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Shire President Forward



Liz Sudlow, Shire President, Shire of Northampton

The Shire of Northampton is facing dramatic change as a result of investment interest in major projects which can result in investment worth billions of dollars in the future. In common with the broader Mid West region in Western Australia, investment interest is coming from large multinational companies responding to the international market changes from fossil fuels to cleaner energy systems including investment in renewable energy and hydrogen.

In Australia, the hydrogen investment pipeline is valued at \$A230-300 billion representing approximately 40 per cent of all global renewable hydrogen projects announced to date. In support of the industry, the Australian Government recently announced \$A2 billion for scaling up development of Australia's renewable hydrogen industry.

In the Mid West region, the Western Australian Government has committed \$A55 million towards supporting the development of the hydrogen industry at Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) including \$A5.5 million for feasibility studies.

In the Shire of Northampton, we have potential hydrogen and renewable energy projects at a feasibility stage. We also have significant mining investment and projects planned by other industries including tourism that will impact on employment in the Shire, the provision of infrastructure, housing and services.

The Shire of Northampton needs to consider economic development and growth as part of its planning for the future of our community. The Shire needs to be engaged in economic development to ensure we can attract people to our Shire. We need to explore collaboration with investors and other tiers of government as well as remove barriers to doing business. This Economic Development Framework has been prepared as a source of information for stakeholders interested in our Shires growth. Please contact the Shire to register your interest in working with us to make planning for economic development contribute to our future growth.



1 The Shire of Northampton Communities and the Economy

1.1 Local Government Responsibility to Support Communities to be Prepared for Future Economic Development

Local government in Western Australia represents communities across the State with 137 local governments providing services and access to facilities to local communities as well as making local laws through the Local Government Act 1995. The Local Government Act supports the governance arrangements for administration and financial management of Local Government. Local governments are also supported by the Public Health Act 2016, to support the health of communities, and through the Planning and Development Act 2005, providing local governments with the authority to develop local planning schemes. Local Government also has a major impact on local economies through their expenditure of almost \$A5 billion per year in Western Australia.

While the focus of local government is on providing services and facilities access to local communities, it is also a key stakeholder in economic development. Local government supports private sector investment in industries in a local area through access to land, planning, provision of workers, access to infrastructure and to services to allow developments to proceed. Private sector proponents of projects and investments need to engage with local government in order to realise their investment.

Local government also has a responsibility to their communities to advise of investments in projects that can change local areas and have impacts on the future of communities including the demand for services and the future profile of a local area. Economic development can increase the population of local areas, increase the demand for workers, increase the need for housing and place new demands on infrastructure services. Local communities that understand the potential for change as a result of future developments, can be prepared for the changes that economic development can bring and can work with local government to plan for these changes supporting improved outcomes.

1.2 Local Government Role in Promoting Economic Development and Investment

Local government has a role in economic development including the following:

- **Leadership in linking investment projects and economic development to broader community development aspirations** – Local government has a leadership role of local communities in preparing planning documentation for communities growth and future development scenarios.

Investment projects and economic development can alter these plans and local government has a leadership role in linking private sector projects and economic development with the broader community to ensure a common understanding and support for development.

- **Coordination and collaboration with all stakeholders including project proponents, landowners, Aboriginal communities, and community leaders** – Local government can bring together stakeholder community groups and their leaders including landowners, Aboriginal representatives and not for profit organisations to understand the development plans of project proponents and investors.
- **Building both industry and community relationships** – Industry dialogue with stakeholder community groups can build relationships for seeking to match community aspirations with the commercial objectives for a project that can realise support for economic development projects. This can include access to local leadership, knowledge and labour, potential options for land access including an understanding of native title land rights and interests, and community support for regulatory approvals processes.
- **Reducing regulatory impediments to business and investment projects with a focus on the planning system** – Large projects can impact on local planning schemes in their supply of land for development purposes. Local planning and State planning needs to understand and accommodate how economic development can impact a growing population, the local economy and the environment to support a process to ensure planning can streamline approval processes and reduce land use planning red tape.
- **Providing infrastructure including support for expansion of water, energy, road, communications, transport and waste as part of economic development to be balanced with the infrastructure needs of the community** – Local government in regional areas do not for the most part, own infrastructure supporting water, power and communications provision. However, they have key relationships with infrastructure providers and other levels of government on the need for further investment where identifying a lack of utilities infrastructure highlights a barrier to local development. Local government also has a direct role in the provision of some infrastructure including waste, road and community infrastructure. Demands for access to additional infrastructure by private sector project proponents and investors in economic development can work with local government to attract additional funding.
- **Ensuring availability of appropriate land for industry and residential uses** – In order for local government to support economic development, the availability of land for business, industry and residential development is critical. Major economic development projects need access to land for projects as well as additional housing to support workers. Local government is involved in the provision of industrial land and residential land through local planning schemes in collaboration with the State government.
- **Planning and support for housing and accommodation to support population increase and workers needs resulting from investments in projects by companies** - Local government is involved in discussions with other levels of government and the construction industry on the need to expand housing to accommodate population growth including support for an increase in housing for workers supporting new major projects.

Supporting development of housing within a town can also include support for worker access to community infrastructure. Demands for housing to support private sector projects can be realised through work with local government to attract additional funding.

- **Marketing and promotion of the local area** – Communication of private sector proponent project plans by local government can increase awareness of a projects benefits to the community and realise support for economic development.
- **Advocacy to State and Federal Government** - State and Federal Government are active in supporting new industry development particularly in regional areas through regional development policies. This includes provision of funding and grants to projects to support new industry investment, innovation, infrastructure provision and economic diversification that can realise increased employment opportunities and a stronger economic base for regional areas. State and Federal Government are also active in regulatory approvals for environmental impact and in the provision of infrastructure. Local government can be a strategic partner in attracting funding to projects in regional areas and in supporting the regulatory approvals process.
- **Facilitating networking and information dissemination** - Local government through its leadership role in local communities in regional areas, can be the conduit for networking by the local community with the development plans of project proponents and investors. Effective sharing of information by project proponents with the local community through local government can build valuable local support for project development.
- **Seed funding of ventures to support private sector investment** - Local government expenditure on planning and infrastructure can be leveraged to support private sector investment in projects during the feasibility stage and through to construction. This leverage can support the case for State and Federal Government funding and grant applications for projects.



1.3 Need for an Economic Development Framework

An Economic Development Framework will support a focus on economic development as a part of a local government's obligations and priorities to support the local community. Local government has a direct impact on economic activity through service provision, access to infrastructure and regulatory responsibilities. Given the impact major economic development can have on the growth of local communities, an Economic Development Framework supports local government to have a strategic and measured response to economic development that can balance community aspirations and planning with economy growth and new investment in a local area. There are barriers for local government in supporting economic development including a lack of funding, lack of access to economic development specialists and limited support from State and Federal Government. An Economic Development Framework allows local government to have a structured response to economic development and a process to address barriers to local government support.



2 Shire of Northampton Economy

2.1 Shire of Northampton Population and Towns

The Shire of Northampton is a local government area in Western Australia's Mid West Region. The Shire of Northampton is approximately 50 kilometres to the north of Geraldton and 460 kilometres north of Perth. The Shire covers an area of 12,499km square kilometres. The town of Northampton is the local government administrative centre for the Shire with the largest town in the Shire being Kalbarri. Other towns in the Shire include Horrocks and Port Gregory on the coast and inland towns Binu, Isseka, Ajana, Lynton and Galena. The 2021 Census of the Australian Bureau of Statistics recorded a population of 3,227 for the Shire of Northampton with Kalbarri having a population of 1,270 and Northampton having a population of 821. Males made up 52.9% and females 47.1% of the total population. Aboriginal groups include the Nhaaguja people and Nanda people.

2.2 Current Industries

Industries that support employment and investment in the Shire of Northampton include agriculture, fisheries, tourism, mining and energy. Kalbarri and other coastal towns are popular tourism destinations.

Agriculture

Local farming in the Shire of Northampton supports the production of wheat, canola, lupins, oats, sheep and beef. The Shire land area features pastoral stations supporting livestock. For example, Bowes Station is a pastoral lease supporting sheep and Murchison House Station is a 350,000 acre pastoral station that supports cattle and goats.

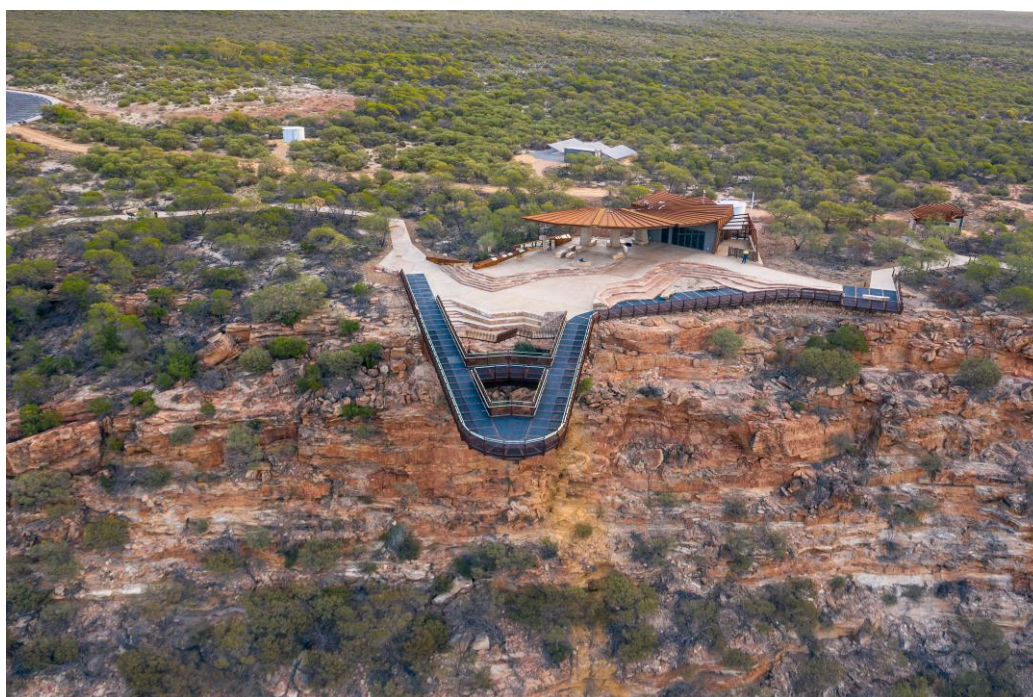
Fisheries

The fisheries industry in the Shire of Northampton supports production of rock lobster for export markets. In 2020-21, rock lobster boats in Kalbarri had an estimated catch of 204.6 tonnes supporting around 5% of the Kalbarri town economy (ACIL Allen - Economic Contribution of the Western Rock Lobster Industry 2020-21 Assessment).

Tourism

The Shire of Northampton has significant tourism attractions and is part of the Batavia Coast. The Kalbarri National Park covers an area of 183,000 hectares and is near to the coastal town of Kalbarri.

A major attraction in Kalbarri is the Kalbarri Skywalk, a \$A24 million project opened in 2020 and delivered by the Western Australian Government installing cantilevered walkways offering views over the Murchison River Gorge. The Kalbarri Skywalk has become a major tourist attraction for the Kalbarri National Park and the region. Kalbarri attracts approximately 200,000 tourists per year. The town of Port Gregory has the pink Hutt Lagoon as a significant tourist attraction and has access to marine reef structures, a wildflower season, historic settler buildings and shipwrecks.



Kalbarri Skywalk

Mining

Northampton in the past has had a mining industry focussed on copper, lead and zinc. Recent mining investment is now focussed on garnet mining, mineral sands and rare earths.

Garnet has applications in the construction of steel structures, ships, wharves and oil and gas platforms as well as supporting steel infrastructure. Industry uses garnet in polishing, abrasive blasting, water jet cutting, water filtration, and industrial flooring applications. Garnet mining companies in operation or considering the feasibility of investing include Heavy Minerals Pty Ltd with the Port Gregory Garnet Project, GMA Garnet Group (GMA), the Australian Garnet Lucky Bay Project, Northampton Mining Pty Ltd, Vytas Resources and Caprice Mining.

Energy

The Mid West region is attracting significant investment interest in renewable energy and hydrogen projects. The Western Australian Government is supporting the development of the hydrogen industry at the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) in the Mid West. In the Shire of Northampton, renewable energy projects have already been developed. These include a microgrid project in Kalbarri, developed by Western Australian Government energy utilities, Western Power and Synergy in 2022 and the wind and solar farm with battery storage at Port Gregory.

The Murchison Green Hydrogen project is an example of a number of projects looking at investment in the Shire of Northampton. Their feasibility study is exploring the potential for a \$A19 billion investment in a hydrogen producing export plant supported by renewable energy near Kalbarri.



Western Power and Synergy Kalbarri Microgrid – Source Western Power

2.3 Linkages to the Broader Mid West Economy

The Mid West region of which the Shire of Northampton is a part, represents an area of approximately 478,000 square kilometres and is one of Western Australia's nine regions. The Mid West had a population of 57,096 in 2021-22 and the major city for the region is Geraldton. The Mid West economy is one of the most diverse in Western Australia with mining, manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, retail and tourism sectors. The mining industry represents the largest sector in the economy with output valued at \$A7.8 billion. Mining activity in the Mid West is diverse and includes talc, gold, lead, tin, tantalum, zinc, garnet, heavy mineral sands, iron ore, copper, clays, pigments, nickel, vanadium, titanium, gypsum, chromite, platinoids, limestone, lime sands and manganese ore. Major projects in the Mid West region include the \$A2 billion Square Kilometre Array international astronomy project, the Batavia Coast Maritime Institute, aquaculture industry development, Geraldton Universities Centre, the National Broadband Network and renewable energy projects development. A major infrastructure project is the proposed Oakajee Port deep water port and the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA). The proposed Oakajee Port seeks to support strategic and downstream processing industries to service Western Australia's Mid West. The Western Australian Government is committed to establishing the SIA as a Western Australian Mid West Hydrogen Hub with agreement to conditionally allocate land to six proponents for key strategic hydrogen projects. The State Government has committed \$A55 million to the activation of the Oakajee SIA including \$A5.5 million to deliver site activation studies to assist potential investors.

The Western Australian Government is also committed to renewable energy in the Mid West with Horizon Power establishing Microgrids supported by renewable energy in the towns of Cue, Meekatharra, Norseman, Sandstone, Wiluna and Yalgoo. The Greenough River Solar Farm with 40 MW generating capacity is an example of investment in renewable energy by Bright Energy Investments that includes Synergy as a partner. Plans for major upgrades to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) network including network upgrades to Geraldton have been announced to accommodate increased renewable energy generation.

The Mid West also features wind energy projects with examples being the 55 MW Mumbida Wind Farm developed by joint venture partners Synergy and Infrastructure Capital Group (ICG) and the Alinta wind farm (Walkaway Wind Farm) with an installed capacity of 89 MW. New wind farm investment projects including offshore projects valued in the billions of dollars are planned for future development. Given the focus on significant investment in mining, renewable energy and hydrogen in the Mid West, the Shire of Northampton can leverage off this interest with both government and private sector investment potentially supporting economic development within the Shire.



Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) Plan Map – Source: Western Australian Government



3 Future Investment in the Shire of Northampton

3.1 Investment Interest from the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Industry

Renewable energy projects investment in the Shire of Northampton has grown in recent years as part of broader national and international market trends towards renewable energy and carbon free energy sources.

These include a \$A15 million investment in a microgrid project in Kalbarri, developed by Western Australian Government energy utilities, Western Power and Synergy in 2022. The microgrid is supported by a 5MW wind farm, rooftop solar systems supporting 1.7MW and a 2MW battery. The microgrid helps meet peak demand and improve power supply for the town. Advanced Energy Resources has also invested in building a 3.5MW wind and solar farm with battery storage at Port Gregory in Western Australia. The project consists of a 2.5MW wind farm, a 1MW solar farm and a 2MW/0.5MWh battery energy storage system (BESS). The \$A11.2 million project will see the wind and solar farm located adjacent to the GMA Garnet Group (GMA) garnet mine, providing up to 70 per cent of GMA's electricity needs with excess generation being exported into the local electricity network. The Australian Government Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) provided \$A3 million funding to the project. ARENA support was based on the project being a model for providing a clean energy alternative for other mines in remote locations at the fringe of Western Australia's electricity grid. Australian Garnet Pty Ltd have also recently commissioned seven wind turbines as part of their commitment to wind farms and batteries to power their operations and reduce their carbon footprint.

The Murchison Green Hydrogen project is an example of a hydrogen project in the Shire of Northampton which is at a feasibility stage of development by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP). The project has a potential capital cost of more than \$A19 billion for an export-scale ammonia plant backed by 5.5 gigawatts of wind and solar renewable power near Kalbarri. The project lies predominantly within the Pastoral Lease of Murchison House Station and there are several areas of Unallocated Crown Land and a small reserve within the wind farm area. The project is expected to provide 1,466 jobs during construction and 452 jobs during operations.

CIP is also exploring development of the Mid West Offshore Wind Farm project with a proposed 200 turbines and six substations in State waters off the coast of Kalbarri. The proposed wind farm is targeting more than 3GW of electricity capacity generation.

3.2 Investment from Mining

Investment interest in mining in the Shire of Northampton includes companies seeking to develop projects in garnet mining, mineral sands and rare earths.

These include:

- Heavy Minerals (ASX:HVV) owns a 166 million tonne garnet resource project, with a Prefeasibility Study (PFS) looking at commercialisation. The project has an estimated capital expenditure of \$A110 million.



Australian Garnet Lucky Bay Garnet Mine and Processing Plant– Source: Australian Garnet

- Australian Garnet Lucky Bay Garnet Project (Lucky Bay) is owned by Australian Garnet Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Resource Development Group Limited (ASX:RDG). The garnet project is estimated to have had a capital cost of \$A60 million and created 70 jobs during construction in 2022.
- Caprice Resources Ltd (ASX: CRS) is seeking to develop the Northampton Polymetallic Project. Drilling has identified copper and lead rich zones.
- Vytas Resources is developing the Ajana Project located approximately 110 km north of Geraldton. The Ajana Project has a total area of 9,398 ha within the Shire of Northampton. The project seeks to develop nano-porous silica material from Ajana Silica Project to a nano-porous silicon suitable for silicon anode material for lithium-ion batteries and silicon anodes for the electrolysis process for the production of green hydrogen.

3.3 Investment from Tourism

Kalbarri is an established tourism destination for tourism in the Mid West region with the iconic skywalk lookout in Kalbarri National Park and access to Chinaman's Beach on the Murchison River in the heart of Kalbarri coastal cliffs including Natural Bridge, Island Rock and Shellhouse Grandstand Lookout.

The Mid West Tourism Development Strategy developed in 2014 by The Mid West Development Commission and Regional Development Australia in collaboration with the Department of Planning and the Mid West Tourism Alliance, identified tourism assets in the Shire of Northampton for prioritisation for the Batavia Coast subregion including investment in:

- The Kalbarri to Shark Bay 4WD trail.
- Kalbarri National Park road sealing, nature bank eco camp, campground and enhanced trails.
- Coastal campsites and visitor nodes from Greenhead to Kalbarri.

Tourism WA recognises significant tourism assets for Western Australia in the Shire of Northampton which can be supported by investment including:

- **Hutt Lagoon, Port Gregory:** The pink lake at the Hutt Lagoon on the Coral Coast has been popular with Asian tourists in the past. However, the site has no toilets or facilities. The Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Western Australian Government includes agreement that infrastructure would be upgraded for the Hutt Lagoon as a tourism destination.
- **Lucky Bay, Port Gregory:** Lucky Bay north of Hutt Lagoon on the Coral Coast is a beachfront nature based camping area. The camp area is currently being managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions with the view that Yamatji Enterprises can manage this in accordance with the Indigenous Land Use Agreement. The camp area has basic facilities, and a management plan is required to see any potential for growth with further investment.
- **Kalbarri:** Tourism WA is supporting a Kalbarri Foreshore Development business case to support the recovery of the towns tourism industry following Tropical Cyclone Seroja. The Nanda people are recognised as the Traditional Owners of Kalbarri, Kalbarri National Park, the Zuytdorp Nature Reserve and the Toolonga Nature Reserve and are being engaged to establish a process for development proposals.

Other possible projects include development of a high-end resort in Kalbarri, more utilisation of Kalbarri airport to make the region more accessible by air and assistance to tourism operators close to National Parks. Kalbarri while popular as a tourism destination, suffers from a lack of housing for service industry employees and requires housing investment.

3.4 Investment in Reconstruction from Tropical Cyclone Seroja

Tropical Cyclone Seroja was a major natural disaster in Western Australia in 2021, with \$A412 million for more than 10,000 claims received up to July 2023. Over forty towns and communities recorded damage including Kalbarri, Northampton and other communities in the Shire of Northampton. The storm crossed the coast near Kalbarri as a Category 3 cyclone destroying homes, businesses and critical infrastructure.

Australian and Western Australian Government supported \$A104.5 million in funding arrangements to assist in rebuilding after the cyclone. Local governments affected by Tropical Cyclone Seroja were able to access \$9.2 million in Western Australian Government funding to aid community recovery and build resilience.

The State Government also supported Mid West applicants in applying for:

- The Primary Producers Recovery Grant;
- The Small Business Recovery Grant;
- Recovery and Resilience Grants; and
- Cultural and Heritage Recovery Grant.

Skill shortages, difficulties accessing builders and capacity constraints for the construction industry have delayed housing and commercial rebuilding and recovery with reconstruction work continuing in 2023. Tropical Cyclone Seroja has also exacerbated shortages of housing which existed prior to the cyclone.

3.5 Linkages to Strategic Development Plans and Oakajee Investment

While the Oakajee Port deep water port and the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) are not within the boundaries of the Shire of Northampton, the proposed development of the Oakajee SIA has the potential to impact on economic development in the Shire. The Western Australian Government has allocated land to six proponents developing hydrogen and ammonia projects at the 1,134 hectare SIA site.



Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) Hydrogen Focus – Source: Western Australian Government

The six proponents are:

- **BP** – BP is developing Project GERI, a large-scale integrated renewables and green hydrogen project. BP plan a phased development involving 14GW+ of wind and solar generation to be used to produce power and green hydrogen for domestic consumption and export. BP has been allocated 220 hectares at Oakajee SIA and will need agreements with landowners, and regulatory approvals for wind turbines and solar panels that could be located on Mid West farmland.

- **Fortescue Future Industries (FFI)** - Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) has been allocated 220 hectares at Oakajee SIA, to support its exploration of a proposed project for the domestic and international export of green hydrogen and green ammonia from the Mid West.
- **Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP)** - Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners have been allocated land at Oakajee SIA to develop an Oakajee Green Hydrogen Project.
- **Green LOHC** - Green LOHC Pty Ltd is developing Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carrier (LOHC) technology to act as a form of hydrogen transport and long term storage for the Australian market. The Western Australia Green LOHC Demonstration Project proposed for Oakajee SIA is to demonstrate to the mining industry initially through the supply of stationary fuel cells for power generation into microgrids.
- **Kinara Power** - Kinara Power was formed by the owners of Blue Diamond Australia Pty Ltd and are focussed on green ammonia production to support decarbonising shipping, agriculture and mining. They are developing Project Astra, a green ammonia project in the Oakajee SIA proposed to produce 600,000 mt/year with 2 GW of solar and wind and a project investment of \$4 Billion.
- **Blue Diamond Australia** – Blue Diamond Australia focus on energy asset development in the mining industry and support solar power projects, ammonium nitrate storage facilities and diesel storage facilities and are seeking to develop green ammonia.

Given the majority of the project proponents are seeking to deliver green hydrogen and ammonia projects supported by wind and solar power, Shire of Northampton has the opportunity to engage with these projects to support green power access from wind and solar power within the Shire of Northampton boundaries. Many of the wind and solar projects will need to be delivered on farm and pastoral land. The Shire of Northampton can also negotiate with these proponents on housing and infrastructure support given the thousands of workers that these projects will require and the need for additional housing and infrastructure to support an increased population.

3.6 Potential Impact of Future Investment on Services Delivery, Population and Housing

Western Australia had \$A60 billion of major resource projects under construction or committed and \$89 billion under consideration in March 2023. In 2022-23, the value of engineering construction activity in Western Australia rose 21.2% to \$24.1 billion. Western Australia's population rose 2.4% in 2022, above growth of 1.3% in 2021. However, the number of dwelling approvals in Western Australia fell 11.0% to 1,120 in September 2023. These statistics highlight issues with housing not keeping up with economic growth and population increase. Labour shortages also remain a significant challenge in Western Australia's regions, with almost 70% of businesses reporting the availability of skilled labour as a barrier to growth according to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA) quarterly Business Confidence report issued in December 2023. Issues with housing construction are in part impacted by labour shortages in the construction industry.

State economic conditions indicate that large projects planned in the Mid West of Western Australia in renewable energy and hydrogen represent major challenges for regional areas such as the Shire of Northampton. The need for these projects to access thousands of additional workers will place pressure on housing, infrastructure and services and regional town capacity to support growth. Investors in major projects need to be conscious of the regional needs for housing, infrastructure and services and be supportive of investment in these areas to support regional servicing of their projects.

3.7 Potential Additional Funding by Government and Industry

The Australian Government and the Western Australian Government have prioritised development of renewable energy and hydrogen to support the energy transition away from fossil fuels, support decarbonisation of the economy and increase clean energy exports to contribute to regional and global decarbonisation. Given the potential for renewable energy and hydrogen to significantly grow in the future, the Australian and Western Australian Governments are providing financial support for the growth of these industries. This support provides opportunities for Shire of Northampton to obtain support in developing and implementing an Economic Development Framework.

Australian Government opportunities for funding support include:

- **rPPP Precinct Development and Planning Grant**

The rPPP Precinct Development and Planning grant opportunity of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts provides opportunities to develop a precinct idea through to an investment ready stage. The rationale for Stream One is to recognise that financial constraints can inhibit great concepts being explored further and developed into realistic, well-designed and planned projects. For Stream One, the project is considered to be a plan for the entire precinct, even if future investment is only in one element of the precinct. This contrasts with Stream Two, where the project is one or more elements of a precinct.

The objective of the grant opportunity is to activate partnerships to jointly deliver precinct plans.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are to:

- Establish partnerships comprised of relevant government entities, community organisations and businesses that have a shared vision for a regional precinct.
- Deliver precinct plans that are tailored to their local contexts and based on community feedback and engagement.
- Support precinct plans to become investment ready. The establishment of a partnership is essential to rPPP, which has a focus on bringing together all relevant interested parties.



- **Growing Regions Program**

The Australian Government committed \$A600 million over three years from 2023-24 for the Growing Regions Program. The Growing Regions Program provides grants of between \$A500,000 and \$A15 million to local government entities and not-for-profit organisations, for capital works projects that deliver community and economic infrastructure projects across regional and rural Australia.

- **Building Regional Hydrogen Hubs**

The Australian Government has invested more than \$A500 million to support the development of hydrogen hubs in regional Australia. The hubs co-host producers, users and potential exporters of hydrogen across industrial, transport, export and energy markets.

- **Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)**

ARENA was established by the Australian Government on 1 July 2012 to support the global transition to net zero emissions by accelerating the pace of pre-commercial innovation, to the benefit of Australian consumers, businesses and workers. ARENA supports improvements in the competitiveness of renewable energy and enabling technologies, increases the supply of renewable energy in Australia, and facilitates the achievement of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions targets by providing financial assistance and sharing knowledge to accelerate innovation that benefits all Australians. Funding includes \$A400 million for the Industrial Transformation Stream to be administered by ARENA under the Powering the Regions Fund and the Regional Microgrid Program (RMP) supporting the development and deployment of renewable energy microgrids across rural and regional Australia.

Western Australian Government opportunities for funding support include:

- **Investment Attraction Fund**

The Investment Attraction Fund (IAF) was established to encourage new investment in Western Australia that will create local jobs and contribute to a more diversified economy. The IAF enables investment into a range of industries, facilitating a more targeted and coordinated approach to investment attraction supporting the WA Government's economic diversification framework, Diversify WA.

Prioritised industry sectors for strategic development include energy, primary industries, defence, space, health and medical life sciences, international education, tourism, events and creative industries, mining equipment, technology and services. Financial assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of 50% of the total proposal cost or a maximum State contribution amount of \$A15 million.

- **Infrastructure Development Fund**

The Infrastructure Development Fund was established with \$A80 million to help unlock a new pipeline of apartment development in key urban precincts and worker accommodation in regional areas. The purpose of the Infrastructure Development Fund is to assist with the cost of resolving infrastructure constraints that impact the supply of medium to high density housing projects in priority infill locations within metropolitan Perth and worker accommodation in the regions.

- **The Regional Economic Development Grants (RED Grants)**

The RED grants program is funded with \$50.85 million over nine years (2018-19 to 2026-27). The Western Australian Government initiative invests in local projects to stimulate economic growth and development in regional Western Australia. Delivered locally by the State's nine Regional Development Commissions, up to \$A150,000 is available for individual projects that contribute to increasing or sustaining jobs, expanding or diversifying industry, developing skills or capability, increasing business productivity and attracting new investment to the regions. The grants boost investment in local regional projects driven by the community that contribute to population and economic growth and innovation.





4 Shire of Northampton Current and Future Planning

4.1 Current Local Planning Strategy

The Shire of Northampton Local Planning Strategy was endorsed on the 19th May 2022 and is used to guide the direction of development and provide the basis for coordinated decision making on future servicing of the Shire through Local Planning Schemes.

The Local Planning Strategy is used to:

- Set out the direction for economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development;
- Give direction to the Shire, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the Minister for Planning in assessment of Local Planning Scheme amendments, subdivision and development applications and provide strategic support for decision making;
- Provide the basis for coordinated decision making on future servicing of the Shire by local/State government, and any other service agency; and
- Explain the strategic direction for growth and development to all stakeholders.

The Horrocks locality, and the Kalbarri locality are the subject of separate Local Planning Strategies.

The State planning context for the Shire of Northampton Local Planning Strategy and other related Strategies are as follows:

- Develop, support and sustain liveable, vibrant and active communities that retain populations and attract people.
- Ensure adequate and appropriate housing stock for the region's Fly-in Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in Drive-out (DIDO) workforce where necessary, through innovative land development models.
- Support ageing population in place through the provision of aged care accommodation in communities, as appropriate.
- Support existing and future primary production through the protection of rural land, particularly priority agricultural land and land required for animal premises and/or the production of food.
- Develop intensive agriculture.
- Develop accessible tourism destinations and events with unique / quality experience.
- Ensure sufficient serviced industrial land to meet demands.

The Shire of Northampton Local Planning Schemes control the development of all land in the Shire. These schemes divide the land into reserves or zones and define the types of land uses that are permissible and also set out provisions regarding aspects of development including parking, building height, sign controls, landscaping, amenity controls, heritage places and administration powers.

The Shire of Northampton Development Approval is required to undertake any development including:

- A change of use;
- Commencement of new or additional use;
- Erection of a structure(s); and
- Sign(s).

The Shire of Northampton Local Planning Strategies and Local Planning Schemes support economic development through their reference to:

- Supply of housing stock for the region's Fly-in Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in Drive-out (DIDO) workforce;
- Support for existing and future primary production through the protection of rural land;
- Support for development of intensive agriculture;
- Support for the development of accessible tourism destinations; and
- Support for sufficient serviced industrial land to meet demand.

In accordance with the State Planning Strategy 2050, the Strategies also recognise the importance of the mining industry, infrastructure for water and energy and economic diversification.

Development of a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework can support Local Planning Strategies and Local Planning Schemes and link directly to the State Planning Strategy 2050.



4.2 Current Strategic Community Plan

The Shire of Northampton have a Strategic Community Plan (SCP) developed in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Guidelines developed by the Department of Local Government that seeks to capture the vision and aspirations of the community and include key focus areas, objectives, and strategies.

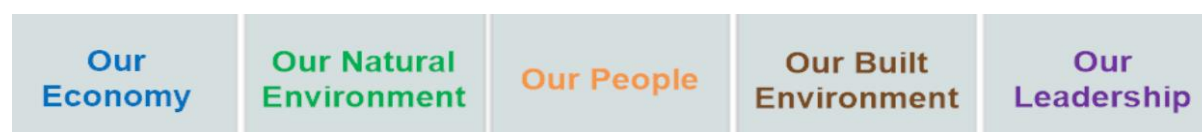
Common themes identified by the SCP include:

- Appreciation of safe, friendly, and peaceful communities.
- Gaps and constraints in medical and aged care services.
- Business viability impediments and ability to sustain them.
- Transport.
- Maintenance of school populations and increased youth activities.
- Water, power, and telecommunications.
- Retention and addition of families and increased job opportunities.
- Environment appreciation and management.
- Ambience of foreshores and town centres.
- Strong community spirit.

