muni	\$ 60,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000		WALGA Equotes currently open, close 31 August	
Community Precinct (inc. Playground)	J11780	Grants	\$ 3,141,000	\$ -	LotteryWest/ Growing Regions/ REDS/ WABN	\$ 2,841,000.00	Bruce Rock Progress Association	\$ 100,000.00	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 3,141,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,141,000		Awaiting outcome of Lotterywest grant application	
Gravel Sheetting Various Roads	RC203	Muni	\$ 101,530	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 101,530	\$ 101,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,530		Scheduled for March 2027 onwards	
Hines Hill Reconstruct	RR015A	Grants	\$ 462,579	\$ -	R2R	\$ 462,579	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,579	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 462,579		Scheduled for February/March 2027	
Bruce Rock/Corrigin Heavy Patching	RR174	Grants	\$ 179,553	\$ -	R2R	\$ 179,553	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,553	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,553		Scheduled for February/March 2027	
Old Beverley Final Seal	RC050C	Grants	\$ 175,219	\$ -	MRWA	\$ 109,807	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 65,412	\$ 175,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,219		Scheduled for October/November	
Old Beverley Reconstruction	RC050D	Grants	\$ 681,027	\$ -	MRWA	\$ 454,440	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 226,587	\$ 681,027	\$ 18,181.82	\$ -	\$ 18,181.82	\$ 662,845		PO issued for survey work	
Bruce Rock Narembreen Widening/Audible linemarking	RC176B		\$ 1,280,874	\$ -	MRWA	\$ 1,280,874	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,280,874	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,280,874		Scheduled fro Q3 and Q4	
Yarding - Ardath Rd Bridge 6023 (SLK1.79)	BR014A	Muni	\$ 169,614	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 169,614	\$ 169,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,614		Scheduled for October/November	
Bozanich Rd Bridge 5018	BR093	Muni	\$ 200,000	\$ -	R2R	\$ 200,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000		Scheduled for October/November	
Cukela Rd Bridge 6046	BR092A	Grants	\$ 200,000	\$ -	R2R	\$ 200,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000		Scheduled for October/November	
Footpath Construction - Various	FC999	Grants	\$ 50,322	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 50,322	\$ 50,322	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,322		Scheduled for February/March 2027	
Replacement Vehicle (Isuzu) - EMTS (BK 3)	J12111	Muni	\$ 65,000	\$ 31,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	Plant Replacement	\$ 34,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000		Scheduled for November pending availability	
Replacement Vehicle (Building Maintenance) - (BK 04)	J12125	Muni	\$ 40,000	\$ 6,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 34,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000		Scheduled for November pending availability	
Replacement Vehicle (Isuzu) - MOVS (BK 05)	J12126	Muni	\$ 62,000	\$ 20,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 42,000	\$ 62,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,000		Scheduled for November pending availability	
Replacement Crew Cab Truck BK1018	J12158	Muni	\$ 98,000	\$ 98,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,000		Scheduled for January 2027 pending availability	
Excavator	J12182	Muni	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,000		Scheduled for September	
Plant Trailer	J12183	Muni	\$ 45,000	\$ 7,500	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	Plant Replacement	\$ 30,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000		Scheduled for October	
Chain Trencher Attachment	J12184	Muni	\$ 4,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	Plant Replacement	\$ 4,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000		Scheduled for September	
Aerodrome Infrastructure Upgrades	J12179	Grants	\$ 45,000	\$ -	RADS	\$ 22,500	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 22,500	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000		Scheduled for January 2027	
CWSP 3 - Turkey Nest	J13614A	Grants	\$ 36,000	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,000		Scheduled for March 2027 onwards	
CWSP Bruce Rock Engineering Drain Easement	J13616	Grants	\$ 66,992	\$ -	DWER	\$ 46,900	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 20,092	\$ 66,992	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,992		Scheduled for February/March 2027 Awaiting Minister approval	
CWSP Program Drilling and Pumps	J13617	Grants	\$ 141,188	\$ -	DWER	\$ 89,831	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 51,357	\$ 141,188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,188		Scheduled for February/March 2027 Awaiting Minister approval	
TOTAL			\$ 7,753,468	\$ 239,500		\$ 5,935,598	\$ -	\$ 105,000	\$ -	\$ 88,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,369,370	\$ 7,753,468	\$ 56,181.82	\$ -	\$ 56,181.82	\$ 7,481,716.18			

10.3.3 Sale of Land for Recovery of Unpaid Rates and Setting Auction Date

File Reference	1225.10.2.3
Disclosure of Interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interest that requires disclosure.
Applicant	Nil
Previous Item Numbers	Nil
Date	13 August 2026
Author	Mike Darby - Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Mark Furr - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

Summary

To set the auction date for the sale of land and recovery of outstanding rates and service charges on properties that have been in arrears for three (3) years or more, in accordance with section 6.64 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Background

Council resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 December 2025 to commence the process to recover rates from two (2) properties that have arrears of more than three (3) years.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the following:

- Chief Executive Officer;
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer; and
- Finance Officer (Rates)

Statutory Environment

Section 6.64 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that:

"If any rates or service charges due to a local government in respect of any rateable land have been unpaid for at least three (3) years, the local government may, in accordance with the appropriate provisions of this Subdivision take possession of the land and hold the land as against a person having an estate or interest in the land and —

- *lease the land;*
- *sell the land;*
- *cause the land to be transferred to the Crown; or*
- *cause the land to be transferred to itself."*

The Act further prescribes mandatory notice, possession, and sale processes, including:

- Service of prescribed statutory notices (Forms 4, 2, and 3);
- Public notification requirements;
- Timeframes for redemption by the owner;
- Requirements for public auction; and
- Lapsing provisions if a sale does not occur within prescribed timeframes.

The proposed action strictly follows the legislative process outlined in Part 6, Division 6 of the Act and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Policy Implications

The Council's Policy Manual contains no policies that relate and nor are there any proposed.

Financial Implications

Recovery of outstanding rates, service charges, interest, and associated costs will improve the Shire's cash position and reduce long-term debt exposure. Any surplus proceeds from a sale, after statutory deductions, will be dealt with in accordance with the Act.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	4.0 Governance Priorities
Strategy:	4.1 Our organisation is well positioned and has capacity for the future.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
There is a risk of procedural or statutory non-compliance in the sale of land for unpaid rates, which could result in the sale being challenged, delayed, or declared invalid.	Unlikely (2)	Moderate (3)	Medium (5-9)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives; occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of six (6) has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating over 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

In all cases presented:

- Recovery options short of sale have been exhausted.
- No legal recovery action has been initiated where owners are deceased, and no estate administration exists.
- Council's interest in the land has been preserved through statutory recovery processes.
- Staff have completed the necessary steps in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 in which to recover the outstanding rates on the properties.
- Form 4 was displayed on Council's noticeboard for the minimum of 35 days and advertised state-wide as well as being served on anyone who has an interest in the land as shown on the Certificates of Title.
- Form 2 has been served to the owners last known address.
- Form 3 has been affixed to a conspicuous part of the land in order to take possession of the land.
- Affidavit of service have been affirmed before a Justice of the Peace for both properties confirming the fixing of the form 3s to the properties, this includes photographic evidence.
- The next step is to set an auction date and then give state-wide public notice as per Form 5 advising of the particulars of the sale, via a public auction. We have until early March 2027 to hold the auction as the process must be completed within 12 months of serving Form 4 (notice on noticeboard).
- An item will be brought before Council closer to the auction date to set reserves on both properties.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.05

Moved: Cr Verhoogt

Seconded: Cr Buegge

That Council resolves to set the date of Friday 6 November 2026, 11am to be held at the Bruce Rock District Club for the auction for the sale of land to recover unpaid rates in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

10.4 Regulatory Services

10.4.1 Adoption Of Asbestos Management Policy

File Reference	
Disclosure of Interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interest that requires disclosure.
Applicant	Nil
Previous Item Numbers	Nil
Date	11 August 2026
Author	Tania Darby-Gethin – Senior Administration Officer
Authorising Officer	Melissa Haythornthwaite – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments 1. Draft Asbestos Management Policy	

Summary

This report seeks Council's adoption of a new Asbestos Management Policy for inclusion in the Shire of Bruce Rock Policy Manual.

Background

The Shire manages workplaces, buildings, facilities and sites where asbestos-containing material may be present. A formal policy has been prepared to establish Council's commitment to identifying, managing and controlling asbestos-related risks and to support the Shire's Asbestos Register, Site-Specific Asbestos Management & Registers and Asbestos Management Plan.

The draft policy provides a clear framework for legislative compliance, record keeping, risk controls, communication, incident response and periodic review.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer and relevant Shire officers. External consultation is not considered necessary for the adoption of this internal governance and workplace safety policy.

Statutory Environment

- Work Health and Safety Act 2020
- Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022, including Chapter 8 relating to asbestos
- Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992

Approved Codes of Practice:

- How to manage and control asbestos in the workplace
- How to safely remove asbestos.

Policy Implications

Adoption will add Policy 10.7 – Asbestos Management to the Shire of Bruce Rock Policy Manual and support the implementation of the Shire's Asbestos Management Plan and Register.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from adoption of the policy. Costs associated with inspections, monitoring, control measures, removal and disposal of asbestos-containing material will be considered through the annual budget and relevant operational or capital works programs.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	4.0 Governance Priorities
Strategy:	4.1 Our organisation is well positioned and has capacity for the future.

The proposal aligns with the Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022–2032, particularly the governance priority of maintaining organisational capacity, sound risk management and compliant workplace practices.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Failure to adopt and implement appropriate asbestos governance and controls may result in exposure to asbestos fibres and legislative non-compliance.	Unlikely (2)	Moderate (3)	Moderate (6)	Occupational Health and Safety / Compliance Requirements	Adopt the policy and maintain the Asbestos Register and Asbestos Management Plan.

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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives; occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk rating of six (6) has been determined for this item. This is a moderate risk under the Shire's risk matrix and will be addressed through adoption of the policy and ongoing implementation of the Asbestos Register, Site-Specific Asbestos Management & Registers and Asbestos Management Plan.

Comment/Conclusion

The draft policy provides an appropriate high-level framework for the safe management of asbestos-containing material across Shire-controlled workplaces, buildings, facilities and sites. It is recommended that Council adopt the policy for inclusion in the Policy Manual.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority.

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.06

Moved: Cr Buegge

Seconded: Cr Foss

That Council:

- 1. Adopts Policy 10.7 – Asbestos Management, as contained in Attachment 1; and**
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments that do not alter the intent of the policy.**

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

10.7 Asbestos Management

Statutory Context:	Work Health and Safety Act 2020 Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022 Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992 Relevant Codes of Practice
Corporate Context:	Council Policy Manual Work Health and Safety Risk Management Asbestos Management Plan and Register
Date:	21 August 2026

10.7.1 Introduction

The Shire of Bruce Rock is committed to providing and maintaining a safe environment for employees, contractors, visitors and other persons who may be affected by Shire activities.

The Shire recognises the health risks associated with exposure to asbestos and will, so far as reasonably practicable, eliminate or minimise the risk of exposure to asbestos-containing material (ACM).

10.7.2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the Shire's commitment to the safe identification, management and control of asbestos-containing material within Shire workplaces, buildings, facilities and activities.

10.7.3 Objectives

The Shire will:

- comply with relevant legislation, regulations and Codes of Practice;
- identify and appropriately manage known or suspected asbestos-containing material;
- maintain appropriate asbestos records, including an Asbestos Register, inclusive Management Plan and Site-Specific Management and Registers where required;
- ensure asbestos risks are considered before work that may disturb asbestos-containing material commences;
- provide relevant asbestos information to employees, contractors and other persons undertaking work;
- ensure asbestos-related work is undertaken by appropriately trained, competent and licensed persons where required;
- ensure asbestos waste is handled, transported and disposed of appropriately; and
- respond appropriately to asbestos-related incidents or potential exposure.

10.7.4 Scope

This policy applies to all Shire employees, contractors and other persons undertaking work at Shire-controlled workplaces, buildings, facilities and sites where asbestos-containing material is known, suspected or may reasonably be present.

10.7.5 Roles and Responsibilities

The Chief Executive Officer and management are responsible for ensuring appropriate systems are in place to identify and manage asbestos-related risks, including establishing, maintaining, reviewing and amending site-specific Asbestos Management Plans and Asbestos Registers for relevant Shire-owned buildings.

Employees and contractors are responsible for:

- complying with this policy and relevant asbestos management procedures;
- following established safe work practices and control measures;
- not disturbing known or suspected asbestos-containing material unless authorised to do so; and
- immediately reporting damaged or suspected asbestos-containing material or any potential asbestos exposure.

10.7.6 Management and Communication

The Shire will maintain appropriate systems for managing asbestos-containing material and ensure relevant information is available to persons who may undertake work in affected areas.

Where asbestos is identified or suspected, appropriate assessment and control measures will be implemented before work proceeds.

Any asbestos-related incident or suspected uncontrolled disturbance must be reported and managed in accordance with the Shire's workplace health and safety procedures.

10.7.7 Site-Specific Plans, Registers and Acknowledgement

A current site-specific Asbestos Management Plan and Asbestos Register will be kept at each Shire-owned building where asbestos-containing material has been identified. The documents will identify known or suspected ACM at the site, its location and condition, and any applicable control measures.

The Shire will review and amend each site-specific plan and register when ACM is inspected, its condition changes, control measures are altered, asbestos is disturbed or removed, or new information becomes available.

Before undertaking work that may affect ACM, workers and contractors must read the relevant site-specific plan and register, comply with the documented controls, and complete the acknowledgement section confirming they have understood the information provided.

10.7.8 Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed in accordance with the Shire's policy review processes and following significant changes to relevant legislation or asbestos management requirements.

The Asbestos Management Plan will be reviewed at least every five years, or earlier where required, including following changes to the Asbestos Register, control measures, the condition of identified asbestos-containing material, or asbestos removal activities.

10.4.2 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer as a Limited Authorised Officer under the Food Act 2008

File Reference	
Disclosure of Interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interest that requires disclosure.
Applicant	Nil
Previous Item Numbers	Nil
Date	11 August 2026
Author	Tania Darby-Gethin – Senior Administration Officer
Authorising Officer	Melissa Haythornthwaite – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

Summary

To seek Council's approval to appoint the Chief Executive Officer as a Limited Authorised Officer under section 122 of the *Food Act 2008 (WA)* for the purpose of undertaking specified regulatory functions on behalf of the Shire.

Background

The Shire of Bruce Rock is responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of the *Food Act 2008* within its district.

From time to time, operational circumstances require the Shire to have an appropriately authorised officer available to undertake routine food regulatory functions, including inspections, issuing Improvement Notices and exercising other limited powers under the Act.

The Department of Health's *Guideline on the Appointment of Authorised Officers* permits enforcement agencies to appoint officers with either full or limited powers where the agency is satisfied the person has the appropriate qualifications, knowledge and experience to perform the functions specified in the appointment.

It is proposed that the Chief Executive Officer be appointed as a Limited Authorised Officer to enable the Shire to continue to meet its statutory obligations under the *Food Act 2008* where required.

Consultation

Department of Health WA – Guideline on the Appointment of Authorised Officers.

Statutory Environment

- Food Act 2008 (WA)
- Food Regulations 2009 (WA)
- Department of Health WA – *Guideline on the Appointment of Authorised Officers*

Policy Implications

There are no direct policy implications.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	4.0 Governance Priorities
Strategy:	4.3 Proactive and well governed Shire.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
The Shire is unable to fulfil its statutory obligations under the Food Act due to the absence of an authorised officer.	Possible (3)	Moderate (3)	Medium (5-9)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation
Food safety inspections or compliance actions are delayed.	Possible (3)	Moderate (3)	Medium (5-9)	Compliance Requirements	Appointment enables inspections and compliance activities to continue when required.
Appointment not made in accordance with legislative requirements.	Unlikely (2)	Major (4)	Medium (5-9)	Compliance Requirements	Appointment will be made under section 122 of the Food Act 2008 and documented by an Instrument of Appointment.

