SHIRE OF
Kent
NYABING • PINGRUP

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers
24-26 Richmond Street Nyabing

Wednesday 22 July 2026

Commencement: 6:00pm

MINUTES

22 July 2026

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member, **Cr Kate Johnston**, declared the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 July 2026 open at 6:00pm.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members Present

Cr Kate Johnston	President
Cr Scott Crosby	Deputy President
Cr Suma Reid	Councillor
Cr Darren Gray	Councillor
Cr Tim Borgward	Councillor

Staff Members Present

Christie Smith	Chief Executive Officer
David Bentley	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gary Mathewson	Manager Infrastructure
Jenni Dolan	Finance Coordinator

Apologies

Cr Greg Hobley	Councillor

Leave of Absence

Nil

Public

Members of the public: 0
Members of press: 0

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

6. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVING OF MINUTES / BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 17 June 2026

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/001)
Moved Cr Crosby / Seconded Cr Gray
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Kent held in the Nyabing Council Chambers on Wednesday 17 June 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

6.2 Outstanding Council Resolutions July 2026

The Outstanding Council Resolutions Register for July 2026 is provided as **Attachment 6.2** for information.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

8. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

9. REPORTS – OFFICE OF THE CEO

Nil.

10. REPORTS – CORPORATE SERVICES

10.1 Adoption of Budget for the Financial Year 2026/27

Author:	Jenni Dolan, Finance Coordinator
Location:	N/A
File No:	FIN.305
Voting Requirements:	Absolute Majority - 4 Elected Members required to vote in favour
Attachments:	10.1 Attachment 1 – 2026/27 Draft Budget and Fees & Charges

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/002)
Moved Cr Reid / Seconded Cr Borgward
Pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopt the Shire of Kent Budget as contained in Attachment 1 to this agenda and minutes, for the 2026/27 financial year which includes the following:

- **Statement of Comprehensive Income**
- **Statement of Cash Flows**
- **Statement of Financial Activity**
- **Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget**

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/003)
Moved Cr Gray / Seconded Cr Borgward

1. **For the purposes of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Recommendation 1 above, Council, pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, impose the following general rates and minimum payments on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values:**

1.1 General Rates

Residential / Commercial (GRV)	**9.5588 cents in the dollar**
Rural (UV)	**0.3603 cents in the dollar**
Mining (UV)	**0.3603 cents in the dollar**

1.2 Minimum Payments

Residential / Commercial (GRV)	**$592**
Rural (UV)	**$592**
Mining (UV)	**$592**

2. **Pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council nominates the following due dates for the payment in full by instalments:**

   <u>Option 1 (Full Payment)</u>
   Full amount of rates and charges including arrears, to be paid on or before 16 September 2026.

   <u>Option 2 (Two Instalments)</u>
   First instalment to be made on before 16 September 2026, including all arears and half the current rates and service charges; and
   Second instalment to be made on or before 20 January 2027

   <u>Option 3 (Four Instalments)</u>
   First instalment to be made on or before 16 September 2026, including all arrears and a quarter of the current rates and service charges;
   Second instalment to be made on or before 18 November 2026;
   Third instalment to be made on or before 20 January 2027; and
   Fourth instalment to be made on or before 24 March 2027

3. **Pursuant to section 6.46 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council offers no discount to ratepayers.**
4. **Pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of $10 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.**
5. **Pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.**
6. **Pursuant to section 6.51(1) and subject to section 6.51(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopts an interest rate of 7% for rates (and service charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable.**

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/004)
Moved Cr Crosby / Seconded Cr Reid
Pursuant to section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and other relevant legislation, Council adopts the 2026/27 Fees and Charges as contained in Attachment 1 to this agenda and minutes.