Actions / Projects identified include:

- Beautification of main streets and more businesses and tourism across some parts of the Shire.
- Increase in recreation centre activities especially for young people and after-hours access to gym and courts, skateparks and playgrounds.
- More consistency in medical services; more aged care services and accommodation for people to age in place.
- Local bus service to Geraldton.
- Upkeep of historical buildings to enhance tourism.
- More events / markets.
- Environmental initiatives such as recycling, increase in tree planting and foreshore and dune management.
- Bypass around Northampton.
- Access to pool or aquatic activities for learn to swim or fitness activities.
- More employment opportunities, housing, and tourist accommodation.

The community desire for retention and addition of families, more employment opportunities, housing, and tourist accommodation point to the important role a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework can have on meeting the aspiration of the community as reflected in the current SCP.



Key Focus Areas, Strategic Community Plan, Shire of Northampton

4.3 Corporate Business Plan 2023 to 2026

The Shire of Northampton Corporate Business Plan (CBP) supports the operations of the Shire and the support of the Strategic Community Plan in delivering for the community through the following:

- Asset Management Plans – The asset management plans identify the assets and infrastructure of Council. The plans identify the required asset renewals in order to maintain and/or increase Council's level of service to the community.
- Long Term Financial Plan – The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a 10 year plan. The LTFP is modelled to ensure there is adequate cash flow in the plan to sustain Council's operating requirements.
- Workforce Plan – The CBP and LTFP identify the financial impact of maintaining the Council's workforce for operational and capital activities.

A Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework can complement the CBP through sourcing additional funding for the Shire through new private sector investment leading to an expansion of the Shire's rate base, increased population through new workers relocating to the Shire and new investment in housing, infrastructure and services. Increased funding for the Shire can also be realised from economic development activity through increased State and Federal Government funding and attraction of regional and economic development grants.



4.4 Current Planning Documentation and Impact on an Economic Development Framework

The Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework can support the investigation of land use planning impacts of major economic development projects that consider local government requirements for a project, to support the local community and its needs. Local Government conditions can consider project support for issues such as housing access, infrastructure access, services access and local procurement.



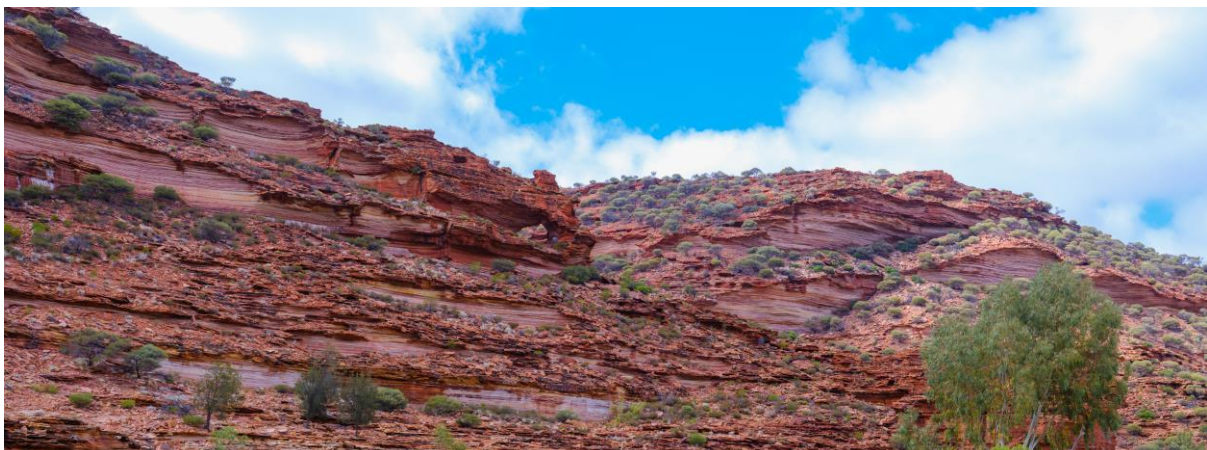
5 Stakeholder and Community Consultation

5.1 Feedback on an Economic Development Framework

As part of the Shire of Northampton initiative to develop an Economic Development Framework, video conference meetings were arranged with stakeholders including community representatives to discuss Shire of Northampton plans and organisations potential participation. Organisations were approached on the basis that they are a stakeholder in the future development of the Shire of Northampton and the Shire values their participation.

Given the Shire of Northampton commitment to an Economic Development Framework, stakeholders were asked to discuss:

- The level of interest of your company/ organisation in a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework.
- Suggestions on how your company/ organisation objectives and investment plans could be supported by a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework.
- Interest of your company/ organisation in stakeholder development through a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework.
- Interest of your company/ organisation to support an application by the Shire of Northampton to attract government funding for partnerships supporting master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment.
- Interest of your company/ organisation to support cash or in-kind contributions towards an application by the Shire of Northampton to attract government funding for partnerships supporting master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment that meets both your company/ organisation needs as well as that of the Shire of Northampton.



5.2 Discussions with Stakeholders

Stakeholder responses to the Shire of Northampton discussions on an Economic Development Framework included the following:

- **Tourism WA:** Tourism WA recognises significant tourism assets for Western Australia in the Shire of Northampton including Hutt Lagoon, Port Gregory; Lucky Bay, Port Gregory and Kalbarri. Tourism WA is working with Yamatji Enterprises in accordance with The Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement for infrastructure to be upgraded for the Hutt Lagoon and management of Lucky Bay as a camping area as tourism destinations. Tourism WA is also working with the Nanda people, the Traditional Owners of Kalbarri, Kalbarri National Park, the Zuytdorp Nature Reserve and the Toolonga Nature Reserve to support management and development.

Tourism WA is interested in working with the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework in the following areas:

- Understanding Shire of Northampton incentives for investment attraction.
- Shire of Northampton interest in working with Tourism WA to attract funding.
- Promotion of tourism projects which are seeking both government and private sector funding.
- The level of recognition by the Shire of Northampton of potentially important projects such as development of a high-end resort in Kalbarri, more utilisation of Kalbarri airport to make the region more accessible by air and assistance to tourism operators close to National Parks.
- The Shire of Northampton interest in Tourism WA studies that can facilitate tourism accommodation investment. The opportunity exists to request support from Tourism WA for investors on planning, coastal studies, flora and fauna and other regulatory and environmental work, approved by a State Government Steering Board.

Tourism WA is also open to being a member of a Shire of Northampton Stakeholder committee every six months to cover all investment activities with work on a one to one basis on tourism then pursued between these meetings. Tourism WA would support Shire of Northampton applications for funding and would be interested in working with the Shire of Northampton in order to apply for Federal Government funding to progress the Kalbarri Foreshore and Beaches Master Plan.

'An investment attraction brochure that identifies potential tourism development sites, promotes Shire of Northampton and has a call to action is also regarded as potentially supporting Tourism WA to take a higher level of interest in working with the Shire.'

- **Mid West Development Commission (MWDC):** Synergies between Shire of Northampton and MWDC could be explored in the following programs and projects:
 - Joint support for Yamatji Aboriginal management of Hutt Lagoon supporting tourism with the Nanda Aboriginal people.

- Joint support for interest in tourism investment with an example being current interest in the Kalbarri area for a caravan park site.
- Collaboration on the Kalbarri foreshore project redevelopment supporting tourism.
- Joint support on the Dongara-Geraldton-Northampton bypass project that can redirect trucks out of the centre of the town of Northampton.
- Carbon farming opportunities for collaboration with farmers in the Shire of Northampton area.
- Support for farmers looking to work with renewable energy companies seeking land access for solar/wind farms in the Shire of Northampton area.
- Collaboration on drought resilience planning and climate change adaptation for farmers with expected future changes in agriculture requiring new approaches and possibly new crops.
- Industrial land planning and zoning supporting land release including development of industrial land outside the Shire of Northampton to support project activity within the Shire of Northampton (e.g. renewable energy project component manufacturing).
- Exploration of synergies between the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area and investment interest in hydrogen and renewable energy in the Shire of Northampton.
- Work together on discussions regarding access to a desalination plant planned for The Murchison Green Hydrogen project of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, should the project proceed.
- Joint support for local content involvement in projects for business in the Shire of Northampton, including Aboriginal business development and utilisation.

MWDC would also consider involvement in any Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework consultation committee and is open to endorsing grant applications.

'Mid West Development Commission is also supporting regional groupings of local government and would be open to supporting a Geraldton, Chapman Valley, Northampton grouping that would be useful in sharing resources and working together in the Mid West region, if the local governments had an appetite to do so.'

- **Central Regional TAFE:** Central Regional TAFE is progressing as fast as possible with support for skills development for hydrogen and clean energy industry development. Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area is a focus for the College given Western Australian Government support and investor interest. **Central Regional TAFE** has resources in place to support the training needs of major projects and proponents.

Central Regional TAFE can support delivery of courses and/or skillsets that are of relevance to large economic development projects in Shire of Northampton including through:

- Building and construction skills to support the provision of additional housing required for new large projects, and other construction projects including civil construction.
- Training that improves opportunities for local people to be employed in areas of high skills demand (e.g. many trades related industries, care sector industries and industries of particular value to the Mid West such as fishing and maritime operations).

- Minimising Fly-In Fly-Out (FIFO) through employment of skilled local people where possible.

Central Regional TAFE would be interested in participating in a forum of 2-4 times a year as stakeholders to a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework forum. Central Regional TAFE would not be able to provide cash but would consider in kind support for grant applications where there is investment in training.

'A Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework impact on training demand is of interest to the Central Regional TAFE and the College is interested in the role of the Shire in having an impact on skills development.'

- **Geraldton University Centre:** Geraldton University Centre is a not for profit body that works in partnership with Western Australian universities. The Mid West has 250-300 university students with around 10 students from Kalbarri and Northampton. The Centre has been involved with the Shire of Northampton through their support for scholarships for local students. Geraldton University Centre has been involved in discussions on potential hydrogen investment in the Mid West and how education and training needs to support these projects. State and Federal Treasury have also been in discussions on developing the workforce and the support of schools, TAFES and universities.

Geraldton University Centre can support economic development projects in Shire of Northampton through:

- Local training and education as part of support for economic development.
- Interest in university partners for industry.

Geraldton University Centre would consider engaging as a stakeholder in a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework forum for information sharing for infrequent meetings of two or three times a year. Participation would also be with Central Regional TAFE given a close working relationship. Any support for Shire of Northampton in seeking to attract grants would have to be relevant to Geraldton University Centre.

'The Geraldton University Centre has been pushing for support for Electrical engineering courses being online which are currently not available online in Western Australia but are available in the Eastern States with more options for students. These courses are needed to support planning for local workforce participation for the hydrogen industry.'

- **Regional Development Australia (RDA) Mid West and Gascoyne:** RDA Mid West and Gascoyne supports work across the Mid West and Gascoyne. Much of its work is with stakeholders to support people working with each other. This includes working with Shires using community plans to develop Meekatharra, Que, Mt Magnet, Murchison, Yalgoo and Sandstone which have similar issues to the Shire of Northampton on economic development.

RDA Mid West and Gascoyne is currently focussed on community needs for housing, services, infrastructure and the workforce and how projects and economic development can support these community needs.

RDA Mid West and Gascoyne are working on:

- A Designated Area Migration agreement which is targeting SME's and the service sector, that can be relevant to the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework. Not having skills in the region is contributing to a \$800 million per annum productivity gap.
- Airline and transport links that can support liveability.
- Planning and housing. A key question is how can the Shire realise improved housing outcomes through a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework?
- Decarbonisation and pathways for net zero and investment.

The RDA Mid West and Gascoyne is seeking to develop a Forum for local government and the mining industry working together. This Forum could be of interest to the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework. The RDA can also support stakeholder development through participation in a Shire forum for an Economic Development Framework. The RDA can also provide in-kind support for applications for funding that is relevant to RDA activities. This could include work on Subregional plans or strategies.

'A potential focus for a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework is development of a community fund to support local communities funded by investment in major projects.'

- **Yamatji Southern Regional Council – Hut River Cultural Committee:** The Yamatji Southern Regional Council (YSRC) is a relatively young organisation in its current form with three years of operation. YSRC is focussed on achieving economic outcomes for the Aboriginal community. However, it needs to make financial returns from economic development to ensure sustainability for the organisation. The current economic development focus of YSRC is on the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for supporting tourism and management of the Lucky Bay precinct and Hutt Lagoon close to Kalbarri and within the boundaries of the Shire of Northampton. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions of the Western Australian Government support the development of cultural tourism through an ILUA to support management of the Lucky Bay precinct as part of the Kalbarri National Park and Hutt Lagoon and has committed funds to upgrade tourism facilities at Hutt Lagoon and Lucky Bay. A draft plan on management has been submitted to the Western Australian Government. The YSRC has re-established a Tourism Working Group and the Shire of Northampton will be invited to participate. YSRC also has a Hutt River Cultural Committee where the Shire of Northampton is already represented. The YSRC is also involved in engagement with the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area and is in discussions with major proponents with an interest in investment which has a focus on renewable hydrogen.

YSRC suggestions on a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework include:

- Shire of Northampton to update procurement policies to incorporate Aboriginal engagement principles.
- Undertake cultural awareness training programs to meet the unique needs of Aboriginal people across the Shire.
- Advocate to State and Federal Government to provide increased business support services for Aboriginal tourism opportunities at Hutt Lagoon and Lucky Bay.
- Support Aboriginal tourism operations at Hutt Lagoon and Lucky Bay.
- Seek cultural advice for major shire-led projects (meetings held quarterly but there may be opportunities for out of sessions meetings).
- Partner with YSRC for State and Federal grant and funding opportunities.
- Promote investment opportunities associated with available Yamatji land holdings.
- Fund sponsorship of a broad range of events and community groups through grants.
- Support aboriginal community events (bush tucker experiences etc).
- Support YSRC during its early development by exempting Yamatji from paying rates on undeveloped land holdings.

YSRC is happy to participate in a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework stakeholder committee and to provide letters of support and in-kind support to Shire of Northampton applications for funding.

'Yamatji Southern Regional Council suggestions on a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework include promotion of investment opportunities associated with available Yamatji land holdings.'

- **Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA):** The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) of the Western Australian Government supports the management of national parks and in the Shire of Northampton, DBCA manages the Kalbarri National Park which supports the Mid West tourism industry. The Kalbarri National Park includes the Kalbarri Sky Walk, a significant tourist attraction in the Mid West region. DBCA has an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Nanda people and supports Aboriginal engagement for management of the National Park. This includes Nanda people joint management of the Kalbarri National Park, employment for Nanda people and support for positions and investment in Park infrastructure. Joint management of the Kalbarri National Park is based in Kalbarri and access to housing is a big issue. DBCA work with the Nanda people to provide economic benefits through Cultural tours with Nanda employment through running the kiosk and jobs on country. A Joint Management Plan is being written by DBCA and the Nanda people.

DBCA has an interest in the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework in terms of:

- Support for the tourism industry and how this impacts on plans for Kalbarri National Park including investment in infrastructure and work with the Nanda people.

- Access to Reserve 12996 to support expansion of the National Park on both sides of the river of Kalbarri, which is currently a Shire reserve.

DBCA is interested in participating in a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework stakeholder grouping through a forum or committee. DBCA also supports providing letters of support and in-kind support to applications in areas relevant to DBCA. This could include obtaining support for Aboriginal ranger programmes.

'Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) supports the tourism industry and how this impacts on plans for Kalbarri National Park including investment in infrastructure and work with the Nanda people.'

- **Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI):** Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) of the Western Australian Government have a focus on hydrogen and renewable energy projects in the Mid West region as being pertinent to economic development in the Shire of Northampton. JTSI is the lead agency for the development of the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) in the Mid West region and DevelopmentWA is the land owner and development manager. JTSI is supporting a Coordination Framework to support Common User Infrastructure for companies that have expressed interest in investment in the SIA to realise renewable hydrogen opportunities.

JTSI also works with the Mid West Development Commission as a Coordinator for economic development activities in the Mid West region. JTSI is also working with hydrogen project proponents across the State to support project facilitation and support a whole of government approach to major projects including access to infrastructure and land approvals. JTSI works with Department of Lands, Planning and Heritage on regional plans and linking strategic industrial areas. JTSI is keen to work with Shire of Northampton to ensure good communication on major projects in hydrogen development.

JTSI has an interest in the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework through:

- Close proximity to the Oakajee SIA that can support investment in windfarms and solar farms in the Shire of Northampton to support SIA tenants and their hydrogen projects.
- Support for land use planning impacts on the Murchison Green Hydrogen project that considers local government requirements from the project to support local community engagement with the project.
- Local Government approval conditions can consider major project support for issues such as housing access, infrastructure access and local procurement.
- Local planning can also be supported by the WA Planning Commission and Mid West Development Commission coordination and JTSI engagement.
- The Shire of Northampton being a stakeholder to the Oakajee SIA project.
- Communication on the Oakajee Narngulu Infrastructure Corridor (ONIC) being planned to enable a coordinated infrastructure and services corridor around Geraldton to facilitate road, rail and utility services connections between the Narngulu Industrial Estate and the proposed Oakajee port and industrial estate and more broadly within Geraldton Port which will have impacts on the Shire of Northampton.

- JTSI support for community engagement to seek a supportive local community for projects and the Shire of Northampton can play an important role in engaging local community.

JTSI agree to participate in stakeholder engagement supporting the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework. JTSI may have interest in the Shire of Northampton as a Case Study on working at a local level.

JTSI has Industrial Area Working Groups which are a series of meetings to look at issues of concern and developing a road map that goes to Cabinet. These have been completed for the Pilbara and Goldfields and plans are for the next focus to be on the Mid West. The Shire of Northampton is asked to consider participation. JTSI can also look at letters of support and in-kind support in any funding applications for Federal Government support for major projects at a regional level.

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- **Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry:** The Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) in the last few years has had a focus on the growth in the renewables industry, work with major projects, skills gaps and housing which are all relevant to Shire of Northampton economic development. Government interest in Oakajee, hydrogen, renewable energy and de-carbonisation indicate State support for economic development in the Mid West supporting the MWCCI.

MWCCI has an interest in working with the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework in the following areas:

- Interest in supporting the Shire of Northampton link with its Hydrogen Cluster and Steering Group collaboration supported by BP, Fortescue, Strike Energy, AGIG and Iluka Resources.
- Investment in housing for operational workforces and investment to access to renewable solar and wind energy developed on farmland in Northampton and Kalbarri.
- Designated Area Migration Agreement to assist skills access where the employer must provide housing.
- Support for air links with a regional aviation service between Geraldton and Karratha established.

MWCCI is interested in stakeholder development with industry and the community with the Shire of Northampton and can provide paid resources. MWCCI can support the Shire of Northampton in seeking government funding and can also support events but would need to charge to cover costs.

'Northampton can build a story or an investment pitch to support linkages to Geraldton and the wider region.'

- **Future Battery Industries CRC:** Shannon O'Rourke is the CEO of the Future Battery Industries Cooperative Research Centre (FBICRC) and prior to this worked with Woodside supporting their approach to hydrogen industry development. While the FBICRC is focussed on enabling the growth of battery industries in Australia, its work with the renewable energy industry and with industry, researchers, governments and the community makes it relevant to the Shire of Northampton position on economic development.

Shannon O'Rourke of the Future Battery Industries FBICRC noted the following issues as important for consideration in a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework and possible areas for collaboration with FBICRC:

- Shire control of the approval process was an important part of being a decision maker on economic development projects supporting leverage to get major project proponents to invest in community needs for housing, infrastructure, local industry contracting, employment and Aboriginal participation.
- Major economic development projects require local procurement and an Industry Participation Plan (IPP) is also needed. Major public and private projects with an expenditure of \$500 million or more are subject to the Australian Jobs Act 2013.
- The wind power industry in Australia has two manufacturers that may have an interest in partnering on local manufacturing in the Shire of Northampton given Mid West projects being planned need significant wind power access.
- A supply chain study could support efforts to achieve local purchasing as part of large projects in the Mid West and could identify the right contractors to come together.
- The Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre is a program funded with \$14 million from the Australian Government. FBICRC is pursuing funding and FBICRC is supportive of the Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre being active in Western Australia that is relevant to the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework.

FBICRC is interested in participating in stakeholder development through a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework with an interest in renewable energy and sustainable development projects and local support through links to the community. FBICRC can look to providing letters of support and in-kind support for the Shire of Northampton in seeking to attract government funding for Master planning and also supply chain planning.

'A supply chain study could support efforts to achieve local purchasing as part of large projects in the Mid West and could identify the right contractors to come together.'

- **Hydrogen Society of Australia:** The Hydrogen Society of Australia (HSA) is a National not for profit organisation dedicated to promoting the significance of hydrogen as a clean fuel and energy storage solution. The HSA has Chapters in different States. The WA Chapter is led by Dr Furat Dawood. The organisation has a link to the Hydrogen Council, a global body that represents hydrogen interest from 150 multinational companies in energy, transportation and manufacturing sectors, representing the entire hydrogen value chain. Individuals of companies who are members of HSA include Siemens, ATCO, Horizon Power, Integrated Energy and Infinite Green Energy. HSA is also supported by Professor Craig Buckley of Curtin University who leads hydrogen energy research at Curtin University and is recognised internationally for his work on hydrogen storage materials.

HSA has been involved in a number of projects including hydrogen cluster development with National Energy Resources Australia (NERA) support and the Hydrogen highway. HSA is also familiar with the Horizon Power hydrogen project in Denham, designed to replace diesel and developed by Hybrid Systems Australia with ARENA funding. HSA is also involved in exploring white hydrogen, or mined hydrogen which is a cheaper alternative to green hydrogen produced by renewable energy.

HSA has an interest in working with the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework in the following areas:

- HSA can support community engagement for the Shire of Northampton. In the past HSA has received a small level of funds from the Western Australian Government through the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTISI). HSA is planning on going to regional areas to train and educate communities with basic information on hydrogen and renewable energy and to talk about standards. These awareness sessions may be of interest to the Shire of Northampton.
- HSA also organises on October 8, Hydrogen Day. In 2023, HSA, in collaboration with Murdoch University, celebrated the 5th Australia Hydrogen Day 2023 on Sunday the 8th of October 2023, at Murdoch University.
- HSA also has links to the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) that may have interest in access to hydrogen power in the Mid West.

HSA is interested in participating in stakeholder development of the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework through the WA State Chapter. Up to June 2024, HSA funds have been allocated. After this HSA can look at working together with the Shire of Northampton and support the Shire with linkages to government, letters of support and in-kind support for seeking government funding.

'The Hydrogen Society of Australia has links to projects and is a promoter of hydrogen as a clean alternative to fossil fuels and explains the benefits of hydrogen to educate the community which is relevant to the Shire of Northampton interest in hydrogen projects.'

- **Kalbarri Town Talk Inc. and Northampton District Agricultural Society Inc:** Kalbarri Town Talk Inc. and Northampton District Agricultural Society Inc noted interest in the Shire of Northampton prioritising economic development. Kalbarri Town Talk supports the Northampton Agricultural Show and has also developed as a workspace with fast internet. These initiatives represent grass roots economic activity. Kalbarri Town Talk Inc would like to see how a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework can support:
 - A Business Development Manager for Kalbarri to assist in addressing empty stores, and support revitalisation through attracting businesses, investment and supporting business development.
 - Support training people and support business skills development.
 - Support access to underutilised local government buildings and land.
 - Case studies, for other towns that have leveraged major projects to support infrastructure, housing and community development in towns.
 - Seeking State and Federal government grants.
 - Engaging with the community to reach common goals.
 - Support needed for the Northampton Agricultural Show.

Kalbarri Town Talk Inc. and Northampton District Agricultural Society Inc support working with the Shire of Northampton on stakeholder and community engagement and providing support through letters of support and in-kind support for applying for government funding.

'Addressing empty stores, and support revitalisation through attracting businesses, investment and supporting business development.'

- **Kalbarri Development Association:** Kalbarri Development Association (KDA) is an association that represents and supports the community of Kalbarri. It is an advocate for the community and supports events and fund raising for community organisations and community projects. KDA activities that can support a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework include:
 - KDA released a report Setting Our Priorities with a survey targeting 1500 people who live in Kalbarri. The report highlighted that most people want the town to flourish and have expanded facilities, amenities, activity for youth, an upgraded school and facilities for older people. This report can assist Shire of Northampton in economic development planning.
 - KDA has been involved in community engagement discussions with the Murchison Green Hydrogen project.
 - The potential exists to develop a possible joint community fund with the Murchison Green Hydrogen project with some government support.
 - Power is an issue in Kalbarri and support for another micro grid can assist in alleviating issues.

KDA support working with the Shire of Northampton on stakeholder and community engagement and providing support through letters of support and in-kind support for applying for government funding.

'People want more young people to come to Kalbarri and a better economic base to attract people through more secure employment.'

- **Pastoral Lands Board, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage:** The Pastoral Lands Board primarily works with industry and government to create a prosperous and sustainable pastoral industry in accordance with The Land Administration Act 1997 of the Western Australian Government. However, the Pastoral Lands Board in accordance with State Government policy, is also involved in encouraging economic diversification on pastoral lands. The Pastoral Lands Board has adopted a broader view on pastoral leases that will allow a change of tenure that supports economic diversification and the Pastoral Lands Board will not oppose economic diversification on pastoral lands.

The Pastoral Lands Board noted the following issues as important for consideration in a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework and possible areas for collaboration:

- The Pastoral Lands Board can interact with the Shire of Northampton on pastoral leases that can support industries outside of the pastoral industry including tourism, carbon projects, renewable energy and hydrogen which are all priorities for development by the Western Australian Government.
- Shire's should have a land use plan going forward with future tenure possibilities.
- It is possible that the Western Australian Government through the WA Planning Commission and Regional Planning support can assist the Shire to upgrade its approach to planning to include emerging economic development opportunities.
- Changes to the Land Administration Act in Western Australia have introduced a Diversification Lease supporting economic activity over a large area such as a pastoral lease or over Unallocated Crown Land (UCL). The Diversification Lease doesn't impact mining and native title leases or mining and native title land interests. The Shire needs a plan on how to approach Diversification Leases which supports investment in new economic activity.
- The Pastoral Lands Board is interested in pilot projects for the new Diversification Lease and this may represent an opportunity for the Shire of Northampton. Miners, Aboriginal Corporations and tourism operators are all interested in the Diversification Lease but they still have questions on the process as it is relatively new.
- The Pastoral Lands Board could work with the Shire of Northampton to support a Diversification Lease. Opportunities could include UCL land around Kalbarri to support Tourism activities for a Diversification Lease. Opportunities through a Diversification Lease requires creative thinking. The Murchison House pastoral lease also represents opportunities for both hydrogen and tourism.
- The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is also supporting carbon farming that could be part of a Diversification Lease.

The Pastoral Lands Board is interested in participation with stakeholder development through a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework. Land tenure is important to economic development projects. The Pastoral Lands Board cannot support the Shire going for grants. The Pastoral Lands Board has a regulatory function that could come in conflict with the Shire seeking to attract government funding.

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- **Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water:** The Net Zero Industries Division of the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is focussed on support for:
 - Heavy industry to achieve net zero emissions.
 - The Safeguard Mechanism which requires industrial facilities emitting more than 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year to record their emissions and reduce their emissions.
 - The Powering the Regions Fund (PRF) which supports the decarbonisation of existing industries and creation of new clean energy industries through a \$1.9 billion fund.

DCCEEW also supports Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy which has a vision for a clean, innovative, safe and competitive hydrogen industry. It aims to position Australia as a major global player by 2030. The Strategy supported hydrogen hubs as an early-stage approach to bring together industry to develop a supply chain and achieve economies of scale. The Australian Government through the strategy supported hub development initially with seed funding and is now supporting regulatory pre-approval and support for communities.

DCCEEW acknowledge that support for projects by communities and social acceptance of hydrogen were key issues to support hydrogen industry development. DCCEEW is also supporting Aboriginal engagement with the First Nations Clean Energy and Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee and a First Nations Clean Energy Strategy which aims to understand First Nation perspectives on renewable energy policies and programs.

DCCEEW noted the following as potential areas of interest to a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework and possible areas for collaboration:

- The Australian Government has a list of critical minerals considered essential for the country's energy and defence requirements. The Australian Government with state and territory governments, are looking to identify critical minerals precincts producing commodities that can be supported. Silica mining in Shire of Northampton is relevant to this initiative.
- DCCEEW regards the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) that supports master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment as a good target for Shire of Northampton in seeking support from the Australian Government to work with large hydrogen and renewable energy projects within its boundaries.

- DCCEEW noted the Expression of Interest stage of the Hydrogen Headstart Program. The Program provides up to \$2 billion of funding support to support large-scale renewable hydrogen production projects. The Murchison Green Hydrogen project has been shortlisted for this program and community and Aboriginal engagement requirements from the program may offer opportunities for Shire of Northampton engagement.

DCCEEW noted that involvement in stakeholder development through a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework forum is of interest. DCCEEW required a formal invitation in writing regarding participation in any stakeholder development mechanism developed through the Shire of Northampton. DCCEEW being an Australian Government agency will not be able to support applications by the Shire of Northampton to attract government funding.

'The Australian Government with state and territorial governments, are looking to identify critical minerals precincts producing commodities that can be supported. Silica mining in Shire of Northampton is relevant to this initiative.'

- **Pollinators:** Pollinators Inc is a member based social enterprise founded in Geraldton that supports community and small business development through innovation and entrepreneurship and works in partnership with numerous organisations and companies. Pollinators has been in discussions with numerous hydrogen and renewable energy projects in the Mid West. Many of the large companies are yet to commit to community development and consultation in a substantial way.

Pollinators noted the following as potential areas of interest to a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework and possible areas for collaboration:

- Local government support for the large companies to commit to community development, consultation and support for community growth would be welcome.
- Shire of Perenjori may be a useful Case Study with the Shire requiring mining projects to contribute to community costs from large projects investment.
- A key question of the large projects being considered for the Mid West is access to power and water infrastructure.
- Pollinators operate at the small business end of economic development and can work with the Shire of Northampton to support small business and innovation.
- Pollinators with financial support would be interested in supporting development and activation of shops and small businesses in the Shire of Northampton.

Pollinators support working with the Shire of Northampton on stakeholder and community engagement and providing support through letters of support and in-kind support for applying for government funding. Given the number of forums and events in the Mid West, the Shire of Northampton need to consider alignment with these.

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5.3 Framework Themes from Stakeholder and Community Feedback

The Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework meetings with stakeholders including community representatives have led to the identification of ten key themes supporting development of an Economic Development Framework.

These have been identified as follows:

1. **Leadership:** The Shire of Northampton taking a leadership role in economic development through an Economic Development Framework has been welcomed by Stakeholders including community representatives, industry representatives and State and Federal Government agencies. Large economic development projects in particular present challenges to growth and with the right leadership they can win community support. Major projects proposed by large multinational companies can have a limited understanding of community aspirations. The Shire of Northampton can play a significant leadership role to ensure as much as possible that major projects deliver growth and economic opportunities for communities without reducing access to housing, infrastructure and services and diminishing quality of life and the environment. All stakeholder participants have noted interest in involvement in stakeholder development through a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework Committee or forum indicating recognition of the leadership role the Shire of Northampton has made in economic development.
2. **Community and Aboriginal Consultation:** The Shire of Northampton community consultation on economic development on an Economic Development Framework has been supported by stakeholders and community representatives that have a grass roots view of community wellbeing, needs and aspirations. Economic development without community support runs significant risk of opposition and obstacles to development. Understanding community aspirations to access to housing, local shops, small business, health services, education services, electricity, water, telecommunications and employment can inform economic development projects on specific issues. Aboriginal communities need for employment, skills development, housing, services and cultural recognition as well as their native title rights, also require community engagement by major companies. The Shire of Northampton can play a role in supporting community consultation to ensure understanding and realise community benefits from economic development.
3. **Stakeholder Collaboration and Partnerships:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with a range of stakeholders representing industries and government on an Economic Development Framework has been supported by stakeholders who offer collaboration and partnerships that can leverage local government resources and offer opportunities for other sources of funding and resourcing.