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives: occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk ratings of nine (9), nine (9) & eight (8) have been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating of 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

Section 122 of the *Food Act 2008* provides that an enforcement agency may appoint Authorised Officers for the purposes of the Act.

The proposed appointment is limited to the following powers and functions:

- Part 5, Division 1:
 - Section 38 – Entry of food businesses
 - Section 39 – Powers on entry
 - Section 45 – Taking samples
 - Section 47 – Seizure of food or other things
 - Section 48 – Dealing with seized food or things
- Part 7, Division 1 – Improvement Notices
- Section 126(3)(b) – Issuing infringement notices for prescribed offences.

These powers will enable the Chief Executive Officer to undertake routine regulatory activities where necessary but do not confer the full range of enforcement powers available under the Act.

The appointment will be documented by an Instrument of Appointment, and the Chief Executive Officer will be issued with a Certificate of Authority prior to exercising any powers under the Act.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority.

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OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 202060820.07

Moved: Cr Strange

Seconded: Cr Foss

That Council:

- 1. Authorises the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer as a Limited Authorised Officer pursuant to section 122 of the *Food Act 2008 (WA)*.**
- 2. Limits the appointment to the following powers and functions:**
 - a. Part 5, Division 1:**
 - i. section 38;**
 - ii. section 39;**
 - iii. section 45;**
 - iv. section 47;**
 - v. section 48;**
 - b. Part 7, Division 1; and**
 - c. section 126(3)(b).**
- 3. Authorises the execution of the Instrument of Appointment and the issue of a Certificate of Authority in accordance with the requirements of the *Food Act 2008 (WA)* and the Department of Health WA Guideline on the Appointment of Authorised Officers.**

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil

10.4.3 Proposed Acquisition of Land ID 4179436, Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 403123

File Reference	
Disclosure of Interest	Neither the Author nor Authorising Officer have any Impartiality, Financial or Proximity Interest that requires disclosure.
Applicant	Nil
Previous Item Numbers	Nil
Date	11 August 2026
Author	Mark Furr – Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Mark Furr – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments 1. Land Enquiry – LR3025/80	

Summary

Council is requested to consider commencing the process to investigate the acquisition of Land ID 4179436, being Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 403123, and to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to engage with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) regarding the potential transfer/acquisition of the land by the Shire of Bruce Rock.

Background

The Shire of Bruce Rock has identified Land ID 4179436, being Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 403123, as land of potential strategic importance to the Shire.

The subject land is located opposite the Bruce Rock Engineering site on Noonajin Street bordered by Dampier, Brownlie and Butcher Streets, and comprises approximately 2.4112 hectares.

A Landgate aerial image identifying the subject land is included as Attachment 1.

The land is presently Crown land reserved for the purpose of Parks and Recreation, with no management body presently identified.

Council has expressed an interest in investigating the potential acquisition of the subject land to facilitate its future use for light industrial development. Acquisition of the land would provide the Shire with greater capacity to undertake longer-term planning and, subject to all necessary statutory approvals, facilitate the future development and utilisation of the site in accordance with Council's strategic objectives.

Consultation

Initial consultation has been undertaken with:

- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Development WA; and Elected Members. and

Statutory Environment

The principal legislation relevant to the proposal includes:

- *Land Administration Act 1997*
 - The Land Administration Act 1997 provides the legislative framework for the administration and disposition of Crown land in Western Australia.
 - Section 41 provides for the reservation of Crown land for designated purposes.

- Section 86 provides for the sale of Crown land by private treaty in prescribed circumstances, including the sale of Crown land to a local government.
- Depending upon the existing status of the Reserve and the mechanism ultimately proposed by DPLH, other provisions of the Land Administration Act 1997 may also apply to the cancellation or amendment of the Reserve and the subsequent disposition of the land.
- *Local Government Act 1995*
 - Any acquisition of land by the Shire and subsequent dealings with that land will be required to comply with the applicable provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations.

Additional statutory requirements relating to planning, Aboriginal cultural heritage, environmental matters and subdivision may arise as the proposal progresses.

Policy Implications

The Council's Policy Manual contains no policies that relate and nor are there any proposed.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications associated with Council authorising Administration to commence preliminary discussions and lodge a Crown Land Enquiry, other than minor administrative costs and any applicable DPLH application or assessment fees.

Should the State Government agree in principle to the disposal of the land, further costs may include:

- Purchase consideration for the land;
- State Government valuation and administration fees;
- Surveying and subdivision costs;
- Landgate registration costs;
- Planning and environmental investigations;
- Native Title and Aboriginal cultural heritage processes, where applicable;
- Legal costs;
- Servicing and infrastructure costs; and
- Future development costs.

These costs are presently unknown.

No commitment to acquire the land or incur material expenditure associated with its acquisition is proposed through this agenda item.

Any formal offer received from the State Government, together with the associated financial implications and conditions, will be presented to Council for further consideration prior to acceptance.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	2.0 Economic Priorities
Strategy:	2.1 Assist the Local Economy to Grow

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
State Government may determine that the land is required for its existing or another Crown purpose, or that conditions associated with its disposal make acquisition financially or strategically unviable.	Unlikely (2)	Moderate (3)	Medium (5-9)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives: occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of six (6) has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating of 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

Crown land in Western Australia is administered by the State Government through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage under the Land Administration Act 1997.

Where a local government wishes to acquire Crown land, an application may be made to DPLH for consideration by the State. The process generally commences with engagement with DPLH's Land Use Management team and the submission of a Crown Land Enquiry outlining the land concerned, the proposed tenure and the purpose for which the land is sought.

Section 86 of the Land Administration Act 1997 provides the Minister for Lands with the ability to sell Crown land by private treaty, including to a local government. Accordingly, subject to the outcome of preliminary discussions with DPLH, the Shire may seek to acquire the subject land in fee simple by private treaty.

Freehold acquisition is considered the preferred tenure where the Shire's longer-term intention involves development, subdivision, disposal or other dealings with the land that may not be appropriately facilitated through a Management Order over a Crown reserve.

The acquisition process may require a number of matters to be investigated and resolved prior to any transfer occurring. These may include:

- Confirmation of the current reserve purpose and tenure;
- Consultation with the current management body, if applicable;
- Consideration of whether the existing reserve is required for its current purpose;
- Cancellation, amendment or excision of the existing reserve;
- Consultation with relevant State Government agencies;
- Planning and zoning considerations;
- Native Title considerations;
- Aboriginal cultural heritage considerations;
- Environmental and contamination investigations, where applicable;
- Existing easements, leases, licences and other interests;
- Access and servicing requirements;
- Survey and subdivision requirements;
- Valuation of the land; and
- Approval of the Minister for Lands and any other statutory approvals that may be required.

At this stage, Administration is not recommending that Council commit to purchasing the land, as the terms, conditions and financial implications of any potential acquisition are not yet known.

Rather, it is recommended that Council authorise Administration to formally commence discussions with DPLH and submit the necessary Crown Land Enquiry seeking consideration of the land's acquisition by the Shire.

Should DPLH and the Minister for Lands be prepared to consider disposal of the land to the Shire, further information regarding the purchase price, valuation, conditions of transfer, statutory requirements and associated costs would then be presented to Council for consideration prior to the Shire entering into any binding agreement to acquire the land.

This staged approach enables the Shire to establish the State Government's position regarding the land and understand the implications of acquisition before Council makes a final commitment.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.08

Moved: Cr Foss

Seconded: Cr Hodgkiss

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the investigation of the potential acquisition of Land ID 4179436, Lot 395 on Deposited Plan 403123;**
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to engage with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and other relevant State Government agencies to investigate the potential acquisition of the subject land by the Shire of Bruce Rock;**
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit a Crown Land Enquiry and any associated preliminary documentation necessary to seek the State Government's consideration of the transfer or sale of the subject land to the Shire of Bruce Rock, including consideration of acquisition in fee simple by private treaty pursuant to the Land Administration Act 1997;**
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake preliminary investigations necessary to determine the tenure, statutory, planning, Native Title, Aboriginal cultural heritage, environmental, servicing, valuation and financial implications associated with the proposed acquisition; and**
- 5. Requests that any formal offer, proposed purchase price and material conditions associated with the acquisition of the land be presented to Council for further consideration and approval prior to the Shire entering into any binding agreement for the acquisition of the land.**

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil


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10.4.4 Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026-31

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Summary

Council is requested to consider and endorse the Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026–2031 and authorise its submission to the Department of Health in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Health Act 2016*.

Background

The *Public Health Act 2016* establishes the legislative framework for public health planning in Western Australia and requires local governments to prepare and maintain a local public health plan.

The purpose of local public health planning is to provide a strategic and coordinated approach to identifying and responding to public health needs at a local level. Public health planning extends beyond the provision of traditional environmental health services and recognises the broad range of factors that influence the health and wellbeing of a community, including the built environment, access to health services, physical activity, social connection, preventative health and community safety.

The Shire has undertaken a review and preparation of its Public Health Plan 2026–2031 to ensure that its public health priorities reflect contemporary community needs, available health data and the broader strategic direction of the Shire.

The Shire was required to undertake this process as part of the implementation of the local government public health planning requirements under the *Public Health Act 2016*. Following an extension to the original timeframe, the Shire is required to submit its endorsed Public Health Plan to the Department of Health by 1 September 2026.

The revised Plan is presented to Council for consideration and formal endorsement prior to its submission to the Department of Health.

Consultation

Community consultation undertaken in developing the Public Health Plan has assisted in identifying the public health issues and services considered most important by the Bruce Rock community.

The consultation results have been considered alongside available demographic and health data to establish the priorities and actions contained within the Plan.

Implementation of the Plan will also require ongoing engagement and collaboration with relevant government agencies, health service providers and community organisations.

Statutory Environment

The *Public Health Act 2016* provides the legislative framework for public health planning in Western Australia and establishes requirements relating to the preparation of State and local public health plans.

Local governments are required to develop public health plans that identify the public health needs of their communities and establish objectives, priorities and strategies for addressing those needs.

Following Council endorsement, the Shire's Public Health Plan 2026–2031 is required to be submitted to the Department of Health by 1 September 2026.

Policy Implications

The Council's Policy Manual contains no policies that relate and nor are there any proposed.

Financial Implications

There are no immediate material financial implications associated with endorsement and submission of the Public Health Plan.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	1.0 Community Priorities
Strategy:	1.1 Our community are engaged and have a healthy lifestyle.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
Failure to endorse and submit the Plan within the required timeframe may expose the Shire to legislative and compliance risk.	Unlikely (2)	Minor (2)	Low (1-4)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

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Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		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)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives: occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of four (4) has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating of 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

The Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026–2031 provides a five-year strategic framework for protecting, improving and promoting the health and wellbeing of the Bruce Rock community. Development of the Plan has included consideration of available population and health data together with feedback obtained through community consultation.

The consultation and analysis undertaken in preparing the Plan identified a number of important local public health priorities.

Of particular note:

- Chronic disease was identified by the community as its highest public health concern, followed by mental health.
- Healthcare facilities were identified as the community's number one public health priority.
- Medical services were considered very important by 100% of respondents.
- Mental health promotion and awareness was identified as the highest-priority public health program area.
- The Plan identifies a number of demographic and health indicators that warrant continued attention, including physical activity, childhood immunisation, community safety and the needs of an ageing population.

The health profile contained within the Plan also identifies several areas where Bruce Rock differs from broader Western Australian indicators. These include childhood immunisation rates, levels of physical activity and transport-related mortality.

For example, the Plan identifies that:

- 66.7% of children aged 12 to less than 15 months were fully immunised, compared with 94.6% across Western Australia;
- 74.1% of children did not meet recommended physical activity levels, compared with 62.3% across Western Australia;
- Transport accident mortality was recorded at 27.7 per 100,000 population, compared with 7.2 per 100,000 across Western Australia; and

- Approximately 26% of the Shire's population is aged 65 years or over.

These statistics need to be considered within the context of Bruce Rock's relatively small population, where a small number of individual cases can materially affect percentage or per-capita results. Nevertheless, they provide useful indicators for the Shire and its partner agencies when determining future priorities.

Importantly, the Public Health Plan does not suggest that responsibility for improving community health rests solely with the Shire. Many of the identified outcomes require collaboration between local government, State and Commonwealth agencies, healthcare providers, community organisations, sporting clubs, schools and the broader community.

The Plan therefore provides an overarching framework through which the Shire can identify areas where it can directly influence public health outcomes, advocate for improved services and infrastructure, facilitate partnerships and incorporate health considerations into its broader strategic and operational activities.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.09

Moved: Cr Verhoogt

Seconded: Cr Strange

That Council:

1. Endorses the Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026–2031, as presented in the attachment;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments to the Public Health Plan that do not materially alter the intent or content of the document prior to its finalisation;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the endorsed Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026–2031 to the Western Australian Department of Health by 1 September 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Health Act 2016*; and
4. Notes that progress against the Public Health Plan will be reported to Council annually, with a mid-term review to be undertaken in 2028 and a comprehensive review undertaken at the conclusion of the plan's five-year term.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil



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Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Bruce Rock acknowledges the Ballardong Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land where we live. We pay our respect to Elders past and present.



Message from the Shire President



I am pleased to present the Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026-2031, which provides a framework to support the health and wellbeing of our community over the next five years.

In Bruce Rock we value the opportunities that come with living in a rural area and recognise the importance of creating an environment where people of all ages can enjoy a healthy, active and fulfilling life.

This Plan has been informed by local health data and community feedback. It recognises that there are some challenges we face and need to address to support the health and well-being of all of our residents.

The Plan identifies eight priority areas and actions we will take to address these. Many factors that influence health and wellbeing sit beyond the direct responsibility of local government, however we have an important role in creating opportunities, building partnerships and advocating for the needs of our community. Implementing this plan will therefore require collaboration between Council, community organisations, health services, local businesses, volunteers and residents.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the development of this Plan. Your insights and experiences have helped shape a practical and locally relevant approach to improving health and wellbeing in Bruce Rock.

Cr Ram Rajagopalan

President

Shire of Bruce Rock

1. Executive summary

The Shire of Bruce Rock Public Health Plan 2026–2031 is a five-year strategic document developed to meet the Shire's statutory responsibilities under Part 5 of the *Public Health Act 2016*. It aligns with the WA State Public Health Plan 2025–2030 and has been tailored to the unique health needs, priorities and circumstances of the Shire.

The Shire of Bruce Rock is located in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia, incorporating the main townsite of Bruce Rock as well as the smaller towns of Ardath, Babakin, Kwolyin and Shackleton. The estimated resident population of the Shire as of June 2024 is 1,066. The Shire is characterised by an older population profile, a higher proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than the WA average and a higher prevalence of long-term health conditions.