Health Act 1911 – Sewerage Charges for Nyabing and Pingrup

Residential Sewerage	**8.0032 cents in the dollar Minimum charge of $450**
Commercial Sewerage	**8.0032 cents in the dollar Minimum charge of $988**
Vacant lot Sewerage	**$311 per property**
Minor fixture charge (first)	**$311**
Major fixture charge (first)	**$988**
Additional fixtures	**$128**

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/005)
Moved Cr Borgward / Seconded Cr Crosby
Pursuant to section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, Council adopt the following charges for the removal of domestica and commercial waste.
Refuse Removal Charges for Nyabing and Pingrup Townsites
<u>**Residential and Commercial Premises General Waste**</u>

240L bin per weekly collection	**$287 per annum**
240L bin per weekly collection – eligible pensioner	**$144 per annum**

<u>**Residential and Commercial Premises Recycling Waste**</u>

240L recycling bin per fortnightly collection	**$161 per annum**

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/006)
Moved Cr Gray / Seconded Cr Reid

1. **In accordance with section 5.98(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Part 6.2(1) and Part 6.3(1)(a) of the *Determination for Local Government Elected Members* pursuant to section 7B of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, the following annual fees for 2026/27 in lieu of individual meeting fees be set:**

- **Council member meeting attendance fees - $11,023 per annum**
- **Shire President meeting attendance fees - $22,646 per annum**

2. **In accordance with Section 5.98 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Regulation 33 *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and Part 7.2(1) and 7.3(1) of the Determination for Local Government Elected Members pursuant to Section 7B of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, the following annual allowance for 2026/27 be set:**
- **Shire President Allowance - $23,257 per annum**
- **Deputy Shire President Allowance - $5,814 per annum**

3. **In accordance with section 5.99A(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Regulation 34A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and Part 9.2(2) of the *Determination for Local Government Elected Members* pursuant to Section 7B of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975*, the following annual ICT allowance for 2026/27 be set:**
- **All Council members - $1,000 per annum**

4. **Pursuant to section 5.98 and 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 31 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, note the following reimbursable costs incurred by an elected member because of their attendance at a Council Meeting or a meeting of a Committee of which he or she is also a member or in attending a meeting expressly authorised by the local government:**
- **Child Care costs up to $35.00 per hour; and**
- **Travelling costs at those rates applicable at the date of the current determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Local Government Elected Council Members**

5. **Pursuant to Section 5.100 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and other relevant legislation, council adopts the meeting attendance fees for Independent Audit, Risk and improvement Committee (ARIC) and Independent Committee members.**
- **Independent committee member sitting fees - $250 per meeting**
- **Independent ARIC committee member sitting fee - $250 per meeting**

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/007)
Moved Cr Borgward / Seconded Cr Gray
In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2026/2027 for reporting material variances shall be 10% or $10,000, whichever is the greater.

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/008)
Moved Cr Crosby / Seconded Cr Borgward
Pursuant to section 6.13(1) of the Local Government Act 1995, an interest rate of 7% per annum be applied to sundry debts that remain unpaid after 60 days from date of debt issuance.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

Purpose
To consider and adopt the Municipal Fund Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year together with supporting schedules, including imposition of rates and minimum payments, adoption of fees and charges, reserve fund transactions, setting of elected members fees for the year and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

Background
The draft 2026/27 budget has been formed with regard to the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033 and Corporate Business Plan (CBP) 2025-2029. The 2026/27 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the presentation made to councillors at the budget workshop held on 10 June 2026.

Comment
The budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and Australian Accounting Standards. The main features of the draft budget include:

Rates 2026/27
Landgate has completed the rural assessments (unimproved value (UV)) for all properties in the Shire of Kent as at the Date of Valuation, 1 August 2025. These valuations became effective on 30 June 2026.

- Total Valuation: $731,386,930
- Average Overall Change: 19.67%

The analysis of sales at and around the date of valuation supports an increase in Unimproved Values for broadacre agricultural properties. The evidence for smaller properties generally supports similar increases in Unimproved Values compared to broadacre farming properties.

