



Shire of Murray

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2026 at 5.30pm

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member, President D McLarty declared the meeting open the time being 5.30pm.

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2 ATTENDANCES/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENT

President Douglas McLarty, Ange Rogers (Deputy President), Cr Geoff Black, Cr Stuart Kirkham, Cr Steve Lee, Cr Stewart Carter, Cr Nicole Willis, Cr Prue George

IN ATTENDANCE

Dean Unsworth (Chief Executive Officer), Alan Smith (Director Infrastructure Services), Rod Peake (Director Planning and Sustainability), Tracie Unsworth (Director Corporate Services), Krystal Dawe (Director Community and Economic Development), Belinda Brown (Minute Taker)

There were three (3) members of the public, four (4) members of staff in attendance at this time.

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Rob Cashman for the Ordinary Council Meetings 26 March 2026 and 23 April 2026.

2.1 Leave of Absence - Cr Stewart Carter

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/012

Moved: Cr S Carter

Seconded: Cr A Rogers

That Council approve a leave of absence for Cr Stewart Carter for the Ordinary Council Meeting 23 April 2026.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5 PETITIONS AND APPROVED DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Late Deputation Request - Ms Heidi Burrows

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/013

Moved: Cr S Lee

Seconded: Cr A Rogers

That Council accepts the late deputation from Ms Heidi Burrows regarding Item 11.3 Proposed Extension to Extractive Industry - Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

5.33pm Ms Heidi Burrows - (Ravenswood) – Item 11.3 Proposed Extension to Extractive Industry - Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood. Ms Burrows spoke against the Officers Recommendation.

President D McLarty thanked Ms Burrows for her deputation which concluded at 5.36pm

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 February 2026

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/014

Moved: Cr N Willis

Seconded: Cr G Black

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER

On 3 March the CEO and I attended a meeting with the Hon Meredith Hammat MLA (Minister for Health; Mental Health). This meeting was held in Perth.

On 11 March the Deputy Shire President, Acting CEO and Shire Officers and I attended a community meeting at the North Yunderup Hall to discuss a development in town.

On 12 March the Deputy Shire President, fellow Councillors, Shire Officers and I attended the monthly Councillor Briefing session which was held at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

On 22 March I attended the Pinjarra Cup Luncheon which was held at the Pinjarra Race Club.

On 25 March the CEO and I attended a meeting with the Hon Simone McGurk MLA (Minister for Creative Industries; Heritage; Industrial Relations; Aged Care and Seniors; Women. The meeting was held in Perth.

On 26 March February I presided over the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting and the March Ordinary Council Meeting, both were held in the Council Chambers.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS**Cr Ange Rogers, Deputy Shire President**

On 11 March the Shire President, Acting CEO, Shire Officers and I attended a community meeting at the North Yunderup Hall to discuss a development in town.

On 12 March the Shire President, fellow Councillors, Shire Officers and I attended the monthly Councillor Briefing session which was held at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

On 26 March I attended the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting and the March Ordinary Meeting both were held in the Council Chambers.

9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (BY PRESIDING MEMBER)

Cr Nicole Willis declared an Proximity Interest in Item 11.3 Proposed Extension to Extractive Industry - Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood in that her partners family property has a common boundary with Lot 521 Corio Road on which the extension to the extraction industry is proposed.

Cr Geoff Black declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 14.1 Consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 in that he is the Chairman of Friends of Edenvale.

Cr Steve Lee declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 14.1 Consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 in that he is the Treasurer of Friends of Edenvale.

10 RECEPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES HELD SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL

Nil.

REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OFFICERS**11 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY****11.1 Consideration of Submissions - Amendment No. 331 to Local Planning Scheme No.4 - Special Rural and Hills Landscape Protection Zones**

File Ref: D26/6724
Previous Items: OCM 23 Apr 25 Item 11.1 OCM25/037
Applicant: Nil.
Author and Title: Gregory Delahunty, Manager Planning and Environmental Services
Declaration of Interest: Nil.
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority
Appendices: Item 11.1 Appendix 1 - Advertised Amendment Documents

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/015

Moved: Cr A Rogers

Seconded: Cr N Willis

That Council:

- 1. Pursuant to Regulation 50(3) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* supports the advertised version of Amendment No. 331 to the *Shire of Murray Local Planning Scheme No. 4*, without modification.**
- 2. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the amendment documents.**
- 3. Pursuant to Regulation 53 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* provides the advertised Amendment No. 331 and associated documentation to the Western Australian Planning Commission for its consideration and recommendation to the Minister for Planning.**

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

In Brief

- Amendment No. 331 (**Amendment**) to the *Shire of Murray Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS4)* proposes to introduce a minimum lot size to the Special Rural and Hills Landscape Protection Zones, following expiry of various structure plans, to ensure that there continues to be appropriate planning controls in place to protect the existing character and amenity of these areas.
- Council is requested to consider the results of the public advertising and to support the Amendment without modification.
- No submissions were received during the public advertising period, and it is now recommended that Council supports the Amendment and forwards it to the Western Australian Planning Commission (**WAPC**) for consideration of final approval by the Minister for Planning.

Background

Under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (Planning Regulations)*, subdivision guide plans, now known as structure plans, have an approval period of

10 years. As the Planning Regulations came into effect in October 2015, a number of the Shire's pre-existing structure plans expired in October 2025.

Following consultation with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (**DPLH**), the Shire undertook an audit of structure plans in operation within the Shire. The audit identified several areas where, upon expiry of the relevant structure plans, no minimum lot size controls would apply. Given that these areas have already been subdivided and developed, the absence of such controls presents a risk to the ongoing protection of local character and amenity.

The Amendment therefore sought to reinstate appropriate planning controls by introducing minimum lot sizes that reflect existing development patterns and environmental constraints. For Special Rural areas, a minimum lot size of 2 hectares is proposed, which is broadly consistent with the established character of these localities. In limited cases, where site specific planning investigations demonstrate the land's capacity to support a higher density of development, a reduced minimum lot size of 1 hectare is applied. These provisions are reflected in the relevant schedules of LPS4 where applicable.

For the Hills Landscape Protection Zone, a minimum lot size of 4 hectares is proposed. This larger lot size responds to site constraints such as steep topography, significant vegetation and heightened bushfire risk and is considered necessary to ensure development outcomes remain consistent with the environmental and landscape values of these areas.

Report Detail

A copy of the advertised version of the Amendment is included at **Appendix 1**.

The Amendment was advertised for a period of 42 days with the submission period closing on 19 February 2026. No submissions were received.

Council is now required to consider the results of the advertising and whether to support the Amendment for final approval by the WAPC and Minister for Planning.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Place
Outcome 7	Population growth is being managed responsibly and sustainably.
Objectives 7.1	Manage urban growth effectively.

Other Strategic Links

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015

Clause 28 of the Deemed Provisions within the Planning Regulations outlines that the approval of a structure plan has effect for 10 years from the date that the WAPC approves the plan. This clause was introduced by the Planning Regulations in October 2015 and subclause (4) of Clause 28 provided that for any existing structure plans in operation at that time, the 10 year approval period was to commence from 19 October 2015.

Under the Planning Regulations the Shire was required to advertise a Scheme Amendment for a minimum of 42 days. Council is to consider the results of the advertising and to pass a resolution to either support the amendment without modification; support the amendment with modification to address the submissions; or not support the amendment.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Low	The amendment will simply reinstate planning controls that expired under the relevant structure plans in October 2025.

Consultation

The Amendment was referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (**EPA**) for it to consider whether it warranted formal environmental assessment under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act*. In this case the EPA advised that Amendment should not be assessed.

The Amendment was referred to the DPLH for consent to advertise pursuant to section 83A of the *Planning and Development Act*. The DPLH consent to advertise was granted in December 2025.

The Amendment was advertised for 42 days in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Regulations. This involved publication of a notice on the Shire website, at the Shire Administration Office and the Pinjarra Library, with copies of the documents available for viewing at these locations. The closing date for submissions was 19 February 2026. No submissions were received.

Given the proposed Amendment was of a minor nature, essentially seeking to maintain the status quo following the expiry of relevant structure plans, public agencies were not considered to be affected and so referral to agencies was not undertaken in this case.

Resource Implications

Financial

The cost of advertising has been accommodated within the current adopted operational budget.

Workforce

The proposal has been accommodated within existing staff resource levels.

Options

1. Resolving to support the Amendment without modification.
2. Resolving to not support the Amendment.

Conclusion

The Amendment responds to the expiration of a number of structure plans under the Planning Regulations, which resulted in the loss of minimum lot size controls in several established areas of

the Shire. Through consultation with the DPLH and a subsequent audit of affected areas, the Shire has identified the need to reinstate the former minimum lot area controls to ensure the ongoing protection of local character, amenity and environmental values.

The proposed minimum lot sizes for Special Rural and Hills Landscape Protection areas are considered appropriate, reflecting existing development patterns, site constraints, and planning objectives.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council supports the Amendment and refers it to the WAPC seeking consideration of final approval by the Minister for Planning.

11.2 Proposed Renewable Energy Facilities Local Planning Policy

File Ref: D26/10278
Previous Items: Nil.
Applicant: Nil.
Author and Title: Rod Peake, Director Planning & Sustainability
Declaration of Interest: Nil.
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority
Appendices: Item 11.2 Appendix 1 - Draft Renewable Energy Facilities Policy

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/016

Moved: Cr S Carter

Seconded: Cr N Willis

That Council resolves to prepare the draft Renewable Energy Facilities Local Planning Policy as set out in Appendix 1 for the purpose of public advertising in accordance with Clause 4, Schedule 2, Part 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for a minimum period of 21 days.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

In Brief

- A draft Renewable Energy Facilities Local Planning Policy (**Policy**) has been prepared as set out in **Appendix 1**, to guide the assessment of renewable energy facilities, which typically include wind, solar and battery energy storage developments.
- Development interest in large scale renewable infrastructure across regional Western Australia is increasing as is development interest for this type of development within the Shire.
- The Policy seeks to ensure renewable energy facilities are directed to suitable locations while protecting agricultural land, environmental assets, landscape character and future urban growth areas.
- Particular consideration is given to avoiding impacts on the Darling Scarp, the Northern Jarrah Forest and the internationally significant Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar Site.
- The Policy aligns with the draft Renewable Energy Planning Code being progressed by the Western Australian Planning Commission.
- Council endorsement is sought to prepare and advertise the draft Policy for public comment.

Background

Renewable energy generation is expanding rapidly across Western Australia as part of the State's transition toward lower emission energy sources and improved energy security. This transition is generating increased interest from proponents seeking to establish wind farms, solar farms and battery energy storage facilities in the Shire.

The Shire is likely to experience ongoing development interest due to its rural land availability and proximity to power infrastructure corridors. While renewable energy development can deliver economic and environmental benefits, it also presents potential land use conflicts, visual impacts, environmental risks and long term landscape changes.