For example, Mid West Development Commission support regional groupings of local government and would be open to supporting a Geraldton, Chapman Valley, Northampton grouping that would be useful in sharing resources and working together in the Mid West region.

4. **Understanding Industry Perspectives:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with stakeholders representing different industries and government agencies on an Economic Development Framework has required an appreciation of investment trends and specific industry interests. For example, the renewable energy industry and hydrogen is part of a larger investment interest across the Mid West, as well as across Western Australia, Australia and globally in response to international decarbonisation efforts, the need to transition energy systems from fossil fuels and the declining cost of renewable energy. The tourism industry in the Shire of Northampton is focussed on the Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement and investment in infrastructure to support Hutt Lagoon in Port Gregory as a tourism destination. Specific industry perspectives are important to the Shire of Northampton understanding the drivers of these industries and their needs.

5. **Policy Environment:** The Shire of Northampton engagement with stakeholders representing different industries and government agencies on an Economic Development Framework Australian requires an appreciation of the policy perspectives of other levels of government. For example, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) have a focus on hydrogen and renewable energy projects as part of State policy to support the hydrogen industry and JTSI is keen to work with the Shire of Northampton to ensure good communication on major projects in hydrogen development. The Pastoral Lands Board has adopted a broader view on pastoral leases that will allow a change of tenure that supports economic diversification and the Pastoral Lands Board is interested in pilot projects for the new Diversification Lease that may represent an opportunity for the Shire of Northampton. The Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEE) supports Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy and acknowledge that support for projects by communities and social acceptance of hydrogen are key issues. FBICRC noted that major economic development projects require local procurement and an Industry Participation Plan (IPP) under Australian Government legislation with expenditure of \$500 million or more subject to the Australian Jobs Act 2013. All these policy positions can provide opportunities for Shire of Northampton to work in with State and Federal initiatives and also potentially access additional resources.

6. **Land, Housing, Infrastructure and Services:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with stakeholders on an Economic Development Framework highlighted common agreement on access to housing, infrastructure including water, power and transport and services including health, education and training. Major projects can dramatically increase the demands on land, housing, infrastructure and services. Understanding the additional demand and seeking additional resourcing to meet this demand is a key issue that Shire of Northampton can play a role in.

7. **Local Government Levers:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with stakeholders on an Economic Development Framework highlighted suggestions on local government levers that can be used to support additional resourcing for community development as part of the approvals processes of major projects.

Suggestions included:

- Development of a community fund including private and public funding for community investment projects.
 - Local Government approval conditions on major project support with housing access, infrastructure access and local procurement requirements.
 - Upgrading the Shire approach to planning to include emerging economic development opportunities.
 - Partnering with companies to fund community costs to support large project investment.
 - Participation in support for Diversification Leases for pastoral land to support economic development.
 - Requiring local procurement through an Industry Participation Plan (IPP) subject to the Australian Jobs Act 2013.
- 8. Incentives:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with stakeholders on an Economic Development Framework had a number of participants note the importance of Shire of Northampton having incentives to support economic development. Tourism WA sought to understand Shire of Northampton incentives for investment attraction. Support for access to underutilised local government buildings and land was also raised. Incentives can support investment interest in economic development.
- 9. Advocacy and Promotion:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with stakeholders on an Economic Development Framework had participants also note the importance of the Shire of Northampton advocacy and promotion of the Shire as an investment destination. Tourism WA noted an investment attraction brochure that identifies potential tourism development sites, promotes Shire of Northampton and has a call to action as potentially supporting Tourism WA to take a higher level of interest in working with the Shire.
- 10. External Funding:** The Shire of Northampton engaging with stakeholders on an Economic Development Framework had the majority of participants indicate interest in applying for external funding together to support economic development and a willingness to provide letters of support and in kind contributions to grant applications. The Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEE) recommended the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) that supports master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment as a good target in seeking support from the Australian Government to work with large hydrogen and renewable energy projects within its boundaries.





6 Options for Shire of Northampton

6.1 Shire of Northampton Potential Role in Key Themes

The following table highlights the key themes from the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework meetings with Stakeholders including community representatives and the potential role Shire of Northampton can take in response.

Shire of Northampton Role in Key Themes for Economic Development Framework	Potential Role of Shire of Northampton in Key Themes of Economic Development Framework
1. Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework Forum that meets on a periodical basis to engage with stakeholders and present on Shire economic development activities and report on projects.
2. Community and Aboriginal Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shire of Northampton support Community and Aboriginal Consultation engagement with major projects and record community needs from economic development projects.
3. Stakeholder Collaboration and Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shire of Northampton engage with stakeholders representing industries and government and explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships that can offer opportunities for other sources of funding and resourcing.
4. Understanding Industry Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shire of Northampton engage with stakeholders representing different industries and government agencies to understand investment trends and specific industry interests and identify opportunities for investment in economic development for the Shire.

5. Policy Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Shire of Northampton engage with stakeholders representing Australian and Western Australian Government to understand policy perspectives and identify opportunities for funding initiatives in economic development for the Shire.
6. Land, Housing, Infrastructure and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Shire of Northampton engage with major project stakeholders and understand the additional demand for land, housing, infrastructure and services and seek additional resourcing to meet this demand from proponents and other levels of government.
7. Local Government Levers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Shire of Northampton explore planning and approvals processes, conditions of approval, charges that can be developed and establishment of a joint community fund to support investment required for additional resourcing for land, housing, infrastructure and services as part of the approvals process of major economic development projects. ○ The Shire of Northampton explore support for local procurement of major projects through an Industry Participation Plan (IPP) subject to the Australian Jobs Act 2013. ○ The Shire of Northampton explore participation in Diversification Leases for pastoral land to support economic development.
8. Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Shire of Northampton explore potential incentives to support economic development projects.
9. Advocacy and Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Shire of Northampton examine funding of an investment attraction brochure for the Shire.
10. External Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Shire of Northampton examine resourcing an application to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) that supports Shire master planning as a first step.

6.2 Potential for Collaborative Funding

The Shire of Northampton has limited resources to support economic development. External funding and partnerships with other organisations and companies is critical to achieve Shire outcomes for the ten themes identified.

Given large hydrogen and renewable energy projects are at a feasibility stage within the Shire boundaries and in the Mid West, the Shire needs to resource an application for the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) that supports master planning, consultation, design, business cases and partnership establishment for Shire of Northampton that can support the Shire to work with large hydrogen and renewable energy projects.

The Shire of Northampton also needs to explore other funding opportunities that can support resourcing and collaboration including:

- The Murchison Green Hydrogen project has been shortlisted for the Hydrogen Headstart program which requires community and Aboriginal engagement that can support Shire of Northampton engagement.
- The Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre is a program funded by the Australian Government. FBICRC is pursuing funding and FBICRC is supportive of possible links to the Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework.
- Australian Government Growing Regions Program supporting community and economic infrastructure projects across regional Australia.
- Australian Government Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) funding for renewable energy projects.
- Western Australian Government Investment Attraction Fund (IAF) that encourages new investment in Western Australia that will create local jobs and contribute to a more diversified economy.
- Western Australian Government Infrastructure Development Fund supporting a pipeline of worker accommodation in regional areas.
- Western Australian Government RED grants program that invests in local projects to stimulate economic growth and development in regional Western Australia.

The potential for the Shire of Northampton to work with large project proponents on private sector contributions to establishment of a community fund should also be explored.

6.3 Next Steps

It is recommended that the Shire of Northampton Council consider the Economic Development Framework, the meetings with Stakeholders including community representatives, the ten key themes that have been identified and the potential role Shire of Northampton can take in response to support economic development.

It is also recommended that the Shire of Northampton Council consider a budget for the Economic Development Framework so that its ten key themes can be acted upon. This includes as a first step supporting an application to the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP) that supports Shire master planning.



7 APPENDICES

7.1 Stakeholder Meetings List

Organisation	Contact	Meeting Date
1. Tourism WA	Mr Nicole Nelson, Tourism Experience Development Manager	20/11/2023
2. Mid West Development Commission (MWDC)	Mr Nils Hay, CEO	24/11/2023
3. Central Regional TAFE	Ms Jo Payne, Managing Director	27/11/2023
4. Geraldton University Centre	Ms Natalie Nemes, Director	27/11/2023
5. Regional Development Australia (RDA) Mid West and Gascoyne	Mr Mark Holdsworth Executive Director	28/11/2023
6. Yamatji Southern Regional Council – Hut River Cultural Committee	Ms Luka Gray, General Manager, Andrew Close, Senior Lands Planner & Colleagues	29/11/2023
7. Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)	Ms Allison Donovan, Regional Manager	30/11/2023
8. Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI)	Mr Anthony Sutton, Executive Director, Energy Transition Strategies and Mr John Silla, Executive Director, Infrastructure Planning	30/11/2023
9. Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Ms Joanne Fabling, CEO	5/12/2023
10. Future Battery Industries CRC	Mr Shannon O'Rourke, CEO	6/12/2023
11. Hydrogen Society of Australia	Professor Adam Osseiran, President	11/12/2023
12. Kalbarri Town Talk Inc. and Northampton District Agricultural Society Inc	Mr Fred Porter Chairperson	12/12/2023
13. Kalbarri Development Association	Ms Ellen Nightingale, Treasurer	12/12/2023
14. Pastoral Lands Board, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage	Mr Karel Eringa, Director	13/12/2023
15. Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Mr Shane Gaddes, Head of Net Zero Industries Division and Colleagues	20/12/2024
16. Pollinators	Mr Alan Bradley, General Manager	21/12/2024

7.2 Stakeholder Support for The Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework

Stakeholder	Support for The Shire of Northampton Economic Development Framework
Tourism WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner for grant funding. • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Mid West Development Commission (MWDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for supporting regional groupings of local government. • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Central Regional TAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Geraldton University Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Regional Development Australia (RDA) Mid-West and Gascoyne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Yamatji Southern Regional Council – Hut River Cultural Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner for joint grant funding • Promote investment in Yamatji land. • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum.
Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Area Working Groups developing a road map. • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.
Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support link with Hydrogen Cluster and Steering Group • Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum. • Support for grant applications.

Future Battery Industries CRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Powering Australia Industry Growth Centre link.</i> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum.</i> • <i>Support for grant applications.</i>
Hydrogen Society of Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum.</i> • <i>Support for grant applications.</i>
Kalbarri Town Talk Inc. and Northampton District Agricultural Society Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum</i> • <i>Support for grant applications.</i>
Kalbarri Development Association (KDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum</i> • <i>Support for grant applications.</i>
Pastoral Lands Board, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pilot projects for the new Diversification Lease</i> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum.</i>
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hydrogen Headstart Program community and Aboriginal engagement.</i> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum.</i>
Pollinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support for participation in Stakeholder Forum</i> • <i>Support for grant applications.</i>



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORT

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023

Activity for the period

- Met with Kalbarri Sport and Recreation Club and architects to coordinate design for the Kalbarri Multipurpose Community and Evacuation Centre.
- Finalised the Owners and Occupiers Electoral Roll for the Western Australian Electoral Commission and assisted with the preliminary Local Government election process.
- Lodged Election Report and updated Shire and other agency information.
- Met with the Mid West Development Commission twice in Geraldton to discuss regional and local issues.
- Coordinated one citizenship ceremony processes.
- Met with GHD four times to discuss TC Cyclone projects.
- Met with Councillors regarding Little Bay matters.
- Met with the Shire of Irwin to discuss potential regional collaboration.
- Met with the leaseholders of Murchison House Station as a familiarisation in preparation for potential application for a hydrogen development.
- Met with the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage about the workforce accommodation site in Kalbarri.
- Attended the Local Government Professionals conference.
- Met with Murchison Green Hydrogen to receive information about their hydrogen proposal.
- Prepared an Expression of Interest for the Disaster Ready Fund application for the Kalbarri Multipurpose Community and Evacuation Centre.
- Participated in a Local Government CEO roundtable with State and Federal Treasury representatives.
- Conducted three Executive Management Team meetings.
- Completed twenty-five agenda items for three Council meetings across the period.
- Undertook the CEO Probationary Review with Council's appointed consultant.
- Met with Councillors, leaseholder and the leaseholder's consultants at Little Bay.

- **Produced the 2022/23 Shire of Northampton Annual Report.**
- **Presented to the Rotary Club of Batavia Coast on TC Seroja recovery and economic development in the Shire district.**
- **Appointed a consultant to prepare an Economic Development Framework and assisted in the development.**
- **Met with Sandra Carr MLA to seek a Letter of Support for the Kalbarri Multipurpose Community and Evacuation Centre.**
- **Met with Albert Jacob, Mayor of Wanneroo, and the Shire President to discuss Local Government issues.**
- **Met with several Kalbarri community members about different commercial and community proposals.**
- **Assisted with the appointment of the new Officer in Charge of the Northampton Police Station.**
- **Met with the Ku'arlu Mangga Aboriginal Arts Centre in Northampton.**
- **Investigated Shire of Northampton lease and funding matters for doctor services in the Shire of Northampton.**
- **Met with the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage to discuss various land issues.**
- **Attended a Business After Hours event at the Kalbarri Skywalk.**
- **Produced three Shire communications for the Northampton News and Kalbarri Town Talk.**
- **Attended the Northern Country Zone WALGA meeting with the Shire President.**
- **Undertook a major review of the Delegations Register.**
- **Participated with Council in a meeting with Murchison Green Hydrogen.**
- **Met with a representative of the State Emergency Management Committee to discuss the Disaster Ready Fund application for the Kalbarri Multipurpose Community and Evacuation Centre.**
- **Attended an Industrial Lands Steering Committee reception including a working breakfast with regional Local Government CEO's.**

- Met with the Department of Communities to review and seek endorsement of the Kalbarri Multipurpose Community and Evacuation Centre concept plans.
- Attended a strategic planning session for the Local Health Analytical Advisory Committee.
- Met with the Audit Committee and Auditors for the Annual Financial Report closeout meeting.
- Attended the Howatharra Bush Fire Incident Support Group meeting.
- Met with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Regional Manager to discuss local and regional issues.
- Attended the Shire of Northampton end of year function on 15 December 2023.
- Participated in two Kalbarri EV Charging Station meetings with Synergy.
- Made application for the Kalbarri Workers Accommodation site to the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage in accordance with Council's previous resolution.

Focus for the upcoming period

- Continuing to make governance and system improvements in the organisation.
- Improving communication with Council and Councillors.
- Continued preparation for potential renewable energy projects.
- Acquisition of the Kalbarri workforce accommodation site.
- Developing a lease with the Kalbarri Men's Shed and Community Garden on the newly acquired premises.
- Continuing to explore workforce culture and prioritise improvement measures.
- Provide leadership to employees to improve workplace outputs to the community.
- Working with the newly commenced Executive Manager Community, Development and Regulation to assist in understanding the area and setting priorities for the next twelve months.

Payments List for Endorsement on 15th February 2024

CHEQUES - MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT

Chq #	Date	Name/Payee	Description	Amount
22446	15-12-2023	JARROD DAWE	10 YEARS SERVICE RECOGNITION	100.00
22447	15-12-2023	GRAHAM PATTERSON	10 YEARS SERVICE RECOGNITION	100.00
22448	07-12-2023	GERALDTON MOWER & REPAIR SPECIALISTS	WHIPPER SNIP PARTS	185.40
22449	11-12-2023	PETTY CASH - NORTHAMPTON	PETTY CASH RECOUP	175.75
22450	12-12-2023	GERALDTON MOWER & REPAIR SPECIALISTS	PRESSURE WASHER HAND-PIECE	279.10
22451	20-12-2023	GERALDTON MOWER & REPAIR SPECIALISTS	FUEL CONTAINER	143.00
22452	20-12-2023	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USE & SERVICE CHARGES	9505.84
22453	03-01-2024	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	SPECIAL SERIES PLATES 243NR	200.00
22454	04-01-2024	PETTY CASH - NORTHAMPTON	PETTY CASH RECOUP	151.30
22455	17-01-2024	GERALDTON MOWER & REPAIR SPECIALISTS	POST HOLE BORER PARTS	226.80
22456	17-01-2024	SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON	BCITF & BRB COMMISSION NOVEMBER 2023	92.75
22457	17-01-2024	WATER CORPORATION	WATER USE & SERVICE CHARGES	8084.20
22458	25-01-2024	PETTY CASH - KALBARRI	PETTY CASH RECOUP	81.25
22459	23-01-2024	PETTY CASH - NORTHAMPTON	PETTY CASH RECOUP	148.75
				\$ 19,474.14

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS – MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT

EFT #	Date	Name/Payee	Description	Amount
EFT25750	07-12-2023	HAYLEY R WILLIAMS DEVISE URBAN PLANNING	PLANNING SERVICES	1430.00
EFT25751	07-12-2023	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TREASURY CORPORATION	LOAN 156	27791.42
EFT25752	08-12-2023	ROBERT MCKENZIE	ANIMAL EUTHANASIA	540.00
EFT25753	12-12-2023	ABROLHOS ELECTRICS	ALLEN CENTRE REPLACE LIGHT	192.50
EFT25754	12-12-2023	AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION	REFUND RSL HALL BOND	250.00
EFT25755	12-12-2023	AFGRI GERALDTON	KALB MOWER IMPELLER	3844.01
EFT25756	12-12-2023	KALBARRI IGA	GOODS, REFRESHMENTS	177.85
EFT25757	12-12-2023	ARROW BRONZE	CEMETERY PLAQUE	380.96
EFT25758	12-12-2023	AUSSIE SHEDS GROUP	RAM PAVILLION WINDOW	1417.50
EFT25760	12-12-2023	BARTON TYRE & MECHANICAL SERVICES	VEHICLE SERVICES	3882.87
EFT25761	12-12-2023	BATAVIA COAST TRIMMERS	NCC REPAIR SHADE SAILS, MOWER SCREEN	896.00
EFT25762	12-12-2023	BLACKWOODS	VEHICLE HARDWARE	188.32
EFT25763	12-12-2023	RUSSELL JOHN BROMLEY	NTON OFFICE PAINTING	1750.00
EFT25764	12-12-2023	ANDREW CAMPBELL	REIMB TELSTRA	174.36
EFT25765	12-12-2023	CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON	REFUSE DISPOSAL - MERU	8300.56
EFT25766	12-12-2023	CLEANAWAY OPERATIONS PTY LTD	DOM/COMM 240LT REFUSE COLLECTION/FRONT LIFTS	42051.27
EFT25767	12-12-2023	COASTAL ELECTRICAL & SOLAR	VARIOUS ELECTRICAL	641.25
EFT25768	12-12-2023	BOC GASES AUSTRALIA	INDUSTRY GASES	115.88
EFT25769	12-12-2023	WINC AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	P/COPIER MTCE	1393.93
EFT25770	12-12-2023	DERRYN COTTERILL	NTON REFUSE SITE FENCING	10054.00
EFT25771	12-12-2023	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	FREIGHT	302.09
EFT25772	12-12-2023	SIMON DRAGE	FIREBREAK STEPHEN ST	308.00
EFT25773	12-12-2023	GARY DUNGATE	BATEMAN ST RELAY PAVERS	110.00
EFT25774	12-12-2023	ENGIN	TELEPHONE CHARGES	336.39
EFT25775	12-12-2023	EVERYDAY LANDSCAPING	KAL PLAYGROUNDS SAND	330.00
EFT25776	12-12-2023	FENN PLUMBING & GAS	KAL TOILETS PLUMBING	2126.72
EFT25777	12-12-2023	FORPARK AUSTRALIA	KAL SPORT/REC PLAYGROUND PARTS	4719.66
EFT25778	12-12-2023	FREEMANS LIQUID WASTE PTY LTD	NTON/PT GREG TOILETS PUMP SEPTICS	4728.60
EFT25779	12-12-2023	GERALDTON AG SERVICES	VEHICLE TOW&STRAPS/AIRCOMPRESSOR	5692.93
EFT25780	12-12-2023	ATOM GERALDTON	VEHICLE TOW POINT EQUIPMENT	80.02
EFT25781	12-12-2023	GERALDTON TYREPOWER	RANGER VEHICLE 4 TYRES	1396.00

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EFT25782	12-12-2023	GERALDTON & MIDWEST SECURITY SERVICES	SECURITY SYSTEMS QUARTERLY	977.14
EFT25783	12-12-2023	GHD PTY LTD	NTON DISASTER RECOVERY WORKS	22358.33
EFT25784	12-12-2023	GNC QUALITY PRECAST GERALDTON	CONCRETE CULVERTS	19191.70
EFT25785	12-12-2023	GREAT NORTHERN RURAL SERVICES	KAL OVAL/SKATE PARK RETIC	295.01
EFT25786	12-12-2023	GREENFIELD TECHNICAL SERVICES	KALBARRI WIDENING WORKS MANAGEMENT	2992.00
EFT25787	12-12-2023	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLY	DEPOT FUEL/FUEL CARDS	27264.27
EFT25788	12-12-2023	DOUG HARTREE	HAMPTON RD PLANTER POT	220.00
EFT25789	12-12-2023	TANYA HENKEL	HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICE	3763.22
EFT25790	12-12-2023	HOPPYS PARTS R US	VEHICLE FUSES	92.48
EFT25791	12-12-2023	INSTANT RACKING & SHELVING	VEHICLE TOOL BOX	239.00
EFT25792	12-12-2023	JOHN PAPAS TRAILERS	NEW 8X5 GARDENING TRAILER	10980.00
EFT25793	12-12-2023	KALBARRI AUTO CENTRE	KAL VEHICLES 4 TYRES	847.00
EFT25794	12-12-2023	KALBARRI EXPRESS FREIGHT	FREIGHT	70.79
EFT25795	12-12-2023	BP KALBARRI	HARDWARE, RETIC, FUEL	1299.87
EFT25796	12-12-2023	KALBARRI WAREHOUSE	RETIC, HARDWARE	493.05
EFT25797	12-12-2023	KALBARRI NEWSAGENCY	STATIONERY	128.80
EFT25798	12-12-2023	KALBARRI REFRIGERATION AND AIRCONDITIONING	KAL DEPOT SPLIT SYSTEM AIRCON	1887.00
EFT25799	12-12-2023	KEMPTON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING	NTON DEPOT LIGHT	231.00
EFT25800	12-12-2023	MACH ONE AUTO ONE	PORTABLE AIRCOMPRESSOR	396.90
EFT25801	12-12-2023	MARINDUST SALES	FLAG POLES	13719.20
EFT25802	12-12-2023	MCAULLAY BUILDERS	REFUND KERB DEPOSIT	500.00
EFT25803	12-12-2023	LGRCEU	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	41.00
EFT25804	12-12-2023	MIDWEST TURF SUPPLIES	KAL & NTON OVALS RENOVATION WORKS	17525.00
EFT25805	12-12-2023	MIDWEST WINDSCREENS	VEHICLE WINDOW	360.00
EFT25806	12-12-2023	M L COMMUNICATIONS	NTON VHF REPEATER SITE/MAST REPAIRS	2213.97
EFT25807	12-12-2023	OBRIEN SMASH REPAIRS	VEHICLE WINDSCREEN/INSURANCE EXCESS	777.41
EFT25808	12-12-2023	GLENN KEITH OCKWELL	RATE REFUND	482.51
EFT25809	12-12-2023	NATASHA LEE PIWOWARSKI	RATE REFUND	2110.12
EFT25810	12-12-2023	PUBLIC LIBRARIES WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.	PUBLIC LIBRARIES WA MEMBERSHIP	250.00
EFT25811	12-12-2023	ROAD RUNNER MECHANICAL SERVICES	VEHICLE PARTS	806.78
EFT25812	12-12-2023	SANDRA STOCK-STANDEN	REIMBURSE GOODS DEPOT XMAS FUNCTION	127.40
EFT25813	12-12-2023	SYNERGY	ELECTRICITY CHARGES	17945.35
EFT25814	12-12-2023	PAUL SHERIFF	SYNERGYSOFT SUPPORT	110.00

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EFT25815	12-12-2023	STATEWIDE BEARINGS	VEHICLE PARTS	72.60
EFT25816	12-12-2023	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES	2878.78
EFT25817	12-12-2023	DATATRAX PTY LTD	KVC TOUCHSCREEN QUARTLEY PAYMENT	395.00
EFT25818	12-12-2023	IT VISION	SYNERGYSOFT SOFTWARE INSTALL	2888.60
EFT25819	12-12-2023	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	VEHICLE SERVICES/PARTS	1344.52
EFT25820	12-12-2023	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA)	COUNCILLOR TRAINING/IR TRANSITION CONTRIBUTION	9130.00
EFT25821	12-12-2023	WINDOWISE KALBARRI	KAL GOLF & BOWLING DOOR REPAIRS	522.50
EFT25822	15-12-2023	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	BAS NOV 23	149465.00
EFT25823	20-12-2023	ABROLHOS ELECTRICS	ALLEN CENTRE REPLACE LIGHT	192.50
EFT25824	20-12-2023	AUSTRALIA POST	POSTAGE	472.91
EFT25825	20-12-2023	AUSSIE NATURAL SPRING WATER GERALDTON	NTON OFFICE WATER	29.90
EFT25826	20-12-2023	P & M AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT	NTON DEPOT HOIST INSPECTION	3876.32
EFT25827	20-12-2023	BLUEHILLS FARMING CO	YALLABATHARRA FIRE LOADER HIRE, REIMB DIESEL CONTRACTOR BULLDOZER	3273.60
EFT25828	20-12-2023	BOLTS-R-US	GRADER PARTS	72.01
EFT25829	20-12-2023	SEAN BOYCE	REIMB GLASSES	300.00
EFT25830	20-12-2023	TREVOR BRANDY	REIMBURSE FUEL	114.40
EFT25831	20-12-2023	BUNNINGS (GERALDTON WAREHOUSE)	ASPHALT BAGS & PLANTS	1442.40
EFT25832	20-12-2023	RICHARD BURGESS	COUNCILLOR FEES	3411.88
EFT25833	20-12-2023	CHOICES FLOORING	FITZGERALD ST RES FLOOR COVERINGS	9200.00
EFT25834	20-12-2023	CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON	REFUSE DISPOSAL - MERU	4268.08
EFT25835	20-12-2023	COATES HIRE OPERATIONS PTY LTD	NTON CEMETERY MINI EXCAVATOR HIRE	998.44
EFT25836	20-12-2023	WINC AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	KAL OFFICE TRAVEL INSTALL PRINTER	335.28
EFT25837	20-12-2023	RICHARD ERNEST DAVEY	ANIMAL EUTHANASIA	380.00
EFT25838	20-12-2023	HAYLEY R WILLIAMS DEVISE URBAN PLANNING	PLANNING SERVICES	286.00
EFT25839	20-12-2023	DGL WAREHOUSING & DISTRIBUTION	FREIGHT	144.96
EFT25840	20-12-2023	MG & DJ DRAGE	NTON NEWS RENDER & REPAINT WALL	257.40
EFT25841	20-12-2023	EASTOUGH CARPENTRY	HORROCKS JETTY REPAIR STEPS	715.06
EFT25842	20-12-2023	ELDERS RURAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA LTD	TOILET PAPERS, PPE, PINE POSTS	1131.61
EFT25843	20-12-2023	SARAH FLANNERY	REIMB CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	100.00
EFT25844	20-12-2023	FREEMANS LIQUID WASTE PTY LTD	HORROCKS DUMP POINT PUMP	789.60
EFT25845	20-12-2023	FUTURE SYSTEMS (KEITH ANTHONISZ)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK	5280.00

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EFT25846	20-12-2023	GERALDTON LOCK & KEY SPECIALISTS	KEYS	879.00
EFT25847	20-12-2023	GERALDTON & MIDWEST SECURITY SERVICES	SECURITY SYSTEM	192.86
EFT25848	20-12-2023	GERALDTON AUTO WHOLESALERS	NEW MU-X LST 4x4 AUTO EMCS	22326.55
EFT25849	20-12-2023	GERALDTON FUEL COMPANY PTY LTD	FUEL CARD PURCHASES	1159.15
EFT25850	20-12-2023	TREVOR GRAEME GIBB	COUNCILLOR FEES	2594.06
EFT25851	20-12-2023	GNC QUALITY PRECAST GERALDTON	CONCRETE CULVERTS	1848.00
EFT25852	20-12-2023	GREAT NORTHERN RURAL SERVICES	KAL OVAL RETIC PARTS	812.29
EFT25853	20-12-2023	C + J HANSON PLUMBING CONTRACTORS	SEVENTH AVE RES TAPS	614.70
EFT25854	20-12-2023	TIM HAY	COUNCILLOR FEES	3428.45
EFT25855	20-12-2023	HERSEY'S SAFETY PTY LTD	NTON DEPOT GLOVES, EAR PLUGS, GLASSES	1383.80
EFT25856	20-12-2023	HILLE THOMPSON & DELFOS	LITTLE BAY ROAD SURVEY	3630.00
EFT25857	20-12-2023	ROBERT HORSTMAN	COUNCILLOR FEES	7554.52
EFT25858	20-12-2023	INDEPENDENT RURAL NORTHAMPTON	SPRINKLERS, RETIC, HARDWARE	3815.27
EFT25859	20-12-2023	KALBARRI AUTO CENTRE	VEHICLE & TYRE REPAIR	847.00
EFT25860	20-12-2023	KALBARRI EXPRESS FREIGHT	FREIGHT	19.31
EFT25861	20-12-2023	KALBARRI WAREHOUSE	RETI, HARDWARE	254.55
EFT25862	20-12-2023	GRAEME RALPH	KALBARRI/AJANA RD WATER CART, CAPITAL HILL CLEAR SAND	9685.50
EFT25863	20-12-2023	SUSAN FRANCIS KOPPENSTEINER	REIMB PLANTS BENARA	311.68
EFT25864	20-12-2023	MARKETFORCE (OMNICOM MEDIA GROUP)	ADVERTISING	1280.95
EFT25865	20-12-2023	MEDIBLOOM GROUP PTY LTD	DOCTORS TRAVEL	777.92
EFT25866	20-12-2023	MERVYN ERNEST MILES	RATE REFUND	591.28
EFT25867	20-12-2023	NORTHAMPTON IGA	NTON OFFICE/DEPOT GOODS	77.70
EFT25868	20-12-2023	NORTHAMPTON NEWSAGENCY	NEWSPAPERS, STATIONERY	1253.52
EFT25869	20-12-2023	NORTHAMPTON AUTO ELECTRICS	VEHICLE ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	1455.00
EFT25870	20-12-2023	DESMOND RAY PIKE	COUNCILLOR FEES	3184.64
EFT25871	20-12-2023	PORT GREGORY CARAVAN PARK	PT GREG FIRE TRUCK FUEL	123.28
EFT25872	20-12-2023	ROAD RUNNER MECHANICAL SERVICES	VEHICLE BRAKE REPAIRS	224.40
EFT25873	20-12-2023	ROSLYN SUCKLING	COUNCILLOR FEES	2065.35
EFT25874	20-12-2023	KARL SUCKLING	COUNCILLOR FEES	1179.21
EFT25875	20-12-2023	ELEANOR ELIZABETH SUDLOW	COUNCILLOR FEES	19904.82
EFT25876	20-12-2023	JAMIE TARCHINI	REIMB PHONE	99.00
EFT25877	20-12-2023	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES	568.08