Some variations to individual assessments may have occurred either as a product of the valuation process and/or inclusion of updated information.

These revaluations have been used to form the 2026/27 budget, which sees a rate increase of 3.0% on the previous year's yield.

Significant operational expenditure 2026/27
GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING – $150K administrative costs pertaining to rating and general business.

GOVERNANCE – $858K includes expenses pertaining to elected member, local election, auditor, legal advice and professional services, and IT expenses and council memberships/licenses.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY – $297K investment. Key elements include bushfire volunteer equipment and support funded through Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS), volunteer training and ranger services

HEALTH – $50K in health personnel, and control of pests.

EDUCATION AND WELFARE – $70K investment. Key elements include ongoing financial support to local education, childcare, and community groups.

HOUSING – $562K investment in the ongoing upkeep of Shire owned assets.

COMMUNITY AMENTITIES – $576K in waste and recycling collection services, refuse facility services, and cemetery and sewerage maintenance. Also included is funding for implementation of the Town Planning Scheme and investigation of sewerage upgrade option.

RECREATION AND CULTURE – $1.011M investment. Key elements include ongoing maintenance of public buildings, and parks and gardens.

TRANSPORT – $3.78M in the maintenance of roads systems, drainage, signage and footpaths, including a contingency for high fuel costs and contract grading staff.

ECONOMIC SERVICE – $1.35M investment. Key elements include a contribution to the Bloom Festival, community planning and consultation, tourism services, townscape improvements, maintenance of standpipes and building surveyor services. Also included is expenditure associated with the Nyabing Progress Association self supporting loan, although it should be noted that this expense is offset with corresponding revenue resulting in a nil effect to the budget.

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES - $80K of which key elements include implementation of fleet GPS tracking, risk assessment, work, health and safety, worker's compensation insurance, employee assistance program, fuel and plant repairs.

Capital Expenditure 2026/27
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT – $50K to complete upgrades to Council Chambers furniture and IT equipment

LAND AND BUILDINGS – $2.06M Shire asset renovation programs, employee accommodation, and administration, Nyabing pavilion and Pingrup Caravan Park ablution upgrades.
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT – $384K plant replacement program.

ROADS – $5.8M road construction and maintenance program.
INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) – $450K Implementation of the Strategic Waste Management Plan at Nyabing and Pingrup tips, drainage work in Coates Close, town street maintenance and urban regeneration.

Other Key Information
LOANS – This budget includes new borrowings in the form of a self supporting loan for the Nyabing Progress Association. The nature of self supporting loans results in a nil effect to the budget.

RESERVES – A increase of $766K in Shire reserves at 30 June 2027 is anticipated.

ASSET SALES – Total asset sales are budgeted at $233K, with profit of $17.5K.

CARRY FORWARD SURPLUS – An estimated surplus of $4,504,490 is anticipated to be brought forward from 30 June 2026. It should be noted that this surplus is unaudited and may change. Any change will be addressed as part of a future budget review. Factors contributing to high surplus are early 26/27 Financial Assistance Grants of $2.25M, capital programs carried forward to the 26/27 budget (including 15 Aspendale housing, capital maintenance of 2/3 Gaby), unused contract and maintenance contingencies, and wages/employee cost savings due to vacant positions. In addition, unused townscape and urban regeneration contingencies.

SUNDRY DEBTOR INTEREST – this budget includes an interest charge of 7% to sundry debts that remain unpaid after 60 days from date of debt issuance.

The draft budget has been developed with extensive consultation between executive staff and business units, and with elected members at an intensive budget workshop in June. The budget is also driven by the Shire’s CBP which was developed through community consultation and engagement.

Statutory Implications
Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that no later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, (Absolute Majority required) in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June.

Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* details the form and content of the budget. The draft 2026/27 budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.

Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* enables a local government to impose an annual charge in respect of premises provided with a waste service by the local government.