At present, the Shire's Local Planning Scheme contains a definition for Alternative Energy Facility and classifies this use as discretionary with the Rural and Industrial zones. The preparation of a Local Planning Policy is therefore considered necessary to provide local guidance to proponents,

assist decision making and ensure renewable energy facility development occurs in a coordinated and strategically appropriate manner.

It is noted that renewable energy facilities do not include such development to be used principally to supply energy for an existing use on a particular lot.

The Western Australian Planning Commission is currently preparing a Renewable Energy Planning Code to provide a consistent State planning framework for the assessment and siting of renewable energy infrastructure. The wind energy component of the Code has been released in draft form and is currently subject to public advertising. Once this Code is expanded to include solar and battery energy storage facilities and finalised, it will then provide comprehensive State level guidance and reduce the need for detailed local planning policies. This is not expected for some time however and in the interim, the preparation of a Local Planning Policy is considered appropriate to provide local context, clarify site suitability considerations within the Shire and guide assessment of proposals until the State framework is finalised.

Report Detail

The draft Policy establishes a framework for the location and assessment of renewable energy facilities across the Shire. The Policy recognises that renewable energy development is an important component of the State's energy transition but emphasises that such development must occur in locations capable of accommodating infrastructure without creating unacceptable environmental, agricultural, visual, settlement or land use conflicts.

Within the Shire's context, renewable energy facilities are most likely to be proposed within rural zones. The Policy therefore emphasises that development should avoid highly productive agricultural land, should not sterilise land identified for future urban expansion and must demonstrate compatibility with surrounding rural land uses.

A key element of the Policy is the protection of the Shire's key environmental assets and landscape character. The Darling Scarp forms a defining visual and ecological feature of the Shire and contributes strongly to regional identity and tourism values. The Northern Jarrah Forest ecosystem represents a regionally significant environmental resource, already subject to pressures associated with mining, climate change, water decline and dieback. Similarly, the Peel Yalgorup wetland system functions as an interconnected ecological network supporting migratory bird species, wetland hydrology and internationally recognised biodiversity values.

In recognition of these factors, the Policy establishes a precautionary approach to the siting of large scale renewable energy infrastructure. Wind energy facilities, in particular, have the potential to generate extensive visual, ecological and cumulative landscape impacts. The Policy therefore signals that such infrastructure should not be located within or adjacent to the Northern Jarrah Forest, nor within the visual or ecological catchment of Ramsar listed wetlands, unless comprehensive scientific evidence demonstrates that impacts can be avoided.

The Policy also addresses emerging planning considerations associated with battery energy storage systems, including fire risk, thermal runaway events, hazardous gas release and emergency response requirements. Proponents will be required to demonstrate that appropriate technical investigations have been undertaken and that risks can be managed to acceptable levels.

Overall, the Policy aims to provide clarity to proponents, improve assessment consistency, protect key environmental and landscape values and support orderly planning outcomes across the district.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Place
Outcome 4	The ecosystem is managed sustainably for the benefit of current and future generations.
Objectives 4.1 and 4.2	Sustainably manage and conserve water resources, rivers and waterways. Sustainably manage and conserve forests, bushland, trees and reserves.

Other Strategic Links

The draft Policy has been prepared having regard to the State planning framework, including the draft Renewable Energy Planning Code and the State Planning Strategy that promotes decarbonisation and energy transition.

The Policy recognises the international environmental significance of the Peel Yalgorup Ramsar wetlands which are protected under the Ramsar Convention and seeks to ensure that renewable energy development does not adversely affect these protected ecosystems.

The Policy is consistent with and informed by the Shire’s Draft Local Planning Strategy, which identifies the importance of protecting environmental assets, protecting landscape character, supporting renewable energy use, agricultural productivity and managing growth in a coordinated manner.

Statutory Environment

The Policy will be prepared and adopted in accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (Planning Regulations)* Once adopted, the Policy will guide development assessment but will not override the provisions of the Local Planning Scheme.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Appropriately located renewable energy facilities can contribute to regional economic diversification, infrastructure investment and employment during construction and operation phases. By providing clearer planning guidance, the Policy may reduce development uncertainty and improve the efficiency of investment decisions.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Large scale renewable energy infrastructure can impact the environment, rural amenity and landscape character. The Policy seeks to protect community expectations regarding landscape values and environmental stewardship while ensuring proposals are assessed transparently and consistently.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

The Policy supports environmental sustainability by directing development away from sensitive ecological systems, including Darling Scarp, the Jarrah forest and significant waterways, and by requiring appropriate environmental investigations to accompany proposals.

Policy Implications

The Policy provides a clear framework for renewable energy development within the Shire and ensures alignment with emerging State planning code while recognising local environmental and landscape priorities.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Low	The Policy will assist in reducing risk by providing clearer expectations to proponents, reducing risk of unsuitable site proposals and supporting defensible decision making should applications be challenged.

Consultation

The draft Policy will be advertised for public comment for a minimum period of 21 days consistent with Planning Regulations.

Resource Implications

Financial

Costs associated with advertising the Policy will be met within the existing operational budget.

Workforce

The Policy preparation can be undertaken within the existing staff resource level.

Options

1. Resolve to prepare the Policy either in the recommended form or an alternative form for the purpose of public advertising.
2. Resolve not to prepare the Policy.

Conclusion

Renewable energy infrastructure will play an increasing role in the regional landscape. The preparation of a Local Planning Policy will assist in ensuring that such development occurs in appropriate locations, protects environmental assets and landscape character and provides clarity for proponents and the community.

11.3 Proposed Extension to Extractive Industry - Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood

File Ref: D26/12862
Previous Items: OCM 25 Feb 16 Item 12.1 (OCM16/018)
Applicant: Urban Resources
Author and Title: Luke Cervi, Coordinator Planning Services
Declaration of Interest: Nil.
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority
Appendices: Item 11.3 Appendix 1 - Application Report
Item 11.3 Appendix 2 - Site Plan
Item 11.3 Appendix 3 - Dust & Noise Management Plan - Lot 521 Corio Road Ravenswood - Stage 6
Item 11.3 Appendix 4 - Schedule of Submissions - Applicant's Response
Item 11.3 Appendix 5 - Late Submission and Applicant's response
Item 11.3 Appendix 6 - Commercial - Lot 521 Corio Road Ravenswood Additional Ground Watering Information

Cr Nicole Willis declared an Proximity Interest in Item 11.3 Proposed Extension to Extractive Industry - Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood in that her partners family property has a common boundary with Lot 521 Corio Road on which the extension to the extraction industry is proposed.

Cr Nicole Willis withdrew from the meeting the time being 5.43pm.

Alternate Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/017

Moved: Cr S Lee

Seconded: Cr A Rogers

That Council:

Refuses the Development Application for an extension to an Extractive Industry on Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood, for the following reasons:

- **Impact on Safety**
- **Amenity**
- **Dust**
- **Proximity to adjacent residents**

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7:0

Reasons for change:

- 1. The adverse impacts of heavy vehicle movements on the local road network.**
- 2. The unacceptable adverse impacts on the amenity of the locality.**
- 3. The residual risk of dust nuisance and 'sand blasting' damage to commercial crops on an adjoining property.**
- 4. The inappropriate proximity of the proposed extension to existing residential premises.**
- 5. The ineffective management of existing site operations, providing no certainty that future development conditions will be met.**

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves the Development Application for an extension to an Extractive Industry on Lot 521 Corio Road, Ravenswood, subject to the following conditions:

1. Excavation works must be completed by no later than 26 March 2028 (which does not include rehabilitation and related activities).
2. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the Application Report at Appendix 1, Site Plan at Appendix 2 and the Revised Dust and Noise Management Plan at Appendix 3, as modified by conditions contained within this approval to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
3. No excavation shall occur within 0.5 metres of the highest known groundwater level as shown in Appendix 6 to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
4. No extraction activities are to occur between 1st October and 31st March in each year.
5. No extraction operations are to occur within 40m of the northern boundary of Lot 521 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Government.
6. Hours of operation and movement of heavy vehicles and/or machinery in or out of the property shall be limited to 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) and 8am to 3pm on Saturdays.
7. Prior to the issue of an Extractive Industry Licence, a plan showing finished levels is to be prepared by the landowner/applicant and approved by the Local Government. The approved plan is to be adhered to at all times and no extraction is to occur below the lowest level of extraction shown on the approved plan.
8. Prior to the issue of an Extractive Industry Licence, a Landscaping Plan incorporating the landscaping described in Appendix 5, shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Government. The plan shall be implemented for the duration of the development to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
9. Prior to extraction activities commencing, wind fencing is to be installed as close as practical to the northern and eastern boundaries of the approved excavation areas to assist in minimising offsite dust impacts. The wind fencing shall be as described in Appendix 5 and to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
10. Groundwater monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Local Government and Department of Water and Environment Regulation on a quarterly basis. Groundwater monitoring shall include plans and details on groundwater levels, upstream and downstream from the extraction site from multiple points of the property to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
11. A contingency plan is to be prepared prior to the commencement of the operation to the satisfaction of the Local Government, with the approved plan subsequently implemented should it be considered by the Local Government that the works are causing the water regime to be adversely affected.
12. A complaints register shall be implemented and maintained by the Site Manager to the satisfaction of the Local Government. The complaints register must be provided to the Local Government within one working day after receipt of a request from the Local Government that it be provided.
13. A compliance assessment report for the approved Dust and Noise Management Plan, must be lodged by 31 October each year during the term of approval or by other such time as may be agreed by the Local Government. The compliance assessment report shall:
 - a. Be in a format to the satisfaction of the Local Government;
 - b. Assess whether the development has complied with each action required by the approved Noise and Dust Management Plan, and report on any potential non-compliance and corrective actions taken;
 - c. Be endorsed by the Applicant's Managing Director or a person delegated to sign on their behalf; and

- d. Be made publicly available;
14. The site is to be kept in a neat and tidy condition at all times. When vehicles and equipment associated with the Extractive Industry are not in use they shall be located, as far as practicable out of view of neighbouring properties and the adjacent public roads.
 15. Heavy haulage vehicles associated with the development travelling to and from the site shall only use a dedicated route, which must be approved in writing by the Local Government prior to the commencement of works, to ensure these vehicles are travelling on roads designed and maintained for the function to the satisfaction of the Local Government.
 16. The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining and repairing damage to the roads controlled by the Local Government which are used by heavy haulage traffic associated with the development, to the extent that the traffic generated by the development contributes to the need for such maintenance and repair to the satisfaction of the Local Government.