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EFT25878	20-12-2023	2V NET IT SOLUTIONS	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT	825.00
EFT25879	20-12-2023	WEIRDO'S CARPENTRY & MAINTENANCE	CHINAMANS LOOKOUT REPAIRS	1963.50
EFT25880	20-12-2023	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	VEHICLE PARTS, SERVICE KITS, CUTTING EDGES	7058.78
EFT25881	20-12-2023	WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS LTD	ADVERTISING	2338.47
EFT25882	20-12-2023	WEST COAST MOBILE PRESSURE CLEANING	HKS COMMUNITY KITCHEN REMOVE GRAFFITI	1650.00
EFT25883	20-12-2023	WESTRALIA SPRING WORKS	ISUZU CREW CAB PARABOLIC SPRINGS	1449.80
EFT25884	20-12-2023	NORTHAMPTON TYRES	SUPPLY & FIT 5 TYRES	4455.00
EFT25885	20-12-2023	WORK HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	DRUG & ALCOHOL SCREENING	1617.00
EFT25886	20-12-2023	RAUBEX CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD	KALBARRI ROAD WIDENING	366547.98
EFT25887	22-12-2023	CHAMPION BAY SETTLEMENTS	SETTLEMENT FEES RICHARDSON RD	500.00
EFT25888	22-12-2023	MIDWEST AUTO GROUP	NEW FORD RANGER EMCDR	75526.35
EFT25889	04-01-2024	BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND	BCITF NOVEMBER 2023	2944.48
EFT25890	04-01-2024	DRY KIRKNESS (AUDIT) PTY LTD	AUDIT LRCI AQUITTAL 30 JUNE 2023	1650.00
EFT25891	04-01-2024	DEPARTMENT OF MINES, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY	BRB NOVEMBER 2023	928.11
EFT25892	04-01-2024	JASON ROBERT GIADRESKO	KAL MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY GRANT PREPARATION	1540.00
EFT25893	17-01-2024	AFGRI GERALDTON	MOWER WHEEL KIT	3471.00
EFT25894	17-01-2024	KALBARRI IGA	ALLEN CENTRE SUPPLIES	48.35
EFT25895	17-01-2024	AUSTRALIAN TRAINING MANAGEMENT	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRAINING	5750.00
EFT25896	17-01-2024	AUSTRALIA POST	POSTAGE	268.33
EFT25897	17-01-2024	AUSSIE NATURAL SPRING WATER GERALDTON	NTON OFFICE COOLER WATER	14.95
EFT25898	17-01-2024	BUBBLES PLUMBING & GAS	SALAMIT RES INSTALL STOVE	231.00
EFT25899	17-01-2024	BUNNINGS (GERALDTON WAREHOUSE)	ALLEN CENTRE TAP HANDLES	22.80
EFT25900	17-01-2024	CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON	REFUSE DISPOSAL - MERU	12754.64
EFT25901	17-01-2024	CLEANAWAY OPERATIONS PTY LTD	RES/COMM REFUSE COLLECTION/FATHER FRONT LIFTS	15603.43
EFT25902	17-01-2024	WINC AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	P/COPIER MTCE	1619.79
EFT25903	17-01-2024	CORSIGN WA PTY LTD	SIGNS	180.40
EFT25904	17-01-2024	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	FREIGHT	952.48
EFT25905	17-01-2024	CRAMER & NEILL REFRIGERATION	FIZGERALD RES AIRCON MTCE	1119.19
EFT25906	17-01-2024	ECO-FLORA CRANE, TRUCK & EXCAVATOR SERVICES	KAL ROAD GRADING/REFUSE SITE MTCE	975.00

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EFT25907	17-01-2024	EVERYDAY LANDSCAPING	PAVING REPAIRS	198.00
EFT25908	17-01-2024	FENN PLUMBING & GAS	KCC PLUMBING REPAIRS	544.14
EFT25909	17-01-2024	FREEMANS LIQUID WASTE PTY LTD	PT GREG, HAMPTON, LIONS PUMP SEPTICS	2509.60
EFT25910	17-01-2024	FUTURE SYSTEMS (KEITH ANTHONISZ)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK	5280.00
EFT25911	17-01-2024	ATOM GERALDTON	VEHICLE MTCE	268.23
EFT25912	17-01-2024	GERALDTON FUEL COMPANY PTY LTD	FUEL CARD PURCHASES	1033.67
EFT25913	17-01-2024	GHD PTY LTD	NORTHAMPTON DISASTER RECOVERY WORKS	33654.23
EFT25914	17-01-2024	GREAT NORTHERN RURAL SERVICES	RETIC	431.99
EFT25915	17-01-2024	GREENFIELD TECHNICAL SERVICES	ENGINEERING CONSULTANT KALBARRI RD	69146.74
EFT25916	17-01-2024	THE GREEN MAN TREE SERVICES	KALB TREE PRUNING	495.00
EFT25917	17-01-2024	GERALDTON PARTS	PARTS	217.58
EFT25918	17-01-2024	HOSEY'S CONTRACTING	PT GREG REFUSE SITE ASBESTOS REMOVAL	5714.32
EFT25919	17-01-2024	KALBARRI AUTO CENTRE	KAL MITSU TRUCK 2 NEW TYRES, TYRE REPAIR	572.00
EFT25920	17-01-2024	KALBARRI EXPRESS FREIGHT	FREIGHT	64.35
EFT25921	17-01-2024	KALBARRI DEVELOPMENT ASSC INC	AUSTRALIA DAY 2024 CONTRIBUTION	1000.00
EFT25922	17-01-2024	BP KALBARRI	SPRAYER, HARDWARE	508.35
EFT25923	17-01-2024	KALBARRI NEWSAGENCY	STATIONERY	43.95
EFT25924	17-01-2024	GRAEME RALPH	KAL CARPARK WATER TRUCK	816.75
EFT25925	17-01-2024	KEMPTON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING	OVAL RES ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AIRCONS, FANS, LIGHTS, SMOKE ALARMS	23602.70
EFT25926	17-01-2024	KIMBERLEY QUARRY PTY LTD	BALLAWHELARRA RD 10MM AGG	9010.80
EFT25927	17-01-2024	MARK ARMSTRONG ELECTRICAL	KAL AIRPORT PAPI & GENSET CHECKS	1152.80
EFT25928	17-01-2024	LGRCEU	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	82.00
EFT25929	17-01-2024	GERALDTON TOYOTA	161NR SERVICE	333.74
EFT25930	17-01-2024	MIDWEST AERO MEDICAL AIR AMBULANCE	EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL	514.87
EFT25931	17-01-2024	NORTHAMPTON NEWSAGENCY	NEWSPAPERS, STATIONERY	686.28
EFT25932	17-01-2024	NORTHAMPTON AUTO ELECTRICS	VEHICLE ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	5585.50
EFT25933	17-01-2024	NORTHAMPTON PHARMACY	VACCINATIONS	105.45
EFT25934	17-01-2024	NOVUS AUTOGLASS MIDWEST	161NR WINDSCREEN REPAIR	125.00
EFT25935	17-01-2024	GERALDTON CLEANPAK TOTAL SOLUTIONS	KALBARRI CLEANING SUPPLIES	3408.69
EFT25936	17-01-2024	RED BLUFF AUTO ELECTRICAL	KAL LOADER AIRCON REPAIRS	638.00
EFT25937	17-01-2024	ROAD RUNNER MECHANICAL SERVICES	TRUCK FUEL TANK	2779.68
EFT25938	17-01-2024	SYNERGY	ELECTRICITY CHARGES	4904.83

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EFT25939	17-01-2024	THE SHEARING SHED CAFE	REFRESHMENTS	220.00
EFT25940	17-01-2024	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES	3864.24
EFT25941	17-01-2024	2V NET IT SOLUTIONS	COMPTER MTCE	574.00
EFT25942	17-01-2024	TOTALLY WORKWEAR - GERALDTON	UNIFORMS/PPE	687.60
EFT25943	17-01-2024	TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGIES	RURAL STREET NUMBERING	503.80
EFT25944	17-01-2024	VAC WEST	STREET SWEEPING	9259.80
EFT25945	17-01-2024	LANDGATE	VALUATION EXPENSES	137.40
EFT25946	17-01-2024	LONI VISSER	KAL BUS BOND REFUND	200.00
EFT25947	17-01-2024	WA COUNTRY BUILDERS	REFUND BUILDING LICENSE OVERPAYMENT	2034.56
EFT25948	17-01-2024	WESTRAC EQUIPMENT PTY LTD	BACKHOE CUTTING EDGES, VEHICLE PARTS	2404.07
EFT25949	17-01-2024	WESTLINE CONTRACTING	KAL AIRPORT PAINTED EDGE LINES	12595.00
EFT25950	17-01-2024	P MARKHAM AND M A WILSON (WILSON COMPLETE)	NCC SHADE SAILS, OVAL TOILET SCREENS	1813.90
EFT25951	17-01-2024	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	BAS DECEMBER 2023	4401.00
EFT25952	18-01-2024	TREVOR BRANDY	REIMB STOVE FOR SALAMIT PLACE RES	663.10
EFT25953	24-01-2024	BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND	BCITF DECEMBER 2023	2421.35
EFT25954	24-01-2024	DEPARTMENT OF MINES, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY	BRB DECEMBER 2023	2211.83
EFT25955	24-01-2024	WESTERN POWER	KAL WORKERS ACCOM DESIGN FEE	1320.00
EFT25956	31-01-2024	BUDDHAS BITES	REFRESHMENTS	350.00
EFT25957	31-01-2024	NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB	DRUM MUSTER	234.36
EFT25958	31-01-2024	CHAMPION BAY SETTLEMENTS	LOT 57, 17 RICHARDSON ROAD KALBARRI	466702.49
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		PAYROLL	07/12/2023	FN/E 06/12/2023		106,365.00
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		PAYROLL	21/12/2023	FN/E 20/12/2023		106,412.00
		SUPERCHOICE	21/12/2023	SUPERANNUATION PAY FN/E 20/12/2023		24,598.80
GJ0603	31-12-2023	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		BANK FEES		132.93
GJ0604	31-12-2023	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		BANK MERCHANT FEES		369.36
GJ0605	31-12-2023	COMMONWEALTH BANK		BPOINT FEES		160.69
GJ0606	31-12-2023	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		BPAY		279.84
GJ0608	31-12-2023	NAB CEO CORPORATE CARD	30-10-23	DYNAMIC METHODS REIWA FORMS	30.00	
			30-10-23	SKEETAS MEETING REFRESHMENTS	24.20	
			31-10-23	BUNNINGS BLINDS	1,135.00	
			31-10-23	BUNNINGS BLIND FASTNINGS	205.70	
			01-11-23	BUNNINGS RETIC	240.48	
			01-11-23	KALBARRI EDGE REFUND ACCOMMODATION	- 161.00	
			09-11-23	CROWN TOWERS ACCOMMODATION	1,119.44	
			13-11-23	CITY OF PERTH PARKING	13.63	
			02-11-23	CARD FEE	9.00	2,616.45
GJ0609	31-12-2023	NAB EMCS CORPORATE CARD	30-10-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	149.99	
			06-11-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	293.60	
			08-11-23	SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON DPT OF TRANSPORT	261.00	
			10-11-23	GERO PHONE REPAIRS	360.00	
			13-11-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	75.34	
			13-11-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	331.98	
			14-11-23	CPA AUSTRALIA	847.66	
			15-11-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	50.00	
			16-11-23	INDEPENDENT RURAL	20.00	
			20-11-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	432.08	
			23-11-23	IINET LTD	79.99	
			23-11-23	ADOBE ACROPRO	209.95	
			28-11-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	149.99	
			28-01-00	CARD FEE	9.00	3,270.58

ATTACHMENT 9.2.1(1)

		PAYROLL	04-01-24	FN/E 03/01/2024		104,891.00
		SUPERCHOICE	05-01-24	SUPERANNUATION PAY FN/E 03/01/2024		23,420.07
		PAYROLL	18-01-24	FN/E 17-01-2024		104,531.00
		SUPERCHOICE	31-01-24	SUPERANNUATION PAY FN/E 17/01/2024		23,907.56
GJ0703	31-01-2024	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		BANK FEES		131.78
GJ0704	31-01-2024	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		BANK MERCHANT FEES		206.07
GJ0705	31-01-2024	COMMONWEALTH BANK		BPOINT FEES		176.20
GJ0706	31-01-2024	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		BPAY		133.76
GJ0708	31-01-2024	NAB CEO CORPORATE CARD	05-12-23	OCEAN CENTRE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION	293.34	
			21-12-23	BUNNINGS INSECT SCREENS	292.01	
			21-12-23	REFUND BUNNINGS INSECT SCREEN	- 48.60	
			28-12-23	CARD FEE	14.54	551.29
GJ0709	31-01-2024	NAB EMCS CORPORATE CARD	04-12-23	THE SHEARING SHED REFRESHMENTS	30.49	
			05-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	17.56	
			05-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	316.01	
			07-12-23	DROPBOX	184.67	
			12-12-23	LIBERTY ROADHOUSE FIRE VEHICLE FUEL	94.37	
			13-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	75.34	
			13-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	331.98	
			15-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	50.00	
			15-12-23	LATTITUDE FISHERIES REFRESHMENTS	200.00	
			18-12-23	OBJECTIVE COMPUTER MTCE	1,757.80	
			18-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	486.20	
			22-12-23	IINET LTD	79.99	
			27-12-23	ADOBE ACROPRO	209.95	
			28-12-23	2VNET COMPUTER MTCE	149.99	
			28-12-23	CARD FEE	9.00	3,993.35
						<u>\$ 530,727.24</u>

FUEL CARDS

Payment #	Payment Date	Name/Payee	Transaction Date	Description	Transaction Amount	Total
EFT25849	20-12-2023	GERALDTON FUEL COMPANY PTY LTD	01-01-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	156.83	
			17-11-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	235.70	
			24-11-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	209.15	
			29-11-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	195.79	
			06-11-23	EHO CAMRY	81.71	
			20-11-23	EHO CAMRY	76.91	
				SUNDRY PLANT	203.16	
					<u>1,159.15</u>	
EFT25787	12-12-2023	GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLY		NTON DEPOT BOWSER	26,072.57	
				SUNDRY PLANT OILS/FILTERS	421.88	
			03-11-23	EMCS ISUZU MUX	98.54	
			16-11-23	EMCS ISUZU MUX	120.22	
			18-11-23	EMCS ISUZU MUX	95.76	
			21-11-23	EMCS ISUZU MUX	59.83	
			27-11-23	EMCS ISUZU MUX	82.76	
			04-11-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	166.58	
			12-11-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	146.14	
					<u>27,264.27</u>	
EFT25912	17-01-2024	GERALDTON FUEL COMPANY PTY LTD	14-12-23	CEO TOYOTA PRADO	209.70	
			18-12-23	EMWTS TOYOTA PRADO	184.59	
			26-12-23	EMWTS TOYOTA PRADO	134.28	
			02-12-23	EHO CAMRY	83.38	
			11-12-23	EHO CAMRY	74.75	
			06-12-23	BS TOYOTA FORTUNA	89.00	
				SUNDRY PLANT	257.97	
					<u>1,033.67</u>	

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 31 December 2023

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b) \$	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b) %	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
General rates	10	5,047,928	5,047,928	5,063,872	15,944	0.32%	▲
Rates excluding general rates		56,000	56,000	56,089	89	0.16%	▲
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13	918,769	558,308	1,012,782	454,474	81.40%	▲
Fees and charges		1,321,561	1,116,156	1,141,500	25,344	2.27%	▲
Interest revenue		177,500	97,498	115,765	18,267	18.74%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	6	59,000	58,998	0	(58,998)	(100.00%)	▼
		7,580,758	6,934,888	7,390,008	455,120	6.56%	
Expenditure from operating activities							
Employee costs		(4,394,780)	(2,270,174)	(2,132,711)	137,463	6.06%	▲
Materials and contracts		(2,839,575)	(1,422,666)	(1,286,612)	136,054	9.56%	▲
Utility charges		(363,900)	(181,836)	(117,415)	64,421	35.43%	▲
Depreciation		(2,557,550)	(1,278,726)	(1,320,427)	(41,701)	(3.26%)	▼
Finance costs		(30,725)	(15,348)	(6,613)	8,735	56.91%	▲
Insurance		(249,990)	(249,834)	(244,114)	5,720	2.29%	▲
Other expenditure		(642,469)	(302,942)	(347,720)	(44,778)	(14.78%)	▼
		(11,078,989)	(5,721,526)	(5,455,612)	265,914	4.65%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Note 2(b)	2,498,550	1,219,728	1,312,012	92,284	7.57%	▲
Amount attributable to operating activities		(999,681)	2,433,090	3,246,408	813,318	33.43%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	14	1,312,387	656,178	2,877,936	2,221,758	338.59%	▲
Proceeds from disposal of assets	6	155,000	40,000	0	(40,000)	(100.00%)	▼
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		17,005	8,419	8,419	0	0.00%	
		1,484,392	704,597	2,886,355	2,181,758	309.65%	
Outflows from investing activities							
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5	(852,750)	(536,856)	(397,625)	139,231	25.93%	▲
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5	(2,736,610)	(1,378,242)	(431,415)	946,827	68.70%	▲
		(3,589,360)	(1,915,098)	(829,040)	1,086,058	56.71%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(2,104,968)	(1,210,501)	2,057,315	3,267,816	269.96%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
Proceeds from new debentures	11	250,000	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	4	0	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	
		250,000	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities							
Repayment of borrowings	11	(138,610)	(68,870)	(68,870)	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	4	(101,650)	0	(449,652)	(449,652)	0.00%	▼
		(240,260)	(68,870)	(518,522)	(449,652)	(652.90%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities		9,740	31,130	(418,522)	(449,652)	(1444.43%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		3,094,909	3,094,909	3,032,626	(62,283)	(2.01%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		(999,681)	2,433,090	3,246,408	813,318	33.43%	▲
Amount attributable to investing activities		(2,104,968)	(1,210,501)	2,057,315	3,267,816	269.96%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities		9,740	31,130	(418,522)	(449,652)	(1444.43%)	▼
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		0	4,348,628	7,917,827	3,569,199	82.08%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.

* Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Supplementary Information	30 June 2023	31 December 2023
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,889,424	7,955,577
Trade and other receivables		666,933	1,187,482
Other financial assets		16,353	0
Inventories	8	193,407	252,016
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		5,766,117	9,395,075
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables		84,959	84,959
Other financial assets		376,315	384,250
Property, plant and equipment		36,474,104	36,323,682
Infrastructure		142,050,748	141,709,784
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		178,986,126	178,502,675
TOTAL ASSETS		184,752,243	187,897,750
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	1,830,363	232,402
Other liabilities	12	20,000	20,000
Borrowings	11	(95,108)	(163,979)
Employee related provisions	12	744,555	744,555
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,499,810	832,978
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	1,041,125	1,041,125
Employee related provisions		1,531,531	1,531,531
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,572,656	2,572,656
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,072,466	3,405,634
NET ASSETS		179,679,777	184,492,116
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		87,855,087	92,317,773
Reserve accounts	4	653,221	1,002,873
Revaluation surplus		91,171,469	91,171,470
TOTAL EQUITY		179,679,777	184,492,116

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

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This prescribed financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supporting information does not form part of the financial report.

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

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 15 to these financial statements.

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

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

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

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings, infrastructure and investment property
- estimation uncertainties made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of intangible assets

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

Significant accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2023-24 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 23 January 2024

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget	Last Year	Year to Date
		Budget Opening 30 June 2023	Closing 30 June 2023	31 December 2023
Current assets		\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,896,166	4,889,424	7,955,577
Trade and other receivables		739,518	666,933	1,187,482
Other financial assets		17,684	16,353	0
Inventories	8	13,407	193,407	252,016
Other assets	8	180,000	0	0
		2,846,775	5,766,117	9,395,075
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	9	(1,894,219)	(1,830,363)	(232,402)
Other liabilities	12		(20,000)	(20,000)
Borrowings	11	(142,131)	(138,610)	163,979
Employee related provisions	12	(732,724)	(744,555)	(744,555)
		(2,769,074)	(2,733,528)	(832,978)
Net current assets		77,701	3,032,589	8,562,097
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(c)	(560,637)	37	(644,270)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		(482,936)	3,032,626	7,917,827

(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

The following non-cash revenue and expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32*.

Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
	\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	6	(59,000)	(58,998)
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash			4
Add: Depreciation		2,557,550	1,278,726
- Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits			(8,419)
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		2,498,550	1,219,728

(c) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

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

	Adopted Budget	Last Year	Year to Date
	Budget Opening 30 June 2023	Closing 30 June 2023	31 December 2023
	\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	4	(653,222)	(653,221)
- Current financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans			(16,353)
- Land held for resale			(180,000)
- Other liabilities - Adjustment to current non current liabilities			(33,554)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year:			
- Current portion of borrowings	11		138,610
- Current portion of other provisions held in reserve			744,555
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve	4	92,585	0
Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(a)	(560,637)	37

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2023-24 year is \$5,000 or 0.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
General rates	15,944	0.32%	▲
Interim and back rates			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	454,474	81.40%	▲
Additional DFES Community Benefit Fund Grant			
Fees and charges	25,344	2.27%	▲
Timing will reconcile			
Interest revenue	18,267	18.74%	▲
Investment interest rates higher than expected.			
Profit on asset disposals	(58,998)	(100.00%)	▼
Vehicle changeovers to be completed			
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	137,463	6.06%	▲
Variance due to vacant positions			
Materials and contracts	136,054	9.56%	▲
Timing will reconcile as works progress.			
Utility charges	64,421	35.43%	▲
Timing will reconcile			
Depreciation	(41,701)	(3.26%)	▼
Revaluation June 2023 complete. Increased asset values resulting in additional depreciation.			
Finance costs	8,735	56.91%	▲
Timing will reconcile.			
Insurance	5,720	2.29%	▲
Timing will reconcile.			
Other expenditure	(44,778)	(14.78%)	▼
Timing will reconcile.			
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	92,284	7.57%	▲
Timing will reconcile - increases in depreciation and employee provisions			
Inflows from investing activities			
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2,221,758	338.59%	▲
Additional DFES Resilience Fund Grant			
Proceeds from disposal of assets	(40,000)	(100.00%)	▼
Vehicle changeovers to be completed			
Outflows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	139,231	25.93%	▲
Timing will reconcile as works are completed			
Payments for construction of infrastructure	946,827	68.70%	▲
Timing will reconcile as works are completed			
Outflows from financing activities			
Transfer to reserves	(449,652)	0.00%	▼
Transfer to reserves actioned			
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	(62,283)	(2.01%)	▼
Timing will reconcile			
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	3,569,199	82.08%	▲
Due to variances described above			

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

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SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$3.09 M	\$3.09 M	\$3.03 M	(\$0.06 M)
Closing	\$0.00 M	\$4.35 M	\$7.92 M	\$3.57 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$7.96 M	% of total
Unrestricted Cash	\$6.95 M	87.4%
Restricted Cash	\$1.00 M	12.6%

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets

Payables	
	\$0.23 M % Outstanding
Trade Payables	\$0.00 M
0 to 30 Days	101.4%
Over 30 Days	(1.4%)
Over 90 Days	(1.4%)

Refer to 9 - Payables

Receivables		
	\$0.39 M	% Collected
Rates Receivable	\$0.80 M	84.9%
Trade Receivable	\$0.39 M	% Outstanding
Over 30 Days		82.0%
Over 90 Days		45.9%

Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$1.00 M)	\$2.43 M	\$3.25 M	\$0.81 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Rates Revenue		
YTD Actual	\$5.06 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$5.05 M	0.3%

Refer to 10 - Rate Revenue

Grants and Contributions		
YTD Actual	\$0.98 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$0.55 M	78.8%

Refer to 13 - Grants and Contributions

Fees and Charges		
YTD Actual	\$1.14 M	% Variance
YTD Budget	\$1.12 M	2.3%

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$2.10 M)	(\$1.21 M)	\$2.06 M	\$3.27 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Proceeds on sale		
YTD Actual	\$0.00 M	%
Adopted Budget	\$0.16 M	(100.0%)

Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets

Asset Acquisition		
YTD Actual	\$0.43 M	% Spent
Adopted Budget	\$2.74 M	(84.2%)

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Capital Grants		
YTD Actual	\$2.88 M	% Received
Adopted Budget	\$1.31 M	119.3%

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$0.01 M	\$0.03 M	(\$0.42 M)	(\$0.45 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Borrowings	
Principal repayments	(\$0.07 M)
Interest expense	(\$0.01 M)
Principal due	\$0.88 M

Refer to 11 - Borrowings

Reserves	
Reserves balance	\$1.00 M
Interest earned	\$0.02 M

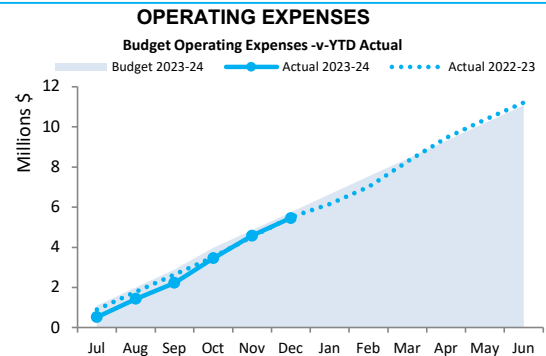
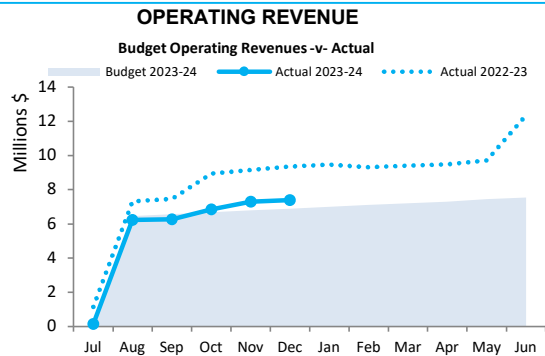
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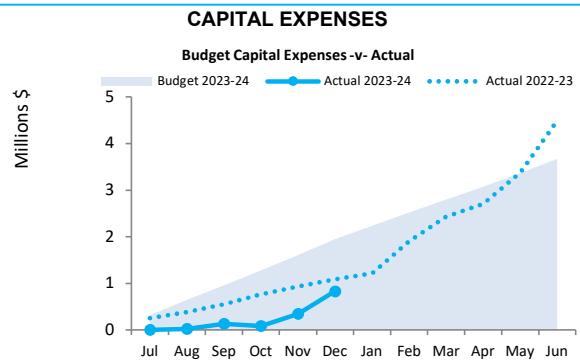
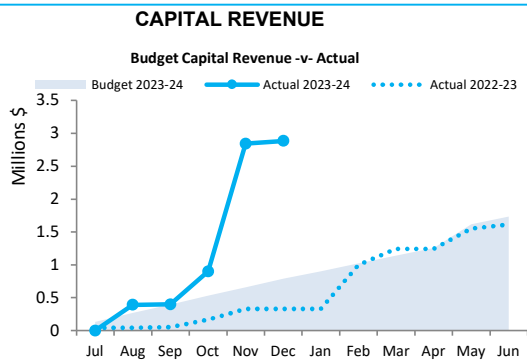
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2 KEY INFORMATION - GRAPHICAL

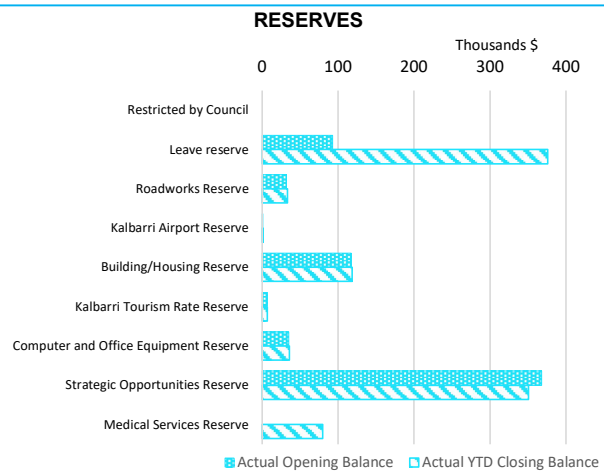
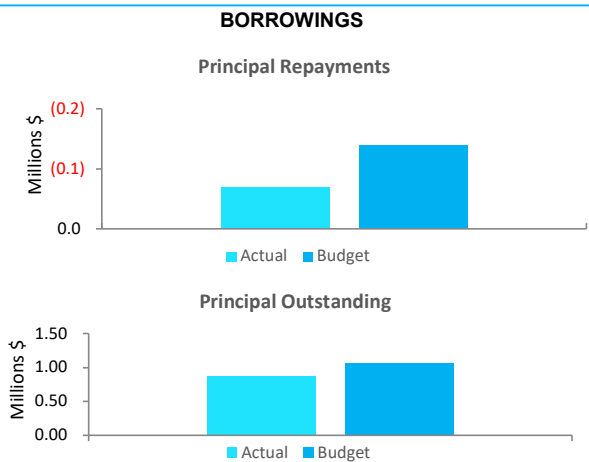
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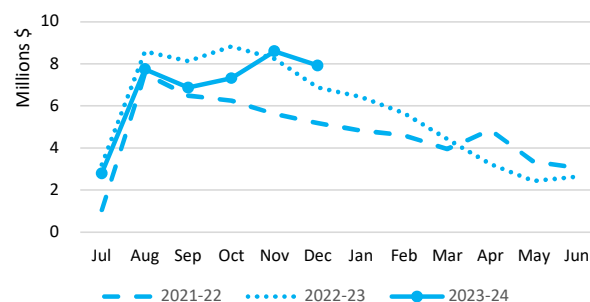
INVESTING ACTIVITIES



FINANCING ACTIVITIES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted \$	Restricted \$	Total Cash \$	Trust \$	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Cash Deposits	Municipal	1,438,943		1,438,942.60		NAB		At call
Petty Cash	Cash on Hand	1,050		1,050.00				
Investment	Reserves	0	1,002,874	1,002,874		NAB	4.90%	23/02/2023
Investment	Term Deposit	1,004,075		1,004,075.07		NAB	4.95%	23/02/2023
Investment	Term Deposit	1,500,000		1,500,000.00		NAB	4.60%	09/02/2024
Investment	Term Deposit	1,500,000		1,500,000.00		NAB	4.90%	17/01/2024
Investment	Term Deposit	1,508,635		1,508,635.07		NAB	5.00%	07/03/2024
Total		6,952,703	1,002,874	7,955,577	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		6,952,703	1,002,874	7,955,577	0			
		6,952,703	1,002,874	7,955,577	0			

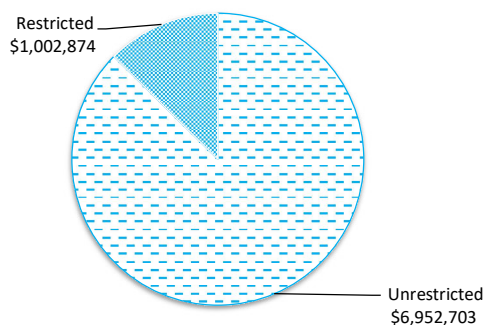
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Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

The local government classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

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

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 4 - Other assets



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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve name	Budget Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Budget Transfer s In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Interest Earned	Actual Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council										
Leave reserve	92,585	5,000	5,000		102,585	92,585	9,830	273,607		376,022
Roadworks Reserve	31,986	1,500			33,486	31,986	1,440			33,426
Kalbarri Airport Reserve	1,045	500			1,545	1,045	485			1,530
Building/Housing Reserve	117,240	1,500			118,740	117,240	1,440			118,680
Kalbarri Tourism Rate Reserve	6,975	0			6,975	6,975	0			6,975
Computer and Office Equipment	35,136	1,000			36,136	35,136	975			36,111
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	368,254	7,500			375,754	368,254	7,225	75,000	(100,000)	350,479
Medical Services Reserve	0		79,650		79,650	0	0	79,650		79,650
	653,222	17,000	84,650	0	754,872	653,221	21,395	428,257	(100,000)	1,002,873

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital acquisitions				
Buildings	71,750	52,860	31,667	(21,193)
Plant and equipment	781,000	483,996	365,958	(118,038)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	852,750	536,856	397,625	(139,231)
Infrastructure - Roads	2,157,140	1,078,548	428,495	(650,053)
Infrastructure - Footpaths & Carparks	376,470	188,202	0	(188,202)
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	148,000	83,994	2,920	(81,074)
Infrastructure - Water & Sewer Reticulation	55,000	27,498	0	(27,498)
Acquisition of infrastructure	2,736,610	1,378,242	431,415	(946,827)
Total capital acquisitions	3,589,360	1,915,098	829,040	(1,086,058)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	1,312,387	656,178	2,877,936	2,221,758
Borrowings	250,000	0	0	0
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	155,000	40,000	0	(40,000)
Reserve accounts				
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	0		100,000	100,000
Contribution - operations	1,871,973	1,218,920	(2,148,896)	(3,367,816)
Capital funding total	3,589,360	1,915,098	829,040	(1,086,058)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

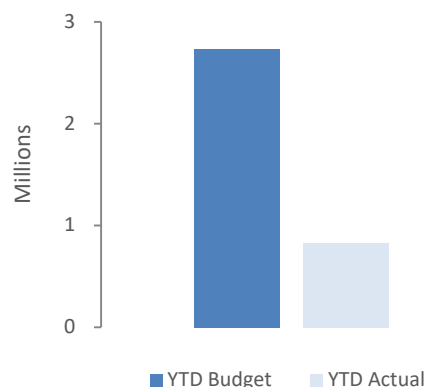
Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

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

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

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

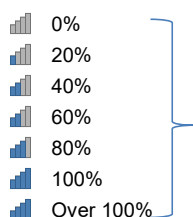
Payments for Capital Acquisitions



5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators



Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

Level of completion indicator, please see table at the end of this note for further detail.