Section 7B(2) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* requires the Tribunal, at intervals of not more than 12 months, to inquire into and determine –

- the amount of fees to be paid to Council members;
- the amount of expenses to be reimbursed to Council members;
- the amount of allowances to be paid to Council members.

The *Determination on Local Government Chief Executive Officer and Elected Members* requires local governments to set an amount within the relevant range determined for fees, expenses or allowances.

Section 5.98 of the *Local Government Act 1995* sets out fees, expenses and reimbursements etc payable to council members as determined by the Tribunal.

Section 5.98A of the *Local Government Act 1995* sets out fees, allowances etc. which may be paid to deputy presidents up to a percentage determined by the Tribunal (Absolute Majority required).

Section 5.99 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides a local government may pay an annual fee in lieu of fees for attending meetings, as determined by the Tribunal (Absolute Majority required).

Section 5.99A of the *Local Government Act 1995* sets out a local government may pay an annual allowance for council members in lieu of reimbursements of expenses, as determined by the Tribunal (Absolute Majority required).

Regulations 30, 31, 32 and 34ACA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* set the limits, parameters and types of allowances that can be paid to Council members.

Policy Implications

The budget is based on the principles contained in the Strategic Community Plan. There is no policy on discount on rates, this is determined annually throughout the budget process. Council policy relates to recovery of rates and services charges (policy 3.1.5).

Financial Implications

The setting of the Shire's Annual Budget is a key decision made by Council on an annual basis. It is imperative that all Councillors fully understand the Budget and recognise the implications of decisions that have been made regarding resource allocation for the following 12 months as a result of the adoption of the Budget.

Strategic Implications

The Shire of Kent Strategic Community Plan identifies several key objectives and strategies based upon a sustainable future. The 2026/27 Budget as presented is in keeping with Council's Strategic direction.

Shire of Kent – Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033

1. Community
    1.1. Our communities are healthy, connected and safe communities
    1.2. Inclusive community activities, events, services and initiatives
    1.3. Well maintained community spaces and infrastructure
    1.4. Support emergency services planning, risk mitigation, response and recovery
2. Economy
    2.1. Coordinated delivery of economic services and projects
    2.2. Access to local education pathways
    2.3. Safe and efficient transport network enables economic growth
    2.4. Visitors have a positive experience across our Shire
3. Environment
    3.1. Maintain a high standard of environmental health and waste services
    3.2. Conservation of our natural environment and resources
4. Civic Leadership
    4.1. Forward planning and implementation of plans to achieve community priorities
    4.2. Proactive and well government Shire

Risk Implications

Moderate risk of negative public perception if Council does not adopt the budget.

10.2 Agreement to Use Nyabing Kart Track – Great Southern Street Machine Association

Author:	David Bentley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Location:	N/A
File No:	LEG.66
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority - More than half of Elected Members present required to vote in favour
Attachments:	10.2 Attachment 1 – Nyabing Kart Track Hire Agreement

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/009)
Moved Cr Crosby / Seconded Cr Gray
That Council
1. **endorses the Nyabing Kart Track Hire Agreement for the Nyabing Kart Track as provided at Attachment 1 for the purpose of hosting the Nyabing Drift and Motorkhana by Great Southern Street Machine Association; and**
2. **authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement pursuant to section 9.49A(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.**

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

Purpose
To seek Council endorsement of a Nyabing Kart Track Hire Agreement for the Nyabing Drift and Motorkhana event being held on Saturday 8 August 2026 and Sunday 9 August 2026.

Background
A request to hire the Nyabing Kart Track was received from Great Southern Street Machine Association (GSSMA) for the purpose of hosting the Nyabing Drift and Motorkhana.

The event will be a two day (weekend) event based on “grass roots” entry level activities of Drifting and Motorkhana. All events held by GSSMA are sanctioned by their affiliated body being the Australian Auto Sport Alliance which provides both the governing rules and regulations and insurance for affiliated clubs.