Advice Note

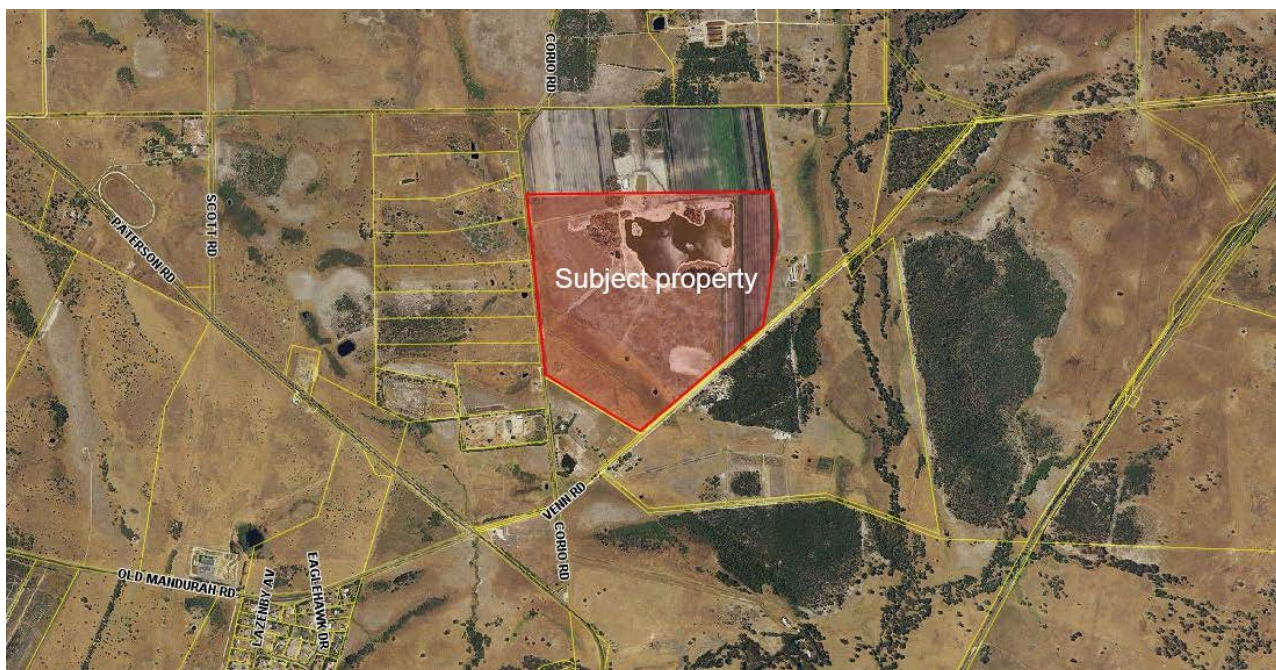
- a. Prior to extraction activities commencing, an Extractive Industry Licence under the *Extractive Industries Local Law 2021* must be obtained. A valid Extractive Industry Licence must be maintained at all times for the duration of the Extractive Industry.
- b. The use may involve activities that are a 'prescribed premises' and require works approval/s under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. Further information can be found information found in the Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing available at <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/buildingutilities-and-essential-services/integrated-essential-services/licence-and-worksapproval-applications>.

In Brief

- Sand extraction at Lot 521 Corio Road first occurred in the 1990's and ran through to the early 2000's.
- In 2016 a further approval for an extractive industry was granted. Urban Resources Pty Ltd commenced these approved extraction works in July 2023.
- The current Application proposes to expand the works to extract an additional 75,000m³ of sand beyond the 2016 approval over a one to two year period. The additional extraction footprint is approximately 6.7ha and located within the north eastern corner of the site.
- The proposal was advertised and five submissions were received. The key themes raised in the submissions related to dust, noise, road safety, environmental considerations, consistency in decision making and regulatory compliance.
- The potential impacts raised in the submissions can be suitably managed through development conditions. Approval of the Application is therefore recommended, subject to conditions.

Background

The subject property is zoned 'Rural' under the Shire of Murray Local Planning Scheme No.4 (**Scheme**). The site is 109 hectares in area and contains an artificial lake, which resulted from a previous extractive industry. The property abuts land zoned 'Rural' to the north, east and south and land zoned 'Farmlet' to the west. A plan indicating the location of the property is shown below.



6. Location Plan

Galati Bros. Pty. Ltd. Purchased the subject property in April 2014. Prior to this, the company lodged an application for development approval for intensive agriculture on the property. That application proposed a traditional market garden operation. The application was deemed refused and an application for review was lodged with the State Administrative Tribunal (**SAT**). During the SAT proceedings a new development application was submitted for Intensive Agriculture, Rural Industry and an Extractive Industry at the site. This was approved by Council in February 2016 for a period of five years and the SAT application was subsequently withdrawn.

In June 2022, an application was received to amend the date by which the Extractive Industry portion of the approval was to commence and to extend the timeframe of the approval. A five year extension, to 2027, was approved for the Extractive Industry component, subject to conditions. The current extraction activity is focused on sand extraction and commenced in July 2023. The Intensive Agriculture and Rural Industry aspects of the 2016 approval have now expired and cannot be undertaken without a further application and approval being granted.

Report Detail

Proposal

The current Application seeks approval for an extension of the approved 'Extractive Industry' to enable an additional 75,000m³ of sand over an area of 6.7ha to be extracted from the north eastern corner of the site. Full details of the proposal are available at **Appendix 1**.

The 6.7ha area for extension consists of grasslands and contours in this area range from approximately 12.5m Australian Height Datum (**AHD**) to 14.3m AHD. The Maximum Groundwater Level (**MGL**) in this area varies from a high MGL of 12m AHD in the north east corner to a low MGL of approximately 11.25m AHD. As a 0.5m clearance to MGL is required, extraction depths across the application area will range up to 2.3m and will add a further one to two years to the life of the extraction. An additional 40m landscaping strip is proposed to the north of the extraction area to provide a visual buffer and assist in managing dust impacts. Once extraction is completed, the land is proposed to be rehabilitated to pasture.

A Site Plan which shows the overall extraction area, including the proposed expansion area is provided at **Appendix 2**. The Application area is described as 'Proposed Stage 6' on this plan.

Assessment

The proposal has been assessed against all the relevant requirements of the Scheme, State and Local Planning Policies outlined in the Legislation and Policy sections of this report. The following matters have been identified as key considerations for the determination of the Application:

- Dust;
- Noise;
- Road Safety;
- Environmental Considerations;
- Consistency in Decision Making and Regulatory Compliance.

Dust

The proposed Extractive Industry will be located in the north east corner of Lot 521. During the community consultation, concerns regarding dust were raised in all five submissions, with one of those submissions raising health concerns relating to impacts of dust.

The nature and type of dust generating activities from the proposed Extractive Industry will be the same as those from other Extractive Industries operating in the area, including elsewhere on the subject site (i.e. PM₁₀ and Total Suspended Particulate). When speaking to some of those who lodged submissions, much of the dust concerns relate to existing operations on Lot 521 and what they considered to be inadequate management of the issue. Concerns were that a status quo dust response would result in ongoing amenity impacts or worsening amenity impacts for those where proposed operations would be closer than where extraction has previously occurred. One submission did identify the potential for 'sand blasting' of crops from dust which results in leaf damage and can render crops unmarketable.

The Applicant was invited to respond to the concerns and subsequently provided a revised Dust and Noise Management Plan (**Appendix 3**). In addition, the Applicant has had direct discussions with closest neighbours including the submitter where commercial crops are grown and has agreed to additional measures to minimise potential for dust impacts / sand blasting.

Key differences / improvements between the proposed dust response and other Extractive Industry that has occurred on the site include:

- All completed open areas will be treated with dustex until such time as they can be revegetated to prevent wind erosion;
- All completed excavation areas will be direct seeded in Autumn to ensure the ground cover is established and stabilised.

Additional measures either agreed with neighbours or offered if necessary are:

- Construction of temporary wind fencing along the northern and eastern boundary of the extraction area;
- No mining to occur within 40 metres of the northern property boundary;
- Mining only to occur when there are sufficient rains to stabilise sand and to be ended before October each year to allow time for stabilisation through dustex treatment of exposed areas prior to unfavourable weather for dust.

These additional measures to restrict mining to certain times of the year are expected to significantly minimise likelihood of dust nuisance as well as sand blasting damage to nearby crops. This is reflected in relevant best practice documents that have been referenced when developing the dust and noise management plan. Specifically, the site changes from a class 3 site to the higher risk class 4 site between 1st October and 31st March each year.

Whilst the Applicant has agreed to establish a 40m separation buffer to the northern lot boundary and include three rows of planting, this will have negligible dust reduction / sand blasting benefits due to the limited lifespan of the Extractive Industry and the amount of time required for the plantings to meaningfully establish. Given the consequences of potential crop damage on the property to the north, it is considered necessary that the additional wind fence be installed. Given the proximity of the extraction activities to the dwelling on the property to the east and potential for dust nuisance, wind fencing should also be installed in this area. A condition to this effect is included in the event Council decide to approve the application. An example of the wind fence is shown below:



2. Wind Fence Example

Noise

One submission, on behalf of a group of residents, raised noise as a concern. The noise concerns are related to truck movements and more specifically the use of exhaust brakes particularly in the early hours of the morning, including before sunrise.

The Shire has received some complaints over the last five years that reflect these concerns. When Shire officers have followed up with the Applicant, the concerns have been responded to quickly and satisfactorily. The Dust and Noise Management Plan (**DNMP**) include the following noise control methods which are considered relevant to the noise concerns raised:

11. The movement of vehicles to and from the site will be controlled and will not take place outside the permitted hours unless with prior approval or is an exempted activity; employees will be supervised to ensure compliance with the noise control measures adopted.

12. Directing trucks to less noise-sensitive routes.

In considering these noise concerns it is important to consider the context of the area. In this regard, the general locality and areas in proximity to Corio Road are predominately of a rural character with a variety of farming and rural industries being undertaken. This includes a market garden, poultry farm, resource recovery centre, waste transfer station and a number of other extractive industries. Many of these businesses would include regular access by trucks and activities involving heavy

vehicles and also involve activities at hours both earlier and later than may be experienced in a more urban setting.

It is further noted that between the months of May and August, sunrise is often later than 7am (i.e. lawful business hours and times where noise regulations accept higher noise levels). For these reasons, it is considered that noise associated with trucks and other heavy vehicles would be experienced in this area, including before sunrise at times, regardless of whether this proposal is to be supported or otherwise. Subsequently, it is considered that the noise control measures contained within the DNMP are sufficient. A condition requiring that the DNMP is implemented throughout the lifespan of the extractive operations is included in the event Council determine to approve the application.

Road Safety

One submission, on behalf of a group of residents, raised concerns related to road safety stemming from a perception that the Corio Road design and speed limits are unsuitable for the volume of heavy vehicles currently using it.

Corio Road is designed to a Local Distributor standard. The traffic volume including heavy vehicles remain within relevant thresholds and engineering and road safety standards are being met. Regular and ongoing inspections by officers of the Shire's Road Network occurs to ensure these engineering and road safety standards are met.

Furthermore, as part of the Extractive Industry Licence required pursuant to the Shire's Extractive Industry Local Laws, haulage contributions are required to be paid to the Shire to offset wear to the road infrastructure resulting directly from haulage activities associated with the Extractive Industry. This requirement is also addressed in condition 16.