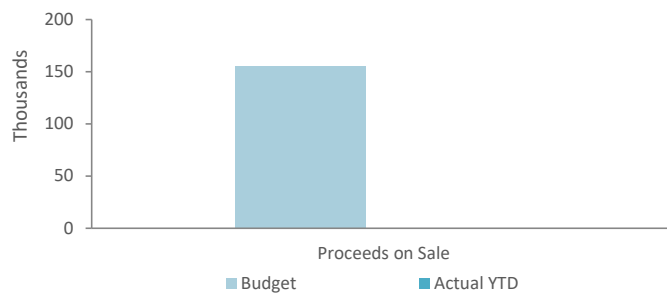
Account Description	Adopted		YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
DCEO Vehicle	55,000	54,996	56,290	(1,294)
Install Hampton Gardens Shelter (Seroja Donations)	0	0	2,920	(2,920)
DUP Recreation Ground Ablutions	6,000	0	0	0
Horrock Foreshore - Install Outdoor Shower	3,000	1,500	0	1,500
Kalbarri Recreation Jetty Repairs	40,000	19,998	0	19,998
NCC - Womes Change Room Upgrade	40,000	39,996	0	39,996
Port Gregory Carpark and BBQ	141,310	70,644	0	70,644
Stud Breeders Shed - Northampton	1,750	870	1,659	(789)
Kalbarri Multi-Use Centre	10,000	4,998	10,044	(5,046)
Horrocks North Holding Tanks	20,000	19,998	0	19,998
Shelters Kalbarri Foreshore	25,000	12,498	0	12,498
RSL Monument - Kalbarri Foreshore	60,000	30,000	0	30,000
Road Construction	2,157,140	1,078,548	428,495	650,053
Footpath/Carpark Construction	235,160	117,558	0	117,558
Water Truck	250,000	297,000	240,559	56,441
Back Hoe (No Trade) c/over	235,000	0	0	0
Truck Trailer	100,000	0	0	0
Tipper Trailer for Kalbarri Gardiner	9,000	0	0	0
LH Maintenance Kalbarri P283 c/over	55,000	55,000	0	55,000
Works Manager 4WD (Replace P302)	77,000	77,000	0	77,000
Kalbarri Depot Install Septic Tanks	14,000	6,996	18,464	(11,468)
Port Gregory - Septic System Upgrade & WS Tank	55,000	27,498	0	27,498
Kalb Mens Shed Richardson Road	0	0	1,500	(1,500)
EMCDR Vehicle	0	0	69,109	(69,109)
	3,589,360	1,915,098	829,040	1,086,058

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6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

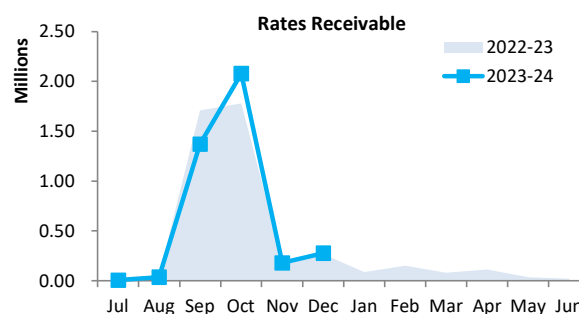
Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		Value				Value			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Plant and equipment								
41782	P295 MUX DCEO	19,000	40,000	21,000	0			0	0
41769	P283 Ute LH Kalbarri	5,000	10,000	5,000	0			0	0
41789	P302 Prado MWTS	35,000	50,000	15,000	0			0	0
41694	P217 Water Truck	27,500	40,000	12,500	0			0	0
41695	P218 Truck Trailer	9,500	15,000	5,500	0			0	0
		96,000	155,000	59,000	0	0	0	0	0



7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 Jun 2023	31 Dec 2023
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	62,511	170,852
Levied this year	4,820,332	5,129,214
Less - collections to date	(4,711,991)	(4,498,405)
Gross rates collectable	170,852	801,661
Net rates collectable	170,852	801,661
% Collected	96.5%	84.9%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	(2,793)	39,105	57,462	15,560	92,662	201,996
Percentage	(1.4%)	19.4%	28.4%	7.7%	45.9%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						201,996
Rubbish recievables						82,297
Emergency Services Levy						101,528
Total receivables general outstanding						385,821

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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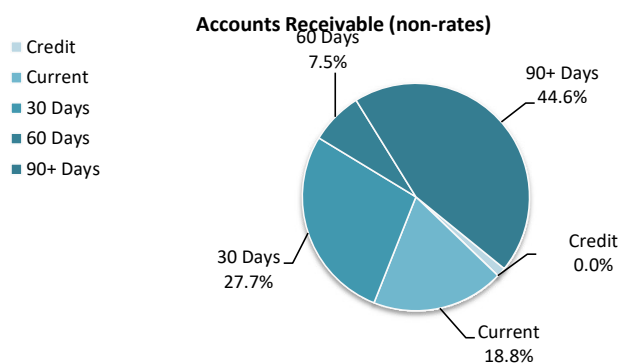
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectable amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Receivables which are generally due for settlement within 30 days except rates receivables which are expected to be collected within 12 months are classified as current assets. All other receivables such as, deferred pensioner rates receivable after the end of the reporting period are classified as non-current assets.

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



8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2023	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 31 December 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets				
Other financial assets at amortised cost				
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	16,353		(16,353)	0
Inventory				
Fuel	13,407	58,609		72,016
Land held for resale				
Cost of acquisition	180,000			180,000
Total other current assets	209,760	58,609	(16,353)	252,016
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)				

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Other financial assets at amortised cost

The Shire classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

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

Inventory

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

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

Land held for resale

Land held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development.

Borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

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

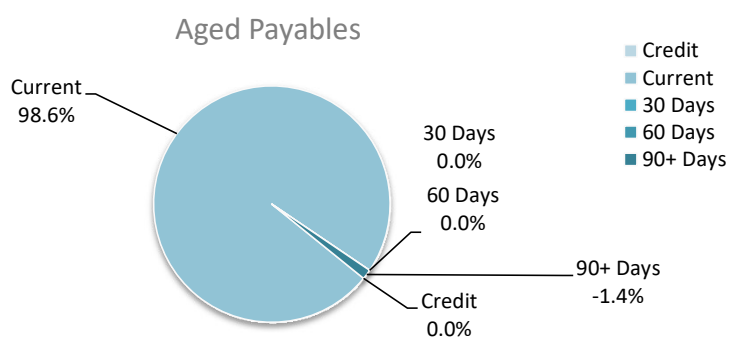
Land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Council's intentions to release for sale.

9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	4,442	0	0	(62)	4,380
Percentage	0.0%	101.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.4%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						4,380
Accrued salaries and wages						4,283
Payroll Deductions Rates						(40)
Prepaid Rates						49,299
Bonds and Deposits						192,516
Accrued Expenditure						(18,036)
Total payables general outstanding						232,402
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)						

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



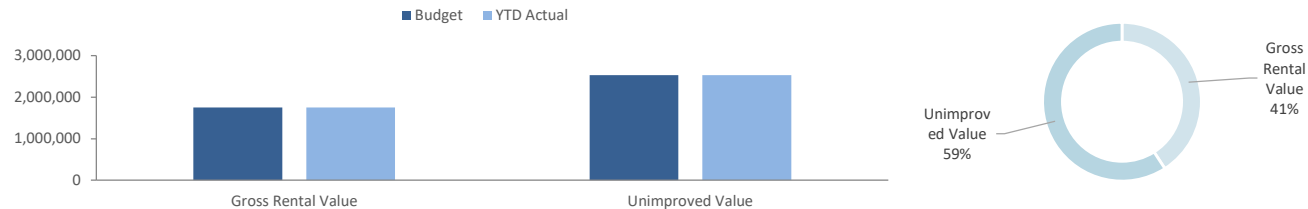
10 RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue

RATE TYPE	Rate in \$ (cents)	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rate Revenue \$	Budget Interim Rate Revenue \$	Total Revenue \$	Rate Revenue \$	YTD Actual Interim Rate Revenue \$	Total Revenue \$
Gross rental value									
Gross Rental Value	8.6903	1,445	18,432,632	1,756,773		1,756,773	1,756,781		1,756,781
Unimproved value									
Unimproved Value	0.8487	422	298,259,414	2,532,860		2,532,860	2,533,555		2,533,555
Sub-Total		1,867	316,692,046	4,289,633	0	4,289,633	4,290,336	0	4,290,336
Minimum payment									
Minimum Payment \$615									
Gross rental value									
Gross Rental Value		1,151	5,325,590	707,865		707,865	714,015	24,738	738,753
Unimproved value									
Unimproved Value		52	1,655,142	50,430		50,430	44,280	(244)	44,036
Sub-total		1,203	6,980,732	758,295	0	758,295	758,295	24,494	782,789
Total general rates						5,047,928			5,073,125
Specified area rates									
Rate in \$ (cents)									
Port Gregory Water Supply	0.045713	55	568,762	26,000		26,000	26,000		26,000
Kalbarri Tourism Rate	0.001785	1,759	16,805,309	30,000		30,000	30,089		30,089
Total specified area rates			17,374,071	56,000	0	56,000	56,089	0	56,089
Total						5,103,928			5,129,214

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Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event for the rates has occurred, refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance give rise to a financial liability. On 1 Jul the prepaid rates were recognised as a financial asset and a related amount was recognised as a financial liability and no income was recognised. When the taxable event occurs the financial liability is extinguished and income recognised for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.



11 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings

Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2023	New Loans		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Housing	154	79,363			(19,361)	(39,038)	60,002	40,325	(1,065)	(2,871)
RSL Hall Extensions	156	312,202			(24,576)	(49,405)	287,626	262,797	(3,216)	(8,265)
Plant Purchases	157	243,626			(16,515)	(33,162)	227,111	210,464	(1,140)	(5,370)
Plant Purchases	158	0		250,000			0	250,000	334	
Staff Housing	152	2					2	2		
		635,193	0	250,000	(60,451)	(121,605)	574,742	763,588	(5,086)	(16,506)
Self supporting loans										
Pioneer Lodge		310,824	0	0	(8,419)	(17,005)	302,405	293,819	(1,526)	(14,219)
		310,824	0	0	(8,419)	(17,005)	302,405	293,819	(1,526)	(14,219)
Total		946,017	0	250,000	(68,870)	(138,610)	877,147	1,057,407	(6,612)	(30,725)
Current borrowings		138,610					0			
Non-current borrowings		807,407					877,147			
		946,017					877,147			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

New borrowings 2023-24

Particulars	Amount Borrowed	Amount Borrowed	Institution	Loan Type	Term Years	Total Interest & Charges	Interest Rate	Amount (Used)		Balance Unspent
	Actual	Budget				\$		Actual	Budget	\$
Plant Loan 158	\$	\$	WATC	Fixed	10	\$	%	\$	\$	\$
	0	250,000								
	0	250,000				0		0	0	0

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Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

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

12 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2023	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 31 December 2023
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current liabilities						
Other liabilities						
Contract liabilities		20,000	0			20,000
Total other liabilities		20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		266,079	0			266,079
Provision for long service leave		478,476	0			478,476
Total Provisions		744,555	0	0	0	744,555
Total other current liabilities		764,555	0	0	0	764,555

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note 13

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

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

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

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

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

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

Contract liabilities

An entity's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the entity has received consideration (or the amount is due) from the customer.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Grants to acquire or construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications be constructed to be controlled by the Shire are recognised as a liability until such time as the Shire satisfies its obligations under the agreement.

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13 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in	Decrease in	Liability	Current	Adopted	YTD	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2023	Liability	Liability	31 Dec 2023	Liability	Budget	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	(As revenue)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
GRANTS COMMISSION - GENERAL				0		47,850	23,924	33,693
GRANTS COMMISSION - ROADS				0		26,975	13,486	22,373
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY - BFB				0		53,090	26,543	26,545
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY - SES				0		40,000	19,999	20,000
CONTRIBUTIONS/REIMBURSEMENTS				0		3,552	1,776	0
- MRD MAINTENANCE				0		221,240	221,240	0
DFES - COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND				0				400,000
	0	0	0	0	0	392,707	306,968	502,611
Contributions								
CONTRIBUTIONS				0		15,000	7,500	(4,354)
REBATES AND COMMISSIONS				0		25,000	12,498	19,446
LEGAL CHARGES RATES (NO GST)				0		10,000	4,998	0
RATE EQUIVALENT PAYMENTS				0		23,267	0	1,184
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		12,000	6,000	0
CONTRIBUTIONS				0		16,000	7,998	0
REIMBURSEMENTS - OTHER				0		2,000	996	358
SELF SUPPORTING LOAN INTEREST REIMBURSEMENTS - PIONEER LODGE				0		0	0	6,139
NCCA GRANTS/CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE				0		0	0	80
REIMBURSEMENTS - HOUSING OTHER				0		15,000	7,500	6,029
CONTRIBUTIONS				0		50,000	24,996	26,038
REIMBURSEMENTS - DRUMMUSTER				0		4,000	1,998	0
REIMBURSE (ADVERTISING/PLANNING COMMISSION)				0		200	96	6,364
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		8,500	4,248	8,288
BUS HIRE				0		0	0	104
CONTRIBUTIONS/REIMBURSEMENTS				0		0	0	3,552
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		2,000	996	339
REIMBURSEMENTS- REC. CTRE/GOLF CLUB				0		5,000	2,496	1,554
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		0	0	405
150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS - REVENUE (INC BRICKS/MEMORABILIA)				0		0	0	20
CONTRIBUTION (INC STREET LIGHTING)				0		3,750	1,872	480
LEASE FEES - HALF WAY BAY COTTAGES				0		16,000	7,998	16,000
BUILDING REIMBURSEMENTS				0		1,500	750	400
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		2,000	996	732
LIA (KITSON CIRCUIT) UNITS ANNUAL RENT				0		4,500	2,250	1,371
PT GREGORY SPEC AREA RATE				0		1,000	498	1,000
INSURANCE CLAIMS - VEHICLES				0		2,000	996	0
DIESEL FUEL REBATE				0		36,000	18,000	21,508
WHS COORDINATOR INCOME RECOUP				0		58,595	29,292	0
DFES/DFRAWA INCOME				0		187,750	93,870	356,135
	0	0	0	0	0	501,062	238,842	473,172
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	893,769	545,810	975,782

14 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability 1 July 2023	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability (As revenue)	Liability 31 Dec 2023	Current Liability 31 Dec 2023	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES - CONTRIBUTIONS/GRANTS				0		0	0	56,000
ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING				0		453,484	226,740	0
BLACKSPOT FUNDING				0		92,935	46,464	1,521,824
LRCI - LITTLE BAY ROAD & GREY STREET ASPHALT				0		490,301	245,148	683,871
WA BIKE NETWORK GRANT				0		41,000	20,496	0
REGIONAL ROAD GROUP FUNDING				0		234,667	117,330	0
RUNWAY RESEAL - LRCI GRANT				0		0	0	116,241
DFES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESILIENCE FUND				0		0	0	500,000
	0	0	0	0	0	1,312,387	656,178	2,877,936

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15 BONDS & DEPOSITS

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

Description	Opening Balance	Amount	Amount	Closing Balance
	1 July 2023	Received	Paid	31 Dec 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transportable House Bonds	17,000	30,400	(7,900)	39,500
Footpath Bonds	23,007	15,000	(5,000)	33,007
Nomination Deposits	0	500	(500)	0
Building Levies (BCITF & BRB)	346	19,373	(10,728)	8,992
Community Bus Bond	5,400	1,000	(200)	6,200
Unclaimed Monies - Rates	5,179	19,776	(19,776)	5,179
RSL Hall Key Bond	430	250	(250)	430
Special Series Plates	4,510	1,860	(1,200)	5,170
Northampton Child Care Association	23,739	36	0	23,775
Horrocks Memorial Wall	1,198	500	(150)	1,548
One Life	940	0	0	940
Rubbish Tip Key Bond	1,800	0	(200)	1,600
Horrocks - Skate/Pump Park	2,000	0	0	2,000
RSL - Kalbarri Memorial	31,883	0	0	31,883
DOT - Department of Transport	0	92,109	(92,109)	0
Rates - Overpaid	30,761	0	0	30,761
Horrocks Lookout	1,353	0	(62)	1,291
Miscellaneous Deposits	240	0	0	240
	149,787	180,804	(138,075)	192,516

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16 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Budget adoption						0
LRCI3 - Kalbarri Runway Reseal	9.2.3	Capital revenue		145,301		145,301
LRCI3 - Grey Street Asphalt	9.2.3	Capital revenue		275,000		420,301
LRCI3 - NCC Toilet Block	9.2.3	Capital revenue		70,000		490,301
FAG's General Grant	9.2.3	Operating revenue		19,535		509,836
FAG's Road Grant	9.2.3	Operating revenue		17,771		527,607
Plant & Equipment	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(65,000)	462,607
Planning Consultancy	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(50,000)	412,607
Oval Residence	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(50,000)	362,607
Rake Place Residence	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(14,000)	348,607
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	9.2.3				(75,000)	273,607
Leave Reserve	9.2.3				(273,607)	0
Port Gregory Toilet Septic System Upgrade	9.2.3	Capital expenses		19,000		19,000
Kalbarri Sport & Recreation Furniture Contributi	9.2.3	Operating expenses		6,000		25,000
Port Gregory Water supply Shed	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(25,000)	0
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	9.1.7			100,000		100,000
Economic Development Framework Project	9.1.7	Operating expenses			(100,000)	0
LRCI Phase 4 Revenue (Little Bay Road Consti	9.2.3	Capital revenue		282,816		282,816
Little Bay Road Construction Expenditure)	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(282,816)	0
Rebates & Commissions (Revenue)	9.2.3	Operating revenue		11,500		11,500
Kalbarri Airport Runway Reseal (Expense)	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(11,500)	0
Blackspot Grant Revenue	9.2.3	Capital revenue		3,711,625		3,711,625
Kalbarri Road - Shoulder Widening	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(3,711,625)	0
Rebates & Commissions (Revenue)	9.2.3	Operating revenue		1,500		1,500
Contribution - Northampton Creative Obsessior	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(1,500)	0
				4,660,048	(4,660,048)	0

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)

For the period ended 31 January 2024

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

	Supplementary Information	Adopted Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b) \$	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b) %	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Revenue from operating activities							
General rates	10	5,047,928	5,047,928	5,073,124	25,196	0.50%	▲
Rates excluding general rates		56,000	56,000	56,089	89	0.16%	▲
Grants, subsidies and contributions	13	918,769	608,251	1,263,278	655,027	107.69%	▲
Fees and charges		1,321,561	1,150,369	1,178,205	27,836	2.42%	▲
Interest revenue		177,500	110,831	143,061	32,230	29.08%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	6	59,000	58,998	19,855	(39,143)	(66.35%)	▼
		7,580,758	7,032,377	7,733,612	701,235	9.97%	
Expenditure from operating activities							
Employee costs		(4,394,780)	(2,624,153)	(2,456,381)	167,772	6.39%	▲
Materials and contracts		(2,839,575)	(1,658,627)	(1,512,859)	145,768	8.79%	▲
Utility charges		(363,900)	(212,142)	(130,405)	81,737	38.53%	▲
Depreciation		(2,557,550)	(1,491,847)	(1,544,644)	(52,797)	(3.54%)	▼
Finance costs		(30,725)	(17,906)	(6,613)	11,293	63.07%	▲
Insurance		(249,990)	(249,851)	(244,114)	5,737	2.30%	▲
Other expenditure		(642,469)	(366,330)	(405,542)	(39,212)	(10.70%)	▼
		(11,078,989)	(6,620,856)	(6,300,558)	320,298	4.84%	
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	Note 2(b)	2,498,550	1,432,849	1,516,368	83,519	5.83%	▲
Amount attributable to operating activities		(999,681)	1,844,370	2,949,422	1,105,052	59.91%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from investing activities							
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	14	1,312,387	765,541	2,877,936	2,112,395	275.93%	▲
Proceeds from disposal of assets	6	155,000	40,000	36,364	(3,636)	(9.09%)	▼
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans		17,005	8,419	8,419	0	0.00%	
		1,484,392	813,960	2,922,719	2,108,759	259.07%	
Outflows from investing activities							
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5	(852,750)	(589,500)	(859,679)	(270,179)	(45.83%)	▼
Payments for construction of infrastructure	5	(2,736,610)	(1,604,616)	(504,677)	1,099,939	68.55%	▲
		(3,589,360)	(2,194,116)	(1,364,357)	829,759	37.82%	
Amount attributable to investing activities		(2,104,968)	(1,380,156)	1,558,362	2,938,518	212.91%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Inflows from financing activities							
Proceeds from new debentures	11	250,000	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	4	0	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	
		250,000	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities							
Repayment of borrowings	11	(138,610)	(68,870)	(68,870)	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	4	(101,650)	0	(449,652)	(449,652)	0.00%	▼
		(240,260)	(68,870)	(518,522)	(449,652)	(652.90%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities		9,740	31,130	(418,522)	(449,652)	(1444.43%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT							
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year		3,094,909	3,094,909	3,032,626	(62,283)	(2.01%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities		(999,681)	1,844,370	2,949,422	1,105,052	59.91%	▲
Amount attributable to investing activities		(2,104,968)	(1,380,156)	1,558,362	2,938,518	212.91%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities		9,740	31,130	(418,522)	(449,652)	(1444.43%)	▼
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates		0	3,590,253	7,121,888	3,531,635	98.37%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data as per the adopted materiality threshold.

* Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

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

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

	Supplementary Information	30 June 2023	31 January 2024
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,889,424	7,384,119
Trade and other receivables		666,933	1,120,091
Other financial assets		16,353	0
Inventories	8	193,407	252,016
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		5,766,117	8,756,226
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables		84,959	84,959
Other financial assets		376,315	384,250
Property, plant and equipment		36,474,104	36,675,139
Infrastructure		142,050,748	141,652,918
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		178,986,126	178,797,266
TOTAL ASSETS		184,752,243	187,553,492
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	1,830,363	389,492
Other liabilities	12	20,000	20,000
Borrowings	11	(95,108)	(163,979)
Employee related provisions	12	744,555	744,555
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,499,810	990,068
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	1,041,125	1,041,125
Employee related provisions		1,531,531	1,531,531
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,572,656	2,572,656
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,072,466	3,562,724
NET ASSETS		179,679,777	183,990,768
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		87,855,087	91,816,425
Reserve accounts	4	653,221	1,002,873
Revaluation surplus		91,171,469	91,171,470
TOTAL EQUITY		179,679,777	183,990,768

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

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This prescribed financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supporting information does not form part of the financial report.

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

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 15 to these financial statements.

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

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

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

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings, infrastructure and investment property
- estimation uncertainties made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of intangible assets

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Significant accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2023-24 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 23 January 2024

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

		Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2023	Last Year Closing 30 June 2023	Year to Date 31 January 2024
(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity	Supplementary Information	\$	\$	\$
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,896,166	4,889,424	7,384,119
Trade and other receivables		739,518	666,933	1,120,091
Other financial assets		17,684	16,353	0
Inventories	8	13,407	193,407	252,016
Other assets	8	180,000	0	0
		<u>2,846,775</u>	<u>5,766,117</u>	<u>8,756,226</u>
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	9	(1,894,219)	(1,830,363)	(389,492)
Other liabilities	12		(20,000)	(20,000)
Borrowings	11	(142,131)	(138,610)	163,979
Employee related provisions	12	(732,724)	(744,555)	(744,555)
		<u>(2,769,074)</u>	<u>(2,733,528)</u>	<u>(990,068)</u>
Net current assets		77,701	3,032,589	7,766,158
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(c)	(560,637)	37	(644,270)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		(482,936)	3,032,626	7,121,888

(b) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

The following non-cash revenue and expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 32*.

		Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		\$	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals	6	(59,000)	(58,998)	(19,855)
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash				(2)
Add: Depreciation		2,557,550	1,491,847	1,544,644
- Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits				(8,419)
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		2,498,550	1,432,849	1,516,368

(c) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

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

		Adopted Budget Opening 30 June 2023	Last Year Closing 30 June 2023	Year to Date 31 January 2024
Adjustments to net current assets		\$	\$	\$
Less: Reserve accounts	4	(653,222)	(653,221)	(1,002,873)
- Current financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans			(16,353)	(8,419)
- Land held for resale			(180,000)	(180,000)
- Other liabilities - Adjustment to current non current liabilities			(33,554)	(33,554)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year:				
- Current portion of borrowings	11		138,610	(163,979)
- Current portion of other provisions held in reserve			744,555	744,555
- Current portion of employee benefit provisions held in reserve	4	92,585	0	0
Total adjustments to net current assets	Note 2(a)	(560,637)	37	(644,270)

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Council's operational cycle.

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3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council as an indicator of whether the actual expenditure or revenue varies from the year to date actual materially.

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2023-24 year is \$5,000 or 0.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$	Var. %	
	\$	%	
Revenue from operating activities			
General rates	25,196	0.50%	▲
Interim and back rates			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	655,027	107.69%	▲
Additional DFES Community Benefit Fund Grant and DRFA Funding			
Fees and charges	27,836	2.42%	▲
Timing will reconcile			
Interest revenue	32,230	29.08%	▲
Investment interest rates higher than expected.			
Profit on asset disposals	(39,143)	(66.35%)	▼
1 vehicle changed over, timing will reconcile.			
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	167,772	6.39%	▲
Variance due to vacant positions			
Materials and contracts	145,768	8.79%	▲
Timing will reconcile as works progress.			
Utility charges	81,737	38.53%	▲
Timing will reconcile			
Depreciation	(52,797)	(3.54%)	▼
Revaluation June 2023 complete. Increased asset values resulting in additional depreciation.			
Finance costs	11,293	63.07%	▲
Timing will reconcile.			
Insurance	5,737	2.30%	▲
Timing will reconcile.			
Other expenditure	(39,212)	(10.70%)	▼
Timing will reconcile.			
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	83,519	5.83%	▲
Timing will reconcile - increases in depreciation and employee provisions			
Inflows from investing activities			
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2,112,395	275.93%	▲
Additional DFES Resilience Fund Grant and Blackspot Funding			
Proceeds from disposal of assets	(3,636)	(9.09%)	▼
1 vehicle changed over, timing will reconcile.			
Outflows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(270,179)	(45.83%)	▼
Timing will reconcile as works are completed			
Payments for construction of infrastructure	1,099,939	68.55%	▲
Timing will reconcile as works are completed			
Outflows from financing activities			
Transfer to reserves	(449,652)	0.00%	▼
Transfer to reserves actioned			
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	(62,283)	(2.01%)	▼
Timing will reconcile			
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	3,531,635	98.37%	▲
Due to variances described above			

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1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$3.09 M	\$3.09 M	\$3.03 M	(\$0.06 M)
Closing	\$0.00 M	\$3.59 M	\$7.12 M	\$3.53 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents			Payables			Receivables		
	\$7.38 M	% of total		\$0.39 M	% Outstanding		\$0.40 M	% Collected
Unrestricted Cash	\$6.38 M	86.4%	Trade Payables	\$0.09 M		Rates Receivable	\$0.72 M	86.4%
Restricted Cash	\$1.00 M	13.6%	0 to 30 Days		46.3%	Trade Receivable	\$0.40 M	% Outstanding
			Over 30 Days		53.6%	Over 30 Days		92.0%
			Over 90 Days		(0.1%)	Over 90 Days		54.4%

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets Refer to 9 - Payables Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities				Rates Revenue			Grants and Contributions			Fees and Charges		
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	YTD Actual	\$5.07 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$1.23 M	% Variance	YTD Actual	\$1.18 M	% Variance
(\$1.00 M)	\$1.84 M	\$2.95 M	\$1.11 M	YTD Budget	\$5.05 M	0.5%	YTD Budget	\$0.59 M	106.6%	YTD Budget	\$1.15 M	2.4%

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity Refer to 10 - Rate Revenue Refer to 13 - Grants and Contributions Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities				Proceeds on sale			Asset Acquisition			Capital Grants		
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	YTD Actual	\$0.04 M	%	YTD Actual	\$0.50 M	% Spent	YTD Actual	\$2.88 M	% Received
(\$2.10 M)	(\$1.38 M)	\$1.56 M	\$2.94 M	Adopted Budget	\$0.16 M	(76.5%)	Adopted Budget	\$2.74 M	(81.6%)	Adopted Budget	\$1.31 M	119.3%

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities				Borrowings		Reserves	
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)	Principal repayments	(\$0.07 M)	Reserves balance	\$1.00 M
\$0.01 M	\$0.03 M	(\$0.42 M)	(\$0.45 M)	Interest expense	(\$0.01 M)	Interest earned	\$0.02 M
				Principal due	\$0.88 M		

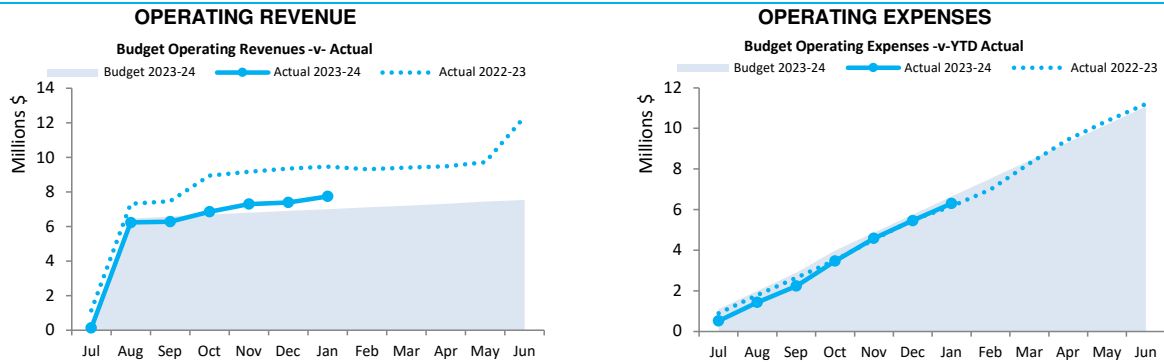
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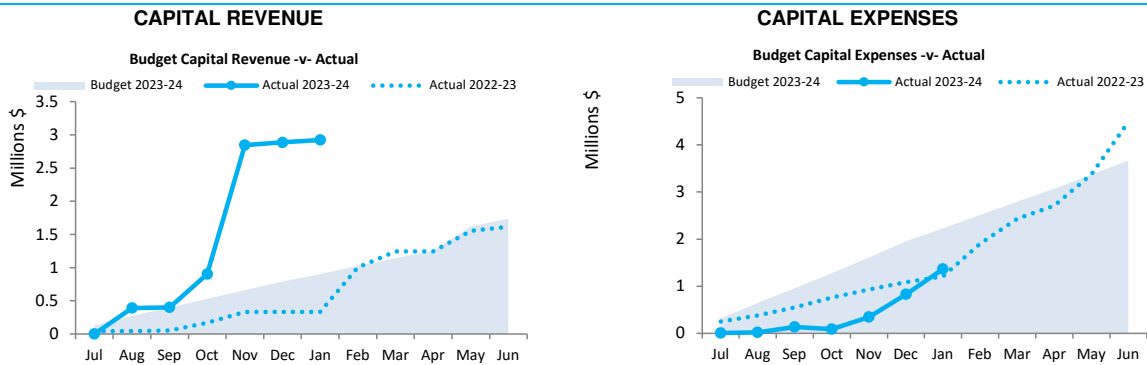
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2 KEY INFORMATION - GRAPHICAL