Due to the event’s scheduled date needing to be finalised for applications and compliance, the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President jointly signed the Nyabing Kart Track Hire Agreement to avoid delay and ensure the event could proceed as planned.

Comment
GSSMA have hosted this motorsport event at the Nyabing Kart Track at this location in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

As per the previous events it is best practice to enter into an agreement in order to remove any risk associated with the proposed event from both the Shire and the State.

The Kart Track is situated on reserved land being Reserve 39189 with an approved purpose of "Recreation – Go Kart Racing". While the reserve purpose specifically refers to "Go Kart Racing", a proposal as presented is not necessarily "Go Kart" related, however the view is that the proposal does not drastically deviate from the established Reserve purpose as it is still motor based activities.

Statutory Implications
Local Government Act 1995
Land Administration Act 1997

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Shire of Kent Strategic Community Plan 2023 - 2033
1 – Community
1.2 – Inclusive community activities, events, services and initiatives.

Risk Implications
As per comments above, risk has been identified as being able to be mitigated through a legal agreement.

10.3 Change of Date – September 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

Author:	David Bentley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Location:	N/A
File No:	GOV.485
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority - More than half of Elected Members present required to vote in favour
Attachments:	Nil.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/010)
Moved Cr Gray / Seconded Cr Borgward
That Council changes the date of the September Ordinary Council Meeting from Wednesday 16 September 2026 to Tuesday 15 September 2026 commencing at 6pm at the Pingrup Pavilion.

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

Purpose
Council is requested to consider changing the date of the September Ordinary Council Meeting as the current date conflicts with the annual WALGA Local Government Convention.

Background
At the Ordinary Council Meeting in December 2025, Council set the meeting dates for ordinary meetings of the Council.

Comment
As the date of the WALGA Local Government Convention was not known at the time, there was no known conflict of Council meeting dates with other commitments or important events.

To ensure a quorum can be present for the September Ordinary Council Meeting and all Executive staff member can attend the meeting, it is recommended to change the September Ordinary Council Meeting from Wednesday 16 September to Tuesday 15 September.

Statutory Implications
Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Community Strategic Plan 2023 - 2033

Civic Leadership Strategic Priorities – Proactive and well governed Shire

Risk Implications

Nil.

10.4 WALGA AGM Voting Delegates

Author:	David Bentley, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Location:	N/A
File No:	GOV.481
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority - More than half of Elected Members present required to vote in favour
Attachments:	Nil.

COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/011)
Moved Cr Reid / Seconded Cr Borgward
That Council nominates the following Councillors as the voting delegates for the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting:

Cr Kate Johnston
Cr Scott Crosby

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
That Council nominates the following Councillors as the voting delegates for the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting:

Cr ________________
Cr ________________

Reason for change
To populate the voting delegates for the WALGA Annual General Meeting.

Purpose
Council is requested to consider appointing delegates that will attend the WALGA Local Government Convention to vote in the Annual General Meeting.

Background
At WALGA's Annual General Meeting, two voting delegates are allowed from each local government. A council resolution is required to nominate the voting delegates.

Comment
The WALGA Annual General Meeting is due to be held on Thursday 17 September 2026 at 2:30pm at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Voting delegates can be Councillors or local government officers.

Statutory Implications
Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
Nil

Strategic Implications
Community Strategic Plan 2023 - 2033
Civic Leadership Strategic Priorities – Proactive and well governed Shire

Risk Implications
Nil.

10.5 Monthly Financial Report to 30 June 2026

Author:	Jenni Dolan, Finance Coordinator
Location:	N/A
File No:	FIN.283
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority - More than half of Elected Members present required to vote in favour
Attachments:	10.5 Attachment 1 – Monthly Financial Report to 30 June 2026

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/012)
Moved Cr Borgward / Seconded Cr Crosby
That Council receive the Monthly Financial Reports to 30 June 2026 as presented at Attachment 1.