A comprehensive review of local health data identified several areas where the Shire's health outcomes differ from state averages:

Rates of arthritis and asthma are higher than the State rate	Lung Cancer ASR of 85.9 compared to the state prevalence of 42.2	66.7% of children 12 - < 15 months are fully vaccinated <i>(compared to 94.6%)</i>
74% of children do not meet recommended physical activity guidelines <i>(compared to state average of 62.3%)</i>	26% of the population are aged 65+ <i>(WA, 16.1%)</i>	27.7 transport accident deaths per 100,000 <i>(compared to 7.2 in WA)</i>

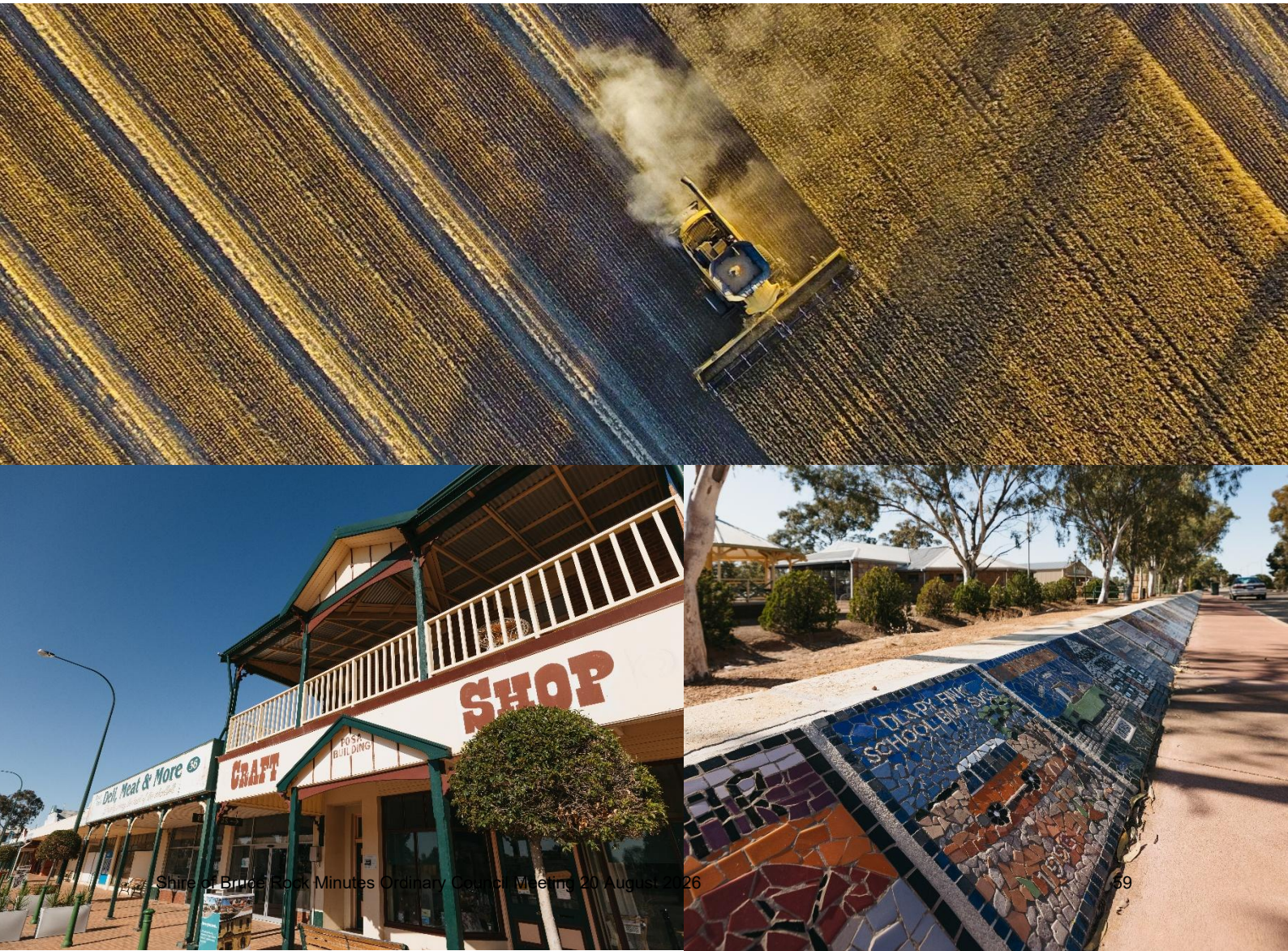
Eight priorities have been identified through the integration of health data analysis and community consultation.

	Healthy Lifestyles & Healthy Places		Mental health, wellbeing and social connection
	Cancer & Chronic Disease Prevention		Reduce alcohol and tobacco related harm
	Injury Prevention & Safety		Healthy ageing
	Children & Young People		Aboriginal Health & Cultural Wellbeing

Actions to address public health priorities in the Shire of Bruce Rock are structured under four domains consistent with the WA State Public Health Plan:

Promote	Create opportunities that encourage healthy living and social connection.
Prevent	Improve health outcomes by addressing risk factors and supporting early action to prevent disease and injury.
Protect	Support safe and sustainable communities through effective environmental health and emergency preparedness measures.
Enable	Strengthen partnerships, infrastructure and community capacity to support long-term health and wellbeing outcomes.

Actions in this plan reflect the scope and resources of local government and are intended to be delivered in partnership with state agencies, health services, community organisations and local businesses. The Plan will be reported to Council annually and formally reviewed at the mid-term in 2028, with a full review upon conclusion of the five-year term.



2. Introduction

2.1 What is Public Health

The *Public Health Act 2016* defines public health as the health and wellbeing of the community, together with the policies, programs and safeguards that protect, maintain, promote and improve health while preventing illness and disability.

Public health planning is a proactive process that identifies community health needs, sets priorities and implements evidence-based actions to improve health and wellbeing. It aims to ensure all members of the community have equitable access to the conditions and services that support good health.

Public health includes a broad range of activities, including:

- health promotion and health literacy
- disease prevention and control
- environmental health
- emergency preparedness and response
- health equity and addressing the social determinants of health
- policy development and advocacy
- community engagement and access to health and wellbeing services.

2.2 Determinants of Health

There are many factors or 'determinants' that influence health, most of them non-medical. Importantly, there is a close relationship between people's health and the circumstances in which they grow, live, work, play and age¹. These determinants can affect a person's ability to lead a healthy life, their likelihood of becoming unwell and their overall life expectancy².

Health determinants include general socioeconomic, cultural and environmental conditions; living and working conditions; social and community networks; psychological factors, and individual behavioural and biological factors (refer to Figure 1).



Figure 1. Determinants of Health. Source: State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2025-2030

¹ What are determinants of health? - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

² State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2025-2030

2.3 Requirements for Public Health Planning

The Department of Health and local governments share a statutory responsibility for public health. The Shire of Bruce Rock has developed this Public Health Plan to meet statutory responsibilities under Part 5 of the *Public Health Act 2016*. The Shire's Public Health Plan is a five-year strategic document that aims to identify public health priorities and future planning to work toward a healthier community.

2.4 State Government Public Health Plan

Local Public Health Plans are required to align with the State Public Health Plan but be tailored to local needs.

The State Public Health Plan provides overarching objectives and policy priorities for Western Australia, offering a framework for local governments to adapt according to their unique community needs. The vision, objectives and guiding principles of the State Public Health Plan are shown in Figure 2.

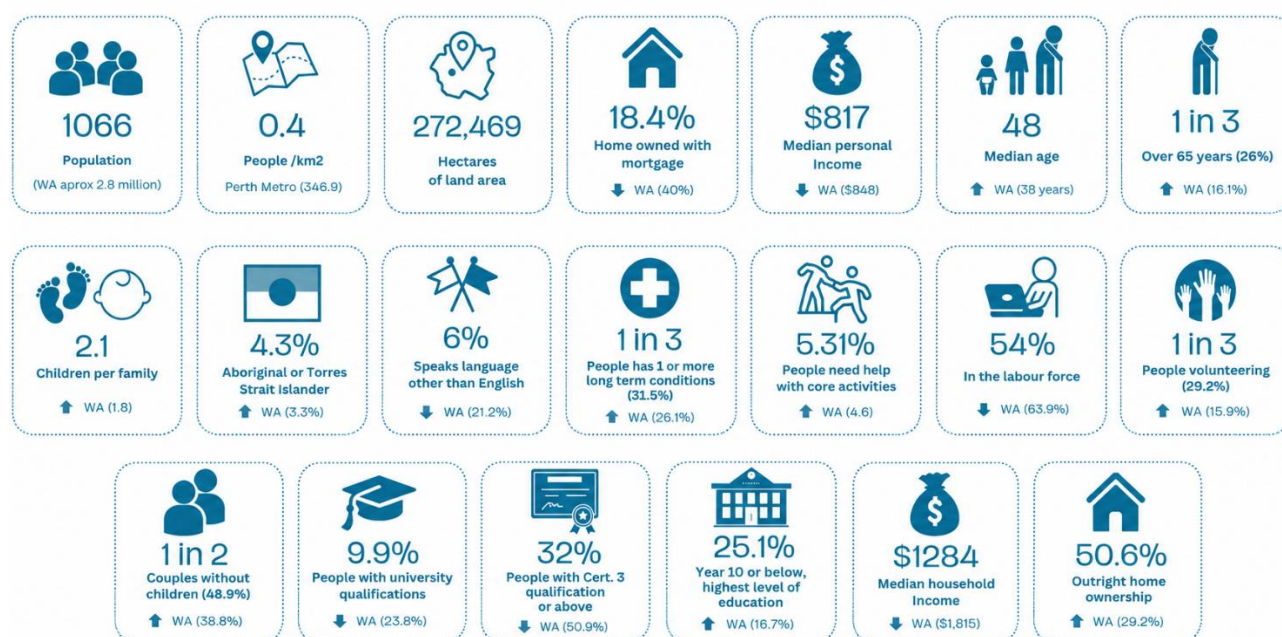
Vision			
To achieve the best possible health, wellbeing and quality of life for all Western Australians, now and into the future.			
Cross-cutting priorities			
All public health actions are underpinned by a commitment to: • Aboriginal health and wellbeing • Equity and inclusion			
Objectives			
Promote	Prevent	Protect	Enable
Foster strong, connected communities and healthier environments	Reduce the burden of chronic disease, communicable disease and injury	Protect against public and environmental health risks, effectively manage emergencies, reduce impacts of disaster, and lessen the health impacts of climate change.	Bolster public health systems and workforce and leverage partnerships to support health and wellbeing.
Guiding Principles			
Partnerships	Sustainable	Proportionate	Precautionary

Figure 2. Western Australian Public Health Plan Framework. Source: State Public Health Plan 2025-2030

3. Shire Snapshot

The Shire of Bruce Rock is located in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia, approximately 245 kilometres east of Perth. The Shire covers an area of 2,724 square kilometres and includes the main townsite of Bruce Rock as well as the smaller towns of Ardath, Babakin, Kwolyin and Shackleton. The resident population at the time of the 2021 ABS Census of Population and Housing was 1,066.

The information presented in the infographic below, provides a community snapshot in time as of the most recent Census night (2021 ABS Census of Population and Housing), based on place of usual residence. It contains a sample of the many different social determinants which collectively shape people's health and wellbeing outcomes.



Key Characteristics of the Shire of Bruce Rock that are of relevance to public health planning include:

- A higher proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than the WA average.
- An older population profile, with a higher median age and around one-third of residents aged 65 years and over.
- A higher prevalence of long-term health conditions, affecting around one-third of residents.
- Slightly higher proportion of people requiring assistance with core activities.
- Lower median personal, family and household incomes than the WA average.
- Lower levels of educational attainment.

4. Health & Wellbeing Profile

The data presented in this section provides an overview of the health and wellbeing status of residents in the Shire of Bruce Rock. Unless otherwise stated, the data presented in this section is sourced from the Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary collated by the WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit, May 2026.

4.1 Health Conditions

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, some cancers and respiratory diseases, are the leading cause of death in Australia³.

In the Shire of Bruce Rock, self-reported rates of arthritis and asthma are higher than the state average. Rates of cancer, heart disease and lung conditions are also marginally higher.

Health Condition (self-reported)	Bruce Rock	Western Australia
Arthritis	10.9%	7.6%
Asthma	10.1%	7.3%
Cancer	3.9%	2.7%
Dementia	0.7%	0.7%
Diabetes	5.1%	4.4%
Heart Disease	4.2%	3.6%
Kidney Disease	0.5%	0.8%
Lung Condition	2.5%	1.6%
Mental Health Condition	8.4%	8.3%
Stroke	0.4%	0.8%
Other long-term health condition	7.3%	7.4%

Table 1 Self-Reported Health Conditions in the Shire of Bruce Rock. Source: ABS 2021 Census of Population and Housing

³ Chronic disease and injury prevention

Compared to both WA state and metro areas, Bruce Rock has a noticeably higher incidence of lung cancer (double the state rate and metro rate). Rates of breast and prostate cancer are also elevated compared to the State and metro areas.

Cancer Incidence (per 100,000 persons, 2014-2018)	Bruce Rock	Metro	State
Lung cancer	85.9	42.2	42.2
Breast cancer	177.9	130.7	128.9
Cervical cancer	0.0	6.9	7.2
Prostate cancer	204.9	148.8	149.6
Melanoma	32.9	51.9	54.5

Table 2 Cancer Incidence, Bruce Rock. Source: WA Country Health Service⁴

4.2 Mortality

The crude death rate in the Shire of Bruce Rock is higher than the Western Australian average. Between 2019 and 2023, the leading causes of death among Bruce Rock residents were dementia (including Alzheimer's disease), coronary heart disease, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and colorectal cancer.

Life expectancy in the Wheatbelt SA4 region is slightly below the state average. Recent data also indicates a declining trend in life expectancy across the Wheatbelt since 2022 (refer to Table 2 in Appendix 1).

This data, coupled with the demographic profile of the Shire, highlights the ongoing impact of chronic disease and an ageing population on community health outcomes. The higher mortality rate and lower life expectancy compared with the state average indicate the need for continued efforts to prevent and manage chronic diseases, promote healthy lifestyles, support healthy ageing, and improve access to health services.

	Shire of Bruce Rock	Western Australia	Comparison to WA
Mortality ⁵	9 deaths in 2023 (6 males and 3 females)	17, 475	NA
Crude rate of deaths per 100,000	835.9	606.5	Higher
Leading cause of death 2019-2023	Dementia including Alzheimer's disease	Coronary heart disease	NA
Life expectancy ⁶	80.9 (Wheatbelt SA4)	83.6	Lower

Table 3 Mortality Data for the Shire of Bruce Rock. Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and Australian Bureau of Statistics

⁴ Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary, WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit May 2026

⁵ Mortality Over Regions and Time (MORT) books, Data visualisation - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

⁶ Australian Bureau of Statistics. Life expectancy at birth, by Statistical Areas level 4, 2022-2024

4.3 Behaviour Risk Factors

Unhealthy eating, physical inactivity, overweight and obesity are major contributors to preventable illness, disability and premature death. Data from the Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary⁷ indicates that several behavioural risk factors are more prevalent in the Shire than across Western Australia, including:

- higher fast-food consumption among adults
- higher sugary drink consumption among children
- lower levels of physical activity among adults and children
- lower consumption of the recommended daily serves of fruit and vegetables
- higher rates of childhood overweight.

These findings highlight the need for initiatives that promote healthy eating, increase physical activity and support healthy weight across all age groups. Improving access to affordable, nutritious food and creating opportunities for active lifestyles will be important to improving long-term health and wellbeing outcomes in the Shire.

	Shire of Bruce Rock	Western Australia	Comparison to WA
Overweight			
Children (5-15 years)	16.0%	15%	Higher
Adults (16+)	37%	37.4%	Similar
Ate recommended serves of fruit daily			
Children (2-15 years)	69.3%	75.4%	Lower
Do not meet recommended physical activity levels			
Children (5-15 years)	74.1%	62.3%	Higher
Adults (16+)	55.6%	39.1%	Higher
Drink sugar-sweetened drinks more than twice a week			
Children (1-15 years)	12.6%	8.5%	Higher

Table 4 Shire of Bruce Rock Behavioural Risk Profile. Source: WA Country Health Service⁸

⁷ Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary prepared by the WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit

⁸ Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary, WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit May 2026

4.4 Socio-Economic Profile

Socioeconomic disadvantage can have profound effects on a community's health outcomes. Chronic conditions tend to be more common among people living in areas of most disadvantage (lowest socioeconomic areas) than among those living in areas of least disadvantage (highest socioeconomic areas)⁹.

The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area.

The IRSD for the Shire of Bruce in 2021 was 979 (compared to the state score of 1,002), and it ranked 64 out of 139 local government areas in Western Australia. This indicates that the Shire of Bruce experiences higher levels of socio-economic disadvantage than approximately half of the local government areas in Western Australia.