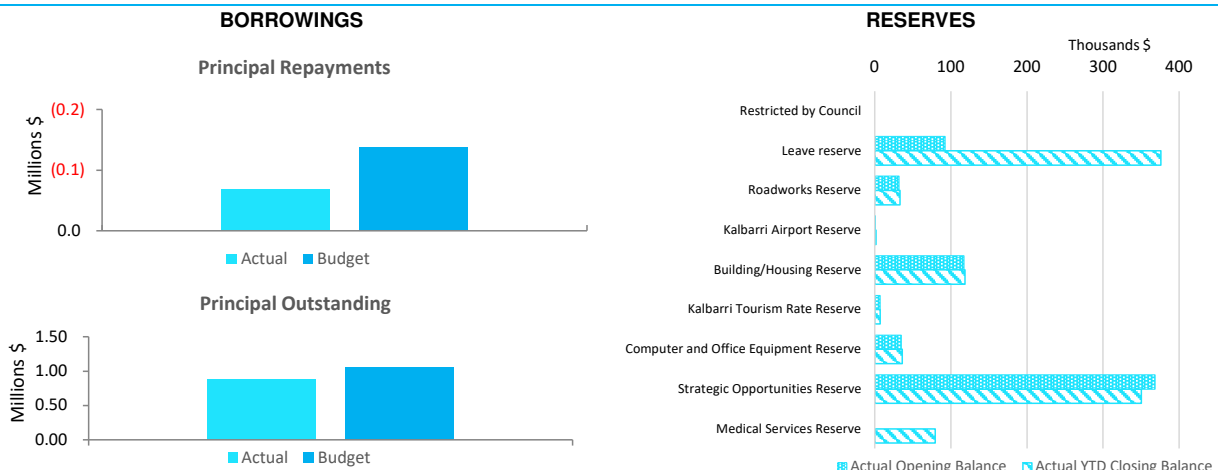
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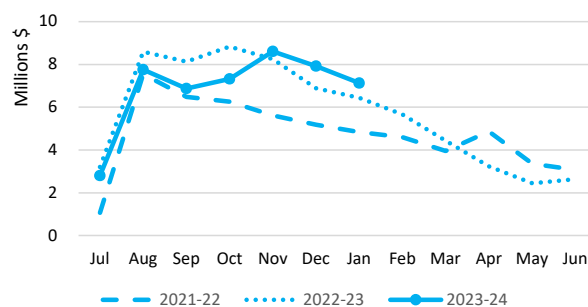
INVESTING ACTIVITIES



FINANCING ACTIVITIES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

Description	Classification	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Cash	Trust	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
		\$	\$	\$	\$			
Cash Deposits	Municipal	2,367,485		2,367,485.29		NAB		At call
Petty Cash	Cash on Hand	1,050		1,050.00				
Investment	Reserves	0	1,002,874	1,002,874		NAB	4.90%	23/02/2023
Investment	Term Deposit	1,004,075		1,004,075.07		NAB	4.95%	23/02/2023
Investment	Term Deposit	1,500,000		1,500,000.00		NAB	4.60%	09/02/2024
Investment	Term Deposit	1,508,635		1,508,635.07		NAB	5.00%	07/03/2024
Total		6,381,245	1,002,874	7,384,119	0			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		6,381,245	1,002,874	7,384,119	0			
		6,381,245	1,002,874	7,384,119	0			

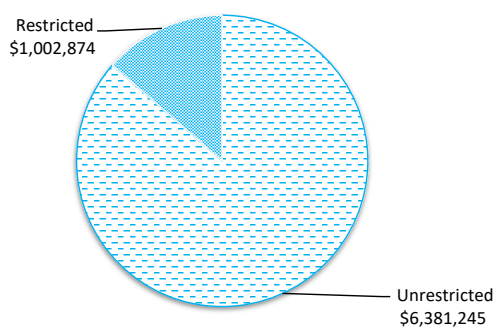
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Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

The local government classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

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

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 4 - Other as:



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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve name	Budget Opening Balance	Budget Interest Earned	Budget Transfer s In (+)	Budget Transfers Out (-)	Budget Closing Balance	Actual Opening Balance	Actual Interest Earned	Actual Transfers In (+)	Actual Transfers Out (-)	Actual YTD Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by Council										
Leave reserve	92,585	5,000	5,000		102,585	92,585	9,830	273,607		376,022
Roadworks Reserve	31,986	1,500			33,486	31,986	1,440			33,426
Kalbarri Airport Reserve	1,045	500			1,545	1,045	485			1,530
Building/Housing Reserve	117,240	1,500			118,740	117,240	1,440			118,680
Kalbarri Tourism Rate Reserve	6,975	0			6,975	6,975	0			6,975
Computer and Office Equipment	35,136	1,000			36,136	35,136	975			36,111
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	368,254	7,500			375,754	368,254	7,225	75,000	(100,000)	350,479
Medical Services Reserve	0		79,650		79,650	0	0	79,650		79,650
	653,222	17,000	84,650	0	754,872	653,221	21,395	428,257	(100,000)	1,002,873

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Actual Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	71,750	56,004	498,199	442,195
Plant and equipment	781,000	533,496	361,481	(172,015)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	852,750	589,500	859,679	270,179
Infrastructure - Roads	2,157,140	1,258,306	501,757	(756,549)
Infrastructure - Footpaths & Carpark	376,470	219,569	0	(219,569)
Infrastructure - Parks & Ovals	148,000	94,660	2,920	(91,740)
Infrastructure - Water & Sewer Reticulation	55,000	32,081	0	(32,081)
Acquisition of infrastructure	2,736,610	1,604,616	504,677	(1,099,939)
Total capital acquisitions	3,589,360	2,194,116	1,364,357	(829,759)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	1,312,387	765,541	2,877,936	2,112,395
Borrowings	250,000	0	0	0
Other (disposals & C/Fwd)	155,000	40,000	36,364	(3,636)
Reserve accounts				
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	0		100,000	100,000
Contribution - operations	1,871,973	1,388,575	(1,649,943)	(3,038,518)
Capital funding total	3,589,360	2,194,116	1,364,357	(829,759)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

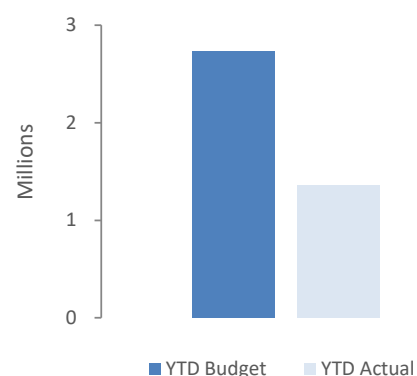
Initial recognition and measurement for assets held at cost

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

Initial recognition and measurement between mandatory revaluation dates for assets held at fair value

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

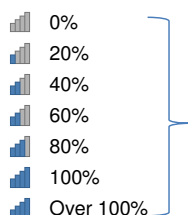
Payments for Capital Acquisitions



5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

Level of completion indicators



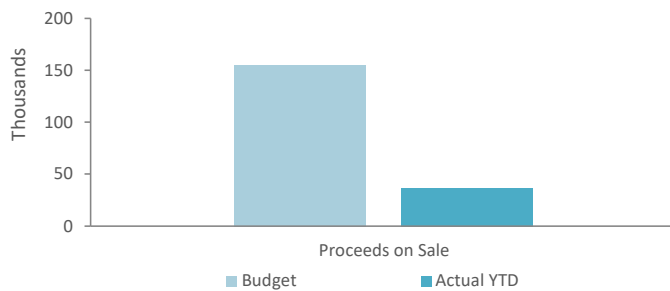
Percentage Year to Date Actual to Annual Budget expenditure where the expenditure over budget highlighted in red.

Level of completion indicator, please see table at the end of this note for further detail.

Account Description	Adopted		YTD Actual	Variance (Under)/Over
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
DCEO Vehicle	55,000	54,996	56,290	(1,294)
Install Hampton Gardens Shelter (Seroja Donations)	0	0	2,920	(2,920)
DUP Recreation Ground Ablutions	6,000	1,000	0	1,000
Horrock Foreshore - Install Outdoor Shower	3,000	1,750	0	1,750
Kalbarri Recreation Jetty Repairs	40,000	23,331	0	23,331
NCC - Womes Change Room Upgrade	40,000	39,996	0	39,996
Port Gregory Carpark and BBQ	141,310	82,418	0	82,418
Stud Breeders Shed - Northampton	1,750	1,015	1,659	(644)
Kalbarri Multi-Use Centre	10,000	5,831	10,044	(4,213)
Horrocks North Holding Tanks	20,000	19,998	0	19,998
Shelters Kalbarri Foreshore	25,000	14,581	0	14,581
RSL Monument - Kalbarri Foreshore	60,000	35,000	0	35,000
Road Construction	2,157,140	1,258,306	501,757	756,549
Footpath/Carpark Construction	235,160	137,151	0	137,151
Water Truck	250,000	346,500	240,559	105,941
Back Hoe (No Trade) c/over	235,000	0	0	0
Truck Trailer	100,000	0	0	0
Tipper Trailer for Kalbarri Gardiner	9,000	0	0	0
LH Maintenance Kalbarri P283 c/over	55,000	55,000	0	55,000
Works Manager 4WD (Replace P302)	77,000	77,000	0	77,000
Kalbarri Depot Install Septic Tanks	14,000	8,162	18,464	(10,302)
Port Gregory - Septic System Upgrade & WS Tank	55,000	32,081	0	32,081
Kalb Mens Shed Richardson Road	0	0	468,032	(468,032)
EMCDR Vehicle	0	0	64,631	(64,631)
	3,589,360	2,194,116	1,364,357	829,759

6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

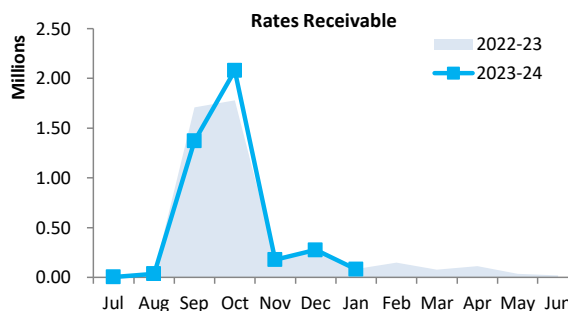
Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		Value				Value			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant and equipment									
41782	P295 MUX DCEO	19,000	40,000	21,000	0	16,509	36,364	19,855	0
41769	P283 Ute LH Kalbarri	5,000	10,000	5,000	0			0	0
41789	P302 Prado MWTS	35,000	50,000	15,000	0			0	0
41694	P217 Water Truck	27,500	40,000	12,500	0			0	0
41695	P218 Truck Trailer	9,500	15,000	5,500	0			0	0
		96,000	155,000	59,000	0	16,509	36,364	19,855	0



7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 June 2023	31 Jan 2024
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous years	62,511	170,852
Levied this year	4,820,332	5,128,688
Less - collections to date	(4,711,991)	(4,577,218)
Gross rates collectable	170,852	722,322
Net rates collectable	170,852	722,322
% Collected	96.5%	86.4%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	(2,900)	18,799	38,893	35,678	108,005	198,475
Percentage	(1.5%)	9.5%	19.6%	18.0%	54.4%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						198,475
Rubbish receivables						75,597
GST receivable						28,715
Emergency Services Levy						94,982
Total receivables general outstanding						397,769

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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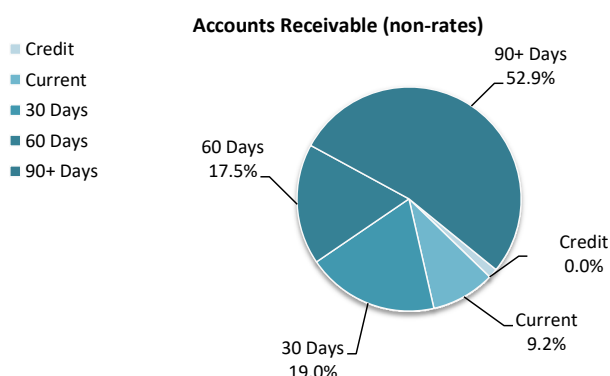
Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectable amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Receivables which are generally due for settlement within 30 days except rates receivables which are expected to be collected within 12 months are classified as current assets. All other receivables such as, deferred pensioner rates receivable after the end of the reporting period are classified as non-current assets.

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



8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2023	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 31 January 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets				
Other financial assets at amortised cost				
Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	16,353		(16,353)	0
Inventory				
Fuel	13,407	58,609		72,016
Land held for resale				
Cost of acquisition	180,000			180,000
Total other current assets	209,760	58,609	(16,353)	252,016
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)				

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Other financial assets at amortised cost

The Shire classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

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

Inventory

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

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

Land held for resale

Land held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development.

Borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

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

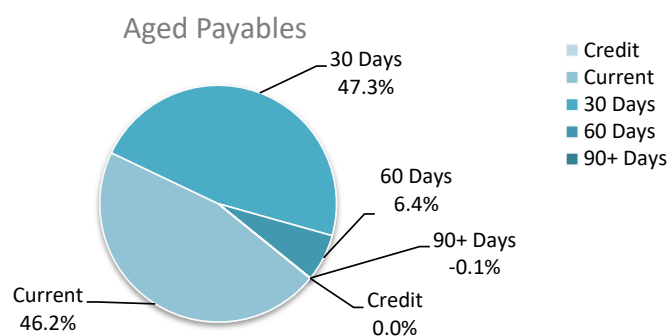
Land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Council's intentions to release for sale.

9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	42,745	43,685	5,941	(62)	92,308
Percentage	0.0%	46.3%	47.3%	6.4%	-0.1%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						92,308
Accrued salaries and wages						2,408
ATO liabilities						72,417
Payroll Deductions Rates						(40)
Prepaid Rates						53,856
Bonds and Deposits						186,579
Accrued Expenditure						(18,036)
Total payables general outstanding						389,492
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)						

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



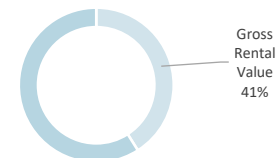
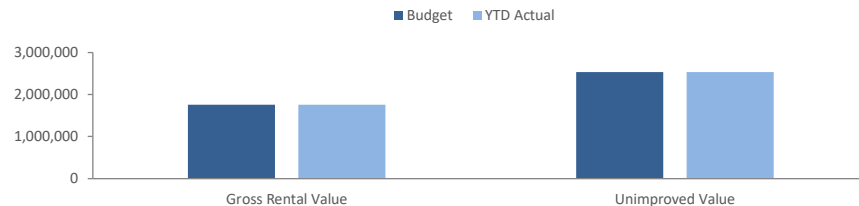
10 RATE REVENUE

General rate revenue

RATE TYPE	Rate in \$ (cents)	Number of Properties	Rateable Value	Rate Revenue \$	Budget Interim Rate Revenue \$	Total Revenue \$	Rate Revenue \$	YTD Actual Interim Rate Revenue \$	Total Revenue \$
Gross rental value									
Gross Rental Value	8.6903	1,445	18,432,632	1,756,773		1,756,773	1,756,781		1,756,781
Unimproved value									
Unimproved Value	0.8487	422	298,259,414	2,532,860		2,532,860	2,533,555		2,533,555
Sub-Total		1,867	316,692,046	4,289,633	0	4,289,633	4,290,336	0	4,290,336
Minimum payment	Minimum Payment \$615								
Gross rental value									
Gross Rental Value		1,151	5,325,590	707,865		707,865	714,015	24,212	738,227
Unimproved value									
Unimproved Value		52	1,655,142	50,430		50,430	44,280	(244)	44,036
Sub-total		1,203	6,980,732	758,295	0	758,295	758,295	23,968	782,263
Total general rates						5,047,928			5,072,599
Specified area rates	Rate in \$ (cents)								
Port Gregory Water Supply	0.045713	55	568,762	26,000		26,000	26,000		26,000
Kalbarri Tourism Rate	0.001785	1,759	16,805,309	30,000		30,000	30,089		30,089
Total specified area rates			17,374,071	56,000	0	56,000	56,089	0	56,089
Total						5,103,928			5,128,688

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Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event for the rates has occurred, refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance give rise to a financial liability. On 1 July 20 the prepaid rates were recognised as a financial asset and a related amount was recognised as a financial liability and no income was recognised. When the taxable event occurs the financial liability is extinguished and income recognised for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.



11 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings

Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2023	New Loans		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Staff Housing	154	79,363			(19,361)	(39,038)	60,002	40,325	(1,065)	(2,871)
RSL Hall Extensions	156	312,202			(24,576)	(49,405)	287,626	262,797	(3,216)	(8,265)
Plant Purchases	157	243,626			(16,515)	(33,162)	227,111	210,464	(1,140)	(5,370)
Plant Purchases	158	0		250,000			0	250,000	334	
Staff Housing	152	2					2	2		
		635,193	0	250,000	(60,451)	(121,605)	574,742	763,588	(5,086)	(16,506)
Self supporting loans										
Pioneer Lodge		310,824	0	0	(8,419)	(17,005)	302,405	293,819	(1,526)	(14,219)
		310,824	0	0	(8,419)	(17,005)	302,405	293,819	(1,526)	(14,219)
Total		946,017	0	250,000	(68,870)	(138,610)	877,147	1,057,407	(6,612)	(30,725)
Current borrowings		138,610					0			
Non-current borrowings		807,407					877,147			
		946,017					877,147			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

New borrowings 2023-24

Particulars	Amount Borrowed	Amount Borrowed	Institution	Loan Type	Term Years	Total Interest & Charges	Interest Rate	Amount (Used)		Balance Unspent
	Actual	Budget						Actual	Budget	
	\$	\$				\$	%	\$	\$	\$
Plant Loan 158		250,000	WATC	Fixed	10					
	0	250,000				0		0	0	0

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Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

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

12 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2023	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 31 January 2024
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current liabilities						
Other liabilities						
Contract liabilities		20,000	0			20,000
Total other liabilities		20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		266,079	0			266,079
Provision for long service leave		478,476	0			478,476
Total Provisions		744,555	0	0	0	744,555
Total other current liabilities		764,555	0	0	0	764,555

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

A breakdown of contract liabilities and associated movements is provided on the following pages at Note 13

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Provisions

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

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

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

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

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the calculation of net current assets.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

Contract liabilities

An entity's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the entity has received consideration (or the amount is due) from the customer.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Grants to acquire or construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications be constructed to be controlled by the Shire are recognised as a liability until such time as the Shire satisfies its obligations under the agreement.

13 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in	Decrease in	Liability	Current	Adopted	YTD	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2023	Liability	Liability	31 Jan 2024	Liability	Budget	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	(As revenue)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
GRANTS COMMISSION - GENERAL				0		47,850	23,924	33,693
GRANTS COMMISSION - ROADS				0		26,975	13,486	22,373
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY - BFB				0		53,090	30,967	39,818
EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY - SES				0		40,000	23,332	30,000
CONTRIBUTIONS/REIMBURSEMENTS				0		3,552	2,072	0
- MRD MAINTENANCE				0		221,240	221,240	221,240
DFES - COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND				0				400,000
	0	0	0	0	0	392,707	315,021	747,123
Contributions								
CONTRIBUTIONS				0		15,000	8,750	(4,354)
REBATES AND COMMISSIONS				0		25,000	14,581	22,822
LEGAL CHARGES RATES (NO GST)				0		10,000	5,831	0
RATE EQUIVALENT PAYMENTS				0		23,267	0	1,184
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		12,000	7,000	0
CONTRIBUTIONS				0		16,000	9,331	0
REIMBURSEMENTS - OTHER				0		2,000	1,162	358
SELF SUPPORTING LOAN INTEREST REIMBURSEMENTS - PIONEER LODGE				0		0	0	6,139
NCCA GRANTS/CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE				0		0	0	80
REIMBURSEMENTS - HOUSING OTHER				0		15,000	8,750	7,016
CONTRIBUTIONS				0		50,000	29,162	26,038
REIMBURSEMENTS - DRUMMUSTER				0		4,000	2,331	0
REIMBURSE (ADVERTISING/PLANNING COMMISSION)				0		200	112	6,364
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		8,500	4,956	8,824
BUS HIRE				0		0	0	104
CONTRIBUTIONS/REIMBURSEMENTS				0		0	0	3,552
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		2,000	1,162	339
REIMBURSEMENTS- REC. CTRE/GOLF CLUB				0		5,000	2,912	1,554
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		0	0	432
150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS - REVENUE (INC BRICKS/MEMORABILIA)				0		0	0	20
CONTRIBUTION (INC STREET LIGHTING)				0		3,750	2,184	480
LEASE FEES - HALF WAY BAY COTTAGES				0		16,000	9,331	16,000
BUILDING REIMBURSEMENTS				0		1,500	875	485
REIMBURSEMENTS				0		2,000	1,162	1,707
LIA (KITSON CIRCUIT) UNITS ANNUAL RENT				0		4,500	2,625	1,368
PT GREGORY SPEC AREA RATE				0		1,000	581	1,000
INSURANCE CLAIMS - VEHICLES				0		2,000	1,162	0
DIESEL FUEL REBATE				0		36,000	21,000	21,508
WHS COORDINATOR INCOME RECOUP				0		58,595	34,174	0
DFES/DFRAWA INCOME				0		187,750	109,515	356,135
	0	0	0	0	0	501,062	278,649	479,155
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	893,769	593,670	1,226,278

14 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2023		(As revenue)	31 Jan 2024	31 Jan 2024	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
OTHER COMMUNITY AMENITIES - CONTRIBUTIONS/GRANTS				0		0	0	56,000
ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING				0		453,484	264,530	0
BLACKSPOT FUNDING				0		92,935	54,208	1,521,824
LRCI - LITTLE BAY ROAD & GREY STREET ASPHALT				0		490,301	286,006	683,871
WA BIKE NETWORK GRANT				0		41,000	23,912	0
REGIONAL ROAD GROUP FUNDING				0		234,667	136,885	0
RUNWAY RESEAL - LRCI GRANT				0		0	0	116,241
DFES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESILIENCE FUND				0		0	0	500,000
	0	0	0	0	0	1,312,387	765,541	2,877,936

**SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

15 BONDS & DEPOSITS

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

Description	Opening Balance	Amount	Amount	Closing Balance
	1 July 2023	Received	Paid	31 Jan 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Transportable House Bonds	17,000	30,400	(7,900)	39,500
Footpath Bonds	23,007	16,500	(5,500)	34,007
Nomination Deposits	0	500	(500)	0
Building Levies (BCITF & BRB)	346	22,179	(20,893)	1,633
Community Bus Bond	5,400	1,200	(400)	6,200
Unclaimed Monies - Rates	5,179	19,776	(19,776)	5,179
RSL Hall Key Bond	430	250	(250)	430
Special Series Plates	4,510	2,170	(1,400)	5,280
Northampton Child Care Association	23,739	47	0	23,786
Horrocks Memorial Wall	1,198	1,000	(450)	1,748
One Life	940	0	0	940
Rubbish Tip Key Bond	1,800	0	(200)	1,600
Horrocks - Skate/Pump Park	2,000	0	0	2,000
RSL - Kalbarri Memorial	31,883	0	0	31,883
DOT - Department of Transport	0	116,227	(116,227)	0
Cyclone Seroja Donations	0	100	0	100
Rates - Overpaid	30,761	0	0	30,761
Horrocks Lookout	1,353	0	(62)	1,291
Miscellaneous Deposits	240	0	0	240
	149,787	210,349	(173,557)	186,579

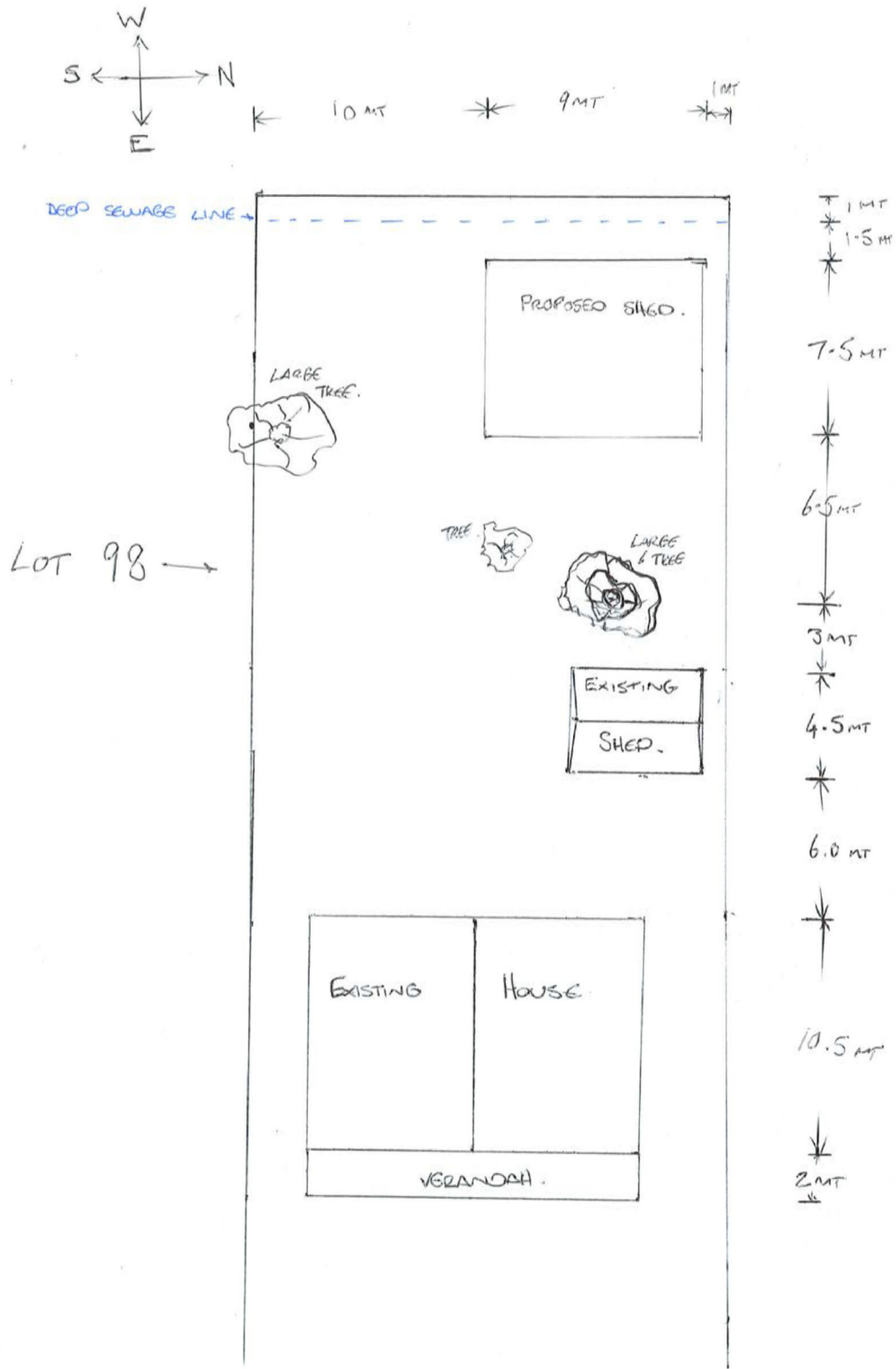
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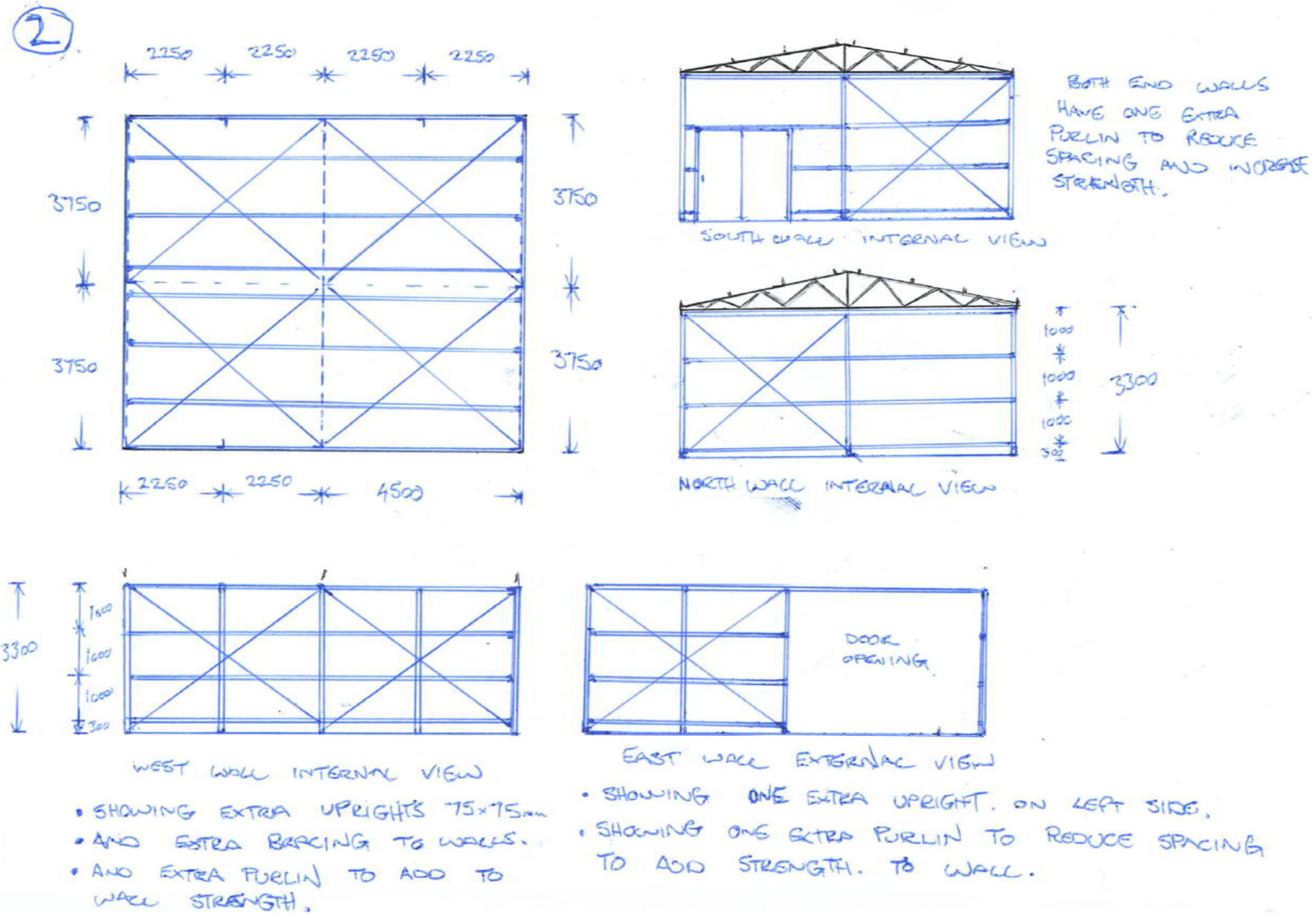
16 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