Environmental Considerations

One submission raised concerns related to potential impacts on the water table. The concern related to potential rising of the water table and impacts this may have on nearby residential properties.

There are five existing groundwater monitoring bores on site with groundwater levels being tested on a quarterly basis and water quality being tested bi-annually. This information is provided to the Shire as part of conditional approval to ensure buffer distances are provided for the existing extractive activities on site to ensure ground water is not exposed and to safeguard potential adverse water quality impacts. Of most relevance standing water levels recorded during the 2024 and 2025 monitoring periods showed maximum water levels were slightly lower than the predicted water contours despite being recorded during the wettest period in several years.

Conditions requiring ongoing groundwater monitoring to be undertaken throughout the lifespan of the extraction operations and that buffers to the water table are provided through maximum extraction levels are recommended.

Consistency in Decision Making and Regulatory Compliance

One submission sought consistency in decision making and the group submission raised concerns about regulatory compliance. In essence, these submissions sought equality for various extractive industry operators and highlighted concerns that the Shire is not doing enough to ensure regulatory compliance.

Whilst consistency in decision making and imposing of conditions is generally achieved across developments, due to site specific issues or differing operational processes, conditions do vary between extraction sites.

In relation to regulatory compliance, the submission highlighted that numerous complaints had been made to the Shire about the existing Extractive Industry operating on site and had not been responded to in a manner that was acceptable to the complainants. Consequently, the submission

contends that significant loss of amenity for nearby residents has occurred and that as the operator would be the same, they have no confidence in concerns raised being satisfactorily addressed.

The Shire has received various complaints in relation to the existing Extractive Industry being undertaken on Lot 521. The complaints have predominantly been focused on truck movements and concerns about the behaviour of drivers, such as arriving too early, excessive use of exhaust brakes, speeding and vehicle overloading.

The only aspect of these behaviours that reasonably can be subject to conditions is arrival times by virtue of hours of operation. Whilst sympathetic to other concerns raised by residents, most of the matters are related to alleged traffic offences to which the Shire is not in a position to enforce. When these concerns have been raised, Shire officer’s have directed complainants to the Police. When complaints have related to heavy vehicles accessing the site outside of approved hours of operations, this has been raised with the operator, and the concerns have been responded to promptly and satisfactorily.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Planet
Outcome 4	The ecosystem is managed sustainably for the benefit of current and future generations.
Objectives 4.2	Sustainably manage and conserve forests, bushland, trees and reserves.

Focus Area	Prosperity
Outcome 11	Sustainable economic growth with decent work for all.
Objectives 11.1	Maximise inherent regional economic opportunities.

Other Strategic Links

State Planning Policy 2.4 – Basic Raw Materials (SPP2.4)

SPP2.4 acknowledges the importance of Basic Raw Materials (BRM) as a finite resource and that its efficient use is required to ensure an ongoing supply to support economic development in Western Australia.

Objectives of SPP2.4 include:

- Identify BRM extraction opportunities through sequential land use without compromising the final intended land use; and
- Ensure the extraction of BRM avoids, minimises or mitigates any adverse impacts on the community, water resources and biodiversity values.

Statutory Environment

Local Planning Scheme 4

The subject land is zoned Rural under the Scheme and Extractive Industry is identified as a ‘SA’ use under the zoning table of the Scheme. An ‘SA’ land use is required to be advertised before a decision to approve the application can be made.

In accordance with the deemed provisions, advertising for a minimum 14 days is required to properties located within 200m of the proposal.

To align with the requirements of the Shire’s Extractive Industries Local Law and avoid duplicate advertising, a 21-day advertising period was undertaken between Thursday 8th January and

Thursday 29th January 2026 with properties within 3km of the proposed mining activities being notified.

Extractive Industries Local Law 2021 (Local Law)

This Local Law prohibits an operator from carrying out an extractive industry unless a licence has been obtained under the Local Law. Prior to the issuing of a licence, advertising of the proposal for minimum 21 days to all properties within 500m of the boundary of the land or within an area likely to be affected by the granting of a licence.

An application for a licence must be refused unless Development Approval for the Extractive Industry has been obtained. An application for the Licence has not yet been submitted however but can be determined under delegated authority should Council approve the development application.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Approval of the application will provide for the extraction of an additional 75,000m³ of sand resource that is often required to facilitate subdivision and the subsequent development of housing. It will result in a further two year life to the extraction activities and provide direct and indirect economic benefits via employment opportunities as well as supporting development reliant on availability of sand resources.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Numerous amenity concerns have been raised through submissions which have the potential to have a negative impact on the residential enjoyment of those living in the vicinity of the proposed extraction activity. The amenity impacts are considered to be capable of being managed to an appropriate level.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

The proposal will result in short term land disturbance and potential dust, noise and groundwater impacts, however these impacts are localised and can be effectively managed through conditions of approval. Measures including hours of operation, seasonal restrictions, dust suppression, wind fencing and ongoing groundwater monitoring will mitigate environmental risks. Progressive stabilisation and rehabilitation to pasture will restore land capability following extraction.

Policy Implications

The proposal is consistent with the objectives of SPP2.4 by enabling the efficient extraction of a known resource while managing environmental and amenity impacts. It represents a modest extension of an existing approved use and, subject to conditions, can be satisfactorily managed to protect amenity.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	Approval of the development may result in some resident dissatisfaction whereas refusal may result in adverse economic outcomes for projects reliant on sand resources.

Consultation

The application was advertised for a period of 21 days, between Thursday 8th January 2026 and Thursday 29th January 2026, by way of:

- Public Notice on the Shire’s website;

- Letters to the owners of properties within 3km of the proposed extraction activities;
- Application documents were made available for inspection online and at the Shire's Administration Office;
- Referral to relevant government agencies.

Four submissions were received during the advertising period and a further one late submission. The key themes raised in the submissions were:

- Dust;
- Noise;
- Road Safety;
- Environmental Considerations;
- Consistency in Decision Making and Regulatory Compliance.

These matters have been explored in detail in the assessment section of this report.

A schedule of submissions which outlines the key matters raised in the submissions and relevant Applicant and officer comments are included at **Appendix 4**. The late submission and the Applicant's response to the submission are included at **Appendix 5**.

A submission was also received from the Department of Water and Environment Regulation, which was considered in the assessment.

Resource Implications

Financial

Costs associated with the assessment of this proposal have been accommodated within the existing operational budget.

Workforce

The assessment and reporting of the proposal have been accommodated within the existing workforce level.

Options

1. Approve the development application, either with or without conditions.
2. Refuse the development application, with stated reasons.

Conclusion

The site has been subject to various extraction activities dating back to the 1990's. Some residents have expressed concerns with the current operations and adverse impacts that have resulted primarily related to the movement of trucks to and from the site. The proposed extraction area moves in a north easterly direction which involves having operations closer to one neighbour than has previously occurred. Additionally, the Application proposes extraction activities closer to the established market garden on the site to the north. Both these neighbours raised concerns which have been responded to by the Applicant and modified operations have been proposed to address these neighbours' concerns.

On balance, having regard to the information provided in support of the Application it is considered that the development can be appropriately managed. The Application is therefore recommended for approval, subject to a range of conditions aimed to minimise and manage potential impacts.

Cr Nicole Willis rejoined the meeting the time being 5.51pm.

12 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

12.1 Local Government Act 1995 Reforms – Amendment to Council Policies and Code of Conduct

File Ref: D26/9974
 Previous Items: Nil.
 Applicant: Nil.
 Author and Title: Louise Pleasance, Manager Governance
 Declaration of Interest: Nil.
 Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority

Appendices: Item 12.1 Appendix 1 – Code of Conduct for Council Members (Tracked Changes)
 Item 12.1 Appendix 2 – Council Policy G8 – Legal Representation – Costs Indemnification (Tracked Changes)
 Item 12.1 Appendix 3 – Council Policy G8 – Legal Representation – Costs Indemnification (Clean Copy)
 Item 12.1 Appendix 4 – Council Policy G5 – Complaints (Tracked Changes)
 Item 12.1 Appendix 5 – Council Policy G5 – Complaints (Clean Copy)

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/018

Moved: Cr S Carter
Seconded: Cr G Black

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Code of Conduct – Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, as amended in Appendix 1.**
- 2. Adopts Council Policy G8 – Legal Representation – Costs Indemnification, as shown in Appendix 3.**
- 3. Adopts Council Policy G5 – Complaints, as shown in Appendix 5.**
- 4. Adopts the following Committee Meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year and requests the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the meeting dates on the Shire of Murray website:**

COMMITTEE	MONTH	TIME	DATE	LOCATION
CEO Performance Review	April	10.30am	9 April	Council Chambers
Audit, Risk & Improvement	June	4.30pm	4 June	Council Chambers
Audit, Risk & Improvement	September	4.30pm	10 September	Council Chambers
Audit, Risk & Improvement	December	4.30pm	3 December	Council Chambers

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8:0

In Brief

On 1 January 2026, the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated Regulations were amended to give effect to reforms under the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024*. As a result of the reforms, there are a number of amendments required to Council Policies and the Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, to ensure compliance with the new legislative provisions.

Background

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2024 Commencement Proclamation (No.4) 2025* was published on 17 December 2025, bringing additional provisions of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* into effect as of 1 January 2026. These amendments included the introduction of a new complaints handling framework and the commencement of the Office of the Inspector.

Under section 5.104(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995 (Act)*, Council has three months to update its Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates (**Code of Conduct**) to reflect the updated Regulations. The changes also require Council Policy amendments in order to comply with the Act and associated regulations.

Report Detail

Local government reforms took effect on 1 January 2026, and as a result the following actions are to be undertaken by Council:

1. Amend – Code of Conduct – Council Members, Committee Members, and Candidates.
2. Amend – Council Policy G8 – Legal Representation – Costs Indemnification.
3. Amend – Council Policy G5 – Complaints.
4. Set and publish the dates for the Audit and Risk Committee and CEO Performance Review Committee.

Changes to the Act and the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* also came into effect and these changes will be considered at the March Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, including establishment of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and its Terms of Reference and amendment to Council Policy M2 – Council Members Fees, Allowances, Superannuation and Reimbursement of Expenses, for sitting fees to be paid to independent Committee Members.

The changes for Council consideration are detailed as follows:

6. Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates

The Act and the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 (Code Regulations)* have been amended as a result of the introduction of the Inspector, including Schedule 1 of the Code Regulations which is the mandatory Model Code of Conduct that local governments are required to adopt by 1 April 2026.

A summary of the changes that have been made to the Model Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct complaint handling process includes:

- The requirement for a behaviour complaint to be referred to the Inspector if, since 1 January 2026, a person has had two substantiated behaviour complaints.
- Reference to the Inspector's ability to appoint a local government monitor to the local government to assist with dealing with matters raised by a behaviour complaint.
- Provision for a local government to authorise a committee of council members or an external qualified, impartial person, to perform the functions of Council under the Code of Conduct.
- A legislative requirement for complaints to remain confidential until a decision has been made.
- The requirement that neither the complainant nor respondent is to preside at, or participate in, any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to a complaint.