4.5 Early Childhood Development

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) provides a measure of how children are developing across key domains including physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills, and communication skills. Early childhood development is a key determinant of lifelong health and wellbeing. Children who are developmentally vulnerable are at greater risk of experiencing poorer outcomes later in life.

The 2024 AEDC results for Bruce Rock identified developmental vulnerability among children entering their first year of school in the areas of:

- Physical health and wellbeing (13.3%)
- Social competence (13.3%)
- Emotional maturity (6.7%)
- Language and cognitive skills (6.7%)

Overall, 13.3% of children were developmentally vulnerable in one or more domains, while 13.3% were vulnerable in two or more domains.

Compared with the Western Australian average, Bruce Rock had a lower proportion of children vulnerable in one or more domains, a slightly higher proportion vulnerable in two or more domains, and a lower proportion of children developmentally on track across all five domains.

Geography	Physical	Social	Emotional	Language	Communication	DV1	DV2	SEIFA score (I)
Australia	10.0	10.7	10.0	7.7	8.9	23.54	12.46	0.00
Western Australia	10.5	9.9	10.3	8.3	9.7	24.11	12.59	0.00
Bruce Rock	13.3	13.3	6.7	6.7	0.0	13.33	13.33	0.00

Table 5 Shire of Bruce Rock AEDC Snapshot 2024. Source: Australian Early Development Census 2024

⁹ Chronic conditions - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

4.6 Mental Health

Mental health issues, such as anxiety-related conditions, mood disorders, and behavioural conditions, are among the leading causes of disability and morbidity in Western Australia¹⁰.

Data for the Merredin Statistical Areas Level 2 (which includes the Shire of Bruce Rock) indicates that the prevalence of mental health conditions is comparable to the State average, with similar findings reported across the Wheatbelt region.

While prevalence is consistent with Western Australia, improving access to mental health support remains a priority for regional communities. The WA Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy¹¹ identifies several priorities for the Wheatbelt, including improved access to community-based mental health services, alcohol and other drug support, harm reduction initiatives, crisis support and appropriate accommodation options. These priorities reinforce the importance of local initiatives that promote mental wellbeing, strengthen community connections and improve access to support services.

	Merredin SA2	Western Australia
Any mental health disorder with 12-month symptoms	21.5%	23.1%
Anxiety disorder with 12-month symptoms	16.8%	18.2%
Affective disorders with 12-month symptoms	6.4%	8.5%%

Table 6 Prevalence of Mental Health Conditions. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics¹²

4.7 Injury & Hospitalisations

Compared with the Western Australian average, Bruce Rock has higher rates of:

- Hospitalisations due to accidental falls among residents aged 65 years and over.
- Tobacco-related hospitalisations and deaths.
- Alcohol-related hospitalisations and deaths.
- Hospitalisations and deaths resulting from transport-related injuries.

	Shire of Bruce Rock	Western Australia	Comparison to WA
Hospitalisations for accidental fall (per 100,000, 2015-2019)			
Children (0-4 years)	1,023.9	655.6	Higher
Elderly (65+ years)	5,539.1	4,814.1	Higher

¹⁰ State Public Health Plan 2025-2030

¹¹ Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy

¹² Australian Bureau of Statistics. Modelled estimates of indicators from the National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2020-2022 for Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s). Released 26 May 2026

Hospitalisations for transport accidents (per 100,000, 2015-2019)			
All ages	423.2	236.9	Higher
Transport accident deaths (per 100,000 in 2021)			
All ages	27.7	7.2	Higher
Alcohol attributable deaths (per 100,000 in 2021)			
All ages	40.9	26.0	Higher
Tobacco attributable deaths (per 100,000 in 2021)			
All ages	66.8	48.7	Higher
Tobacco hospitalisations (per 100,000 in 2021)			
All ages	654.9	366.8	Higher

Table 7 Prevalence of Injury. Source: Department of Health WA¹³

in 2019, the leading causes of hospital admissions among Bruce Rock residents were (refer to Figure 3) neoplasms (12.9 per cent), factors influencing health status (10.8 per cent), injury and poisoning (10.6%), digestive diseases, ill-defined conditions (8.4%), blood diseases (7.0%).

Hospitalisation rates were significantly higher than the state average for several conditions. Among males, higher rates were observed for injury and poisoning, digestive diseases, circulatory diseases (1.83 times the State rate) and neoplasms (tumours). Among females, higher rates were recorded for injury and poisoning, musculoskeletal diseases, endocrine and nutritional diseases, blood diseases (2.67 times the State rate) and neoplasms.

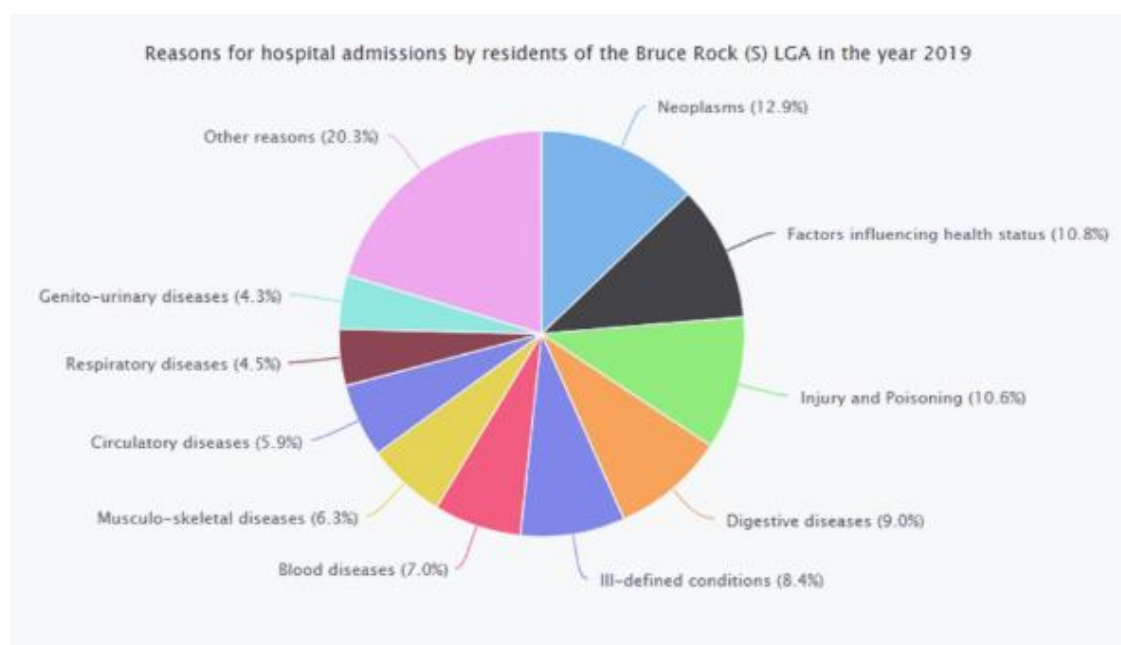


Figure 3. Major Causes of Hospitalisations 2015-2019. Source: Department of Health WA¹⁴

¹³ Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary, WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit May 2026

¹⁴ Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary, WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit May 2026

These findings highlight the significant burden of chronic disease, injury and preventable risk factors within the community. Higher rates of tobacco and alcohol related harm indicate a need for ongoing health promotion and prevention initiatives aimed at reducing substance related illness and mortality. Elevated rates of falls among older adults point to the importance of healthy ageing strategies, injury prevention programs and environments that support mobility and independence. The prevalence of hospitalisations for chronic conditions such as cancer, circulatory disease and endocrine disorders reinforces the need for initiatives that promote healthy lifestyles, early detection, disease prevention and access to appropriate health services.

4.8 Infectious Disease & Immunisation

Immunisation is known to be one of the most effective public health measures in preventing many serious diseases. In WA, however, coverage is suboptimal in some areas due to service disruption and vaccine hesitancy following the COVID-19 pandemic¹⁵.

Compared to both WA state and metro areas, Bruce Rock has:

- Higher reports of vaccine preventable diseases
- Comparable rates of STIs and vector-borne diseases
- Much lower rates of enteric disease
- Lower rates of immunisation amongst the 12 - < 15 months age cohort

	Shire of Bruce Rock	Metro	WA
Notifiable infectious diseases (per 100,000 2014 - 2018)			
Enteric disease (gastrointestinal)	100.6	224.8	233.4
STIs	553.7	535.0	584.1
Vaccine Preventable diseases	607.9	448.6	465.0
Vector-borne diseases	47.6	45.9	55.4
Childhood immunisation (% fully vaccinated as of 30 September 2020)			
12 - < 15 months	66.7	94.6	94.6
24 - < 27 months	100.0	92.4	92.2
60 - < 63 months	100.0	93.9	94.0

Table 8 Infectious Diseases and Immunisation. Source: WA Country Health Service¹⁶

¹⁵ State Public Health Plan 2025-2030

¹⁶ Shire of Bruce Rock Health and Wellbeing Data Summary, WA Country Health Service – Wheatbelt Public Health Unit May 2026

5. Community Engagement

The Shire of Bruce Rock has undertaken several rounds of community engagement to understand the health and wellbeing needs of residents. The Shire's original Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023–2027 was informed by extensive community consultation and analysis of local health data, with further surveys conducted in 2024 and 2026 to validate and update community priorities.

While response numbers to the 2024 and 2026 surveys, were modest, the findings were consistent across both surveys and aligned with broader health trends identified through available health data.

The consultation indicates that access to healthcare services remains the community's highest priority, with residents highlighting the importance of improving access to local medical services. Mental health also emerged as a key priority. Respondents consistently identified mental health as a significant concern and expressed strong support for initiatives that promote mental wellbeing, social connection and early intervention. Earlier consultation undertaken to develop the 2023–2027 Plan similarly identified anxiety, depression and alcohol misuse as significant mental and social health issues within the community.

Across both the 2024 and 2026 surveys, respondents identified chronic disease as the most pressing public health issue facing the community, followed by mental health. Physical inactivity and unhealthy weight were also identified as important concerns, with residents expressing support for practical initiatives such as free fitness classes, walking infrastructure, public exercise equipment and more affordable healthy food options.

The community also recognised the importance of supporting an ageing population, improving road safety, reducing harm associated with alcohol and illicit substance use, and maintaining effective environmental health services and recreational infrastructure.

When asked which programs and initiatives would provide the greatest benefit, respondents consistently prioritised mental health promotion and awareness initiatives. There was also strong support for programs that encourage healthy eating and active lifestyles, reduce alcohol-related harm, improve road safety, and increase awareness of cancer and communicable disease prevention.



6. Current Role of Local Government

The Shire of Bruce Rock provides a range of services and programs to support the health and wellbeing of its community. These include:



Infrastructure and property services, including the provision and upkeep of local roads, public facilities, footpaths, drainage and waste collection and management.



Recreation facilities such as parks, sports fields, the Aquatic Centre and Recreation Centre.



Environmental health surveillance and education to prevent disease and control environmental health hazards, including water and food safety, noise and air pollution and mosquitoes.



Planning and building approvals involving assessment of development proposals and review of designs.



Community programs and events including support for community groups, workshops and events.



Administration of ranger and emergency services.



Cultural facilities and services such as libraries, museums and cemeteries.



Community services that include the provision of a Medical Centre, and the investment towards the attraction and retention of a local General Practitioner, Dentist and Allied Health professionals.

7. Public Health Action Plan

7.1 Vision

The Shire of Bruce Rock is a place where people at all stages of life are supported to be healthy, connected and active.

7.2 Public Health Priorities

The following health and wellbeing priorities for the Shire of Bruce Rock have been identified through an assessment of local health data and community consultation.

In addition to the below actions the Shire has a legislative responsibility to manage environmental health risks and emergency management.

	Priority	Key Focus Areas
	Healthy Ageing	Falls prevention Active ageing Social participation Healthy eating and physical activity
	Healthy Lifestyles & Healthy Places	Physical activity Healthy eating Active recreation Safe and accessible community infrastructure
	Cancer & Chronic Disease Prevention	Cancer screening participation Sun safety Healthy lifestyle behaviours Chronic disease prevention and management
	Reduce Tobacco and Alcohol Related Harm	Smoking and vaping prevention Alcohol harm reduction
	Injury Prevention and Safety	Road safety Falls prevention Community emergency preparedness
	Children & Young People	Early childhood development Immunisation promotion Youth leadership and participation.
	Mental Health, Wellbeing and Social Connection	Community connectedness Volunteer support Social inclusion Mental health awareness



Aboriginal Health and Cultural Wellbeing

Cultural awareness
Reconciliation initiatives
Inclusive community practices

7.3 Domains for Action

The Action Plan is structured around four key domains consistent with the WA State Public Health Plan:

Promote	Create opportunities that encourage healthy living and social connection.
Prevent	Improve health outcomes by addressing risk factors and supporting early action to prevent disease and injury.
Protect	Support safe and sustainable communities through effective environmental health and emergency preparedness measures.
Enable	Strengthen partnerships, infrastructure and community capacity to support long-term health and wellbeing outcomes.



7.4 Action Plan

Promote	
Objective: Create opportunities that encourage healthy living and social connection.	
Priority	Actions
1. Healthy ageing	1.1 Promote opportunities for older adults to participate in physical activity, recreation and community events 1.2 Advocate and plan for age-friendly community infrastructure and services 1.3 Support age-friendly initiatives that enable older residents to remain active, independent and connected
2. Healthy Lifestyles & Healthy Places	2.1 Promote healthy lifestyle messages through Council communications and community events 2.2 Partner with local organisations to deliver health promotion activities 2.3 Promote local sport and recreation programs and initiatives
3. Mental Health and Social Connection	3.1 Support local mental health awareness events and initiatives (e.g. Mental Health Week, RUOK Day, ACT, BELONG, COMMIT) 3.2 Promote mental health awareness campaigns and available support services 3.3 Advocate for improved community mental health services 3.4 Facilitate and/or support community events and activities that foster social connection and inclusion
4. Aboriginal health and cultural wellbeing	4.1 Support activities that celebrate and promote local Aboriginal culture and history 4.2 Promote reconciliation initiatives and cultural awareness opportunities 4.3 Support partnerships with Aboriginal organisations and community members
5. Children and young people	5.1 Support local initiatives that promote early childhood development and school readiness 5.2 Support youth leadership, volunteering and mentoring opportunities, in particular the work of Wheatbelt and Beyond Youth Mentoring 5.3 Provide opportunities for young people to contribute to community decision-making

Prevent

Objective: Improve health outcomes by addressing risk factors and supporting early action to prevent disease and injury.

Priority	Actions
6. Cancer and chronic disease prevention	6.1 Work with health providers and community groups to encourage screening participation 6.2 Support community education regarding cancer and chronic disease prevention, early detection and risk reduction strategies
7. Reduce Tobacco and Alcohol Related Harm	7.1 Support smoke-free and vape-free environments 7.2 Promote responsible alcohol consumption messages 7.3 Support the delivery of alcohol-free and family-friendly community events 7.4 Support campaigns that raise awareness of smoking and alcohol related harm
8. Injury Prevention & Safety	8.1 Promote falls prevention initiatives targeting older residents 8.2 Support road safety awareness campaigns targeting all road users 8.3 Collaborate with relevant agencies to deliver or support injury prevention campaigns (including farm and workplace safety campaigns) and training opportunities
9. Children and young people	9.1 Support community awareness of childhood immunisation through the promotion of reliable information and health campaigns 9.2 Advocate for services and programs that support vulnerable children and families

Protect

Objective: Support safe and sustainable communities through effective environmental health and emergency preparedness measures.