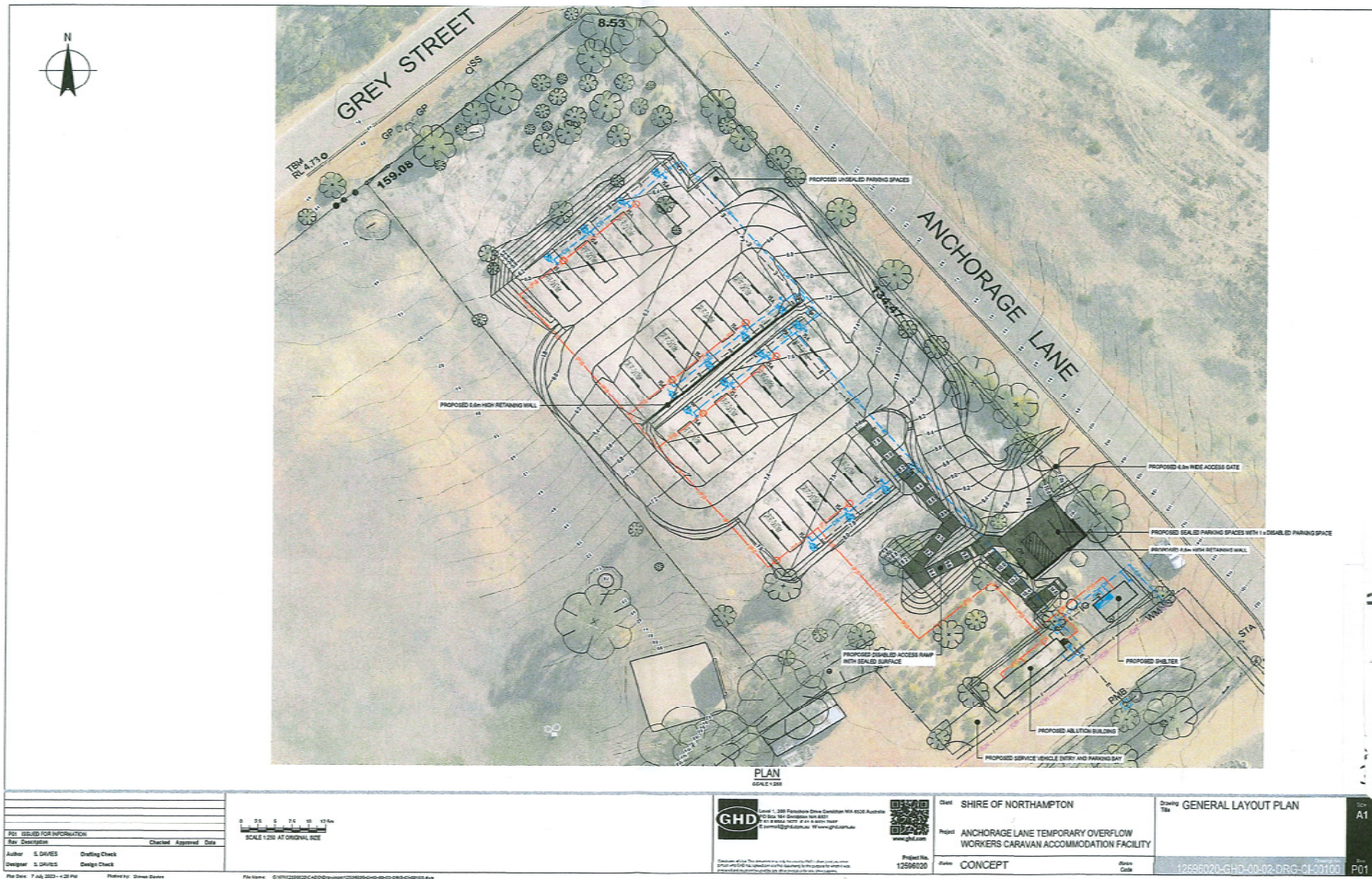
Description	Council Resolution	Classification	Non Cash Adjustment	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Budget adoption						0
LRCI3 - Kalbarri Runway Reseal	9.2.3	Capital revenue		145,301		145,301
LRCI3 - Grey Street Asphalt	9.2.3	Capital revenue		275,000		420,301
LRCI3 - NCC Toilet Block	9.2.3	Capital revenue		70,000		490,301
FAG's General Grant	9.2.3	Operating revenue		19,535		509,836
FAG's Road Grant	9.2.3	Operating revenue		17,771		527,607
Plant & Equipment	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(65,000)	462,607
Planning Consultancy	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(50,000)	412,607
Oval Residence	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(50,000)	362,607
Rake Place Residence	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(14,000)	348,607
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	9.2.3				(75,000)	273,607
Leave Reserve	9.2.3				(273,607)	0
Port Gregory Toilet Septic System Upgrade	9.2.3	Capital expenses		19,000		19,000
Kalbarri Sport & Recreation Furniture Contributi	9.2.3	Operating expenses		6,000		25,000
Port Gregory Water supply Shed	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(25,000)	0
Strategic Opportunities Reserve	9.1.7			100,000		100,000
Economic Development Framework Project	9.1.7	Operating expenses			(100,000)	0
LRCI Phase 4 Revenue (Little Bay Road Constr	9.2.3	Capital revenue		282,816		282,816
Little Bay Road Construction Expenditure)	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(282,816)	0
Rebates & Commissions (Revenue)	9.2.3	Operating revenue		11,500		11,500
Kalbarri Airport Runway Reseal (Expense)	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(11,500)	0
Blackspot Grant Revenue	9.2.3	Capital revenue		3,711,625		3,711,625
Kalbarri Road - Shoulder Widening	9.2.3	Capital expenses			(3,711,625)	0
Rebates & Commissions (Revenue)	9.2.3	Operating revenue		1,500		1,500
Contribution - Northampton Creative Obsession:	9.2.3	Operating expenses			(1,500)	0
				4,660,048	(4,660,048)	0

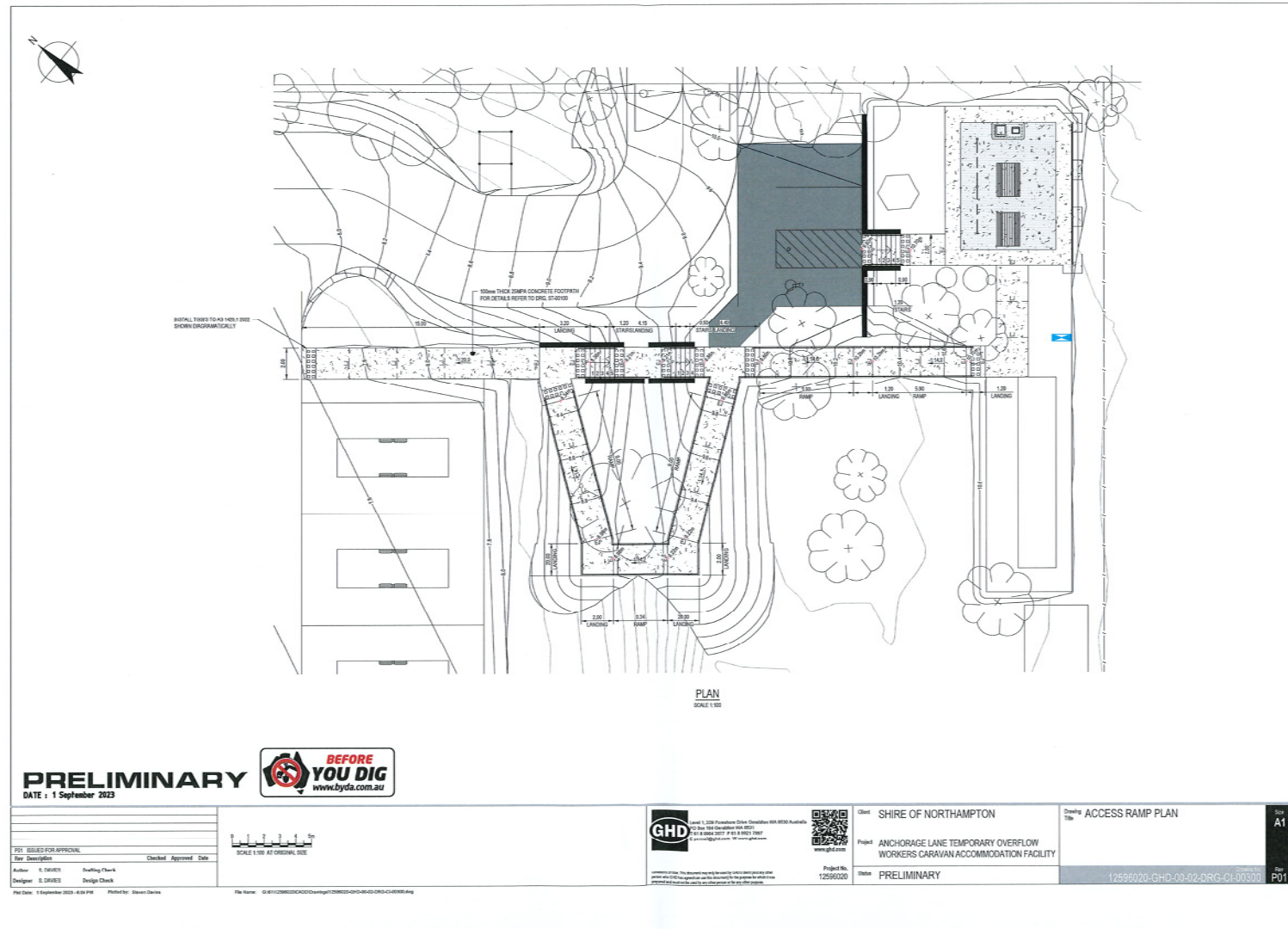
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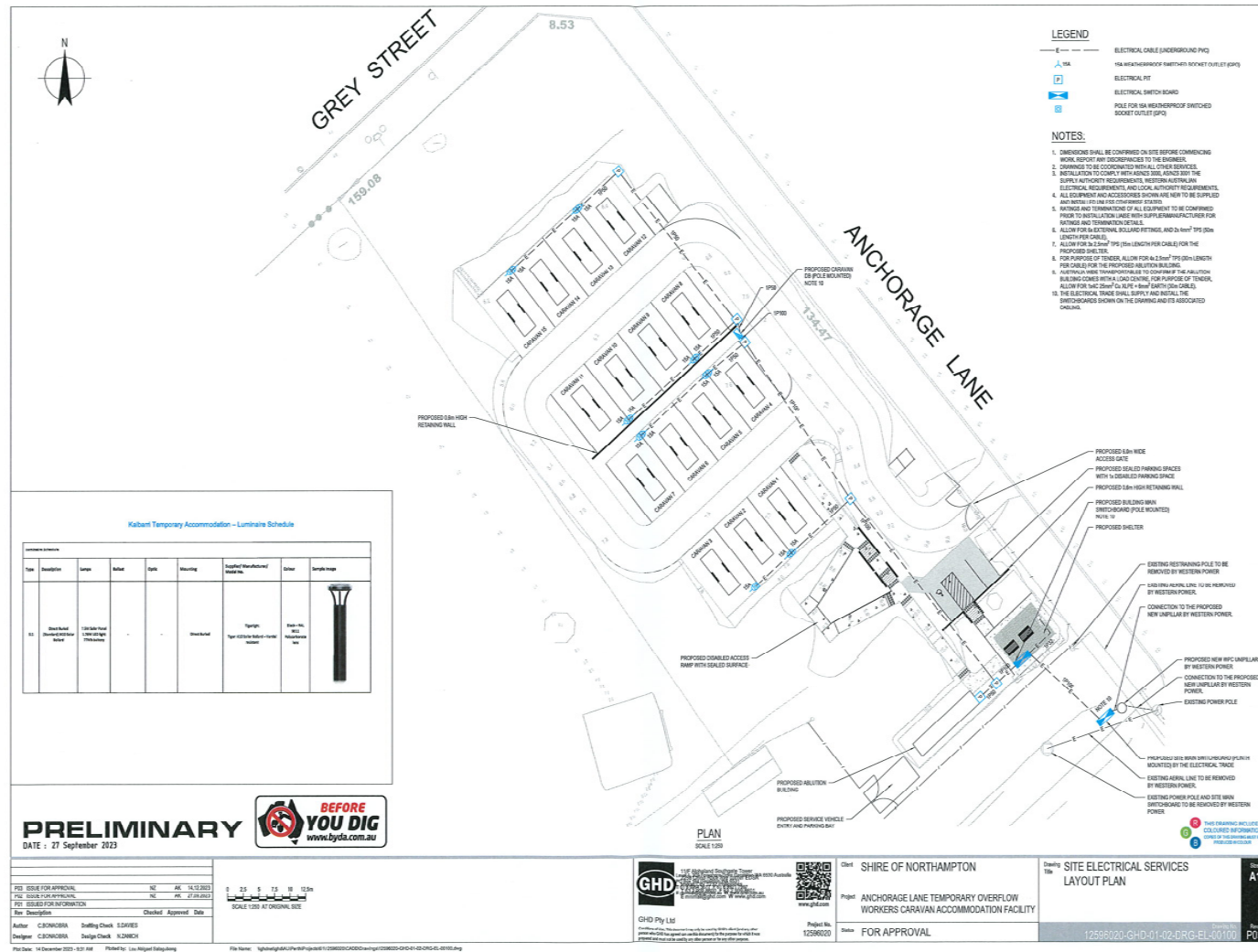




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NORTHAMPTON SHIRE COUN.				
File:				
22 DEC 2023				
Admin	Eng	Hlth Bldg	Town Plan	Rs

Our ref: TPS/2926
Enquiries: Local Planning Schemes

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Northampton
PO Box 61
NORTHAMPTON WA 6535

Transmission via electronic mail to: council@northampton.wa.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 10 - AMENDMENT NO. 8

The Western Australian Planning Commission (Commission) has considered the amendment and submitted its recommendation to the Minister in accordance with section 87(1) of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* (the Act).

The Minister has approved the amendment in accordance with section 87(2)(a) of the Act. In accordance with section 87(3) of the Act, the Commission will cause the approved amendment to be published in the Government Gazette.

The Commission has forwarded notice to the Department of Premier and Cabinet (attached) and it is the local governments' responsibility to make arrangements for the payment of any publication costs. The local government is required under section 87(4B) of the Act, and regulation 64 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, to publish the approved amendment, ensure that it is available to the public, and notify each person who made a submission.

For all payment and purchase order queries, please contact the Department of Premier and Cabinet on (08) 6552 6012. One signed set of the amending documents is returned for your records.

Please direct any queries about this matter to locaplanningschemes@dph.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Sam Boucher

Ms Sam Boucher
Secretary
Western Australian Planning Commission

15/12/2023

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005**APPROVED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT**
Shire of Northampton**LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME No. 10 - AMENDMENT No. 8**

Ref: TPS/2926

It is hereby notified for public information, in accordance with section 87 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* that the Minister for Planning approved the Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme amendment on 14 December 2023 for the purpose of:

1. Amending the Scheme Maps as follows:
 - (a) Rezoning a portion of Lot 254 Glance Street, Horrocks from 'Commercial' zone to 'Residential R20' zone.
 - (b) Rezoning a portion of Lot 1 Horan Way, Horrocks from 'Rural' zone to 'Residential R20' zone.
 - (c) Rezoning Lots 20, 21 and 47 Mitchell Street, Horrocks from 'Local Scheme Reserve – Public Open Space' zone to 'Residential R12.5'.
 - (d) Modifying a portion of Lot 10 Glance Street, Horrocks from 'Additional Use 3' (A3) to 'Additional Use 4' (A4).
 - (e) Rezoning Lots 21 and 22 Mary Street, Northampton from 'Special Use 2 to 'Public Purposes – Emergency Services'.
 - (f) Rezoning Lots 505 and 18 North West Coastal Highway Alma, from 'Special Use' zone to 'Rural – Additional Use 2' (A2) zone, and
 - (g) Remove the SCA3 Public Drinking Water Source Protection over Yerina Springs Northampton and Port Gregory.

L SUDLOW
PRESIDENT

A CAMPBELL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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LOT 1 (#8) STARFIRE CLOSE, KALBARRI
OWNER =



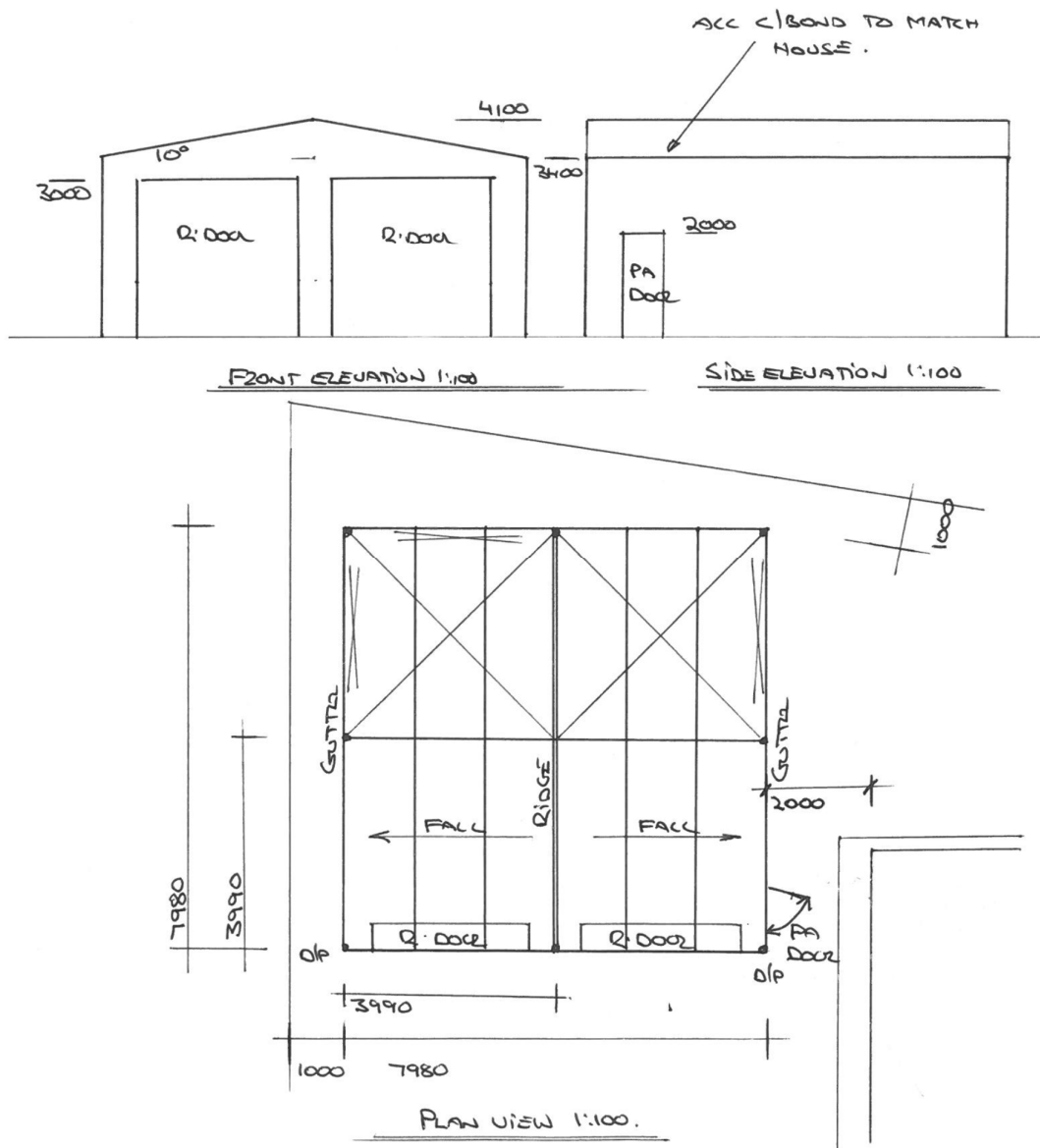
DRAINAGE NOTE - ROOF AREA = $63.68 \text{ m}^2 \times 0.9 \div 60 = 960 \text{ LTRS}$

ALL RAIN WATER DIRECTED VIA BUBBLES AWAY FROM FOUNDATIONS
& BOUNDARIES BY OWNER

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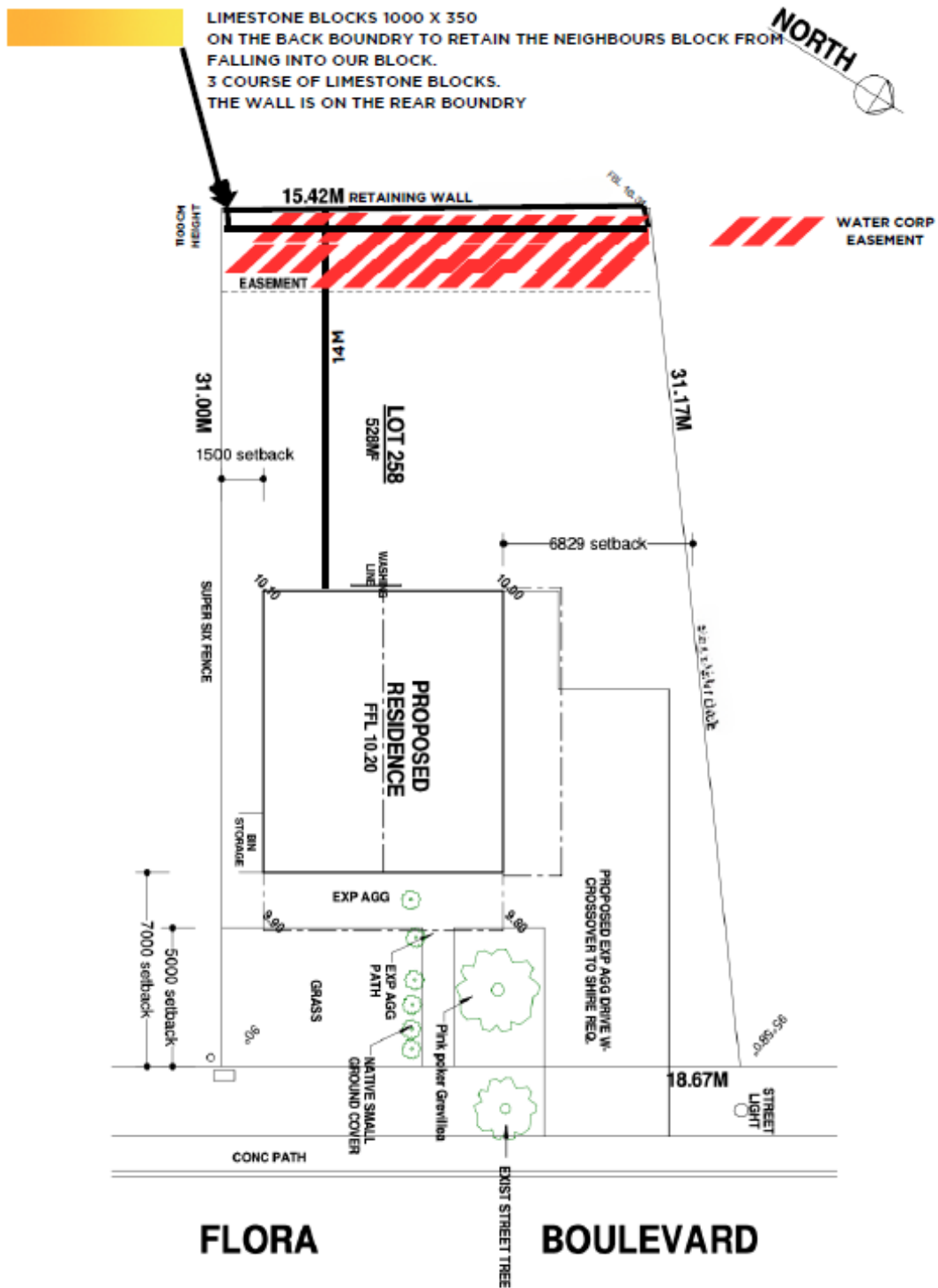
Shoreline Out Door World 66 Flores Road , Geraldton . WA 6530 PO Box 3223 , Bluff Point , Geraldton WA Tel. 99644447 Fax 99217119 leon@shorelineodw.com.au	Owner - Lot 1 #8 Address - Lot Starfire Close , Kalbarri . Proposed - shed Scale 1: 100 Block area 1014 m2
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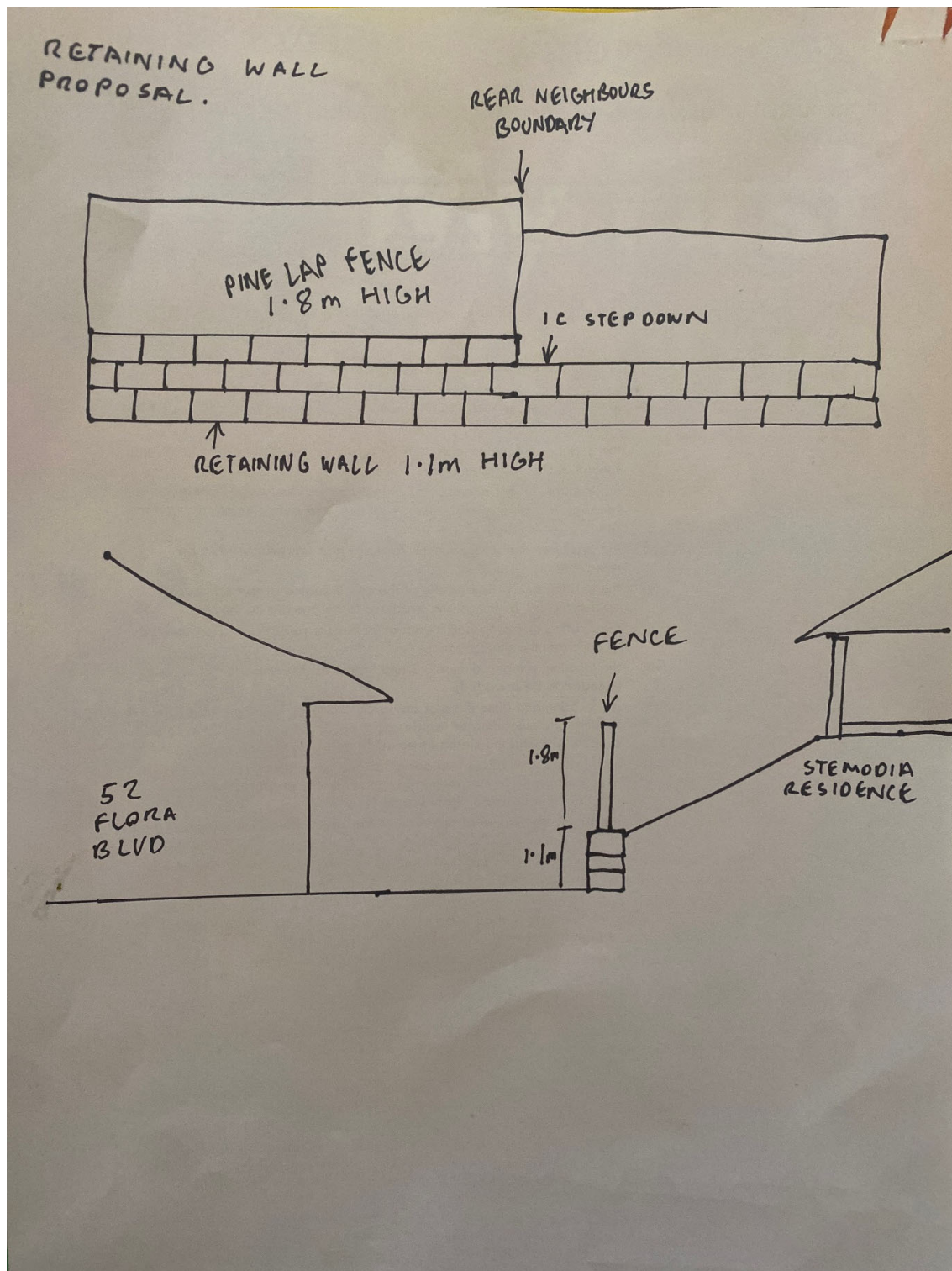
All storm water run off is to be directed away from footings and boundaries by the owner



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ATTACHMENT 9.4.6 (1)



ATTACHMENT: 9.4.7 (1)**Delegated Planning Decisions for December 2023**

D/A No	Applicant	Property	Purpose	Decision	Value
071	JP AYRES & M BYRNES	LOT 303 (NO. 63) GLANCE STREET, HORROCKS	TEMPORARY SITE ABLUTION SIX (6) MONTHS	29 November 2023	**
072	LG CLARK	LOT 888 (NO. 59) GANTHEAUME CRESCENT, KALBARRI	FRONT FENCE (R-CODE VARIATION)	19 December 2023	\$3000
073	ELEMENT ADVISORY PTY LTD	LOT 136 (NO. 92) GREY STREET, KALBARRI	OUTBUILDING	20 December 2023	\$250,000
074	IS CONNAH	LOT 201 (NO. 12) BALAAM STREET, KALBARRI	OUTBUILDING	20 December 2023	\$18,500
075	MI GLOBAL CONSTRUCTIONS	LOT 875 (NO. 6) PORTREE ELBOW, KALBARRI	OUTBUILDING	20 December 2023	\$45574
076	TEAKLE AND LALOR	LOT 303 (NO. 63) GLANCE STREET, HORROCKS	SINGLE HOUSE (R-CODE VARIATION)	20 December 2023	\$900,000

Delegated Planning Decisions for January 2024

D/A No	Applicant	Property	Purpose	Decision	Value
001	FOX MODULAR	LOT 57 (NO. 4) DIAMOND VISTA, KALBARRI	SINGLE DWELLING (R-CODE VARIATION)	4 January 2024	\$260,626
002	MAT & SK GATTY	LOT 226 (NO. 14) PATRICK CRESCENT, KALBARRI	SINGLE DWELLING (R-CODE VARIATION)	16 January 2024	\$313,500
003	DJ & D MCDONALD	LOT 39 (NO. 6) CASTAWAY STREET, KALBARRI	FRONT FENCE (R-CODE VARIATION)	16 January 2024	\$12,000
004	TR & SJ HAY	LOT 111 (NO. 7) LYNTON AVENUE, PORT GREGORY	RETAINING WALL (R-CODE VARIATION)	16 January 2024	\$8000
005	NC HOWARTH & TD FORMAN	LOT 271 (NO. 3) ASH PLACE, KALBARRI	PROPOSED OUTBUILDING AND GARAGE	16 January 2024	\$12,000
006	KR & N HARRISON	LOT 37 (NO. 8) CORAL BOULEVARD, KALBARRI	SINGLE HOUSE (R-CODE VARIATION)	16 January 2024	\$250,000

** Includes administrative applications which are attributed no value and can include Commercial Vehicle Parking, Mobile Food Vehicle, Commercial Recreational Tourism License and Temporary and Exemption Approval Applications.

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON - BUILDING APPROVALS - DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024						
Approval Date	App. No.	Owner	Builder	Property Address	Type of Building	Value
22/01/2024	23048	Mark Grosvenor	Owner Builder	6 (Lot 865) Sequita Way, Kalbarri	Construct timber-framed patio	\$ 7,000.00
22/01/2024	23052	Jasper Coates	Kane Perkins	58 (Lot 17) Walker Street, Kalbarri	Construct single storey timber-framed three-bedroom dwelling and steel-framed shed	\$ 360,000.00
6/10/2023	23057	Robert and Monica Muellner	WA Country Builders Pty Ltd	11 (Lot 38) Pederick Place, Kalbarri	Construct three-bedroom double brick dwelling	\$ 353,540.00
8/01/2024	23065	Iain Connah	Owner Builder	12 (Lot 201) Balaam Street, Kalbarri	Construct steel-framed shed	\$ 18,600.00
14/12/2023	23066	Christopher and Georgina Cremasco	Simple Life Projects	118 (Lot 71) Grey Street, Kalbarri	Additions and alterations to two storey dwelling, including re-roof from asbestos to colorbond	\$ 400,000.00
5/01/2024	23072	Steven Ovens and Rachel Turner	MI Global Construction Pty Ltd	6 (Lot 875) Portree Elbow, Kalbarri	Construct steel-framed shed	\$ 45,574.00
20/11/2023	23073	Jarryd Foster and Melissa Foster	Gavin Hutchinson	3 (Lot 144) Mortimer Street, Kalbarri	Install fibreglass swimming pool and barrier fence	\$ 38,500.00
22/01/2024	23075	Kevin and Narissa Harrison	Owner Builder	8 (Lot 37) Coral Boulevard, Kalbarri	Construct two-storey three-bedroom steel-framed dwelling	\$ 250,000.00
7/12/2023	23076	Andrew and Catherine Cranfield	WA Country Builders Pty Ltd	15 (Lot 263) Explorer Avenue, Kalbarri	Construct five-bedroom double-brick dwelling	\$ 1,180,427.00
22/01/2024	23CS527	Matthew and Sarah Gatty	Diamond Rose Pty Ltd	14 (Lot 226) Patrick Crescent, Kalbarri	Construct timber-framed three-bedroom dwelling	\$ 313,500.00

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

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WORKS CREW BUDGET - PROGRAM AND PROGRESS REPORT (2023/2024)

(February 2024)

2023/2024 Budget Works	Job No	Status	Comments
<u>REGIONAL ROAD GROUP PROJECTS - 150300</u>			
Kalbarri Road Reseal works 0.00 - 18.00 slk	RR17		Revised to match budget 8.00 to 18.00 slk
<u>ROADS TO RECOVERY - 152100</u>			
Balla Whelarra Road Reseal 5.00 to 20.00 (Binnu East Road South)	RT42		Revised to match budget 8.00 to 18.00 slk
Northampton - Fifth Street Install Stormwater	RT43		
<u>LRCU GRANT - 152140</u>			
Little Bay Road Construct Road to Little Bay	R440		Clearing Permit request submitted Land Tenure, cadastral survey and native title study included as part of clearing permit application.
<u>MUNICIPAL FUND CONSTRUCTION - 150600</u>			
Carried Over from 2022/2023			
<u>Kalbarri</u>			
Karina Mews Reseal and replace concrete kerbing	R982		
Gwalla and Brook Street Install drainage, carry over works from 2022/2023	R326		
Cont.			