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

Purpose
In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, to follow is the presentation of the Monthly Financial Reports to Council.

Background
Monthly Financial Reports are to be presented to Council and are to be received by Council resolution.

Comment
The Monthly Financial Reports as presented indicate that Council continues to be in a sound financial position

Overview
Presented to Council is the final monthly report for the 25/26 financial year. Noted in the Statement of Financial Activity is an unaudited current surplus of $4,504,551. The operating revenue sits 43.59% above the full-year budget estimate, primarily due to early receipt of the 26/27 FA (Financial Assistance) Grant. Operating expenditure sits 35.35% below the adopted full-year budget estimate. Unspent contingencies and projects carried forward to the 26/27 budget contribute to under spend. A detailed explanation of the surplus that will be carried into the 2026/27 financial year was outlined at the June draft budget workshop held with Councillors, and will support the presentation of the 2026/27 Draft Budget.

Next month
Audit and annual financial reporting preparation will be the focus over the next month. Once the draft budget is approved by Council, the billing of 2026/27 rates and charges will commence with rates notices anticipated to be sent out mid-August

Note 3 of the Financial Report provides a full listing and explanation of all items considered of significant variance.

Statutory Implications
Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.4
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Clause 34 and 35

Policy Implications
Policy 3.1 Accounting Policies

Objective: To provide the basis for Council's accounting concepts and reporting guidelines.
To maintain accounting reporting procedures which comply with Statutory Requirements and to demonstrate Council's financial position.

Financial Implications
Ongoing management of Council funds.

Strategic Implications
Community Strategic Plan 2023 - 2033
Civic Leadership Strategic Priorities – Proactive and well governed Shire

Risk Implications
Nil.

10.6 Schedule of Accounts Paid to 30 June 2026

Author:	Jenni Dolan, Finance Coordinator
Location:	N/A
File No:	FIN.279
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority - More than half of Elected Members present required to vote in favour
Attachments:	10.6 Attachment 1 – Schedule of Accounts Paid - June 2026

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION (OCM2627/013)
Moved Cr Gray / Seconded Cr Crosby
That Council endorse the payments from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund for the period ending 30 June 2026.

Municipal Fund (Fee)	$	549.38
Municipal Fund (EFT)	$	890,635.81
Municipal Fund (Cheque)	$	-
Municipal Fund (Direct Debits)	$	26,471.29
Trust Fund	$	-
TOTAL	**$**	**917,656.48**

CARRIED 5/0
For: Cr Johnston, Cr Crosby, Cr Reid, Cr Gray, Cr Borgward
Against: Nil

Purpose
Council endorsement of payment to Creditors under CEO Delegated Authority 2.1.2.

Background
Details payments made to creditors since last Council Meeting.

Comment
The Schedule of Accounts Reports as presented, indicate that Council continues to be in a sound financial position.

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states that only the following information is to be reported to Council and form part of the public minutes:

a) the payee's name;
b) the amount of the payment;
c) the date of the payment; and
d) sufficient information that identifies the payment.

Statutory Implications
Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.4
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Part 2 – Regulation 11, 12 and 13.

Policy Implications

Policy 3.1 Accounting Policies

Objective: To provide the basis for Council's accounting concepts and reporting guidelines.
To maintain accounting reporting procedures which comply with Statutory Requirements and to demonstrate Council's financial position.

Financial Implications

Ongoing management of Council funds.

Strategic Implications

Community Strategic Plan 2023 - 2033
Civic Leadership Strategic Priorities – Proactive and well governed Shire

Risk Implications

Nil.

11. REPORTS – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil.

12. REPORTS – REGULATORY SERVICES

Nil.

13. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AGREED TO BY A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

15. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

16. MEETING CLOSED

The Presiding Member, **Cr Kate Johnston**, closed the meeting at 6:07pm.