Priority	Actions
10. Environmental Health	10.1 Continue to deliver environmental health functions in accordance with legislative requirements, including food premises inspections, public building inspections and recreational water monitoring 10.2 Investigate and respond to environmental health complaints and public health risks 10.3 Monitor emerging environmental health risks and implement appropriate mitigation measures 10.4 Implement mosquito surveillance and control activities to minimise the risk of vector-borne disease transmission 10.5 Provide locally relevant information during outbreaks or public health alerts
11. Emergency preparedness and resilience	11.1 Maintain and test Local Emergency Management Plans in line with legislative requirements 11.2 Participate in multi-agency emergency management planning, training and exercises 11.3 Improve community preparedness for bushfire, heatwave, storm and other natural hazard events

Enable

Objective: Strengthen partnerships, infrastructure and community capacity to support long-term health and wellbeing outcomes.

Priority	Actions
12. Healthy ageing	12.1 Review Shire facilities, footpaths and public spaces against age friendly design principles and implement priority improvements to support mobility and independence 12.2 Advocate for expanded provision of aged care and support services
13. Health Lifestyles & Healthy Places	13.1 Continued support of GP services 13.2 Advocate for the retention and expansion of allied health and visiting specialist services 13.3 Maintain safe, accessible and walkable streets, footpaths and public spaces 13.4 Support the provision and maintenance of parks, recreation facilities and community infrastructure 13.5 Promote community safety through well-maintained public environments

8. Monitoring and evaluation framework

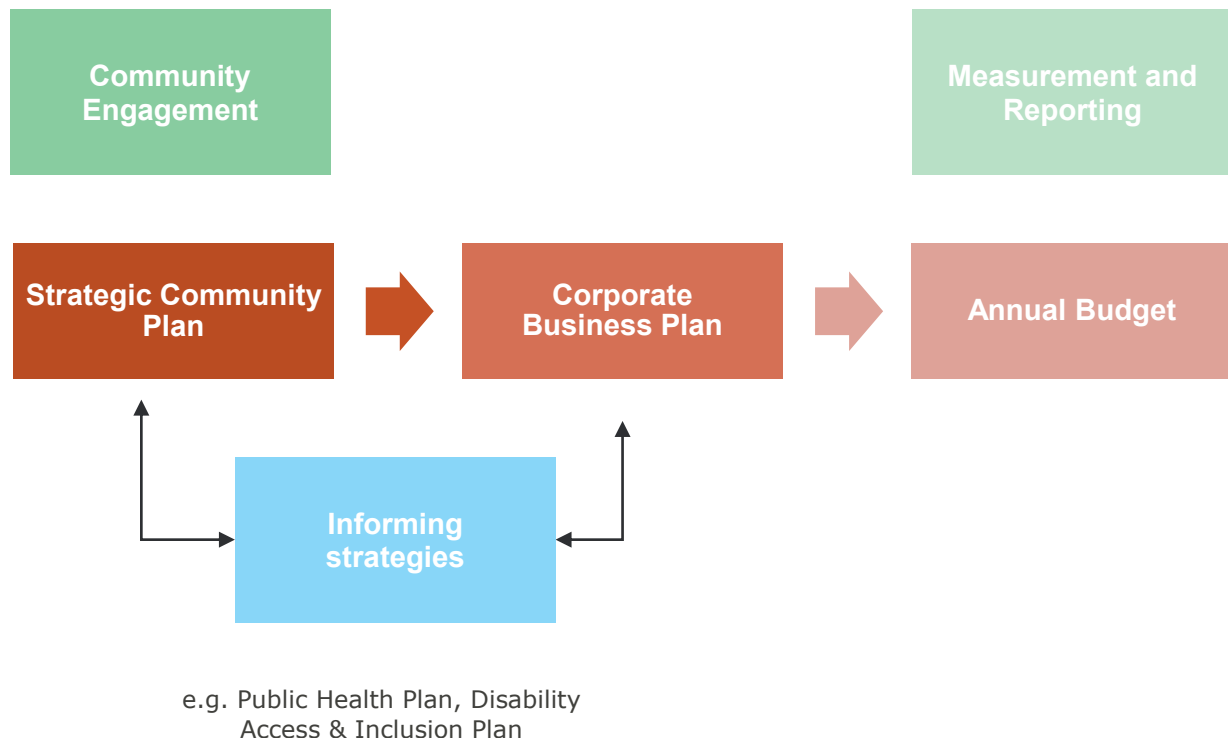
8.1 Integrated planning

The Public Health Plan forms part of the Shire of Bruce Rock's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework and aligns with, informs and supports the Shire's broader strategic direction.

The Plan is closely linked to:

- **Strategic Community Plan** – articulating the community's long-term aspirations and Council's vision for the future.
- **Corporate Business Plan** – translating strategic priorities into operational actions, resource allocation and measurable outcomes.
- **Informing Strategies and Resourcing Plans** – including asset management, workforce planning and financial planning documents that support Council's capacity to deliver services and infrastructure.

Through this integrated approach, public health priorities are embedded into organisational planning, budgeting and service delivery, ensuring a coordinated and sustainable response.



8.2 Reporting

In accordance with Section 22 of the *Public Health Act 2016 (WA)*, local governments are required to report to the Chief Health Officer on the performance of functions under the Act.

The Shire will meet all statutory reporting requirements, including confirming the preparation and implementation of its Public Health Plan as requested by the Chief Health Officer.

Compliance reporting will be integrated into existing governance and reporting processes to ensure efficiency and transparency.

8.3 Implementation & Monitoring

Implementation of this Public Health Plan will be integrated into the Shire's existing planning, budgeting and reporting processes, with responsibility for individual actions allocated to the relevant business areas and officers.

Implementation progress will be monitored throughout the life of the Plan and reported to Council each year. To support effective delivery, the Shire will:

- monitor the progress and completion of actions through existing performance management and reporting processes
- use available health data, community feedback and emerging research to guide decision-making and inform continuous improvement
- update priorities and actions where required to respond to changing community needs, emerging public health issues and new opportunities.

The Shire recognises that meaningful improvements in health and wellbeing are often realised over an extended period and may not be evident within the life of the Plan. Accordingly, monitoring will focus on both the successful delivery of planned actions and longer-term changes in community health outcomes.

This Plan is intended to be a flexible document that can respond to changing circumstances over its five-year term. As new evidence, partnerships and funding opportunities become available, additional initiatives may be incorporated to ensure the Plan continues to reflect community priorities.

A full evaluation will be completed at the conclusion of the Plan to assess its achievements, identify lessons learned and inform the preparation of the Shire's next Public Health Plan.

Appendix 1. Community Profile



The following section presents a demographic profile for the Bruce Rock LGA based on 2021 Census data obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2025). The data provides an overview of the population, families and dwellings based on place of usual residence at the time of the Census. To support public health planning, the data has been grouped according to the social determinants of health, which influence the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. Figures highlighted in yellow indicate notable differences from the Western Australian average. These differences are intended to identify areas of variation only and have not been tested for statistical significance.

TABLE 1 – AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS QUICK STATS¹⁷

Measure	Bruce Rock LGA	Metro (Perth)	Country WA	WA State	Australia
Demographics					
Total population (no.)	979	2,116,647	534,804	2,660,026	25,422,788
Female (%)	48.6	49.4	49	49.7	49.3
Male (%)	51.4	50.6	51	50.3	50.7
Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander (%)	4.3	2	8.4	3.3	3.2
Born in Australia (%)	76.1	59.5	72.1	62	66.9
Born Overseas (%)	23.9	40.5	27.9	38	33.1
Households where non-English is used (%)	6	23.7	10.6	21.2	24.8
Median age (years)	48	37	40	38	38
Proportion aged 0-4 (%)	5.4	6.1	6.5	6.1	5.8
Proportion aged 65+ (%)	26	15.8	17.5	16.1	17.2
Education & Tertiary Qualifications					
Attends primary school (%)	23.9	27.9	26.9	27.6	27
Attends secondary school (%)	14.8	22.4	20.1	21.8	21.2
Attends tertiary/vocational (%)	6.9	24	11.2	21.3	23.3
Bachelor degree or above (%)	9.9	26.5	13.5	23.8	26.3
Certificate 3 or above (%)	32	53.2	41.2	50.9	51.8
Highest attainment Year 10 or below (%)	25.1	15.4	21.8	16.7	17.2
Health					
Requires assistance with core activities (%)	5.3	4.6	3.4	4.6	5.8
One or more long-term health conditions (%)	31.5	26	26.7	26.1	27.7
One condition (%)	20.5	18.2	18.1	18.2	18.8
Two conditions (%)	7.2	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.9
Three+ conditions (%)	3.8	2.5	2.9	2.6	3
Other long-term health condition (%)	7.3	7.6	6.7	7.4	8
No long-term health conditions (%)	46.2	62.4	56.9	61.2	60.2
Income					
Median personal income (\$/week)	817	859	810	848	805
Median family income (\$/week)	1,762	2,259	2,013	2,214	2,120
Median household income (\$/week)	1,284	1,865	1,597	1,815	1,746
Dwelling					
Median rent (\$/week)	160	350	265	340	375
Avg no. bedrooms per dwelling	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1
Avg no. people per household	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
Median mortgage repayment (\$/month)	748	1,907	1,560	1,842	1,863

¹⁷ Source, Table 1: 2021 Bruce Rock, Census All persons QuickStats | Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2021). Abs.gov.au; Australian Bureau of Statistics. <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA51120>

Measure	Bruce Rock LGA	Metro (Perth)	Country WA	WA State	Australia
Dwelling					
Avg no. bedrooms per dwelling	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1
Avg no. people per household	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
Avg no. vehicles per dwelling	2.2	1.9	2	1.9	1.8
Unoccupied private dwellings (%)	8.3	8.5	19.6	10.9	10.1
Proportion family households (%)	68.4	71.5	69.8	71.2	70.5
Proportion lone person households (%)	29.3	24.9	27.4	25.4	25.6
Home owned outright (%)	50.6	28.5	32.1	29.2	31
Home owned with mortgage (%)	18.4	41.9	31.7	40	35
Dwelling rented (%)	21.1	26.6	30.3	27.3	30.6
Family					
Avg children per family with children	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8
Couple families without children (%)	48.9	37.6	43.9	38.8	38.8
One parent families (%)	9.6	15.1	15	15.1	15.9
Employment & Volunteering					
In the labour force (%)	54	65.2	59.4	63.9	61.1
Not in the labour force (%)	29.8	29.7	30.2	29.8	33.1
Unemployed (%)	3.7	5.3	4.2	5.1	5.1
Previously served in ADF (%)	3.1	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.4
Voluntary work for organization/group (%)	29.2	15.1	19.3	15.9	14.1
Provided unpaid assistance (%)	10	10.9	10.4	10.7	11.9

TABLE 2: GEOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (CENSUS DATA 2016 - 2024)

Measure	2016-2018			2022-2024			Trend
Life expectancy at Birth	Male	Female	Persons	Male	Female	Persons	
Greater Perth	81.7	85.8	83.7	82.3	86.5	84.3	↑
Wheatbelt	78.6	84.3	81.4	78.2	83.7	80.9	↓
Country WA	78.9	83.6	81.2	79.5	83.9	81.7	↑
Total WA	80.5	85.1	82.8	81.5	85.7	83.6	↑
Australia	80.7	84.9	82.8	81.1	85.1	83	↑

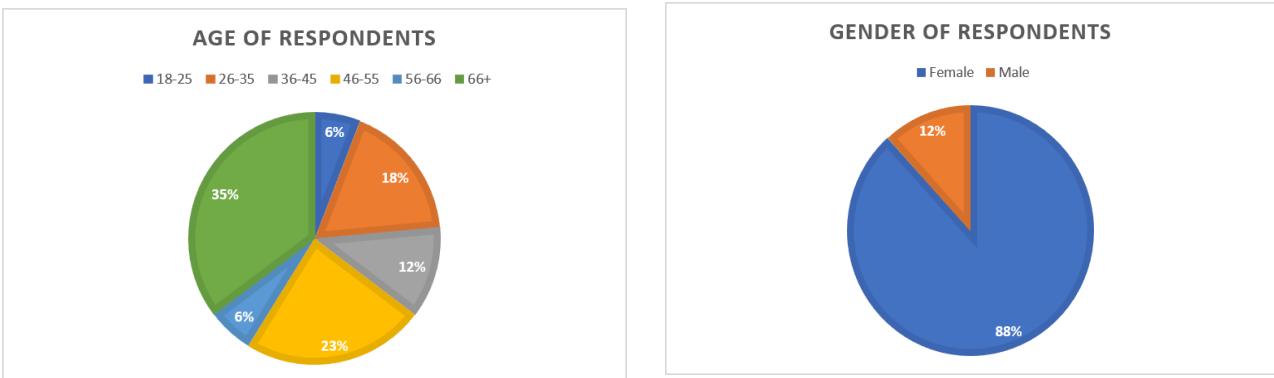
Source: Life expectancy, 2022 - 2024. (2022). Australian Bureau of Statistics.
<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/life-expectancy/2022-2024>

Appendix 2. Community Engagement Report

Input into the Shire of Bruce Rocks Public Health Plan was sought from community members through a residents and rate payer survey in November 2024 and an additional survey conducted in June 2026 to confirm public health priorities for the community.

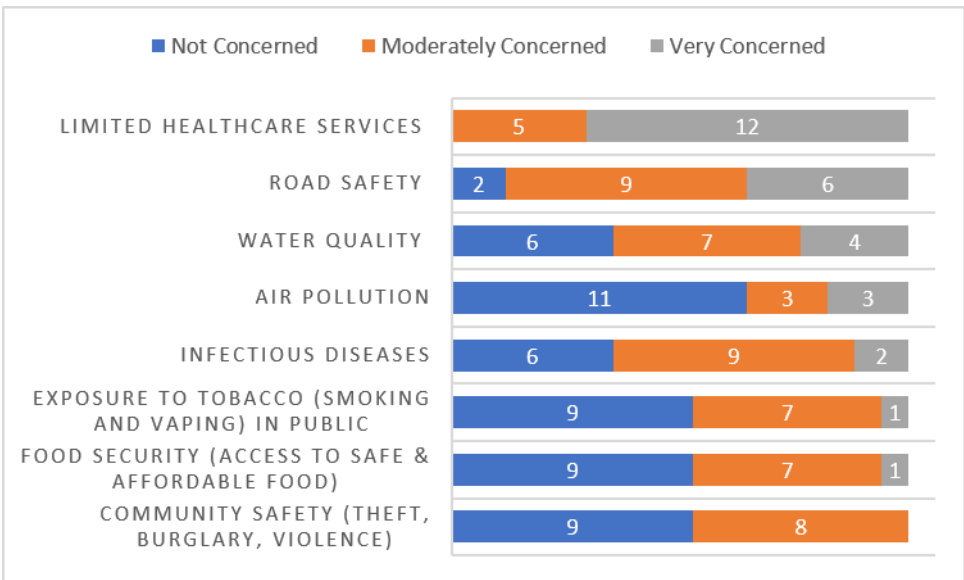
2024 SURVEY RESULTS

The 2024 survey generated **17 responses**, the majority of which were from female residents. A range of age groups are represented in the results, with the majority being from the 66+ age cohort.



Level of concern with Public Health Risks

The survey asked respondents to rate their level of concern with a range of health risks in their community. Limited access to healthcare services was rated as the highest concern followed by road safety. The areas of lowest concern were air pollution and community safety.