2023/2024 Budget Works	Job No	Status	Comments
<u>MUNICIPAL FUND CONSTRUCTION - 150600</u>			
New Projects			
<u>Northampton</u>			
Robinson Street Surface Correction - 2 sections and kerbing	R338		
Fifth Street (Council Contribution) Install Stormwater	R345		
Bruce Road Reseal	R346		
John Street Reseal	R347		
<u>Kalbarri</u>			
Anchorage Lane Engineering Works - Investigate and Design	R348		
<u>Rural</u>			
Coolacalaya Road Survey Road Reserve	R335		
Binnu East Road Pavement Repair 12.6 to 13.6 slk	R341		Works Commenced
Parker - Wundi Road/s Outstanding Culvert headwall works	R336		Insitu headwall completed, 3 x precast to be completed.
Kalbarri Road (Council Contribution) Reseal works 0.00 - 18.00 slk	R343		Revised to match budget 8.00 to 18.00 slk
Balla Whelarra Road (Council Contribution) Reseal 5.00 to 20.00 (Binnu East Road South)	R344		Revised to match budget 8.00 to 18.00 slk
Cont.			

2023/2024 Budget Works	Job No	Status	Comments
<u>MUNICIPAL FOOTPATHS - 150900</u> Carried Over from 2022/2023			
Northampton - Stephen Street Replace DUP from NWCH to West Street	F702		
Kalbarri - Grey Street Replace DUP at front of Allen Centre	F707		Works Commenced
<u>MUNICIPAL FOOTPATHS - 150900</u> New Projects			
Kalbarri - Malaluca Pathway Maintenance of existing	08 T379		
Kalbarri - Red Bluff Road - WABN Grant Red Bluff Road to Eco Flora	F716		
Cont.			

2023/2024 Budget Works	Job No	Status	Comments
<u>OTHER WORKS - Depots/Foreshores/Ovals/Parks/Gardens/Cemeteries etc</u>			
Northampton - Oval - New Toilet Block Install concrete DUP to adjacent pavillions.			
Northampton - Oval renovation Undertake Verti mowing	F016	COMPLETE	
Northampton - Ram Pavillion Install window to pavillion office			
Northampton - RSL Fabricate and install pump/retic cover		COMPLETE	
Northampton - Northampton Community Centre Install disabled ramp south end			
Northampton - Northampton Community Centre Treatment for rising damp - stadium wall			
Northampton - Northampton Community Centre Brick pave commentery box south to prevent moisture			
Northampton - Depot Supply and Install cooler/drink fountain			
Northampton - Cemetery Install new niche wall under existing shelter	H001		
Northampton - Lions Park Install 3 x stone wall seating	F012		
Northampton - Lions Park Install stone wall to eastern side garden bed.	F012		
Northampton - Wannerenooka Tanks Supply and install filtration system			
Northampton - Main Street Heritage bin surrounds Supply heritage style bin surrounds			
Cont.			

2023/2024 Budget Works	Job No	Status	Comments
Kalbarri - Oval Renovation Undertake Verti Drain	F003	COMPLETE	
Kalbarri - Oval - Playground Replace 2 x bridge/climbing sections		COMPLETE	
Kalbarri - Skate Park area Remove central surface and replace with coloured concrete.			
Kalbarri - Foreshore grass removal Cut down grass height along DUP area/s			
Kalbarri - Depot Install one central aircon to depot office		COMPLETE	
Kalbarri - Depot Install septic and connect toilet		COMPLETE	
Kalbarri - Foreshore shelter Install Foreshore shelter.			
Horrocks - Foreshore grass removal Cut down grass height along DUP area/s			
Horrocks - Foreshore water supply holding tank Remove existing and place new			
Horrocks - Install shower Install shower at top of Jetty boardwalk	3664		
Horrocks - Jetty pylons Maintenance to jetty pylons - Remove rust/corrosion protection.	08 3684		
Horrocks - Caravan dump point Install additional tank to site - total 2	F017	COMPLETE	
Port Gregory - Carpark Construction/Renovations Foreshore carpark area	3714		
Port Gregory - New Community Storage Shed New shed	99 5414		Deferred to 2024/25
Port Gregory - Non Potable water supply holding tank Install new water supply holding tank Cont.	99 5414		

#REF!	Job No	Status	Comments
Northampton Tip Site Install new fence around green waste area		COMPLETE	
Kalbarri Tip Site Maintenance to fence	B020	COMPLETE	
Binnu Tip Site Install new fence	B022		
Port Gregory Tip Site Install cover over 'Oil Reciprical'			
<u>PLANT ITEMS - Major</u>			
Northampton - New Truck (Construction) Purchase new - trade/sell existing P217 Mitsi	4214/99		
Northampton - New Truck Trailer (Construction) Purchase new - trade/sell existing P218 Trailer	4214/99		
Northampton - New Backhoe Purchase New - No trade	4214/99		New item Ordered - Delivery October 2023. Pending replacement due to non specification machine - \$0 trade
Northampton - Exe Manager of Works and Tech Services Purchase New - trade/sell P302 Toyota Prado	4214/99		
Northampton - Exe Manager Corporate Services Purchase New - trade/sell P295 Isuzu MUX		COMPLETE	
Northampton - Exe Manager Comm, Develop and Reg Purchase New - no trade		COMPLETE	
Kalbarri - New utility - Kalbarri Leading Hand Purchase new - trade/sell P242 Nissan Navara	4214/99		
Cont.			

Kalbarri	Job No	Status	Comments
<u>PLANT ITEMS - Minor/Other/Sundry tools</u>			
Northampton - 2 way radios	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton - New Post hole digger	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton - New Pole saw	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton depot - New high pressure cleaner	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton depot - New Vehicle mounted air compressor	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton Gardeners- 1 x whipper snipper	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton Gardeners- 1 x shredder/chipper	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Northampton Gardeners- 1 x Blower battery	7362/02		
Northampton Maint Truck - Small fridge	7362/02		
Kalbarri depot - New Air compressor.	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Kalbarri Gardeners - Mower	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Kalbarri Gardeners - Blower	7362/02	COMPLETE	
Kalbarri Gardeners - Whipper snipper	7362/02	COMPLETE	



SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

Minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee held at the Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton, on Friday 15th December 2023.

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SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

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AC1. OPENING

The President Cr Sudlow welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no elected Chairperson the President declared the meeting open at 9.03am.

AC2. PRESENT

Cr L Sudlow (President)
Cr T Hay

Mr Grant Middleton (minutes)	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Mr Andrew Campbell (observer)	Chief Executive Officer

AC3. APOLOGIES

Cr R Suckling, Cr R Burges

AC4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Due to Council election process and subsequent new Councillor appointments to the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee the Chairperson position is vacant. Accordingly, the President called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Cr Sudlow nominated Cr Suckling for the position of Chairperson pending Cr Suckling's acceptance of the appointment.

Moved Cr Sudlow, seconded Cr Hay

That Cr Suckling be appointed to the position of Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee.

CARRIED 2/0

For: Cr Sudlow, Cr Hay

Against: Nil.

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ATTACHMENT 9.9.1(1)**AC5. QUESTION TIME**

Nil

AC6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Hay, seconded Cr Sudlow

That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on the 17th
February 2023 be received as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 2/0

For: Cr Sudlow, Cr Hay

Against: Nil.

AC7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil



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AC8. 2022/2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

PROPONENT:	Shire of Northampton
OWNER:	N/A
LOCATION / ADDRESS:	Whole of Shire
ZONE:	All
BUSINESS AREA:	Corporate and Financial Services
FILE REFERENCE:	1.1.1
LEGISLATION:	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Regulation 14 Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i>
AUTHOR:	Grant Middleton
APPROVING OFFICER:	Grant Middleton
DATE OF REPORT:	11 December 2023
DECLARATION OF INTEREST:	Nil

BACKGROUND:

Formal receipt of the Annual Financial Report by the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee.

The Independent Auditors Report 2023 is presented below. The Audit Committee Meeting Minutes from 17th February 2023 Appendix AC8(3) and the "Annual Financial Report" have been provided under separate cover AC8(1).

COMMENT:

The President, Cr Sudlow, Cr Suckling, Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Campbell, Executive Manager Corporate Services, Grant Middleton attended the Audit Exit Meeting with Steven Hoar from the Office of Auditor General (OAG) Western Australia and Robert Hall from Dry Kirkness on Thursday 7th December 2023.

This meeting concluded the audit process and provided the opportunity for Mr Hall (Dry Kirkness) and Mr Hoar (OAG) to discuss key audit matters and audit findings with staff and the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Members have been provided with a copy of the Annual Report 2022/2023 via Councils dropbox format.

The Annual Report is to be formally adopted by Council and once adopted an electors meeting can be held but no more than 56 days after the adoption of the report as per section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995.



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Independent Auditors Report

Whilst the Auditor General has issued an unqualified opinion the following matters (Audit Findings) were raised in the Management Letter (Report).

Management Report (Letter) - Audit Findings

There 2022/2023 Management Letter refers to two significant findings, ten moderate findings and three minor finding identified during the current years audit process. Of the items one significant finding, two moderate findings and one minor finding was from the prior year audit process.

The significant findings from this year's audit process relates to "Journal entries not independently approved" and "Inadequate purchasing procedures".

ATTACHMENT

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON PERIOD OF AUDIT: YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT

Index of findings	Potential impact on audit opinion	Rating			Prior year finding
		Significant	Moderate	Minor	
1. Journal Entries not independently approved	No	✓			
2. Inadequate purchasing procedures	No	✓			✓
3. Timesheets not completed and reviewed	No		✓		
4. Lack of Strategic IT Plan or IT risk register	No		✓		
5. Lack of Asset Management Policy	No		✓		
6. IT service level agreements not aligned with IT and cybersecurity policies	No		✓		
7. Fair value of Land and Building Assets	No		✓		
8. Casual Employment Letters not Signed	No		✓		
9. Leave forms not completed for sick leave	No		✓		✓
10. Lack of Authorisation of PO and Invoice for Expenditure	No		✓		
11. Supplier Masterfile Amendments	No		✓		✓
12. Risk Register not maintained.	No		✓		
13. Excessive annual leave	No			✓	✓



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Journal Entries Not Independently Approved

Recommendation

To help maintain the integrity of the accounting information a senior staff member should authorise all journal entries to be processed in the system and review the correctness of posting after being processed by the preparer. The authoriser/reviewer should sign and date the journals as evidence of approval and review.

Management's Comments

The majority of the items in the sample relate to Rates Journal's which are now signed off by the EMCS or another senior staff member as appropriate.

Responsible Person: Grant Middleton - EMCS

Completion Date: Immediate

Inadequate Purchasing Procedures

Recommendation

We recommend:

- The Finance policy be communicated to all employees to ensure the required minimum number of quotations are obtained prior to purchase.
- Where there is no other supplier who can fulfill the required works, supporting evidence be obtained by way of an email by alternate suppliers asked to quote or by way of notation on the purchase order documentation; and
- That the Purchasing Policy be amended to include a preferred local supplier list with details of conditions where the requirement to obtain quotes or a purchase order up to a predetermined dollar value limit is not required for those suppliers. We further recommend that the preferred local supplier list be endorsed by the Council and reviewed annually to ensure that the Shire continues to receive value for money from the local suppliers.

Management Comment

- Purchasing Policy 2.3.6 was updated on 16/12/2022 to change the requirement for quotes.
- "No quotations required prior to purchase if expenditure is approved in Council Budget" for purchases up to \$20,000.
- The Shire has implemented a new Purchase Order system and staff have been working diligently to improve our purchasing process.

Responsible Person: Grant Middleton - EMCS

Completion Date: Immediate

All actions to address the moderate and minor findings have been provided in the "Management Comments" detailed in the Management Report (Letter).



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The information provided in Attachment AC8(2) (Audit Findings) lists the steps to be taken to resolve the identified issues.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government Act 1995 – Regulation 14 Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

SUSTAINABILITY:

Environmental: Nil

Economic: Nil

Social: Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

SIMPLE MAJORITY

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report as presented be received.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Hay, SECONDED: Cr Sudlow

That the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report as presented be received.

CARRIED: 2/0

For: Cr Sudlow, Cr Hay

Against: Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Annual Financial Report 2022-2023**
- 2. Management Report (Letter) - Audit Findings**

APPENDICIES

- 1. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes from 17th February 2023**

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**Auditor General****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT****2023****Shire of Northampton****To the Council of the Shire of Northampton****Opinion**

I have audited the financial report of the Shire of Northampton (Shire) which comprises:

- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Financial Activity for the year then ended
- Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial report is:

- based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2023 and its financial position at the end of that period
- in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section below.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report, or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.



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If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When I do receive it, I will read it and if I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, I am required to communicate the matter to the CEO and Council and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, I may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and Council for the financial report

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire is responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts and records
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Act and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards
- managing internal control as required by the CEO to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the CEO is responsible for:

- assessing the Shire's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the State Government has made decisions affecting the continued existence of the Shire.

The Council is responsible for overseeing the Shire's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

My independence and quality management relating to the report on the financial report

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Shire of Northampton for the year ended 30 June 2023 included in the annual report on the Shire's website. The Shire's management is responsible for the integrity of the Shire's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Shire's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the Shire to confirm the information contained in the website version.

Tim Sanya
Senior Director Financial Audit
Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia
8 December 2023



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AC9. RISK MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

PROPONENT:	Shire of Northampton
OWNER:	N/A
LOCATION / ADDRESS:	Whole of Shire
ZONE:	All
BUSINESS AREA:	Corporate and Financial Services
FILE REFERENCE:	1.1.1
LEGISLATION:	Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996
AUTHOR:	Grant Middleton
APPROVING OFFICER:	Grant Middleton
DATE OF REPORT:	11 December 2023
DECLARATION OF INTEREST:	Nil

BACKGROUND:

The Risk Management Compliance Calendar is presented to the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee bi-annually. The calendar lists key actions for identified risks and the planned treatment and status of the identified risks.

The "Risk Management Compliance Calendar" has been provided under separate cover.

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The Risk Management Compliance Calendar has been provided as a tool to help address this identified control weakness and engage the audit committee in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance

According to "The appointment, function and responsibilities of Audit Committees" Local Government Operational Guidelines number 09 the Audit Committee is to consider the CEO's biennial reviews (refer Regulation 17.) of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in regard to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance and report to the council the results of those reviews.

The review of the Compliance Calendar is undertaken by the Audit Committee upon receipt of the Interim Audit Report and in November or December when the Annual Report is received.

COMMENT:

The review of financial management, risk management, legislative compliance and internal controls helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by



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bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance.

The Audit Committee has the opportunity to question staff in relation to the risk framework and compliance calendar plus recommend any other relevant changes that can be implemented to improve governance standards.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

17. CEO to review certain systems and procedures

(1) The CEO is to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government's systems and procedures in relation to —

- (a) risk management; and (b) internal control; and
- (c) legislative compliance.

(2) The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to in subregulation (1)(a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review not less than once in every 3 financial years.

(3) The CEO is to report to the audit committee the results of that review.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Environmental: Nil

Economic: Nil

Social: Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

SIMPLE MAJORITY

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive the Risk Management Compliance Calendar as presented.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Sudlow, SECONDED: Cr Hay

That the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive the Risk Management Compliance Calendar as presented.

CARRIED: 2/0

For: Cr Sudlow, Cr Hay.

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Against: Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Risk Management Compliance Calendar**

APPENDICIES

- 1. Nil**

AC10. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.38am.



AUDIT AND RISK ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Status:	<u>Occasional Committee</u>
Members:	4 Councillors (Senior employees cannot be members but may attend in an advisory capacity)
Proxies:	Nil
Quorum:	2 Councillors
Term of Appointment:	2 years to 21 October 2023
Officer Responsible:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Meetings:	At least every 6 months
Reporting:	Direct to Council

FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

The Committee has a statutory function to provide guidance and assistance to the local government as to the carrying out of its functions in relation to audits carried out under the *Local Government Act 1995*.

In addition, the Audit Committee undertakes:

- a) Management of the audit process.
- b) Discussion of audit outcomes.
- c) Monitoring action taken on audit reports.
- d) Preparation of annual report on audit function.
- e) Review of the Statutory Compliance Return.
- f) Oversight of organisational risk.

MEMBERS FROM 15 FEBRUARY 2024

Roslyn Suckling	Chairperson
Liz Sudlow	Councillor
Tim Hay	Councillor
Rob Horstman	Councillor



APPENDICES

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ITEM 9.1.5: Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan

PROPONENT:	Shire of Northampton / Department of Fire and Emergency Services
OWNER:	State of Western Australia (leased by the Shire of Northampton)
LOCATION / ADDRESS:	25 Anchorage Lane, Kalbarri
WARD:	Kalbarri
ZONE:	Public Purpose
BUSINESS AREA:	Office of CEO
FILE REFERENCE:	5.1.8
LEGISLATION:	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
AUTHOR:	Andrew Campbell
APPROVING OFFICER:	Andrew Campbell
DATE OF REPORT:	6 July 2023
DECLARATION OF INTEREST:	Nil

BACKGROUND:

On 11 April 2021 Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja (cyclone) crossed the Western Australian coastline just south of Kalbarri at approximately 8pm bringing extreme conditions with damaging winds and heavy rainfall resulting in widespread and significant damage to private and public infrastructure across the region in the order of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Since the cyclone event the Shire of Northampton (Shire) has been systematically addressing public infrastructure damage under its direct control through insurance and Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) initiated after a natural disaster. Consultants GHD have recently been engaged to assist the Shire with addressing the significant public infrastructure damage resulting from the cyclone in Kalbarri including Chinamans Drive, Blue Holes, Jacques Point and to a much lesser extent, Red Bluff. In addition to this GHD are also engaged by the Shire to assist with the creation of a Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility site off Anchorage Lane, Kalbarri as an ancillary project funded by the State Government.

On 31 March 2023 the Shire's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Maurice Battilana sent an email to Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) confirming the need for the facility after consultation with local businesses, and that the Council was aware of the type of accommodation facility and asset disposal process when the facility was no longer required.

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse GHD's Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan to enable detailed design, approval, procurement and works completion to occur. In addition to this the procurement of a temporary transportable ablution facility has commenced with quotes sourced from several companies and is also provided to Council as a concept in an attachment.

ATTACHMENT 9.1.5(1)
ATTACHMENT 9.1.5(2)

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

On behalf of the Shire, the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry surveyed thirty five Kalbarri Chamber of Commerce and Industry members with sixteen responses received, fifteen for and one against the proposal.

COMMENT (Includes Options):

The Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility is a partnership between the DFES and the Shire. It is intended to provide temporary accommodation in worker supplied caravans for workers rebuilding and supporting Kalbarri as a result of the cyclone.

Under the proposal there are fifteen caravan bays / campsites, an ablution facility and a camp kitchen. The site is intended to be serviced by reticulated water, power and sewerage and will be compliant with the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*. The ablution facilities are likely to be selected on the “best value for money” principle which will be assessed and submitted to DFES as part of the overall concept for approval.

As the proposal is considered “temporary” in nature to address an accommodation issue for construction and supporting workers resulting from a natural disaster, development approval under the Shire of Northampton Local Planning Scheme No:11 – Kalbarri Townsite is not considered necessary. If at any stage in the future permanent use as a caravan park or camping ground (or similar use) was desired, or an alternate use is proposed, a development application would be required. It is also understood that the Shire of Northampton may be required to meet the costs of infrastructure improvements if the use extends beyond the temporary nature of the proposal.

It is recommended that Council give consideration to the endorsement of the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan to enable the project to progress further.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

The proposal is subject to meeting the requirements of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*.

POLICY / STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

As a procurement strategy it is likely that the Shire will package all cyclone impact public infrastructure works together to maximise economies of scale and scope by attracting large competent contract companies, whilst also reducing the administration burden required to oversee multiple projects at the same time.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT:

The risk rating is considered Level 3 – Moderate as there would likely be some reputational damage and a financial opportunity lost for the Shire if the project does not proceed.

Measures of Consequence							
Rating (Level)	Health	Financial Impact	Service Interruption	Compliance	Reputational	Property	Environment
Insignificant (1)	Negligible injuries	Less than \$1,000	No material service interruption	No noticeable regulatory or statutory impact	Unsubstantiated, low impact, low profile or 'no news' item	Inconsequential or no damage.	Contained, reversible impact managed by on site response
Minor (2)	First aid injuries	\$1,001 - \$10,000	Short term temporary interruption – backlog cleared < 1 day	Some temporary non compliances	Substantiated, low impact, low news item	Localised damage rectified by routine internal procedures	Contained, reversible impact managed by internal response
Moderate (3)	Medical type injuries	\$10,001 - \$50,000	Medium term temporary interruption – backlog cleared by additional resources < 1 week	Short term non-compliance but with significant regulatory requirements imposed	Substantiated, public embarrassment, moderate impact, moderate news profile	Localised damage requiring external resources to rectify	Contained, reversible impact managed by external agencies
Major (4)	Lost time injury	\$50,001 - \$150,000	Prolonged interruption of services – additional resources; performance affected < 1 month	Non-compliance results in termination of services or imposed penalties	Substantiated, public embarrassment, high impact, high news profile, third party actions	Significant damage requiring internal & external resources to rectify	Uncontained, reversible impact managed by a coordinated response from external agencies
Catastrophic (5)	Fatality, permanent disability	More than \$150,000	Indeterminate prolonged interruption of services – non-performance > 1 month	Non-compliance results in litigation, criminal charges or significant damages or penalties	Substantiated, public embarrassment, very high multiple impacts, high widespread multiple news profile, third party actions	Extensive damage requiring prolonged period of restitution Complete loss of plant, equipment & building	Uncontained, irreversible impact

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The funding of the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility will be met by the State Government via the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Any permanency to the arrangement in favour of the Shire of Northampton may require meeting the cost of provided infrastructure. Once the project is approved, funding will be available to the Shire to complete the project.

The ongoing operation of the project is likely to be facilitated by the Shire of Northampton including bookings, maintenance and facility cleaning. The cost of managing the facility will be offset by the revenue generated from the accommodation. Council will receive a further report on this matter in preparation of the facility opening.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Environmental: The proposal will improve localised environmental impacts by being connected to reticulated sewerage as compared to the existing onsite wastewater disposal system which will now be removed.

Economic: Recovering from a natural disaster takes time and human resources. Providing an accommodation facility such as this will assist in expediting outcomes.

Social: Community recovery from the cyclone is a priority for the Shire.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan in accordance with ATTACHMENT 9.1.5(1);
2. Agree for the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility project procurement when appropriate in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council Policy and delegation;
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with procurement process of the temporary transportable ablution facilities in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council Policy and delegation;
4. Annually review the operational use and effectiveness of the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility once in operation; and
5. Publicly advertise the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan to the Kalbarri community for information purposes only.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

MOVED: Pike, D

SECONDED: Gibb, T

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THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Endorse the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan in accordance with ATTACHMENT 9.1.5(1);
- 2) Agree for the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility project procurement when appropriate in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council Policy and delegation;
- 3) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with procurement process of the temporary transportable ablution facilities in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council Policy and delegation;
- 4) Annually review the operational use and effectiveness of the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility once in operation; and
- 5) Publicly advertise the Temporary Workers Caravan Accommodation Facility Concept Plan to the Kalbarri community for information purposes only.

CARRIED: 7/0



SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO.10
AMENDMENT NO. 8

SCHEME AMENDMENT REPORT

August 2022

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005
RESOLUTION DECIDING TO AMEND A PLANNING SCHEME
SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 10
AMENDMENT NO. 8

Resolved that the Council, in pursuance of Section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, amend the Planning Scheme by:

1. Amending the Scheme Maps as follows:
 - a) Rezoning a portion of Lot 254 Glance Street, Horrocks from "Commercial" zone to "Residential R20" zone;
 - b) Rezoning a portion of Lot 1 Horan Way, Horrocks from "Rural" zone to "Residential R20" zone;
 - c) Rezoning Lots 20, 21 and 47 Mitchell Street, Horrocks from 'Local Scheme Reserve – Public Open Space' zone to 'Residential R12.5';
 - d) Modifying a portion of Lot 10 Glance Street, Horrocks from "Additional Use 3" (A3) to "Additional Use 4" (A4).
 - e) Rezoning Lots 21 and 22 Mary Street, Northampton from 'Special Use 2 to 'Public Purposes – Emergency Services';
 - f) Rezoning Lots 505 and 18 North West Coastal Highway Alma, from "Special Use" zone to "Rural - Additional Use 2" (A2) zone; and
 - g) Remove the SCA3 Public Drinking Water Source Protection over Yerina Springs, Northampton and Port Gregory.

AMENDMENT REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

Amendment No. 8 to Local Planning Scheme No. 10 is seeking to amend a number of zoning anomalies whereby split zonings and zone labelling errors have occurred through previous reviews and updates of the Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

The Shire's Local Planning Scheme No.10 (LPS No.10) was gazetted on 6th January 2012 and on the 28th of February 2020 the Scheme text was updated to align it with the model and deemed provisions of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Ongoing use of LPS No.10 subsequent to the Amendment No. 6 has revealed a number of areas where refinements are required to correct minor errors, omissions or changes required on the scheme maps. The process for implementation of recommended changes is through an Omnibus Scheme Amendment which combines multiple minor changes to the Scheme that wouldn't be suitable to be processed individually. A total of seven (7) map based changes are proposed.

The inclusion of minor proposals to form an omnibus amendment provides an efficient and effective process to amend the Scheme, in terms of the number of proposals, public consultation, the Shire's resources and reporting to Council.

The omnibus proposals are collectively considered to meet the criteria of a "basic" Scheme Amendment. As per Clause 34, Part 5 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015.

3. COMMENT

The following site specific comments are made to support the proposed amendments:

Lot 254 Glance Street, Horrocks

Lot 254 currently has a split zoning, with the front portion of the Lot being zoned "Commercial" and the rear portion being zoned "Residential R20" (refer **Figure 1**). The zoning anomaly has occurred through the subdivision of residential lots along Glance Street. Lot 254 has been developed with a single dwelling on the rear portion of the lot and therefore the "Residential R20" zone is considered the most applicable.



Figure 1: Lot 254 Glance Street, Horrocks

Lot 1 Horan Way, Horrocks

A survey of retaining wall encroachments was undertaken by the Shire of Northampton between 2016-2018. Lot 1 had a retaining wall encroachment into Lot 9003, freehold land owned by the Shire of Northampton. This portion of freehold land was subdivided and amalgamated into Lot 61 Horan Way, however, the zoning has remained the same (refer **Figure 2**). Therefore, it is considered appropriate to rezone the small portion of land contained within Lot 1 from "Rural" to "Residential R20".



Figure 2: Lot 1 Horan Way, Horrocks

Lots 20, 21 & 47 Mitchell Street, Horrocks

A survey of retaining wall encroachments was undertaken by the Shire of Northampton between 2016-2018. Lots 20, 21 and 47 all had significant retaining wall encroachments into Lot 9503, freehold land owned by the Shire of Northampton (refer **Figure 3**). The portion of freehold land was subdivided and amalgamated into the three adjoining lots to ensure the retaining wall encroachments were contained within the adjoining land parcels. However, the zoning 'Local Scheme Reserve – Public Open Space' has remained unchanged. It is therefore considered appropriate to rezone these small portions of land contained within Lots 20, 21 & 47 to 'Residential R12.5'.



Figure 3: Lots 20, 21 & 47 Mitchell Street, Horrocks

Portion of Lot 10 Glance Street, Horrocks

An amendment to LPS No. 10 was gazetted on 24th January 2021. The amendment inserted an Additional Use of Caravan Park into Schedule 1 for portion of Lot 10 Glance Street. Whilst

the Scheme text contains the correct provisions, the zoning map needs refers to "Additional Use 3" which relates to another additional use (refer **Figure 4**). Therefore, the zoning map is proposed to be amended to reflect the correct Additional Use notation, A4.



Figure 4: Pt Lot 10 Glance Street, Horrocks

Lots 21 & 22 Mary Street, Northampton

Lots 21 & 22 Mary Street are currently zoned 'Special Use 2' for 'Roman Catholic School'. The Shire of Northampton has been working with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to establish an area of land for the location of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service depot. The vesting purpose and management order of Reserve 53748 has been amended to support this use and it is no longer necessary to retain the 'Special Use' for the Roman Catholic School (refer **Figure 5**). Therefore, it is proposed to rezone these two lots to 'Public Purposes – Emergency Services'.



Figure 5: Lots 21 & 22 Mary Street Northampton

Lots 505 & 18, Northbrook Farmstay

The zoning map currently denotes Lots 505 and 18 (5800) North West Coastal Highway, Alma as being "Special Use", however, as per Schedule 1 of LPS No. 10, it is allocated as Additional Use (A2) (refer **Figure 6**). The zoning map is incorrect and it is necessary to amend the zone to "Rural" with an Additional Use (A2).

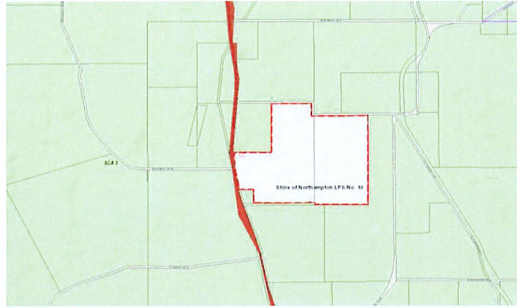


Figure 6: Lots 505 & 18 North West Coastal Highway, Alma

Removal of SCA 3 for abolished PDWSA's

The Yerina Springs and Northampton Public Drinking Water Source Areas (PDWSA) were abolished in 2015 and in 2016 the Port Gregory PDWSA was also abolished. The most recent update of the Scheme in 2020 was limited to updating the text in line with the Model Scheme Provisions and a number of existing anomalies have continued to be in effect. Given these water source protection areas are no longer required, the Special Control Areas are considered to be irrelevant. Therefore, the Scheme Amendment proposes the removal of the SCA3 over Northampton (refer **Figure 7a**), Yerina Springs and Port Gregory (refer **Figure 7b**). However, the SCA3 will continue to be in effect over the Horrocks PDWSA.

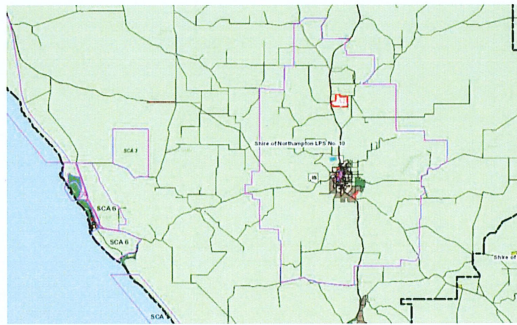


Figure 7a: SCA3 Northampton

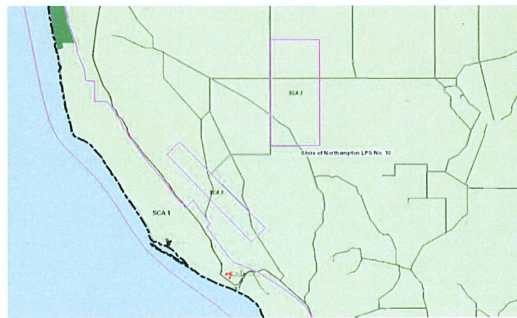


Figure 7b: SCA3 Port Gregory and Yerina Springs.

4. CONCLUSION

The omnibus amendment proposes mapping changes to Local Planning Scheme No. 10 rectifying a number of inconsistent zonings on the Scheme Maps.

Amendment Type

The amendment is a basic amendment, in accordance with parts (a) and (b) of the basic amendment definition contained in Regulation 34.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005

SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 10
AMENDMENT NO. 8

The Shire of Northampton pursuant to Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, hereby amends the above local planning scheme by:

1. Amending the Scheme Maps as follows:
 - a) Rezoning a portion of Lot 254 Glance Street, Horrocks from "Commercial" zone to "Residential R20" zone;
 - b) Rezoning a portion of Lot 1 Horan Way, Horrocks from "Rural" zone to "Residential R20" zone;
 - c) Rezoning Lots 20, 21 and 47 Mitchell Street, Horrocks from 'Local Scheme Reserve – Public Open Space' zone to 'Residential R12.5';
 - d) Modifying a portion of Lot 10 Glance Street, Horrocks from "Additional Use 3" (A3) to "Additional Use 4" (A4).
 - e) Rezoning Lots 21 and 22 Mary Street, Northampton from 'Special Use 2 to 'Public Purposes – Emergency Services';
 - f) Rezoning Lots 505 and 18 North West Coastal Highway Alma, from "Special Use" zone to "Rural - Additional Use 2" (A2) zone; and
 - g) Remove the SCA3 Public Drinking Water Source Protection over Yerina Springs, Northampton and Port Gregory.