As shown in **Appendix 1** with tracked changes, the following table summarises the changes to the Code of Conduct as a result of the amendments to the Code Regulations:

Section	Amendment Summary
3A.	Amended to provide that where a person has been found to have committed, on or after 1 January 2026, two or more behavioural breaches, the complaint must be referred to the Local Government Inspector
Div.3, cl.11	Insertion of new clauses 11(4), 11(5), and 11(6) These new clauses state that complaints must be dealt with under clause 12-15 of the Code, unless referred to the Inspector in accordance with the Code Regulations.
Div.3, cl.12	Insertion of notes under this subclause related to 14A Appointment of Monitor.
Div.3, cl.14A	Insertion of new clause 14A 'Appointment of Monitor' This clause provides the Local Government Inspector the power to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a monitor to assist in dealing with a complaint. • Direct the Shire to defer dealing with a complaint until the Monitor reports to the Inspector on the outcome of the monitoring assignment.
Div.3 cl.14B	Insertion of new clause 14B 'Performance of local governments function under cl. 12 and 13' This clause allows the Council to authorise a committee of council or an external qualified, impartial person to perform the Council functions of Clause 12. <i>Dealing with complaint</i> and Clause 13. <i>Dismissal of complaint</i> .
Div.4	Updated notes for division 4, which removes the Standards panel from dealing with rules of conduct complaints as it is now the role of the Inspector
Div 4 cl21(1)	Updated definition of 'closed meeting'

2. Council Policy G8 – Legal Representation – Costs Indemnification (Policy G8)

Policy G8 provides that Council Members and employees may apply for assistance in meeting reasonable expenses and liabilities incurred in relation to civil legal proceedings as a result of their official functions.

The legislative amendments inserted in the Act at clause 6.14A. *Prohibitions on certain payments connected with legal matters*, prohibits the local government from:

- Paying a liability incurred by a Council Members connected with a legal matter.
- Paying for an insurance policy that might indemnify a Council Member against a liability from a legal matter.

The Policy G8 has been updated to incorporate the provisions. **Appendix 2** provides the Policy with tracked changes showing the amendments and **Appendix 3** incorporates those changes and is proposed for adoption by Council.

3. Council Policy G5 – Complaints (Policy G5)

Policy G5 establishes how a complaint about the quality of service received or behaviour of a Shire representative (excluding Council Members, Committee Members and Election Candidates) will be managed.

The legislative amendments inserted in the Act at clause 5.130 *CEO may restrict communication about complaints* enables the CEO to restrict communication from the Shire about a complaint where the CEO is satisfied that

- The complainant has been responded to on the particular subject matter and further responding would divert an unreasonable portion of resources away from other operations; or
- The complaint is considered vexatious, misconceived, frivolous or without substance and responding to the complaint would divert an unreasonable portion of resources away from other operations.

The proposed Policy amendments incorporate these provisions and also includes amendments to streamline the policy, reflect operational processes and make clear that this Policy does not relate to complaints about Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates which are dealt with under the Code of Conduct.

The Policy G5 has been updated to incorporate the above and **Appendix 4** provides the Policy with tracked changes showing the amendments and **Appendix 5** incorporates those changes and is proposed for adoption by Council.

4. Set and publish the dates for Committee Meetings

In November 2025, Council set the Ordinary Council Meeting Dates for 2026 and as a result of the amendments on 1 January 2026, all committee meeting dates must also be published on the Shire website which includes the Audit and Risk Committee (soon to be the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee) and the CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting. Prior to the changes on 1 January, only committees that held a delegated power or duty from Council were required to be published, of which the Shire had none.

The proposed 2026 committee meeting dates below are generally to be held two weeks prior to that months Ordinary Council Meeting in order for reports and minutes to be considered at the upcoming Council meeting.

COMMITTEE	MONTH	TIME	DATE	LOCATION
CEO Performance Review	April	10.30am	9 April	Council Chambers
Audit, Risk & Improvement	June	4.30pm	4 June	Council Chambers
Audit, Risk & Improvement	September	4.30pm	10 September	Council Chambers
Audit, Risk & Improvement	December	4.30pm	3 December	Council Chambers

Next Steps

Officers will continue to work through these and future reforms as introduced and update Council with changes as required.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Performance
Outcome 14	Capable and accountable leadership and governance.
Objectives 14.1	Establish a strong corporate governance framework to ensure high standards of integrity, ethics and accountability.

Other Strategic Links

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 2.7 Role of Council

- (2) The council’s governing role includes the following —
- (b) determining the local government’s policies;

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.104. Adoption of model code of conduct

- (2) Within 3 months after the day on which regulations amending the model code come into operation, the local government must amend* the adopted code of conduct to incorporate the amendments made to the model code.

* *Absolute majority required.*

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 12. Publication of meeting details (Act s. 5.25(1)(g))

(b) In this regulation –

meeting details, for a meeting, means the date and time when, and the place where, the meeting is to be held.

- (2) *The CEO must publish on the local government’s official website the meeting details for the following meetings before the beginning of the year in which the meetings are to be held:*

- (a) ordinary council meetings; and*

- (b) committee meetings.*

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

The policy implications are described in this report.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	The amendments are required in order to comply with the amendments to the <i>Local Government 1995</i> .

Consultation

Nil.

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil.

Workforce

Nil.

Options

1. Supporting the recommendation, as proposed.
2. Rejecting the recommendation and determine an alternate position.

Conclusion

As a result of amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated Regulations that took effect from 1 January 2026, the Policies requiring amendment and the Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates has been amended to comply with those changes and are included in this report for Council consideration.

12.2 WALGA Electoral Reform Discussion Paper – Submission

File Ref:	D26/11608
Previous Items:	OCM 24 Oct 24 Item 12.1 OCM24/127
Applicant:	Nil.
Author and Title:	Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Appendices:	Item 12.2 Appendix 1 – WALGA Draft Discussion Paper – Electoral Reform Item 12.2 Appendix 2 – Shire of Murray Submission

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/019**Moved: Cr S Carter****Seconded: Cr N Willis****That Council:**

- 1. Endorses the Shire of Murray Submission as shown in Appendix 2.**
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer provides the Shire of Murray Submission to the Western Australian Local Government Association.**

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**In Brief**

In response to a request from the Western Australian Local Government Association (**WALGA**) to provide Council-endorsed feedback on WALGA's advocacy on Local Government electoral reforms specifically:

- Full spill elections every 4 years; and
- Compulsory voting at Local Government Elections.

Background

In late 2024, WALGA conducted a review of its Elections Advocacy Position to ensure that they reflected the sector's contemporary view. The views of the sector at this time indicated a strong (98%) support for half spills every two years which was reflected in the adopted WALGA Election Advocacy position.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2024 Council adopted to recommend to WALGA the following Local Government Election Advocacy Positions:

- 1. Participation: Council support advocacy position A – The sector continues to support voluntary voting at local government elections**
- 2. Terms of Office: Council support advocacy position A – The sector continues to support four-year terms with a two-year spill.**
- 3. Voting Methods: Council support advocacy position A – The sector supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred voting method for general elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections.**
- 4. Internal Elections: Council support advocacy position A – The sector supports First Past the Post (FPTP) as the preferred method for all internal elections.**

5. Voting Accessibility: Council support advocacy position A, B & C – Electronic voting; and / or Postal voting; and / or In-Person voting.
6. Method of Election of Mayor: Council support advocacy position B – Return to previous legislated provisions – all classes of local governments can decide, by absolute majority, the method for electing their Mayor or President.

In June 2025 the Minister for Local Government expressed support for a four-year election cycle, citing concerns over voting fatigue and rising costs associated with biennial elections. These same messages were repeated in the Minister's address to attendees at WALGA's 2025 Local Government Convention. These comments have prompted renewed interest and discussion across the Local Government sector.

Following the Minister's comments, WALGA contacted the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulations and Safety (**LGIRS**) and the Minister's Office to request details of any consultation on these matters, with no further information being provided.

In response WALGA is undertaking sector engagement regarding Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government and has issued a Sector Consultation – Electoral Reform Discussion Paper (**Discussion Paper**) requesting local government feedback. The Discussion Paper is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Report Detail

WALGA's Discussion Paper explains the purpose and reason for the request for feedback, providing details on WALGA's current advocacy positions for elections and subsequently poses questions to local governments in order to evaluate those advocacy positions, specifically Election Frequency and Compulsory or Voluntary Voting.

The Discussion Paper requests that local governments consider and respond to the following questions and submit Council endorsed feedback to WALGA

1. Does your Local Government support half spill elections every two years or full spill elections every four years?
2. What are the key considerations informing this view?
3. If full spill elections every four years were introduced, what transitional arrangements and consequential amendments may be required?
4. Any other comments?
5. Does your Local Government support compulsory voting or voluntary voting in Local Government elections?
6. If the frequency of Local Government elections were changed to every 4 years, would your Local Government support compulsory or voluntary voting?
7. What are the key considerations informing this view?
8. Any other comments?

The proposed Shire of Murray Submission to these questions are drafted in **Appendix 2** for consideration by Council. This Submission reflects the previous Council endorsed position on WALGA election advocacy position (OCM24/127).

Council Plan

Focus Area	Performance
Outcome 14	Capable and accountable leadership and governance.
Objectives 14.1	Establish a strong corporate governance framework to ensure high standards of integrity, ethics, and accountability.
Actions 14.1.6	Implement the suite of local government reforms by required statutory dates.

Other Strategic Links

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Low	It is important that as a Local Government our support is provided to WALGA to inform their Advocacy position on behalf of WA’s Local Governments.

Consultation

Nil.

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil.

Workforce

Nil, for the purposes of the submission, however changes to the frequency or voting of local government elections will have workforce resourcing impacts.

Options

1. Endorse the Shire submission to the WALGA Electoral Reform Discussion Paper.
2. Amend the Shire submission to the WALGA Electoral Reform Discussion Paper.
3. Not provide feedback to WALGA on the WALGA Electoral Reform Discussion Paper.

Conclusion

In response to WALGA's request for local governments to provide feedback on current election advocacy positions related to election frequency and compulsory or voluntary voting, the proposed Shire positions have been compiled in the Submission for consideration by Council.

12.3 Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds - February 2026

File Ref:	D26/11178
Previous Items:	Nil.
Applicant:	Nil.
Author and Title:	Nathan Gilfellon, Manager Finance
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Appendices:	Item 12.3 Appendix 1 - List of Accounts Paid in February 2026 to be Received - Signed

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/020**Moved: Cr S Lee****Seconded: Cr A Rogers**

That Council receives the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds Report February 2026 as presented at appendix 1.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

In Brief

This report of payments made from the Shire's Municipal and Trust bank accounts are presented to Council, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Background

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires that:

- 1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared:
 - a) the payee's name; and
 - b) the amount of the payment; and
 - c) the date of the payment; and
 - d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- 2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing:
 - a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month:
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- 3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be:
 - a) presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and;
 - b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Report Detail

Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the Shire’s Municipal and Trust Funds and, as required, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is provided to Council.