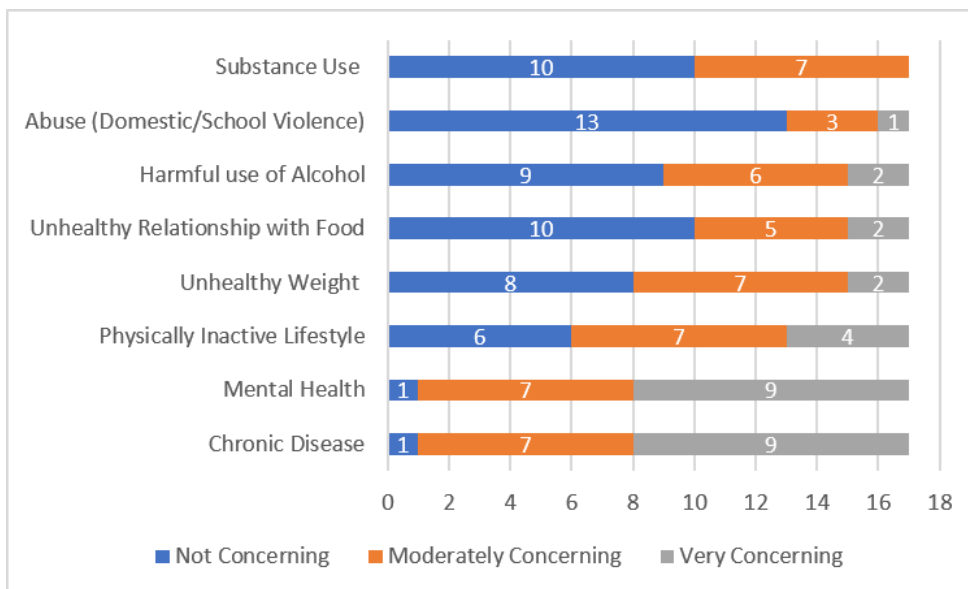
Public Health Measures Provided by the Shire

Respondents were asked to rate the level of importance of public health measures provided by the Shire. All respondents indicated that the provision of medical services

is very important. Other highly rated services included recreational facilities, walk/cycle paths, parks, playgrounds and open spaces and environmental health programs.

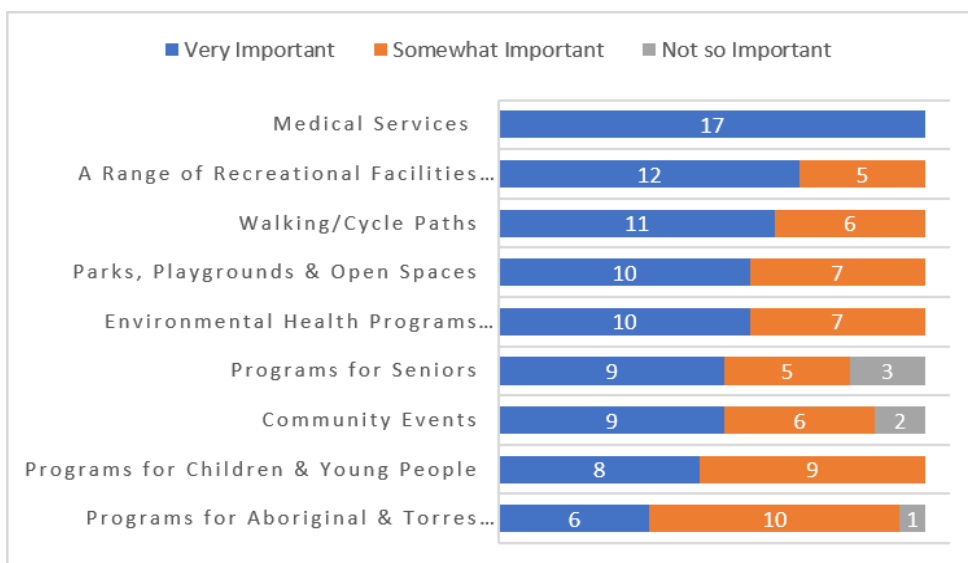
Health Concerns

A list of health concerns was presented in the survey, and respondents were asked to indicate how much of a concern each was to them or a member of their family. Chronic disease and mental health were rated of equal highest concern followed by physical inactivity and unhealthy weight.



Programs & Initiatives to Support Priority Health Concerns

Respondents were asked to identify which programs/initiatives should be offered in their community to help lower the risks associated with the health concerns identified in the previous question.



The following suggestions were made:

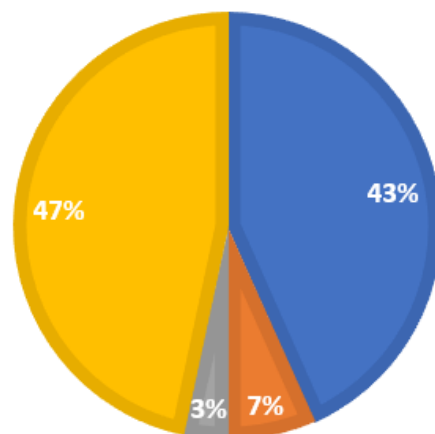
- One on one counselling
- Educational workshops
- Community programs and activities
- Online resources and health services

- Telehealth services
- Emergency helplines
- School based wrap around services for young people

Healthy Eating

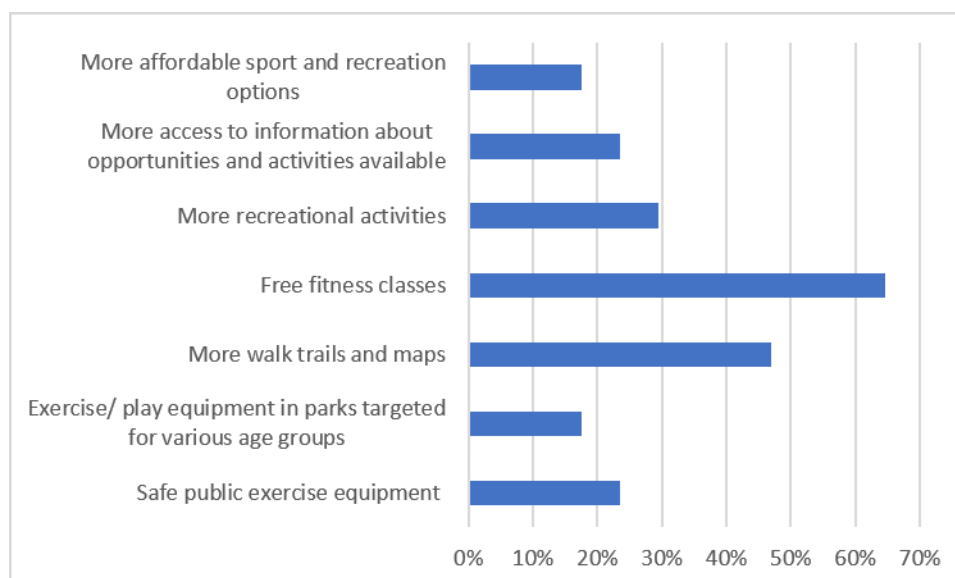
Respondents were asked what would encourage them to eat more healthily. The most common responses were lower food prices and greater availability of affordable healthy options in local shops, highlighting cost as a significant factor influencing healthy eating behaviours.

- Healthier foods were affordable in shops
- More health foods in cafes
- Healthy foods were easy to identify
- Cheaper pricing



Physical Activity

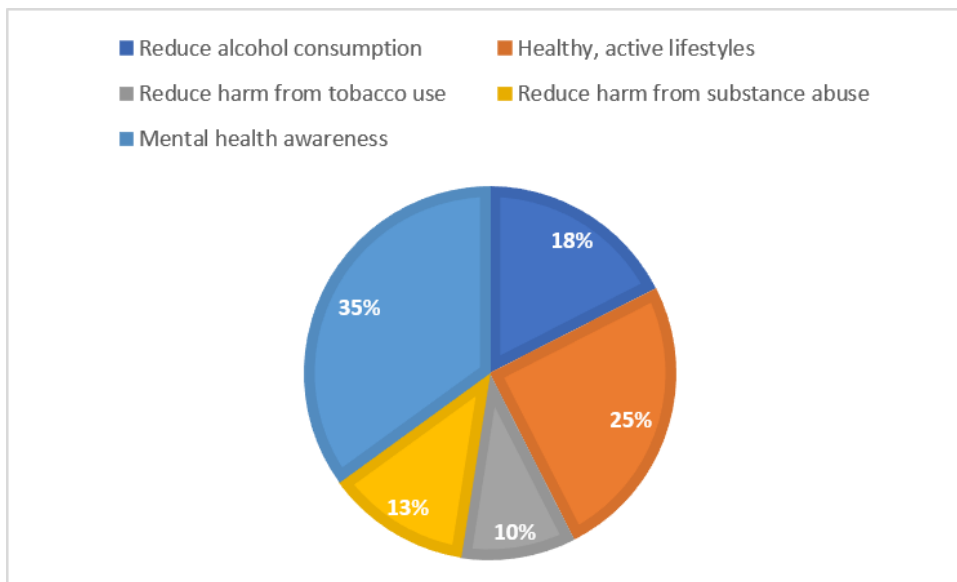
Respondents were asked what would encourage them to be more physically active. Free fitness classes was the most common response (65%), followed by more walk trails (47%). Additional suggestions for consideration included a dog park with walking track around the perimeter and more range in the types of fitness classes available (e.g., Thai Chi, Yoga, etc.)



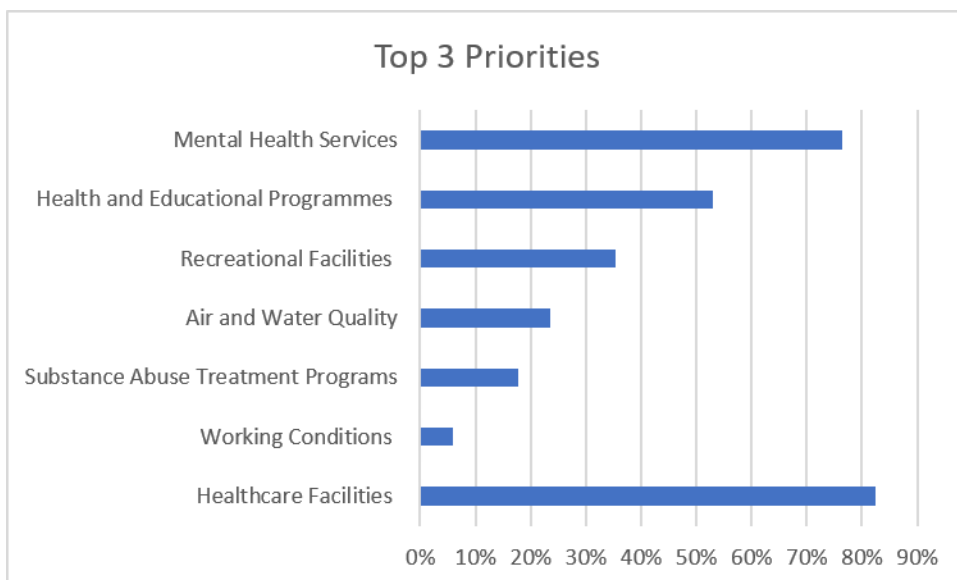
Targeted Programs & Initiatives

Respondents were asked what targeted programs and initiatives would benefit the community. Mental health awareness programs/initiatives were identified as being of greatest need followed by initiatives that promote healthy and active lifestyles and reduce alcohol consumption.

Additional suggestions included the need for targeted initiatives for young people and older people in the community and programs like Act Belong Commit that encourage inclusion.



Top 3 Health Priorities



The survey asked respondents to identify the top three health priorities that need attention in their community. Healthcare facilities were rated as the number one priority followed by mental health services and health and education programs.

Information

Respondents were asked to identify how they receive health information in the community. Social media and word of mouth were the most common responses followed by health care providers.

General Comments

The final question of the survey asked for general comments on health-related risks or concerns for the community. Only two comments were received:

"Access to healthcare, consistent care. Isolation is a barrier to good, consistent healthcare"

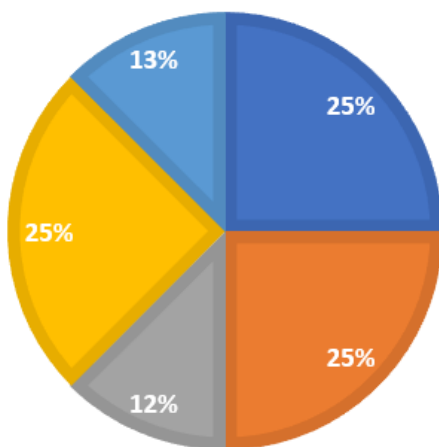
"More environmental control over local businesses using strong chemicals in the open"

2026 SURVEY RESULTS

The 2026 survey received **8 responses**, the majority of which were from female residents. A range of age groups are represented in the results.

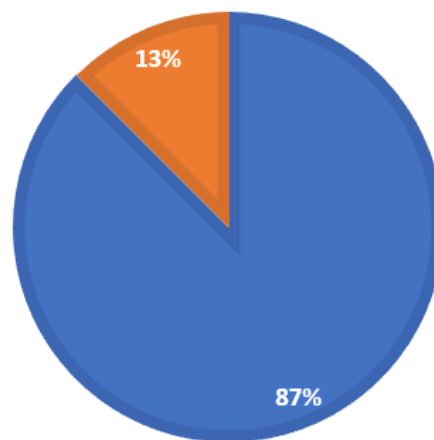
AGE OF RESPONDENTS

■ 26-35 ■ 36-45 ■ 46-55 ■ 56-65 ■ 66+



GENDER OF RESPONDENTS

■ Female ■ Male



Priority Public Health Concerns

Respondents were asked to rank the public health issues they considered most important for the Shire of Bruce Rock to address, with 1 being the highest priority and 10 the lowest.

Chronic disease was identified as the most pressing public health concern for residents followed by mental health, an aging population, illicit substance use and harmful consumption of alcohol.



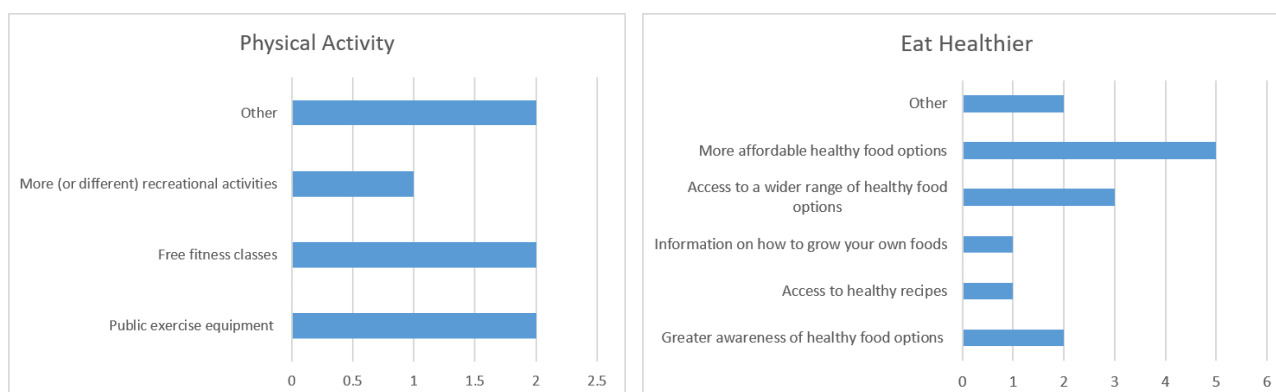
Healthy Lifestyles

Respondents were asked what would:

- Encourage them to be more physically active; and
- Encourage them to eat healthier

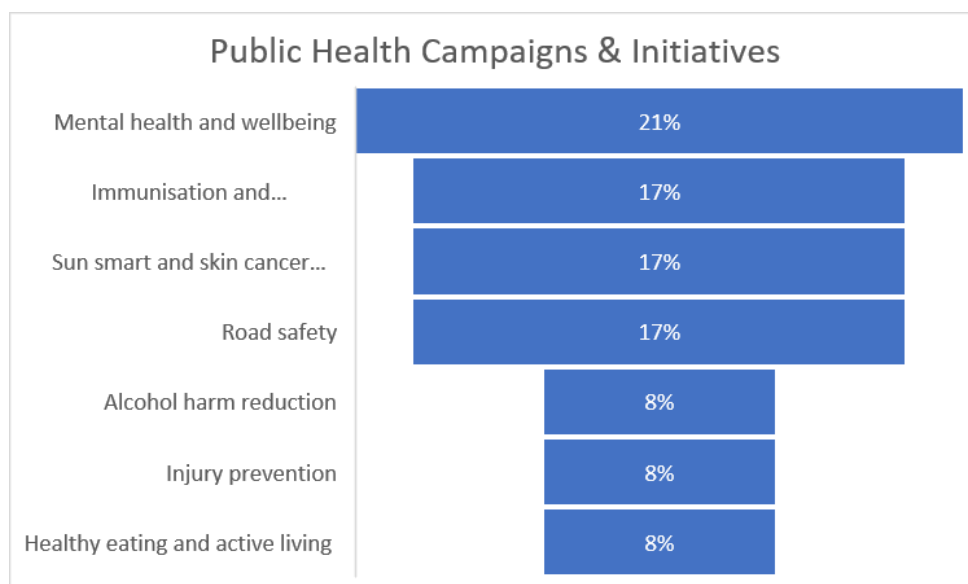
Public exercise equipment and free fitness classes were the most commonly identified initiatives that would encourage greater physical activity. For healthier eating, more affordable healthy food options was the most frequently selected factor.

One respondent also noted that access to better quality, longer-lasting fruit and vegetables would help them make healthier food choices.



Public Health Programs

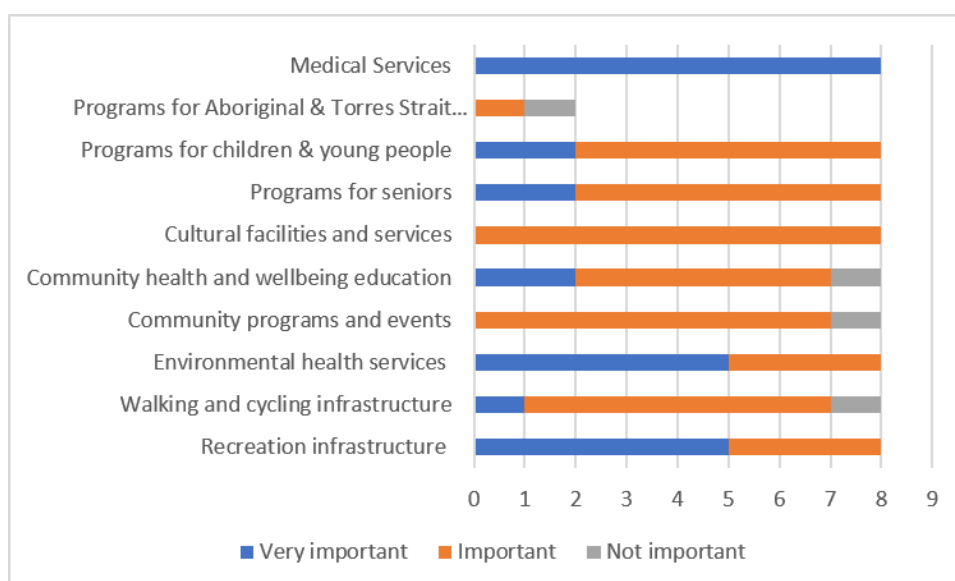
Respondents were asked to identify the three public health promotion campaigns or initiatives they believed would provide the greatest benefit to the community. Mental health and wellbeing initiatives, such as *Act Belong Commit*, were identified as the highest priority, followed by immunisation and communicable disease prevention, sun smart and skin cancer prevention and road safety.



Services & Facilities

Respondents were asked how important various services and facilities are in supporting the health and wellbeing of the Bruce Rock community.

Medical services were identified as very important by 100% of respondents. Environmental health services and Recreation Infrastructure were also rated as being of high importance to all respondents.



Other Health & Wellbeing Issues

The final question of the survey was open ended and asked if there was anything else the Shire of Bruce Rock should consider in updating its Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. Below are the verbatim responses received:

Access to community programs to share food.

Found when I was walking today an open drain near the railway line that was flowing strongly. Could not cross. Should this be enclosed? Seemed a risk

Neurodiverse people being included in things & more education taught instead of being ignored or bullied

10.5 Chief Executive Officer

10.5.1 WEROC Inc Meeting Minutes July 2026

File Reference	
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Date	11 August 2026
Author	Mark Furr – Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Mark Furr – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	
1. WEROC Inc Board Meeting Minutes – 29 July 2026	

Summary

Council is asked to receive the minutes from the previous WEROC Inc Board Meeting.

Background

The last WEROC Inc Board Meeting was held on the 29 July 2026 at Council Chambers at the Shire of Merredin.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Bruce Rock Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032	
Outcome:	4.0 Governance Priorities
Strategy:	4.1 Our organisation is well positioned and has capacity for the future.

Risk Implications

Risk	Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact / Consequence	Risk Rating	Principal Risk Theme	Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment proposed)
That Council does not receive the minutes or object to decisions of the WEROC Inc Board meeting.	Rare (1)	Insignificant (1)	Low (1-4)	Compliance Requirements	Accept Officer Recommendation

Risk Matrix

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

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives: occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of one (1) has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating of 10 or greater (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating of 16 or greater will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Comment/Conclusion

To encourage the WEROC Inc partnership and promote a better understanding by all Councillors it is recommended that WEROC Inc minutes be read and received by Council. The CEO and Cr Rajagopalan attended the meeting.

The following items are highlighted for Councils attention:

- Streets Alive Funding Program - WEROC received a presentation from Doing Co. regarding the final anticipated round of the Streets Alive Stream 2 Program, offering grants of up to \$100,000. Applications opened in August 2026, with no minimum co-contribution required. The program is intended to support community-led improvements to local streets and public spaces;
- Crown Land and Planning Priorities - WEROC continues to coordinate member Shire priorities relating to Crown land and planning matters. A regional list has been developed from Wheatbelt Development Commission town action plans, with a meeting with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to be arranged once individual Shire priorities are confirmed;
- Regional Housing / Local Infrastructure Fund - WEROC, NEWROC and RoeROC are progressing work towards a potential joint application to the Australian Government Housing Support Program – Local Infrastructure Fund. Interested Shires are required to identify proposed land development

projects/lots and provide supporting plans and information to enable preliminary infrastructure costings;

- Waste Education Initiative - WEROC is working with DWER on a regional waste education initiative. Rather than community workshops, DWER recommended developing videos featuring local residents demonstrating correct waste sorting and disposal practices, an approach supported by the Board;
- Great Eastern Highway Advocacy - Following previous discussions with Main Roads and the Minister's office, the Board requested that a follow-up letter be sent to the Minister seeking clarification as to why the Great Eastern Highway has been removed from Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List;
- Shared Environmental Health Officer - WEROC CEOs continue to investigate a regional shared EHO arrangement. Direct discussions are to occur with regionally based EHO consultants regarding capacity to service all WEROC councils, potentially through either a discounted regional arrangement or direct engagement by WEROC;
- Eastern Wheatbelt Tourism Marketing - The Wheatbelt Road Trippers campaign performed strongly, with the Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail generating approximately 10,400 social media views and 1,172 page visits. WEROC approved \$3,535 for new professional photography along the trail, recognising that existing imagery is outdated;
- Regional Water Strategies Completed - The WEROC Water Audits/Strategies have now been completed, with final reports forwarded to individual member Councils for endorsement. The Wheatbelt Development Commission has requested access to the strategies and considers the WEROC approach potentially suitable for replication across other Wheatbelt regional organisations;
- Concern Regarding Water Infrastructure Funding - WEROC members noted concern regarding advice that funding available for water infrastructure grants may be reduced, particularly given the recently completed regional water strategies and the identification of future priority infrastructure projects;
- Inquiry into Local Government Funding - WEROC has been invited to appear before the House Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport at a public hearing in Northam on 28 August 2026, following WEROC's submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability;
- Disaster Ready Fund - Regional Generator Project: WEROC submitted a Round 4 Disaster Ready Fund application for a regional portable generator project, with the Shire of Bruce Rock acting as lead agent. The proposal seeks six portable generators and associated electrical upgrades, with a total estimated project cost of \$437,427 and grant funding of \$354,483 requested;
- Emergency Management MOU - The Board supported updating and re-signing the WEROC Local Government Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding, irrespective of the outcome of the Disaster Ready Fund application;
- WEROC Financial Position - At 30 June 2026, WEROC reported a cash balance of \$104,652.25. The organisation's term deposit was also renewed for eight months at 5.1%, maturing on 8 March 2027; and
- Next WEROC Meeting - The September Board meeting was cancelled, with the next WEROC meeting to be held in Kellerberrin on 4 November 2026, incorporating both the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20260820.10

Moved: Cr Buegge

Seconded: Cr Hodgkiss

That Council receives the minutes of the WEROC Inc Board Meeting held on the 29 July 2026 at the Shire of Merredin.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Rajagopalan, Cr Buegge, Cr Foss, Cr Hodgkiss, Cr Strange, Cr Verhoogt

Against: Nil



WEROC Inc. Board Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday 29 July 2026

Shire of Merredin, Council Chambers

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WEROC Inc.

Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils Inc.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held in Merredin on Wednesday 29 July 2026.

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Charmaine Thomson as Chair of WEROC Inc. welcomed Members of the Board and opened the meeting at 9.32am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Mr. Mark Crees (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Ben Forbes

Mr. Mark Furr

Ms. Alison Harris

Mr. Andrew Malone

Ms. Lisa O'Neill

Mr. Bill Price

Ms. Emily Ryan (joined via videoconference)

Ms. Charmaine Thomson (Chair)

Mr. Craig Watts

Ms. Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

2.2 Apologies

Mr. Raymond Griffiths

Mr. Bryan Close

Mr. Ramesh Rajagopalan

Mr. Stuart Hobley

2.3 Guests

Ms. Morgan Ware, Manager of Governance, Shire of Kellerberrin

Mr. David Snyder, Doing Co.

Ms. Kay Squibb, Deputy CEO, Shire of Cunderdin

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 David Snyder, Doing Co., 11.00am

David Snyder from Doing Co. (formerly Town Team Movement) has requested an opportunity to present to the WEROC Board on the final round of the Streets Alive program, which offers grants of up to \$100,000.

The Streets Alive grants will open on Monday 3, August and close on Friday, 11 September 2026.

Comments from the meeting:

Mr. Snyder joined the meeting at 11.00am and provided an overview of the Streets Alive program. Key points of the discussion are summarised below.

- The objectives of the Streets Alive program are to build local capability and capacity, encourage citizen-led action to influence attitudes and behaviours, enhance local street environments, and trial a collaborative delivery model.
- The program offers two funding streams: Stream 1, providing grants of up to \$10,000, and Stream 2, providing grants of up to \$100,000.
- Applications for the next Stream 2 funding round open on 3 August 2026 and close on 10 September 2026.
- Eligible projects must:
 - involve a local road in Western Australia
 - be located on publicly accessible land and be free for community use;
 - receive approval from the relevant Local Government and/or Main Roads; and
 - have a project working group comprising representatives from both the Local Government and the community.
- In response to a question from Mr. Mark Furr, Mr. Snyder advised there is no formal allocation of funding between metropolitan and regional projects. However, the program generally aims to achieve an approximate 50:50 funding split.
- Mr. Craig Watts queried the co-contribution requirements. Mr. Snyder confirmed there is no minimum co-contribution requirement.
- Mr. Furr asked whether there is only one funding round each year. Mr. Snyder advised that one Stream 1 and one Stream 2 funding round are typically offered annually. The next Stream 1 round is expected to open between April and May 2027. He further noted that Stream 2 funding has not been confirmed beyond the current financial year, and, at this stage, the August 2026 round is expected to be the final Stream 2 funding round.

Mr. Snyder left the meeting at 11.51am and did not return.

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on Friday 8 May 2026

Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held in Bruce Rock on Friday 8 May 2026 have previously been circulated.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Bruce Rock on Friday 8 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Mr. Mark Crees

That the Minutes of the WEROC Inc. Meeting held in Bruce Rock on Friday 8 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising – Status Report

5.2.1 Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 8 May 2026

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
5.2 Business Arising Status Report	- Each Shire to provide their priority crown land actions and 2-3 topics they would like DPLH to discuss with the group. - Invite DPLH to attend the July meeting.	A list of crown land and planning actions, based on the town action plans developed by the Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) has been compiled. Shires have been asked to confirm priorities and once this has been completed, Mr. Grant Arthur from the WDC will organise a meeting with DPLH.
7.2 Community Waste Education	- Decline quote from Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) - Produce an infographic that can be adapted by each Council, outlining the appropriate disposal methods for different waste streams and identifying local waste disposal locations.	The WMRC were advised of the decision not to proceed with their proposed community education campaign. The Executive Officer is working with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to develop a custom infographic aligned with the WasteSorted campaign branding and messaging.
8.2 Roads	Follow-up email to be sent regarding Ms. Stopic's visit to Shires	A follow up email was sent to Main Roads on 22 May 2026. Refer to Agenda item 8.2 for further information.
8.3 Shared Services	Gauge interest in proposed WLAGA town planning service from NEWROC and RoeROC	The RoeROC and NEWROC Executive Officers were provided with an overview of discussions held with WALGA to date and were asked to gauge interest among their member councils in accessing a town planning service provided by WALGA. Both ROCs advised that there was no interest in a service of this nature.
8.4 Marketing & Promotion	Request a proposal for new content creation for the EW Self-Drive Trail from the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre	Ms. Carina McDonald, Manager Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre, has been asked to prepare a proposal for the development of new content for the drive trail.
8.5 Share Resourcing –	WEROC CEOs to meet and discuss options for progressing with a	The WEROC CEOs met via Teams on 20 July 2026 to discuss a shared EHO.

Environmental Health Officer	shared Environmental Health Officer (EHO).	Refer to Agenda item 8.3 for further detail.
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5.2.2 Actions Arising from the WEROC Inc. CEO's Meetings held on 26 May & 20 July 2026

Agenda Item	Action(s)	Status
Housing – Application to Housing Support Program - Local Infrastructure Fund	- Engage with NEWROC and RoerOC to gauge interest in a joint application. - Each Shire to confirm which lots they would like included in the application and provide drawings/lot plans - Issue a request for quote for cost estimates.	Refer to Agenda item 8.1
Waste Sorted Community Education Grant	- Contact Avon Waste and request a quote for a recycling education program - Finalise flyer/poster design with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)	The Waste Sorted Community Education Grant closes for applications on 17 August. A quote from Avon Waste was requested on 20 July 2026. The Executive Officer met with the community engagement team from DWER on Tuesday 21 July to review the draft flyer and discuss the proposed application to the Waste Sorted community education grant. A verbal update on the outcome of this meeting will be provided.
Shared Environmental Health Officer	Investigate engagement of a regionally based EHO to provide services to WEROC Councils.	Refer to Agenda item 8.3

Recommendation:

That the status reports be received.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Executive Officer provided an update on discussions with DWER regarding a potential waste education grant application. DWER suggested that, rather than delivering community workshops, a more effective approach would be to produce a series of videos featuring local residents demonstrating correct waste sorting and disposal practices.
- The Board supported this approach.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Lisa O'Neill

Seconded: Ms. Alison Harris

That the status reports be received.