The report contains the list of payments made from the Shire of Murray’s Municipal and Trust bank accounts for the month of February 2026.

This list includes details for each payment made, incorporating:

- The payees name
- The description of the payment
- A certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer, stating that all invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to prices, computations and costing and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

Invoices supporting all payments are available for the inspection of Council.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Performance
Outcome 14	Capable and accountable leadership and governance.

Other Strategic Links

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Section 6.4(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires the Shire of Murray to prepare financial reports as prescribed.

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* governs the requirement to provide to Council a detailed listing of all payments made from the Municipal and Trust bank accounts and outlines the form, content and timing of this report.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Low	Failure to present a detailed listing of payments made from the Shire bank accounts in the prescribed form would result in non-compliance with the <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i> .

Consultation

Nil.

Resource Implications

Financial

Nil.

Workforce

Nil.

Options

1. Receiving the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds report for February 2026.
2. Not receiving the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds report for February 2026.

Conclusion

The Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and is presented to Council for information. All accounts are for goods and services that have been duly incurred and authorised for payment in accordance with the budget allocation and statutory obligations.

12.4 Monthly Financial Report - February 2026

File Ref:	D26/11180
Previous Items:	Nil.
Applicant:	Nil.
Author and Title:	Nathan Gilfellon, Manager Finance
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Appendices:	Item 12.4 Appendix 1 - Monthly Financial Report February 2026

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/021

Moved: Cr S Kirkham

Seconded: Cr G Black

That Council receives the February 2026 Monthly Financial Report as presented at Appendix 1.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

In Brief

The monthly financial report is presented to Council to outline the Shire of Murray's financial position as at the reporting date, in line with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Background

The *Local Government Act 1995* in conjunction with regulation 34(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires a monthly Statement of Financial Activity to be presented to Council. This statement is to include:

- a) Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- b) Budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
- c) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which these statements relate;
- d) The material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
- e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires a Statement of Financial Position be included in the monthly financial report.

Report Detail

The monthly financial report for February 2026 identifies the financial position of Council as at the reporting date and consists of:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Statement of Financial Position
- Notes to Statement of Financial Activity
 - Basis of Preparation
 - Statement of Financial Activity Information

- Significant Accounting Policies
- Net Current Funding Position
- Explanation of Variances
- Key Information
- Cash and Financial Assets
- Reserves
- Capital Acquisitions
- Receivables
- Disposal of Assets
- Borrowings
- Lease Liabilities
- Grants and Contributions
- Capital Grants and Contributions
- Trust Fund
- Budget Amendments

Council Plan

Focus Area	Performance
Outcome 14	Capable and accountable leadership and governance.
Objectives 14.1	Establish a strong corporate governance framework to ensure high standards of integrity, ethics, and accountability.

Other Strategic Links

Shire of Murray 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

Statutory Environment

Section 6.4(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires the Shire of Murray to prepare financial reports as prescribed.

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* outlines the form, content and timing of the monthly financial reports prepared for presentation to Council.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* adds a requirement to include a Statement of Financial Position.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Timely submission of detailed monthly financial reports allows Council to monitor the financial performance of the Shire and review any adverse financial trends that may impact on the Shire’s financial sustainability.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	Failure to monitor the Shire's ongoing financial performance would increase the risk of a negative impact on the Shire's financial position.
Low	Non-compliance may result in a breach of legislative requirements.

Consultation

Nil.

Resource Implications***Financial***

Nil.

Workforce

Nil.

Options

1. Receiving the monthly financial report for February 2026.
2. Not receiving the monthly financial report for February 2026.

Conclusion

The monthly financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

12.5 2025-2026 Statutory Budget Review

File Ref: D26/11344
Previous Items: Nil.
Applicant: Nil.
Author and Title: Tracie Unsworth, Director Corporate Services
Declaration of Interest: Nil.
Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority
Appendices: Item 12.5 Appendix 1 - Budget Review 31 January 2026

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/022

Moved: Cr S Lee

Seconded: Cr A Rogers

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2025/2026 Statutory Budget Review as shown in Appendix 1.**
- 2. Creates a new reserve fund titled “Furnissdale West DCA4 Reserve” for the purpose of receiving developer contributions collected for Development Contribution Area No. 4 towards the acquisition, design, construction and delivery of shared infrastructure, land and administration items identified in the Furnissdale West Development Contribution Plan in accordance with the Shire of Murray Operative Local Planning Scheme.**
- 3. Creates a new reserve fund titled “Public Art Contribution Reserve” for the purpose of receiving cash contributions collected in lieu of onsite public art required through development approval conditions for the planning, design, commissioning, fabrication, acquisition, installation and maintenance of public art and associated administration costs within the local government district.**
- 4. Adopt the budget amendments outlined in Notes 3 and 4a of the Budget Review (Appendix 1).**

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8:0

In Brief

- The Budget Review report provides an overview of the Shire of Murray financial accounts as at 31 January 2026.
- The review identifies an overall increase of \$324,008 to the estimated 2025/2026 closing surplus.

Background

In accordance with Regulation 33A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council is required to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year by 31 March. This requirement recognises the dynamic nature of local government activities and the need to continually reassess projects competing for limited funds to ensure that community benefit from available funding is maximised.

Report Detail

The mid-year review of the Shire’s financial accounts as at 31 January 2026 has been conducted and areas identified which require amendments to current budget allocations.

The budget review process has an estimated increase in the surplus of \$324,008 for the 2025/2026 year. Wherever possible, items are self-balancing, whereby expenditure is offset by corresponding

decreases elsewhere within the business unit or by additional associated revenue. Details of all changes are listed in Notes 3 and 4a of **Appendix 1**.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Performance
Outcome 14	Capable and accountable leadership and governance.
Objectives 14.1	Establish a strong corporate governance framework to ensure high standards of integrity, ethics, and accountability.

Other Strategic Links

Shire of Murray 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

Long Term Financial Plan

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

33A. *Review of budget*

- 1) *Between 1 January and the last day of February in each financial year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.*
- 2a) *The review of an annual budget for a financial year must –*
 - a) *consider the local government’s financial performance in the period beginning on 1 July and ending no earlier than 31 December in that financial year; and*
 - b) *consider the local government’s financial position as at the date of the review; and*
 - c) *review the outcomes for the end of that financial year that are forecast in the budget; and*
 - (d) *include the following —*
 - (i) *the annual budget adopted by the local government;*
 - (ii) *an update of each of the estimates included in the annual budget;*
 - (iii) *the actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income as at the date of the review;*
 - (iv) *adjacent to each item in the annual budget adopted by the local government that states an amount, the estimated end-of-year amount for the item.*
- 2) *The review of an annual budget for a financial year must be submitted to the council on or before 31 March in that financial year.*
- 3) *A council is to consider a review submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the review, any parts of the review or any recommendations made in the review.*

**Absolute majority required.*

- 4) *Within 14 days after a council has made a determination, a copy of the review and determination is to be provided to the Department.*

6.11. *Reserve accounts*

- (1) *Subject to subsection (5), where a local government wishes to set aside money for use for a purpose in a future financial year, it is to establish and maintain a reserve account for each such purpose.*

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	Failure to manage the Shire’s ongoing expenditure and income against budget estimates would increase the risk of a negative impact on the Shire’s financial position.
Low	Compliance with legislative requirements is achieved if council adopts the budget review on or before 31 March.

Consultation

Management has conducted a comprehensive review of the 2025/26 budget allocations. This review included an analysis of the year-to-date levels of expenditure and income in comparison to the original and revised budget allocations.

Resource Implications

Financial

Budget reviews assist in maintaining financial sustainability by ensuring Council is informed of the budget to actual variance and recommended budget amendments. The impact on the Shire’s estimated financial position as a result of this budget review is detailed in the statement of budget review presented as part of the review document. The amended estimated surplus position as at 31 January 2026 is \$804,489. A significant part of this surplus is forecast to fund future works and activities detailed in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Workforce

There is no impact on resourcing as a result of the recommendation.

Options

1. Adopting the budget review in full as presented.
2. Adopting any part or parts of the budget review presented.

Conclusion

This budget review provides a mid-year forecast of the Shire’s financial position for the current financial year. As part of the review, an assessment of the 2025/26 budget has been undertaken and the resulting impacts will be measured in the Shire’s Long Term Financial Plan.

13 RECREATION, ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**13.1 Economic Development Strategy 2026-2031**

File Ref:	D26/9771
Previous Items:	Nil.
Applicant:	Nil.
Author and Title:	Krystal Dawe, Director Community and Economic Development
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Appendices:	Item 13.1 Appendix 1 - Shire of Murray Economic Development Strategy 2026-2031 Item 13.1 Appendix 2 - Consultation Report

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/023**Moved: Cr S Carter****Seconded: Cr A Rogers****That Council adopt the Shire of Murray Economic Development Strategy 2026-2031 as attached at Appendix 1.****In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George****Against: Nil.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0****In Brief**

- The Shire of Murray's previous Economic Development Strategy 2018-2022 has expired.
- Both prior to and since 2018, the Shire has maintained a strong focus on economic development, with a number of transformative projects delivered, underway or actively being advocated for.
- The Economic Development Strategy 2026-2031 (**Strategy**) combines Council's economic vision, major projects and advocacy priorities into a high-level coordinated implementation framework.
- The Strategy focuses on staged and deliverable actions over the next five years.
- It prioritises the creation of an enabling economic environment that supports private sector investment, industry diversification and increased local job containment.

Background

Over this period, Council has progressed and supported a number of significant and transformative initiatives, including, but not limited to:

- Activation and expansion of the Peel Business Park;
- Progression of the Food Innovation Precinct, including current advancement of Stage 2 to create an investment-ready site targeting agrifood and innovation sectors;
- Delivery of the Dwellingup Trails and Visitor Centre and associated trail network investment;
- Development of destination marketing platforms, Visit Dwellingup and Visit Pinjarra, including the 'Wild@Heart' regional campaign;
- Redevelopment of the Exchange Hotel in Pinjarra;
- Strengthening of major events including the Pinjarra Festival and Dwellingup 100, alongside broader place activation initiatives;
- Ongoing advocacy for Western and Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviations;

- Facilitation of investment in Pinjarra Race Park and advocacy for implementation of the Pinjarra Paceway and Murray Region Equestrian Centre Master Plans to support the equine sector and associated industries;
- Infrastructure advocacy and investment readiness planning, including the Murray Health Hub and Murray Heritage Railway Precinct projects to support economic diversification, job creation and access to essential services.
- Investment in community infrastructure, including community centres, sport pavilions and playgrounds and strategic planning for future infrastructure such as the Murray Library and Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre to support liveable and attractive townships.
- Finalisation of the Local Planning Strategy, establishing a clear land use framework to support employment land supply, consolidated and walkable townships, coordinated economic growth and protection of Murray's character and uniqueness.

Collectively, these initiatives demonstrate that the Shire's economic agenda is well established and actively progressing.

The Strategy brings a number of these initiatives and priorities together into a single, coordinated framework, focused on the next phase of delivery, introducing new initiatives and while providing flexibility to pursue emerging opportunities.

Report Detail

The Strategy positions the Shire to capitalise on strong population growth, increasing visitation and emerging sector opportunities over the next five years.

Building on established economic momentum and major projects underway, the Strategy focuses on accelerating investment, progressing current initiatives, strengthening industry capability and creating enabling conditions for private investment and long-term economic resilience.

The Strategy concentrates on:

- Creating an investment-ready planning and infrastructure environment;
- Supporting the expansion and diversification of employment land;
- Strengthening business engagement and industry collaboration;
- Facilitating private sector investment;
- Growing the visitor economy;
- Improving local job containment in line with population growth.

A key focus of the Strategy is to progressively increase local job containment and reduce economic leakage by supporting employment-generating industries and strategic employment precincts.

The Strategy is structured around four interconnected themes:

1. Industry Development and Economic Diversification: supporting business capability, innovation and investment attraction to broaden the Shire's economic base.
2. Targeted Infrastructure and Investment Attraction: coordinating advocacy and planning to unlock enabling infrastructure, including transport, and precinct development.
3. Thriving Local Population and Workforce: aligning population growth with employment opportunities, services and liveable townships.
4. Successful Visitor Destination: transitioning from high day-trip visitation to higher yield overnight stays through accommodation facilitation, product and experience development and strengthened destination positioning.

As a five-year Strategy, it aims to provide the appropriate balance between strategic direction and operational flexibility. It allows Council to stage actions realistically within resourcing constraints, align delivery with funding cycles and respond to emerging economic opportunities while maintaining long-term consistency.

The Strategy is attached (**Appendix 1**) for Council's consideration and endorsement.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Prosperity
Outcome 11	Sustainable economic growth with decent work for all.
Objectives 11.1	Maximise inherent regional economic opportunities.
Action 11.1.2	Prepare an Economic Development Strategy.

Other Strategic Links

- Council Plan 2023-2033
- Shire of Murray Advocacy Strategy 2025
- Dwellingup Futures Roadmap 2021-2036
- Pinjarra Revitalisation Strategy 2017
- Local Planning Strategy 2025
- Peel Regional Investment Blueprint

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

The Strategy provides a coordinated approach to industry diversification, infrastructure development and advocacy and investment attraction for the next five years. Its implementation is intended to strengthen local job creation, improve investment readiness and enhance long-term economic resilience and growth.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

The Strategy supports long-term delivery for employment access, service provision and liveable places that enhance resident retention and attraction.

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

The Strategy promotes coordinated land use planning and infrastructure delivery in accordance with the Local Planning Strategy, which supports sustainable growth, reinforcing townships and protecting Murray's unique environmental and character values.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	Delivery timeframes may be affected by external funding cycles and evolving Council priorities through the annual budget and Council Plan review processes.

Consultation

Preparation of the Economic Development Strategy 2026-2031 was led by Urban Enterprise, appointed consultants, and included targeted engagement with the Shire, industry, government stakeholders and broader community.

Consultation activities included:

- Executive Leadership Team workshops
- Industry and Stakeholder Workshops
- A public business and community survey, which received 220 responses. A summary of the survey results can be found at **Appendix 2**.

Resource Implications

Financial

Implementation of the actions within the Strategy will be subject to annual budget consideration and alignment with the Long-Term Financial Plan. Some actions are able to be delivered within existing operational budgets, while others will require additional and/or external funding.

Workforce

Implementation will be delivered within existing organisational resources across the Chief Executive Office, Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure functions, with support from external consultants and stakeholders where required.

Options

1. Adopt the Economic Development Strategy 2026-2031;
2. Defer adoption pending amendments; or
3. An alternative course of action.

Conclusion

The Economic Development Strategy 2026–2031 consolidates Council’s established economic direction into a clear and coordinated framework for the next five years.

It aligns existing catalytic projects, advocacy priorities and enabling actions under a staged and realistic implementation approach, while retaining the flexibility required to respond to emerging opportunities.

Adoption of the Strategy will strengthen Council’s coordination, advocacy and investment attraction efforts and support continued economic growth across the Shire.

14 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

14.1 Consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026

File Ref:	D25/41749
Previous Items:	Nil.
Applicant:	Nil.
Author and Title:	Karen Lancaster, Landscape Architect
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Appendices:	Item 14.1 Appendix 1 - Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 Item 14.1 Appendix 2 - Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 - Consultation Summary

Cr Geoff Black declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 14.1 Consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 in that he is the Chairman of Friends of Edenvale.

Cr Geoff Black advised that he would consider the matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

Cr Geoff Black remained in the meeting.

Cr Steve Lee declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 14.1 Consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 in that he is the Treasurer of Friends of Edenvale.

Cr Steve Lee advised that he would consider the matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

Cr Steve Lee remained in the meeting.

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/024

Moved: Cr S Carter

Seconded: Cr N Willis

That Council adopt the consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 that incorporates the Edenvale and Glebe Land sites.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

In Brief

- Council adopted the 2012 Edenvale Heritage Precinct (**Precinct**) Conservation Plan in recognition of the need for conservation planning of the site's heritage value.
- In 2021, Council endorsed the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Place and Activation Plan which outlined 34 actions to achieve the overarching purpose and vision for the Precinct.
- One of the actions proposed the implementation of a masterplan to improve visitor experiences and support the Precinct's vision.
- In September 2025, the Shire secured \$750,000 in State Government funding for amenity upgrades in the Glebe Land which includes new toilet facilities, paths and lighting.
- The consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026 (**Masterplan**) draws on the Place and Activation Plan and other strategic documents to develop its recommended improvements, with confirmation of the final plan through stakeholder engagement undertaken during February 2026.

Background

The Precinct, from its origin as a family residence, has evolved over the years to offer visitors a unique destination that embraces heritage, culture and the arts. The Precinct hosts a variety of events from small gatherings including weddings to major annual events such as the Pinjarra Festival and Pinjarra Garden Day, which attract thousands of people.

Over time, the Precinct's evolving uses and age-related deterioration highlight issues that detract from the site's inherent value. These include buildings affected by poor site drainage impeded by adjacent lawn and garden bed landscaping, and weathering of verandah floors and posts. In places, materials have been used that are inconsistent with the site's heritage value. Parking issues and poor path networks linking the buildings and amenities are frequently raised issues.

A number of policy documents have been developed to provide the framework for the ongoing conservation and management of the site.

The Edenvale Heritage Precinct Conservation Plan, adopted by Council in December 2012, provided comprehensive guidance for the site's preservation in recognition of its significant heritage value to the community.

In 2015, the Shire engaged consultant landscape architectural firm Blackwell and Associates to prepare a document for the management of the Precinct's landscape elements. This resulted in producing the Edenvale Homestead Sustainable Management Plan and the Edenvale Homestead Landscape Masterplan (**2018 Masterplan**), both adopted at the August 2018 Council Meeting.

Site issues highlighted in these documents led to remedial works being undertaken, the major works of which are summarised in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Remedial Works at Edenvale Heritage Precinct

Year	Works Description
2017	Removal of garden beds around Edenvale Homestead.
2017	Rebuild of Edenvale Homestead's east-facing verandah.
2021	Restoration works of Edenvale Homestead's southern chimney.
2023	Water-proofing and drainage upgrade at Edenvale Homestead.
2023	Signage upgrade and wayfinding sign suite throughout the Precinct.

While the documents addressed the preservation requirements of the Precinct's heritage values and landscape elements, the Shire identified the need for a broader strategic review to create an overarching vision to maximise the activation and sustainability of the Precinct and holistically plan for the greater area.

Council supported the proposal to commence this review at its February 2020 meeting, after which, landscape and urban design firm Place Laboratory was engaged to work with the Shire, stakeholders and the wider community to develop the collective vision for the Precinct.

Following a 12-month period of stakeholder engagement and site review, the 2021-2031 Edenvale Heritage Precinct Place and Activation Plan (**Activation Plan**) was produced and subsequently adopted by Council at its May 2021 meeting.

A key finding in the Activation Plan was the need to implement a masterplan to support the Precinct vision and to outline desired improvements for the Precinct. The earlier 2018 Masterplan covered the Edenvale grounds and immediate surrounds. The Shire identified the need for a broader strategic review to consolidate the planning for not only the immediate surrounds, but to highlight and plan for the Precinct's strategic location in the town and adjacent riverside parks.

A State Government grant of \$750,000 was secured in September 2025 for works to commence on the upgrade of the sewer system, toilet facilities, footpath and lighting in Glebe Land.

These strategic documents, shaped by community input, specialist advice and collective aspirations, form the foundation for the improvements presented in the consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan 2026. Following the consultation, increased focus on access and pathways was incorporated as this was an underlining theme of the consultation. A copy of the three (3) page Masterplan is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Report Detail

The proposed Masterplan serves as the blueprint for future upgrades within the site. It supports the vision for the Precinct incorporating improvements that enhance visitors' experiences and provides opportunities to activate the diverse spaces at the site.

The Masterplan has carefully considered the Precinct's building and landscape features which span Henry Street, Pinjarra. The challenges posed by this road separation and other issues that impinge on maximising the site's activation potential are addressed in the Masterplan. The improvements are outlined on the Masterplan which covers three (3) pages; with page 1 depicting the existing grounds and the Masterplan's key objectives, page 2 outlining the overall Precinct to the river, and Edenvale grounds to the war memorial detailed on page 3 of the Masterplan. Proposed improvements include:

- Increased activation opportunities within the greater Precinct.
- Enhanced heritage features through the use of materials consistent with the site's character.
- Strengthen the war memorial's place and surrounding event space.
- Sewer upgrade and new toilet facilities in Glebe Land close to Saint John's Church.
- Uniform wayfinding signage system to improve navigation throughout the site.
- Upgrade of paths to improve accessibility for all.
- Improved network of paths to enhance connectivity throughout the Precinct and adjacent attractions, such as Town Square, Cantwell Park and the Murray River's foreshore.
- River access and viewing points.
- Lighting upgrade throughout the site to improve safety and support after-dark activation.
- Raised plateaus across Henry Street to support the Precinct's connectivity and visitor movements between Glebe Land and Edenvale.
- Upgrade to carparks and driveways with asphalt treatment.
- Enhanced sense of arrival and site presence via statement features at key entry points.
- Provision of seating throughout the site, including deck seating designed around a mature fig tree, and an exterior furniture suite that includes accessible seating and a variety of options to suit the various spaces of the Precinct.
- Planting and landscape treatments that reference the site's rich heritage, with amendments to improve the buildings' longevity and to enhance the viewing of the heritage site from key aspects including from George Street.