CARRIED

6. WEROC INC. FINANCE

6.1 WEROC Inc. Financial Report as of 30 June 2026

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Date: 1 July 2026

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

At the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on 7 May 2025 the budget for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026 was adopted. The approved Budget for 2025-26 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 member contributions
Note 2	Payments made by NEWROC to cover their contribution to the workforce housing investigation as per the grant agreement with WDC, and from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for the WEROC water audit
Note 3	Interest paid on term deposit
Note 4	GST received
Note 5	GST Refunds – Q3 BAS 2025/26 financial year
Note 6	Executive Officer Services.
Note 7	Executive Officer travel to meetings.
Note 8	Monthly subscription fee for Xero accounting software
Note 9	Payment to Audit Partners Australia for 2024-25 financial year audit
Note 10	Payments to Australia's Golden Outback for cooperative marketing, Flat Earth Mapping for the update to the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail, the Shire of Merredin for social media management for the drive trail, JE Planning for the workforce housing investigation, Chadwick Consulting for site feasibility testing and Econosis for the key worker housing business case and cost-benefit-analysis drafts. Payments have also been made to Water Technology for the water supply security strategy and NEWROC for the joint ROC forum.
Note 11	Payments to Local Community Insurance Services for: - Workers compensation insurance - Association Liability insurance - Public and Products Liability insurance - Personal Accident insurance - Cyber insurance
Note 12	GST paid
Note 13	Payment to ATO for Q4 2024-25 and Q1 and Q2 2025-26 BAS

WEROC Inc.
ABN 28 416 957 824
1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

		Budget 2025/2026	Actual to 30/06/2026	Notes
	INCOME			
0501	General Subscriptions	\$84,000.00	\$84,000.00	1
504.01	Consultancy & Project Reserve	\$0.00	\$85,000.00	2
0575	Interest received	\$4,392.33	\$4,392.33	3
584	Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	GST Output Tax	\$8,400.00	\$16,900.00	4
	GST Refunds	\$6,399.00	\$5,815.00	5
	Total Receipts	\$103,191.33	\$196,107.33	
	EXPENSES			
1545	Bank Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1661.01	WEROC Inc. Executive Services	\$38,920.00	\$33,841.82	6
1661.02	Executive Officer Travel and Accommodation	\$3,080.00	\$1,531.60	7
1661.03	WEROC Executive Officer Recruitment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
1687	WEROC Financial Services Accounting	\$1,080.00	\$818.16	8
1687.03	WEROC Financial Services Audit	\$1,100.00	\$1,036.00	9
1585	WEROC Consultant Expenses	\$70,000.00	\$119,533.63	10
1850	WEROC Management of WEROC App & Website	\$900.00	\$1,352.00	
1801	WEROC Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	
1851	WEROC Insurance	\$6,300.00	\$6,232.43	11
1852	WEROC Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
1853	WEROC Incorporation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1854	Transfer to Term Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1930	WEROC Sundry	\$300.00	\$0.00	
3384	GST Input Tax	\$12,518.00	\$15,958.47	12
	ATO Payments	\$9,088.71	\$11,122.00	13
	Total Payments	\$146,786.71	\$191,426.11	
	Net Position	-\$43,595.38	\$4,681.22	
	OPENING CASH 1 July	\$94,312.12	\$99,971.03	
	CASH BALANCE	\$50,716.74	\$104,652.25	

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, be received.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Mr. Ben Forbes

That the WEROC Inc. financial report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Income & Expenditure

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

A summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 May to 30 June 2026 is provided below.

Date	Description	Credit	Debit	Running Balance
Opening Balance		\$79,004.65		
07 May 2026	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	\$33,000		\$112,004.65
15 May 2026	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	\$2,805	\$109,199.65
02 Jun 2026	Code Research Australia	0.00	\$495	\$108,704.65
16 Jun 2026	150 Square Pty Ltd	0.00	\$4,052.40	\$104,652.25
TOTAL		\$33,000	\$7,352.40	\$104,652.25
Closing balance		\$104,652.25		

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 May to 30 June 2026 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 May to 30 June 2026 totalling \$7,352.40 be approved.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Alison Harris

Seconded: Ms. Lisa O'Neill

That the WEROC Inc. summary of income and expenditure for the period 1 May to 30 June 2026 be received.

That the Accounts Paid by WEROC Inc. for the period 1 May to 30 June 2026 totalling \$7,352.40 be approved.

CARRIED

6.3 Term Deposit Renewal

Author: Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose.

Attachments: *Attachment 1: Proof of Balance Report*

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

The WEROC Term Deposit account matured on 8 July 2026. The interest paid on maturity was \$3,614.52.

As per the approved budget for the 2026-27 financial year, the funds (principal and interest) in the Term Deposit were reinvested at maturity.

The best rate offered was 5.10% for 8 months and so this rate was selected. The Term Deposit will mature on 8 March 2027 and the projected interest at maturity is \$3,518.07.

Recommendation: That the Term Deposit renewal for an 8-month period at a rate of 5.1% be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Ben Forbes

Seconded: Mr. Andrew Malone

That the Term Deposit renewal for an 8-month period at a rate of 5.1% be noted.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 Financial Statements for Approval

Author:	Rebekah Burges, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose.
Attachments:	Attachment 2: Draft Financials for signing Attachment 3: Representation letter
Consultation:	Audit Partners Australia
Financial Implications:	Nil
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority

Background:

At the WEROC Inc. Annual General Meeting held on 27 November 2025, Audit Partners Australia were appointed to undertake the financial audit for WEROC Inc. for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Executive Officer Comment:

Audit Partners Australia have prepared a draft financial report and representation letter for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. These documents are presented for endorsement.

Recommendation:

That the WEROC Inc. Board approve the Draft Financial Report and Representation Letter and authorise the WEROC Inc. Chair and Executive Officer to sign the documents.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr. Mark Furr

Seconded: Ms. Alison Harris

That the WEROC Inc. Board approve the Draft Financial Report and Representation Letter and authorise the WEROC Inc. Chair and Executive Officer to sign the documents.

CARRIED

8. PROJECT UPDATES

8.1 Housing

Attachment 4: Local Infrastructure Fund Joint Application Proposal

Attachment 5: Local Infrastructure Fund Fact Sheet

Attachment 6: Local Infrastructure Fund Register

A WEROC CEO's meeting was held via Teams on 26 May 2026 to discuss next steps with housing, particularly in light of the announcement in the Federal Budget that the Housing Support Program - Local Infrastructure Fund for land development would be opening later this year. The agreed actions from this meeting were as follows:

- Engage with NEWROC and RoerOC to gauge interest in a joint application to the Housing Support Program - Local Infrastructure Fund.
- Each Shire to confirm which lots they would like included in the application and provide drawings/lot plans and other information required to inform a request for quote for preliminary costings.
- Issue a request for quote for cost estimates.

A meeting with RoeROC and NEWROC was held on Friday 17 July 2026 to discuss preparation required for a joint application. A one-page summary has been prepared by Ms. Rebecca McCall and is provided as an attachment.

Comments from the meeting:

- Interested Shires were requested to complete the register of proposed projects for inclusion in a joint application and submit it to the Executive Officer within two weeks.

8.2 Roads

The WEROC CEOs met with Joanne Vinci (Senior Policy Adviser – Roads, Office of the Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA) and Belinda Stopic (Acting Executive Director Infrastructure Delivery) on Thursday 5 February 2026 via Teams. At this meeting it was agreed that Ms. Stopic would travel out to the region with Mohammad Siddiqui, Main Roads Regional Director for the Wheatbelt, and meet with the Shires to discuss specific concerns.

A follow-up email was sent to Ms. Vinci on 16 March to enquire about the regional visits and to request another meeting with the WEROC CEOs. The meeting with the CEOs was declined but we were advised that Ms. Stopic and Mr. Siddiqui would be visiting the Wheatbelt in May/June.

In March 2026, WEROC CEOs received an email from Main Roads advising that Ms. Stopic and Mr. Siddiqui were planning a visit and would like to coordinate meetings with Shire leadership. It was requested that they advise their availability in late May and mid-June to facilitate scheduling of these meetings.

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 8 May 2026, it was advised that the meetings had not yet been scheduled but Ms. Stopic and Mr. Siddiqui had attended the last meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone.

The Executive Officer sent a follow up email requesting confirmation that the individual meetings with Shires would still be going ahead. Below is the response received:

Thank you for reaching out and for your follow-up regarding the meeting request for the Great Eastern Highway. Given the challenges in coordinating separate visits to each individual Shire, we decided that it would be most effective for Mohammad and Belinda to present at the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting in April. This allowed them to connect with representatives from all the WEROC Shires in one setting and address collective questions and priorities.

A further email was sent advising that the WEROC Shires would still like individual discussions. The response, which was received on 8 June 2026 was as follows:

I wanted to let you know that I've asked Liz Davies, our Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Wheatbelt, to keep both myself and Belinda informed as soon as the quarterly meetings between the Main Roads Regional Office and the shire/councils are scheduled. This way, if Belinda has the availability to travel, she will be able to join Mohammad Siddiqui, our Regional Director Wheatbelt, and Liz in attending these meetings.

There has been no further correspondence since.

Comments from the meeting:

- The Board requested that a follow-up letter be sent to the Minister seeking clarification as to why the Great Eastern Highway has been removed from Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List.

8.3 Shared Services

A WEROC CEO's meeting was held via Teams on 20 July 2026 to discuss options for progressing with a shared Environmental Health Officer (EHO), given that previous attempts have been unsuccessful.

It was agreed that direct contact would be made with two regionally based EHO consultants to determine their capacity to provide services to all WEROC Shires. Subject to their availability, either a reduced rate agreement for WEROC Shires similar to the HR/IR service arrangement or direct engagement through WEROC at an agreed rate and hours, will be considered.

8.4 Marketing/Promotion

Attachment 7: For the Road Trippers Campaign Report

WEROC contributed \$2,200 toward the Wheatbelt Road Trippers Campaign which launched in February 2026. The campaign included paid social media advertisements, a video campaign and live reads on radio. As part of the campaign AGO also ran a Road Trip pull out in the Sunday Times 'Explore Your WAY' on Sunday 9 March 2026.

The social media campaign was particularly successful for the Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive trail, generating 10,400 views. The campaign also generated a significant number of page visits (1,172) with the EW self-drive trail receiving the second most visits behind Pathways to Wave Rock.

Since 2021, WEROC has participated in the Eastern Wheatbelt Cooperative Marketing Group, enabling us to leverage our marketing investment alongside NEW Travel (Wheatbelt Way), Roe Tourism (Pathways to Wave Rock), Pioneers Pathway and Australia's Golden Outback (AGO). Under this arrangement, each Eastern Wheatbelt tourism group contributed \$3,000 annually (\$12,000 collectively), with AGO matching the combined contribution. These funds supported several self-drive and road trip marketing campaigns throughout the year, including an autumn campaign similar to the road trippers' campaign undertaken earlier this year, and a spring wildflower campaign.

On 20 July 2026, AGO advised that it will no longer offer the cooperative marketing model for the annual wildflower campaign. Instead, organisations wishing to access discounted campaign packages will be required to purchase a Gold Membership at a cost of \$450 (ex GST) per year, which provides a 50% discount on campaign buy-in costs.

A meeting with AGO is scheduled for Friday, 24 July 2026 to discuss the future of collaborative marketing for the Eastern Wheatbelt self-drive trail groups.

Comments from the meeting:

- Following the meeting on Friday 24 July, AGO have agreed to a cooperative wildflower marketing package for the Eastern Wheatbelt tourism groups. The cost will be \$990+GST and will include an EDM feature on the road trips, meta-ads and a Perth is Ok article.
- A proposal from the Shire of Merredin to capture new imagery of sites along the Eastern Wheatbelt Self-Drive Trail was discussed.
- The Board agreed that the investment was warranted given that the current stock of images is outdated and there is a need for new content.
- Ms. Alison Harris thanked the Shire of Merredin for preparing the proposal.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Ms. Alison Harris

Seconded: Ms. Lisa O'Neill

That the WEROC Inc. Board:

- 1) Approve the photography proposal submitted by the Shire of Merredin,
- 2) Approve the allocation of \$3,535 from the consultancy budget to meet the full cost of the project.

CARRIED

8.5 Water Audits

The WEROC Water Audits/Strategies have been completed and final reports sent to each Council for endorsement.

The Wheatbelt Development Commission have asked for copies of the strategies to be sent to them when completed as one of the actions arising from their Wheatbelt Regional Drought Resilience Plan is to:

Undertake community and sub-regional water needs analyses to develop a better understanding of current and future water use and critical issues at the local government and sub-regional level

And they believe what WEROC have done could possibly be replicated across other ROCs in the Wheatbelt.

Comments from the meeting:

- The request from the Wheatbelt Development Commission to access the WEROC water strategies was endorsed by the Board.

9. EMERGING ISSUES

9.1 Funding for Water Infrastructure

Mr. Mark Crees advised that at the most recent Rural Water Council meeting, it was indicated that the Department of Environment and Water Regulation intends to reduce funding available for water infrastructure grants. Members noted this was concerning, particularly given the recent completion of water strategies for WEROC member councils. These strategies were developed to guide future investment decisions and support applications for funding for priority water infrastructure projects.

10. OTHER MATTERS (FOR NOTING OR DISCUSSION)

10.1 Invitation to a Public Hearing for Inquiry into Local Government Funding

Attachment 8: WEROC Submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.

The House Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Committee have invited representatives of WEROC to appear at a public hearing in Northam to discuss our submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability and any updated views on funding.

Hearing details:

Date: Friday, 28 August 2026

Time: 11:10 am – 12:10 pm AWST

Venue: Bridgeley Community Centre, Avon Auditorium, 91-93 Wellington St, Northam, WA

WEROC need to provide details of representatives attending by 30 July 2026.

Comments from the meeting:

- The WEROC Chair and Deputy Chair are not available to attend on behalf of WEROC.
- Mr. Stuart Hobley, Mr. Ram Rajagopalan and Mr. Craig Watts were nominated as WEROC representatives. Given that Mr. Hobley and Mr. Rajagopalan were not in attendance, their acceptance of the nomination will be confirmed out of session. The final list of representatives will be confirmed following the meeting.

10.2 Disaster Ready Fund

At the WEROC Inc. Board meeting held on 17 February 2025, an application to the Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 was discussed. Due to the limited timeframe available to prepare a competitive application, it was resolved that WEROC would instead target Round 4.

The Disaster Ready Fund Round 4 opened on 29 May 2026 and closed on 1 July 2026. Following discussions between member CEOs via email, it was agreed that WEROC would submit an application for a regional portable generator project. The Executive Officer prepared the business case, completed the application and lodged the submission, with the Shire of Bruce Rock acting as the lead agent.

The proposed project seeks funding for the procurement of six portable generators, together with the electrical upgrades required at participating local government facilities. The total project cost is estimated at \$437,427 with grant funding of \$354,483 requested.

If the grant application is successful, WEROC will need to update and facilitate the re-signing of the WEROC Local Government Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding.

Comments from the meeting:

- Mr. Craig Watts proposed that irrespective of the grant outcome, the WEROC Local Government Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding should be updated and re-signed.
- Mr. Andrew Malone thanked the Executive Officer for preparing the Disaster Ready Fund application.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2026 is as follows:

WEROC Inc. Board Meetings

Date	Host Council
Monday 16 February 2026	NA – held at the conclusion of the joint ROC forum
Wednesday 6 May 2026	Bruce Rock
Wednesday 29 July 2026	Merredin
Wednesday 23 September 2026	Cancelled
Wednesday 4 November 2026	Kellerberrin

The next meeting will take place in Kellerberrin on 4 November 2026.

Comments from the meeting:

- Several Board members advised they would be unavailable for the September meeting.
- It was agreed that the September meeting, scheduled to be held in Tammin, would be cancelled. The next Board meeting will be held in Kellerberrin on Wednesday, 4 November, commencing at 9.30 am. This meeting will incorporate both the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting.
- The change is now reflected in the schedule above.

12. CLOSURE

The Board concluded the business of the meeting and closed the formal agenda at 10.29 am.

Following a short break, the Board reconvened at 11.00 am for a presentation from Doing Co. Following discussion, the meeting closed at 11.52 am.

11. New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by Discussion of the Meeting
Nil

12. Confidential Items
Nil

13. Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.40 pm and, pursuant to Resolution OCM November 25 – 10.6.5 of 20 November 2025, reminded Councillors of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council, scheduled for 3.00pm on 24 September 2026, at this same venue.

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Thursday 24 September 2026



Cr R Rajagopalan
Shire President