With funding currently prioritised for Glebe Land, works will commence this financial year to upgrade the sewer system and then enable the build new toilet facilities with other progressive works to footpaths and installation of lighting in the area. These enhancements will improve accessibility, amenity and safety, enabling increased activation of the space and have been reinforced following consultation to ensure accessibility to the precinct is well managed and progressively improved.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Place
Outcome 8	Our towns offer vibrant and attractive spaces, with retained rural charm.
Objectives 8.1	Revitalise Pinjarra Town Centre.
Actions 8.1.1	Undertake detailed design of Henry Street consistent with the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Landscape Masterplan.
Outcome 9	Built heritage is respected and celebrated.
Objectives 9.2	Enhance Edenvale Heritage Precinct.
Actions 9.2.3	Remove existing garden beds and install formal and informal gardens along George Street frontage of Edenvale.
Actions 9.2.4	Improve the landscape to Edenvale within the Murray River carpark.
Outcome 9	Built heritage is respected and celebrated.
Objectives 9.3	Enhance Glebe Land Precinct.
Actions 9.3.1	Design and construct a new toilet facility to service St John's Church / Glebe Land Precinct.

Other Strategic Links

- Edenvale Heritage Precinct Conservation Plan 2012 (Annabel Wills Architecture and Eddie Marcus Historian).
- Pinjarra Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy and Activity Centre Plan 2017 (Shire of Murray).
- Edenvale Landscape Masterplan 2018 (Blackwell & Associates) – to be superseded by the 2026 Masterplan.
- Edenvale Sustainable Management Plan 2018 (Blackwell & Associates).
- Edenvale Heritage Precinct Place and Activation Plan 2021-2031 (Place Laboratory).

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations*Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)*

Improved facilities and better pedestrian accessibility will increase the activation and events within the Precinct, adding to the economic value of the Shire.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

A consolidated Masterplan will improve the amenity and accessibility to the community for the entire Precinct, including Edenvale and Glebe Land. It enhances the social and cultural experiences within Pinjarra through increased activation.

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	The Masterplan provides the foundation for investment into the Edenvale Precinct to enhance the development and use of the site by the community.

Consultation

Extensive engagement has been undertaken with the Edenvale user groups, community representatives and the wider community to develop the Masterplan 2026, which incorporates minor modifications to access arrangement following recent consultation. The draft Masterplan 2025 was available for comment both in person and via an online survey, the results are provided in **Appendix 2**.

Further consultation was undertaken with Councillors to review the plans and attend site to inform the current planning.

Resource Implications*Financial*

The Masterplan will be implemented in stages to enable the funding of the different aspects of the plan to be managed on a case-by-case and project basis. The grant funding of \$750,000 was secured for Glebe Land improvements over two (2) financial years. This is in addition to the Shire's allocation of \$170,000 this financial year 2025-2026 towards the Edenvale Precinct's car park and paving upgrades.

Workforce

Internal and external workforce is required for the implementation of the Masterplan subject to the scope of works involved.

Options

1. Adopt the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan.
2. Adopt the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan, subject to amendments being made.
3. Not adopt the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan.

Conclusion

The consolidation of the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan2026, incorporating the Edenvale and Glebe Land, is essential to provide a holistic approach to the development and management of the Precinct. This consolidation respects the site's rich heritage while supporting the vision to attract significant visitors and events through its unique blend of history, arts and culture.

The Masterplan addresses a number of ongoing issues with recommendations that unify and enhance the buildings and various spaces of the Precinct. In doing so, it enriches visitor experience, strengthens sense of place and ensures the Precinct's significance is preserved for future generations.

14.2 Request for Support of New Road Names for Dandalup Ranges, North Dandalup

File Ref:	D26/8283
Previous Items:	Nil.
Applicant:	Corrib Developments
Author and Title:	Tinet Tuck, Technical Support Officer - Design Services
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Appendices:	Item 14.2 Appendix 1 - Proposed Road Names for Dandalup Ranges North Dandalup

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/025**Moved: Cr G Black****Seconded: Cr A Rogers****That Council:**

- 1. Endorses the proposed road names listed in Appendix 1 to be added to the Register of Road Names; and that those names be prioritised for the Dandalup Ranges development.**
- 2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to submit to Landgate's Geographic Names Committee the Council endorsed road names for final approval.**

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

In Brief

The developer of Dandalup Ranges in North Dandalup has submitted proposed road names for the new subdivision that are in addition to the Road Name Register, which requires Council endorsement of the additional road names.

Background

A written request has been received from Corrib Developments, the developer of Dandalup Ranges, North Dandalup, seeking Council's support for the proposed new road names. Landgate's Geographic Names Committee requires Local Government endorsement of the new road names that would be established through the subdivision process.

Report Detail

The proposed road names for the Dandalup Ranges development follow an agricultural theme. This submission includes one preferred name and three alternative options, which are fully detailed in **Appendix 1**. These names have passed Landgate's preliminary validation process and are consistent with the requirements outlined in Landgate's Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.

Figure 1 shows the road layout, including the location of the proposed road names and the sections where existing road names will be extended.

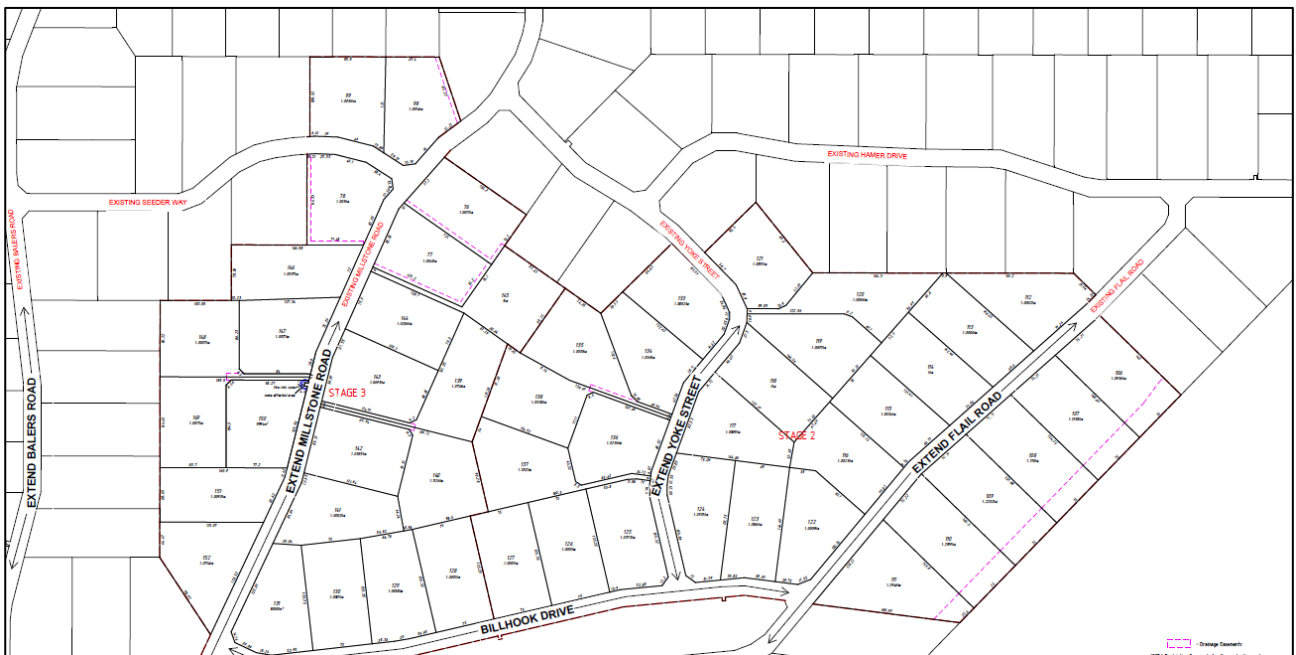


Figure 1: Road layout plan indicating location of proposed road names.

Council Plan

Focus Area	Place
Outcome 10	It is easy to move around the Shire safely and sustainably.
Objectives 10.1	Improve the local road network.

Other Strategic Links

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Land Administration Act 1997, section 26A Names of roads and areas in new subdivision

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil.

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

Nil.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Nil.

Policy Implications

Policy W13 – Naming of Localities, Roads, Parks Reserves and Buildings

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Low	There is little to no risk to the Shire of Murray when aligning to policy and in liaison with Landgate's Geographic Names Committee when considering road names.

Consultation

- Geographic Names Committee – Landgate
- Corrib Developments

Resource Implications*Financial*

Nil.

Workforce

Nil.

Options

1. Support the proposed road names being added to the Register of Road Names for allocation to Dandalup Ranges and forward to Landgate for final approval.
2. Not supporting certain proposed road names being added to the Register of Road Names.

Conclusion

Council support is requested for the proposed road names being added to the Register of Road Names and prioritised for allocation to the Dandalup Ranges development in North Dandalup. The proposed names have passed Landgate's preliminary validation process and are consistent with the requirements outlined in the Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia.

15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

15.1 Delegated Development Application Decisions - February 2026

File Ref: D26/8124

Author and Title: Michelle Meads, Executive Assistant to Director Planning and Sustainability

Appendices: Item 15.1 Appendix 1 - Delegated Decisions Report for February 2026

In Brief

The Delegated Development Application Decisions for February 2026 are attached for information.

15.2 Outstanding Council Resolutions March 2026

File Ref: D26/9575

Author and Title: Belinda Brown, Executive Services Coordinator

Appendices: Item 15.2 Appendix 1 - Outstanding Council Resolutions March 2026

In Brief

The Outstanding Council Resolution Register for March 2026 is attached for information.

16 BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

17 ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

18 NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Nil.

19 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil.

20 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC (CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS)**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/026****Moved: Cr S Carter****Seconded: Cr G Black**

That Council proceeds behind closed doors the time being 6.01pm as per Section 5.23(4)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* for the purpose of considering the following confidential item/s:

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

20.1 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (Administration Staff) 2026**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/027****Moved: Cr S Carter****Seconded: Cr S Lee**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23 - (4)(b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it contains information relating to the personal affairs of an individual.

That Council endorse the Shire of Murray Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (Administration Staff) 2026 (Confidential Appendix 1), and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to register the document with the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8:0

20.2 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (Outside Workforce) 2026**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/028****Moved: Cr A Rogers****Seconded: Cr S Lee**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23 - (4)(b) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it contains information relating to the personal affairs of an individual.

That Council endorse the Shire of Murray Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (Outside Workforce) 2026 (Confidential Appendix 1), and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to register the document with the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8:0

Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/029

Moved: Cr S Carter

Seconded: Cr S Kirkham

That Council proceeds with open doors the time being 6.04pm.

In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Prue George

Against: Nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

21 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed the time being 6.05pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 April 2026.

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PRESIDING MEMBER